

Dear Self-Advocate, Parents, Caregivers and Providers

During national, state and local elections you will frequently hear the statement to “exercise your right to vote because every vote counts”. This is a true statement and one that every responsible US citizen should exercise. Another arena that concerned citizens should participate in is being proactive in helping to shape legislation.

Over the past few years, Florida’s legislators have passed many bills and/or amendments that directly affected persons with developmental disabilities. It is essential that we all become involved in educating, informing and advising our legislators.

The Area 2 APD Steering Committee, in partnership with the Family Care Council, has developed a workshop that will assist you in becoming more effective when communicating with your legislators. Mike Dunn, APD Legislative Affairs staff person, will conduct the training sessions. Two (2) training sessions are scheduled. as follows:

<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Jackson County ARC 2973 Pennsylvania Ave Marianna, Fl.	January 22, 2009	6:00pm-8:00pm CST
Grand Banquet Hall Tallahassee Community College Economic and Workforce Development Bldg 444 Appleyard Drive Tallahassee, FL	January 29, 2009	6:00pm-8:00pm ET

Registrations will be accepted in a variety of formats to including:

- Telephone call to indicate intent to attend
- Completing the attached registration and email the form
- Completing the attached registration and send via mail
- Completing the registration and fax

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Area 2 Steering Committee,
Family Care Council and the Agency for
Persons with Disabilities**

**The Legislative Process and How to Effectively Speak
With Your Local Legislators on Issues of Concern**

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 Email address: _____
 Phone: _____ Cellular: _____

I want to attend:	How I want to register:	Who I contact to register:
<p>_____ Jackson County ARC 2973 Pennsylvania Ave. Marianna, Florida</p> <p>January 22, 2009 6 – 8 PM Central Time</p> <p>Capacity = 65 participants</p> <p>Registration deadline 1/19/09</p>	<p>_____ Fill registration and mail to:</p> <p>----- Fill registration and fax to:</p> <p>_____ Fill registration and email to:</p> <p>_____ Telephone call to:</p>	<p>Melissa McCool, Jackson Co. ARC 2973 Pennsylvania Avenue Marianna, Florida 32448</p> <p>Melissa McCool, 850-526-2311</p> <p>jcarc@embarqmail.com</p> <p>Melissa McCool, 850-526-7333</p>
<p>_____ Grand Banquet Hall Tallahassee Community College, Economic And Workforce Development Building 444 Appleyard Drive Tallahassee, Florida</p> <p>January 29, 2009 6 – 8 PM Eastern Time</p> <p>Capacity = 100 participants</p> <p>Registration deadline 1/26/09</p>	<p>_____ Fill registration and mail to:</p> <p>----- Fill registration and fax to:</p> <p>_____ Fill registration and email to:</p> <p>_____ Telephone call to:</p>	<p>James Wells, Specialized Supports and Services 1788 Thomasville Road Tallahassee, Florida 32303</p> <p>James Wells, 850-521-0244</p> <p>jamesewells@mindspring.com</p> <p>James Wells, 850-521-0255</p>