

### **Information & Advocacy**

#### **GOAL**

Acquire, develop & provide information to inform families and consumers of services and funding availability.

#### **Strategies**

1. Identify & respond to the key issues impacting on people with developmental disabilities identified through networks, advisory committees & 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. Consult locally to identify key issues for people with developmental disabilities & families.
5. Acquire & make available current & accessible disability related information to the community & Council.
6. Encourage FCC participation in events recognizing individuals with developmental disabilities.
7. Promote positive images of individuals with developmental disabilities
8. Review and maintain Council's website and facebook page.

### **Policy Development**

#### **GOAL**

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

#### **Strategies**

1. Maintain awareness of & respond as appropriate to relevant legislation and policies that impact individuals.
2. Participate in relevant state wide & regional conferences, seminars, & forums.
3. Monitor & evaluate the implementation of polices that impact individuals with developmental disabilities on IBudget waiver
4. Develop new policies to assist with future service planning for individuals on the waitlist.

### **Funding**

#### **GOAL**

Increase funding for disability services & programs.

### **Strategies**

1. Maintain awareness of funding opportunities that support disability services, facilities & programs.
2. Identify & monitor funding opportunities to support disability service provision & promote opportunities to the disability services network for families of individuals on the waitlist.
3. Identify & respond to external funding opportunities directly or by supporting other agencies.
4. Apply as appropriate and secure funding for disability services, facilities & programs.

## **Community Engagement & Partnership**

### **GOAL**

Foster & Strengthen partnerships with state, local & regional bodies to strengthen service planning, development & provision.

### **Strategies**

1. Strengthen our community through the development & support of state wide, regional & local networks, community advisory committees & community groups.
2. Strengthen partnerships across Council to maximize outcomes for the community.
3. Demonstrate leadership in partnership development.
4. Promote & facilitate representation of people with a developmental disability in Family Care Council.
5. Promote & assist DCF/APD with the Open Mind Open Heart Open Home initiative.
6. Increase awareness of ABLE Accounts and Guardian Advocacy Law.
7. Foster and strengthen partnerships with the State Law Enforcement Community.

## **Organization**

### **GOAL**

Strengthen the capacity of FCC to embrace & respond to the issues impacting people with developmental disabilities.

### **Strategies**

1. Create & support an organizational culture that actively supports people with developmental disabilities.
2. Continue to work with organizations to support people with developmental disabilities gaining employment.