

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER, INC., TO OPERATE A DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED ADOLESCENTS, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., to jointly operate a program for emotionally handicapped (EH) adolescents. The combined resources of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., have resulted in delivery of comprehensive services in a day treatment program. The program is located at Ruth Owens Kruse Educational Center and is designed to serve EH adolescents in grades seven and eight. This cooperative agreement has been in effect since 1999.

M-DCPS will provide transportation, teaching staff, materials, classroom space, furniture and fixtures, equipment, and supplies necessary for the operation of the instructional program. Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., will provide staff to provide clinical services.

The Director of Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., is Dr. Robert Nolan.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. to enter into a cooperative agreement with Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., to operate a day treatment program for emotionally handicapped adolescents, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. to renew the cooperative agreement for up to two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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