

Patient Portfolio: Eden Shin

DDA-SDS-Parent Providers

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Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - 1:00 PM

Name: **Eden Shin**, a current member of KADPA (Korean American Disabled People's Association)

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Age: 15 years old

Gender: Male

Mental Age: 20 months

Communication: Verbal but very limited; experiences communication challenges

Medical & Developmental Conditions:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Intellectual Disabilities

Interests & Strengths:

- Enjoys drawing, writing letters, and swimming

Challenges & Safety Concerns:

- Limited Awareness of Danger: Requires constant supervision due to risk behaviors, such as opening the gas stove
- Behavioral Challenges:
 - Engages in self-harm and may harm others when feeling uncomfortable or fearful
 - Struggles with adapting to new environments
 - Needs continuous support for emotional regulation and behavioral management

Current Support & Services:

- Autism Waiver: Provides access to structured social activities like summer camp, significantly aiding social skill development
- Home Care Services: Offers supervised care, allowing parents to balance family responsibilities while ensuring Eden's safety

Importance of These Services:

Eden's safety and development rely on consistent, structured support. The Autism Waiver and personal care services:

- Enable professional behavioral intervention and social skill-building opportunities
- Ensure supervised care, reducing risks associated with his condition
- Support family well-being by providing respite and structured caregiving

Without these services, Eden faced heightened risks and social isolation. Continued funding is essential to maintain the progress he has made and ensure his future stability.

Why Self-Directed Services (SDS) Matters for Eden:

Although Eden is not currently participating in the SDS program, his family recognizes its critical importance for his future. SDS would allow:

- **Personalized Care:** Ensuring he receives tailored support suited to his behavioral and developmental challenges.
- **Flexible and Consistent Supervision:** Enabling his family to hire caregivers who understand his needs and can provide specialized support.
- **Long-Term Stability:** Preparing him for adulthood with structured services that promote independence and safety.

The ongoing budget cuts to SDS funding put Eden's future at risk. Ensuring access to this program is crucial for his continued care, safety, and development as he transitions into adulthood.