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Dr. Chuck Friedman  
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Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am delighted with the interactive prevention and education software. The interactive CD's are impressive motivational tools for a wide range of young adults and students. Our mentoring program, Bright Futures, services middle school at-risk youth in a high concentration of gang activities. The purpose of our program is to provide children with the greatest need support and guidance of a mentor in order to improve their academic achievement; encourage expectations; promote their individual strengths; improve their interpersonal relationships; reduce their dropout rate; and reduce their rates of juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs.

The explored topics help to reinforce the goals of Bright Futures: Helping each young person make the right decisions and leading them down a path to a brighter future. The real life scenarios and age appropriate actors help to enhance the message. The issues that often form the catalyst for gang involvement are addressed in a more personal manner. This helps to address each individual's unique standing in their environment. The lessons help to form an understanding of an appropriate means of diffusing life's difficult situations and possible consequences.

The interactive nature of the CD's stimulate conversations that are not only thought provoking but insightful. Watching and interacting with the stories helps topics as extreme as suicide to be discussed openly and without fear of embarrassment. Information that was never disclosed to us is now pulled to the surface.

These tools are highly beneficial in training my mentors. After review and interacting with the CD's, mentors are more capable of dealing with the issues that are at the forefront of many of our at-risk youth minds. It allows mentors the opportunity to see the issues through the students' eyes without invading their privacy.

The development of the motivational interviewing CD's and guidebook offer unparalleled resources to a huge group of professionals and families that need to get the edge on the increasing complex nature of today's youth and our community.

Best Regards,

Beth Hollingsworth  
Program Coordinator  
Bright Futures Mentoring Program