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Carl Peterson, Ph.D
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Dear Carl,

This letter serves as a referral for a child on my caseload, eight year old Christie Downs. You may already have been contacted by her physician, David Miller. As you may know, Christie is the victim of a shooting incident in which her seven year old sister was killed and her three year old brother seriously and permanently injured. Christie herself suffers from aphasia and partial paralysis of her right side as a result of the shooting. Of major significance is the fact that the children's mother is a suspect in the shooting.

Christie is currently living in a shelter home. She is visiting weekly with her brother. She has been unable to totally recall the events on the night of the shooting, however, has maintained that there was no one present "when the bad things happened" other than her family. Christie has awakened regularly at night crying and frequently becomes visibly upset when contemplating her scars. She has been unable, however, to express her feelings.

This child is dealing, not only with being placed in a strange living situation, but with the death of a sibling and possibly with the trauma of being shot by her mother. Her doctor has recommended psychological treatment and CSD supports this. Christie is covered by her mother's medical insurance and CSD is prepared to pick up the excess fee. We have authorized eight sessions at \$43.61 per session.

Please call me at 686-7557 if you are willing to take this case. By the way, Christie is a wonderful child.

Sincerely,

Susan Staffel
Caseworker
Protective Service

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