

PURPOSES OF STATEWIDE ADVISORY TEAM FOR WALKING THE WALK

Typically, Walking the Walk engages teams that represent a community within North Carolina. During our work with three of those communities, we began to see a clear need for establishing a team of committed leaders who, through their life and work, represent *all* of North Carolina.

Several purposes of the Statewide Advisory Team might include:

- Compiling information about diversity efforts across state agencies and initiatives that touch the lives of young children and families.
- Identifying priorities for change in North Carolina
- Promoting linkages between NC communities and already established statewide organizations and initiatives to promote diversity in early childhood;
- Assisting NC communities currently involved in WTW in reaching their goals;
- Helping institutionalize WTW efforts more broadly, reaching out of Central NC and extending into more of the Eastern and Western parts of the state; and