

Change Forces: A Model for Ensuring the Well-Being of Florida's Children

Publication #2003-S006



Our Vision

Together, we will ensure a generation of young people who grow up to be responsible adults — ready, willing and able to contribute to self, to family and to their community.

OUTCOMES desired for Florida:

Our Children are:

- * Healthy
- * Safe in their Families and Communities
- * Ready to Learn and Succeed in School

Our Families are:

- * Stable and Nurturing
- * Economically Self-Sufficient

Our Communities are

- * Supportive of Families Raising Children

The path to realizing these outcomes is for Florida to implement the following KEY POLICIES AND PRACTICES

All children and families have access to affordable, quality:

- * health care;
- * parenting support (e.g., home-visiting) services;
- * early care and education; and
- * integrated health, economic and family support services.

All communities, in partnership with the public and private sectors, have the capacity to provide a comprehensive, integrated continuum of natural, primary, and specialized supports.

All public and private employers in Florida promote family-friendly employment practices and a livable wage.

These key policies and practices should be provided within a COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY OF INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY that contains the following ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS:

* Prevention Orientation	* Fiscal Policies that Promote Integration of Quality Services
* Implementation Capacity	* Local Community Decision Making
* Holistic Service Delivery	* Continuity of Care and Practice
* Evidenced – Based Practices and Programs	* Family Supportive Policies
* Supported Front-Line Staff	* Adequate Resources
* Highly Competent Staff at all Levels	* Accountability and Continuous Improvement at all Levels
* Staff Education and Training	

SUPPORTS required for this comprehensive strategy of integrated service delivery to be sustained:

