DATE:    July 9, 2009

TO:       George H. Sheldon
          Secretary

FROM:     Sheryl G. Steckler
          Inspector General

SUBJECT:  Six-Month Status Report for Auditor General Report No. 2009-095

In accordance with Section 20.055(5)(g), Florida Statutes, enclosed is our six-month status report on Auditor General Report No. 2009-095, "Department of Children and Family Services - Community-Based Care Pilot Program - Fiscal and Administrative Monitoring, Operational Audit." The report shows a summary of the audit results, the Auditor General's recommendation, and the Department's status and comments, taken from representations made by management.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Enclosures

cc: Kathy DuBose, Staff Director, Joint Legislative Auditing Committee
Six-Month Status Report
Department of Children and Family Services
Community-Based Care Pilot Program
Fiscal and Administrative Monitoring
Operational Audit

PURPOSE
The purpose of this report is to provide a written response to the Secretary on the status of corrective actions taken six months after the Auditor General published Report No. 2009-095, "Department of Children and Family Services – Community-Based Care Pilot Program – Fiscal and Administrative Monitoring, Operational Audit."

REPORT FINDINGS, COMMENTS & STATUS
The Auditor General's follow-up evaluation of the pilot program addressed two questions. The audit results disclosed that, for the first question, the fiscal and administrative monitoring approach authorized under the pilot program continued to meet the requirements of the Department and the lead agencies. The audit results for the second question, "To what extent have the recommendations in audit report No. 2008-072 been implemented?" resulted in the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION: Should the Department pursue the engagement of a contractor to perform the fiscal and administrative monitoring, we continue to recommend that the selection be accomplished using competitive means.

Status (per Administrative Services staff): Ongoing
The Department extended the current contract with Abel and Associates for six months through December 2009. The Department has not made a final determination as to the future of this activity. If the function is outsourced, the procurement will be conducted competitively.