

### 3.6 Unique Population Groups

**3.6.1.** Describe how the coalition ensures that support services are provided to families from unique population groups, as identified in the Standard Levels of Service. (s. 411.01(5) (d) 4.j., F.S.)(45 CFR 98.44; 45 CFR 98.50(a))

**Response Assessment: Evaluation**

**Description:**

The Coalition funds the Florida First Start program which provides services to children identified as being at high risk for school failure. These children come from unique populations (i.e. ESOL families, teen moms, multiple births, substance exposed children, etc.) Individual case management and in-home visitation is provided to these families.

Identify expected results relative to this element in the chart below:

| Required Element                | Current Situation   | Objective   | Activities   | Outcome   |
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| 3.6.1. Unique Population Groups | Florida First Start offers home visitation programs assisting families from unique populations. They are assessed using Infant/Toddler Home Inventory by Bettye M. Caldwell and Robert H. Bradley- from the NCAST Training Model (Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training). (HOME) This tool designed to look at the child's learning in the home environment. It is completed twice a year- on 24 months to 4 years of age children with | 1. Provide ELCP resources to families and children from diverse cultural and linguistic populations to support child development and emergent literacy. | 1. FFS staff will conduct regular home visits and facilitate developmental playgroups.<br>1.<br><br>1.b. Children birth through five years of age will be assessed twice a year using Ages and Stages to determine if they are reaching developmental milestones | 1. a. 80% of families participating in Florida First Start for 6 months or more will show gains in the HOME assessment.<br><br>1. b. 100% of all children birth through five years of age enrolled in the program will be developmentally screened using Ages and Stages twice a year unless they are being evaluated by another program. |

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|                  | <p>parent input. All Children are developmentally assessed using Ages and Stages to determine if they are reaching developmental milestones or need possible intervention. Families are encouraged to reach out to services and opportunities that will increase their self sufficiency and family literacy skills.</p> <p>Young adults who have aged out of the foster care system may participate in the Independent Living Program through Camelot. This program provides subsidies for young adults working or attending a training/education program.</p> <p>The Even Start Program provided by the Pinellas County School District offers both family literacy</p> | <p>2. To provide School Readiness services to families participating in the Independent Living Program.</p> <p>3. To provide School Readiness services to</p> | <p>2. Coalition and CCC staff will coordinate with Eckerd Youth Services, community based care provider to offer School Readiness Scholarships to qualifying Independent Living Program participants with children.</p> <p>3. Coalition and CCC staff will coordinate with the Even Start Program with the Pinellas County School District to offer School Readiness Scholarships to qualifying Even Start Program participants.</p> | <p>2. 100% of children of eligible participants of the Independent Living Program will receive School Readiness Scholarships contingent upon availability of funds annually.</p> <p>3. 100% of children of eligible participants of the Even Start Program will receive School Readiness Scholarships contingent upon availability of funds annually.</p> |

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|                  | and adult education for parents who have not completed their high school education. Many of the participants are teen parents. | families participating in the Even Start Program. |            |         |