

# EDUCATE *and* EMPOWER



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*The mission of the Family Care Council Florida is to educate and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, to bring quality services to individuals with dignity and choice.*

A Developmental Disability is a term that refers to a variety of conditions that interfere with a person's ability to function in everyday activities. Chapter 393, Florida Statutes, defines developmental disabilities as:

Autism • Cerebral Palsy • Down Syndrome  
Intellectual Disability • Prader-Willi Syndrome  
Spina Bifida • High-Risk (3-5 Years)  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome



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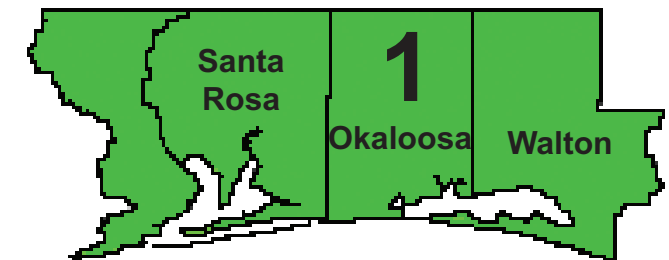
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## SERVING FAMILIES

*since 1993*

**Family Care Council Area 1** consists of the western most counties in the Florida Panhandle: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton.

Family Care Council Area 1 helps educate our local community and serves as a resource for these individuals while promoting community involvement for those with disabilities.



Escambia



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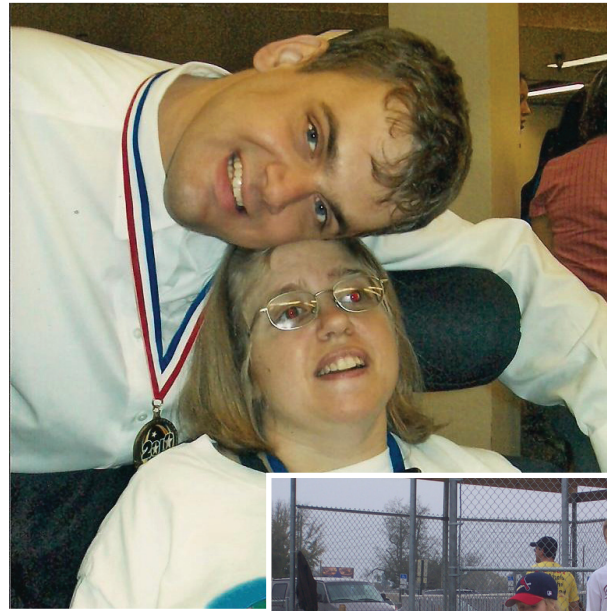
In 1993, the Florida Legislature passed legislation (Florida Statutes 393.502) establishing an all-volunteer Family Care Council (FCC) to be located within each service area of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). Each of the 15 FCCs is made up of Governor appointed individuals with developmental disabilities who qualify for services from APD and the parents, siblings, grandparents and guardians of individuals who have developmental disabilities. In addition, many councils receive vital support from interested individuals in their local communities.

APD has the responsibility for the health and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities. APD supports individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by helping them identify needs and funding to purchase supports and services.

The purpose of each FCC is to advise APD, develop a plan for the delivery of family support services, and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the services and supports provided under the plan.

## FUNCTIONS OF FCC

- Provide education and outreach to families.
- Review and make recommendations as to the effectiveness of the delivery of supports and services.
- Share information with other Family Care Councils.



Each FCC represents a geographic area and works closely with the regional APD office to help families receiving services. The FCC also works closely with other local disability organizations and programs to access services and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who may be on the APD Waiting List.

We invite you to become involved in our local area council. Everyone is welcome. It is important that you participate in decisions affecting the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

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## AT THE STATE LEVEL

- Area councils join together through the statewide Family Care Council Florida (FCCF).
- The FCCF meets to share information and concerns with their local area councils.
- FCCF members also serve on various state level committees, initiatives and task forces concerning Florida's residents with developmental disabilities.

