

May 28, 2008

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Dear Mr. Riak:

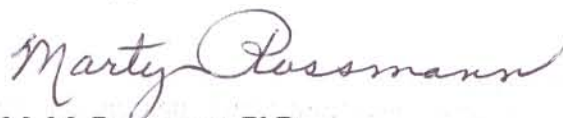
Thank you for developing the booklet, Plain Talk about Spanking and for sending us copies. We have given copies to all (50) of the Parent Warmline volunteers who respond to calls from parents about child-parent development and interaction issues. Other copies will be placed in Family Resource Centers in the Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. They will be available for parents to peruse and to take home, if they wish.

Here is what was said when Plain Talk about Spanking was sent to the Parent Warmline volunteers: "For much of the last decade, parent educators have avoided mentioning negative approaches to parent-child relationships. Instead, positive ways to interact with children have been promoted. This stance was taken primarily out of respect for cultural differences and a perceived lack of research proving hitting children had negative consequences. Plain Talk about Spanking seems to be based on research, is not too "emotional" and clearly says what's wrong with *spanking*, a negative approach!"

The Parent Warmline volunteers, most of whom have a Minnesota license to practice parent education, were asked to provide feedback to me on Plain Talk about Spanking. If I receive any comments, I will pass those along to you.

Again, thanks for your work in helping parents and others who work with children, to understand the complexities of harsh treatment of children.

Sincerely yours,



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