

August 10, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CENTRAL, INC., IN COLLABORATION WITH FDLRS-SOUTH TO PROVIDE PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS, FROM AUGUST 23, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

As the State-designated administrator of subsidized child care funds for northern Miami-Dade County, Family Central, Inc., (FCI) subcontracts with more than 120 child care centers and homes throughout the northern third of the county. FCI helps to provide high quality, safe, and affordable child care for approximately 8,860 Miami-Dade County children annually and offers training and technical assistance to parents, teachers, and caregivers. The goal of this cooperative agreement is to facilitate early identification and assessment of children with special needs. This is a new cooperative agreement.

In accordance with this cooperative agreement, FCI will provide hearing, language, and vision screenings, and administer speech and language assessments to children referred to FDLRS-South. FCI will provide space for a FDLRS-South psychologist and social worker to conduct psychoeducational evaluations, social histories, and adaptive assessments.

The president and chief executive officer of Family Central, Inc., is Dr. Barbara A. Weinstein.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with Family Central, Inc., in collaboration with FDLRS-South to provide psychoeducational evaluations for preschool-age students, from August 23, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

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