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To Whom It May Concern:

Confederation College Health Services is pleased to support Ontario Addiction Treatment Centers Methadone Maintenance Program offered in two locations here in Thunder Bay Ontario. Individuals addicted to opiates (e.g. heroin, morphine, percocet / percodan, codeine, opium, etc.) seeking to reduce the harm related affects of illicit drug use have traditionally been met with delayed access to treatment programs due to inaccessibility within appropriate time lines. It was during a Drug Awareness Committee meeting that I was able to learn of the program offered and available to individuals in our community through the Ontario Addiction Treatment Centers addiction counselor Tammy Turnbull. I first met with Tammy in March of 2006, and the time intervening has certainly shown many great developments with the OATC. It is encouraging to discover programs that do all within their power to accommodate the patient first, to ease and help them through the difficult path of their addictions. I was able to communicate this valuable information with the physicians working in our clinic, the counselors at the college and other staff. Pamphlets and brochures and newsletters were also excellent resources provided.

Ontario Addiction Treatment Centers staff has taken time out of their day to share this information with nursing students on placement at Confederation College in the form of a meeting at the Methadone Clinic to promote awareness to professionals in our community.

We want to wish Ontario Addiction Treatment Centers Methadone Maintenance Program the best in the future in continuing to better our community and helping on an individual basis to make a difference in peoples' lives who are in dire need of returning to a life filled with hope, self-respect and dignity.

Sincerely,

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