

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities
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Abstract

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) provides interdisciplinary education programs, community services, applied research, and information dissemination to promote full participation, independence, and productivity of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) in the community. The **goals** are to: 1) improve access to effective educational and early education/intervention supports for students with DD; 2) increase the number of people with DD who are competitively employed; 3) build the capacity of individuals and organizations to support full community participation by people with DD; 4) improve health of people with DD through enhanced healthcare provider knowledge and skills; 5) increase the knowledge and skills of professionals in the provision of services to individuals with disabilities; and 6) increase the diversity of professionals trained in DD. FCIC works in **partnership** with a Community Advisory Committee and collaboration with the state DD network. Anticipated **outcomes** include: 1) the implementation of evidence-based practices in early intervention and education; 2) increase in the numbers of individuals with DD getting and maintaining a job; 3) increases in the capacity of self-advocates and local organizations to promote full community participation; 4) increases in the capacity of health care providers to provide health care to individuals with DD; 5) increases in the number of professionals with the knowledge and skills in the provision of services that support self-determination, productivity, and inclusion of persons with DD; and 6) increases in the number of professionals in the field of DD that are from diverse backgrounds. The Center will provide numerous products including: fact sheets, training modules, web sites, implementation fidelity tools, policy briefs and similar materials.