

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a donation of six computers, monitors and ancillary equipment to "Interplay Child Care Center". These will be utilized to establish connections to provide an oversight of the activities and training at the center.

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Prothonotary has offered to donate to the "Interplay Child Care Center", six computers, monitors and ancillary equipment for use in cross referrals, information and resources.

WHEREAS, this equipment is no longer usable by the Prothonotary's Office and a complete list of the equipment to be donated is attached.

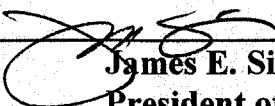
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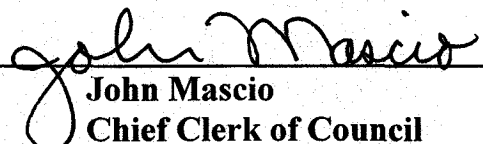
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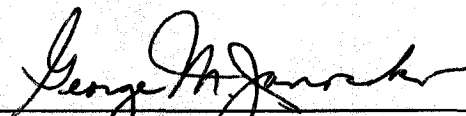
This Council hereby grants approval for the Prothonotary's Office to donate six computers, monitors and ancillary equipment to the "*Interplay Child Care Center*" for use in reference and referrals, as incorporated herein by reference. These computers are obsolete and unusable by the county.

Enacted in Council, this 22nd day of October, 2002.

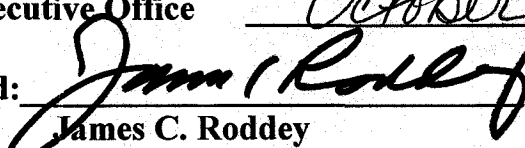
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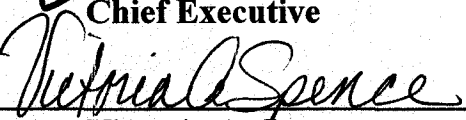

James E. Simms
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Approved as to form: 
George Janosko
Acting County Solicitor

Chief Executive Office October 30, 2002

Approved: 
James C. Roddey
Chief Executive

Attest: 
Victoria A. Spence
Executive Secretary

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COMMISSIONER

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DIVISION OF COMPUTER SERVICES

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FRANCIS M. ZOVKO
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

April 13, 1999

James McKnight
Controller's Office
212 Courthouse
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

Jim,

Attached please find a copy of the buyout agreement between Allegheny County and MFP, Inc.

This settlement was negotiated by Alan Opsitnick of the County Law Department and has been approved by the County Manager's Office.

Please review the attachments and respond to me, in writing, with your determination of fair market value of the equipment to be purchased.

Please call me (x4760), if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis M. Zovko", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Francis M. Zovko
Chief Information Officer

Attachments

Cc: Glenn M. Cannon, Esq., County Manager/COO
Alan Opsitnick, Asst. County Solicitor
Mark Roukous, Deputy Director, Budget
DCS File - MFP, Inc.



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KERRY A. FRAAS, Esq.
COUNTY SOLICITOR

April 8, 1999

MFP File

Mark Robinson, Esquire
Corporate Counsel
MFP Financial Services, Inc.

Fax (905) 855-2725

RE: Allegheny County

Dear Mark:

This is to confirm your voice mail and fax of yesterday. I am making arrangements to secure payment as soon as possible.

I am assuming that the Bill of Sale and Settlement and Release documents will indicate that the \$150,000 payment by Allegheny County to MFP will satisfy all amounts due (with the exception of the two lease schedules still ongoing) and result in Allegheny County retaining possession and acquiring ownership of all equipment under all lapsed schedules (other than the mainframe computer, which was returned in December, 1998).

Should there be any questions, please contact me. I intend to discuss with Mark Moro a buyout on the two remaining schedules. I will do this as soon as this present matter is concluded.

