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Subject: Hammond Hatchett

Katherine:

Per our discussion, I am writing for assistance with the above-referenced 18 y/o individual, who is currently placed at the Southeastern Children's Home in Duncan, SC as part of the Continuum of Care (COC) program under the Governor's Office. Hammond's mother is Ansie Hatchett, who resides at 4181 Cannons Campground Road, Spartanburg, SC 29307. Her telephone number is 864.590.3643. The last 4 digits of Hammond's SSN is 1863.

Hammond is a multiply disabled individual who currently attends the McCarthy-Teszler School in Spartanburg (via the Whitlock Learning Center). He is working toward receiving a high school certificate and is preparing to enter the Vocational Rehab program. Hammond has behavioral issues which, from a safety standpoint, make living at home difficult if not impossible at this point. That said, he is stable and feels "at home" at SE Children's Home. Hammond's mother has been informed, however, that COC will terminate his placement on June 3, 2013. Ms. Hatchett feels that action will constitute a severe setback in Hammond's progress. She would like him to maintain his current placement until at least June 2014, at which time he will have completed school and the vocational rehab program, which would facilitate his transition into adult life, even though he will always face severe challenges. Ms. Hatchett has been communicating with David Michaels with COC, who recently told her the termination of Hammond's placement was not "up for further discussion."

I appreciate any assistance the Governor's Office may be able to provide Hammond and his family by extending his COC services for the requested time period. Please contact me if you need any further information or assistance from me. You may also contact Ms. Hatchett directly. Thank you.

Regards,
Derham Cole