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<city>, Alabama <zip>

Dear <M> <last>,

Someone asked me the other day “Whatever happened to Helping Families?” The good news is that we have survived another year of austerity. Like all of you we are faced with increasing demand and shrinking resources.

For the greatest benefit within those limitations, we have sharply focused our work to key areas. This is how the program looks this school year:

* Increased emphasis on middle school students.
  + On-site services at Chastang Middle School.
  + School visits to middle schools
  + Assessment and Case Management for middle school students with serious violations.
  + Follow up and consultation with school administration and service providers
* Warning letters sent only for offenses in elementary and high schools.
* Telephone consultation as requested from *all* school administrators.
* Admission to the program from elementary and high school students by referral from school administrators. Admission will be determined on a case by case basis.
* Supporting school attendance by having a presence at Early Warning Truancy and Discipline programs.
* Managing the BullyBlocker tipline response.

We look forward to the day when we are able to offer these highly effective services in all schools. Until then, know that we remain 100% committed to supporting you in your efforts to provide a safe learning environment for all our children. If you have any questions or concerns about the Helping Families Initiative, please contact our program coordinator Jayne Carson at 574-3306 or me at 574-8400.

Respectfully,

Ashley M. Rich

District Attorney