

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN OF PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE TEENAGE PARENT (TAP) PROGRAM, FROM JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000, AT AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Authorization is sought to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), to provide child care services for the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) parents who are participants in the Teenage Parent (TAP) Program. The purpose of this RFP will be to identify potential child care providers who can serve approximately 550 children, aged 0-3, who are the offspring of full-time M-DCPS students.

It is requested that this RFP seek child care agencies with the capacity and personnel to serve up to 550 infants and toddlers with holistic, quality care and nurturing. These services will enable the teenage parent-students to attend school full-time with the knowledge that their children are being cared for in an environment which promotes healthy physical and psychological development.

Subsequent to School Board approval, an RFP will be sent out to eligible child care providers. Funding for the final contract will be provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) in accordance with the weighted factor for dropout prevention programs.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 1999-2000 General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999 under Fund 0100, Function 5104, Program 6049, Object 5310, Location 9701.

No additional funding is required to develop and disseminate this RFP.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. develop and disseminate a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a program to provide child care services for approximately 550 children, aged 0-3, of parents participating in the Teenage Parent (TAP) Program, at an approximate cost of \$2,000,000; and
2. issue an RFP for suitable child care providers.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget.

No additional funding is required to develop this RFP.