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“I found the internship very helpful in understanding my own personality, leadership style, weaknesses and strengths.

My internship mentors, Larry Smith and Amy Cardemon, have been very supportive and have continued to provide advice, new insights, perspectives, and positive feedback when I face problems at work or need encouragement. They also give specific advice on projects, and provide me with more information. Take my trip to Bali to visit Amy as an example. At that time, I asked her to help educate me more about childcare centers, as I was about to open doors on my

new center in Bangkok. She took me to visit different types of centers in Bali and introduced me to educators and allowed me to join meetings with key people in their daycare project.

There are long and short term benefits to my APLP internship. The immediate benefit of my internship was that it helped me understand my passion and thus pursue the right career. It helped me make a decision to quit my teaching position at a university and focus on my goals and what I have to accomplish in my life. The long term benefits were to increase my confidence in my work and my knowledge and resources.”