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Subject: Thank you...

Stacey,

I wanted to thank you for including me in the group interview yesterday, June 29 at the Sidney Secure facility. Of the agencies I've applied, and interviewed with, I am most excited about working with your agency. I have contemplated which population I prefer to work with " MR adults, MH adults, MR children or MH children " and I have discovered that, although each group of consumers will challenge me, I am most interested in helping children with mental health issues overcome their trauma in order to fully, and successfully, reintegrate into the community and their families.

As I disclosed yesterday, my helping philosophy may be rose-colored, but I truly feel it is attainable. Although I lack practical work experience in the human services field, my 16 years' experience as a single mother has provided me with a multitude of opportunities for fine-tune my parenting skills and child-rearing philosophies. My essential outlook while parenting my daughter includes introspection about my childhood and how I would have liked to have been raised. I feel that if we, as parents and life instructors, respect the individuality and specific challenges of each child, in addition to maintaining a holistic view of the child, we have the great gift of teaching these children that they can achieve their heart's desires provided they are willing to work to the best of their abilities. Maya Angelou said it best, "I did what I knew how to do and when I knew better, I did better."

Life is a series of challenges for each human being but for some they are faced with many more daunting challenges than most. Unfortunately, many of those faced with life-altering challenges are children who do not yet have the intellect, cognition or insight which will aid them in making better choices. I feel our job, not only as social workers but as citizens, is to guide these children toward loving, productive and effective communication.

I look forward to the opportunity to utilize my creative problem-solving skills in order to further NAFI's mission. I anticipate speaking with you soon.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

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