

Presumed Unfit: Systemic discrimination against parents with intellectual disabilities by statutory systems

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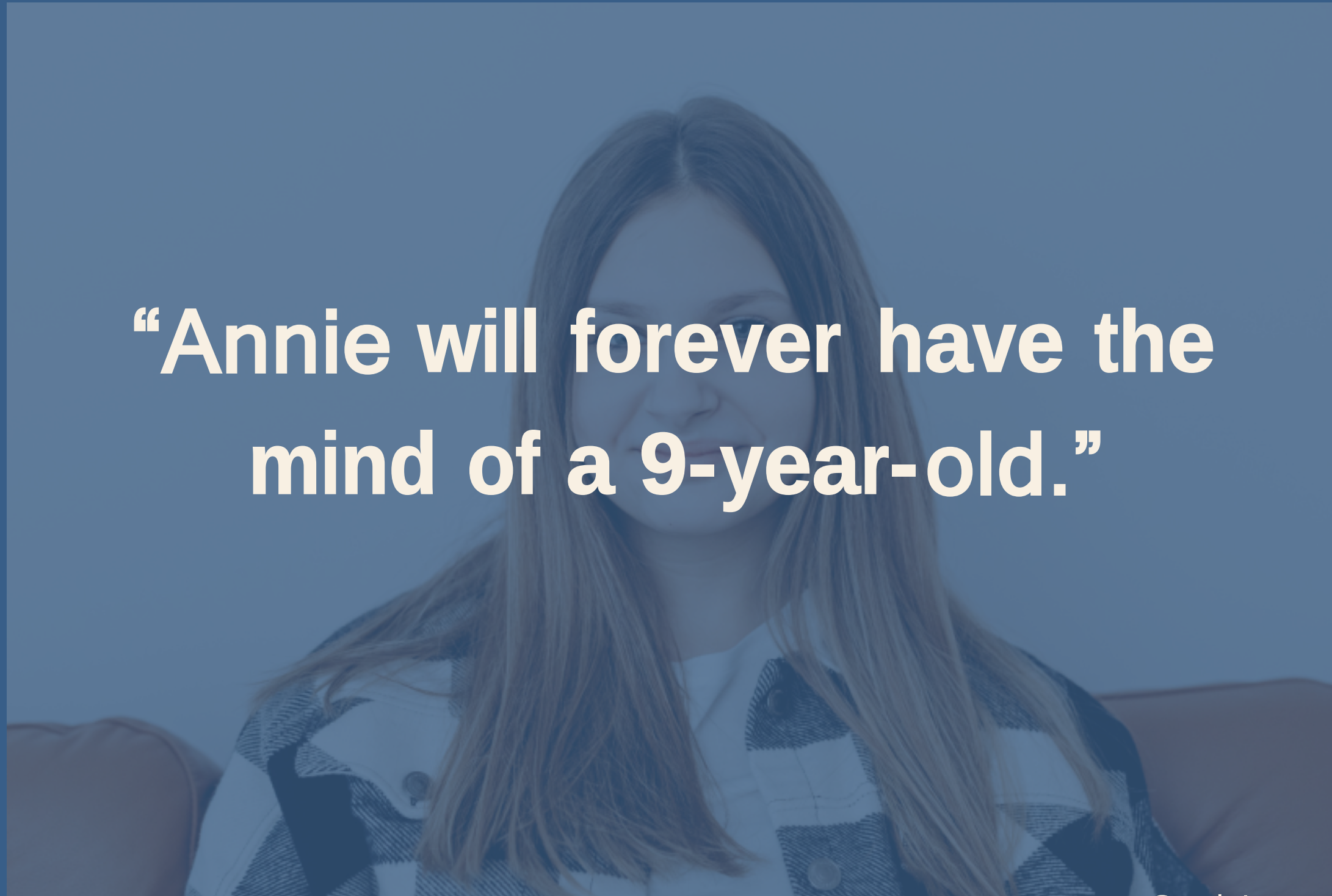
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**“Annie will forever have the
mind of a 9-year-old.”**



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Introducing Annie!

“A 9-year-old can’t parent.”



