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To Whom it may Concern:

I'm pleased to write a letter of support to Dr. Anna Budzinska at Fundacja-Institut Wspomagania Rozwoju Dziecka (IWRD; The Institute for Child Development).

I'm working as a consultant in Regionally competence center for Autism, ADHD, Tourettes syndrome and narcolepsy, serving the Health Region West in Norway. Together with people from different services for children with autism in Region West in Norway, I visited IWRD in March, 2014. I was extremely impressed by what we observed during our visit, both in relation to the effectiveness of your program, the way you have organized your services, your staff training program and willingness to share your knowledge. The IWRD is one of the best programs for children with autism I have ever seen.

To be able to share your knowledge, expertise and experience with professionals in Norway, Regionally competence center invited you to have a conference in Bergen January 23th 2015. The participants at the conference were 60 persons (teachers and other staff) working in different services for children with autism in Region West. During the conference you had 5 lectures about your program, with focus on effective and evidence based interventions for children with autism.

The 5 subjects were:

1. Institute For Child Development (IWRD) Gdańsk, Poland as a Dissemination site of PCDI, USA
2. Construction of treatment programs for young children with autism based on IWRD and PCDI curriculum
3. The use of script and script-fading procedures to teach verbal and social behaviors to children with autism
4. The use of activity schedules to increase independence and teaching academic skills to children with autism
5. The implementation of PCDI and IWRD model in different educational settings

The evaluation of your lectures are excellent and the participants were very satisfied. They got really inspired by your presentations. I congratulate the IWRD Director Budzinska on your wonderful work. Hopefully this may be a start of a cooperation between Bergen, Norway and your program.

Sincerely,

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