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To Whom It May Concern,

I just had the privilege of attending the annual JDCAP conference that was hosted at Kalahari Resort within the Poconos. As I have attended in years past, I knew that there would be great opportunities for enhanced learning and professional networking, and this year was no different.

There were many workshops of interest that I had difficulty choosing which to attend as the topics were relevant to anyone in the field. The Opiate Crisis, the effects of trauma on the professional, assisting the LGBT youth were some of the trainings that were offered. As someone who requires CEU credits, I was happy to learn most training offered 3 CEU's.

The conference also offered social opportunities to network with one another in a comfortable setting, something that I think is invaluable within our profession, given the challenges we all face. This year's venue allowed all of us to remain within the resort and we were able to expand on informal networking and building upon professional connections.

The highlight is always the Awards Luncheon which recognizes various areas of contribution within the juvenile system. Teachers, nurses, volunteers as well as the children themselves are acknowledged.

In summary, this conference is exceptional as it offers something not only for Juvenile Detention Center staff, but for Juvenile Probation Officers, Community Programs and various other service providers. Our goal is common in that we are interested in helping the youth within our counties and state. Trainings can always be helpful but the information learned from each other is equally vital to each other.

Sincerely,

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