



One Voice Brevard



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Food Security:

Supplemental Assistance and the Holidays
by Nicole Grabner, Director, One Voice Brevard

In Florida, more than 2.8 million residents may face disruption to their SNAP benefits beginning November 1. SNAP, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is a federal program that provides monthly funds to low-income individuals and families to help them buy groceries. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) warns that recipients may receive notices of eligibility but will not receive deposits to their EBT cards until federal funding is restored, as the federal government has been shut down for over 28 days at the time of the writing of this article.

For families with disabilities, the interruption poses an outsized risk: households often rely heavily on the consistent monthly benefit to cover nutritional needs, especially when additional care, medical costs, and transportation burdens are present. According to analysts, over 70 % of Florida's SNAP recipients are children, seniors, or persons with disabilities. In this context, a benefit pause means the stability of food access for vulnerable family members is dramatically weakened.

Thankfully, community food assistance channels stand ready to help fill gaps. State-wide network Feeding Florida collaborates with more than 2,400 partner agencies across all 67 counties and distributes hundreds of millions of pounds of food annually. Families looking to donate or pick up food items can connect with local food banks such as Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, which offers pantries, mobile distributions and supports individuals including those with disabilities.

In these uncertain times, families facing food-insecurity (especially those caring for a member with a disability) should reach out proactively to local food banks and community agencies. At the same time, generous community members and businesses are encouraged to donate shelf-stable foods, hygiene supplies and monetary gifts to bolster local food systems. Together, these efforts can help buffer the blow of benefit interruptions until federal funding is restored.

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Committee Week News

By Nicole Grabner

Every year, the Florida Legislature schedules “committee weeks” (sometimes called interim or interim committee weeks) in the lead-up to its regular legislative session. These weeks give members of both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate time to hold policy workshops, hear from state agencies and advocacy groups, review proposed bills, and prepare for the full session.

During these weeks, disability-related issues are increasingly on the agenda. Advocacy groups highlight bills such as HB 447 (Disability History & Awareness Instruction), which will require Florida schools to include more disability rights and history in the curriculum. Other key topics addressed include improvements at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) in Florida, maintenance of Medicaid eligibility for individuals with permanent disabilities, and equipment repair rights (e.g., power wheelchairs) for people with disabilities.

These committee weeks offer a critical window for families, self-advocates, and service providers to engage with legislators before bills become fully drafted. Because legislators are gathering expert testimony, reviewing agency reports, and holding workshops, it's a prime time to raise concerns about issues such as waiting lists for services, accessibility of state systems, and funding for disability supports.

In short, committee weeks in Florida are a key pre-session period where policy-making momentum builds—and a meaningful time for the disability community to be heard. To see recordings of past or upcoming Committee discussions, please check out The Florida Channel on: <https://thefloridachannel.org/>.





One Voice Brevard Scholarship Opportunity

Families of individuals with developmental disabilities have a unique opportunity to make their voices heard at the state level. A new scholarship program from One Voice Brevard is offering financial assistance for two families of four to travel to Florida's capital, Tallahassee, to participate in Developmental Disability Awareness Day this February 2026.

Each year, advocates, families, and self-advocates gather at the Capitol to meet with legislators, share personal stories, and highlight the importance of supporting individuals with developmental disabilities across the state. This one-day event provides an empowering platform to influence policy, promote inclusion, and raise awareness about the needs and achievements of the disability community.

The scholarship aims to remove financial barriers that might prevent families from attending. It will cover travel expenses, lodging, and meals during the trip, up to \$300.00. Families selected will also receive guidance on how to effectively share their experiences and advocate for change.

Participation in Developmental Disability Awareness Day not only educates lawmakers but also strengthens the collective voice of the disability community. By attending, families help ensure that critical programs, services, and supports remain a legislative priority in Florida.

