



# Family Care Council Florida

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## LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2010-2011

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*Family Care Council Florida (FCCF) is comprised of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families..*

*We are committed to educating, advocating for, and empowering all Floridian families that have a member with developmental disabilities. We have pledged to continue working closely with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to strengthen our existing system.*

*Viewed through the prism of our collective experiences, we identify the following priorities:*

- ◆ **Serve People on the Wait List.** We recommend the creation of a legislative study committee for the wait list. This study committee will create a strategic plan for reducing the waiting list for services for Floridians with developmental disabilities. The Plan will include but is not limited to:
  - ◆ Work with families on the wait list to identify, develop & utilize as many forms of community supports as possible;
  - ◆ Develop projected budgets and timelines for all people on the wait list;
  - ◆ Identify stable and dedicated sources of revenue.
- ◆ **Protect Health and Safety.** We recommend the identification of all Human Services Programs that are charged with protecting the health and safety of all Floridians with developmental disabilities:
  - ◆ Ensure that all State entities that have statutory requirements for serving Floridians with developmental disabilities (i.e., DOE, AHCA, DCF/APS) honor those responsibilities;
  - ◆ Ensure that no form of service delivery (managed care e.g.) becomes law without completely understanding the impact on our Developmentally Disabled population;
  - ◆ Prevent future cuts to the programs and services offered through APD.
- ◆ **Maintain APD.** We support the continuation of APD as a stand-alone agency moving towards stabilizing programs and services to all Floridians with developmental disabilities:
  - ◆ Reinforce the mission of APD to serve the unique needs of Floridians with developmental disabilities;
  - ◆ Promote good stewardship and utilization of funding streams through implementation of "I-Budget" and continued systemic review of policies and procedures.
- ◆ **Promote grassroots efforts on behalf of Floridians with developmental disabilities that focus on individual needs and community supports.**