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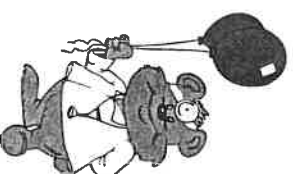
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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing this letter in order to promote the use of music therapy in the treatment of Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD). ASD is a group of diagnoses that presents in random manners. Every patient experiences a different presentation of social dysfunction. Many treatments have been studied, but the mainstream treatment remains a systematic application of behavior therapy. I have had the pleasure of working with several autistic children. In my observation of them, some respond to random acts of normal play, while others respond to repetitive use of words. It stands to reason that a quality music-based therapy would be a great way to encourage more social interaction for many autistic children. I strongly believe music would inspire singing, dancing, or just a method of soothing autistic children when placed in new environments.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Welch". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Angela Welch, PA-C

October 26, 2009

Ms. Angela Welch  
Carolina Pediatric Associates  
301 West Pine Street  
Blacksburg, S.C. 29702

RE: Music Therapy

Dear Ms. Welch,

This is in response to your letter received October 15, 2009 and sent to Ms. Emma Forkner, the Department's State Director. As the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Waiver Administrator, I am responsible for the oversight of the PDD Waiver Program, in conjunction, with the operating agency the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, which provides the state matching dollars for the waiver services that are received by this population group.

Currently, agencies are very concerned with the state budget. The outlook has not been positive and this brings up concerns with maintaining services and justifying the need for expansion of services.

I would be interested in receiving any further information about the effectiveness of this service, especially research data from other states that have applied music therapy as an essential part of the child's service plan.

By copy of this letter, I am also forwarding it to SCDDSN for future consideration.

Sincerely,

*Anita M. Atwood*


Anita M. Atwood, LMSW  
PDD Waiver Administrator

cc: Daniel Davis, SCDDSN Autism Division

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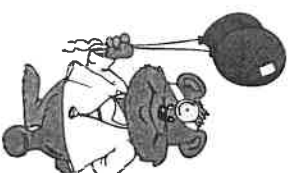
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