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Subject: letter for meeting

To Karl Kemper,

I am a treatment social worker in the Bridgeport Office. I can't express how much my assigned church and coordinator have assisted me with some of the basic needs of my clients. At times the Department has paper work and approvals for simple items such as baby clothes, food, or car seats. By the time a social worker has approval from his or her supervisor or high management, client no longer need the items. We as workers sometimes let down our clients in these situations. This also makes our clients uncomfortable in regards to disclosing their needs to us. At times parents really need assistance but are scared to let their social worker know due to the long process of approvals.

I love having a church because I can call my coordinator and tell them what my family needs and the task is completed. My church has requested I let them know in advance what my clients needs are without prying into their personal lives or social economic status. Please let Covenant to Care work with our agency. This organization is the extra support that social workers need in order to serve our families.

Thank you,

Bridgeport Social Worker