Applications for the scholarship will run from 1 November until 28 November, and families are encouraged to apply early as space is limited. (The scholarship application is on the next page. Please fill out and make sure to email to us once completed.) We will announce the winners on 1 December. Together, we can make a difference—one conversation at a time.





2026 DD Day Scholarship Application



Date of Application

Employment Type

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Personal Information

Full Name		
Address		
Phone	Email	Family Size
Have Own Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Able to Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Background

Self or Parent Advocate	Disability Concerns

Agreement

Scholarship Use and Participation Agreement

I, _____, acknowledge that any scholarship funds I receive are to be used exclusively for expenses related to my participation in the "**DD Day**" (Development Disability Awareness Day) in Tallahassee on **11 February 2026**, including food, hotel accommodations, and gas/travel costs.

By accepting these funds, I agree to the terms and conditions of this scholarship, which include:

1. Meeting with at least two (2) legislators during the event; and
2. Fully participating in all required sessions, activities, and scheduled meetings throughout the event.

I understand that failure to comply with these terms may result in forfeiture of the scholarship and/or ineligibility for future scholarship opportunities.

Recipient Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Nonspeaker's Bill of Rights

by Elizabeth Bonker, Executive Director,
Communication 4 ALL



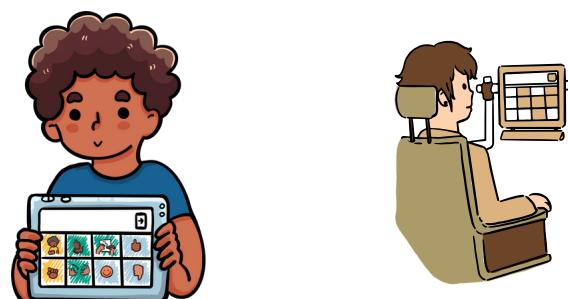
I am a nonspeaker with autism who types to communicate. In 2022, I founded Communication 4 ALL (C4A), a nonprofit with the mission to ensure all nonspeakers have access to communication and education. C4A has 3 strategic initiatives.

The first is C4A Academy, a program of internet based instructional videos to teach nonspeakers how to type, free of charge. C4A Academy also has case studies, written lessons, resources and support. If you know a nonspeaker who cannot communicate their thoughts and feelings to you, please tell their family about Communication 4 ALL's website of resources.

Our second initiative is Regulation 4 ALL. I believe most nonspeakers are so dysregulated that their bodies are in fight-or-flight mode. I presented my two-year experiment working with a researcher monitoring my heart rate variability (HRV) and using natural interventions to get me out of fight-or-flight to safe mode at the 2024 Medical Academy of Pediatric Special Needs conference. You can watch the presentation on our website. We just completed a study with Dr. Elizabeth Torres at Rutgers University measuring the HRV of 25 nonspeakers over 3 months. This study will serve as the foundation for creating tools to help nonspeakers get their bodies out of fight-or-flight. Follow Communication 4 ALL on social media to hear our announcements.

Our third initiative is C4A Schools. We work with schools, group homes and day programs to train their staff to create typing programs for nonspeakers. C4A Schools are beacons in the educational community, lighting the way for all schools to teach typing to nonspeakers. If you work with nonspeakers and want to discuss how you can give them a voice, please email me at elizabeth@communication4ALL.org.

Communication is a human right. Together, we can change the way the world understands nonspeaking autism. We have a motor disorder, not a cognitive one. Please call your state legislators and ask them to co-sponsor our Florida Communication Bill of Rights. This Bill ensures that individuals with disabilities can use their preferred method of communication to live happy, productive lives.





Monthly Minute

by Maija C. Hahn, M.S., CCC-SLP
Owner, Encore Speech & Wellness



Lets talk regulation! It is helpful to discuss regulation and dysregulation with our family members and begin to identify when we (that includes ALL OF US) begin to feel dysregulated.

It's only after we can identify our dysregulation that we can begin to implement strategies that help us get back into a more regulated state. The more we practice "Checking-in" and monitoring our regulation states, the more we can successfully implement strategies that help us get back to green. These are skills we all need to carry over into everyday lives.

