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Mr. George H. Sheldon
Secretary
State of Florida
Department of Children and Families
1317 Winewood Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

Thank you for your letter highlighting the achievements to date of the Florida Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project, authorized by Section 1130 of the Social Security Act, and requesting a short-term extension of the demonstration. In response to your request and in accordance with existing policy regarding extensions of waiver demonstration projects, we are pleased to grant the requested short-term extension.

Procedures for extending waiver demonstration projects are outlined in Information Memorandum ACYF-CB-IM-02-06. In accordance with those procedures, we are approving a short-term extension of your current demonstration project until July 31, 2012, the date that is four months after the due date of your final evaluation report on March 31, 2012. This short-term extension will afford you the opportunity to complete your evaluation report and financial reports and will provide us with the opportunity to review the results of your demonstration. At the conclusion of this period, a final decision will be made as to whether to extend the project for an additional five years. All other aspects of the current Terms and Conditions, including current cost-neutrality requirements and procedures, as well as the requirement to submit semi-annual progress reports, remain in effect during the period of this short-term extension.

At the time you submit the final evaluation report, we request that you also submit a letter highlighting the sections of the report that address the evaluation criteria addressed in ACYF-CB-IM-02-06. The letter should include information on whether the project was implemented as intended and met cost neutrality requirements, as well as the extent to which it achieved positive outcomes for children and families. Please also ensure that your evaluation report addresses all three evaluation components (process study, outcome study, and cost analysis) required by Section 3 of your waiver Terms and Conditions. Should you wish to propose changes to any aspects of the design of the demonstration based on your evaluation findings, please also specify the requested changes.
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We commend the State of Florida for its efforts to improve outcomes for children and families, and look forward to learning more about the results of Florida’s demonstration. Should you have any questions regarding the waiver demonstration, please feel free to contact Joseph Bock, Acting Associate Commissioner of the Children’s Bureau, at (202) 205-8618.

Sincerely,

David A. Hansell
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Children and Families

cc: Joseph J. Bock, Acting Associate Commissioner; CB