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QUALITY ASSURANCE																	
<p>GOAL 1 1,000 self-advocates and family members of persons with developmental disabilities will advocate for policies and practices that promote the self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.</p>																	
<p>Objective 1.1 Louisiana’s self-advocacy organization consisting of people with developmental disabilities will promote advocacy by guiding local chapters and provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities.</p>																	
<p>People First of Louisiana (PFL) supports 220 self-advocates. At the beginning of FFY2012 there were 175 self-advocates in Region 3 who decided to not be affiliated with People First of Louisiana (PFL). This explains the drop in total membership of 395 ending FFY2011 to the current total of 220 members. Although the local People First chapter chose not to be affiliated with PFL, self-advocates in Region 3 have requested and received training. PFL is working to reestablish a relationship with the Region 3 People First group. A part-time Advocacy Facilitator was hired to serve the Lafayette/Lake Charles area. The advocacy facilitator will act as a bridge between PFL and LaCAN/LaTEACH advocacy efforts and to assist with PFL members with promoting the PFL advocacy agenda and issues.</p> <p>The PFL Board of Directors received three trainings this quarter: “ABLE Act Train-the-Trainer,” “Development of Louisiana’s Self-Advocacy Plan,” and “Development of a Foundation for Financial Sustainability,” with a total of 25 Participants. Year to date there have been seven trainings provided to PFL Board with 32 Participants.</p> <p>The Board provided two trainings to Chapters: “How to be a Good Board Member” and “How to Effectively Listen,” with eight participants attending each training. Year to date the PFL Board has provided five trainings to Chapters with 84 participants.</p> <p><i>PFL status continued on next page</i></p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1520 743 1923 1230"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1520 743 1759 818">Total Budgeted¹</th> <th data-bbox="1759 743 1923 818">\$100,000</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1520 818 1759 893">Salaries and wages</td> <td data-bbox="1759 818 1923 893">\$44,663</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1520 893 1759 967">Related benefits</td> <td data-bbox="1759 893 1923 967">\$10,607</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1520 967 1759 1010">Travel</td> <td data-bbox="1759 967 1923 1010">\$6,563</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1520 1010 1759 1084">Operating services</td> <td data-bbox="1759 1010 1923 1084">\$15,579</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1520 1084 1759 1127">Supplies</td> <td data-bbox="1759 1084 1923 1127">\$2,981</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1520 1127 1759 1201">Professional Services</td> <td data-bbox="1759 1127 1923 1201">\$12,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1520 1201 1759 1230">Administrative</td> <td data-bbox="1759 1201 1923 1230">\$7,407</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Total Budgeted¹	\$100,000	Salaries and wages	\$44,663	Related benefits	\$10,607	Travel	\$6,563	Operating services	\$15,579	Supplies	\$2,981	Professional Services	\$12,200	Administrative	\$7,407
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<p><i>PFL continued</i></p> <p>PFL members also received three trainings from other community resources this quarter: “Computer Applications and Processes,” “It’s Your Disability Check,” and “DSW Notes,” with a total of 75 Participants. Year to date there have been four trainings from other community resources with 95 Participants.</p>																
<p>Objective 1.2 Individuals with developmental disabilities will participate on cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.</p>																
<p>Council staff shares information with PFL members on joining and participating in various boards of interest to them statewide.</p>		<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>														
<p>Objective 1.3 75 to 100 individuals with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities will develop skills in leadership development and systems change activities.</p>																
<p>Partners in Policymaking began with 24 individuals selected to participate. The January and February sessions went well with participants making connections right away and planning advocacy efforts for the 2012 Legislative Session. Planning for the remaining classes is on schedule. Partners has graduated 365 participants since 1990.</p> <p><u>Partners in advocacy</u> Partners graduates continue to advocate statewide. About 37% of the total graduates are active advocates. Since 2006, 71% of graduates are active (81 out of 115). Facebook is being used as a networking tool to reconnect with other graduates. A Partners graduate from 2010 in Baton Rouge continues to raise awareness for Fragile X. She was recently featured in the Baton Rouge Advocate. 132 Graduates are active in LaCAN/LaTEACH (Alerts, Activities, etc.), DDC, FHF or other disability groups. Four graduates have testified and five attended a yellow shirt day to date in the 2012 Legislative Session. One 2012 Partners participant attended a Yellow Shirt Day.</p>		<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1520 964 1921 1382"> <tr> <td>Total Budgeted¹</td> <td>\$80,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and wages</td> <td>\$18,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>\$44,567</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating services</td> <td>\$780</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplies</td> <td>\$1,875</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Services</td> <td>\$9,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administrative</td> <td>\$5,778</td> </tr> </table>	Total Budgeted¹	\$80,000	Salaries and wages	\$18,000	Travel	\$44,567	Operating services	\$780	Supplies	\$1,875	Professional Services	\$9,000	Administrative	\$5,778
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<p>Objective 1.4 375 people with developmental disabilities and their family members will advance their knowledge of home- and community-based supports and services and promote advocacy leadership through participation in conferences and other training events.</p>								
<p>Thirty-three individuals with disabilities and family members received stipends through Families Helping Families to participate in conferences and workshops this quarter. Year to date 52 stipends have been awarded. Each stipend contract is on target.</p>		<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total Budgeted¹</td> <td>\$30,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>\$27,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administrative</td> <td>\$2,400</td> </tr> </table>	Total Budgeted¹	\$30,000	Travel	\$27,600	Administrative	\$2,400
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<p>My Choice completed revision of two of the four trainings and trained the presenters on the revised topics. Three trainings are scheduled in Regions 3 and 6 for March on the topics: “Economic Abuse” and “Communicating My Wants and Needs.” Providers across the state are being contacted to schedule the remaining seven trainings.</p> <p><u>Year-to-date</u> In the first quarter, trainings were revised to be applicable to several types of audiences.</p>		<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total Budgeted²</td> <td>\$8,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Services</td> <td>\$8,000</td> </tr> </table>	Total Budgeted²	\$8,000	Professional Services	\$8,000		
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<p>Objective 1.5 Members of the Council and its committees will serve as effective advocates for state and national systems change.</p>								
<p>Thirteen self-advocates and family members were supported to participate in the October Council meeting. This quarter no Council member stipends were awarded.</p> <p>Year to date two Council member stipends were awarded for a Supported Employment/Employment First webinar. The balance of the Council member Stipend Fund is \$2,800.</p>								

