



South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services

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Dear Dr. Yowell:

As Director of the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), I am responsible for oversight of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding received by South Carolina from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As the Substance Abuse Single State Authority for South Carolina, I fully support the grant application submitted by The Children's Trust of South Carolina for the Affordable Care Act Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (CDFA #93.505).

DAODAS has served as an initial planning partner for this application, and we are committed to ongoing collaboration with The Children's Trust throughout the duration of the grant. Our department can assist The Children's Trust by sharing substance abuse data (to include SAMHSA National Outcome Measures results); ensuring the provision of substance abuse services to grant participants by the county alcohol and drug abuse authorities that deliver services in every county; participating in statewide screening and referral modalities; collaborating to address Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; and participating in other collaborative ventures, such as the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and the Joint Council on Children and Adolescents.

I welcome the opportunity for ongoing collaboration with The Children's Trust as we work together to meet the goals and benchmarks of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. The success of this partnership will greatly assist our efforts to improve child well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Lee Catoe", is written over a horizontal line.

W. Lee Catoe
Director

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cc: Sue Williams, The Children's Trust of South Carolina
DAODAS Executive Management Team