



Northeast FloridaHATS (Health and Transition Services) Coalition Fact Sheet

Vision:

We envision a continuum of comprehensive, accessible, and quality health care for youth and young adults with disabilities and special needs living in Northeast Florida.

Who:

Northeast FloridaHATS members represent youth and young adults with disabilities or chronic health conditions, families, pediatric and adult-oriented providers across multiple systems, funders, and other stakeholders in Duval and surrounding counties.

Why:

Young people with special health care needs experience many difficulties as they age out of pediatric health care. Problems may include finding adult physicians who are qualified and willing to provide care, difficulty accessing affordable health insurance, and not adequately preparing youth to manage their own health care. Without age-appropriate and preventive care, young people are more likely to experience disease complications, increased emergency room visits and hospitalizations, and development of secondary disabling conditions – all factors that impact quality of life and ability to work.

What:

In 2010, the Coalition participated in a strategic planning process to identify issues and barriers in Northeast Florida, set priorities, and develop an action plan that compliments the statewide plan for health care transition. Several workgroups were identified, with members addressing specific action plan objectives and activities. The action plan is updated annually to reflect current priorities and accomplishments. The Coalition invites anyone interested in health care transition to join Northeast FloridaHATS. Your help is appreciated!

To see the community action plan and workgroups, go to www.FloridaHATS.org, then Regional Coalitions, then Northeast FloridaHATS.

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