

October 10, 2001

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION, TO PROVIDE PREKINDERGARTEN SERVICES FROM OCTOBER 25, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 12, 2002**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Division of Early Childhood Programs and the Children's Home Society, Southeastern Division, have developed a cooperative agreement providing educational services for prekindergarten children from October 25, 2001 through June 12, 2002 school year.

The agreement involves commitments on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the Children's Home Society, Southeastern Division. M-DCPS will be responsible for providing an Early Intervention Prekindergarten Program, including a teacher, materials, and equipment (not including furniture), on the same basis as provided to Early Intervention Prekindergarten classes within M-DCPS. The supervision of the teacher will be provided by the Division of Early Childhood Programs. The Children's Home Society, Southeastern Division, will provide space in existing buildings for classrooms that meet state specifications, furniture, records of prekindergarten students, and notification of withdrawal of students. The program is part of the Prekindergarten Early Intervention Program, which provides related services and supervision.

Ms. Carla Penn is the Executive Director of the Children's Home Society, Southeastern Division.

No exchange of funds is required for this program.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5500, Program 8798, Object 5144, Location 9613.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Children's Home Society, Southeastern Division, to provide prekindergarten services from October 25, 2001 through June 12, 2002.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.

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