



MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Ms. Sheryl Matney
National Association of Councils on
Developmental Disabilities
1660 "L" Street Northwest, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Family Support Training Initiative – HHS – 2009 – ACF-ADD-DN-0094

Dear Sheryl:

On behalf of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) for the proposal they are submitting to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities regarding the above entitled initiative.

The focus of the NACDD's proposal is on families with children with developmental disabilities in the Hispanic/Latino community, providing education and leadership programs to increase their ability to secure both informal and formal family support services. A catalog of informal supports will also be developed with resources collected from the States and Territories, and disseminated to these families.

The GCDD has extensive experience with CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio) in providing a cultural outreach and leadership training program for families with children with developmental disabilities in the Latino community. Since 2001, more than 150 individuals have graduated from this training program.

CLUES is a community builder and well recognized throughout the state for the services it provides, all of which are based on the strengths, values, and traditions of the Latino culture, including a commitment to family. We would offer the broad base of knowledge, skills, and expertise of CLUES in further support of your work with this national effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support for your proposal.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen Wieck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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