

Passionate about issues affecting people with developmental disabilities in Florida?

Apply to join our Community Advisory Committee!



The Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) is a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the University of South Florida. We are seeking Floridians with disabilities, and Floridians with family members with intellectual/developmental disabilities to serve on our vibrant Community Advisory Committee (CAC).



The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is charged with the responsibility of advising FCIC staff. CAC Members also serve along statewide agency representatives. CAC membership is a 3 year renewable commitment.

What Does Florida Center for Inclusive Communities Do?

FCIC currently has over 24 programs/projects undertaking a range of activities including educational, research, and service projects in the areas of Early Childhood, Education, Employment, Community Supports, Health, Public Policy, and Interdisciplinary Training.

The FCIC mission is focused on supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to:

- Make informed choices and decisions about their lives
- Receive support and services that are based on individual goals and outcomes
- Achieve full inclusion and participate in society, in an individualized manner, consistent with the unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, and capabilities of each individual.



Questions

If you have any questions or need assistance with completing your application, please call or email Denise R. Barnes at 813-974-1063 or drbarnes@usf.edu.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the Community Advisory Committee is to strengthen the work of the FCIC by:

- Participating in 4 meetings per year: 1 in-person meeting in Tampa, 1 webinar meeting, and 2 conference calls (travel expenses are covered)
- Serving in an advisory capacity regarding issues that are important to people with disabilities in Florida
- Assisting with the dissemination of information and resources
- Advocating for, and on behalf of, the center and its work
- Advising and informing staff about other relevant organizations, programs, or activities that may provide opportunities for collaboration



Application Process

Complete the CAC application form and submit to Denise R. Barnes, via email drbarnes@usf.edu or fax 813-974-6115.

The application can be downloaded at <http://fffcic.fmhi.usf.edu/about/cac.html>.

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Community Advisory Committee Application

www.flCIC.org

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Florida County: _____ Email Address: _____

1. What is your preferred format to receive information?

Hard copy mailing (large or small print) Email Braille Other: _____

2. Check all the roles that apply to you.

Self-advocate Parent of minor w/dd Parent of adult w/dd Family member of individual w/dd

**For Questions 3-9, feel free to use another sheet of paper if needed.*

3. Community Connections*:

Please list groups and organizations you are connected with including any roles as a volunteer, board member, student or employee.

| <u>Organization Name</u> | <u>Role</u> | <u>City, State</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
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4. Please detail any accommodations you need to fully participate on the Community Advisory Committee*:

5. Is there any reason why you would have any difficulty attending 1 in-person meeting per year (usually November) in Tampa?*

Yes No

If yes, please share why: _____

6. Is there any reason why you would have difficulty being present on conference calls (2 - 3 times a year)?* Yes No

If yes, please share why: _____

7. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the advisory committee. Include information about your background and particular areas of interest.*

8. List 3 of your strengths as an advocate and how you have advocated for yourself and/or others.*

9. Please describe an example of how you have advocated for yourself and or/others.*



10. Please list at least 3 goals that you would like to accomplish on the advisory committee.*

11. Demographic Profile:

Gender: Male Female

Race (check one):

- White refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- Black or African American refers to people having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
- American Indian and Alaskan Native refer to people having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
Tribe: _____
- Asian refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent (e.g. Asian Indian).
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- More than one race includes individuals who identify with two or more racial designations.

Ethnicity (check one):

Hispanic is an ethnic category for people whose origins are in the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America or who identify with a Spanish-speaking culture. Individuals who are Hispanic may be of any race.

Hispanic Non Hispanic

Did someone recommend you for this council? If yes, who? _____

Please submit your completed application to Denise R. Barnes by **October 11, 2021 via one of the following choices:**

Email: drbarnes@usf.edu | Fax: (813) 974-6115 | Mail: MHC 2113A, 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612

QUESTIONS? Call Toll-Free: (866) 818-4797 or (813) 974-2581