

# **LOCAL SERVICE AREA FAMILY SUPPORT PLAN**

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In response to the program funding reduction in October 2010, several decisions were made regarding how the program would look for the remainder of fiscal year 2011. At that time there was a vacancy in the position of FSSP Assistant and it was determined that it would not be filled. The Family Support Manager took over case management and service coordination for all eighty-five families that received funding or were placed on the waiting list.

On September 1, 2010, there were fifty-five people that had been determined "most in need (MIN)" and thirty on the waiting list. It was decided not to terminate anyone from MIN, and to allocate a reduced amount of funding. The alternative was to select fewer families as MIN and move the remainder to the waiting list. Parameter assessments would have to be re-done and this was deemed not to be cost or time effective. New families could be funded using emergency funds, if appropriate, or placed on the waiting list and be able to access very limited local funding.

At this point in the year MIN funding has been provided to forty-three people with emergency funding for two others. Community resources have been accessed and families have been assisted in maximizing benefits available from other programs.

### **PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2010/2011**

- Participated in community resource fair...
- FSSP assistant represented Family Support at Community Resource Center...
- Progress on email list of families in program...
- Worked with a family regarding ideas to compile a respite provider list...
- Continued to work with school districts in the areas of referral, eligibility and IEP attendance...
- Continued to refer families to advocacy, community and state resources...
- Utilized 100% of contract...
- Collected and presented eligibility documentation for referrals ages 3 through 13, and re-determination of eligibility at age 5...
- Worked on recruiting additional Council members...

## **PROGRAM GOALS - 2011/2012**

### New:

- Maximize use of state funding...
- Explore community sources for funds...
- Recruit members for Advisory Council...
- Investigate fund raising opportunities...

### Continue to:

- Refer families to other resources; local & statewide...
- Work with school districts...
- Optimize transition process into and out of Family Support case management...
- Meet face-to-face with new families...
- Present people for eligibility determination...

# **APPENDIX**

# **FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM**

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **Voting Members:**

Craig Chapot, Parent & Chairperson

Barbara Chapot, Parent

Karen Durham, Parent

Charmain English, Spanish Interpreter/Translator

Rebecka Lewis, Community Member

Veronica Martinez-Erie, Montrose County DHHS

Lucy Noll, Parent

Marisol Thompson, Parent

Cheryl Zahniser, Community Member

### **Staff/Non-Voting Members:**

Leigh Amoto, Family Support Services Manager

Lisa Thomason, Support Services Director