MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

1. The Texas Department of Human Services, the Texas Youth Commission, and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "agencies" adopt this memorandum of understanding (MOU) in compliance with Tex. Human Resources Code § 71.011 (Vernon 1990).

2. The law requires the agencies to develop a joint MOU to develop or expand nonresidential community contracts to help dysfunctional families in each agency’s client population. § 71.011(a). The MOU should include:

   - parent skills training;
   - coping skills training for youth, including communication, problem solving, decision making, and conflict management skills;
   - support groups for children of substance abusing and dysfunctional families, including support groups for the parents of the children; and
   - individual counseling for a limited number of crisis referrals from the support groups.

The agencies agree to award joint contract(s) that include, at a minimum, the items listed above by September 1, 1990.

3. The agencies must jointly determine the pilot counties in which the joint contract proposals are to be developed. § 71.011(c)(1).

The agencies agree to jointly determine the pilot county(ies) in which joint contract proposals will be developed. The pilot county(ies) will be identified by May 1, 1990.

4. Each agency must determine the portion of its own agency funding designated for each type of contract to serve its own clients. § 71.011(c)(2).

Each agency agrees to determine the portion of its funding to be designated for each type of contract to serve its own clients by May 1, 1990.

5. The agencies must issue joint requests for proposals to be issued for services. § 71.011(c)(3).

The agencies agree to develop a joint request for proposals to be issued by June 1, 1990.
6. The agencies must review and update the MOU by the last day of each fiscal year. § 71.011(d).

The agencies agree to meet during the month of August 1991 to review and update this MOU.

7. Each agency must adopt the MOU and any revisions by rule. § 71.011(e).

With each agency’s board approval, the agencies agree to adopt this MOU by rule by September 1, 1990. The agencies further agree to amend this MOU by rule as revisions to the MOU are made.

Signed on February 21, 1990

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Signed on 2-26-90

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