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DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION STATEMENT: It is the mission of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs to improve the quality of life and provide services for citizens with disabilities to include autism, mental retardation and related disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, and similar disabilities by:

- A. Increasing the capacity of the service delivery system;
- B. Ensuring all services and supports meet or exceed acceptable standards;
- C. Improving the quality of services and supports through the application of quality improvement concepts including Total Quality Management;
- D. Advocating for appropriate services to be provided to citizens with disabilities by all South Carolina agencies and ensuring access to these services;
- E. Coordinating the services and supports provided by other agencies with those provided by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and the local Disabilities and Special Needs Boards;
- F. Implementing prevention activities through the Department and other agencies to reduce the occurrence of both primary and secondary disabilities.

To accomplish this mission, the Commission will set priorities using the concepts of reinventing government in order to serve the greatest number of people possible and, at the same time, to insure that expensive out-of-home care is available for those with truly critical needs. Therefore services will be provided in the following order of priority:

- A. Prevention services to reduce the occurrence of both primary and secondary disabilities;
- B. In-home family/individual support services to help people with disabilities live in their own homes;
- C. Community residential services in supportive and small homelike settings when the need of residential placement is determined unavoidable;
- D. Individual support services in regional residential centers.

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PROGRAM - Prevention

Program Goal:

Prevent or abate the effects of Mental Retardation, Autism and Head and Spinal Cord injuries.

Program Objectives:

Continue a program with Greenwood Genetic Center to prevent the occurrence of neural tube defects (NTD) in South Carolina through the use of folic acid, to include a tracking of all mothers who have previously had children with NTD's. Reduce the incidence rate for NTD's in South Carolina below the current rate of one in 1,000 for the general population and one in 30 mothers who have had one child with a NTD over the five-year period of the Center for Disease Control grant. Maintain the family planning (STEPS Program) on statewide basis in FY 1996-97. Maintain the percentage of STEPS clients with unwanted pregnancies at no more than 1.0%. With education and other health agencies, reduce the incidence of fetal alcohol syndrome through public awareness efforts. Continue to develop curriculum materials to help prevent alcohol and other drug use during pregnancy for women who have mental retardation and related disabilities.

Performance Measures:

	Actual FY 1994-95	Actual FY 1995-96
<u>Workload Indicators:</u>		
Number of People Served by STI:PS Program	491	706
Number of STEPS Project	36	40
Number of People Receiving Genetic Evaluation through Greenwood Genetic Center	2,539	3,320
Number of Genetic Education Encounters through Greenwood Genetic Center	885	995
Greenwood Genetic Center's Allocation (with federal)	\$2,498,000	\$3,126,700
<u>Efficiency Measures:</u>		
STEPS Cost per Individual Served	\$2,306	\$2,192
<u>Effectiveness Measures:</u>		
Ratio of Neural Tube Defects to Live Births	1.7:1000	1.2/1000
Ratio of NTD's to Live Births for Mothers with Previous Child with NTD	1:71	1.71
Percentage of STEPS Clients with Unwanted Pregnancies	0%	0.7%

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PROGRAM - Community

Program Goal:

Provide the resources, assistance, coordination, and support necessary to enable people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities to remain at home or within their respective communities.

Program Objectives:

Increase residential beds available by 150 to address critical life or death situations involving persons with mental retardation or related disabilities. Increase the funding for family support services by 5% to aid in avoiding costly residential placement for persons with mental retardation and related disabilities. Reduce the growth rate of the residential waiting list by one-half of the prior year rate. With family support, arrange for at least 2 clients to return home from ICF/MRs during the year. Transfer \$6.3 million from regional center budgets to support community-based services for people leaving the centers during FY 1996-97. Increase the number of individuals competitively placed in jobs in FY 1996-97 by 5% over last fiscal year. Increase the number of people placed on mobile work crews and work enclaves in businesses by 5% over the prior year. Increase Community Program's percentage of the agency's funding by 1.0% in FY 1996-97 so more of the agency's services will be provided at home or within the local communities. Reduce growth rate of the day program waiting list by one-half during FY 1996-97. In FY 1996-97, maintain early intervention in all counties. Minimize future out-of-state placements of children with psychiatric disabilities. Use one-third of the Home and Community Based Waiver slots available during FY 1996-97 for support of families with disabled family members living at home.

