FTR

To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing in support of SB 974, Health Insurance for Alternative Therapies for Autism. I have had a great deal of experience with one of the Developmental Relationship based therapies listed: Relationship Development Intervention (RDI).

-These therapies require that we teach parents what to do between face to face session and keep in touch with them between sessions so that their children's progress will generalize to the real world. I am hoping that this new legislation is a step in that direction.

-I have a nephew who has been the recipient of RDI. It has made a tremendous difference in his functioning as a young adult with Asperger's syndrome. It is too bad that the bill does not cover children over the age of 15, but we will take what we can get at this point. In reality, it is never too late and Asperger's Disorder is often misdiagnosed as something else before age 15.

-My son works with young adults in group homes on the autism spectrum. I have taught him RDI theory. As a result he is a better service provider than others who work in his setting. He knows how to react in critical situations and how to work with his clients in ways that they have never been worked with before.

My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,
Dr. Nancy Lett

Nancy J. Lett, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist

The Westfield Center
305 Westfield Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919

(865) 584-8547 x 3609
(865) 584-5932 (fax)

(website) http://nancylettphd.vpweb.com/

This e-mail and any attachments transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual to whom it is addressed.