



Suncoast Region East Area 23 Family Care Council

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Family Care Council is to 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 with dignity and choice.

2019-2020 FCC Suncoast East Area 23 Activity/Accomplishments

- ❖ 6 meetings were held at the Brandon Library and well attended. APD Suncoast East liaison, Brett Gottchaulk, participated at each meeting or sent Mike Lacey. Meeting agendas include topic: needs of individuals/families, planning for outreach events, resources, education, legislative action, and employment issues.
- ❖ Review and revisions to the Suncoast East Area 23 By-laws.
- ❖ Creation of a legislative phone tree, for the purpose of sharing information to all members in a timely manner.
- ❖ FCCF meetings attended in Orlando by Pauline Lipps, FCC Chair of Suncoast Region East Area 23.
- ❖ FCC meetings were attended by Local Community Leaders, Guardian Advocacy Attorney, and I-Connect training APD representative.
- ❖ FCC 23 Suncoast East postcards were created and printed for local distribution to encourage participation of new families to monthly meetings.
- ❖ 4 families were sponsored to attend the 2020 Family Café but the event was virtual due to COVID 19
- ❖ FCC Chair, Joanna Rydzewski, is the CDC+ Support Group Meeting Facilitator for the by-monthly meetings.
- ❖ FCC member on the Sarasota County DD Community Alliance, Suncoast
- ❖ Members do community advocacy with Families on the waitlist and/or in crisis. Have served at least 10 families this fiscal year.
- ❖ Participation on various workgroups, conference calls, webinars, Stakeholders calls, AHCA, FDDC, waitlist issues, employment, self-advocacy.
- ❖ FCC board consist of only 1 advocate
- ❖ Reply to (over 30) 1-800 calls in a timely manner and also participate in the reply procedure to answer questions submitted on the FCCF website Contact US page.

- ❖ APD Navigator request to contact for information.
- ❖ FCC members participated in the Annual Y.E.S. Fair at All Peoples Life Center, Tampa
- ❖ Completed all FCC Mandated Requirements:
 - Annual Support Plan
 - Annual Spending Plan
 - Meetings advertised on Face book page/ and APD 365 website
 - Trainings as required.
 - Budget reports/ maintain fiscal responsibility