

## LICC GOALS FOR 2005-07

### GOAL AREA II: Service Delivery System

**GOAL 1: Do a collective (LICC) and individual response to the EI Branch about the new eligibility categories within the given 60-day period.**

- Involve parents by giving them information about the old eligibility categories & new definitions.
- Work in conjunction with other community bodies who are concerned with the changes i.e. WCSS – Planning Committee, RICC.

*Completed prior to the deadline of 12/12/05.*

**GOAL 2: Promote a common understanding among providers, parents and referral sources of the 0-5 service systems in the community**

1. Use Telability to disseminate information concerning topics which increase common understanding such as:
  - Referral process to the provider network and family support programs
  - Guidelines for assignments/recommendations for specific services
  - Parental choice in service selection
  - Promoting smooth transitions
  - Monthly or quarterly orientation for parents
2. Develop an understanding of capacity issues that affect services.
3. Develop cultural competence within services delivery.
4. Recommend a core group of questions that EI service providers will use in their family satisfaction surveys
5. Provide training for new early childhood and social services staff to familiarize them with Wake County services for children 0-5 and their families

**GOAL 3: Promote successful preschool transitions.**

1. Help assure that parents have support available at all transitions
  - Inform all families of family support services in the community
  - Develop a funding mechanism to allow staff that know the child and family to attend transition and IEP meetings.
  - Provide support to ECAC Parent Partners by recruiting volunteers & sponsoring training for IEP support
2. Advocate with the state to enable children who have turned three to remain in birth-three services through completion of their initial IEP.
3. Promote smooth transitions between Early Intervention, Pre-K and Kindergarten
4. Request training from preschool initiatives — WCPSS Preschool Services, Title I, More at 4, Head Start, PAT, Ready to Learn, and others-- to ensure understanding of services available, eligibility for services and the different levels of service.
5. Support Wake County Schools effort to collaborate with community agencies and resources to expand options for service delivery across the county.

**GOAL 4: Promote quality services for children with special needs enrolled in childcare.**

1. Collaborate with institutions of higher learning to ensure childcare providers have background to effectively serve children with special needs.
  - Gather information on courses and continuing education (training) already offered to those interested in early childhood
  - Look at existing course content for specific info (i.e. ADA, specific disabilities)
  - Gather family input to share with the childcare community.
  - Develop a speakers bureau to include parents
2. Support more group opportunities for children 0-5 by assisting in identifying space in the community.
3. Increase capacity & funding for respite.

**GOAL 5: Services To Children At-Risk.**

1. Collaborate with Smart Start & other community initiatives to develop strategies to address needs of children who have not been identified for Early Intervention or Preschool Services and children who have been evaluated and are not deemed eligible for these services.
2. Promote community awareness concerning the needs of children placed At-Risk and services to support them.
3. Advocate for increased community funding for programs like PAT, CSC and Ready to Learn Centers