

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, SOUTH MIAMI HOSPITAL, TO PROVIDE PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH FDLRS-SOUTH, FROM AUGUST 23, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

The Child Development Center (CDC) at South Miami Hospital has received a grant from the Health Foundation of South Florida to provide psychoeducational evaluations for prekindergarten children. Treating over 1,000 children each year, the Center provides a full spectrum of evaluation and treatment services in one facility including occupational and physical therapy, audiology, speech/language pathology, psychology, and social work. The Center has been providing services to children and families since 1993, and has established an outstanding reputation within the community. This is a new cooperative agreement.

In accordance with this cooperative agreement, CDC will provide psychoeducational evaluations to approximately 65 children referred by FDLRS-South. These evaluations will be completed as per Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) procedures and will include, at a minimum, intellectual and developmental assessment, administration of hearing screening, speech and language evaluations, and adaptive assessment, with pertinent background information. If appropriate, behavior rating scales will be administered. These evaluations will be provided at no cost to FDLRS-South, or to the families. Funding for said evaluations has been provided by the Health Foundation of South Florida in the form of a one-year grant to CDC. Evaluations will be carried out over the coming year, in accordance with CDC scheduling procedures. FDLRS-South will refer families to CDC, coordinate the provision of services, and facilitate placement in M-DCPS, as appropriate. FDLRS-South and CDC will continue to develop a cooperative working relationship with the goal of providing timely assessment services to South Florida children and families.

The Medical Director of the Child Development Center is Dr. Carmen de Lerma.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with The Child Development Center, South Miami Hospital, to provide psychoeducational evaluations for preschool-age students in collaboration with FDLRS-South, from August 23, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

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