

**Goals for ICC-Family Resources and Supports Committee
Gaps – Barriers – Priorities**

GOAL 1: ENTRY - Families will have early and timely access to services

OBJECTIVE	STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES	INCREASE AWARENESS ACTIVITIES	INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES ACTIVITIES
To decrease the average age of referral by: (# of months).	Work with: child care providers, pediatric physicians, social workers, families & foster parents, nurses, DSS FRCs.	Work with Public Awareness Committee to provide educational outreach regarding the importance of early education and referral.	a) To chart the average age and disability of referral since the early start inception.
			b) And, research and compare to available National data. (the baseline)
			Evaluate the effectiveness of the public awareness efforts by monitoring the average age of referral every (#) months.

GOAL 2: SERVICE - Families will have “mission statement” early start services.

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Increase the quantity and quality of services in natural environments.	Build relationships between early care, education and early start providers to increase the knowledge base and capacity of the ECE system to appropriately serve children with disabilities and their families.	Provide information, support, resources, referral and educational opportunities to enhance family empowerment that ensures successful outcomes for children.	Provide parent education around quality child care. *Increase access to support systems for daily living (i.e. food, shelter, respite and community resources).

	<p>*Community outreach for recruitment and retention. *Personnel preparation. *Health and safety training *Cultural responsive, family centered, disability specific training for providers. *Partners include: DSS, RC, DMH, CDE, ADP, DHS and Family Support. *Disseminate family support guidelines and train providers at the local level (infuse into existing training). (Priorities 1, 2, & 3)</p>		
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GOAL 3: EXIT - Families will be prepared, supported and informed to successfully navigate transition out of Early Start at age 3.

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<p>Objective 1: All families will have seamless, comprehensive, coordinated and appropriate transition services between 2.6 and 2.9 years of age.</p>	<p>DDS and CDE will partners to ensure appropriate collaboration regarding transition. (Priorities 1, 2 & 3)</p>	<p>Begin transition education for families at or before age 2 years.</p>	
<p>Objective 2: Families and community partners will have a broader understanding of ongoing transition(s).</p>	<p>Access to training and education regarding ongoing transitions (transitions occur continually 0-3). Early parent to parent, parent professional training, local and statewide collaboration efforts existing best practice, models and tools.</p>		

