




Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Jim Gray  
Mayor

Beth Mills  
Commissioner

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Jim Gray  
Members of the Council

**FROM:**   
Beth Mills, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

**DATE:** April 18, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Accreditation Agreement – Council on Accreditation

Requesting Council approval to enter into an Accreditation Agreement with the Council on Accreditation (“COA”). Reaccreditation through COA is required every four years, and the Department of Social Services has been accredited continuously since the early 1980s. This affiliation ensures that the Department implements best practices, may provide an advantage in applying for grant funding, and allows the Department to benchmark itself with other innovative social service programs across the country.

Reaccreditation fees total \$16,245; this is a fully funded expense in the FY12 budget.