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Dear Sir,

I was asked by Dr. Daniel DeHass, founder and owner of Family Life Skills Learning Center of Wooster, Ohio, to write you in regards to the experience I have had with his Life Skills Program. It is my sincere pleasure to do so.

I have been the Chief Probation Officer in Holmes County, Ohio since 1992 and have had the pleasure of knowing Dan for well over twenty years. In 1996 Dan let me know that he had recently attended the Facilitator training at Life Skills International in Colorado, and that he was in the process of starting a local Life Skills Program.

Dan hosted my entire department to an in-depth presentation of the Program. I was very impressed with the treatment approach taken and decided to recommend that our courts begin to refer offenders to his program.

For the past sixteen years, the Holmes County Common Pleas and Municipal Courts have referred approximately fifteen hundred individuals to the Life Skills Program. In addition, the Holmes County Domestic Relations Court has often utilized the Program.

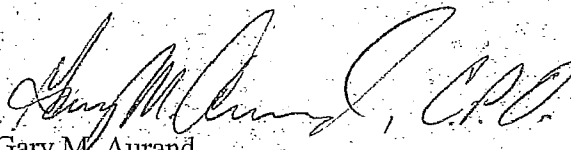
What initially surprised and impressed me most, after a few months of utilizing the program, was the amount of very positive feedback that I received from offenders who had completed or were enrolled in the Program. I had never heard this amount of praise for a program from offenders before, or since. The offenders were impressed that they were able to learn *why* they react a certain way to stressful situations, *then* learned how to keep from reacting in a negative way.

To date, of the more than fifteen hundred offenders referred to Dan's Program, less than one hundred have been back through the court system for similar offenses. This represents a recidivism rate of less than seven percent. Obviously, the program works very well and is presented in a way that is enjoyable and gratifying for the offenders.

I would also like to comment about the working relationship with my department and the courts that Dan has exhibited over the years. Dan is in courtroom every week and makes himself immediately available to meet with offenders who have been referred to his Program. Additionally, he immediately notifies my department if an offender has been terminated from his Program unsuccessfully and provides timely written notice of the date of and reason for termination. He always makes himself available for courtroom testimony if needed for a probation revocation hearing.

In closing, I would like to say that the Life Skills Program has been an indispensable asset to the criminal justice system in Holmes County and has changed hundreds of lives in our community for the better.

Sincerely,



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