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INQUIRY INTO POST SCHOOL DISABILITY PROGRAMS

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

Thanks for including the submissions of my daughter and myself on your website. You may add the following to my previous submission if you wish.

Subsequent to writing my previous letter, I have received additional distressing information. I have previously mentioned that as a school leaver at the end of this year, my daughter, who has very high support needs, would be entitled to a mere two days per week of a "community participation" programme. This week I spoke to the manager of the one and only "community participation" programme anywhere near where we live which would cater to her needs, which are for a person with a primarily physical disability.

The manager of this service told me that following the announcement of the changes to funding made at the end of last year, they have been instructed to block all new placements into the foreseeable future, including all 2006 placements, due to the financial difficulties they are now dealing with. She further told me that other Spastic Centre programmes in other parts of Sydney, have similar issues.

I am now looking at my daughter having no programme at all available to her in 2006. My daughter is a bright and sociable 18 year old. I cannot imagine what the future holds for her, and for our family.

Yours Sincerely,