

Education
Mercedes Tournal, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH CHILDREN'S REHAB NETWORK AND JACKSON INFANT TODDLER CENTER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with the Children's Rehab Network and Jackson Infant Toddler Center to provide services to children with disabilities in Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) facilities. Students in these facilities are medically dependent and require full-time nursing supervision. These cooperative agreements have been in effect since 1995.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide itinerant teachers certified in exceptional student education to serve students with disabilities, who have complex medical needs. M-DCPS will provide the educational materials, equipment, and supplies needed to implement the goals and benchmarks on each child's Individual Educational Plan. The PPEC sites will provide the facility, nursing services and medical case management, and therapeutic services. Supervision of the program will be provided by the Division of Exceptional Student Education. Authorization is also requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew these cooperative agreements for up to two additional one-year periods.

The Executive Director of Children's Rehab Network is Ms. Barbara Capp and the President of the Public Health Trust/Jackson Memorial Hospital is Mr. Ira C. Clark.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into cooperative agreements with the Children's Rehab Network and Jackson Infant Toddler Center to provide services to children with disabilities in Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care facilities, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. renew the cooperative agreements for up to two additional one-year periods.

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