All individuals with developmental disabilities will have the freedom, responsibility, authority, and support to live self-determined lives.

—Vision of the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities

Mission

The mission of the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, is to provide training, technical assistance, research, systems change, and dissemination activities focused on supporting individuals with 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.

Goals

Goal 1: To implement and evaluate an effective 5 year plan in collaboration with a Consumer Advisory Committee and the DD Act Agencies.

Goal 2: To improve access to effective educational supports within inclusive placements for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Goal 3: To expand the availability and choice of employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Goal 4: To increase meaningful participation in community activities, services, and supports, for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Goal 5: To improve access and quality of health care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Goal 6: Provide interdisciplinary training experiences that prepare professionals for achieving the purpose of the DD Act.

FCIC at USF

FCIC at the University of South Florida was established in October 2005 through a University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service grant award from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

Since 1963, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDD) have been working to accomplish a shared vision that foresees a nation in which all Americans, including Americans with disabilities, participate fully in their communities.
The Florida Center for Inclusive Communities recognizes that:

1. All individuals with developmental disabilities have the right to be included in and participate in the full range of community activities as valued and contributing members of society.

2. All individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of their level of ability, are capable of self determination, independence, and productivity with ongoing individualized supports and services.

3. All individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have capacities, capabilities, and personal goals that will be recognized, supported, and encouraged in an individualistic manner.

4. All individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are actively involved in, and are the primary decision makers regarding, services and support they receive.

5. All individuals with developmental disabilities and their families should be provided with services, supports, and assistance in a culturally and linguistically competent manner that respects human dignity.

Projects & Programs

For more information, visit FCIC’s project & program websites:

- Florida Center for Inclusive Communities
  www.flcic.org
- Applied Behavior Analysis Master’s Program
  http://cfs.fmhi.usf.edu/projects-research/detail.cfm?id=324
- Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
  card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu
  flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu
- Graduate Certificate Program in Positive Behavior Support
  pbs.cbc.usf.edu
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
  floridahippy.fmhi.usf.edu
- Interdisciplinary Center for Evaluation and Intervention
  icei.fmhi.usf.edu
- National Center for Quality Teaching and Learning
  http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hcl/taa-system/teaching
- National Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children
  www.challengingbehavior.org
- Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism
  www.doepartnership.org

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