HELP ME! Support for Families Available Through Discretionary Projects

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Discretionary Projects



Federal and state dollars are allocated for educating students with disabilities



Most of these dollars go to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to fund students in the classroom



Some of the money is used by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) to support state-level administrative work through projects that are created at the discretion of the FDOE



The goal is to prepare all students to be globally competitive for college and carriers.

- Provide professional development, training, and technical assistance
- Expand and refine the use of technology
- Assist LEAs with providing behavioral and mental health interventions for students with disabilities
- Develop and implement transition programs
- Support the development and provision of appropriate accommodations and modifications

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)

Not a diagnostic program

- Serving through the lifespan
 - –People with ASD or
 - Social Communication Disorder
 - Dual Sensory Impairment
 - Sensory impairment with another disabling condition
 - -Families of people with ASD or a qualifying diagnosis
 - -School district teams working with students who have ASD
- Services provided to families, districts, schools
 - Individual, family, and group skill-building and problemsolving
 - Training
 - Consultation, technical assistance, or hands-on support





The Family Café

Mission:

The Family Café exists to provide individuals with disabilities and their families with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment by serving as a facilitator of communication, a space for dialogue and a source of information.

How they do it:

Annual conference (June 14 – 16, 2024, this year). Financial assistance is available for the hotel. Hotel room block opens in January. Registration for the conference opens February 14th, 2024.

Familycafe.net

Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System

- Associate Centers
 - FDLRS NEFEC

www.fdlrsnefec.org (386)329-3811



- Child Find
- Human Resource Development
- Technology
- Parent Services

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System Multidisciplinary Centers

- Diagnostic evaluation services
- Training/Professional Development
- Consultation and Technical Assistance





Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired



- Provides free, highquality, accessible instructional materials for students with visual impairments
- Provides resources and training for teachers, administrators, families, and agencies

Fimcvi.org

Resource Materials and Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing



RMTCDHH.org

- Training, technical assistance, and resources to school districts, agencies, associations, families, and other state/Federal projects working with students who are D/HH
- Provide:
 - Instructional materials
 - Loan library
 - Information

Family Corner

Project 10 Transition Education Network

- Assists school districts and relevant stakeholders with providing secondary transition services to students with disabilities
 - Improve academic success
 - Improve post-school outcomes
- Topics:
 - Assessment and instruction
 - Student-centered planning
 - Self-determination
 - Independent living
 - Postsecondary education, career development, and employment



Project10.info

SEDNET

- Children with severe emotional and behavioral disabilities
 - School/Community partnerships
 - Districts, mental health, substance abuse, child welfare, juvenile justice
 - Wrap-around services, systems of care, cross-system collaborations
 - Technical assistance, training, facilitation

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Special Olympics



Mission:

The mission of Special Olympics Florida is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities who wish to participate, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

<u>Information on the Northeast Region Programs</u>

Other Helpful Resources

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

APD Application Webpage

Arc of the St. Johns

Arcsj.org

Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities

Fcsua.org

Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Students



Questions?

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