

Gadsden County Issues Identified at Initial Meeting - Notes in red are from the meetings on July 24 and August 28, 2007

Issue	Status
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parent confusion and concern in reference to the whole transition from C to B. (Perceptions about services that they may have received in Part C, but will not necessarily receive in Part B.) 2. Parents understanding their rights regarding Part C ad Part B services and transition 	<p style="color: red;">Numbers 1 and 2 - Final recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The agency where the family currently receives services should have ongoing conversations with the family about the transition process and the differences in services after the child turns three. b. The agencies agree to conduct a joint training for staff in all agencies and this was added to the interagency procedures document. FDLRS and Dick Hawser will coordinate the training event. c. At the September meeting, the group will discuss the steps in the process (include a review of the transition page of the IFSP) and create a simple step-by-step document to give to families early on. d. Look at a side-by-side comparison of educationally relevant vs. medically relevant therapies and check with Leon County to see if they have a similar document.

<p>3. Evaluations before school entry – who completes, when what is required</p> <p>4. Coordination of services with the school system</p> <p>5. Need to have an understanding of the criteria that determine which children will move on their 3rd birthday into the school system and which will stay at community sites.</p> <p>6. Summer birthdays</p> <p>7. Need regular communication at scheduled meetings</p>	<p>3. Dick Howser Center staff will evaluate all contracted children, with a LAP-D according to school system requirements for evaluation. The school system will accept these evals and not have to reevaluate if they are current within the previous 6 month period.</p> <p>4. Discussion complete – included in the IA- Activities, Procedures and Timelines section.</p> <p>5. Includes in the IA under Section V-1, Special Circumstances, C. October/ February FTE Timelines, #ii.c.</p> <p>6. Included in the IA, Section V-1, Special Circumstances, Summer Birthdays</p> <p>7. Monthly meetings have been scheduled for the transition partners to meet and determine needs for children. The Interagency Agreement partners will join this meeting three times a year, to review processes and determine the need for any changes to the system. (See IA Section VI – Monitoring and Evaluation).</p>
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