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To Whom It May Concern:

Profa Dra. Viviane de Leon has been a strong advocate and collaborator with the University of North Carolina TEACCH Autism Program over the past several years. She is a TEACCH Certified Advanced Consultant and has attended numerous TEACCH sponsored workshops and conferences to enhance her professional development. Profa Dra. de Leon has also supported the development of many professionals in Brazil. In the summers of 2018 and 2019, she accompanied groups of professionals from Brazil (who worked in the field of autism) to North Carolina to attend TEACCH's Five-Day Hands-On Classroom Training for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Profa Dra. de Leon supported these participants from Brazil throughout the training week, answering questions that arose due to translation issues or cultural differences in the education of individuals with ASD.

Profa Dra. de Leon has collaborated with TEACCH to provide translated trainings for professionals working with individuals with ASD in Brazil.

October 19 – 21, 2018: TEACCH Fundamentals of Structured TEACCHing for School-Aged Students with ASD, 18.0 contact hour training. Profa Dra. de Leon organized the logistics for this in-person training in Brazil: travel accommodations for the trainers, training facility (including visual and auditory technology), registration of participants, translation and printing of all training materials, secured training supplies for the small group activities, arranged for simultaneous translation and supported the participants in the small group activities throughout the training.

April 26 – 29, 2021: Virtual Fundamentals of Structured TEACCHing for School-Aged Students with ASD, 18.5-hour training. Profa Dra. de Leon organized the training logistics: registration of participants, translation of all training materials, arranged for simultaneous translation and supported the trainers with the translation of chats and questions throughout the training on zoom.

June 21 – 25, 2021: Early Learners Foundations of Structured TEACCHing for Children ages 3-5 with ASD. Profa Dra. de Leon organized the training logistics: registration of participants, translation of all training materials, arranged for simultaneous translation and supported the trainers with the translation of chats and questions throughout the training on zoom.

TEACCH is very appreciative of Profa Dra. de Leon's advocacy for professionals working with individuals with ASD in Brazil. She has been the driving force behind TEACCH's efforts to provide professional development on Structured TEACCHing Strategies and other evidence-based practices to professionals providing education and treatment to individuals with ASD in Brazil.

Warm regards,

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