June 25, 2010

Ms. Ruth Walker
Administration for Children and Families
Atlanta Federal Center
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Dear Ms. Walker:

The Child and Family Services Annual Progress and Services Report describing Florida’s Child Welfare program initiatives, accomplishments, partnerships, and challenges is enclosed. This report represents a collaborative and dedicated “way of work” with our families, community-based care providers, Guardian ad Litem volunteers, courts, community alliances, law enforcement, mental health, substance abuse, education, health, and faith-based programs, legislators, and other committed advocacy partners. Further, it reflects the Department’s activities during the Federal Fiscal Year cycle October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

This report references the Department’s most critical and visible performance goals and objectives from its Strategic and Quality Improvement Plans. Each document reflects the Department’s mission, vision, and core values as the cornerstone of its efforts to provide the level and quality of service we would want for our own families.

The Strategic and Business Plans summarize the Department’s:

- Mission, Vision, and Core Values,
- “Critical Few” Performance Measures,
- Legislative Information,
- Budget,
- Demographic Information, and,
- Program Information, Key Mandates, Program Data.

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Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency
These foundation documents are accessible and easily viewed through the Department's web-site and are consistently referenced in outreach efforts as we are deeply committed to make our daily work a collaborative effort.

The input and support of our stakeholders and community partners is vital to our success in meeting the Department's goals and objectives. This report also highlights the communication strategies we use daily to report the details of what, why, how, when, and where we are with our efforts to make significant improvements in the lives of the children and families we serve.

We extend our appreciation for the continued and faithful support of staff and community partners who work together. It is with this support and guidance that we are able to make the enhancements and improvements needed so our children will feel safe, loved, and have a direction for their future.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

George H. Sheldon
Secretary

Enclosures

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