

# APPENDIX



**Maryland's Human Services Agency**

Department of Human Resources | Larry Hogan, Governor | Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor | Sam Malhotra, Secretary

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Health Care for Children and Youth in Foster Care Chapter Project  
Division of Developmental Pediatrics and Preventive Services  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
141 Northwest Point Blvd.  
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Dear Ms. Jarrett:

Please accept this letter as evidence of my strongest support for Dr. Lane's application for funding from the American Academy of Pediatrics for the Health Care for Children and Youth in Foster Care Project. The Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) is eager to implement a new data management system that will enable us to better track health care needs and services for children and youth in foster care.

In order for this new data management system to effectively track health care needs and services, we will need to determine how best to obtain and share information with health care providers. The focus groups proposed by Drs. Lane and Dodge will enable us to seek advice and input from health care providers on how this might be done in a manner that is minimally disruptive to practice operations for both healthcare providers and DHR.

As a partner in this project, Maryland DHR will work with Dr. Lane and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to develop focus group questions and attend focus group sessions.

Funding from the American Academy of Pediatrics will be invaluable to improving communication of health care information between DHR and health care providers. I hope that you will give strong consideration to this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Jones Gaston'.

Rebecca Jones Gaston, MSW  
Acting Executive Director  
Social Services Administration

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