

August 16, 1999

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW 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 1999-2000 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 Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative Education and Dropout Prevention, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), 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., 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. This cooperative agreement has been in effect since March 17, 1999.

The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., operates 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 (DJJ) and houses children who are committed to the DJJ and who have been court-ordered for placement. The children stay 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 the following commitment on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and of The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc.:

1. M-DCPS provides an academic educational program, including teachers, on the same basis as provided to regular classes within M-DCPS. The supervision of teachers is provided by staff from the Educational Alternative Outreach Program.
2. The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., provides 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 M-DCPS portion of the agreement are 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 1999-2000 Tentative 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:

1. renew 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 1999-2000 school year; and
2. exercise his discretion to renew the cooperative agreement annually for up to four additional one-year periods.

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

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