

## **Local/Regional Direct Services Committee Report to the VICC**

September 8, 1999

In March of 1999 the Local/Regional Direct Services Committee (L/R DS) was charged with the task of developing a uniform, statewide IFSP format which would combine the requirements of Part C and Medicaid while retaining a "family friendly" focus. The committee met initially for two days to review sample IFSPs from across the state and the nation and develop a preliminary first draft. This draft was revised over the course of two more meetings and disseminated statewide for public comment. A total of 83 people attended six regional open forums to provide input on the draft. The comments offered at these forums, along with the written comments received, were compiled into 23 typewritten pages which were reviewed and utilized by the committee to create the current draft. In the fifth and most recent (to date) meeting, recommendations were developed for piloting this draft and for the training providers in the state will likely require to begin using the new document.

Throughout the process, the committee was facilitated by Rich Lewis, of the Mid-South Regional Resource Center, ably assisted by Beth Tolley, Part C Technical Assistance Consultant, and joined by representatives from DMAS, and Anne Lucas.

Respectfully submitted by

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