



**Do you need information?**

This is your opportunity to find some answers. If you live in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla or Washington Counties (which is Area 2 ) and have a family member with a developmental disability, call us . You can speak with a family member of the Area 2 Family Council. We are flexible and willing to share our resources with you and your family.



*Are you someone who has a developmental disability or a family member? Do you have questions, but don't know where to turn to get the answers? Maybe the Area 2 Family Care Council can help you. You see, we too are family members who have loved ones with developmental disabilities. Some of us are parents...some of us are grandparents, now raising our grandchildren.*

*We have gone through the ups and downs...but we are still here...maybe to help you!*

**Interested persons should contact:**

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# Family Care Council

## AREA 2



### MISSION

The Area 2 Family Care Council will promote collaboration between the Agency for Persons with Disabilities staff, consumers, and their families/caregivers to enhance the availability and quality of services to citizens with developmental disabilities.

## What is Family Care Council?

Family Care Council functions like a consumer advisory group for APD, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. It is created by Florida Statute and is composed of persons who have been determined APD eligible as well as their immediate family members. We have monthly meetings, and our main priority is to represent families and individuals.

- We are family members, not APD employees
- We are volunteers, not paid employees
- Our mission is important. You can help by getting involved as little or as much as you want..

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## At the local level:

**E**ach area Family Care Council represents the counties in that area, working closely with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to help families needing and receiving services in their area. The local FCC works with other disability organizations and programs to gain and improve services and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.



**T**he purpose of each Family Care Council (FCC) is to advise the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in developing a plan for the delivery of family support services within the local area, and to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of services and supports provided under the plan.

**T**he functions of the FCC are:

- **Assist** in providing information, education, and outreach to families;
- **Review** and make recommendations as to the effectiveness of the delivery of supports and services;
- **Advise** local administrators with respect to particular community and family needs; and
- **Meet** and share information with other Family Care Councils.

## What is a Developmental Disability?

**D**evelopmental Disability is a term that refers to a variety of conditions that interfere with a person's ability to function in everyday activities. Chapter 393, Florida Statutes, define developmental disabilities as:

- Mental Retardation
- Autism
- Cerebral Palsy
- Spina Bifida
- Prader-Willi Syndrome