Here are three helpful steps:;

1. Discuss and develop a plan (you can use this chart to help)
2. Place this chart in every room and in the car(s).
3. Practice "Checking-in" throughout the day and everywhere.

Right now, I'm in the green! How about you?

For more information, contact Maija Hahn at info@EncoreSpeech.com, www.EncoreSpeech.com, or 321-292-2268.

Regulation Check



Connecting the Dots Conference

by Brenda Leon, Editor

One Voice Brevard attended the annual Connecting the Dots Conference hosted by Family Care Council Area 4 on Friday, October 3rd, in Jacksonville. There were over 500 attendees, and the conference was a huge success!

In 1993, the Florida Legislature created the Family Care Councils of Florida. Each council is comprised of families walking this path together and the individuals who motivate their participation.

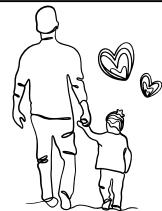
The keynote speaker was Alan Abramowitz and Robert (Bob) Asztalos, the newly appointed director of APD. The conference offered several breakout sessions, including understanding the APD Medwaiver, Medicaid, Medicare, and Waiver Program Services, Resources for Siblings and Caregivers, Post-High School Planning, Financial Planning, Communication for Individuals with Limited Speech, and many others.

We the People, By the People, For all the People was onsite through the event to offer a special opportunity for caregivers and individuals with lived experience to create their own impact videos. (For more information or to upload your own video, please visit their website at: www.flddadvocacy.org) The Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA) & The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Program were also on site. APD and DCF saw attendees privately in 30-minute appointments.



Dad's Corner

by Guest Author Christopher Grabner



Hello again, and Happy Halloween! Welcome back to Dad's Corner. I hope you were able to effectively "Dad tax" your kid's spoils.

Disclaimer: I mean no offense to anyone, and everything stated here is my opinion based on my observations and interpretations. We all evolve, and hopefully grow. So, if I say something that offends you, I am sorry and would love to hear your side in hopes of growing.

Have you ever felt like we as a society are becoming increasingly ego-centric? Lately, I've been trying to deep-dive this issue, and I stumbled across (via Dr. Google) the psychological phenomenon of the Scarcity Principle. This tactic is commonly used against us all in marketing.

To quote Google AI here, the Scarcity Principle is when "*people desire things more when they are perceived as scarce, rare, or limited*" (The first example that came to my mind was during COVID, and how there was a run on items at the grocery store like toilet paper).

However, in our disability community as Special Needs Dads, I see some abhorrently disturbing behavior where those who have kiddos with a 'severe' disability fear opening up the door or broadening definitions for fear that by allowing others access, their own children may lose out on benefits. So, some parents lash out against others within our own community. This can be seen in comments like, "Sorry bro, your kids are not disabled enough," so the door remains closed. Why can't we lift each other up?

History shows us that division brings the majority down, whereas with unification, the sky is the limit. To be perfectly honest, I find myself succumbing to this phenomenon just as much as anyone else, and my inner child HATES that I'm allowing myself to be manipulated. I've "panic purchased" myself, due to an inbound hurricane, even though I knew I didn't need it. Or like a buffoon, I got hoodwinked by a salesman that this is "the last chance", or "no more are being made," etc. Bottom line, all I'm really trying to say, and also tell myself, is that we should be pulling each other up, and not kicking others down. Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine brighter.

2025 has proven insane, terrifying, and divisive for our country. Dads, I challenge us to fight for what's right and help lift others around you. Gentlemen...stand and fight!

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy." Dr. Martin Luther King, Strength of Love, 1963.



