

February 18, 1998

Marg Hankey
Social Worker
Ministry for Children's Services

Dear Marg:

Enclosed is a letter requesting that **Andrea White** be paid to continue doing her weekly sessions of 'Theraplay' with my son, **Jeremy Rodrigues**.

I was told to contact you in the first of a list of people to contact regarding this matter.

As you know, Jeremy will turn 4-years-old in March. Jeremy hasn't got the time to be put on the back burner. While we all pay lip service to quoting '**early intervention**', I certainly don't see much commitment put into it. I will no longer sit quietly back and be spoonfed the words " He's getting enough services." He **is** not and **has** not.

I also no longer want to be patted on the head and told "He's doing fine." The only thing that matters, is that Jeremy is making progress. In the last two years, the only intervention that has shown any progress has been '**Theraplay.**' I would also like it noted that with each change, each interruption, each delay in services - Jeremy loses ground. **Andrea** is willing to continue on with the sessions and I see no valid reason to switch therapists now.

I thank you in advance for your time and quick resolution to this problem.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rodrigues

Penticton, B.C.

cc: Rick Thorpe, MLA