

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA
ACTION PLAN WORKSHEET FOR 2008-2009**

The Vision of the Family Care Council Florida (FCCF) is the American Dream for all individuals with developmental disabilities.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Family Care Council Florida is to advocate, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), to bring quality services to individuals for dignity and choice.

Goal/Objectives:

1. Represent all participating Family Care Council areas with a unified voice. To speak to the Governor, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Legislators, providers and others regarding the needs and concerns of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in the state of Florida:

- **Work in partnership with local FCC's, communities and APD to ensure the safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of individuals we serve.**
 - **Develop a position paper on the Waitlist**
 - **Prepare a list of questions for legislators running for office and publish the answers for voters**
 - **Develop Current Legislative platform/ task force/Activities**
 - a. **FCCF will have representation at legislative meetings/committees for issues pertinent to DD and present positions, comment as indicated.**
 - b. **FCCF will be prepared to address All issues as they arise or are identified affecting individuals with developmental disabilities.**
- Example-Emergence of Managed Care initiatives**
- **Prepare a list of questions for legislators, candidates and incumbents and publish the answers**
 - **Letter to Governor requesting timely appointments to the FCC**
 - **Sponsor the development of an amendment to the Florida State Constitution to address basic rights for individuals with Developmental Disabilities**
 - **Attend conferences, exhibit, participate on committees related to issues significant to DD across the State**
 - **Continue to advocate for APD as a stand alone agency**

2. Provide leadership and support for each of the Family Care Councils:

- **Assist in the implementation of sections 393.502, 393.503 Florida Statutes**
- **Meet 6 times per year, Friday working group, Saturday Business Mtg.**
 - a. **2008-July 18-19, Sept. 19-20, Nov. 14-15**
 - 2009-Jan. 16-17, March 20-21, May 16-17**

- b. Request participation APD Director/Staff at each meeting
 - c. Provide regular updates from State Agencies, speakers on issues impacting individuals and families, Area FCC collaboration
- Phone conference calls opposite meeting month
 - a. 3rd Thursday 2008- Aug 21, Oct.16, Dec.19,
 - b. 3rd Thursday 2009- Feb 19, Apr. 16, June 18,
- Address APD Area Support for FCC with Director
 - a. Partner with APD/develop FCC job specifics for AA/Liaison,
 - b. Build positive relationships with staff
 - c. Appoint Committee to meet with Director/APD staff
- Keep updated membership roster (State and Local)
- Advocacy, Education, Information, collaboration activities
 - a. Develop Specific Actions, and steps to monitor and evaluate
 - b. Website maintenance
 - c. 1-800 number for toll free information
- Assist State and local Resources identification
 - a. Encourage LENS participation
 - b. Develop Resource Documents local and State
- Promote FCC participation in AQL programs locally

3. Review the effectiveness of developmental disabilities programs and make recommendations with respect to program implementation:

- Stakeholder Participation and activity
- Develop a review process FCC's can use with Area APD Offices on programs planned and implemented
- Participate in IQC meetings and programs

4. Advise the state Agency for Persons with Disabilities Director of any policy issues relevant to ALL of the Family Care Councils:

- Chair/Designee participate in weekly APD Call with AA's
- Review Programs/Policies in preparation stage for input
- Review implementation procedures and provide input
- Prepare written questions/comments to APD Director for response

FCCF will be vigilant in addressing issues arising that have an affect on individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.