From: Davis, Felicia
To: Irving, Toni
Cc: Juliana Stratton (Justice Advisory Council)
Subject: FW: Need your help - funding cut
Date: Monday, September 17, 2012 2:32:09 PM
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Toni,
This is a huge priority for our schools. Now is not the time to cut back on funding with our youth violence rates going up. This reduces services available to students in 18 of Chicago's highest risk communities by ~$4.5M per year. This provided evidence based CBT interventions to more than 2100 Chicago students last year (end in June, 2012). This decision effectively reduces capacity in the City of Chicago by 50% as violence is increasing.

Please help me advocate for restored funding for this program.

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From: Shaw, Barbara [mailto:Barbara.Shaw@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 3:33 PM
Subject: Message to SBC Community
Importance: High

Dear NRI SBC Community,

I'm am very sad to tell you that at a meeting of NRI Lead Agencies this morning , the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) announced that among the many changes in the NRI Program resulting from significant funding cuts, the Safety Net Works Program and the School Based Counseling components of NRI will not be continued after October 31st. Jack Cutrone, ICJIA Executive Director, indicated that part of the SBC decision was based on CPS and other districts having some level of existing counseling capacity within the schools.

I am sorry for all staff affected by this announcement and for all the children and youth who won't have the benefit of SBC services. These services will be sorely missed by the children, schools and communities that NRI has served.

All of you, the Lurie training team, the project coordinators and the SBC clinicians have all made an enormous contribution to the field of school-based counseling and trauma-informed behavioral support. IVPA is truly appreciative and grateful, and we hope that there will be future opportunities for all who have been involved in SBC to build on the skills and experiences you had through NRI.

Thank you for all you have contributed to children, schools and communities. It has

been an enormous pleasure working with you.

Best Regards,
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Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest.
-Mark Twain

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