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County will assist Auditors

Cincinnati, Ohio. Today the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the state auditor announced plans to conduct a special audit of the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services. An earlier audit of HCJFS raised questions about accounting practices that involved charging foster care expenses to federal programs. Some of these questions relate to practices in place since the 1990s.

HCJFS has been fully cooperating with state authorities on the first audit for the past several months and will continue to cooperate with any future audit. "In addition, we promptly stopped the questioned practices and asked that certain federal money be withheld from the agency until the issues are resolved," said HCJFS director Suzanne Burke.

It appears that HCJFS may have received more federal money to serve troubled youth, through agencies such as Talbert House and Hillcrest School for Youth, than the agency is entitled to. "If this is the case, HCJFS is prepared to return funds to the federal government," said Hamilton County Administrator David Krings.

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