

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO TRAIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS PERSONNEL TO IMPLEMENT A SIMPLIFIED POINT-OF-ENTRY SYSTEM FOR ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE SERVICES AT INDIVIDUAL AGENCY SITES TO FACILITATE FAMILY AND STUDENT PREAPPLICATION FOR THE EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICE SYSTEM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,290, FROM JULY 15, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

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

In 1998, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Division of Early Childhood Programs, received a Collaborative Partnership Project continuation grant from the Florida Department of Education in the amount of \$97,750. The purpose of this grant is to develop a preapplication system (Simplified Point-of-Entry System) that will facilitate easy access to, and consistent provision of, early education and care services for families and young children who meet the eligibility of Section 230.2305 (2), Florida Statutes. Members of the Collaborative Partnership Project include the following agencies: Miami-Dade Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services (CDS); Miami-Dade Community Action Agency, Head Start Division; Redlands Christian Migrant Association; Family Central, Inc.; Vankara Educational Center; and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Members of the Collaborative Partnership Project have completed all preliminary phases of the project such as: identification, purchase, and installation of appropriate computer technology and software necessary for program implementation; creation of a key data elements computerized data collection form to be utilized by participating child and family care providers; clarification of confidentiality and compatibility issues related to the procurement of client data; and the formation of a system whereby all agencies can exchange information regarding client applications. Final action required to fully implement the Simplified Point-of-Entry System is the training of Miami-Dade County personnel to input client information into the data-base for individual agencies.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services in an amount not to exceed \$51,290, for services to train personnel in the use of the Simplified Point-of-Entry System data collection process as specified in the Florida Department of Education Collaborative Partnership Project Grant, from July 15, 1999 through September 30, 1999

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on June 24, 1999 and recommended that an exception to the rule be granted as the Miami-Dade Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services is the sole source.

The appropriation for this item will be included under Fund 0100, Function 6400, Program 8629, Object 5310, Location 9613, in the General 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:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services to provide technical training to personnel regarding the implementation of a Simplified Point-of-Entry System, for a cost not to exceed \$51,290, from July 15, 1999 through September 30, 1999; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

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