



Family Care Council Area 4
Serving Duval, Nassau, St. Johns, Clay & Baker counties
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The American Dream for All Individuals With Developmental Disabilities

ACTION PLAN 2022-2023

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Area 4 Family Care Council is to establish a relationship of information sharing with APD, the community, individuals and self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

OBJECTIVE #1: Support individuals and self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, and communities, as directed by Florida statute 393.502, the Area 4 mission statement and by working to affect the legislative process.

GOALS:

- A.** The FCC will communicate directly with APD, gaining information on programs, supports and initiatives and an understanding of policies and procedures. The FCC, working closely with the APD Program Administrator and Liaison, will monitor programs and initiatives, while advising APD of community/family needs.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Attend WSC/PROVIDER/APD meetings and trainings as allowed.
- Attend variety of area events, target organizations/exhibits in each area.

- B.** The FCC will identify and monitor effective and available services and supports in each community, and identify those supports and/or services, which are insufficient or unavailable.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Seek and distribute resource directories/information in conjunction with the local communities.
- Prepare written reports, news articles on resource needs at all levels, etc.

- C.** The FCC will research and advise APD on issues related to individuals/families, submitting in writing to APD Central Staff the needs, concerns and barriers to positive outcomes, as well as successes attained.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Assigned by Chair/Co-Chairs as events dictate.
- Follow up to be maintained by FCC.

- D.** The FCC will collaborate with other FCCs and attend combined FCCs of Florida meetings as held.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Area 4 FCC Co-Chairs will attend or assign and report.
- Will plan forum-like venues in collaboration with community, civic, parent groups, schools, churches.

E. The FCC members will encourage members to advocate as individuals legislatively.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- FCC members will be encouraged to make legislative contacts.
- Attend DD Day or Legislative committee for testimony as individuals.
- Person Centered Profiles to be used in variety of venues.

F. The FCC will recruit individuals/families eligible for membership.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Recruitment efforts made with assistance of WSC's and APD Area Staff.
- Utilizing various media/social outlets, and at all outreach activities.

G. The FCC will recruit Associate Members from the community at large, people interested in individuals and self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities, for diversifying and enhancing outreach for community resources.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- The FCC will recruit individuals/families eligible for membership.

OBJECTIVE #2: Educate and empower individuals and self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

GOALS:

A. The FCC will provide information, training, and education on the needs of individuals and self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities to the community-at-large.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Distribute APD, FCC and FCCA4 Brochures.
- Develop business cards for distribution.
- Attend Provider/Area office meetings.
- Share information in a variety of formats. Speak at events, emails, social media, FCC website, webinars, etc.
- Plan Forum-like venues in collaboration with community, civic, parent groups, schools and churches.
- Target each County of Area 4 for alliances and Resource building specific to that Community demographic.

- Provide new member training on FCC
- B.** The FCC will gather/ maintain comprehensive list of community resources in each county of Area 4, with results posted on the APD online resource directory and FCC website.
- C.** The FCC will identify and utilize information resources such as established interagency councils and other local agencies and organizations.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Pursue in all Area 4 counties- Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties.
- D.** The FCC will develop and implement a plan to identify and provide information to APD-eligible persons with disabilities.

ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Explore with ESE, parent groups, community groups, etc.
 - Support special events annually, in addition to other educational venues/provider fairs, as specified in the approved budget.
 - Provide large conference for individuals, families and professionals, connecting families to information about services
 - Comprehensive Outreach to all counties.
 - Make meetings available via conference call and web-conference to those unable to physically attend the Duval meeting location.
- E.** The FCC will work to enhance communication between families and providers, promoting quality of service and support for the individual/family.

FOLLOW-UP:

1. Progress on each of the goals will be reviewed at the FCC monthly meetings, modified as needed and as significant events occur, promoting FCC concern and/or action.
2. Committees and Individual Assignments as appointed by Co-chairs.

**CURRENT BUDGET REFLECTS ANTICIPATED FUNDS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ABOVE FCC PLANS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**