



Family Care Council Florida

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LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2017

Family Care Council Florida (FCCF) is comprised of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. We are committed to educating, advocating for, and empowering every Florida family having a member with a developmental disability.

To ensure the continued success of the iBudget Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver, we have identified the following issues for the 2017 Legislative Session:

Advocating for Individuals and their Families

- We continue to advocate for the ongoing elimination of the HCBS waiting list for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) iBudget Waiver.

Direct Support Wages

- Competitive and recurring wages for recruitment, retention and appropriate training to direct support personnel in the delivery of waiver support services.

Request for Recurring Funds

- Supporting the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) request for \$3.4M in recurring funds to increase rates for Waiver nursing services provided by Licensed Practical Nurses to address rate disparity relative to Medicaid-reimbursed private duty nursing services.

Funding for Parent Training

- We support APD in their request for funding the development and implementation of parent training classes for those on the HCBS waiting list.

Residential Housing throughout Florida

- We support APD's development of new residential housing throughout Florida, providing for specialized intensive behavioral services and medical needs in small home settings in the individual's community.