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To Whom It May Concern:

In September 2008 I attended the Infant Adoption Training Initiative in Bismarck, ND. When I attended the training, I was a case manager/therapist for a group foster care program serving adolescents ages 12-18.

Since that time, I have accepted a position of county director in a different region of our state. While in this position, I received an email announcing the Adoption Training to be held in Williston. I immediately emailed my neighboring county director and her social work supervisor to inform them on how wonderful and prudent this training is.

It was helpful in many ways. In simply, learning the history of the saying “put up for adoption” verses having “an adoption plan” I have caught myself many times reframing what I wanted to communicate to a client. The roles plays were helpful as well in learning to better empathize with parties involved in an adoptions.

There is no doubt this training would be beneficial to county employees. In fact, it would be valuable to directors, case mangers, parent aides, and CPS/foster care workers. This training is really well done and any home who attends will gain some thing worth while.

Respectfully submitted,

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