Monthly Art Submission



This month's art submission comes to us from the Parker Foundation's "Speak Through Arts" program. The focus is on sustainable art, using glass containers and river rocks and making them into interesting creatures or fall votive holders. The rocks are named 'Mike Wozowski', 'Rumplestiltskin' and 'Manny'. The candle is named 'Shrek'

The artist's name is
Brendon

“Alliance For Disability Success” Winner



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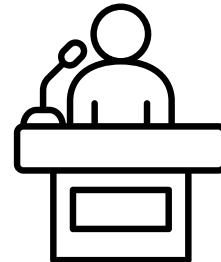
Bill Buzz

By: Nicole Grabner, Director, One Voice
Brevard

Lawmakers in Florida are already filing bills ahead of the upcoming 2026 Legislative Session, and for our community it is time to be alert and watch for what is filed.. According to reporting, both chambers of the Florida Legislature have begun posting new proposals —even several months before session starts.

The filing of bills is a crucial stage: it determines which issues will be formally considered, what the language will look like, and sets the timetable for amendments and advocacy. For families, self-advocates, and service providers connected to disability issues in Florida, being familiar with these filings means they can identify bills that could impact services, supports, funding, accessibility, and rights.

For example, knowing when a bill related to guardianship, supported decision-making, or state agency responsibilities is filed gives advocates time to reach out to sponsors, testify in committees, or mobilize community input. Even if a specific disability-related bill isn't yet filed, the fact that hundreds of bills are already in the queue means the disability community can proactively review bill lists (via the official bill tracker) and begin monitoring for any proposals that affect employment supports, Medicaid, education, or caregiving.



Watching the legislative process closely is essential because the decisions made in Tallahassee directly shape the programs, services, and protections that affect people with disabilities every day.

Once bills are filed, they can move quickly through committees, often with limited public attention. Staying informed ensures that advocates and families can respond before major changes are finalized—whether it's funding for disability services, updates to Medicaid, or new accessibility standards.

Engaging early allows the disability community to educate lawmakers, share real-world experiences, and influence outcomes that promote inclusion, independence, and equal opportunity for all Floridians with disabilities.

Topic Category	Bill Number	Title	Issue
Healthcare	SB40	Medicaid Providers	Requires AHCA to include requirements w/Medicaid Managed Care Plans "outside regular business hours"
Healthcare	SB68	Health Care Patient Protection	Requires hospitals w/ED's to develop & implement policies and procedures and conduct training
Education	SB 72	IEPs	Requiring a school district to complete evaluation for eligible IEP w/in specified timeframe
Healthcare	SB 152	Medicaid Provider Network	Requiring Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) negotiate mutually acceptable rates
Education	SB 182	School Teacher Training & Mentoring Program	Establishes the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program within Department of Education
Education	SB 186	Student Health and Safety	Revising Department of Health responsibilities for education programs concerning epilepsy
Education	SB 206	Students with ASD	Requiring State Board of Education to adopt rule requiring certification for teachers with ASD children
Safety	HB 85	Swimming Voucher ASD	Expand state swim lesson voucher program to meet needs children with ASD
Law	SB 120	Contract Protection for Elderly & Disabled Adults	Creating the "Elderly & Disabled Adult Contract Protection Act" (in primary language and video of signature)

*To find who your State Legislators are, please see the Florida House and Florida Senate websites.

OVCFL 2026 Legislative Platform



ONE VOICE COALITION 2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



- Protecting and Expanding Medicaid - Ensuring Floridians have access to quality, affordable health care.
- Standardize and update the legal definition of autism in the Florida Statutes.
- KidCare Rollout - ensure effective implementation of this benefit

Protect children with disabilities by ensuring the protection of OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs), OCR (Office of Civil Rights), and protecting IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.



Bring collaboration and transparency to every aspect of policy affecting those with disabilities. It is imperative to ensure that our voices are heard when decisions are being made - Nothing about us without us!



