



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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Myra Peterson, County Board Chair
Washington County Board of Commissioners
14949 62nd Street
Stillwater, MN 55082

Dear Commissioner Peterson:

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has approved Washington County 2010-11 Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)/Children and Community Services Act (CCSA) Biennial Service Agreement. The agreement fulfills the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.626, subdivision 4, and 256M.30. This approval does not relieve the county of its responsibilities to follow applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Changing circumstances may require modifications to the two-year agreements. When modifications are needed, DHS will inform you of any changes.

This agreement is an important tool for both counties and the state as our collaborative work continues towards the goals of economic stability for poor families under MFIP, and keeping children safe and improving their well-being under CCSA. While the agreement provides for a small part of the work of your county, contents of the agreement are used by DHS in a variety of ways, such as administrative purposes and sharing of pertinent information with other counties and tribes.

Again, congratulations on the approval of your county's Biennial Service Agreement. Thank you for your partnership in providing services to Minnesota families. If you have questions regarding this agreement, contact Paul Ramcharit at (651) 431-3877, or e-mail at paul.ramcharit@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Cal R. Ludeman
Commissioner

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