

DREAM (PROVOCATIVE POSSIBILITY) STATEMENTS

Within the context of the Summit, participants were asked to identify their dreams of an ideal system: A Birth to Six System in which Comprehensive Services are Delivered Seamlessly to All of Wisconsin's Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind Children and their Families. These statements and images represent their visions of an ideal system.

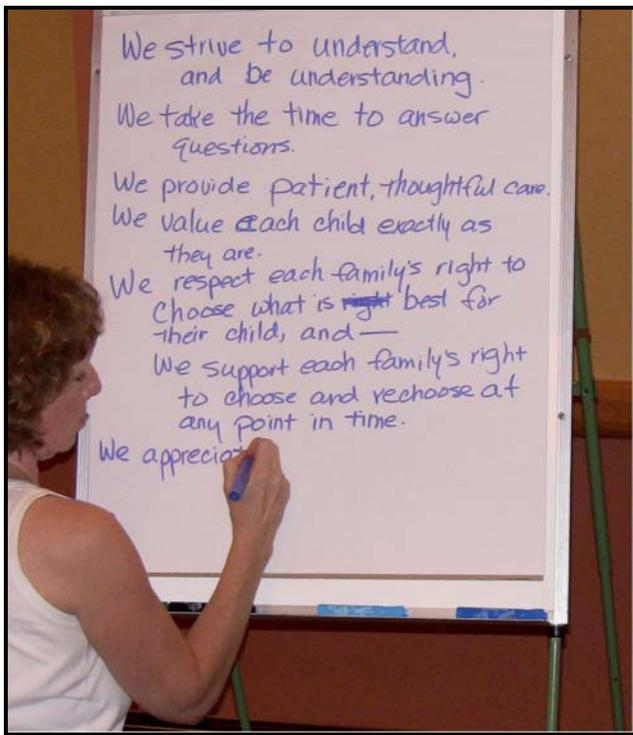


We are a fluid, supportive system of knowledgeable people. We collaborate with each other and communities to support families and to keep our system strong. In our system:

Families are excited about the possibilities and do not feel undue stress or sorrow.

We immediately provide parents of a new baby with hearing loss, unbiased information that matches their learning style, language, and culture; regardless of socio-economic status or where they live.

We respect families' decisions and their right to make new choices over time.



As the parents of children with hearing loss:

We strive to understand, and be understanding.

We take the time to answer questions.

We provide patient, thoughtful care.

We value our child exactly as they are.

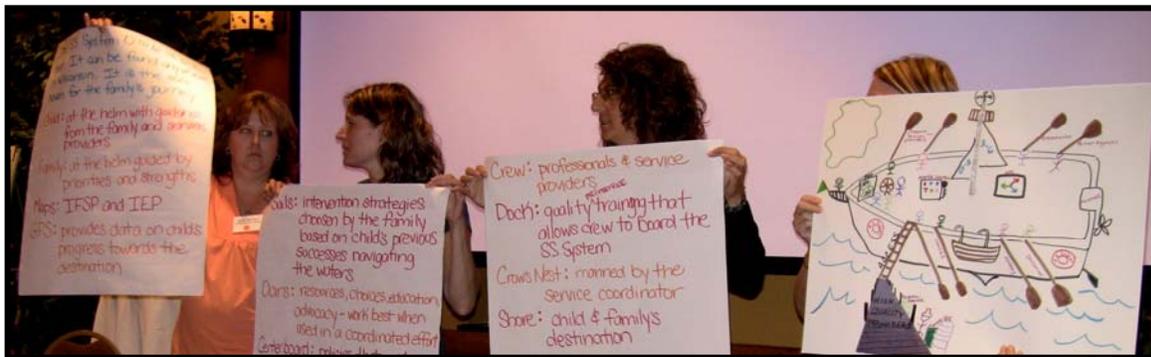
We respect each family's right to choose what is best for their child, and—

We support each family's right to choose—and re-choose at any point in time.

We appreciate learning to play and learning through play.

We grow and maintain high expectations for ourselves, families and children.

We believe in our abilities to deliver!



We are a unified Birth to Six system, S.S. System 0 to 6. Our system can be found anywhere families look in Wisconsin for a safe haven to guide their journey.

