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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Brian Gordon for three years. In that time, I have attended his professional development programs, have referred several students to him for social skill training, and have attended special events he has organized to showcase student work.

From the first training I attended, I knew immediately that his knowledge and skills would be a match for the students and staff in my district. I invited Mr. Gordon to do a presentation and training for 30 special education staff. He led staff through a visual, experiential, drama-based training. His methods were engaging and empowering to staff, such that my staff still say it was the best professional development they have had. Mr. Gordon has a sound knowledge of students on the spectrum as well as those students with significant social skill deficits. He has unique skills that include his ease in establishing rapport, his wit and humor, and his positive style. As a result, the districts' students, families, and staff consistently speak fondly of him.

I have referred several students to his program for social skills. All of my students have benefitted from these positive experiences and have demonstrated positive social skills that they have transferred to their school setting.

Mr. Gordon has provided our students and staff with concrete tools as well as a basis to better understand autism. His knowledge of cognition, paired with his use of drama and improvisation, provide a greater repertoire for educators to facilitate self-esteem and socialization in our students. He has been a valuable contributor to this district.

Sincerely,


Joan Endicott