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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Dr. Judy Davidson of the RENEW Center, Inc. as a crisis management, grief and trauma trainer.

The Jefferson Parish Public School System serves 86 schools in five different municipalities. Dr. Davidson assisted us in the design of our training program to maximize our system's readiness by training staff in clusters of schools that feed into our high schools. In so doing, our own staff from lower grade level crisis teams can more readily assist students at upper grade levels if necessary. In addition, Dr. Davidson trained our community providers and district supervisory staff, our building crisis teams, and provided grief recovery and critical incident stress management training for our counselors, social workers and psychologists. This building crisis team training included lockdown, evacuation, and table top drills. Dr. Davidson's knowledge and skills in the areas of overall crisis management, crisis response, grief and trauma recovery are outstanding. Her communication skills and ability to relate to our staff was deeply appreciated as evidenced by positive evaluations. Moreover, she motivated our staff to assume responsibility for the tasks necessary to provide staff development and drills for all our building employees. Dr. Davidson created a powerpoint presentation on grief recovery for our safe and drug free schools coordinators which was presented to staff in all 86 schools so that the trickle down effect of the training was very effective.

Dr. Davidson has extensive experience in grief and trauma recovery work. Her delivery of information is presented on a personal level that comes from years of experience with individuals, families, schools, and community providers. I highly recommend her.

Sincerely,


Carol Mancuso