

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR THE EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM AT LAURA C. SAUNDERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,817, FROM JULY 19, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- I - EARLY INTERVENTION**
- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The Head Start Program Performance Standards require that the Early Head Start Program provide services that are comprehensive. Head Start's commitment to wellness embraces a comprehensive vision of health for children and families. To accomplish this, a collaborative effort must be established in which all child health and developmental concerns are identified, and children and families are linked to an ongoing source of continuous, accessible care to meet their basic needs. By providing these services through Miami Children's Hospital, the school district will be in compliance with the terms of the Early Head Start grant and will be meeting all the Performance Standards established by Head Start. The grant period is from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami Children's Hospital to provide a range of health services to 30 families participating in the Early Head Start Program from July 19, 1999 through June 30, 2000. As mandated by the Head Start Program Performance Standards, these services will include the following: Early Periodic Screening and Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) needs of the uninsured/underserved Early Head Start students, health physicals, immunizations, sick care and referrals. The contractual agreement with Miami Children's Hospital is in an amount not to exceed \$29,817.

The Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Miami Children's Hospital is Barbara Duffy.

The Early Head Start Program, as approved by the School Board at its meeting of July 23, 1997, identified Miami Children's Hospital, as the collaborative agency to provide health care services to participating families. Therefore, the contract being recommended here does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item will be included under Fund 0420, Function 9100, Program 3964, Object 5310, Location 9613, in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption on July 26, 1999.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami Children's Hospital in the amount of \$29,817 for the Early Head Start Program at Laura C. Saunders Elementary School, July 19, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption on July 26, 1999.

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