Sincerely,

ALLAN J. OPSITNICK
Assistant County Solicitor

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cc: Paul Leger, Assistant County Manager
Francis M. Zovko, Chief Information Officer
George M. Janocsko, Assistant County Solicitor
Dan Riley, Computer Services
Mark Moro, MFP Financial Services (by fax)



April 6, 1999

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

BY FACSIMILE

Mr. Allan J. Opsitnick
Assistant County Solicitor
County of Allegheny
300 Fort Pitt Commons Bldg.
445 Fort Pitt Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA
15218

Dear Allan:

Re: Buy-Out of Lease Schedules 1, 7-14, 16-19, 21 and 22

I am writing at this time in order to advise you that MFP has accepted your offer, communicated during our telephone call of earlier today, of \$150,000 U.S. as the purchase price for the equipment leased to you by MFP listed on lease schedules 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 and as payment of any amounts owing in respect of schedule 12. We will forward a draft bill of sale to you shortly for your review. Please advise me as to which date you can have a cheque for the full amount available. With respect to a buy-out of the other lease schedules with MFP, I would suggest that you contact Mark Moro ((315) 479-9399) directly to discuss matters.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Robinson', is written over a light background.

Mark Robinson
Corporate Counsel

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cc. Michael Flanagan – Senior Vice President, Trading &
Asset Management – MFP Financial Services Inc.

Mark Moro – MFP Financial Services Inc.

Francis M. Zovko – Manager, Computer Services
County of Allegheny

MFP Leases by Schedule and Associated Detail

Sched	Department	Equipment	Mo. Pay	Exp Date	Mo. Owed	1997	# mos	1998	# mos	1999	# mos	2000	# mos	Total Owed	Estimated Current Value	Total
1	Jury Commissioner	11 PCs, 3 Ppts, 1 File	1,670	Dec-97	7	11,690	7							11,690	8,100	19,790
2	Prothonotary	Server	3,250	Oct-97	7	22,750	7							22,750	-	22,750
3	Paid	Software	-		0									-	-	-
4	DCS/Telephones	2997 phones; 23 KSUs, Kane consoles	11,060	Jun-00	38	88,480	8	132,720	12	132,720	12	66,360	6	420,280	208,754	629,034
5	DCS/Oracle	Software	13,840	Feb-98	11	124,560	9	27,680	2					152,240	-	152,240
6	DCS/Telephones	Telephones	598	Feb-00	0									-	-	-
7	Commissioners	36 PCs/Laser Jets	1,115	Feb-98	12	11,150	10	2,230	2					13,380	9,060	22,440
8	Prothonotary	61 PCs/Monitors	4,613	Jun-98	14	36,904	8	27,678	6					64,582	26,846	91,428
9	Human Resources	1 PC/Laser Jet	177	Jun-98	10	708	4	1,062	6					1,770	1,100	2,870
10	DCS/Training Rm	14 PCs	937	May-98	13	7,496	8	4,685	5					12,181	13,050	25,231
11	Register of Wills	8 PCs, 2 Laser Jets	848	Jun-98	11	4,240	5	5,088	6					9,328	8,300	17,628
12	DCS/Mainframe	Mainframe	313,705		1	123,480	1	190,223	1					313,705	175,000	488,705
13	DCS/GIS	3 PCs	875	Sep-98	17	7,000	8	7,875	9					14,875	2,850	17,725
14	Public Works	40 PCs	2,648	Jul-98	21	37,072	14	18,536	7					55,608	25,300	80,908
15	DCS/Telephones	1638 phones (11 types); 42 KSU (3 types)	7,679	Dec-00	45	69,111	9	92,148	12	92,148	12	92,148	12	345,555	127,418	472,973
16	County Mgr.	10 PCs	746	Sep-98	17	5,968	8	6,714	9					12,682	9,000	21,682
17	Register of Wills	21 PCs	1,561	Sep-98	14	7,805	5	14,049	9					21,854	18,900	40,754
18	Courts	1 Digital Terminal	618	Sep-98	17	4,944	8	5,562	9					10,506	1,300	11,806
19	Prothonotary	30 PCs	2,236	Oct-98	16	13,418	6	22,360	10					35,778	27,000	62,778
20	DCS/Mainframe Maint.	Maintenance	2,640	Jun-98	14	21,120	8	15,840	6					36,960	-	36,960
21	Transition Team	8 PCs, 3 Laser Jets	805	Dec-98	20	6,440	8	9,660	12					16,100	6,200	22,300
22	Aviation	12 PCs	992	Dec-98	21	8,928	9	11,904	12	224,868		158,508		1,592,654	676,628	2,269,282
Total Offering with MFP: 2,121,709						613,262		596,016				979,392			529,055 (Offered Buyout)	