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<p>GOAL 2 Improve the quality of community-based supports and services for Louisianans with developmental disabilities.</p>		
<p>Objective 2.1 The quality of waiver services in Louisiana will improve through the development and implementation of a comprehensive home- and community-based services plan.</p>		
<p>OCDD and OAAS facilitated the development of the Plan for Strengthening the Home and Community Based System (HCBS) Infrastructure and Quality in accordance with Act 299 of 2011. Council staff participated in committees to provide input into the development of the proposed plan. The plan summary was submitted to the Legislature in January and committees continue to work on action items.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>	
<p>Objective 2.2 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will receive competitive compensation.</p>		
<p>Council staff participated in the Rate Reimbursement & Cost Report Committee of the Act 299 workgroup. The committee recommended to establish a mechanism that ensures a certain portion of the rate is used for DSP pay however this is not likely to occur until the rates increase.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>	
<p>Objective 2.3 DSPs serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will display a minimum skills set and have access to a graduated certification process with corresponding compensation increases.</p>		
<p>DSP curriculum and training are also being addressed in the Act 299 Plan but they are not linked to corresponding compensation increases.</p> <p>The Department of Labor proposed regulations that would ensure home care workers have minimum wage and overtime protection. This could have a positive impact on wage to DSPs.</p> <p>HDC is preparing to offer a 40-hour competency-based core training curriculum in Supported Employment that LRS has indicated it plans to require of job coaches and employment specialists.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>	

