

GOAL

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TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO INSURE THAT ALL HANDICAPPED PERSONS AGES 0-21, WHO HAVE BEEN UNSERVED OR UNDER-SERVED WILL BE SCREENED, IDENTIFIED, DIAGNOSED, AND PROVIDED SERVICES COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR NEEDS

LEGAL BASIS

P.L. 94-142. THE EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ACT OF 1975 REQUIRES STATES TO PROVIDE FULL SERVICE PROGRAMS TO ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND TO INSURE THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS FOR ALL CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FINDINGS INDICATED:

THERE ARE MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN ARE NOT FULLY MET.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES DO NOT RECEIVE APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

ONE MILLION OF THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES ARE EXCLUDED ENTIRELY FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

LACK OF ADEQUATE SERVICES WITHIN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS HAS OFTEN FORCED FAMILIES TO FIND SERVICES OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM, OFTEN AT GREAT DISTANCE FROM THEIR RESIDENCE AND AT GREAT PERSONAL EXPENSE.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS IN DIAGNOSTIC AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES AND METHODS HAVE ADVANCED TO THE POINT THAT GIVEN APPROPRIATE FUNDING, STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES CAN AND WILL PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

OBJECTIVES

- I. A RETRIEVABLE DIRECTORY OF SERVICES WILL BE DEVELOPED TO IDENTIFY EXISTING FACILITIES AND STAFF AVAILABLE IN EACH CATEGORICAL AREA AND IN EACH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
- II. A STATEWIDE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WILL BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED TO ALERT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS OF THE NEED FOR IDENTIFYING AND SERVING HANDICAPPED PERSONS, FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES, AND THE BENEFITS DERIVED TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE RECIPIENTS THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION AND SUCCESSFUL DELIVERY OF SERVICES.
- III. REPRESENTATIVES FROM EDUCATION AGENCIES, HEALTH FACILITIES, COURT SYSTEMS, AND WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEET TO PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL, COUNTY, REGIONAL, AND STATE CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES.

- IV. A SYSTEM OF REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE TO INSURE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING SERVICES FOR A HANDICAPPING CONDITION WILL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED, MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY, UNTIL TREATMENT COMMENSURATE WITH NEEDS IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.
- V. COMPETENCY BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO ASSIST FAMILIES AND PERSONNEL WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AND SKILLS FOR UNDERSTANDING AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

VI. A PROCEDURE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ENABLE AGENCIES AND FACILITIES DELIVERING SERVICES OR DESIRING TO DELIVER SERVICES THROUGH THE CHILD FIND EFFORT TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, OR TREATMENT SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

VII. AN ONGOING EVALUATION OF THE CHILD FIND PROJECT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A SEQUENTIAL ORDER WITH THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES TO DETERMINE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AND THE ADVISABILITY OF REPLICATING, REVISING, OR ELIMINATING THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

OBJECTIVE I

A RETRIEVABLE DIRECTORY OF SERVICES WILL BE DEVELOPED TO IDENTIFY EXISTING FACILITIES AND STAFF AVAILABLE IN EACH CATEGORICAL AREA AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. AN INTERAGENCY SEARCH OF EXISTING SERVICES WILL BE CONDUCTED TO (A) IDENTIFY FACILITIES AND STAFF SERVING HANDICAPPED PERSONS AGES 0-21, (B) DETERMINE THE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AVAILABLE, (C) IDENTIFY AGE LEVELS SERVED, (D) DETERMINE TYPES OF CONDITIONS TREATED, AND (E) EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL FOR THE FACILITY TO EXPAND OR MOBILIZE SERVICES.
2. INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THE INTERAGENCY SEARCH WILL BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST IN COUNTY, REGIONAL, AND STATE PLANNING EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES IN EACH GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE AND TO PROJECT FUTURE SERVICE NEEDS.
3. THE SERVICE INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO PERSONS SEEKING TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS AGES 0-21.
4. THE SERVICE INFORMATION WILL BE MAINTAINED AND UPDATED ON AN ONGOING BASIS FOR PLANNING AND FOR RETRIEVAL PURPOSES.

OBJECTIVE II

A STATEWIDE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WILL BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED TO ALERT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS OF THE NEED FOR IDENTIFYING AND SERVING HANDICAPPED PERSONS, FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES, AND THE BENEFITS DERIVED TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE RECIPIENTS THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION AND SUCCESSFUL DELIVERY OF SERVICES.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. A MEDIAL CAMPAIGN WILL BE DESIGNED UTILIZING RADIO, TELEVISION, BILLBOARDS, POSTERS TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE INFORMATION, FILM AND SLIDE PRESENTATIONS, AND A SPEAKERS' BUREAU TO DISSEMINATE CHILD FIND INFORMATION.
2. COORDINATION FOR THE RELEASE OF PRINTED MATERIAL AND FOR THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN WILL BE ARRANGED IN A TIME-EFFECTIVE SEQUENCE CONSISTENT WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES.
3. A LIST OF PARENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO SERVE IN ADVOCACY ROLES TO AUGMENT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES WILL BE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED.
4. TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ADVOCATES WILL BE CONDUCTED TO INCREASE THEIR SKILLS IN PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORTIVE ROLES.
5. IMPLFMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC AWAREFNESS CAMPAIGN WILL OCCUR STATEWIDE IN ENGLISH AND OTHER NATIVE LANGUAGES REPRESENTED IN ARIZONA.

