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SUBJECT: Raising Adults Program Evaluation

1. I desire to keep you apprised of our status and progress using the Raising Adults child discipline system as a part of our Schools 2000 agreement here at Fort Irwin. We are in our fourth year using the program. Raising Adults serves as our primary parent education program maintaining an active average enrollment of over 200 families. We are currently using the program in a variety of applications:

a. Raising Adults is used as a support to parents with troubled teens via referrals from the Garrison Commander's Juvenile Justice Committee for youthful offenders on the post (vandalism, shoplifting etc.)

b. We have added the Chaplains, Child Development Center, and Family Child Care staff (as well as parent volunteers) to get as many families as possible using the materials. This will also enable us to eventually offer parent training roundtables in several locations (schools, villages, Forum, ACS, Chapels etc).

2. Having used the program over a period of years we have been able to document many of the benefits of the program. These include:

a. An annual decrease of thirty percent per year fewer incidents of child physical abuse.

b. Cost Savings:

1. Less referrals to therapists has translated to a gross savings of over one hundred thousand dollars per year over the four years we have been using the Raising Adults program. Exact cost savings are not available as many families use the home based program without reporting progress to the Family Advocacy program Manager.

2. Estimates are conservative and are based on a cost of approximately \$1,000.00 per family over an eight week period for outpatient clinical therapy and \$60,000.00 per family for inpatient treatment.


3. Staff costs were reduced \$75,000.00 annually.

3. A study done in tandem with Cornell University (copy attached) shows that the program achieves positive changes in as little as four weeks:

a. Parent Attitudes: 30% overall improvement.

b. Parent Behaviors: 50% overall improvement.

c. Child Behaviors: 32% overall improvement.


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