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CE: Letter of Interest for OFCF Multidisciplinary Truancy Team Pilot Program

Dear local education agency,

In the upcoming 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years, the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council will establish a pilot program for the development of multidisciplinary truancy teams in selected local school districts across Ohio. The focus of this pilot is for school districts to establish multidisciplinary teams tasked with developing a plan to address barriers to school attendance that exist for each child referred to an established team.

This pilot program is established under the authority of House Bill Number 410 of the 131st Ohio General Assembly. The pilot will direct school districts selected through an application process to present an agreed partnership between that school district and at least one of the following entities:

- The county Family and Children First Council for the county in which the district is located;
- The board of county commissioners of the county in which the district is located;
- The mayor of the municipal corporation with the largest population in which the school district is located;
- The educational service center with which the school district has a contract for services.

Based on a district's participation in this pilot for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years only, any school district or educational service center and any school located in a school district that participates in the pilot program shall be considered to have satisfied the requirements of the pertinent Ohio Revised Code sections outlined in House Bill Number 410 prescribed in division (D)(1) of section 3321.19, those prescribed in divisions (B)(1) and (C)(2)(a), (c), and (d) of section 3321.191, and the absence intervention plan implementation requirement prescribed in division (B) of section 3321.16 of the Revised Code regardless of whether it has done so, but the district, service center, or school shall retain the obligation to comply with the other divisions of those sections.

We are seeking letters of interest from those local school districts who are interested in participating in this pilot program. **These letters of interest are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017.** The letter must include 1.) a Statement of Commitment to develop a district-wide Multidisciplinary Truancy Team, 2.) a Statement of Need highlighting the need to establish such a team in the district and 3.) the identification of the agreed partnership from the four eligible partners listed above.

Please direct all questions to Chad Hibbs, Director of Ohio Family and Children First at chad.hibbs@mha.ohio.gov.

Signed letters of interest can be emailed to Chad Hibbs or they can be mailed to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Hibbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chad Hibbs, OFCF Director