

## LICC GOALS FOR 2005-07

### GOAL AREA III: Structures of Leadership

**GOAL 1: Revisit Mission Statement and develop guiding principles for LICC activities.**

- Amend the Mission Statement to somehow include “cultural sensitivity”.
- Continue strategic planning session, find facilitator.

**GOAL 2: Continue and build upon current awareness of Wake Legislative Delegation on Birth-five issues.**

- Convene an evening forum for families to educate the legislative delegation as to their issues.
- In advocacy and all communication efforts change language from **EI** to **birth-five**
- Develop information packets to highlight key single issues and how these issues “ripple out” to have broader impact—issues include:
  - needs of “at risk” populations
  - subsidy/DSS
  - limited EI funds
  - homelessness
  - eligibility changes and impact on preschool and k
  - very limited space for classrooms
- Lottery \$ to include early intervention (Federally mandated)- education begins at birth
- Build family advocacy skills through trainings, e.g. letter writing (partner w/ other agencies)

**GOAL 3: Increase participation of community agencies/programs to include schools of higher education (e.g. Wake Tech., Meredith, Shaw, NCSU) and church and private preschools serving special needs children.**

- LICC members present at university and college courses on interagency knowledge and community resources
- LICC members serve as liaisons to interested agencies—attend association meetings such as Smart Start Quality Enhancement Initiative; NCAEYC; Assn. of Early Childhood; “dual “membership by LICC members
- Use website to inform other agencies
- Provide LICC internship experience for students in fields like NCSU non-profit management track; social work; communications (for website development)
- Continue to welcome students to attend LICC meetings

**GOAL 4: Provide advocacy around insurance and health care issues for populations we serve.**

- Determine current status of NC legislation to require reimbursement of EI services insurance carriers
- Advocate for need insurance reforms to cover EI services—actively involve families in advocacy
- Assure that insurance advocacy includes child mental health as well as developmental disabilities
- Combine forces around advocacy efforts by working with groups such as NC Medical Society, NC Pediatric Society, ARC, Rex Foundation, Covenant for Children, NC Council of Churches
- Convene (consider/explore) a Health Care Summit around insurance and other critical issues

- Consider major advocacy effort (Summit) in lieu of Inclusion Conference (given the availability of trainings on inclusion in the community such as Jordan Center EC series and CPI conference.)

**GOAL 5: Help assure that RICC operates as mandated.**

- Educate LICC on RICC functions and status
- Present to State ICC on how RICC is not meeting mandate