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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today:

"I want to thank the Attorney General for recognizing our recent efforts to hire 47 new social workers at the Department of Human Services to protect the children of Mississippi. However, we still must work to address the shortfall in funding for the FY 2003 Department of Human Services overall budget."

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