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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Education for Successful Parenting

This letter is to extend our support of Education for Successful Parenting (ESP) in their pursuit to expand their current level of service in the area of foster care, education, parenting, and family planning.

As Program Director for the Saddleback College Foster and Kinship Care Education Program we have had the pleasure of collaborating with Education for Successful Parenting and its Executive Director, Randi Rubenstein, since 2009. They have been an integral part in delivering support and education to our targeted population of foster parents, kinship caregivers, and foster youth residing throughout Orange County, California.

Education for Successful Parenting has increased their partnerships with our program and throughout the county by developing the workshop series, "From Foster to Future Families." Ongoing training classes are also conducted throughout the county and supported by this organization. Toward that end, Education for Successful Parenting is also an active member of the Saddleback College Foster and Kinship Care Education Program Advisory Board and contributes in the development and identification of curriculum and innovative programming to help improve service to our foster care community.

Education for Successful Parenting has served as an integral community partner and professional support network in our shared goals for more effective outreach and support of our county community. Everyone in the community comments positively about the ESP curriculum and the unique value and quality it offers. The profound impact of this program on the foster parents and youth that are transitioning to adulthood has been consistently documented in verbal and written evaluations. We look forward to our continuing efforts in offering educational and support opportunities to the greater foster care community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request to help further the mission and goals of the Education for Successful Parenting organization.

You are welcome to contact me at (949) 582-4217 or nloftus@saddleback.edu if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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