



Preserve the Louisiana Network of Family-Directed Resources Centers

2013 Statewide Impact of FHF

- Over 27,200 individuals with disabilities and their family members sought and received help with navigating the disability service system
- 6,541 referrals provided
- 6,219 individuals trained on various disability related topics
- 298 trainings held across the state
- 33,169 instances of peer-to-peer support
- **FHF Centers are the ONLY “one stop shops” in Louisiana representing ALL disabilities and disability-related issues**
- **Family Directed with a majority of Center staff being parents or family members of children with disabilities or individuals with disabilities, FHF Centers share experience and information from someone “who has been there.”**

What Legislators Can Do:

Restore funding to the DD Council’s budget so Families Helping Families (FHF) Centers can continue to provide vital services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

Why Do This?

Every DD Council state dollar goes directly to FHF Centers. The Council’s state funds have been reduced by over **\$170,000 (34% decrease)** in the past four years. With these cuts, the FHF Centers have not been able to maintain the same level of service and some are in jeopardy of remaining open.

The information, referral, trainings, and peer support provided by FHF Centers are not replicated by any other organization in the state, leaving families nowhere else to turn, particularly while waiting years for other services.

FHF Centers were created in 1992 as a component of the Community and Family Support System and Act 378 of 1989, in direct response to the outcry of families seeking a “one-stop shop” in their community to link them to the services available to people with disabilities. FHF Centers share a common goal of empowering individuals with disabilities and their families to participate, contribute and live full lives in their communities.

Supporting the principles and programs of Act 378 of 1989 is critical for Louisiana citizens with disabilities.