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State of the Whole Child

Progress, Innovations and Potential

Children and Youth Cabinet

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Whole Child Community Status Through FY 2007/2008

Status as of July 2008 Children and Youth Cabinet Meeting

Judicial Circuit	Whole Child Community / County	Number of Children Served Birth – 5 Years	Year Established
12	Manatee	23,700	2001
2	Leon	19,800	2004
19	Martin	10,425	2004
3 Circuits	3 Counties	53,925 Children Covered*	

* Represents 3.9% of Florida's young children aged birth through 5 years



Important Events Since July 2008

1. Children and Youth Cabinet supported the Whole Child approach.
2. The Chief Child Advocate and ets developed potential strategies for increasing awareness of the Whole Child philosophy.
3. CAPP Goal #2 was established to implement a Whole Child Community in each of Florida's 20 Judicial Circuits by 2015.
4. ets redesigned its software to accommodate children, adults and the elderly to create the **Whole Family** concept.
5. CAPP Planning Teams were engaged and became more aware of the potential benefits of the Whole Child and Whole Family programs.
6. ets directed its focus on both **breadth** and **depth**;
 - More circuits,
 - More counties **within** each circuit, and
 - More children per circuit and county, including children of all ages and their families.



Important Events Since July 2008

7. ets reduced the costs of implementation and ongoing support by subsidizing communities, offering incentives, and increasing the efficiency of the Whole Child and Whole Family programs.
8. ets began working with Whole Family Administrators to engage school district leaders. Benefits included;
 - More engaged parents,
 - More engaged community partners, and
 - Better focused school district Strategic Plans and School Improvement Plans.

“The Whole Child and Whole Family Connection[®] enables Brevard’s school principals to reach beyond the classroom and into the community to directly impact student achievement.” Dr. Brian Binggeli, Superintendent Brevard Public Schools



Important Events Since July 2008

9. ets is collaborating with the FLDOE, the Florida Sterling Council, and Sweat Monkey® to:
 - Promote the Whole Child and Whole Family Connection® as best practices to all school districts.
 - Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state and local agencies, and the thousands of providers involved in the Whole Family Connection programs throughout Florida.
 - Increase capacity by engaging students, parents, and volunteers in community service and education.

10. ets is collaborating with 2-1-1 of Central Florida to provide an integrated and comprehensive information and service referral program to meet the needs of all residents throughout Judicial Circuit 10.



Whole Child and Whole Family Community Status

Status Through April, 2010

Note: *Italics represents a commitment by Community Leaders or that implementation is underway.*

* Represents 12.3% of Florida's young children through 5 years of age.

** Represents 8.4% of Florida's older children through 19 years of age.

Judicial Circuit	Whole Child Community / County	# of Children Served		Years Established
		Birth – 5 Yrs.	6 – 19 Yrs.	
12	Manatee	23,700	N/A	2001
	<i>DeSoto</i>	<i>2,647</i>	<i>5,471</i>	<i>2009</i>
2	Leon	19,800	N/A	2004
	Jefferson	1,051	N/A	2009
	<i>Wakulla</i>	<i>2,461</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>2010</i>
	Gadsden	3,561	N/A	2009
19	Martin	10,425	21,492	2004
	<i>Indian River</i>	<i>9,924</i>	<i>20,509</i>	<i>2010</i>
18	Brevard	40,239	83,161	2009
10	<i>Polk</i>	<i>43,545</i>	<i>89,992</i>	<i>2010</i>
	<i>Hardee</i>	<i>2,206</i>	<i>4,559</i>	<i>2010</i>
	<i>Highlands</i>	<i>7,403</i>	<i>15,299</i>	<i>2010</i>
3	Madison	1,418	N/A	2009
	Taylor	1,605	N/A	2009
6 Circuits	14 Counties	169,985*	240,483**	
		Children Covered		



What Could Be

1. The Whole Family Connection[®] (WFC) could be a valuable tool for community-driven prevention programs and reducing their costs.
2. The WFC could be a more inclusive, convenient and holistic point of entry for all of Florida's residents who use existing programs on an ad hoc basis or have no idea what services may benefit them, or how to access them.
3. By engaging all Florida children and their families in the Whole Child and WFC, Florida could provide access to services to all Floridians for pennies per person and significantly improve the efficiency of state and local government, and thousands of not-for-profit programs.
4. CAPP Goal #2 could be achieved by the end of FY 2011/2012 – three (3) years ahead of schedule.
5. 100% of Florida's children birth through 19 years of age and their families could be living in Whole Child and Whole Family Connection[®] communities by 2015.



Summary

1. **The number of children living in Whole Child and Whole Family Communities has increased by 356,543, or 661% since the formulation of CAPP Goal #2 in FY 2008/2009.**
2. **12.3% of Florida's youngest children now live in Whole Child Communities.**
3. **8.4% of Florida's older children now live in Whole Family Communities.**
4. **CAPP Goal #2 could be achieved 3 years ahead of schedule for pennies per child.**
5. **100% of Florida's children birth through 19 years of age and their families could be living in Whole Child and Whole Family Communities by 2015 for pennies per person.**

The Whole Family Connection® is a cost effective, user self-managed prevention program which could be available to all Floridians within 2 years.

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