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Robin Wood  
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Dear Robin:

I am delighted to write a letter of support for the Department of Developmental Services/Council on Developmental Disabilities application to participate in the National Community of Practice: Supporting Families through the Lifespan. We believe that participation in this opportunity will build on the substantial experience of both of these agencies in supporting individuals with disabilities and their families.

The collaboration among the various disability organizations in Connecticut has contributed significantly toward improving the lives of people with disabilities in Connecticut. These efforts have included the development of the newly forming Cross-Disability Alliance. I am heartened by our ability to collaborate, share resources and expertise and by our common passion to achieve the full inclusion for all people with disabilities in their communities.

The Connecticut Family Support Network is a statewide network of families who have children with disabilities and special healthcare needs. We are parents interested in helping other parents to find the supports they need to become their child's best advocate. We assist parents directly, connect parents to each other for parent-to-parent support, offer help with navigating Connecticut's state service systems, provide training and offer information to parents and professionals regularly through email distribution lists.

We feel that the Community of Practice affords an opportunity for the Connecticut Team to learn from other states and from national experts. This is an exciting opportunity, and one that we will support through participation from our organization, and through dissemination of information.

I look forward to working with you on this exciting initiative! I wish you well on this grant request.

Sincerely,

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