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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

In an effort to provide infants and their families in Bedford Stuyvesant with a seamless system of care that pursues the five outcomes of the Systems of Care – maltreatment prevention, placement prevention, placement reduction, expeditious care discharges, prevention of care replacements and well being - this MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MOA”) dated this ____ day of _____, 2006 is agreed upon by the Administration for Children Services (“ACS”), with offices at 150 William Street, New York 10038 and the _____, with offices at _____

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the ACS and CWOP wish to act in a spirit of mutual cooperation and strengthen their efforts to ensure that all infants and their families within the community of Bedford-Stuyvesant have access to a seamless system of care appropriate to their needs.

NOW THEREFORE,

- 1 CWOP becomes an official member of The CRADLE in Bedford Stuyvesant:
A systems of care initiative and agrees to
 - a. Share information with ACS and other community providers, within the boundaries allowed by confidentiality regulations.
 - b. Representation at CRADLE monthly steering committee meetings.
 - c. Utilize the training, technical assistance resources and infrastructure enhancing supports offered by The CRADLE to enhance the standards of care.
 - d. Provide consumers with professional and courteous services delivered in an individualized and strength-based manner as reflected in The CRADLE principles.
 - e. Participate in the project evaluation.
- 2 The Term of Performance for this MOA shall be a 12 month period from _____ to _____ and shall be automatically renewed unless terminated.
- 3 This MOA may be modified through the mutual written consent of both parties.
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 - a. That CWOP is your primary resource for parent engagement and training, and that alternative models that devalue parents' competence and expertise, or minimize their autonomy, are not acceptable
 - b. That those local parents who have already proved their commitment to CRADLE as volunteers will be among the first considered for employment through CWOP

c. That our primary deliverable is to replicate a cycle of our Parent Leadership Curriculum in Bedford Stuyvesant, according to the specifications discussed and distributed in the last CRADLE meeting

d. That CWOP Parent Leadership trainees will function as fully-vested participants in all CRADLE planning and evaluation activities during the course of their training, and upon graduation, some will be hired as Parent Advocates by CRADLE members, and / or offered seats on their Boards of Directors.

Either party shall have the right to terminate this MOA for any reason upon written notification to the other party.

Agency / Company Name

Name & Title

Signature

Date

THE ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ACS),
THE CRADLE

Anne Williams-Isom,
Special Counsel /
Associate Commissioner

Date