

August 27, 1999

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER, INC., TO OPERATE A DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED ADOLESCENTS, FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 1999 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2000

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

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., to jointly operate a program for emotionally handicapped (EH) adolescents. The combined resources of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., have resulted in delivery of comprehensive services in a day treatment program. The program is located at Ruth Owens Kruse Educational Center and is designed to serve EH adolescents in grades seven and eight.

M-DCPS will provide transportation, teaching staff, materials, classroom space, furniture and fixtures, equipment and supplies necessary for the operation of the instructional program. Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., will provide staff to provide clinical services.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew this cooperative agreement annually on a continuing basis.

The Director of Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc. is Dr. Robert Nolan.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., to operate a day treatment program for emotionally handicapped adolescents in grades seven and eight, from September 9, 1999 through August 31, 2000; and
2. renew this cooperative agreement annually on a continuing basis.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

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