

## Overview of Interagency Agreements Addressing Services to Children and Youth Between Florida Departments and Agencies

Title	Participating Departments/Agencies	Description	Additional Information
<p>Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Early Steps</li> <li>• Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services</li> <li>• Florida Department of Education, Division of Blind Services</li> <li>• Florida Department of Children and Families</li> <li>• Head Start, Early Head Start and related programs</li> <li>• Florida School for the Deaf and Blind</li> </ul>	<p>Define and clarify the responsibilities of each agency in order to ensure the statewide provision of coordinated quality early intervention services, including transition and family-centered services in natural environments for children with disabilities from birth to three years of age and their families</p>	<p>Addresses development of joint initiatives; non-duplication of early intervention services; awareness of full range of services available; sharing of training, technical assistance and assistive technology resources; development of interagency agreements among local agencies; and outlines specific individual agency and joint responsibilities</p> <p>Established to meet requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C, Early Intervention Services</p>

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Support for Children in Child Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Education</li> <li>• Department of Children &amp; Families</li> <li>• Agency for Workforce Innovation</li> </ul>	Review and ensure coordination of rules, regulations, policies and procedures relative to the education, special education and related services, job training and employment of children in the child welfare system; define and establish communication protocols; promote joint updating of policies and staff training; provide access to pertinent staff and parent training opportunities; coordinate efforts addressing educational stabilization, transportation, data and information-sharing to the extent possible and case planning	Requires agency designees to meet annually, at a minimum, and make recommendations to the Secretary of DCF, the Commissioner of Education and the Director of AWI; addresses appointment of district school board, regional workforce board and DCF district/regional liaisons
Assistive Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health, Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Program</li> <li>• Department of Education, Division of Blind Services</li> <li>• Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Department of Education, Office of Early Learning</li> <li>• Agency for Workforce Innovation, Office of Early Learning</li> <li>• Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services</li> </ul>	Provide a mechanism by which a youth with disabilities, or his or her parent, are informed of assistive technology devices to support transitions and may request that an assistive technology device remain with the youth as she or he moves through the continuum from home to school, to another school district, to postsecondary institutions, to state or community agencies, to employment facilities and to community living facilities	Established based on 1003.575, Florida Statutes.

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Infants and Toddlers with Sensory Loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health, Children’s Medical Services, Early Steps</li> <li>• Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Outreach Services, Parent Infant Program</li> </ul>	Facilitate delivery of appropriate and quality early intervention services to children, ages birth to 36 months, with sensory loss (vision and/or hearing) and their families by clarifying roles and responsibilities of each agency	
Students with Disabilities – Support for Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Blind Services</li> <li>• Department of Health, Children’s Medical Services</li> <li>• Department of Children and Families, Mental Health</li> <li>• Agency for Persons with Disabilities</li> </ul>	Encourage and facilitate cooperation and collaboration among local leadership and staff in order to provide a smooth and successful transition of students with disabilities to gainful and sustained employment or postsecondary education with access to adult health care and mental health services	Established to address requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act; addresses development of joint service plans for students
Child Care Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Children and Families</li> <li>• Department of Health</li> </ul>	Provide for coordination of licensing inspections twice a year at licensed child care centers in 60 Florida counties.	<p>Established to meet requirements of Section 402.305, Florida Statutes</p> <p>The remaining counties have elected to conduct their own licensing inspections, meeting or exceeding state licensing requirements</p>
Title IV-E Claiming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Juvenile Justice</li> <li>• Department of Children and Families</li> </ul>	Create a cooperative collaboration to ensure proper and efficient administration of Title IV-E, Foster Care Programs	Established to meet requirements of the Federal Social Security Act
Jointly Served Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Juvenile Justice</li> <li>• Department of Children and Families</li> </ul>	Coordinate the delivery of services to jointly served youth	
Home SafeNet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Juvenile Justice</li> <li>• Department of Children and Families</li> </ul>	Provide for limited interagency access to agency databases	

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Title XX Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Juvenile Justice</li> <li>• Department of Children and Families</li> </ul>	Provide for proper administration and funding of Title XX services (Adolescent Family Life Program) to committed juvenile offenders	Established to meet requirements of Federal Public Health Services Act
Florida Youth Challenge Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Juvenile Justice</li> <li>• Department of Military Affairs</li> </ul>	Provide for appropriate operation and funding of Florida Youth Challenge Program, an initiative providing training & mentoring to high-risk youth who are high school drop outs and are unemployed or underemployed	
Juvenile Offender Training & Job Placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency for Workforce Innovation</li> <li>• Department of Juvenile Justice</li> </ul>	Initiate and promote cooperation between Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI), Regional Workforce Boards and DJJ for delivery of services to juvenile offenders and at risk youth, with the common goal of enabling them to reintegrate with their community by entering the workforce through training and job placement.	
Improving Child Care Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency for Workforce Innovation</li> <li>• Department of Education</li> </ul>	Improve the quality of child care programs through additional statewide assistance and supports	
Self-employment of Youth with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency for Workforce Innovation</li> <li>• Agency for Persons with Disabilities</li> </ul>	Support self-employment for adults and youth with disabilities	
Data-sharing for Child Support Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency for Workforce Innovation</li> <li>• Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement</li> </ul>	Provide disclosure of confidential Unemployment Compensation information on persons who owe a duty of child support and to deduct and withhold child support payments from such person's Unemployment Compensation benefits	

