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Pathfinders Presentation to the State's Attorney's Office

Thank you for your presentation on Autism Awareness to our office on October 13, 2014. I found your presentation to be extremely informative and thought-provoking. I know I was guilty of having a perceived notion of the characteristics of a person with autism, but, through your presentation, I discovered that every person/child with autism is as unique as everyone else. What makes one person tick may be completely different for the next person. The demonstration you gave using the two buckets and golf balls for answers to a question was very effective. Your tips on engaging a person with autism will be very beneficial to all of our employees as we interact with autistic victims/witnesses.

As more and more children are being diagnosed with Autism each year, I think educational presentations like this one should be extended to more agencies that deal with the public, such as law enforcement, courts, schools, daycare facilities or anywhere that businesses engage in activities with the public.

Again, thank you for a great presentation.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Sullivan Victim/Witness Coordinator