

A poem by Britney Rowan, 2007 -- University of Mississippi  
"Simply Connections"



*From the first day of paper work and orientation,  
To the feelings of unexpectedness and intimidation...*

*From meeting eight OT students who are now considered eight new friends,  
To spending time learning with them in group each week and laughing on the  
weekends...*

*From completing my first evaluation to turning in my final notes,  
Waiting and wondering if they will meet the expectations of my supervisor, I hope...*

*From helping the members at Turning Point or working individually with my  
caseload,  
To leading my own groups and knowing eventually the summer must end and this  
chapter will close...*

*I've learned so much...mainly from my members, for none of them are the same,  
But yet they all have challenges to face & must cope with some type of emotional  
pain...  
They often go through the days one at a time...taking each new obstacle as it comes  
Experiencing some laughter, some fun, while other times sadness and sorrow, hoping  
for the days to be done...*

*I've learned the best tool is sometimes to simply listen and genuinely show that I do  
care,  
For you never know when the time may come when it's just too much for one of our  
members to bare.*

*My fieldwork experience was truly unique in so many ways,  
It's now hard to realize it's back to Mississippi for me with no more Turning Point  
days...*

*I'll miss the members the most, for they have all taught me different things...  
But most all ...I've learned from them, to take life as it comes and see what each  
new day has to bring...*

*Meeting new people, seeing new places,  
Learning new names and matching them with faces...  
Monday to Friday, at least eight hours each day...  
Free lunches, NO parking, **Flexibility, Flexibility, Flexibility,**  
That's the Way Station way...*

*I love Mississippi for it is my home and always will be,  
But I can now say the memories I've made in Maryland,  
I will never forget and will forever hold very dear to me!!!*