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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS													
GOAL 3 Changes to policies and practices in Louisiana’s developmental disability system will result in adequate funding and availability of quality supports and services in the community and reduce reliance on public and private intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities (ICFs/DD).													
Objective 3.1 4,000 people on the waiting list will begin receiving home- and community-based services by educating stakeholders, policy makers and the public about the waiting list and needed systems reforms.													
<p>LaCAN currently has 2,490 members on its listserv and 407 members who have taken action (e.g., visits/letters to legislators, roundtable/yellow shirt attendance) since October 1, 2011. LaCAN leaders and members met with at least 61 legislators to present fact sheets on issues affecting individuals and parents of children with developmental disabilities in preparations for the 2012 Legislative Session. Fact sheets addressed the continuing need for additional NOW slots and a proposal for Money Follows the Person (MFP) from private ICFs/DD to HCBS.</p> <p>LaCAN hosted 14 regional roundtables that were attended by 255 LaCAN members and 32 legislators.</p> <p>Twenty-one LaCAN members attended the Appropriations Committee meeting during the presentation of DHH’s budget in support of additional NOW slots, prompting questions from five legislators to Secretary Greenstein about NOW slots and the waiting list.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total Budgeted¹</td> <td>\$130,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>\$12,670</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplies</td> <td>\$8,930</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Services</td> <td>\$93,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administrative</td> <td>\$10,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Misc (Rally)</td> <td>\$5,000</td> </tr> </table>	Total Budgeted¹	\$130,000	Travel	\$12,670	Supplies	\$8,930	Professional Services	\$93,000	Administrative	\$10,400	Misc (Rally)	\$5,000
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Objective 3.2 Admissions to developmental centers will cease by increasing access to behavioral and medical intervention in the community and the discontinuation of people adjudicated into developmental centers.													

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<p>DHH launched the partnership with Magellan to coordinate behavioral health services and anticipate an increase in qualified providers and services as a result. Council staff continue to participate on a Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) committee related to this initiative. There were not any activities related to advocacy for additional short-term emergency placement for behavioral and medical stabilization.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>				
<p>Objective 3.3 The number of people in private ICFs/DD per capita in Louisiana will decrease to reach the national average through the transition of people to home- and community-based services.</p>					
<p>Council leadership successfully advocated with DHH to pursue a MFP proposal in the 2012 legislative session that would increase options for ICFs/DD residents to transition into HCBS. The legislation was later voluntarily deferred after it was learned DHH had the flexibility to implement MFP and achieve the same outcomes without legislation.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>				
<p>GOAL 4 Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will obtain the information, training, and support they need.</p>					
<p>Objective 4.1 75,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will obtain information, training, and support.</p>					
<p>Families Helping Families Resource Centers assisted 5,645 individuals and families with information, referral, or other support this quarter, for a total of 9,928 individuals and families since October 1, 2011.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1520 1073 1923 1224"> <tr> <td>Total Budgeted² (state funds)</td> <td>\$372,933</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monthly</td> <td>\$3,454</td> </tr> </table>	Total Budgeted² (state funds)	\$372,933	Monthly	\$3,454
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<p>GOAL 5 The Community and Family Support System will continue to deliver flexible, individualized, and person-centered supports.</p>					
<p>Objective 5.1 3,500 individuals with developmental disabilities will receive (Act 378 of 1989) state-funded supports.</p>					

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<p>The Council co-hosted Family Forums on Individual and Family Support with OCDD to obtain input from families to determine if the program is being implemented consistently across the state and in accordance to policy and Act 378 principles. Overall satisfaction with services was reported. The two main concerns identified by families were a lack of awareness of the program and consideration of the entire family’s needs. There are major concerns about the sustainability of the state funded components of the Community and Family Support System as budget cuts continue to eat away at these programs and the offices/districts/authorities that administer them.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>HEALTH</p>	
<p>GOAL 6 Policies and practices will result in adequate access to health care among Louisiana citizens with developmental disabilities.</p>	
<p>Objective 6.1 Access to quality medical services for individuals with developmental disabilities will increase.</p>	
<p>Staff facilitated preliminary discussions with DHH staff on the nature of data collection and analysis of medical outcomes for people with developmental disabilities to better define specific targets and activities.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 6.2 Families will have access to information regarding Medicaid providers.</p>	
<p>All Medicaid providers are listed on the DHH website at the following link: http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/provider_demographics/provider_map.aspx. This information is linked to the DD Council website and will be disseminated in future LaDDC News releases related to health.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 6.3 Louisiana recipients of waiver services aged 22 and older will have access to dental services.</p>	
<p>No progress has been made at this time.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>

