

December 29, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter today to express my gratitude and thankfulness for the Service's my family has received from the Intellectual Developmental and Disability Services Program here in Central Oregon.

My son, Wade Howard, has autism and an intellectual disability. These service's have proven invaluable for us. We have been given the support we needed in emergency situations, from housing , behavioral therapy, financial resource help and education. The safety and well being of our family in dealing with our son, has been markedly improved with the support of this program.

Our case manager, Amber Barton, has been instrumental in my son's success. She has been a critical team member in helping with our son learning and functioning as independently as possible.

She has supported our family with resources, we would have never been aware of had it not been for this program. We were struggling providing the appropriate help for our special needs son, until we were told of this program. I am not sure where my son and family would be without the tremendous support and resources provided by this program.

Mental health and disabilities have long been neglected in our county and we need all the support we can get to help individuals and families struggling with these issue's.

In closing, I am writing this letter in support of Central Oregon's DDS program and highly advocate for it's continued funding and support.

Thank you, LuLyn Howard , 60205 Bend Or.97702 Deschutes County.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LuLyn Howard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