We are one boat:

- Families are at the helm of S.S. System 0 to 6, guided by priorities and strengths.
- Children are also at the helm, with guidance from their families and service providers.
- S.S. System 0 to 6 takes children to shore; their destination.
- We are staffed by a crew of professionals and service providers.
- In dry dock, our crew receives quality pre- / in-service training that allows them to board the S.S. System.
- S.S. System 0 to 6 Crow's Nest is manned by the service coordinator.
- IFSP's and IEP's are maps to chart our course.
- Data on each child's progress is our GPS, guiding us towards the destination.
- Our Sails are powered by intervention strategies chosen by the family, based on each child's previous successes navigating the waters.
- We use our oars--resources, choices, education, advocacy--in a coordinated effort.
- The cultures and communities in which children and families live serve as our rudder, helping us adjust to meet all needs.
- Policies are our Centerboard, guiding the system and its processes.
- Funds power our boat; our multiple funding sources serve as propellers.



Menu Items:

- Funding
- Early Identification
- Clear, Concise Guide
- Tracking / Data System
- Qualified Medical Professionals
- Equal Access
- Well-trained, Understanding, Family-focused Providers

We are a unified Birth to Six Program that is statewide with a family-centered focus. We identify in audiology, ophthalmology and neurology practices, and have a state cross system coordinator who assures guidance through all steps toward early intervention. We track all data from each family identified and NO child is ever left behind!

We provide a manual to families stating a clear and concise menu of options highlighting all statewide opportunities for them to consider what works best for their family.

We are teams of professionally qualified, properly trained service providers who understand children and families at all ages and stages of development, regardless of sensory diagnosis. Our system provides support and resources that are local, concrete and do not change.

Big or Small – Wisconsin Funds It All!



We are Wisconsin!

We take pride in the roles we play with infants, toddlers, and older children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. We are parents and family, provider generalists and specialists, physicians, school educators, and a community of support.

We enthusiastically offer families, unbiased information and early intervention.

We commit to and provide a continuum of timely and high quality services without restrictions.

We have a winning game plan for Wisconsin's kids who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind.



- The Wisconsin seamless service delivery model has highly qualified professionals who collaborate to provide thorough, unbiased information on the continuum of options.
- Today, wherever the game is played, families have equal access to a team of highly skilled, knowledgeable professional providers.
- We connect families with formal and informal support opportunities.
- In our system, children have access to role models throughout childhood.

Our Starting Line-up ensures early intervention and smooth transitions:

- ★ Parent-Infant Specialist
- ★ Sign Communication Specialist
- ★ Speech Language Pathologist
- ★ Auditory Oral / LSLS Professional
- ★ Parent Guide
- ★ Educational Audiologist
- ★ Teacher of the Deaf and Hard Of Hearing
- ★ Social Worker
- ★ Deaf / Hard Of Hearing Mentors

Through our seamless Birth to 6 Model:

- ★ We help children and families hit a home run so they may be winners in school and life:
 - Ready to learn and participate in life – jobs, school, home, communities
 - With age appropriate skills
 - Involved in their communities
 - Confident in themselves
 - Able to communicate with their families, regardless of option
- ★ We partner with parents, providers, and professionals to:
 - Identify every child with hearing loss and enroll them in our system
 - Promote no pressure situations for families
 - Allow families to make their decisions when they're ready
 - Ensure hospitals inform families of process upon identifying their deaf/HH babies
 - Set program allowing parents to meet professionals that will be involved
 - Have clinicians and educators work together



Our Seamless Birth to 6 System provides equal access to a community of family-focused and child-centered services to all Wisconsin families, regardless of differences. As a community, we provide:

- Unbiased information and knowledge in order to affirm a family's choice to make informed decisions,
- Family-focused early identification and early intervention.
- Timely and high quality services,
- A continuum of services without eligibility or funding restrictions



We efficiently identify and serve 100% of deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind children in their communities with fully funded services.

We offer parents a full menu of options and a Birth to 6 roadmap.

We respect and support choices parents make, backing them with a collaborative team of professionals that communicate with each other and families, serving them through age 6. Our teams encourage and facilitate family-to-family, child-to-child and peer and role model relationships and communication. In this way, we help children and

whole families grow and develop full relationships and emotional, social, and linguistic competence.

We respect and support the culture, priorities, and values of each family.