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Could I get a ruling on this? they'll do whatever is proper but wanting to make sure. thanks in advance.

**From:** [Office of Senator Saxby Chambliss]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2009 3:51 PM  
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The FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Acts included \$100,000 in the Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grant program for the Marcus Institute to provide remediation for the potential consequences of childhood abuse and neglect in Atlanta, Georgia. This funding was added at my request.

The Marcus Institute has now joined forces with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta with a new name and mission: Marcus Autism Center is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to provide information, services and programs to children with autism and related disorders, their families and those who live and work with them. Marcus offers integrated advanced clinical, behavioral, education and family support services through a single organization to reduce the stress for families that use our services. In the transition of the Marcus Institute to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, two programs formerly housed at the Marcus Institute moved to Georgia State University's College of Health and Human Sciences. These two programs created the Center for Healthy Development at Georgia State University led by John Lutzker, Ph.D., former Executive Director of the Marcus Institute.

Senator Chambliss is requesting that the above mentioned funding be re-obligated to Georgia State University's Center for Healthy Development where the program has been moved.

Georgia State University will use the FY2009 funding for its original purpose: to reduce child maltreatment in Georgia using the SafeCare® model. FY2009 funding will be used to provide services for children and their families and organizations that work with them in order to prevent delinquency and interactions with the justice system. Target populations are: (1) children in families who have a history of or are at high risk for child maltreatment and (2) children with or at risk for challenging behaviors. Both maltreatment and a history of challenging behaviors place children at increased risk for subsequent delinquency; early intervention will reduce this risk.

Please let me know how we need to proceed. My direct line is [text omitted] if you have any questions.

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Legislative Director  
Senator Chambliss (GA)  
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