

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR FUNDING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ASSESSORS PROGRAM, PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003 ^{REVISED}

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

In February 2002, the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition issued an Invitation To Negotiate (ITN) for School Readiness Programs for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. In response to the ITN, Miami-Dade County, Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services (CDS) prepared a proposal which included Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Division of Early Childhood Programs, as a joint provider of technical services.

Personnel provided by the Division of Early Childhood Programs will serve as Curriculum Support Specialists and assessors. They will administer a pre/post test, using the Learning Accomplishment Profile Diagnostic (LAP-D) assessment instrument which will be administered to approximately 4,000 four-year-olds at CDS contracted centers and Family Child Care Homes. Other services to be provided by the Division of Early Childhood Programs will include curriculum and professional development for instructional staff in the centers and Family Child Care Homes.

Funds, in the amount of \$1,442,000, will cover salaries for one administrator, 19 Curriculum Support Specialists, one clerical position, in-county travel, and supplies.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 11, 2002, which was after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this grant allows for reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County,] ^{REVISED} Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services, in the amount not to exceed \$1,442,000, for funding the Child Development Services Assessors Program, Project Cycle: July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend this contractual agreement, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the funds and thus complete the scope of the project; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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