

AREAS OF INQUIRY

Resource Development Centers (RDCs)

What we mean by special needs- We will be using a broad definition in order to include children with medical, behavioral, sensory and cognitive impairments. Therefore examples could range from chronic asthma, ADHD and severe allergies to cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and autism.

Confidentiality

Tape Recorder

We'll be taking notes

I. General Information:

- a. How does the RDC system work?
- b. How do people find out about you?

II. System of Referral:

- a. Do they have database of providers who take children with special needs (how is that list kept, what info, etc?)
- b. How handle ADA requirements when parents ask which places take kids with special needs?
- c. What steps are followed to help these parents?
- d. Are they given a priority over other parents?
- e. Are referrals made to other services such as CDS?

III. What is their familiarity with the issues families with children with special needs face?

- a. Stress levels
- b. Work issues
- c. ASPIRE employment issues
- d. Communication with parents

IV. Child Care Providers:

- a. Do you receive requests from providers for support in serving children with special needs?
- b. What referrals do you make for providers needing assistance?
- c. What support do you think is the most important for helping providers serve children with special needs?
- d. Are there any specific issues faced by families in your area? (i.e. transportation? Access to services? Etc.)
- e. Have you ever had instances when you were unable to find child care for children with special needs?
- f. Do you have more problems placing children with behavioral or physical special needs?
- g. What supports would make your job easier in serving children with special needs and their families?