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- Brevard Autism Coalition; <https://brevardautismcoalition.com/>
- Angels Bridging Gaps; <https://angelsbridginggaps.org/>
- The Parker Foundation; <https://www.theparkerfoundation.com/>
- S.O.A.K.; <https://www.soakautism.com/>
- Down Syndrome Association of Brevard; <https://www.dsabrevard.org/>
- UCF CARD; <https://ucf-card.org/>
- Florida Developmental Disabilities Council; <https://www.fddc.org/>
- Project 10; <https://project10.info/>
- Vocational Rehabilitation; <https://www.rehabworks.org/contact/area3.html>
- FLAPSE; <https://apse.org/chapter/florida/>
- The Arc of Space Coast; <https://www.arcofsc.org/>
- Promise in Brevard; <https://promiseinbrevard.com/>
- Brevard Resource Center for Disability Solutions; <https://rcdsfl.org/>
- The Family Cafe; <https://familycafe.net>
- Family Liason Project; <https://familyliasonproject.com>
- Early Steps Space Coast; <https://spacecoastes.org>
- Family Care Council Area 7; <https://fccflorida.org/area-7-fcc.html>
- Bright Feats magazine
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Mobil Response Team 24/hour line (321) 213-0315
- Feeding Florida (food bank information) <https://www.feedingflorida.org/>
- Everything Brevard (resource website)
<https://www.everythingbrevard.com/blog/guide-space-coast-food-pantries>



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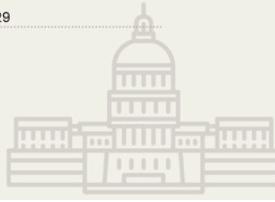
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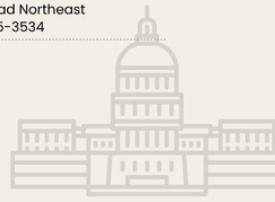
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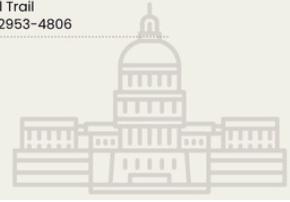
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November Events

National Family Caregivers Month

NOVEMBER 2025

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- The 12th Annual Brevard Uncorked, Friday, 7 November, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at The Grand Manor, 1450 Serno Rd, Melbourne. See flyer for additional details.
- Florida Voices for Health presents "Health Advocacy in Action: Preparing for the 2026 Session": on Monday, November 3, at 6 p.m., via Zoom. (Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudO2orDwuGtMU8Wtb2HgQAI3O7UQ6Yqg#/registration>)
- UCF CARD presents "Caregivers of Adults and Soon-to-Be Adults with ASD", a resource and discussion group, on Wednesdays via Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration required. See flyer for additional details.
- UCF CARD presents "Adults with ASD Forum", Thursday, November 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m and Thursday, November 20th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. These forums will be offered every first and third Thursday of each month. See flyer for additional information.
- APD offers Regional Forums on iBudget Waiver Enrollment in all APD regions in Florida starting November 7th through November 21st. See times and locations on flyer.
- House Representative Monique Miller and FarmShare present Drive Thru Food Distribution on Thursday, November 13th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fred Poppe Regional Park. See flyer for additional details.
- Community Pathway for Kids presents Teddy Bear Picnic on Saturday, November 15th, from 1-4 p.m. at the Field of Dreams Park, 3053 Fall Road, Melbourne. \$5 donation per child. See flyer for additional details..
- Angels Bridging Gaps Fall Session Adult group, beginning Tuesday, 5 August through Thursday, the 18th of December. Events are scheduled from 11:00 am to 2 pm. For more information, contact Angels Bridging Gaps.
- Community Play Date for 'Under 5'. Wednesday, 26 November from 9-10:30 at the Children's Center Titusville. This play date is held every fourth Wednesday of the month. Check the flyer for additional information.
- Happy Thanksgiving! Thursday, November 27th.
- Save the Date: Santa's North Pole Outlet for Kids and Adults, Saturday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Held at the Space Coast Field of Dreams in West Melbourne. See flyer for more info.

