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Dr. Peter Haiman
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Dear Peter,

Your recent workshops, "Resolving Parent-Child Conflicts", have met with tremendous praise from the participants. Parents have begun the process of dealing with many issues they have suppressed since their youth. Two women have confided in me that they no longer abuse their children. Both of these women have joined Parents Anonymous.

One of the strongest parts of the program is you. The gentle manner you use to provide perspectives to parents allows them the freedom to open doors to their past and look for causes of their reactions to common trouble spots in childrearing. Then, and only then, do they begin to overcome problems that will lead to improved communication between parent and child.

As you realize, parents do not have the opportunity to discuss child development in high schools or junior colleges before they become parents. Parenting education is vital in the 80's with changing lifestyles, more single parent households, and the fact that parents often live away from the extended families of past generations. Your program is a real gift to parents struggling each day with concerns that have no specific answer or remedy.

I can not thank you enough for the energy and follow up support you provided our parents.

With greatest appreciation,

Mary Buttler

Mary Buttler,
Family Services Coordinator

