

2007-2009 Area Seven Family Care Council Family Support Plan

The Mission of the Area Seven Family Care Council is to encourage all individuals with developmental disabilities to ensure personal choice, wellbeing, self-determination, free and appropriate public education and community inclusion.

Goal #1

Generate comprehensive plan for FCC to improve public awareness, increase active participation and disseminate information to Area 7 consumers, families, community members and legislators.

Objective #1

Establish committee to explore and present a proposed strategic marketing plan to FCC membership.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Establish Strategic Marketing Plan Committee (established 11/14/07).
- Develop, present and finalize Strategic Plan

Objective #2

Make direct contact/visit and develop working relationship with Central Florida legislators.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Co-Sponsor Annual Central Florida Legislative Roundtable (11/19/07).
- Legislative Committee members will personally meet with local legislators to initially establish working relationship by (date)
- Follow-up meetings periodically to educate legislators on DD issues of importance.
- Seek consumer and family support via E-lists and mailings asking them to contact their legislators on DD issues of importance.

Objective #3

Develop and present special topic sessions/seminars and community events.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Help sponsor “Galaxy of Resources Information Fair” in Brevard County.
- Host Special Meeting Session Topics:
Social Security and Supported Employment
Guardianship and Special Needs Trust Forum

GOAL #2

Increase participation of FCC Gubernatorial appointees and FCC associate members through active involvement.

Objective #1

Increase average FCC general meeting attendance by at least 5 individuals through identifying and developing a plan to address the actual needs of consumers, family members and service providers.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Create a process/tool for identifying needs.
- Analyze the Support Coordinator/Consultant Exit Survey Information to further identify needs.

Objective #2

Improve and build Network relationships within Area 7 community.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Timely follow up with a personal contact to families who have visited the FCC booth at various events along with those individuals who attended their first FCC meeting
- Attend other agency, support groups and organization’s meetings
- Create a webpage link to other organizations websites
- Update Area Seven Webpage
- Create a contact list of consumers/families on waiver wait list
- Create a list of organizations and service providers that could provide private pay or voluntary services to individuals while on wait list.

Goal # 3

Increase information flow and support between APD and FCC.

Objective #1

Arrange for attendance and presentation of updated information by an APD representative at each business meeting.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Steve Roth in attendance at FCC meetings or APD designee
- Designate a portion of each meeting to audience Q & A

Objective #2

Collaborate with APD FCC Liaison to develop Special Topic Presentations.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Develop Training Session for Consumers and Families on the Roles and Responsibilities of Waiver Support Coordinators and CDC+ Consultants
- Work with APD to create an exit survey for consumers and families to complete when they terminate a Support Coordinator/CDC+ Consultant or provider.