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ASSOCIATIONS OF DISABLED PEOPLE & THEIR FAMILIES IN ANGER BECAUSE FEEL LEFT OVER

CAREGIVERS BECOME ABSENT SINCE LOCKDOWN

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USPA NEWS - Arnaud de Broca, President of the Collectif Handicaps, alerted the JDD newspaper to an alarming and critical situation of people with disabilities, whose caregivers and carers (outside the family) are absent. Indeed, since the announcements of the government of partial unemployment paid by the State, which concerned more than 4 Million workers, incited a lot of carers and caregivers as well at home as in specialized centers, not to go to work. ... "The associations will show us all the gaps," says Arnaud de Broca. As always, there is discourse and reality. "[?] France 2, revealed that "In a home in the Paris region, as in all establishments, 20 disabled people are confined to their rooms, which is very hard to bear. A 52-year-old resident died this week from COVID-19 "Four other are sick. Nearly 70% of the caregivers are absent. To protect themselves, those who remain clean." This critical and inhuman situation was relayed by the French media and as Arnaud De Broca explains "It is a word that was lacking. It is not that everything will change, we are aware of this and we will remain vigilant, but it was important that the government show its support for people with disabilities.

A SCANDALOUS SITUATION ABOUT REFUSING TO TREAT THE DISABLED IN INTENSIVE CARE-----

In the article by JDD, Arnaud de Broca denounces a situation "scandalously unworthy". "The alerts we receive raise fears that admission to intensive care, or even resuscitation, is no longer guaranteed [for people with disabilities, note], in particular in the so-called" cluster "areas in the Grand- East or north of France, alert the members of Collectif Handicaps. Instead of leading to increased attention and care, the medical criteria for vulnerability to COVID-19 risks becoming the opposite of criteria for excluding care. " A "sorting" reported by several associations across France, confirms the president of the collective, Arnaud de Broca, interviewed by the Journal, Liberation: "Our alert comes at the same time from documents from the Ile-de-France Regional Health Agency. de-France, several other regions, but also direct contacts that people may have had with doctors or hospitals. And in this kind of subject, everything is not written. " Source : Le Journal du Dance JDD and Liberation, France 2 TV.

MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH O. VERAN

During the videoconference on Saturday, the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran, responded immediately to the controversy that grows angry with families of disabled people that "people with disabilities should receive the same care as the rest of the population . Disability should not be a criterion for refusal of care whether it is referred to as simple hospitalization or resuscitation ", and that it was" out of the question to prevent it ". As for the Secretary of State for Disability, Sophie Cluzel: "We have here the clear affirmation of a certain number of principles. Principles that are obvious to us, but it gets better by saying it. "[?] "You are not alone," added Secretary of State Cluzel, who has not announced any real measures, apart from putting the platform online,

NO RESPONSE TO ABSENCE OF CAREGIVERS AND CAREGIVERS FOR DEPENDENT DISABLED PEOPLE-----

Secretary of State Cluzel, also did not respond to the shortage of protective means and masks in reception establishments, homes, or in the homes of people with disabilities, and even less about the lack of human help in the home and in those who care for the dependent people in their daily actions. On the other hand, she recalled the relaxation of the exit conditions during confinement for people with disabilities, which is a measure announced on April 2 by the Head of State. The President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron eases the conditions of exits for people with autism, during confinement. On Twitter on April 2, (On the occasion of the International Day of the autism.) he declares the establishment of a dedicated certificate for them to allow them to "get out a little more often (...) while staying well away from people you meet."

SECRETARY OF STATE SOPHIE CLUZEL ANNOUNCES PLATFORM SOLIDAIRES-HANDICAPS.FR KIND OF CATALOG VERY INEFFECTIVE-----

Secretary of State Cluzel, especially proudly, announces the online platform solidarity-handicaps.fr as a digital feat, in response to all these failures for helping the disabled people. However, we experienced navigating, through this platform, by putting ourselves in a situation of a person with motor disabilities, who lives t in Paris, seeking an agency or any useful contact to find human assistance, for the daily gestures of a dependent person with motor disabilities ... We only found two associations there in Ile de France (Paris &

Suburbs, 12 Million inhabitants) and what is more do not provide these services but rather sports, or cultural activities. This platform is more like a complication of a non-exhaustive address, of associations throughout France and which do not really coincide with the current needs of confinement for the disabled. It is a great disappointment and much ado for nothing! The MDPH, Maison des Handicapes, also has no answer about caregivers at home. What is unfortunate is that thousands, even millions of French people, have volunteered, even different from their original profession, to help vulnerable people. It would have just been necessary that the ministry for the handicap makes coincide this supply and the real and big demand, failing to be effective and far from the talks and a communication to excess and adding to the contempt vis-À-vis the handicap in period of confinement .

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