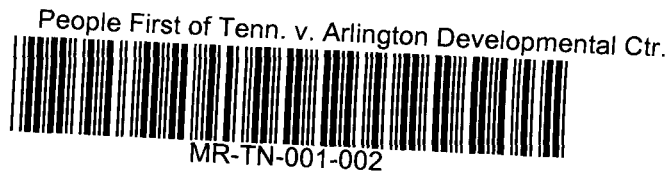


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Judge Approves Settlement Order for Arlington Developmental Center

Judge Jon P. McCalla approved an historic settlement order for the residents at the Arlington Developmental Center today in Federal Court in Memphis, TN. The order, developed through intense negotiations between the State of

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Tennessee, People First of Tennessee, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Justice provides for the independent evaluation of all residents for movement to the community. The State, by November 15th, must develop plans to continue to provide for individuals who live the facility, an institutional phase-down plan, and a community placement and development plan. An implementation schedule will be developed following approval of the plans by the Special Monitor and the Court.

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This most recent agreement comes in response to the U.S. Department of Justice's fourth Motion to find the State in Contempt for failure to comply with the Remedial Order. In the future, the state will be subject to automatic sanctions for failure to meet any of 25 key provisions of the order including fines of \$1,000 per day for each provision. Those provisions include:

- * providing intensive staff support to individuals at risk
- * improving medical care to individuals with seizures and other health problems
- * keeping residents safe from harm including abuse
- * ceasing to dangerous feeding practices

Further, the order provides for individuals who have experienced repeated injuries or have suffered abuse to be on a priority list for movement to community services and supports.

I'm glad that we are going to get the people into the community. It's going to be hard work and we're going to need everyone's support. We appreciate the Justice Department working with us at Arlington to get this agreement. This is going to make our members happy that we've accomplished this. I said Edward Sewell, State President of People First of Tennessee, Inc.