

Willits WISH Practical Vision

In the year 2008, what do we want to see in place in regard to the system that provides services for children with disabilities and their families?

Competent Happy Staff	Stable Program Funding	Quality Inclusive Child Care	Local Resources that Support Families	Empowered Families	Seamless Services for all Children and Families	Community Commitment to on-going Screening	All Children ready for school	Community Awareness about Substance Use and Early Brain Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy staff • More training about screening for teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable funding • There is plenty of money to continue these efforts • Programs continue into the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More quality child care for 0-5 • Children with disabilities served in natural settings • Child care providers and parents know how to support staff and children with behavioral issues • Expand Early Head Start to serve all eligible children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local resources • All children 0-5 receiving quality health care • Transportation for 0-5 programs (e.g., Early Head Start, Early Start) • Play Park • Transportation for medical appointments • Children 0-5 with all health needs met • More high school classes about child development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm line • No isolation • Families feel respected and heard • Families know whom to contact for help • Parents have access to parenting information • Family support services • Capture moving families • Home visiting workers support parenting • Self-referral for assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient referrals and collaboration • Cooperation among agencies • Money well spent • Services are seamless for families • Seamless service to children and their parents • Strengthen Family Connections • Services provided to all families and children who need them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community acceptance for screening • Community commitment to screening and intervention • Developmental Screening for all children 0-5 • All family child care homes can access screening • Repeat screens from 0-5 • Assessment desired and repeated • High visibility of the project • Community support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children start school ready to learn • API scores go through the roof • Children benefit greatly • No child falling through cracks • Develop services for at risk/slow children • Serve children that are slow but not developmentally delayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing the effect of AOD on birth and parenting • Prevention of drug-exposed babies

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