MFP Leases
By Year
JEH



October 6, 1998

Mr. Francis M. Zovko
Director
County of Allegheny
621 County Office Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2952

Via Telecopy # 412-350-4754

Dear Fran,

The following represents the buyouts on the computer schedules under lease from MFP. These are effective 9/30/98.

<u>Schedule #</u>	<u>Buyout Amt.</u>
1	\$20,555
7.	16,450
8.	33,664
9.	1,519
10.	8,234
11.	6,819
12.	\$37,621.25 due 7/98, 8/98, 9/98, 10/98
13.	1,095
14.	15,296
16.	2,650
17.	7,035
18.	1,900
19.	19,381
21.	8,199
22.	9,750

Please call me with any questions at 315-479-9399.

Mark J. Moro Regional Sales Manager

APPENDIX "A"

To Equipment Schedule No. 8113-8
Between MFP Technology Services Inc.
and
County of Allegheny

EQUIPMENT - DESCRIPTION				
QUANTITY	MODEL & DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NUMBER(S)		
EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE FUTURE NOW:				
61	MODEL 173500-004, COMPAQ DESKPRO 575, 420/W, 75 MHZ PENTIUM PROCESSOR	800	16840	
122	MODEL KTCPNP/4 4MB MEMORY MODULE			
61	MODEL 210586601 SVGA COLOR MONITOR , 14"	100	6100	

INITIALLED:

MFP Technology Services Inc.

County of Allegheny

APPENDIX "A"

To Equipment Schedule No. 8113-19
Between MFP Technology Services Inc.
and
County of Allegheny

EQUIPMENT - DESCRIPTION

QUANTITY	MODEL & DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NUMBER(S)
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SUPPLIED BY THE FUTURE NOW:

30	173500-006 COMPAQ DESKPRO 575 420/CDS, 75 MHZ PENTIUM PROCESSOR	860
60	172712-001 4MB MEMORY MODULE 70 NS (NON-PARITY) FOR DESKPRO 575	(24,000)
30	210506-601 SVGA COLOR MONITOR 100	(3,000)

INITIALLED:

MFP Technology Services Inc.

County of Allegheny

I. Narrative

A. Introduction

Interplay Child Care Center is a pioneering model for childcare services which encourages healthy scenarios for all children regardless of physical, mental, or emotional ability. This model addresses traditional and therapeutic needs within the same center and promotes interactivity and understanding for all children regardless of ability or circumstance. The directors of Interplay recognize that inclusiveness means more than building a ramp; it means a completely integrated approach.

Interplay fosters an environment of tolerance and understanding, respect and responsibility, and explores the potential within each child to discover and learn the basic tenets of human character: compassion and knowledge, joy and acceptance. At Interplay there are no barriers, just possibilities. Children are not segregated as "disabled" or by their disabilities. Interplay provides a unique opportunity for children at a very young age to see their peers as reflections of their own selves with similar needs, feelings, hopes, and dreams – not as disabled or handicapped, simply as other children.

Interplay is open from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and accepts children ages six weeks to pre-kindergarten with after school programs for youth. The center employs a special education and early childhood development specialist, a fully accredited staff, qualified childhood development volunteers, and is licensed by the Commonwealth. Full pay and subsidized applicants are accepted. Social stature, physical or emotional limitation, and economic viability are not factors. The need for quality childcare is the only pre-requisite for applicants.

B. Background and Significance

In the childcare service industry demand greatly outpaces supply. In addition, a lack of childcare centers that can accommodate all children regardless of physical and emotional limitation makes it apparent that Interplay has found a dual niche in the industry. Less than one third of all children with disabilities are currently enrolled in an "inclusive" childcare environment which fosters interaction between all children regardless of physical or emotional limitations. An overall shortage of childcare facilities in the Pittsburgh region makes Interplay Child Care Center a model whose time has come.

