

February 24, 1999

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CHILD ENRICHMENT, INC., A NONPROFIT AGENCY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS FOR THE 1998-99 SCHOOL YEAR

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

In compliance with Sections 230.23(4)(c), (j), and (n), Florida Statutes, the Office of Alternative Education and Dropout Prevention, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., a private, nonprofit agency in Miami-Dade County, Florida, have developed a cooperative agreement to provide educational services for school-age students.

The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., is a private, nonprofit, Florida organization which was incorporated in 1977. The agency offers programs throughout Miami-Dade County for abused and neglected children, foster children, families at risk for abuse and neglect of children, and families and children in need of mental health services.

The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., is now opening a residential facility for 15 middle and senior high school students who have been adjudicated as children in need of services. The shelter is located at 11025 S.W. 84 Street, Cottage 8, Miami, Florida. The program is operated through a contract with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and will house children who are committed to the Department and who have been court-ordered for placement. The children will be in the shelter for up to 120 days.

Because education is an essential component of this program and because Florida Statutes require that schooling be provided to children 16 years old and younger, this cooperative agreement has been developed.

The agreement involves commitment on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and of The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc.

1. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide an academic educational program, including teachers, on the same basis as provided to regular classes within Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The supervision of teachers will be provided by staff in the Educational Alternative Outreach Program.
2. The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., will provide space for classrooms that meet state specifications, furniture, records of school-age children, and notification of discharge of students.

The funds necessary for implementing the Miami-Dade County Public Schools portion of the agreement will be provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), dropout prevention weighting factor. There is no exchange of funds required for this cooperative agreement.

The appropriation for this agreement is included in the General Fund of the 1998-99 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5104, Program 6040, Object 5310, Location 8017.

The director of the Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., is Ms. Delores Dunn.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., a private, nonprofit agency, to provide academic services for school-age students for the 1998-99 school year. The funds necessary for implementing the Miami-Dade County Public Schools portion of this agreement will be provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), dropout prevention weighting factor. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1998-99 Adopted Budget.

There is no exchange of funds required for this cooperative agreement.

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