OBJECTIVE III

REPRESENTATIVES FROM EDUCATION AGENCIES, HEALTH FACILITIES, COURT SYSTEMS, AND WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEET TO PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL, COUNTY, REGIONAL, AND STATE CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET FOR OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND INPUT TO PROPOSED CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES.
2. REGIONAL AWARENESS MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO INTRODUCE ARIZONA'S CHILD FIND PROJECT TO COUNTY AND REGIONAL AREA REPRESENTATIVES.
3. REGIONAL INPUT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DESIGNING COUNTY WORKSHOPS AND SCREENING/DIAGNOSTIC CLINICS.
4. A MINIMUM OF ONE FULL DAY WORKSHOP FOR AWARENESS AND TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN EACH COUNTY TO INITIATE CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL.
5. SCREENING AND DIAGNOSTIC CLINICS WILL BE SCHEDULED IN EACH COUNTY TO PROVIDE INITIAL PROCEDURES IN SCREENING AND EVALUATION AND TO CREATE AN AWARENESS OF SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS AGES 0-21.

OBJECTIVE IV

A SYSTEM OF REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE TO INSURE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING SERVICES FOR A HANDICAPPING CONDITION WILL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED, MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY, UNTIL TREATMENT COMMENSURATE WITH NEEDS IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. A RETRIEVAL SYSTEM WILL BE UTILIZED TO RECORD AND MAINTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE FAMILY OF THE PERSON IDENTIFIED AND REFERRED FOR SERVICES.
2. UPON REQUEST AN ADVOCATE WILL BE DESIGNATED TO ASSIST EACH FAMILY SEEKING SERVICES, TO LEND SUPPORT AND TO SECURE AND PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AS NEEDED.
3. A RECORD OF TREATMENT AND SERVICES WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR EACH REQUESTING FAMILY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FAMILY IS NO LONGER IN NEED OF SERVICES. CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE MAINTAINED ON ALL INFORMATION.
4. A FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND FUNDING FOR FACILITIES PROVIDING SERVICES.

OBJECTIVE V

COMPETENCY BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO ASSIST FAMILIES AND PERSONNEL WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AND SKILLS FOR UNDERSTANDING AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. A COOPERATIVE MANPOWER TASK FORCE INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH TRAINING INSTITUTION IN THE STATE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ASSESS TRAINING NEEDS AND TRAINING CAPABILITIES AND RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
2. A COOPERATIVE MANPOWER PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE PERSONNEL TRAINING NEEDS AND PLAN FOR PROJECTED TRAINING NEEDS OF PERSONNEL WHO SERVE THE HANDICAPPED.
3. TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BE DESIGNED AND CONDUCTED FOR PERSONS PROVIDING SCREENING AND IDENTIFICATION SERVICES.
4. TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BE DESIGNED AND CONDUCTED TO PROVIDE SKILLS IN DIAGNOSIS AND IN DESIGNING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
5. TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED TO INCREASE TECHNIQUES FOR COORDINATING SERVICES IN A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH, FOR PROGRAMMING, AND FOR DELIVERING SERVICES.
6. TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BE DESIGNED AND CONDUCTED TO ASSIST FAMILIES IN COPING WITH PROBLEMS AND IN CARING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

OBJECTIVE V (CONTINUED)

7. IN-SERVICE WILL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR PERSONS PROVIDING TRAINING.

OBJECTIVE VI

A PROCEDURE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ENABLE AGENCIES AND FACILITIES DELIVERING SERVICES OR DESIRING TO DELIVER SERVICES THROUGH THE CHILD FIND EFFORT TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, OR TREATMENT SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION WILL ESTABLISH FUNDING PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA FOR DESSIMINATION OF FUNDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
2. A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL AGENCIES, FACILITIES, OR PERSONS WISHING TO REQUEST FUNDING OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
3. PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED AND FUNDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BASED ON THEIR CONSISTENCY WITH THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PRIORITIES, DOCUMENTATION OF NEED, AND CAPABILITIES FOR DELIVERY OF SERVICES.

OBJECTIVE VII

AN ONGOING EVALUATION OF THE CHILD FIND PROJECT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A SEQUENTIAL ORDER WITH THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES TO DETERMINE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AND THE ADVISABILITY OF REPLICATING, REVISING, OR ELIMINATING THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RETRIEVABLE DIRECTORY RELATED TO ITS USE IN PLANNING AND DISSEMINATION WILL BE DETERMINED.
2. THE AWARENESS MATERIALS AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN WILL BE EVALUATED TO DETERMINE WHICH COMPONENTS WERE MOST EFFECTIVE IN CREATING A POSITIVE AWARENESS OF PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS, MOST BENEFICIAL EDUCATIONALLY, MOST INFORMATIONAL, AND MOST SUCCESSFUL IN DIRECTING PERSONS TO SERVICES.
3. THE COUNTY, REGIONAL, AND STATE ACTIVITIES FOR SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND PROGRAMMING WILL BE ASSESSED TO DETERMINE THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE PERSONS SEEKING SERVICES.
4. THE EVALUATION OF PROCEDURES USED IN SEEKING AND SECURING SERVICES WILL BE DETERMINED THROUGH THE USE OF ENROLLMENT AND DISMISSAL INFORMATION.
5. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PERSONNEL TRAINING WILL BE DETERMINED BY ANALYZING EVALUATION REPORTS FROM EACH PARTICIPANT, DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF COMPETENCIES ACHIEVED AND THE NUMBER IMPLEMENTED FOLLOWING THE TRAINING SESSIONS.

OBJECTIVE VII (CONTINUED)

6. ON-SITE MONITORING VISITS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT SERVICE SITES TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF COMPLIANCE TO THE LAW AND THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PROGRAMS BEING DELIVERED AS RELATED TO THE HABILITATIVE NEEDS OF THE RECIPIENT.