

## Human Services Department COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION Children's Services Administration Section

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Mayor Barbara Sharief Broward County Governmental Center 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 421 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mayor Sharief:

As the Chair of the Children's Services Board (CSB) and pursuant to the Broward County Advisory Board Policies as revised in April 2010, The CSB would like to recommend the Broward County Board of County Commissioners' approval of the CSB's funding reallocation for the Human Services Department, Community Partnerships Division, Children's Services Administration Section contracts for the Fiscal Year 2017 at the meeting on April 17, 2017, the CSB voted to support these recommendations.

The funding reallocations will help address critical needs in our community to assist and empower parents to: develop advocacy skills; intercede on behalf of their children; help them establish eligibility for or obtain needed educational or other public/human services when applying for or when they have been denied benefits of services, and to provide Respite Care for families with children who have special needs. This action can be accomplished through the reallocation of existing dollars. Approving this action will ensure the most effective and efficient use of resources to serve the greatest number of children by providers that have a proven record of accomplishments and the CSB strongly supports these recommendations and hopes that they meet with the Commission 's approval.

Please know that the CSB recognizes all that the Broward County Commission does to iimprove the quality of life for children in our community. We greatly appreciate the Commission's steadfast support for services that adhere to high standards and lead to positive outcomes for children.

Sincerely,

Dani el J. Schevis, Chair

Broward County Children's Services Board

cc: Broward County Board of County Commissioners Bertha Henry, County Administrator