

Other FIFI Projects

Family to Family Health Information and Education Center

Program to provide information and resources to families of children and youth with special health care needs and their families so they can make wise health care decisions

Florida Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

State chapter of the National FFCMH transforming the mental health system of care to be responsive to the needs of families, children and youth in a manner that is family driven and youth guided

Family Voices-FL

Part of a national network advocating for appropriate, accessible, and family centered health care for children with special health needs, promoting policy change, sharing family stories, shaping systems of care, and sharing free information with families and professionals about health care resources for children with special needs

FIFI is a non-profit family run organization that enhances, facilitates, and supports family and consumer involvement in the development of responsive, family centered, and community based systems of care. FIFI:

- works in collaboration with state, federal, and private programs to develop a resource and training information center to enable individuals to advocate for appropriate services and make wise service choices; and,
- provides a vital link in the flow of information between families, consumers, and communities and policymakers to ensure that programs are responsive to the real needs of Florida's children and youth with special health care needs and their families.



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Integrating Families, Communities, and Providers

IFCAP



Building a family-centered, community-based, culturally competent system of care for all children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families in Florida through community partnerships

Florida Institute for Family Involvement

INTEGRATING FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND PROVIDERS

Integrating Families, Communities, and Providers (IFCAP) is a unique partnership between the Florida Institute for Family Involvement (FIFI), families and youth, and state and community partners to begin building a road map that will lead to better services, supports, and resources for children and youth with special health care needs. IFCAP and its partners promotes a system of care for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) that is:



- Accessible
- Family Centered/Driven-Youth Guided
- Continuous
- Comprehensive
- Coordinated
- Comprehensive
- Culturally & Linguistically Competent

The IFCAP project promotes the medical home concept and family-professional partnerships through the development of community coalitions in an effort to facilitate community based services and supports for families and their children and youth with special health care needs.

Major components of the IFCAP project include:

- Statewide Taskforce of partners and experts in services to children and youth with special health care needs and their families. The Taskforce, which includes families and youth, offers advice and guidance on the project.
- Selecting and working intensively with four communities in the development of community partners and approaches to services and supports for CYSHCN and their families; The four, who successfully competed to participate in the IFCAP Project are: Jacksonville, Sarasota, West Palm-Broward, and the Keys.
- IFCAP Family Involvement Specialists (IFIS), who are parents of CYSHCN, to work within their community with partners; build linkages and foster a family centered approach to services, supports, and resources.

IFCAP Family Involvement

Specialists (IFIS)

The IFIS is the parent of a child or youth with special health care needs that has been through the system of care. These family leaders play a critical role in fostering community partnerships, implementing the medical home



concept and promoting family-professional partnerships.

Activities within the community include:

- Introducing providers to information and resources regarding family centered care and the medical home concept;
- Enhancing the knowledge of others through training, resources and support;
- Building a resource base for communities to begin collaboration and systems development;
- Working with families and youth to develop a network of leaders to assist in systems planning and development.