



## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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Brian is one of the most exceptional clinicians I know. He is exceptionally intelligent, incredibly creative and has the strongest clinical skills of any therapist I have worked with. Utterly dedicated to the students, families and teachers he works with, he is constantly thinking about how to help the student meet their goals and objectives in effective and creative treatment ways.

Simply put....He just gets kids! His background in comedy and deep understanding of attention deficit disorder allows him to connect with children and teens in a way that often no other providers can. Kids love Brian and they quickly open up to him, learn from him and really develop a deep internal desire to change. He makes kids laugh not just because he is a funny guy, but rather he helps kids to develop a strong sense of self esteem and self and to learn to laugh when things are funny, to learn from mistakes and to laugh and smile at their own accomplishments and learning opportunities.

Brian has worked with many challenging students whom other clinicians have said "I don't know what else to do to help" or who say they "can't do anymore." Brian is inspired by 'can't', thinks out of the box and is determined not just to make a difference and help his clients and families but rather to bring about significant change in their lives. Most importantly Brian gets out of the confines of an office and develops social thinking and problem solving skills in the real world. He takes students into the community and shows them how to really apply what they are learning in real world contexts. I have worked with students who had not been making progress in their current setting and after just a short time of working with Brian demonstrated significant change.

His observation and assessment of students is nothing short of exquisite. Brian and I often consult about mutual clients who we are working with. When we are talking I cannot take notes fast or furiously enough. He has this way of understanding how kids think and look at the world and how to help them to develop perspective of how others are thinking as well. I try to keep pace with him and write down exactly what he is saying about the questions he asks students, the language he uses to teach students to develop new patterns of thinking. I think to myself...if only I could understand students that way...

He regularly communicates with parents, teachers and team members. This speaks to the extent that he goes above and beyond the classic one to one therapy in a private setting and provides comprehensive intervention. He is not cost driven but clinically compelled to deliver the highest quality of care.

Dedicated clinician, revolutionary thinker, astute mentor and funny comedian, Brian brings fresh ideas, innovative thinking and perceptive clinical skills to the field and his is a name to be remembered. The programs he provides to support the social thinking and executive function skills in children are research based, effective and will pioneer the way clinicians work with students who present with these challenges. I do not take it for granted that I am his colleague. I consider myself lucky to be mentored by him and it is without hesitation I impart him my highest professional recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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