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EDUCATION																			
GOAL 7 Changes in policies and practices will result in inclusive, evidence-based, and safe educational settings for students with developmental disabilities.																			
Objective 7.1 1,000 people will become active in systems advocacy for increased access to inclusive education opportunities among students with developmental disabilities in all publicly funded schools through the support of a statewide family-driven special education grassroots advocacy organization.																			
<p>LaTEACH currently has 1,159 members on its listserv and at least 50 members confirming action (e.g., visits/letters to legislators, roundtable/legislative committee meeting attendance) since October 1, 2011. LaTEACH Coordinators and members met with at least 38 legislators and seven BESE members to present fact sheets on issues affecting individuals and parents of children with developmental disabilities in preparation for the 2012 Legislative Session. Fact sheets addressed the need to ensure education reform plans ensure all students have access to and services in quality schools.</p> <p>LaTEACH co-hosted 14 regional roundtables that were attended by 255 members, 32 legislators and two BESE Members.</p> <p>LaTEACH members attended a House Education Committee meeting, two Senate Education Committee meetings, two BESE meetings, and the Special Education Advisory Panel for the Louisiana Department of Education. Eight LaTEACH members provided testimony at three legislative hearings related to bills proposing scholarships to private schools.</p> <p><i>LaTEACH status continued next page.</i></p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total Budgeted¹</td> <td>\$110,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and wages</td> <td>\$23,205</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Related benefits</td> <td>\$3,421</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>\$14,900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating services</td> <td>\$1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplies</td> <td>\$9,974</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Services</td> <td>\$43,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administrative</td> <td>\$8,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Misc (Statewide Training)</td> <td>\$ 5,000</td> </tr> </table>	Total Budgeted¹	\$110,000	Salaries and wages	\$23,205	Related benefits	\$3,421	Travel	\$14,900	Operating services	\$1,500	Supplies	\$9,974	Professional Services	\$43,200	Administrative	\$8,800	Misc (Statewide Training)	\$ 5,000
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<p><i>LaTEACH continued</i></p> <p>As a result of the advocacy and testimony in legislative hearings at least five Senators and three Representatives raised questions/concerns during legislative hearings and/or floor discussions regarding how parents of children with significant disabilities would not have equal access to the education reforms being presented. HB976 was modified to ensure that admissions to private schools would not discriminate against students based on their disability. However, participating private schools will not be required to provide all the special education services necessary for every student. Advocacy at BESE’s Special Education Advisory Panel also resulted in their position that all schools accepting public funds should accept and provide appropriate services to all students.</p>	
<p>Objective 7.2 Changes in policies and practices will result in competitive employment in integrated settings as the first and desired outcome for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities.</p>	
<p>Employment Systems Change grant was not awarded.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 7.3 There will be an increase in the number of charter schools, early education programs, and other publicly funded education facilities that approximate the percentage of students statewide served with developmental disabilities across all LEAs.</p>	
<p>Regional advocacy leaders with LaCAN/LaTEACH provided information regarding how Charter schools tend to not serve students with more significant disabilities to Legislators, BESE members and LaTEACH members. LaTEACH was active with sharing information regarding the education reform proposals. While changes to these plans have removed language that would have allowed participating schools to deny admissions to students based on their disability type as the proposed scholarship program is written (on 3/27/12) participating schools would not have to provide students with disabilities with the services they need to succeed.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 7.4 Students will be protected from discipline practices that cause harm and/or violate their rights.</p>	

