



PWSA of WI, Inc.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

Dear Prader-Willi Homes and Genesee Lake School Leadership,

It has come to our attention the decision has been made to close Starlight Home and discontinue all 1:1 services at Prader-Willi Homes and Genesee Lake School due to a staffing shortage. While we do understand the crisis Prader-Willi Homes and Genesee Lake School are facing, we do not believe providing a 30-day discharge notice is appropriate nor sufficient time for families to find safe and appropriate alternative placement for the individuals affected by these decisions.

The Prader-Willi Homes website homepage begins with the statement “Welcome to a new beginning. Welcome to a world of hope, understanding and compassion. Welcome to PWH, ‘Providing Homes With a Heart.’” We are very disappointed to say that we feel as though this statement currently rings very hollow. The decision to close Starlight Home and discontinue all 1:1 services does not only affect the individuals being discharged and their families, but also the PWS community as a whole. Residents who will remain at Prader-Willi Homes and Genesee Lake School, residents who were told they were approved to move into Prader-Willi Homes and now are being told otherwise, and the staff working in the homes are also being deeply impacted. In essence, these decisions have far-reaching consequences to many.

We ask that you reconsider the 30-day discharge notice and provide families of children and adults a more flexible time frame with which they are able to find safe accommodations for their loved ones. As you know, there are very limited resources across the country available for individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome. These individuals’ health, safety, and quality of life depends on having a safe and appropriate future placement.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors and Staff
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