

# FLORIDA CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET

## Intervening in the At-Risk Cycle Workgroup

### Description

Co-Chaired by the Agency for Healthcare and Administration Secretary Elizabeth Dudek and Dr. Judy Schaechter, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, the *Intervening in the At-Risk Cycle Workgroup* is focused on identifying effective strategies to intervene or break cycles of social behaviors and poverty that result in dependence on, or involvement, of government health and human service agencies and resources.

Topics include areas such as domestic violence, child abuse, bullying, teen pregnancy, substance abuse and mental health. Efforts will be made to identify root causes in order to identify effective solutions through early education, prevention and intervention. These elements are necessary to positively impact a family's ability to break their cycles and become resilient and self-sufficient.

The *Intervening in the At-Risk Cycle Workgroup* will look to collaborate with other Cabinet workgroups to prevent duplication and build off their success to provide holistic strategies to enable children and families to be successful. Workgroup members will be encouraged from state agencies, statewide councils, local leaders and faith and community organizations.