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Making a living off the backs of the disabled who cares anyway?

Beware the prevalence of false prophets who profess to be acting in the best interest of individuals with disabilities but in reality only use them as a way to further financial gains as a personal cash cow or to promote their own political agendas without delivering the service or promise of benefits.

It is so easy to talk the talk and spin a web of deceit to procure funding without walking the talk and actually providing the service you are receiving the funding for.

To those who purposefully practice this deception and take monies away from services families need I say shame on you and I can only hope karma catches up with you and the price you pay for this continued deception is severe, painful, costly and long suffering.

If anything in this post offends you then you most likely are one of these individuals and need to move on to some other endeavor that will not cause irrefutable harm to families and their children by denying access to a services or much needed information. With 15% of the world's population being disabled the need is unsurmountable and resources limited. There is no place for you here.

[.http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/report-15-percent-of-world-population-is-disabled/2011/06/09/AGZcqBNH_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/report-15-percent-of-world-population-is-disabled/2011/06/09/AGZcqBNH_story.html)

On the opposite end of the spectrum are parents and professional who actually do care and are moving mountains with limited funding and great personal sacrifice because they continue to do this for the right reasons and the truth can be demonstrated by the outcomes they achieve and the perception that the disability community holds them and their work in. It doesn't take the disability community long to spot a charlatan. Unfortunately experienced snake oil salesmen have a practiced sales pitch that often masks the intent until it is too late.

If you are an organization or an individual that has to write your own press releases singing your own praise rather than sharing what others have to say about you it is time to move on and leave this critical work for others. Parents of individual with disabilities and individuals with disabilities themselves deserve to be recipients of quality services for the funding being provided and not having to settle for mediocrity.it is time to question how continued inefficiency and personal gains occur yet the services are of such poor quality or only exist on paper. If funds are to provide services they should be awarded based on outcomes and the ability to show concretely how you have maximized outcomes for families and children. So in response to the question of who cares I will say as a parent of a child with a disability and an individual with a disability myself that I do and that we all should. The next time you reach out for help and are not provided with the service you are seeking then follow the funding back to the source and ask why the funds provided are not meeting the need.