

AREA 13 FAMILY CARE COUNCIL SUPPORT PLAN 2008-2009

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Area 13 Family Care Council is to promote the welfare and dignity of the individual with a developmental disability, allowing each to achieve his or her full potential, while preserving the family's ability to function as a unit.

GOALS:

1. Benefit individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and communities, as dictated by Florida statute and the Area 13 FCC mission statement, and by working to affect the legislative process.

a. The FCC will communicate directly with APD, gaining information on programs, supports and initiatives and an understanding of policies and procedures.

b. 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. Assigned by Chair as events dictate. Follow up to be maintained by FCC.

c. The FCC will collaborate with other FCCs and FCCF, attending bi-monthly FCCF meetings. Chair to attend or assign and report.

d. The FCC members will maintain a strong legislative action group composed of all members.

e. The FCC will recruit consumers/families to FCC.

Outreach, Education Training:

2. Advocate for, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

a. The FCC will provide information, training and education on the needs of the developmental disabled to the community-at-large.

b. The FCC will gather/maintain comprehensive list of community resources in each county of Area 13, with results posted on the FCC website.

c. The FCC will identify and utilize information resources such as established interagency councils and other local agencies and organizations.

d. The FCC will develop and implement a plan to identify and provide information to APD-eligible persons with disabilities.

3. The FCC will work to enhance communication between families and providers, promoting quality of service and support for the individual/family.

Unification for Area 13

- a. 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.
- b. The FCC, working closely with the APD Program Administrator and Liaison, will monitor programs and initiatives, while advising APD of community/family needs.

CURRENT BUDGET REFLECTS ANTICIPATED FUNDS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ABOVE FCC PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

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 prompting FCC concern and/or action.
2. Committees and Individual Assignments as appointed by Chairperson.

Implementation Plan

(1a) Each Member will attend at least one APD training session annually. In order to gain full training benefit, each FCC member will choose a different training to attend.

(1b) Create an Intake form. (See Sample)

(1d) FCC members will serve as legislative contacts, providing legislators with current APD information, concerns and suggestions, and developing talking points on key issues including, but not limited to, the APD waitlist, Medicaid reform, provider issues, rate structure and training needs. (Legislative contact form) See Sample

(1e) Recruitment efforts made with assistance of WSCs and Area staff, and by utilizing various media outlets.

(2a) Provide no less than 2 Family Forums annually, in addition to other educational venues/provider fairs

- HERNANDO COUNTY FORUM, date to be determined - with Supported Employment, ESE, Transition, Medicaid Waivers/Tiers, and Guardianships as suggested topics.

- AREA 13 COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY FORUM- date to be determined, FOR ALL COUNTIES - with APD Director as suggested speaker.

(3a) WSC and family surveys will be conducted. The FCC will collaborate with AQL and APD staff committee on projects.

(3b) Communication facilitated by monthly FCC articles in Area 13 newsletter, attendance at Provider/Area office meetings, and information shared in a variety of formats.