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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a recommendation of the presentation skills of Svava Brooks on the topic of child sexual abuse.

This past May, Ms. Brooks joined us as a first-time presenter for our annual 40-Hour Domestic Violence Counselor Training. This training is offered to professionals who provide services to victims/survivors and their families, and covers a range of topics including types of abuse, advocacy, crisis intervention, effects of violence on children, legal implications, and culturally appropriate response. The 40-Hour training is part of a State requirement for all employees of agencies offering services to victims/survivors under the California Emergency Services agency.

The training offered by Ms. Brooks perfectly complemented the innovative strategies and training topics offered at our training this year. Ms. Brooks' focus on prevention and education matches the increasing attention and funding being put towards family and teen-dating violence in our community.

As well, Ms. Brooks' presentation style was engaging and informative, and she received positive remarks on the evaluation forms provided to the attendees. Other comments from those who attended included, "extremely beneficial for working with families," and, "I'm really glad I was able to get these resources." As the training's planners, we were also quite glad Ms. Brooks could join us.

I believe that Ms. Brooks' high level of training capacity on the topic of child sexual abuse will enhance any presentation or gathering.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amaris Sanchez', is written over the typed name and title.

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