

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, WHEREBY THE AGENCY WILL REIMBURSE SOUTH DADE ADULT CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000, FOR DAYCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY SOUTH DADE ADULT CENTER STAFF, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY, ADULT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) district is responding to a Request for Proposals issued by Child Development Services, a division of the Metropolitan Dade County Department of Human Resources, Office of Human Development, which oversees daycare services in the county. To be eligible for funding from Child Development Services, 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 or the Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) Program; (3) the daycare center must be licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families; and (4) the daycare center must receive a compliance score of at least 85 (out of 100) when evaluated by Child Development Services or when using the standards outlined in the Child Development Assessment Tool.

The South Dade Adult Center staff estimates that approximately \$100,000 will be needed for a period not to exceed 154 days of operation, based upon the number and ages of children served. This funding will provide: food services, supplies, equipment, and salaries for part-time paraprofessionals. The daily program includes recreational, social, cultural, and educational activities. Parents will be encouraged to participate.

This contractual agreement with Child Development Services has been in effect intermittently since 1980. As has been the case in previous contracts, 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 be based ultimately upon monthly enrollments which differ according to number and age of the children.

Additional costs associated with the implementation of this program will be covered under the existing budget allocated to the school site for the 2002-2003 school year. The assistant director of the Division of Child Development Services is Mr. Donald Manning.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Child Development Services, whereby the agency will reimburse South Dade Adult Center, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for daycare services provided by South Dade Adult Center staff, effective November 23, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

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