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Organization Name - I am a member of NAMI

Comment - My son is an adult person in need of mental health treatment. Mental health providers call his conditional complex and a tough case. A little more than a year ago, he became upset and destroyed most of the contents of my home. He was arrested for felony destruction of property. I, as a victim, participated in the resolution of his case in the criminal justice system. The resolution, crafted with my approval, was that he live at my home and serve 5 years of probation with mental health treatment. The rub is that the criminal justice system cannot find the appropriate mental health treatment for him. I can learn very little about why mental health treatment cannot be provided for him because he is an adult and does not sign releases for me to know about his treatment. The little I have learned is that the mental health provider that he initially was sent to by his probation officer ceased treatment because he was "too high functioning." As I observe him, I see him deteriorating. I believe that if my son could receive proper mental health treatment during the coming 4 1/2 years of his probation, he could become a contributing member of society. I hope the he can receive appropriate treatment should Medicaid expansion happen in Virginia. Thank you for considering my statement.