

## Why FCC Exists.....

### History of the Creation and Appointment of local Family Care Councils

In 1993 the Florida State Legislature established the Family Care Council (FCC) (Section 393.502).

The Family Care Council (FCC) advises the Agency for Persons with Disabilities on the needs of self-advocates and their families.

This is your avenue within the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to have a voice and keep informed.

**Take advantage of it!**

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## Area 4

### Family Care Council

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 4 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!

## The Area 4 Family Care Council.....Families helping families..... that's what we do!



### Do you need information?

This is your opportunity to find some answers. If you live in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. John Counties (which is Area 4) and have a family member with a developmental disability, call us. You can speak with a family member of the Area 4 Family Care Council. We are flexible and willing to share our resources with you and your family. Give us a call at (904) 992-2440 for more information.

The Family Care Council primary functions are to:

1. Assist in providing information and outreach to self-advocates and families.
2. Review the effectiveness of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Program and make recommendations with respect to implementation.
3. Advise the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Program administrators on the community and family support systems in their area.
4. Meet and share information.

The Council may have up to fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor. At least three of the members must be self-advocates and the remaining membership are family or guardians of qualified consumers.

Please consider being a part of this very important united voice of families and self-advocates in our state

*For more information call the Area 4 Agency for Persons with Disabilities at (904)992-2440.*

*Ask for the Family Care Council Liaison.*