In the immediate region surrounding the Interplay location, there are nearly 7,000 children aged 0-14. Nearly 50% of all families with children will seek professional childcare services rather than alternate arrangements with parents, friends, relatives, or in-house nannies. As such, it can be reasonably assumed that within 10 miles of the Interplay center, there are potentially 3,500 applicants for 100 full time roster spots.

Interplay is located in the Woodland Hills school district, the second largest in the county. This district also has the largest population of children with special needs who are integrated into traditional classrooms. However, there is currently no after school program available to these children. Interplay can fill that gap as well.

D. Project Description

At Interplay Child Care Center inclusiveness is not a one-time project; it is the overarching philosophy of the center. Funds are requested to support its hands-on approach to improving the inclusiveness of childcare services countywide.

Within Allegheny County, 10% of children are diagnosed with a disability. Additionally, 17% of the total population is identified as minorities, and 14%-18% fall below the established poverty line (\$18,500/year for a family of five). The referral base for the Center is the entire county, and

it is reasonable to assume that children using the Center will be representative of the county population. Although the Center accommodates children up to age six for day care and up to age 12 for after school programs, acceptance is based on developmental age (independently diagnosed) thereby offering additional options for parents of older children with certain disabilities.

At all times, caregivers sustain an inclusive environment that entertains and challenges each child. The environment is conducive and accessible to all children, and special provisions are made for children with special needs up to and including the staffing of special education and child development specialists. Interplay also provides both after school, after care programs for older children as well as a summer and school break program for infants and children that parents can rely on to provide constant, careful supervision in an interactive and entertaining environment.

E. Action Plan

The first step in our action plan is to hire and train staff members who will be instructed in our inclusive philosophy. The Therapeutic Director and Traditional Director have been hired (see Personnel section for a description of credentials) and will participate in staff recruitment and training. All Interplay staff are required to attend on-site training and additional programs offered throughout the community. The focus of on-site training is the philosophy of inclusiveness and the importance of providing more than just "childcare" – community integration is paramount. The primary goal is to give staff a sense of normalcy – to help them understand that while accommodations must often be made for a disability on the outside, the human inside the disabled body still has the same hopes, dreams, and aspirations of anyone else and should be treated that way.

The Interplay philosophy on public education is a traditional grass roots concept – find the organizations and agencies that serve the population to be reached and make a connection. This is the second step in our action plan. Through Interplay's collaboration with the Center for Creative Play, the initial steps have been taken to establish a network of agencies and individuals who regularly interact with special needs children and their families. The Center for Creative Play is a unique family resource in Pittsburgh that offers respite care of disabled children allowing parents and other caregivers time off to attend to personal needs. The Center for Creative Play and Interplay Child Care Center are located in the same building allowing for cross referrals and the sharing of information and resources.

In addition to this collaboration, strong relationships have been established with the Children's Advocacy Center of UPMC-Children's Hospital, United Cerebral Palsy, and the National Autism Society. Future collaborations will be developed with:

- ARC Allegheny
- The Children's Institute of UPMC – a rehabilitation facility located within five miles of Interplay
- The Watson Institute – a rehabilitation facility located outside the city limits
- Local obstetrician/gynecologist practices who often provide prenatal testing and know when a special needs child will be coming into the world
- Social service agencies – CYF, Family Links, Family Resources, Mosaic to name a few
- School districts – those in the immediate vicinity like Woodland Hills, Wilkinsburg, and the City of Pittsburgh as well as other districts throughout the county
- Parent support groups such as Project Star which provides support to parents with disabilities
- Base service units like the Youth Advocate Program (YAP)
- Churches – which are often the "glue" that holds communities and families together

These collaborations will be developed through already established connections and through an aggressive direct mail campaign. Representatives, parents, families, and physicians will be invited to attend a series of open houses at Interplay to see the facility and learn more about the inclusive philosophy of the center. This will be the third step in our process.

