## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 98-673-CIV-FERGUSON

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SHELYNDRA BROWN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

MEMORANDUM ON MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION

LAWTON CHILES, et al...

Defendants.

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification [D.E. 42]. Having considered the motion, response, arguments of counsel, and pertinent portions of the record, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Motion will be GRANTED. The plaintiffs are to prepare a proposed order certifying the class in this case as "all persons who on or after January 1, 1998 have resided, are residing or will reside at the DSIs, including all persons who have been transferred from DSIs to other settings, such as intermediate care facilities, group homes or skilled nursing facilities but remain defendants' responsibility; and all persons at risk of being sent to DSIs." This proposed order, including findings of fact and conclusions of law, shall be submitted by March 17, 1999. The defendants are to submit any objections to the proposed order by March 22, 1999.

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ENTERED in Chambers at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, this

day of March, 1999.

WILKIE D. FERGUSON, JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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