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Dear Delegate Agencies and Partners:

The Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services (CYS) is consolidating Children Services Division (CDS) staff from the Garfield Human Services Center (10 S. Kedzie) and the King Human Services Center (4314 S. Cottage Grove) to CYS Central Offices (1615 West Chicago Ave.).

The department will consolidate its administrative functions to a single coordinated location in order to maintain a high level of grantee services with today's existing resources. CYS remains committed to maintaining consistent quality services to your agency. We would also like to emphasize that no changes will be made to your agency's structure as a result of this action. Grantee staff will continue to make on-site visits to your locations to provide training, technical assistance and other support services.

CYS will work diligently to ensure that during this short transition no interruption of administrative functions will adversely affect its network of delegate agencies and partners.

Resources have changed since the late 1960's when the Chicago Department of Human Services (CDHS) employed nearly 2,000 CDHS staff to provide direct as well as delegate agency services. Those changes coupled with more efficient technologies, shifting demographics, new legislation and challenges in funding has altered the landscape under which we provide our services.

When the Mayor established CYS in 2004, Chicago took a giant leap forward in providing more efficient and effective services for the City's children and youth. CYS believes that by consolidating grantee administrative functions we will create another tenet toward a viable and effective operation that continues to assure quality services are provided for Chicago's children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner  
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