

## **Special Needs Accommodation Process (SNAP)**

### ***How Do I Know If My Child Should Be Assessed By The SNAP?***

If you answer YES to any of these questions, a SNAP appointment will be required for your child PRIOR to enrollment or participation in a Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) program:

1. Does your child see a specialist?
2. Does your child see a health consultant other than your Family practice physician?
3. Does your child receive assistance from a resource teacher at school?
4. Does your child or youth have a health condition that is corrected but needs special attention in regards to participation in childcare settings or recreational activities (e.g., hearing aid, glasses, inhaler, or other assistive equipment)?
5. Does your child have difficulty with self discipline?
6. Has he/she been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD?
7. Is your child or youth on a behavioral modification improvement plan?
8. Does your child or youth have any special allergy or dietary issues (e.g., asthma, hay fever, lactose/dairy intolerance)?

### ***What is SNAP?***

The Special Needs Accommodation Process (SNAP) is a multi-disciplinary team that assists in determining the safest, least restrictive and most appropriate placement of children that require specialized childcare, school age services, youth services, or recreational sports and fitness activities. The purpose of this team is to work with the parent to ensure that the child's experiences while in Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) are successful.

### ***How Does The SNAP Assist?***

The SNAP process is designed to evaluate health, developmental, physical, social, emotional, learning and behavioral issues that affect your child. It is both our philosophy and goal, when possible, to honor your personal choices for CYSS services. Through every step we are partners in your child's success. The SNAP serves as a communication link with all agencies involved in providing services to your child and as an advocate to ensure that the individual rights of your child are protected and respected. The CYSS is a program of inclusion and works to match the child's need(s) with the appropriate placement.

### ***What Is the Parent's Role?***

Parent participation is crucial. You will be informed of the date, time and location of the SNAP. In order to assist with this placement process you may be asked to provide specific information (e.g., medical documentation, statements of illnesses, allergies, reactions and treatment, copies of

the IFSP/IEP, and behavior improvement plans/contracts). All of these items are needed to facilitate the SNAP process. Please provide current documentation.

***SNAP Team Members***

- Parent/Guardian
- Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Coordinator
- Community Health Nurse
- CYSS Special Needs Director
- CYSS Center Management Representative
- CYSS School Age Services Representative
- Medical Care provider
- Early Intervention Services Representative
- Other Health Care Professionals as needed