Interagency Agreement Micah's Place, Inc. AND

Family Matters of Nassau County of North Florida

I. PURPOSE

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This agreement is established between Family Matters of Nassau County and Micah's Place, Inc. with the goal of providing services for victims of domestic violence in Nassau County. When Micah's Place and Family Matters of Nassau County are both providing services to a given family, each agency will support each other's role through collaborative planning for prevention and early intervention of child abuse and negelect.

II. Background on Micah's Place, Inc.

Micah's Place, Inc. agrees to provide the following services: Safe emergency shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence.

Family Matters of Nassau County of North Florida agrees to provide the following services for domestic violence victims:

Refer domestic violence victims to Micah's Place for intervention services and needs assessment.

III. Mutual Responsibilities

- A. Should Micah's Place and Family Matters of Nassau County provide services to a family at the same time, both agencies will be mutually responsible for maintaining coordination of services to the family and maintaining routine contact to discuss the family's progress as long as both agencies serve the family. Both agencies agree to participate in periodic staffings (with family participation when appropriate) to discuss progress of the family and to support each agency's role in working with the family. On an individual case basis, both agencies may develop a written agreement outlining specific roles each may play in providing services to the family.
- B. To facilitate communication between Micah's Place and Family Matters of Nassau County, each agency will designate a liaison for contact.
- C. Micah's Place and Family Matters of Nassau County agree to respect the confidentiality of the family. Information may be shared between the agencies if the agency providing the information has a signed Consent for Release of Information form from the family.
- D. Micah's Place and Family Matters of Nassau County will provide ongoing training about their programs to one another as the need arises.

E. Micah's Place and Family Matters of Nassau County will share training opportunities that may enhance the knowledge or skills of staff from Micah's Place and Family Matters of Nassau County.

This agreement is entered into by both parties for the purpose of providing unduplicated quality services to victims of domestic violence. This agreement may be revised by written mutual agreement of both parties and will be renegotiated on or before December 1, 2007.

I FULLY AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS CONTRACT.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORN MICHAELS, MULL

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