

<b>Special Needs Business Plan Recommendations</b>	Status	Responsible Party (ies)	Timeline
<b>Goal 1: SYSTEM COORDINATION</b> <b>Support a comprehensive and coordinated system of care for children with special needs.</b>			
<b>Objective 1.1: COMMUNICATION OUTREACH: To build and support a mechanism to disseminate information as well as link individuals, parents and stakeholders.</b>			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Develop marketing and communications plan to inform and educate parents/caregivers and providers about changes and activities that affect the service delivery system.	Below Goal	211, Funders, providers and stakeholders	Sept. 2011
Increase parent's awareness about the Medicaid Waivers.	Below Goal	BABY, TWEEN, Transition Workgroups	Ongoing
Develop an interactive communication medium for individuals, parents, and providers.	Below Goal	211, Funders, providers and stakeholders	Sept. 2011
Expand the Single-Source Information (211) portal for a comprehensive and secure data collection system.	On Track	Providers, CSC, DCF, 211, County, UW and SBBC	Sept. 2011
Develop a referral system that captures "real time" program availability across providers.	On Track	211, Funders, providers and stakeholders	Sept. 2011
<b>Objective 1.2: FUNDING: To increase funding allocation across funders to reduce service gaps.</b>			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Identify potential grant opportunities to fund "System Recommendations"	On Track	SN Manager	Sept. 2011
Assess county-wide funding for respite services including after school care for middle and high school aged students.	On Track	CSC, County, School Board, Parks and Recreations Departments	May. 2010
Assess blended funding model to reduce gaps in service provision.	Below Goal	Funders and Stakeholders	August , 2011
Fund legal advocacy services to ensure parents' and student's rights are preserved within the school and health care system.	On Track	County, CSC, DCF, UW, 211, Stakeholders	Sept. 2011
<b>Objective 1.3: LEGISLATIVE: Support a leadership model that will empower parents and providers to become self advoctes at the State and local levels.</b>			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Develop legislative strategy to promote services and funding for special needs initiatives.	Below Goal	SNAC	Ongoing
Develop parent involvement initiative that will advocate for children and influence law makers about the needs in Broward County.	Below Goal	SNAC	Ongoing

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<b>Objective 1.4: SYSTEM COORDINATION: Support a comprehensive and coordinated system of care for children with special needs</b>			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Support SNAC in systems planning recommendations and oversight of overall business plan implementation	On Track	Baby, Tween, Transition Workgroups	Sept. 2011
Develop standardized "glossary" of terms for special needs services provided throughout Broward County	On Track	Baby, Tween, Transition Workgroups	Ongoing
Identify opportunities and barriers for collaboration across agencies and funders	On Track	Baby, Tween, Transition Workgroups	Ongoing
Establish a Care Coordinator Model to assist parents and caregivers with the coordination of services.	Below Goal	Funders and Stakeholders	Ongoing
<b>Objective 1.5: TRAINING: Assess the community's training needs on inclusinary model, early identification and evidence based practices.</b>			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Increase awareness and training opportunities for medical practioners.	On Track	Training Collaborative and SNAC	Ongoing
Provide training on Med-Waiver for parents and caregivers.	On Track	Training Collaborative and SNAC	Jul. 2011
Evaluate training needs for direct service personnel.	On Track	Training Collaborative and SNAC	Ongoing

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<b>GOAL 2: BABY SNAC</b> Strengthen and empower families to foster the best possible development and outcomes for children birth to 5 with special needs.			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Develop Quality Assurance Activities to Monitor, Track and Report the service needs of children with special needs	On Track	BABY SNAC, SN Manager and ECE Manager	Jan. 2010
Develop Quality Measurement and Accountability Activities to Enhance Incentives for Optimal Performance.	On Track	BABY SNAC, SN Manager and ECE Manager	Mar. 2010
Support and fund 211 eligibility specialists to assist in identifying resources and services for parents/caregivers and service providers.	On Track	CSC	Sept. 2011
Provide training recommendations on inclusionary practices and special needs for newly hired Quality Assurance Coaches	On Track	BABY SNAC, SN Manager and ECE Manager	Mar. 2010
Implement community trainings for parents of children with special needs	On Track	BABY SNAC, SN Manager and ECE Manager	Sept. 2010
<b>GOAL 3: TWEEN SNAC</b> Enhance social and emotional well-being for children transitioning from middle school to high school.			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Evaluate countywide programming for youth ages 11-15	On Track	TWEEN Workgroup	Aug. 2011
Identify needs and interest for youth with special needs	On Track	TWEEN Workgroup	Jan. 2010
Implement training opportunities for parents to develop knowledge about transition services and resources	On Track	SNAC, TWEEN Workgroup, SBBC	Sept. 2011
Evaluate and develop self advocacy initiatives for youth with special needs ages 11-15	On Track	TWEEN Workgroup, SNAC, Transition Workgroup	Apr. 2010

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<b>GOAL 4: Transition to Independence</b> <b>All students with developmental and physical disabilities will be provided Transitional Services which will enable them to find and hold jobs, contribute to community life and develop and maintain relationships through individualized customized accommodations and supports.</b>			
<b>Strategies for 2009-2011</b>			
Increase the availability/accessibility of transitional services for special needs children, especially for secondary age 16-22.	On Track	Transition Workgroup, SBBC, SN Manager	Sept. 2011
Develop a measure for increasing the number of special needs children who have the social, employability, and communication skills to secure and maintain employment and participation in community events and activities.	On Track	Transition Workgroup, SBBC, SN Manager	Sept. 2011
Increase information sharing between ESE teachers, LIFT and STEPS	On Track	Transition Workgroup, SBBC, SN Manager	Sept. 2011
Integrate Youth Transitioning Topics within the Training Collaborative	On Track	SN Manager and CSC Contract Specialist	Feb. 2010
Implement requirement for providers to develop student portfolio at completion of STEPS program	On Track	SN Manager and CSC CPO	Feb. 2010
Analyze feasibility of creating graduating levels within STEPS program	On Track	Transition Workgroup	Sept. 2010
Coordinate Transition to Life Summit	On Track	SBBC, SN Manager and Transition Workgroup	Sept. 2011
Integrate SBBC Transition Specialist in system planning.	On Track	SBBC, SN Manager and Transition Workgroup	Sept. 2011