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Re: Recommendation letter

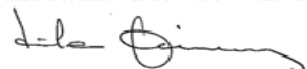
**YWCA Lake County
Annual Child Care Conference and Business Expo “Keys to Success “
April 16, 2011**

Kathy Poelker was the keynote speaker for our spring conference. Kathy is very enthusiastic, energetic and motivational speaker that inspired the participants to dance, sing and involved the audience in story telling through striking story panels that were created by children. She not only provided up to date information and strategies on integrating music and dance education program but was also very entertaining and inspiring! Teachers found themselves not only learning but laughing! .Kathy also correlated the strategies and activities with the current brain research theory and practice

Our providers were treated to an energetic, fun-filled and educational day! She included the latest research in children’s brain development and how the music can greatly affect that development at an early age. Kathy Poelker is an amazing presenter/trainer, full of energy and enthusiasm with a genuine love for children of all cultures. Kathy also ties her music content to all academic areas of a preschool classroom, including math, science, social skills, and language and literacy,

Her bilingual presentation was very appropriate for teachers of young children especially at a time in which lives are changing. Her delivery was very engaging and energetic that providers were planning how to incorporate the music program into their classroom. She received favorable reviews and family child care providers relate to her well. The evaluations from the participants were excellent!!

Sincerely



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