

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000, WITH FAMILY CENTRAL, INC., WHEREBY THE AGENCY WILL DESIGNATE FUNDING FOR DAYCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY MIAMI LAKES EDUCATIONAL CENTER STAFF, FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

In the spring of 2001, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) responded to a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by Family Central, Inc., an agency designated by the Metropolitan Dade County Department of Human Resources to oversee daycare services in the northern part of the county. To be eligible for funding from Family Central, several criteria must be met: (1) the requesting agency must be able to demonstrate a financial need based upon socioeconomic data endemic to the area in which the center is located; (2) the clientele served must be parents who qualify for assistance under either the Job Training Partnership Act (JPTA) or the Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) Program; and (3) the daycare center must be licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Miami Lakes Educational Center staff estimates that approximately \$170,000 will be needed to operate the program from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. This funding will provide food services, supplies, equipment, and a part-time paraprofessional salary. The daily program includes recreational, social, cultural, and educational activities. Parents will be encouraged to participate.

This arrangement with Family Central, Inc., has been in effect since 1998. As was the case last year, the new agreement will be flexible, stipulating neither the number of children to be served nor the exact sum to be appropriated to the project. Payments will ultimately be based on monthly enrollments which differ according to number and age of the children.

The president and chief executive officer of Family Central, Inc., is Dr. Barbara A. Weinstein.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Family Central, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$170,000, whereby the agency will designate funding for daycare services provided by Miami Lakes Educational Center staff, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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