

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Recommendation of \$500,000 or Less 59-025V – Preschool Transition Process for Children with Disabilities**

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C is federal legislation for infants and toddlers, ages from birth through two (2). Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC) is the lead agency for implementing the Early Steps Program in Broward County. IDEA Part B applies to school-age children with disabilities, ages three (3) through twenty-one (21). The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), is the lead agency for implementing the Part B Program. This interagency establishes a collaborative partnership between both agencies and ensures that SBBC - via the Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS)/Child Find - will serve as the entry point for community referrals to CDTC's Early Steps Program. Additionally, the agreement facilitates and ensures a smooth transition process for children exiting CDTC's Part C Program and entering the SBBC's Part B services by the age of three (3) years as mandated by IDEA. The agreement includes the following components: (a) FDLRS/Child Find Program, (b) Vision/Hearing Program, (c) Early Head Start Program, and (d) Interagency Transition focusing on Sequenced Transition to Education in Public Schools

The Evaluation Plan will consist of an annual review of the implementation action steps by CDTC and SBBC staff, to determine the effectiveness of collaborative procedures in facilitating seamless referral and intervention services for students with disabilities who are eligible for Part C Early Intervention and Part B Programs. Evaluation measures will include performance outcome as reflected in the Broward District Local Education Agency Profile and State Performance Plan Indicator 12 - Part C Children eligible for Part B who have IEPs developed and implemented by their third birthday.

This Agreement is in compliance with federal legislation as required in the IDEA, Part B and Part C Regulations.

This Agreement shall commence on October 3, 2018 and conclude on June 30, 2021.

#### **Source of Additional Information**

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#### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact to the District.