DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION REFERRALS FOR BEHAVIORALLY RELATED CONCERNS DATA PANEL 2006-2007

	TYPE OF REFERRAL	MONTHLY AVERAGE
INITIAL	Behavior	7
	Academic and Behavior	76
3 YEAR RE-EVAL	Behavior	11
	Academic and Behavior	75

Number of Behavior Referrals: 148

Number of Academic and Behavior Referrals: 639

Number of students primarily identified as Emotionally Handicapped (EH): 1020 Number of students primarily identified as Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED): 180

Specific Skillset:

Dr. Bird has had over 25 years experience working with students with emotional needs in the School District of Palm Beach County. She retired a few years ago to care for a parent. As the ESE Department advertised for a Behavior Resource Teacher, the Department specifically sought someone with a doctorate and extensive experience working with students with serious behavior needs. She possesses the skills necessary to provide support that is needed by our classroom teachers: ability to develop a Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plan; ability to implement a Behavior Intervention Plan; ability to modify a Behavior Intervention Plan based on changes to the student's environment or emotional state.

Specific Deliverables:

Dr. Bird will observe students, develop Functional Behavioral Assessments, develop Behavior Intervention Plans for individual students, attend IEP meetings for students considered or eligible for Emotional Behaviorally Disabled students, and work directly with teachers in classrooms for students with emotional and behavioral needs.

Why someone on staff can't fulfill:

Dr. Bird will be a member of the Behavior Resource Team. She is filling a vacant position that was advertised. There were no viable candidates. The ESE Department feels that given her qualifications, past experiences, and expertise, Dr. Bird can perform this job function efficiently and effectively, while at the same time saving some funds.