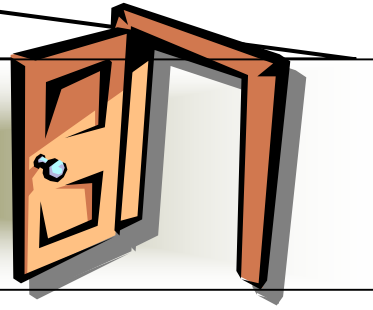


*Shelter Workshop
20 Douglas Street
Welland ON L3C 1H2
(905) 745-2211*



October 17, 2002

Mrs. Val Cummings
24 Abbey Road
Welland, ON L3C 1H4

Dear Mrs. Val Cummings

Pat will not be permitted to attend our program from Monday, October 19–Friday, October 30.

Pat has chosen to act in a way that is not appropriate in the workshop. He has begun to rush across the workshop and to hug another workshop participant. He has told us he loves this particular female worker, but she is quite distressed and does not want him to hug her. At his weekly counselling sessions, we have stressed that our bodies are our own and no one can touch or hug someone who does not want this contact. Pat has continued to hug this unwilling participant. At the last counselling session, Pat was told that if he chose to touch only if invited, he would also be choosing to continue to come to the workshop. If he chose, however, to hug someone who did not want to hug, he was choosing to miss workshop for two weeks. Even after this session, Pat chose again to force his hugs on a co-worker.

Pat must experience the consequences of his choice so that he will inhibit this inappropriate touching. Pat enjoys working in the workshop, and he generally behaves in a businesslike way that makes him well liked by the other workers and the staff. We hope this time-out will help him follow the rules all the time. We will welcome him back to workshop on Monday, November 3. When he returns to the workshop, we will remind him that he can choose to continue attending the workshop if he continues to choose to respect the bodies of all the other participants.

The staff at Shelter Workshop will continue to help your son Pat develop the social skills necessary to function well in the workshop. Please call if you have any questions.

Yours truly

Kim Chan,
Caseworker