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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

JEFFREY DAVIS,

Petitioner,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILY SERVICES,
(DISTRICT 11)

Respondent.

CASE NO. 01-1711

RENDITION NO. DCF-02-019-FO
(Denial of DD Services)

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**FINAL ORDER ADOPTING RECOMMENDED ORDER DENYING ELIGIBILITY FOR
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM SERVICES**


THIS CAUSE is before me as the result of a Recommended Order that was issued by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who had been assigned to hear the case by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The facts of the case reveal that Petitioner, although suffering from autism and likely to be able to profit from the services offered through the Developmental Disabilities Program of the Department, does not meet the legislatively-mandated criteria for receiving such services. He is therefore ineligible for enrollment in the program.

After hearing all the evidence, the ALJ found that Petitioner's disability did not meet the criteria for receipt of Developmental Disability Program services, although it is likely that he would profit from such services if he were able to receive them. I concur.

The Recommended Order is attached to and incorporated herein by reference. I adopt its findings of fact and conclusions of law.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the application of Petitioner for enrollment in the Developmental Disabilities Program is **denied** in Case No. 01-1711.

DONE and ORDERED this 15th day of January, 2002, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.


KATHLEEN A. KEARNEY, Secretary
Department of Children and Family Services

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and copy of the foregoing FINAL ORDER has been sent by U.S. Mail or by hand delivery to each of the persons named above on this 18th day

of January, 2002.



Peggy Sanford, Agency Clerk
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