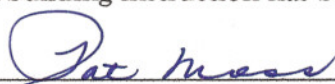
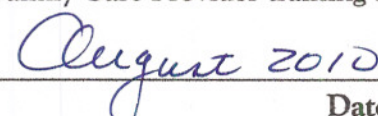


**SPECIALIZED FAMILY CARE  
Provider Training**

Category:	<b>Advocacy</b>
Title:	<b>I AM SAM</b>
Materials:	Video, <b>I AM SAM</b> , starring Sean Penn & Michelle Pieffer. Video available at most video stores.
Goal:	Provider recognizes parenting issues faced by persons with developmental disabilities
Credit Hours:	3 hours
Date Developed:	September 2008
Developed by:	Donna McCune, MSW, Family Based Care Specialist

This skill-building instruction has been approved for Specialized Family Care Provider training by:

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Specialized Family Care Program Manager Date

**Training Objectives:**

- Provider can recognize the parenting challenges faced by a person with disabilities
- Provider can identify the traits of good parenting presented in the movie
- Provider can identify support systems which can be utilized to assist a person with developmental disabilities to successfully parent

**Training Procedures:**

- Provider initiated self-study
- Test completed by Provider
- Review of test responses by Family Based Care Specialist and Provider

I certify that I have completed all the materials associated with this training module. I have a basic understanding of the material completed.

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Specialized Family Care Provider Date

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Based Care Specialist Date

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# EVALUATION QUESTIONS

## I AM SAM

1. Do you think social services should have intervened at the time of Lucy's birth?  
Why or why not?
2. What were Sam's disabilities? Circle all that apply.
  - A. Mental Retardation
  - B. Cerebral Palsy
  - C. Down Syndrome
  - D. Autistic tendencies
3. What was the developmental age at which Sam was functioning?  
\_\_\_\_\_ years
4. What was an interest which Sam had that provided an avenue for him to express his thoughts and feelings?  
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5. What was the reason identified in the movie as to why Lucy's school contacted social services?  
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6. What traits did the physician identify in court that she felt were the most important for being a good parent.  
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7. What traits did Sam have that made him a good parent?
8. What were Sam's limitations for parenting?

9. Who were the people in Sam's life who were always supportive of his efforts to raise his daughter?
10. Name two individuals who learned through their interactions with Sam to be supportive of his efforts to rear his daughter.
11. How did you feel about the outcome of the movie?
12. Do you think the movie was realistic? Why or why not?
13. Did the movie increase your sensitivity to the challenges faced by persons with disabilities who wish to parent their child?

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Date

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Signature(s)  
Family Based Care Providers