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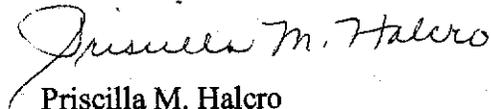
Dear M. Gettel,

I am writing in praise of your "Early Start" Preschool Program for toddlers with hearing loss. This language enriched program provides the opportunity for these children to develop communication skills that are so important at this age. Your cooperation with Quality Life Concepts in providing Early Intervention Part C Services, as mandated through IDEA, insures that these children and families will receive the best start possible.

We know that early intervention works and has long range cost effectiveness for educational programs. Children who get the intervention necessary to insure their appropriate early development have more success academically. Families are able to learn sign skills, along with their children that mean they can communicate with their child. By serving children as young as fifteen months, the Early Start Program gives those children the tools which allow them to succeed.

Quality Life Concepts is looking forward to continuing our interagency cooperation in providing the most effective services to families and children with special needs.

Sincerely,


Priscilla M. Halcro
Home Based Services Director