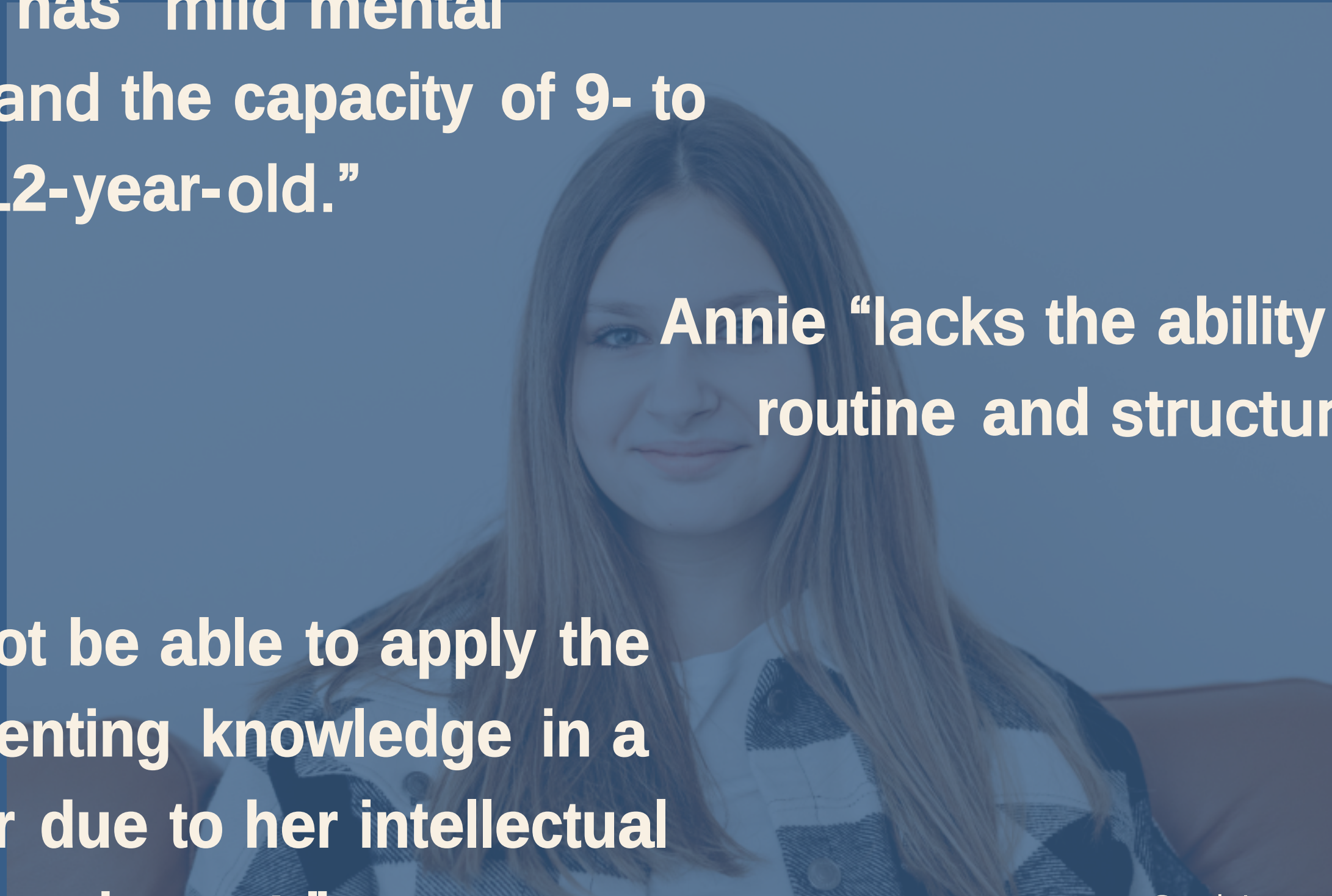
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Annie has “mild mental retardation...and the capacity of 9- to 12-year-old.”

Annie “lacks the ability to set routine and structure.”

Annie “will not be able to apply the required parenting knowledge in a timely manner due to her intellectual impairment.”



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Outcomes for Children Leaving Long-term Care

- Twice as likely to have hospital admissions
- 21 times more likely to require AOD treatment
- 10 times more likely to be clients of youth justice
- 17 times more likely to access homelessness services

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Annie had the rights to, and deserved, the opportunity to learn and grow as a parent and we hope to develop the practice capability and tools to ensure future Annie's have their rights met and protected.