

I support SB 441!

Developmental Disabilities Administration – Self-Directed Services



I am living my Best Life

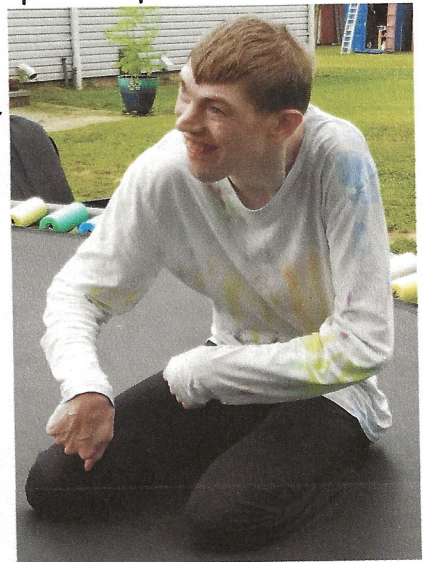
since I have been able to **Self-Direct** my services! I am an epileptic and I require lots of sleep. Some days I am up early and ready to go out into the world and adventure. Other days I need to sleep a lot to maintain my health. I am also much healthier, since leaving my over-crowded day program many years ago. I am able to live with my family, and even able to pay them a little for all the time they spend with me, and all the adventures we go on together. I make choices every day about what I want to eat, where I want to go, and what I want to do. In this photo, I am at a music venue listening to music!

My name is

Andy

The **Self-Direction Act** will help me to maintain my ability to make choices and have control over my life. I choose my own staff, and decide which direction to go!!

My family and I support **SB441**, because it will help to keep options open for me. It will allow me to continue to pay a family member as part of my staff. I have difficulty communicating my needs and wants to anyone who does not know me well. SB441 will restore my right to have a Support Broker, who will be a wonderful, professional advocate for me. It will also help to preserve my freedom to self-direct. Some people want to take away my right to self-direct, because they don't believe I can make my own choices. But I do know what I want, I just need my family to help explain what I want, and help me to be happy and healthy. My family knows that I love to jump on the trampoline on warm summer days, as you can see by my photo! Please help me to stay where I am happy, and living my **BEST LIFE** for the time that God gives me!



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