

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers



Quarterly Report
June 22-23, 2010



Mission

Florida's early intervention system, through collaborative community partnerships and investments, ensures infants and toddlers with special needs and their families achieve their full potential in the context of everyday relationships, activities and places.

New Mission Statement?

- Early Steps: Helping Families Help Their Child
- Early Steps – Empowering Families, One Step at a Time

Developmental Disabilities Council

Early Steps Sustainability Project

- Bimonthly Project Advisory Board calls
- Monthly Project Stakeholder conference calls
- Face-to-face Project Stakeholder meeting in October
- 5 Strategy Groups will develop recommendations within their assigned topic
- Plan to be received December 2010

Developmental Disabilities Council

Early Steps Sustainability Project

- 2 Project Advisory Board conference calls
(March 25 and June 3)
- 2 meeting of Project Stakeholders
(Face to face May 19) (Call June 15)
- Completed LES Survey
- Conducting Interviews and Focus Groups
with providers, LESs, families,
and community stakeholder
- Gathering info from 11 other states

Strategy Groups

- Recruitment and Retention of Providers
- Eligibility
- Systems of Service
- Corporate and Foundation Involvement, Public Policy and Funding Streams
- Cost Efficiencies

Possible Outline of Plan

- Executive Summary
 - Advisory Group Membership
 - Research Methodology
 - Findings of Specific Analyses
 - Strategic Plan
 - Goals
 - Objectives
 - Action Steps
 - Persons Responsible
 - Evaluative Feedback Loop
 - Timeline
 - Resources and Budget for Implementation

Early Steps

Eligibility Change Committee

- Committee agreed that OSEP approved eligibility changes take effect July 1 based on preliminary review of BDI2 Outcome scores showing potential 1/3 reduction in enrollment
- More specific data has been / continues to be collected to determine more accurate estimate of enrollment changes
- Additional adjustments to eligibility might be required to sustain the program
- Next call on July 14

When you are through changing,
you are through.

Bruce Barton

Training Unit

- Kathy Reese retired after working with Early Steps for 11 years, 8 months – we wish her well in her new adventure
- Staff working on many training initiatives

Autism Spectrum Disorder Training

- Dr. Amy Wetherby (FSU) - new proposal for web-based training tool to support train-the-trainer model for increasing capacity of providers to serve kids in Autism Spectrum
- Tennessee Early Intervention System has not yet received approval for our collaborative venture
- Proposal modified to split the project into 2 phases which includes the development of 5 modules in the first phase and 4 in the second, if and when additional funds are available

EW Bryant and Associates

Training Contract

- Resources to be developed
 - Online web-based modules
 - Stand alone DVDs with participant guides
- Project Advisory Teams (PAT) identified for 3 of the 5 content areas below, for guidance and support in training material development
 - IFSP child outcomes (developing outcomes that are meaningful to families)
 - Cultural awareness (impact of cultural diversity on service delivery in natural environments)
 - Orientation for new directors/coordinators
 - Update ITDS training modules
 - Transition at three

Early Steps Statewide Meetings

- Combined meeting:
Directors and Coordinators Statewide Meeting
and Service Coordinators Statewide Meeting
- Orlando, September 29 - October 1,
piggy-backing FICCIT meeting
- Conference will address needs of both service coordinators and directors and will include time for both groups to be together

Pilot Project: Tools for Early Steps Teams (TEST)

- Collaborative partnership with University of Florida faculty and North Central LES
- Focused on implementation of teaming within a *Primary Service Provider Approach* and successful implementation of the IFSP
- Completion date June 2011

Provider Recruiter Contract

- Contract with *Five Points Technology Group* is executed and moving forward
- All LESs contacted / recruitment process begun
- Job description can include provider recruitment and retention, marketing development, and public relations, conducting a needs assessment, provider education on the PSP model, community resource development, and pre-screening of virtual school applicants

ITDS Virtual School Update

- ARRA support enrollment of 40 students in the ITDS Virtual School Tuition Reimbursement Project.
- 7 participating universities: Florida Gulf Coast University; Florida International University; Florida Atlantic University; University of Central Florida; University of Florida; University of North Florida; University of West Florida.
- Enrollment updates will be provided by Lori Romano and Julie Crosby.

