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Letter of Reference  
Re: George Turner

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to share my perspective on Rhode Island's experience with training provided by George Turner.

In early 1999 one of my staff, Linda Beck, and I attended a workshop in San Diego at the Annual AAMR Conference in which Mr. Turner was the primary presenter. We were both very impressed with his level of expertise, ability to keep the audience engaged and with the informational materials he had prepared for participants. We did contact a few states that had worked with Mr. Turner to get their comments on the quality of his presentations. All of the contacts we made were very positive. Given that we followed up directly with Mr. Turner and developed a consultant contract to hire him to conduct statewide sexuality seminars in RI for the staff of the Office of Quality Assurance, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), and for staff from our licensed community agencies.

Mr. Turner was very responsive in our initial discussions regarding our needs for training and diligent in following through to send us copies of written materials and outlines of his presentations prior to us scheduling seminars. He presented the conference material with a great deal of enthusiasm, knowledge and sensitivity for the topic content. His presentation materials were comprehensive and easy for people to understand. In addition to the seminar Mr. Turner agreed to review some agency policies in order to provide direct feedback to specific agencies. The agency staff informed us that this feedback was very helpful in identifying areas that needed additional work and some concrete suggestions for improvement.

I would have no hesitation in recommending Mr. Turner based on our personal experiences. If you have any questions please feel free to call me directly at 401-462-6026. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Susan L. Babin, Administrator  
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