

May 23, 2022

Re: smARTkids Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of EveryMind in support of the Create Arts Center and their smARTkids program. EveryMind's mission is to strengthen communities and empower individuals to reach optimal mental wellness. A trusted mental health resource in the National Capital Region since 1957, EveryMind offers programs and services that bring healing, hope and wholeness to children, youth, adults, veterans, and families.

We believe the smARTkids program has had a remarkable impact on our students and school community and hope they are able to expand their outreach to other communities in need. Create Arts Center has been working with some of our Linkages to Learning sites for several years, providing free after-school programming for many children who otherwise would not have access to this resource. The program uses art as a mean of expression for our students and opens the door for creativity and relationship building for all participants. The children and families value and enjoy this program greatly, especially the art show exhibit, where the children can proudly show their parents and caregivers the projects they have been working on.

We support the efforts of Create Arts Center to expand their services. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at ksheth@Every-Mind.org or 301.738.8508. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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