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RE: Capital Youth Empowerment Program, Inc.

Dear Mr. Eric King,

This letter serves as an official endorsement for the "Fathers in Touch" Program provided by Capital Youth Empowerment Program, Inc., from the Mayor of Alexandria and the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. The program's mission to develop safe and loving relationships by encouraging, empowering, and educating fathers to be more involved in their child's life is a much needed service in the City of Alexandria. The "Fathers in Touch" Program which offers to educate fathers through the 24/7 Dad parenting class, reunite fathers and children through supervised visitation, provide community outreach, and act as a conduit for services free of charge to the City of Alexandria is very much appreciated.

The Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court will assist the Capital Youth Empowerment Program, Inc., by court ordering men into the "Fathers in Touch" Program when appropriate. The court's involvement is an essential component of Alexandria's plan to educate men on the importance of fatherhood by mandating participation in this program. The Capital Youth Empowerment Program plans to address the issues of mental health, substance abuse, and joblessness by teaming up with the Alexandria Department of Human Services and Joblink to help eliminate the barriers that prevent men from financially supporting their children and being a positive influence in their child's life. The goals of the 24/7 Dad parenting class to increase skill level, knowledge, and positive attitudes about fatherhood will surely impact the children of Alexandria in a positive way. Reuniting father's and children through supervised visitation in combination with the parenting class is incredibly beneficial and commendable. As a whole, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to working in conjunction with community based programs to provide the best services possible to all of our citizens.

Sincerely,

  
William D. Euille  
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