



**BROWARD COUNTY
Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) Quarterly Meeting**

MEETING DATE:
11/04/09

**LOCATION: Achievement & Rehabilitation Centers, Inc.
10250 NW 53rd Street
Sunrise, Florida 33351**

MEETING TIME: 9:30-11:30 am

Committee Members Present: Mariza Cobb, Co-Chair (CSC Council Member); Robin Bartleman (BCPS) Dennis Haas, (ARC); Gwen Lipscomb (FDLRS); Joseph Mahoney (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation); Ellie Schrot, (CDTC); Larry Rein (ChildNet); Lou Ruccolo (BCPS); Mandy Wells (BCCSA); Martha Martinez (APD); Jim Gouveia (United Way)

CSC Staff: Karen Swartzbaugh, (CPO); Silvia McShan, (Special Needs Project Manager); Sharon Cohen, (ECE Project Manager); Piper Weber, (Program Specialist); Anne Bateman (Program Specialist) and Angelina Michel (Administrative Assistant)

Guests: Alana DaCosta (YMCA); Alison Rodriguez (YMCA), Amy Karpf, (United Cerebral Palsy); Audrey Millsaps (CSB), Billie Morgan, (2-1-1/FCFH); Bonnie Florom (APD); Elaine Turner (Exceptional Designs); Jeanine Fuentes (Shriners Hospital); Julie Price (ARC), Karen Dickerhoof (CIL); Kathy Sanoy (CMS); Lois Nagle (BCC); Lori Mandke (ASC), Mariam Firpo-Jimenez (BCCS); Michelle Rogers (Family Central); Seth Hyman (Parent Advocate); Shanae Thomas (CIL); Shawn Preston (ARC); Silvia Starin (Behavior Analysis, Inc.); Stacey Hoaglund, (Autism Society of America/Family Network on Disabilities of Broward County);

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Item #1	Welcome - Mariza Cobb and Robin Bartleman		
Item #2 Approve 6/22/09 Minutes	None	September 3, 2009, SNAC Meeting minutes were approved.	
Item #3 Shriners' Hospital Presentation	Shriners' Hospital Presentation facilitated by Jeanine Fuentes Shriner's Hospital located in Tampa, FL identified a need to market their services in South Florida due to the low numbers. Their speciality, pediatric orthopedic care, burn, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip, is provided in a caring and nurturing family-centered environment. Referrals are directed to (813) 866-7740 and with a possible one week waiting period. All hospital and transportation costs are free of charge regardless of the family's income. Information about Summer camps was also provided. Camp-Care-Alot consists of one week for children with special needs ages 8-10. The Transition Camp, a 4-day camp for adolescents with disabilities, was also highlighted. It's goal is to provide information that will help teens with special needs lead independent lives. Planning and training on education and career goals is also the focus.	-Providers to call referral line or Jeanine Fuentes for further information -Committee requested more information about the Transition Camp.	-Silvia to research Michael Brewer's family information, (youth burned in Broward in October 2009) to offer Shriners services. -Silvia to get in contact with representative from Transition Camp. -Establish workgroup to identify camp components suitable for integration in STEPS and LIFT.
Item #4 Business Plan Update	A. Seth Hyman 1. Workgroup met in October to review the Business Plan. Final plan will be introduced in February. 2. Volunteers representing various providers and funders are requested for the Business Plan workgroup.	-Outreach to charter and private schools needs to be identified in Business Plan.** -Silvia will contact VR and Broward County for representation in upcoming Business Plan meeting.	

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<p>Item #5 Updates</p>	<p>A. Ellie Schrot - Baby SNAC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> VPK/Preschool Conference Survey identified a high percentage of behavior challenges in children ages 0-5. Training in Behavior modification is necessary. The results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 79% stated that they had a child that was hard to handle -87% stated 1 to 3 children left school as result of behavior -59% were asked by administration to leave the school Committee members were also surveyed to identify training topics for parents of preschool children. The zip code data from 211/FCFH Special Needs Unit along with CDTC's will help in identifying specific areas in the community in needs of parent trainings. <p>B. Transition to Independence SNAC – Lou Ruccolo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Project SEARCH to expand to East. Looking at IT site off I-75 and Miramar. Open Door Café inauguration will be held on December 8, 2009, 10:00am-12 noon. <p>Interviews for prospective workers were held on 11/3/2009. A total of 14 students were interviewed at Atlantic Tech. All but one of the students are prior STEPS participants. Additional interviews will be held on 11/5/2009.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting was held in October to streamline efforts among LIFT, STEPS and Project SEARCH. The goal is to identify STEPS and LIFT participants and build on their skill sets during the school year. TWEEN convened a meeting in October and Mary Partin was selected as chair. Collaboration of LIFT, STEPS and SEARCH has allowed sharing of information. Teachers will be able to identify STEPS participants. 	<p>Silvia will request an overlay of 211 and CDTC's zip code data on GIS map.</p> <p>(TWEEN) representation from the county and parks and recreation requested in workgroup.</p>	<p>Survey to be sent to parents.</p>
<p>Item #6 ARRA Training</p>	<p>A. ARRA Training - Gwen Lipscomb</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provided an overview of the SBBC partnership with CSC to coordinate trainings for parents of youth with special needs transitioning from the school system between the ages of 18-22. CSC has also contributed to disseminating the SBBC parent workshops poster to 900 child care centers in Broward County. 	<p>A draft SBBC contract will be introduced at the November 19th Council Meeting for conceptual approval. Subsequently, it will go before the School Board for final approval.</p>	
<p>Item #7 Other</p>	<p>A. Posting of SNAC information on CSC Website</p> <p>B. ARC promoting Culinary Institute. Used stimulus funds to start the program. They are currently offering catering services for the holiday season.</p> <p>C. CIL has hired a Benefits Counselor who is available to do presentations to groups or individually.</p> <p>D. Questions were asked about transition services availability for private and charter schools.</p>	<p>Angie to check with CSC IT department to post agendas, minutes, and dashboards on the CSC Website.</p> <p>Michelle Rogers to join the Transition to Independence Workgroup as a parent representative.</p>	
<p>Item #8 Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next Meeting February 3, 2009 at Children's Services Council, 6600 West Commercial Boulevard, Lauderhill, FL 33319</p>		