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Subject: I was abused at Cinnamon Hills Youth Center

I am writing on behalf of my Daughter. She is a resident of Cinnamon Hills. She is a victim of Child Abuse from her Father and when she began to get in trouble she was sent to A Wilderness Camp in Pennsylvania, and when that didn't work, the Judge sent her to Utah. She was only supposed to be there for 9-12 months. She has been there for 2 years now. She is scheduled to come home shortly, but I'll believe it when I see it. Every time she gets close to coming home they come up with another reason why she can't. They have placed her on a medication called Effexor XR for depression which in turn caused side effects such as insomnia, weight gain, constipation, headaches, & aggravation so they in turn placed her on sleeping pills. She was bullied by another pier to give her the sleeping pill and when she just couldn't take it anymore, she caved in and gave the pill to the girl. My Daughter was scheduled to come home the following week but because of that she received a two month suspension. I had already purchased the airline ticket to come home which was going to be reimbursed, but that didn't happen. She gets in trouble if she can't sleep but when I tell them to stop her medication which is causing the sleeplessness they just argue with me, and give me a run a round about signing papers to have that done, but I never get the papers to sign. Another problem is, (and I have witnessed this first hand when I was out there to visit) is that she was not allowed to go to the bathroom when she asked to. There is always a waiting list which takes twenty minutes or more to go. Just last week, they ordered her to start drinking more water for her constipation and when she did, and had to go to the bathroom, and had to wait so long before they would let her, she wound up wetting herself. I am sure that did wonders for the self esteem of a sixteen year old girl. Also while I was out there visiting, I asked about what kind of qualifications and experience that the staff had, but they just ignored me and I was told that I just had a chip on my shoulder. She is getting off her suspension Nov. 2 and now they want to send her to a Group Home for another six months. She is not an alcoholic or drug user. She just had the misfortune of having a Father who was a Child Abuser. I live sixty miles away from her Father, and they want to send her to a place that is closer to him than to me. She needs to be home with me in a loving and nurturing environment, and not with more strangers with more problems. She is a straight A student and needs to get on with her life and school. I have written to the Judge, and the head of Probation, and Congressmen and anyone who will listen, but it doesn't seem to do any good. If anyone can help me get my Daughter home, please help me. She is a good kid, but the system is going to ruin her.

Thank You,

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