

Patricia M. Cole, M.D.

P.O. Box 286 - Lakeside - Montana - 59922
(406) 752-0476 office • (406) 270-2405 mobile

a pleasant and smiling woman who routinely walks with her after school out to meet family members who pick her up to drive her home. Sondra enjoys showing us her homework.

It appears to me that Sondra was traumatized by her extended trip to Denver. Despite the efforts of her Montana family to support her prior, during and after the trip, the extended visit clearly took an unfortunate toll on her. I know that her father and his brother's family who live in Denver tried to mitigate her stress. Sondra told me that she enjoyed seeing her cousins in Denver and staying for a few days with them at their home. However, I can only conclude that the time she spent with her biological mother was deeply disturbing to her. It was so disturbing and unsettling for her, it outweighed the positive influences the rest of the family tried to create for her. I can only recommend against putting her through such trauma again.

Sondra is clearly thriving in Montana living with her father, in close proximity to her grandmother, aunt and baby cousin. This extended family offers her the emotional support she needs, as well as the intellectual stimulation which brings out her best. Not only is she getting a good conventional education, but I see her grandmother educating her about music, encouraging her creative and artistic expressions as well as seeing to it that her hair and wardrobe are befitting this lovely child. It is my pleasure to witness their united love, protection and commitment to her welfare.

If you need further information from me please do not hesitate to contact me. My mailing address is P.O. Box 286, Lakeside, MT, 59922. I can also be reached on my cell phone which is 406 270-2405.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Cole MD
Patricia M. Cole MD