Performance Measures:

	Actual FY 1994-95	Actual FY 1995-96
<u>Workload Indicators:</u> (All Enrollment Figures)		
Community Residential ICF/MR	1,226	1,236
Supervised Living Program	640	620
Community Training Home	644	876
Family Support Services (Unduplicated)	13,403	14,589
Service Coordination Support Enrollment	9,128	9,717
Number of Slots in Home and Community Based Waiver	1,667	2,320
Number of Emotionally Disturbed Children Served Out of State	20	3
<u>Efficiency Measures:</u>		
ICF/MR Community Residence Cost per Individual Served	\$56,276	\$61,188
Supervised Living II Cost per Individual Served	\$15,431	\$18,142
Community Training Home II Cost per Individual Served	\$37,517	\$40,982
Adult Work Activities Cost per Individual Served	\$7,433	\$7,884
<u>Effectiveness Measures:</u>		
Community Program's % of the budget	46.3%	53%
Residential Waiting List	1,316	1,220
Average Wait on Community Residential Waiting List (in months)	39	40
Community Day Program Waiting List	989	955
Persons Working in Mobile Work Crews and Work Enclaves in Business	658	638
Number of Individuals Receiving On-the-Job Training	849	962
Persons Moving Home from Regional Centers	10	7
HCB Waiver Slots for At-Home Clients	635	1,023

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PROGRAM - Autism

Program Goal:

Ensure the dignity and community presence at the maximum level of independence for people with autism through support services in the home, school, and community and through residential services.

Program Objectives:

Increase the training of non-Autism professionals by 10%. Reduce the community living residential waiting list. Maintain summer service opportunities. Provide family support services for 10 additional families. In FY 1996-97, provide up to 25 families intensive early Autism treatment program for children ranging from 3 to 5 years of age.

Performance Measures:

	Actual <u>FY 1994-95</u>	Actual <u>FY 1995-96</u>
<u>Workload Indicators:</u>		
Number of Professionals Receiving Training	610	1,273
Number of Individuals Participating in Summer Camp	25	76
Number of Families Receiving Respite Care/ Family Support	199	143
<u>Efficiency Measures:</u>		
Family Support Average Cost/Individual	\$1.051	\$1.206
<u>Effectiveness Measures:</u>		
Persons Working in Supported Employment	30	19
Number of Individuals on Residential Waiting List	7	0

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PROGRAM - Head and Spinal Cord Injury

Program Goal:

To provide services which allow an individual to live independently or with family members, prevent costly out-of-home placements, promote individual responsibility, promote independence and productivity of survivors of head and spinal cord injuries, avoid inappropriate nursing home placements.

Program Objectives:

Provide personal care services for activities of daily living to 200 individuals or families, provide home and work modifications to 30 individuals or families, provide residential services to critical waiting list individuals, during FY 96-97 serve 175 individuals through the head and spinal cord injury waiver.

Performance Measures:

	Actual FY 1994-95	Actual FY 1995-96
<u>Workload Indicators:</u>		
Number of Families Receiving Family Support	210	250
Number of Individuals with Head Injuries Receiving Services	154	207
Number of Individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries Receiving Services	144	193
Number of New Professionals Receiving Training	6	6

Efficiency Measures:

Family Support Stipend Average Cost/Individual	\$1,561	\$1,360
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Effective Measures:

Persons Working in Supported Employment	15	17
Number of Individuals on Service Waiting List	200	484
Number Individuals in Waiver (not implemented)		90

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PROGRAM - Residential (Regional Centers)

Program Goal:

Provide room and board, habilitation, and training services in the dormitory units at DDSN's four regional centers for individuals with mental retardation and related disabilities.

Program Objectives:

Decrease the number of ICF/MR beds in the regional centers by 170 during FY 1996-97. Overall goal is to reduce the number of institutional beds by 600 over five years ('97-'01). Maintain the regional center admissions for FY 1996-97 at FY 1995-96 base. Maintain the staff to client ratio of two staff for each client enrolled during FY 1996-97.

Performance Measures: (pertain to regional center clients only):

	Actual <u>FY 1994-95</u>	Actual <u>FY 1995-96</u>
<u>Workload Indicators: (All Enrollment Figures)</u>		
Regional Center Enrollment	1,747	1,577
Number of Client Days	652,791	608,035
Number of Clients Who Are Non-Ambulatory	283	282
Number of Clients Who Are Not Self-Feeding	397	390
Number of Clients with Severe or Profound Mental Retardation	1,450	1,361
Number of Clients with Emotional/Behavioral Problems	1,010	914
Number of Clients Who Are Non-Verbal	1,019	1,000
<u>Efficiency Measures:</u>		
Total Annual Regional Center Cost Per Client	\$67,525	\$68,255
Regional Center Cost Per Client Day	\$185	\$187
<u>Effectiveness Measures:</u>		
Regional Center Enrollment Reduction for Year	161	170
Regional Center Staff to Client Ratio	2.24:1	2.30:1
Number of Admissions to Regional Centers	21	28
Number of People on Waiting List for Regional Center Services	135	119