Melissa Weipert

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Greetings,

We adopted our daughter, part of a sibship of 9 when she was 3 months old. She was born exposed to Meth. She has Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus as well as a host of other medical conditions. We knew she had these conditions, but never had anyone tell us what to expect, how to provide care for her or what she needed. She came to us from Oklahoma on a Friday. We knew she needed catheters but there was no one to train us until Monday.

We first saw the pediatrician who referred us to the specialists we would be needing. Some of these appt. took months to get into. Quite honestly, we were clueless in how to provide care to our little girl. We did not know there was a Spina Bifida group that could help us better understand what we needed to know or ask.

I can't help wonder how much better my daughter would be functioning if only we had someone in the medical community sit down with us to explain expectations, how to plan and provide for our little girl.

Please, support HB 4584!

Respectfully requested,
Kathy Fletcher

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