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Dear Rita Marie,

I'm happy to report that both teachers who attended the Connection Practice training went back to school on Monday and utilized the concepts they learned. Both Gwendell and Karen work with at-risk teenagers with social/emotional challenges and learning disabilities.

Gwendell told me, after she introduced the process to the children, there were "tears and release" that she'd never seen before. She said both males and females were positively impacted as they dealt with past emotions and pain, that the students said "nobody ever let me talk about." Karen said that the feelings and needs cards are such a rave that the students ask each morning "Can we do our cards today? I need to talk." Music to our ears...

We now believe that behaviors that previously have been labeled may just be expressions of "unmet needs." Rita Marie, thank you for giving me the tools for helping our kids have success in the "Diamond Mine"!

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