

## **Media Alert**

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June 11th: Advocates for increased investment in community programs meet with the director of El Paso State Supported Living Center (SSLC), The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and representatives from the Local Authority (Emergence Health Network) to discuss ways to improve the lives of individuals currently living at El Paso SSLC.

**WHAT:** Press Conference & Meeting

**WHO:** No Voice No Justice, Desert ADAPT, Volar Center for Independent Living, Grupo Dignidad, Igualdad, y Oportunidad, ARC Del Paso, Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project, Community NOW!

**WHEN:** Tuesday June 11, 2013 at 11:30am.

WHERE: El Paso SSLC. 6700 Delta Drive, El Paso

**WHY:** In light of the ongoing egregious conditions outlined in the DOJ monitoring report released this week, community advocates demand quarterly meetings with El Paso SSLC Director including the center's Relocation Specialists, monthly data on the centers efforts to transition individuals to less restrictive community settings, and the immediate implementation of an enhanced transition program similar to the successful pilot program currently in place at Austin SSLC.