

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent
District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH NONPROFIT/FOR PROFIT AGENCIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ADJUDICATED, INCARCERATED, OR AT-RISK STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: ACTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TO BECOME OUR PARTNERS IN RAISING AND MAINTAINING HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with nonprofit/for profit agencies in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide educational and related services to adjudicated, incarcerated, or at-risk students. This agreement will be from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. In compliance with Florida Statutes 1003.51, 1003.52, 1003.53, and 1003.58, the Office of District/School Operations, Alternative Education has developed 14 cooperative agreements with governmental and private agencies. Services will be provided for the 2009-2010 school year. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has had cooperative agreements with agencies to provide services to adjudicated, incarcerated, or at-risk students since 1980.

The agreements involve commitments on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the agencies in Miami-Dade County as outlined in the cooperative agreements:

- M-DCPS will provide an educational program, including teachers, materials, and equipment on the same basis as provided to regular classes within M-DCPS. The principal of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program (EAOP) will provide the supervision of teachers.
- The designated agencies will provide classroom space in existing buildings that meet required state specifications. Additionally, the agencies will provide furniture, records of school-age students, and notification of students' discharge.

The educational component will be operated under the auspices of the EAOP. The Educational Alternative Outreach Program will provide educational and related services for students who are adjudicated by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ),

incarcerated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Miami-Dade County, reside in shelters for the abused and the neglected, require day treatment for substance abuse, or require hospitalization.

The agencies are as follows:

AGENCY	NAME	CONTACT PERSON/TITLE
Governmental	The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Miami-Dade County: Turner Guilford Knight Detention Center, and Women's Detention Center	Chief Donald Coffey
Private, Non-Profit	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. (Boystown)	Dr. Richard Turcotte, CEO
	The Center for Family & Child Enrichment, Inc. (Open Arms International)	Ms. Delores Dunn, CEO
	Here's Help, Inc. North	Mr. John Kross, CEO
	The Public Health Trust/Jackson Memorial Hospital	Ms. Helga Mayrundther, Program Director
	Miami Behavioral Health Center, Inc.	Ms. Ileana Ruiz Garcia Chief Operations Officer, Executive Director
	Miami Bridge, Inc. (North & South)	Dr. Mary J. Andrews, Executive Director
	Citrus Health Network, Inc.	Mr. Mario E. Jardon, CEO
	The Village (Boys & Girls Unit)	Ms. Sharon Crippen, Vice President
	TROY Community Academy	Judge Thomas K. Peterson, President
	Miami Children's Hospital	Ms. Aneisha Samuel
	Bay Point Schools, Inc.	Dr. Mary Louise Cole, CEO
WINGS for Life South Florida	Mr. Eric Hall, Director of Education	
Private for Profit	Group 4 Securicor Youth Services, LLC.	Dr. Gail Y. Browne, CEO

There is no cost to the District.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with the following agencies to provide educational and related services, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. There is no exchange of funds.

1. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Miami-Dade County;
2. Private, non-profit agencies: Catholic Services, Inc.; The Family & Child Enrichment, Inc.; Here's Help, Inc. North; The Public Health Trust/Jackson Memorial Hospital; Miami Behavioral Health Center, Inc.; Miami Bridge, Inc.; Citrus Health Network, Inc.; The Village; TROY Community Academy; Miami's Children's Hospital; Bay Point Schools, Inc.; WINGS for Life South Florida;
3. Private, for profit agency: Group 4 Securicor (G4S) Youth Services, LLC; and
4. Extend the cooperative agreements for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

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