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Nancy Berryhill  
Acting Commissioner  
Social Security Administration  
6401 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21235-6401

Submitted on www.regulations.gov

Re: Request for Information Regarding Strategies to Improve Adult Outcomes for Youth Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Dear Acting Commissioner Berryhill:


Founded in 1965 the Autism Society of America has been improving the lives of all affected by autism for over 50 years and envisions a world where individuals and families living with autism are able to maximize their quality of life, are treated with the highest level of dignity, and live in a society in which their talents and skills are appreciated and valued. The Autism Society of America provides advocacy, education, information and referral, support, and community at national, state and local levels through our strong nationwide network of Affiliates.

The Autism Society and our network of 90 plus affiliates are very involved in working to improve the experience of youth transitioning from school to postsecondary education, employment, volunteer opportunities, and other meaningful activities. We are pleased that the Social Security Administration is interested in improving its services to make these transitions successful and improving quality of lives.

The Autism Society participated in the development and signed onto the comments prepared by both the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) and the Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination (CPSD) (attached). In addition, the Autism Society signed on to comments submitted by the National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health which focused on the important connection to health care and to successful transitions. We fully endorse these collective recommendations and look forward to continuing to work with the Administration as it develops new demonstrations and makes positive changes to assist individuals making these transitions.

Sincerely,

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