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Dear Guardian:

Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) is a statewide resource for individuals, families, service professionals and others concerned with disability issues. As part of the national system of federally mandated independent disability agencies, we are the designated protection and advocacy agency in Wisconsin for people with disabilities. We investigate complaints, resolve problems and change systems through a variety of advocacy strategies to help the disabled citizens of Wisconsin improve their lives. For more information, visit our website at [disabilityrightswi.org](http://disabilityrightswi.org).

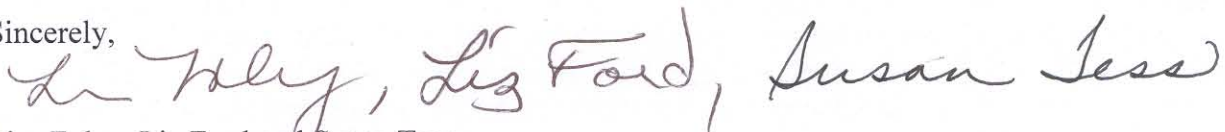
DRW is involved in the voluntary downsizing of Southern Wisconsin Center (SWC) for residents who are age 59 or younger. If your loved one who is a resident of SWC is considering or has decided to pursue a community placement, DRW can assist him/her in a variety of ways, from answering questions about the process, to explaining different funding sources, to advocating for the specific services your loved one needs to successfully live in the community.

DRW is not a state agency nor connected with SWC. DRW is an independent advocacy agency, whose advocates are available to assist you and your loved one, if you are interested in community placement. There is no charge for our services.

Residents of Southeastern Wisconsin (Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties), may call our Milwaukee office at 414-773-4646 or 800-708-3034, and ask for Liz Ford or Lisa Foley. Residents of the rest of the state may call our Madison office, 608-267-0214 or 800-928-8778, and ask for Susan Tess.

On behalf of the staff at DRW, we look forward to working with you to assure a safe, appropriate and positive move into the community for your loved one.

Sincerely,



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