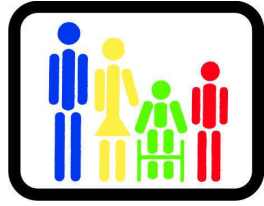


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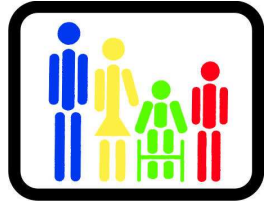
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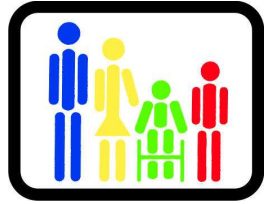
Philip A. Pearson

- Father of William, 37, with mild Cerebral Palsy & mild mental retardation
- William is on the waitlist along with about 20,000 others needing services
- Biggest worry is what happens to him when we pass on.



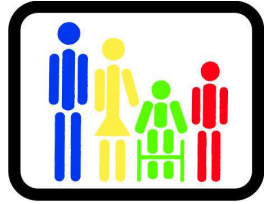
Waiver used for supports

- All qualified individuals are entitled to a place in a state ICF. Doe vs. Chiles, 2001. Costs are \$150k+
- Individuals “waive” their right to a place in an ICF to go on the waiver. Federal matching funds are used along with state funds to support individuals in the community – avg cost of about \$35k



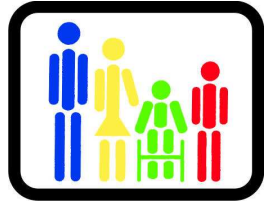
Family Care Council

- Legislature passes laws indicating how people with developmental disabilities (DD) will be supported – Covered under Chapter 393
- Legislature allocates funds to provide supports
- APD implements the law
- Family Care Council – created under 393.502



Family Care Council (from 393)

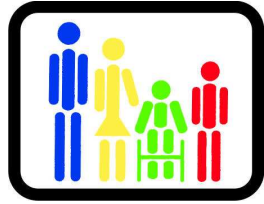
- The purpose of the local family care councils shall be to advise the agency, to develop a plan for the delivery of family support services within the local area, and to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of services and support provided under the plan.
- The primary functions of the local family care councils shall be to:
 - (a) Assist in providing information and outreach to families.
 - (b) Review the effectiveness of service programs and make recommendations with respect to program implementation.
 - (c) Advise the agency with respect to policy issues relevant to the community and family support system in the local area.
 - (d) Meet and share information with other local family care councils.



Support Breakout

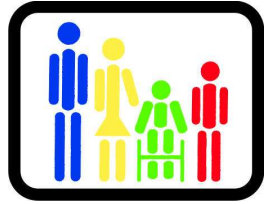
Age	On Waiver (7/09)	On Waitlist (12/09)	
3-5	6	689	Before School
6-22	7776	11,148	In School
23-30	5838		Should be working
23-45		5,576	Should be working
31+	15444		Caregivers retiring
46+		1553	Caregivers retiring & dying

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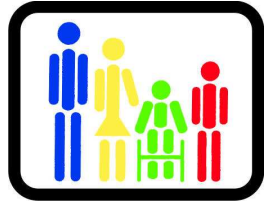
FCC's

- Each FCC can have up to 15 official members appointed by the Governor.
- The members must be family members, self advocates or guardians
- Members are volunteers
- Members can be reimbursed for most expenses like travel, lodging and food
- Most FCC's need more members - Governor must approve new members.



Bottom Line

- 30,000 people getting services on the waiver and facing budget cuts
- 20,000 people on the wait list for services – New lawsuit Dykes vs. Dudek
- By allowing this, the legislature has created 2 classes, haves and have-nots
- There is no effective policy making arm of the Florida government regarding how to take care of our disabled people



What we need

- Waitlist funding study committee created by legislature
- In legislation, charge Health & Human services committee or APD to determine overall policy about how our people with DD should & will be treated.
- Involve families in these committees and/or policy making bodies via family care council and Florida Arc
- Ask APD to provide updated data similar to what was provided in '09 on their website
- Ask the Governor to approve our applicants
- At least fund the waitlist for families with caregivers over 70 so that we can die in peace.