



April 7, 2015

Friends, today we are asking for your help on a significant issue.

On Friday, April 3rd, CSS received dire news from Springfield. Our state grant for the Family Support Center in Cicero, supporting outreach and Respite, is suspended immediately

While we already knew we have to fight to restore the Governor's proposed complete cut of Respite Services for the next fiscal year (2016), we have a **serious situation– TODAY.**

The grant (funded by the Department of Human Services, office of Developmental Disabilities) specifically provided for the following:

1. Bi-Lingual and Bi-cultural support for DD services for Latino Families in the region and any families needing this type of support.
2. There are 150 families receiving support at this location.
3. There is no other organization that provides this type of bi-lingual and bi-cultural DD services for families. This population is severely underserved.

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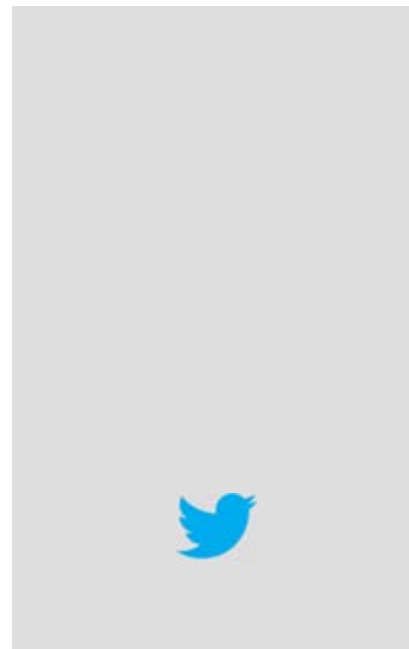
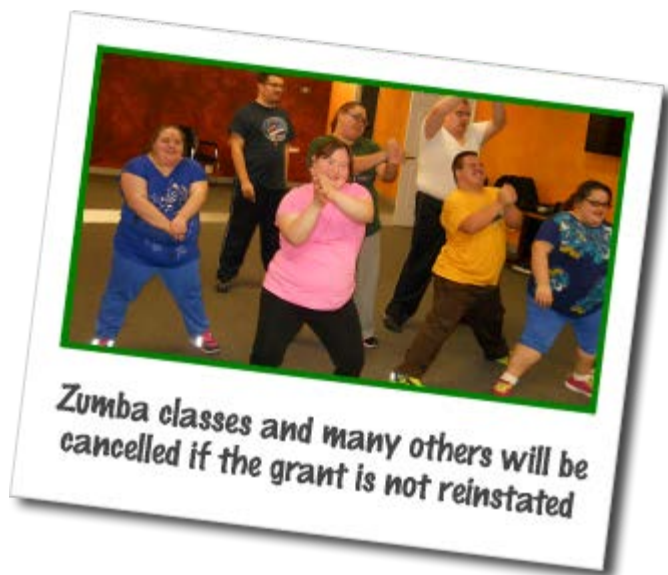
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To get attention from our legislators, you need to make noise. Please call your legislator and ask for the restoration of this grant TODAY!

Many of us do not reach out to the Governor or legislators because we are intimidated or think that one person cannot make a difference. **One person CAN make a difference** when we join together to share a common message and demand to be heard.

On the side of this story, click to find a list of legislators. **Please call TODAY – YES TODAY!**
Your message can simply be:

I would like to register my support to: (Governor, Director, Legislator, etc.)

We need YOU (Governor, Legislator) to RESTORE the CSS grant for the Family Support Center in Cicero for the remaining months of CSS' fiscal (that is now, through June 30, 2015) so our families can continue to get critical bi-lingual and bi-cultural support for our children with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

This grant is important to our family and to our child. We need to have this community based service – right here in the Cicero community. This grant was suspended on Friday, April 3rd – with no warning and it stopped services

immediately!

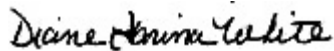
Thank you.

(provide your name & contact information if you wish)

Please help us get this funding returned – to Community Support Services and to our families. With the loss of this funding, the families receiving support will have it stopped today and the 100 families on the waiting list will have NO HOPE of ever getting any support!

These are the ONLY services families receive and the only way to keep their children at home and families stable.

With gratitude,



Diane Farina White
Presidenta/CEO



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