Service Coordinator Apprenticeship Training

- Name changed from *Service Coordinator Core Training Modules*
- Training will be ready to pilot at 2 sites beginning August 2010
- After pilot, six one day train-the-trainer sessions will take place at 6 different locations (TBD)

New Eligibility Webinar

- Eligibility Change Committee submitting points to provide clear direction for implementation of the new eligibility criteria
- Training Unit will put together training in collaboration with Policy Unit

Policy Unit

- OSEP approved, revised policy posted to Early Steps website in preparation for July 1, 2010 implementation

http://www.cms-kids.com/home/resources/es_policy_0710/es_policy.html

- Policy Unit provided overview Webinars of policy changes for Local Early Steps/stakeholders
- Collaborating with Training Unit for training on Eligibility Change

Performance Improvement

- Revision to Local Determinations criteria finalized, added Timely Correction of Non-compliance and Annual and Periodic IFSP compliance, removed performance indicator of Services in NE since state performance has drastically improved and targets are being met
- Preparing for FY10-11 Quality Assurance Monitoring cycle, which reviews performance of 09-10 year
- Completed the recommendations/prioritization of the Data System Enhancements

Early Steps OSEP Determinations

- Received State Determination from OSEP
- Needs Assistance for the 4th time
- No surprises, continue to struggle with Timely Services and Timely Correction of non-compliance
- Recent Correction Activity / Focused Monitoring demonstrates
 - Improvement for Timely Services which upcoming QA will hopefully reflect
 - Marked improvement in Timely Correction of noncompliance

State Implementation Grants for Improving Services for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder & Other Developmental Disabilities

- Administered by the Maternal Child Health Bureau of HRSA
- Up to 5 grants for \$300,000 per year for up to 3 years
- The project period - September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) will be lead agency/fiscal agent
- Support from CMS/Title V and community partners
- Florida will implement the State Plan developed by Gov. Crist's Task Force on Autism to achieve 3 goals

