James A. Harrell, Acting Commissioner Administration on Children, Youth and Families 330 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20447

Dear Mr. Harrell:

I am pleased to transmit the State of Mississippi's 2001 grant application in accordance with the Children's Justice Act. The State of Mississippi continues to meet the eligibility requirements and is in compliance with the assurances as outlined:

- a) Mississippi received the Federal Year 2000 Child Abuse and Neglect Basic State Grant and continues to comply with the requirements as stipulated in Section 106(b) of the Act.
- b) The State has maintained a state multi-disciplinary task force on children's justice.
- c) The State continues to progress in adopting recommendations of the State Task Force or comparable alternatives to such recommendations.
- d) The State will make such reports to the Secretary as may reasonable be required, including an annual report on the manner in which assistance received under this program was expended throughout the State, with particular attention focused on the areas described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of Section 107(a).
- e) The State will maintain and provide access to records relating to activities under the Children's Justice Act.

If there are questions relative to the grant application, please contact Mike Lee of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, 750 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202, telephone number (601) 359-4479.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures