



2018 Funders Forum Update



Our Mission

Provide a comprehensive, integrated system of care which supports and connects individuals with special needs and disabilities and their families to community-based services and opportunities.



Call to Action

- 16.4% of residents in Palm Beach County have one or more special needs or disability (Florida Department of Health, 2013)
 - Rates of disability increase with age
- 1 of every 6 children are being diagnosed with a developmental or learning disorder (Center for Disease Control, 2018)
- There is a significant shortage of service providers (Community Needs Assessment, 2015)
- Limited to no supports or services after 22 years of age
- 64% unemployment rate (Disability Statistics Annual Report, 2017)
- Few supportive housing options



SNAC Objectives

- Coordinate functions and services across agencies, integrate funding streams and support professional development
- Establish an efficient and effective Information & Referral System
- Improve timely access to screening, assessment and diagnosis and increase access to care
- Increase respite services
- Improve transition practices, including advocacy and futures planning
- Increase employment services
- Develop a plan to increase community based housing options



Our Approach

- Create new connections
- Strengthen leadership and alliances
- Share resources
- Maximize effective use of community resources
- Identify strategies for improving quality of life
- Engage in collaborative action planning to solve problems
 - Use shared language and shared outcomes



Steps to Success

211 Special Needs Hotline Connecting Virtual Respite Hub Families Family **Navigators**

Early Steps Help Me Grow **Mobile Clinics ESDM**



Infancy/ Toddlerhood

and Intervention

Parent Coaching

FDLRS

Help Me Grow

Mobile Clinics

ESDM

Creating Compassionate Children - TM



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Childhood (5 - 12)

Learning to Learn

Parent Training

Pediatric Follow-Up

Schools – Public & Private

Self-Advocacy **Training Pilot**

Adolescence

Education (Common

Core and Functional

Transition Planning

(13 - 18)

Socialization

Self-Advocacy

Training

Skills)

VR/STARS

Schools -Public & Private

Project SEARCH

VR

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Academy for Community Inclusion

SOAR

College Access

Housing Solutions Summit

Career Source

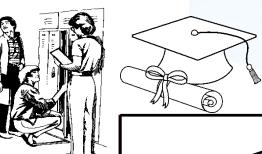
Employers & Micro-enterprises

VR & APD

Housing

Navigator

Intentional Communities



Adulthood (22 & older)

Young Adulthood **Opportunities** (18 - 21)

Post-Secondary Education

Socialization

Transition Planning

Transportation

Healthcare

Community-Based **Support Services**

Post-Secondary

Meaningful Activities (e.g., job, social & recreational)

Transportation

Housing

Community-Based **Support Services**

Healthcare



Prenatal

Prevention and Mitigating Risk

Early Identification

Early Childhood (3 - 5)

School Readiness

Parent Training

Pediatric Follow-Up

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Composition & Structure

- 375 individuals representing over 160 organizations
- Executive Steering Committee
- 6 Taskforces
 - Early Childhood
 - Post-Secondary
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Transitions, Advocacy & Future Planning
 - Family Navigating
 - Virtual Hub
 - Health/Healthcare Access (FL-HATS)





Impact

- 2 Job Fairs resulting in 15 young adults finding employment
- 7 Project SEARCH pre-employment training internships are confirmed
- Hosted a Supportive Housing Solutions Summit with proclamation from BCC
- Self-Advocacy Curriculum developed and piloted at several private/charter schools
- REST respite train the trainer course completed with scholarships provided to 13 trainers who will train 260 companions this year
 - 2 trainers selected to become Master Trainers
- Active Facebook Page and weekly e-newsletter



On the horizon

- Reverse Job Fairs
 - Possible launch of a PBC BLN
- Expand Project SEARCH site industries
 - Collaborate with Career Source to obtain industry certifications
- 2nd Supportive Housing Solutions Summit being planned
 - Commissioning a Special Needs Supportive Housing Needs Assessment
- 2 trainers selected to become Master REST respite train the trainer
- Virtual Hub expected for launch in October in partnership with 211
- SNAC Community Inclusion Awards Luncheon



Challenges

- Increase Diversity of Perspectives in SNAC
 - Parents
 - Self-Advocates
 - Providers
- Participation in other collective impact projects/meetings
 - ESE Advisory Council
 - Birth to 22
- Strong Taskforce Leadership
- Communication and Outreach
- Quantifying Impact





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