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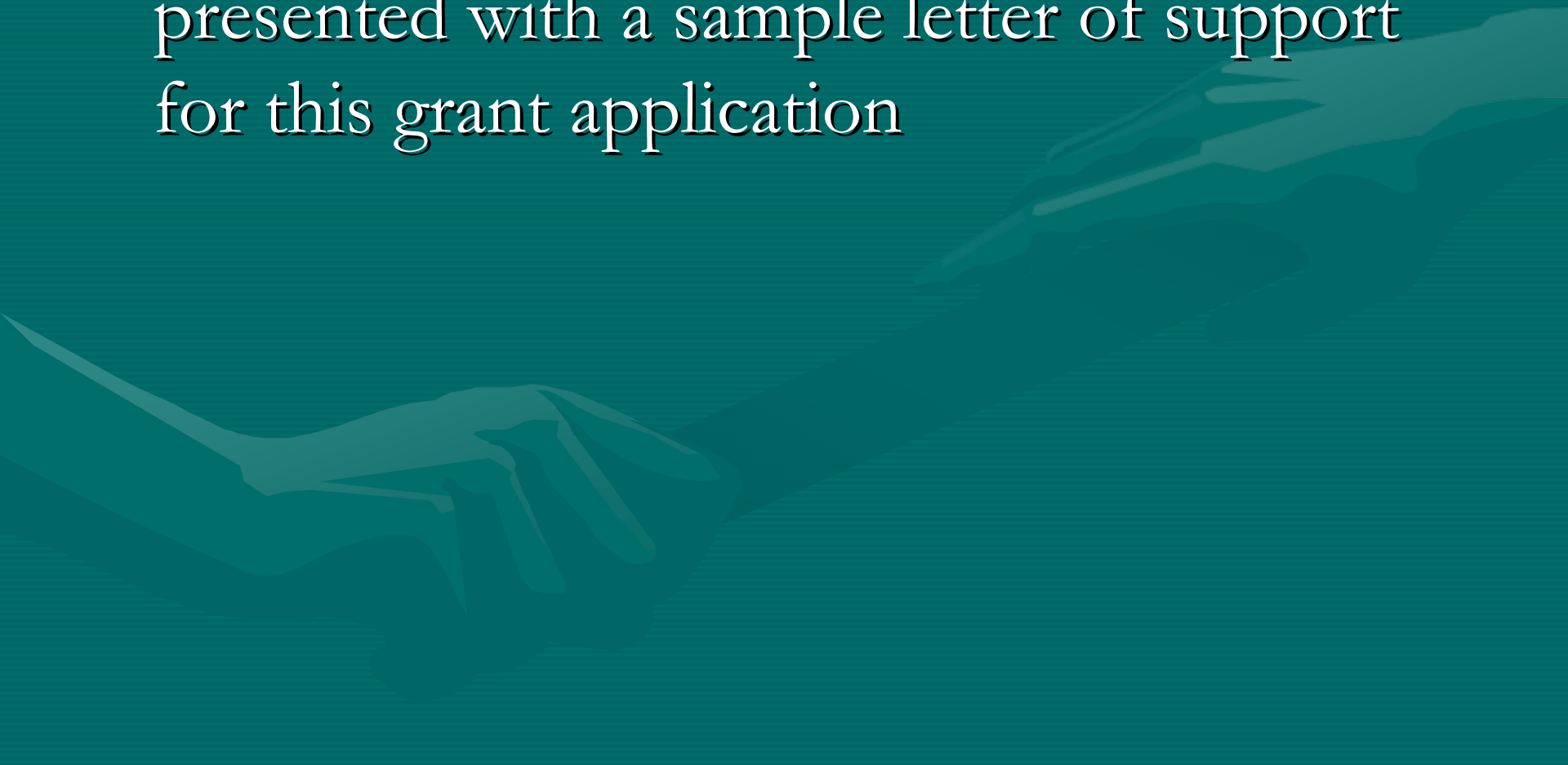
- **GOAL 1:** To ensure that Florida's autism activities are led by partnerships between professionals and families of children and youth with ASD-DD
- **GOAL 2:** To improve Florida's system of care for screening, diagnosis, and early intervention for children with ASD-DDs
- **GOAL 3:** To establish ASD-specific components in child health initiatives that are already working to
 - (a) coordinate general developmental screening,
 - (b) improve the medical home, and
 - (c) strengthen transition to adult systems of care

State Implementation Grants for Improving Services for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder & Other Developmental Disabilities

- Designed to improve access to comprehensive, coordinated health care and related services for children and youth with ASD-DD
- Implement existing state plan to improve the system of services for children and youth with special health care needs who have ASD-DD as defined by the following components:
 - (1) Partnerships between professionals and families of children and youth with ASD-DD
 - (2) Access to a culturally competent family-centered medical home
 - (3) Access to adequate health insurance and financing of services
 - (4) Early and continuous screening for ASD-DD
 - (5) Community services organized for easy use by families
 - (6) Transition to adult health care

FICCIT Letter of Support

FICCIT Executive Committee will be presented with a sample letter of support for this grant application



Never doubt that a small group of
thoughtful, committed people
can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that
ever has.

Margaret Meade

Budget Update

Purpose of Trip	Estimated Cost of Travel	Actual Expenditures
FICCIT Meeting June 23-24 2009	\$6,575.00	\$5,074.80
FICCIT Meeting Sept 22-23 2009	\$6,575.00	\$3,695.01
FICCIT Meeting January 26-27 2010	\$6,575.00	\$5,149.25
FICCIT Meeting April 13-14 2010	\$6,575.00	\$1,857.04
Expenditures other than FICCIT Quarterly Meetings	\$700.00	\$453.93
TOTAL	\$27,000.00	\$16,230.03
	BALANCE	\$10,769.97

**Children are one third of
our population
and all of our future.**

**Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health,
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