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<p>Rules on the use of restraint and seclusion were adopted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). However, a typographical error removed language that would require parents to be notified within 24 hours of their child being restrained or secluded. Council staff voiced concerns during the March BESE meeting and were assured that the rule will be corrected.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>GOAL 8 EarlySteps will return to a transdisciplinary service delivery system.</p>	
<p>Objective 8.1 Children participating in EarlySteps will demonstrate improved developmental outcomes.</p>	
<p>No progress has been made at this time.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>EMPLOYMENT</p>	
<p>GOAL 9 Changes in public policy and practice will result in an increase of 1,000 people with developmental disabilities in integrated individualized employment.</p>	
<p>Objective 9.1 Louisiana will develop and implement an Employment First plan.</p>	
<p>The Council staff participates in OCDD’s Employment First Workgroup developing the Employment First state plan. The Workgroup has scheduled meetings through June.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 9.2 The capacity of the employment provider system will improve through evidence-based practice in collaboration with the LSU-HSC Human Development Center.</p>	

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<p>The Employment Consortium completed two Basic Supported Employment trainings this quarter that trained 18 participants (Hammond: eight, and New Orleans: ten) and one Train-the-trainer session in New Orleans with four participants.</p> <p><u>Year-to-date</u> The Employment Consortium has had 40 participants in four Basic classes and four train-the-trainer participants.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total Budgeted²</td> <td>\$72,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SE Trainings</td> <td>\$53,520</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Train-the-Trainer</td> <td>\$18,480</td> </tr> </table>	Total Budgeted²	\$72,000	SE Trainings	\$53,520	Train-the-Trainer	\$18,480
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<p>Objective 9.3 The Louisiana Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program’s federal draw down will increase.</p>							
<p>As a result of the La. Rehabilitation Services (LRS) drawdown Ad Hoc committee LRS and DOE are collaborating on the Exit to Success program proposal for increased transitional staff in one Local Education Agency (school system).</p> <p>La. Rehabilitation Council approved an initiative to advocate to the La. Legislature regarding an increase in the LRS’ state general fund allocation.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>						
<p>Objective 9.4 Family members and others will be knowledgeable about options for integrated, competitive employment in collaboration with the Advocacy Center and the LSU-HSC Human Development Center.</p>							

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Show Me The Money held five trainings on the benefits of community employment with a total of 48 participants. There were no participants linked to LRS this quarter. The primary barrier appears to be with families; although families/caregivers were invited to all meetings none chose to attend. Project staff is following up with the staff at the four agencies visited this past quarter to determine ways to directly contact families.

Year-to-date

Show Me The Money has had 102 participants in 10 classes and linked 18 people to LRS.

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Total Budgeted¹	\$40,000
Salaries and wages	\$15,000
Travel	\$11,700
Operating services	\$1,300
Supplies	\$8,800
Administrative	\$3,200

RECREATION

GOAL 10

More people with developmental disabilities will participate in inclusive community recreation activities.

Objective 10.1 Inclusive recreation programs will be developed in at least two areas of the state.

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The **Inclusive Recreation/ PBIS Training** project updated the survey document to determine the desired recreational activities and accommodations that will be needed for children with disabilities in the Pineville area. The project delivered 2700 surveys/flyers to the school board representative on the committee. Challenges regarding progress toward outcomes reported in January were only partly addressed by the contractor. Council staff are working closely with OCDD to correct these issues.

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Total Budgeted¹	\$50,000
Salaries and wages	\$8,330
Related benefits	\$3,570
Travel	\$6,900
Operating services	\$4,200
Supplies	\$18,400
Professional Services	\$4,600
Administrative	\$4,000

CHILD CARE

GOAL 11

The number of quality, affordable, inclusive child care services accessible to parents of children with significant disabilities will increase.

Objective 11.1 The capacity of Louisiana’s child care system to support children with significant disabilities will improve.

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Inclusive Child Care Training reviewed current modules related to including children with disabilities and identified four modules that will be used to develop web-based on-line training modules. The project completed drafts of two of the revised web-based on-line training modules and is in the process of training staff on the modules. There will be ten face-to-face three-hour trainings in July and August on newly developed training modules. The project also worked with Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Council to identify key stakeholders to invite to review the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) special needs rate.

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Total Budgeted²	\$32,500
Salaries and wages	\$22,500
Professional Services	\$10,000

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