

Family Support & Advocacy Committee Update

December 11, 2002

Committee:

- < At the September 2002 meeting, Pam Johnson and Dana Yarbrough, co-chairs since 2000, announced that they would remain in their roles through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2003) in order to train two new co-chairs. Currently, parents, Sharon Wallace and Regina Myrick, have volunteered to co-chair, but this may change if one is not appointed to the VICC, as the VICC by-laws require one of the co-chairs to be a VICC appointee.

- < Goochland-Powhatan CSB has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for the FS&AC budget this year.

- < In an effort to switch to fiscal year July 1, the current FS&AC budget has been modified to 9 months of funding rather than 12 months of funding.

- < Because of state budget cuts, subcommittees of the FS&AC have not met this fall, pending word from the Part C office on whether their budget is in tact.

- < The FS&AC workplan contains the following objectives for October 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003:
 - Complete revamping of the Family Guide to Early Intervention (the Welcome Book), including availability on CD;
 - Translation of Beginning with Families into Vietnamese;
 - Printing of the Specialty Hospital Guide; and
 - Sponsor the 15th Annual Families are Special, Too! Conference in Charlottesville (March/April 2003).