

The Arc Baton Rouge - Primary Service Provider Model of Early Intervention with Arc Affiliate Independent Providers

The Arc Baton Rouge is requesting continued funding from the DDC for Primary Service Provider (PSP) Model Project with our continued goal of supporting EarlySteps to expand the model across the state. Funds from the DDC will support Arc Affiliate Independent Providers to participate in the initiative by working directly with children and family teams. This project supports the DDC's Goal 8 and Objective 8.1:

Goal 8: Children participating in EarlySteps will demonstrate improved developmental outcomes through increased access to quality services.

Objective 8.1 EarlySteps will return to a transdisciplinary service delivery system.

Participating providers are paid by EarlySteps to provide early intervention therapy services (e.g. physical, occupational, etc.). Providers are also provided stipends to participate in transdisciplinary teaming activities (including coaching to support children and families) and to use the PSP model in their service delivery approach for each child and family they serve through an Arc Team. In addition, The Arc affiliate independent providers are provided with supervision and monitoring of their participation in these activities.

At the conclusion of this final phase of the project and the research study, in addition to Arc provider data, EarlySteps data will be analyzed to compare the actual cost to EarlySteps to fully implement the PSP model.

The specific goal and outcome for this project for FFY2016 is as follows:

Goal: To improve developmental outcomes of children participating in EarlySteps. This is final phase of the project to evaluate the effectiveness of a PSP model within our program and to share results with EarlySteps to determine how this model might be implemented within Louisiana's Early Intervention System.

Outcome: Implementation of the PSP Model in Region 2 and other areas of the state using Arc affiliated EarlySteps independent providers to provide knowledge and skill building activities to families and child care providers to provide interventions based on Individual and Family Support Plan (IFSP) and demonstration of the effectiveness of the model.

To that end, we request the council consider this proposal and the requested funding of **\$35,000** to support this innovative and promising practice for FFY 2016. Specifically, the council would be supporting the following activities related to the project.

- Evaluation and Dissemination Activities – national consultants working with The Arc and EarlySteps to finalize all data needs, analysis, and writing of results for dissemination **(not to exceed \$6,000)**
- Arc Transdisciplinary teaming activities including coaching to support children and families The Arc early intervention teams including Arc affiliate staff provide services to at a rate of \$500.00 per teaming activity **(not to exceed \$23,000)**
- Provision of transdisciplinary services for the children and families Arc affiliate independent providers participate in through an Arc Team at a rate of \$500 per month **(not to exceed \$6,000)**

Update

The ad hoc committee recommended funding for \$6,000.

The project coordinator indicated the funds requested will support continued demonstration of the effectiveness of the model and that fewer funds than requested will result in a smaller study.