

Family Support & Advocacy Support Committee

December 10, 2003

Membership

- ✓ Co-chairs Pam Johnson and Dana Yarbrough welcomed a new VICC parent co-chair, Bethany Cooke. She will replace Pam Johnson who is stepping down after 3 years as the VICC co-chair. Parents on the FS&AC express great appreciation for Pam's leadership. Dana will remain as the parent co-chair until a service provider interested in co-chairing has been identified.

Publications

- ✓ Since the March 2003 VICC meeting, co-chair Dana Yarbrough and several parent and provider members of the FS&A Committee have been working in collaboration with the Public Awareness Committee to revise the family guide to early intervention (formerly the Welcome Book) into a magazine format. The document is complete – the graphic design will be discussed at a December 19th meeting.
- ✓ All other publication activities of the FS&A Committee (i.e., specialty hospital guide) are on hold

Conferences

- ✓ All conference activities of the FS&A Committee (i.e., Families are Special, Too! Conference, etc.) are on hold. Dana received a mountain of emails and phone calls from parents and providers expressing their concerns over the lack of early intervention conference opportunities for families.