



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

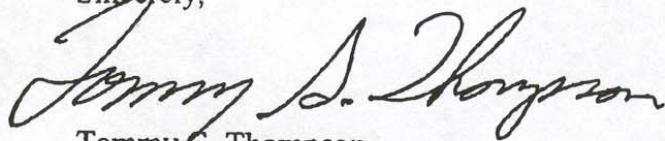
In accordance with Section 107(c) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, I am transmitting the Annual Report on the Developmental Disabilities Programs for Fiscal Year 2000 describing the activities and accomplishments of the State programs operated under the authority of the Act.

The Fiscal Year 2000 Report is based on the analysis of individual State reports submitted to the Department's Administration on Developmental Disabilities. The Report has been organized to reflect the program's six life goal areas for individuals with developmental disabilities that include employment, housing, education, health, community support and self-determination. These areas were developed in collaboration with consumer and program representatives -- Developmental Disabilities Councils, Protection and Advocacy Systems, University Affiliated Programs (now called University Centers of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities), and Projects of National Significance -- to promote the mission and vision of the Act.

A summary of activities performed by the State Protection and Advocacy Systems on behalf of persons with mental illness in Fiscal Year 2000 is provided as an appendix. This information is provided to the Department's Center for Mental Health Services in fulfillment of reporting requirements under Section 105(a)(7) of Public Law 99-319, the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986.

I am confident that you will find these reports informative.

Sincerely,

  
Tommy G. Thompson

Enclosure