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Student Medicaid Medical Services Coordination	Department of Education Agency for Healthcare Administration	Provide for school districts to check students' Medicaid eligibility and obtain Medicaid reimbursement for medical services provided by school districts to students with disabilities	
Students with Disabilities Service Coordination	Department of Education Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Ensure services to persons with disabilities, including developing and enhancing supported employment	Established based on Chapters 393 and 413, Florida Statutes in 2005
One-stop Center Services	Department of Education Agency for Workforce Innovation	Strengthen the one-stop system, including the role of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	Established based on Chapter 413, Florida Statutes
Student Transitional Support Services	Department of Education Department of Children and Families	Provide for aftercare services, transitional support services, and the Road to Independence Program (RTI), which assists students who are in high school and those who have enrolled in postsecondary education	Established based on Chapter 409.1451(5)(b), Florida Statutes
Services to Homeless Children and Families	Department of Education Department of Children and Families	Provide services to homeless children and to the families of such children and youth, as needed	Established based on 1003.21(1)(f), Florida Statutes
Abuse Hotline	Department of Education Department of Children and Families	Provides for DOE to contact the Abuse Hotline of complaints involving reports of abuse, neglect, or abandonment at nonpublic schools	
Private School Health Inspections	Department of Education Department of Health	Provide for health inspections required for private schools to participate in the McKay and CTC Scholarship Programs	Established to meet requirements of Section 1002.421(2)(g), Florida Statutes

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Coordinated School Health	Department of Education Department of Health	Ensure cooperative interagency planning, development, implementation and the coordination of effective policies, programs and budgets concerning the Coordinated School Health model as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Established to meet requirements of section 381.0056 & 1003.453(3)(c), Florida Statutes
Staff Training	Department of Education Department of Juvenile Justice	Provide training for DJJ staff and faculty on effective strategies to prevent HIV/STD and Teen Pregnancy	
Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Department of Education Department of Juvenile Justice	Provide an organizational structure and processes for interagency communication and collaboration essential to the effective and efficient delivery of educational services to youth served in juvenile justice education programs	Established to meet requirements of 1003.51 & 1003.52, Florida Statutes
Independent Living	Department of Education Florida Independent Living Council	Delineate responsibilities regarding state plan for independent living	Established to meet requirements of section 413.395, Florida Statutes
Services for the Deaf and Blind	Department of Education Florida School for the Deaf and Blind	Provide coordination to ensure maximum benefits to eligible consumers	Established to meet requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1972, & Chapter 413, Florida Statutes
Prekindergarten Services for Children with Disabilities	Department of Education Head Start Programs	Development of programs designed to provide special education and related services to prekindergarten children with disabilities and their families	Established to meet requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act

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Data-sharing - Foster Care	Department of Education Department of Children and Families Agency for Workforce Innovation	Provide of the aggregation of student data and unit record employment data to evaluate individuals who aged out of foster care programs	
Data-sharing - Kindergarten Screening	Department of Education Agency for Workforce Innovation	Coordinate kindergarten screening results of children participating in school readiness programs by “matching” AWI’s school readiness data with the DOE’s data on kindergarten screening results	Cooperative initiative, not a formal interagency agreement
Data-sharing - School Performance Impact	Department of Education Department of Health Agency for Workforce Innovation Department of Children and Families	Link agencies’ data sets containing variables (i.e., child and parent demographics, program participation and outcome data) that impact school performance	Cooperative initiative, not a formal interagency agreement
Waivers for Developmental Disabilities	Agency for Persons with Disabilities Agency for Health Care Administration	Delineation of agencies’ responsibilities for administration and operations for Medicaid Consumer Directed Care Research and Demonstration 1115 Waiver, Developmental Disabilities Waiver, Family/Supported Living Waiver, and Intermediate Care Facility Services for the Developmentally Disabled Program	Established in 2005
Articulation Agreement	Agency for Persons with Disabilities Department of Education Department of Children and Families	Agreement to support a smooth and successful transition of students with disabilities from high school to postsecondary education, support services, and/or employment	Established in 2006
Disability Coordination	Agency for Persons with Disabilities Department of Health	Outlines the creation, administration and funding of a Statewide Disability Coordinator	Established in 2007