



# Updates for the Family Care Council

Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities

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## INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND UPDATES FROM APD

### NEWS FOR YOU

- **Planning Our Future**
- **Autism Navigator**
- **No Wrong Door Survey**
- **Disability is Natural Training Event**

#### Upcoming Events

- ◇ **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Fishing Rodeo for People With Disabilities**  
May 2 in Walnut Hill
- ◇ **Health Fair - Free Health Screening**  
May 9 in Miami
- ◇ **Autism Conference & Resource Fair**  
May 9 in Melbourne

Visit [apdcares.org/eventscalendar](http://apdcares.org/eventscalendar) for additional information on these events and more.

The Area 13 Family Care Council and the Central Region APD Office are excited to host the “**Planning Our Future**” event on May 9.

The free event will feature information on guardianship, guardian advocacy, and related planning needs, as well as a presentation from APD on a broad set of supports and services that are timely and significant for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. There will also be a variety of community resources, vendor exhibits, and information on Medicaid, employment, transition, and more.

The event will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wildwood Community Center located at 6500 County Road 139, Wildwood FL 34785.

For additional information or to register for a free exhibit table, please contact Betty Kay Clements at 352-753-1163.

In 2014, the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) received a grant to support a state-led planning process to identify the key actions the state will need to take to move forward with the development and implementation of a **No Wrong Door** (NWD) system.

The State of Florida is working to make it easier for individuals, families, and caregivers in need of long-term care services and supports to learn about and access the help they need to remain in their homes and communities.

To assist in this effort, the state is conducting a survey to obtain vital input from stakeholders about the call they made to get information or services. All answers are confidential and will not affect the services you are or will be receiving.

To complete the survey by June 15, visit [surveymonkey.com/r/NoWrongDoorFDCC](http://surveymonkey.com/r/NoWrongDoorFDCC).

### AUTISM NAVIGATOR



The Autism Institute at the Florida State University College of Medicine has developed the Autism Navigator for early intervention providers, educators, and families. It is a web-based instructional system to address the pressing and significant need to increase the capacity of early intervention service providers to appropriately serve young children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

By augmenting professional courses for primary care physicians and early intervention providers with information and support for families and communities, the Autism Navigator helps to create an integrated, effective, cost-efficient, community-viable system of delivery for children with ASD and their families.

For additional information, call 1-844-427-3457 or visit [autismnavigator.com](http://autismnavigator.com).

### DISABILITY IS NATURAL TRAINING EVENT

The Area 1 Family Care Council and the Parents Of the Panhandle Information Network (POPIN) are excited to announce an empowering event for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The keynote speaker will be Kathie Snow, author of *Disability is Natural*.

Additional presentations include a workshop on Social Security, working and benefits, and tools for improving health plans and creative budgeting. Also, lunchtime will feature a musical selection performed by Voices of Change.

The event will begin 9 a.m. CST) on Tuesday, May 12, at the Marcus Pointe Baptist Church located at 6205 North W. Street, Pensacola FL 32503.

Visit [arcflorida.org](http://arcflorida.org) to register for the conference or contact by email at [area1fcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:area1fcc@bellsouth.net).

