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Criminal Justice Coordinating Council



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June 15, 2005

Mr. J. Douglas Bailey, President  
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

This correspondence serves to address your request for information on how the work of Performance Vistas, Inc. (PVI) has benefited Georgia's Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (Council) and its constituent groups. These groups are comprised of advocacy organizations serving various types of crime victims including domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault.

The Council partnered with PVI in its application for funding through the United States Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) State Victims Assistance Academy Grant. The partnership was stellar due to your organization's experience in the victim services field with the State of Tennessee's Office of Criminal Justice Programs and the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA). Both organizations provided strong references for PVI, whose location within the state offered additional convenience for meetings and work activities. The Academy project was a large undertaking for the Council as it required the development of a comprehensive, state-specific curriculum for crime victim advocates. Performance Vistas' experience and familiarity in curriculum development and adult learning was vast and subsequently served as one of the major reasons the Council was successful in obtaining the grant.

PVI's principals charged lower administrative rates and agreed to work within the framework of the project's budget. The organization also provided additional hours of work as an in-kind donation. These hours have been pivotal in providing the Council with the opportunity to meet OVC's match requirement. The hours have also insured that the curriculum is fully developed and project activities are completed within the federally required timeframe.

To further demonstrate the quality of work and planning provided by PVI, Georgia's Academy products have been used as a model for other states. The Council believes the high-level of performance, timeliness, and professionalism exhibited by PVI's principals has been essential in developing the Academy's week-long, university-based training course on victims' rights. The

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Academy currently serves as the sole institutionalized training for entry-level advocates who serve multi-disciplinary victims in the state. The overall benefit of the project will be seen across the State of Georgia from prosecutor offices to non-profit groups, such as domestic violence shelters, child advocacy centers, and sexual assault centers.

PVI's work has been exemplary. The organization's commitment to ensuring that crime victim advocates have a training resource to assist them in rendering services is an excellent paradigm for others to follow. The Council remains grateful to PVI for the level of work provided and for the valuable contributions made in elevating crime victim services in Georgia.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dianne Williams Deputy Director  
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