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Dear Ms. Oehme:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Institute for Family Violence Studies Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation for the ongoing support and assistance provided to service providers across the country.

Kansas adopted state guidelines for operation in 1998 and this year revised those guidelines. Our committee gathered information nationally to ensure best practices were incorporated into drafting of the revised guidelines. Articles and reference material produced by yourself and the Clearinghouse were very effective in our process. The 2008 Report to the Legislature and recommendation of the supervised visitation standards committee was quite helpful to the Kansas guidelines committee.

Kansas is also in the process of developing a statewide training manual and the Supervised Visitation Network's modules have provided a clear sense of direction for our project.

I am pleased to see such thoughtful and dedicated individuals helping to serve families across the nation and look forward to working alongside to support a much needed service for families.

Sincerely, Becky Heatherman

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