

## South FloridaHATS (Health and Transition Services) Coalition Fact Sheet

- What:** A local coalition in South Florida charged with designing and implementing a service delivery model that fits the unique needs and resources of the community and includes pediatric and adult providers.
- Who:** South FloridaHATS Coalition members represent youth and young adults with special health care needs or disabilities, families, pediatric and adult health care providers, and other stakeholders in the county.
- Why:** Transition from the pediatric to the adult health care system for youth with special health care needs or disabilities is full of issues and barriers. Tailoring programs to individual needs, concerns and issues is key.

In July 2008 Florida legislation established a statewide Task Force to assess the need for health care transition services, develop strategies to ensure successful transition from pediatric to adult health care systems, and identify existing and potential funding sources. The Task Force Report issued December 2008 included among its recommendations the development of local transition coalitions. Additional information about the statewide taskforce can be found at [www.floridahats.org](http://www.floridahats.org).

- When** During the Spring of 2014 community members will be invited to participate in the South FloridaHATS Coalition. The first meeting will take place in February 2014 with additional monthly meetings planned through June.
- How:** Between February and June 2014 the Coalition will be guided through a strategic planning process that includes orientation to the project; review of local data concerning youth and adults; assessments and identifying strategic issues; priority setting and adoption of an action plan.

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