

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SPECIALIZED ADOLESCENT CENTER OF CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Specialized Adolescent Center of Children's Home Society of Florida (SAC). SAC operates a residential treatment program designed to serve adolescents, ages 13 through 18, with emotional problems in a community-based residential facility. This cooperative agreement has been in effect since 2000.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide educational services to up to 24 students placed at the facility by the Florida Department of Children and Families, District 11. In addition, M-DCPS will provide all necessary instructional materials for the students. SAC will provide classroom space, furniture, and fixtures, as well as staff to provide instructional assistance in the classroom and clinical support services. Authorization is also requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew the agreement for up to two additional one-year periods.

The Executive Director of the Specialized Adolescent Center of Children's Home Society of Florida is Ms. Carla Penn.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with the Specialized Adolescent Center of Children's Home Society of Florida, to provide educational services to exceptional students in a residential treatment program, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. renew the cooperative agreement for up to two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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