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FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER OF SOUTH FLORIDA RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Supervised visitation is almost always court ordered for families involved in the dependency court, but there are very few funding sources for this type of program that involves transport of children to visit sites and payment for

the child psychologists and Guardian Ad Litem involved in supervising. **The Family Resource Center of South Florida (FRC)**, a leading provider of child welfare services in Miami-Dade County received a \$10,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities. The grant will go toward FRC's supervised visitation program that will serve several hundred children this year.

The supervised visitation program improves the relationships of parents and their children who have been removed from the home because of an incidence or abuse or neglect. The program raises the probability of reunification between the parent and child. Program services include: instruction in child care skills, disciplinary skills, identifying potential harmful situations in advance, Supervised Visitation, Therapeutically Supervised Visitation, substance abuse treatment and providing time for families to engage in safe play and interaction. Observation and documentation is done at every visit and a report submitted to the dependency court. Dr. Oren Wunderman, executive director of the Family Resource Center said, "This financial support will help us do what we do best, which is successfully reuniting parents with their children who need some help getting back on track."