The fourth step will be on-site training sessions for parents, siblings, grandparents, and anyone who provides care or interacts with the child. It is important that these individuals embrace the concept of inclusiveness and practice it in their daily lives. Children are born blank slates and have no preconceived notions; they are generally accepting of others. They often learn prejudices and behaviors from their parents; therefore, it is critical that everyone learn – or in some cases – relearn behaviors. The absence of an institutional environment can facilitate this process.

On-site training will be provided to all representatives of collaborating institutions and local agencies. A long-range goal is to provide "train the trainer" as well as "train the parents, sibling, and grandparents" sessions so that these individuals can go back to their respective agencies and family groups and provide additional education. These individuals can be seen as the spokes in the wheel, and as more people are trained the ripple effect can be immeasurable.

Finally, in addition to this grass roots approach, an aggressive media campaign including paid advertising, billboards, and public service announcements will be undertaken to alert the community of our presence. With help from a local sports hero, we also plan to produce a video that can be shown on local cable access channels and anywhere there is a monitor and a VCR.

The following chart provides a summary of our public education activities:

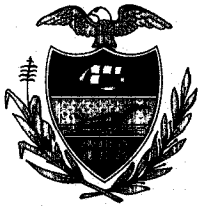
Activity	Time Frame	Responsible Personnel	Expected Outcomes
Recruit and hire staff	January-February, 2002	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director	Center fully staffed by February 28, 2002
Provide on-site staff training	March, 2002	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director	Staff fully trained by March 31, 2002
Develop additional collaborations	January-March, 2002	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director, Board of Directors	Establishment of a far-reaching network of agencies, organizations, and individuals who know of the Center and can use it as a resource
Hold series of open houses for community representatives and families	May-August, 2002	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director, Board of Directors	At least 250 individuals will come through the center
On-site family training	April-August, 2002	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director, External Specialists	At least 100 parents and 25-40 other family members trained by August 30, 2002
On-site training for collaborators	June-August, 2002	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director, External Specialists	At least 150 collaborators trained by August 30, 2002

Media Campaign	Ongoing	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director, Board of Directors	Growing awareness in community of the Center, its philosophy, and its availability as a resource
Educational Video	September, 2002	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director, Sports Figure	Ability to reach broader audience with message
"Train the Trainer" sessions	January-April, 2003	Executive Director, Therapeutic Director, Traditional Director, External Specialists	At least 50 community representatives trained

Interplay Child Care Center acknowledges that the Council's Committee for Building Inclusive Communities will provide oversight for all of our activities and anticipate that the Council's consultants can provide assistance with training activities. In addition, the center is willing to work with the grantees under the Council's Evaluation, Communications/Publications, Minority Outreach, and Policy Information Exchange Objectives funded under separate RFPs. Interplay will be cooperative if approached by these agencies and will involve the project officer in all interactions.

Interplay may eventually have a presence at local job fairs and child related events in a "trade show" capacity, both to educate the public on how a new model of childcare can be the standard by which all others are measured, and to consistently keep a keen eye out for the best childcare talent in the region.

Finally, Interplay will seek accreditation from Medicare and Medicaid that will enable the center to provide on-site occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy. In the short-term these services will be sub-contracted; in the long-term the center will hire its own staff. This will relieve the burden of the state which will no longer need to pay for services and out-of-pocket expenses as well as for the parents who will not be required to leave work or school to transport their children to off-site locations for these services.



MICHAEL E. LAMB
PROTHONOTARY

**OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY
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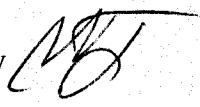
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SOLICITOR

MEMO

TO: John Mascio-Chief Clerk

FROM: Michael Lamb-Prothonotary
Eric Feder-Chief Deputy Prothonotary 

DATE: October 3, 2002

RE: Donation of computers

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Attached is the Ordinance requesting donations of unused computer equipment to be donated to "Interplay Child Care Center".

This request is being submitted by the Prothonotary's Office. Please place this on the next agenda for County Council approval.