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**To Whom it May Concern:**

**Re: The School of Child & Youth Care - University of Victoria**

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to express our longstanding support for the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. As you know in 1998 the Ministry of Children and Family Development began an extensive curriculum review of several human service degree programs. This evaluation led to the degree in Child and Youth Care being designated as one of three degrees meeting the entry-level requirements for employment with the Ministry of Children and Family development.

Since receiving this designation child welfare agencies in many jurisdictions throughout North America and abroad, have undergone significant shifts in focus and direction. These changes have challenged child welfare practitioners and academics in their efforts to remain current in all the 'State of the Art' innovations in the field of child welfare. To meet this challenge the School of Child and Youth Care added a Child Protection Specialization program. This specialized program requires students to complete specific child welfare courses and a mandatory fourth year practicum placement with the Ministry of Children and Family Development in a child protection office, or with a delegated First Nation's child welfare agency.

I believe that students graduating from the University of Victoria School of Child and Youth Care have fulfilled the academic requirements needed for entry level positions in the child welfare field with the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Sincerely,

*for* Jeremy Berland  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
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