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RE: Grant Application: Statewide Family Network Program, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services administration, HHS

Dear Tessie,

It is my pleasure to support the grant application submitted by Mississippi Families as Allies to the Center for Mental Health Services.

I am well aware of your organization's support services to families and of your efforts to advocate for a comprehensive community-based "System of Care" for Mississippi's children with serious mental health needs. Mississippi wants to help its children here at home. Your goal of a coordinated system of services in order to make the most efficient use of our state and federal dollars is also a goal of mine.

This kind of partnership will serve our people well.

Very truly yours,

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