

Family Care Council Suncoast Region-East Area 23 Support Plan 2020-2021

Information & Advocacy

GOAL:

Acquire, develop and provide information to inform families and customers of services and funding availability through the HCBS I-Budget Waiver.

Strategies

1. Identify and respond to the key issues impacting individuals with developmental disabilities identified through networks, advisory committees and other community forums.
2. Advocate on behalf of the community on key issues that impact people with developmental disabilities.
3. Review and strengthen available services.
4. Encourage FCC participation in events recognizing individuals with developmental disabilities
5. Review and maintain Council's website and/or Facebook page.

Policy Development

GOAL:

Review existing federal, state and local initiatives and policies that impact individuals with developmental disabilities

Strategies

1. Maintain awareness and respond as appropriate to relevant legislation and policies that impact individuals.
2. Participate in relevant statewide and regional conferences, seminars, & forums.
3. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of policies that impact individuals with developmental disabilities on the HCBS I-Budget Waiver.

Funding

GOAL:

Increase funding for disability services and programs.

Strategies

1. Maintain awareness of resource opportunities in the local community that support disability services and programs.
2. Support the Governor's Employment programs for all Floridians, School Transition programs for Students.
3. Identify and monitor funding opportunities to support families of individuals on the waitlist.
4. Identify and respond to external funding opportunities directly or by supporting other agencies.

Community Engagement & Partnerships

GOAL:

Foster and strengthen partnerships with state, local and regional organizations to strengthen service planning, development and provision.

Strategies

1. Strengthen our community through the development and support of statewide, regional and local networks, community advisory committees & community groups.
2. Strengthen partnerships across Council to maximize outcomes for the community.
3. Increase awareness of the Able Accounts and Guardian Advocacy Laws
4. Foster and strengthen partnerships with the State Law Enforcement Community.
5. Promote and facilitate increased representation of people with a developmental disability in Family Care Council.

Organization

GOAL:

Increase Governor Appointed Members. Strengthen the capacity of FCC to embrace and respond to the issues impacting people with developmental disabilities.

Strategies

1. Promote and facilitate an organizational culture to increase membership. Create and support an organizational culture that actively supports people with developmental disabilities.
2. Work with employers to create work environments to meet the needs of employees with developmental disabilities.
3. Continue to work with organizations to support people with developmental disabilities gaining employment.