

A Letter to Prospective Families from A Current Maple Lake Mom

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I can only imagine what might be going through your hearts and minds as you consider sending your teen to MLA. This letter is to share my confidence in MLA, should that be helpful in your decision-making.

Our daughter arrived at MLA after being in treatment at other RTCs. Each RTC was valuable – providing not only empirically-based treatment, but also family-like warmth and love. But we were not getting enough traction. Then our daughter received her ASD 1 diagnosis.

Once she began treatment at MLA, she began learning how her brain works and began gaining much-needed skills. I am profoundly grateful to MLA. It is exceptional. And it has been absolutely pivotal in our daughter's life.

But you may be wondering, in light of recent incidents, whether MLA is safe. What I can tell you is that my daughter was at MLA during the incidents and I feel very safe having her there.

MLA is the life-work of its wise-souled founders. And their devotion shows. When I walk in the front door, I feel a warm, relaxed flow. The teens gab away with one another in the dining room and improvise tunes in the piano room. I find myself sitting back in one of the armchairs and just taking in this life-giving community.

I hope I've set your minds at ease, and I wish you well in your deliberations.