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Happy Kids Childcare, Inc., and Ayuda, Inc.
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Re: INQ 12-72 Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Ms. Susi:

On April 2, 2012, you asked about limitations in doing business with the County through your for-profit company, Happy Kids Childcare, Inc., and a nonprofit organization you head, Ayuda, Inc. You serve as a County advisory board member on the Youth Crime Task Force.


The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(3) allows the above-reference corporations to enter into contracts with Miami-Dade County as long as the Youth Crime Task Force does not regulate, oversee, manage, set policy or exercise quasi-judicial authority over the contracts.

Additionally, you may not appear before the Youth Crime Task Force on behalf of these entities (Sec. 2-11.1 (m)(2)), and you may not vote on matters related to these entities if you would be affected by the vote (Sec. 2-11.1 (v)). Other sections of the Ethics Code may also apply, depending on the circumstances.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code only. It is not applicable to any conflicts under other sections of the County Code or to issues related to state or federal laws.

If any of the facts you have presented change or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,


VICTORIA FRIGO
Staff Attorney