 **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities**
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 **ONE VOICE COALITION**
EMPOWERING DISABILITY COMMUNITIES



 **DOWN SYNDROME**
ASSOCIATION OF BREVARD



Event Flyers



If you are local and in need there will be another food distribution November 13th! First Come, First Served.

State Representative Monique Miller and FarmShare present:

**First Come, First Served
DRIVE THRU
FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Where: Fred Poppe Regional Park
Ted Whitlock Community Center
370 Championship Circle NW
Palm Bay, FL 32907
Near Softball fields

When: November 13, 2025
10am - 1pm

 Questions? Please Contact
Rep. Miller's Office:
321-497-8170



12th Annual

BREVARD UNCORKED WINE TASTING GALA

EMBARK ON A SENSORY JOURNEY WHERE EVERY GLASS TELLS A STORY.

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY ALFIE SILVA
- WINE TASTINGS & GOURMET HORS D'OEUVRES
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- 50/50 RAFFLE, RAFFLE BASKETS, & GAMES
- DRESS CODE: COCKTAIL ATTIRE
- GENERAL ADMISSION & VIP SEATING
- SPONSORSHIPS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL AUTISM NON-PROFITS SERVING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ACROSS BREVARD COUNTY.

7 - Nov - 25
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
The Grand Manor
160 Sams Rd, Melbourne, FL 32905



 Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 3:00 PM-4:00PM

3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7-8 PM
July-December on ZOOM

* ADULTS WITH ASD FORUM

This forum is designed as a safe space for adults with ASD to practice social skills.

To register scan the QR code or use this link: <https://ASDforum.eventbrite.com>

Please contact your ASD Specialist for the registration password for this event



Event Flyers

**CAREGIVERS OF ADULTS AND
SOON-TO-BE ADULTS WITH ASD**

*Resource and discussion group via Zoom
6:30PM-8:00PM*

Free monthly resource and discussion group for parents of adults and late teens (16+) on the autism spectrum. Open forum for parents to discuss concerns, seek resources, and gain support in assisting their adult children.

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QUESTIONS: INFO@COMPATRKIDS.ORG**



**SANTA'S
NORTH POLE
OUTLET
FOR KIDS and
ADULTS**

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6TH, 2025
10 AM UNTIL 2 PM**

**SPACE COAST FIELD OF DREAMS
Minton & Fell Roads in West Melbourne**

There will be a special kids-only area where they can go shopping for gifts that are all \$5 and under. The children will be escorted throughout the special kids-only area by our Angel Elves, who will help with their decision-making and gift wrapping as well as the Local Cub Scout pack.

Family members and caregivers can browse over 20 home-crafted vendors. There will be live music, as well as of course, "SANTA".

Please contact the forgotten elf, "Uncle Phil", for more information on becoming a vendor, musical act, or to volunteer at: AGG.marketingdirector@gmail.com or (321)324-1643

Event Flyers

APD Regional Forums Announced: iBudget Waiver Enrollment

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) will be hosting Regional Forums across Florida throughout November 2025 to discuss iBudget Waiver Enrollment.

These meetings will take place in every APD region — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southern, and Suncoast — with in-person sessions held at local APD offices.

 **17** Dates range from November 7–21, 2025
Locations include Wildwood, Lakeland, Orlando, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Panama City, Tallahassee, West Palm Beach, Miami, Tampa, and Fort Myers.

Families, providers, and advocates are encouraged to attend to learn more and share feedback.

APD REGIONAL FORUMS - iBUDGET WAIVER ENROLLMENT

Region	Date	Time	Location
CENTRAL	Friday, November 7, 2025	9:00 am - 11:00 am	APD Wildwood Office – 901 Industrial Drive, Suite 100, Wildwood, FL 34785
CENTRAL	Wednesday, November 12, 2025	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	APD Lakeland Office – 200 N. Kentucky Ave., Suite 432, Lakeland, FL 33801
CENTRAL	Thursday, November 20, 2025	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	APD Orlando Office – 400 W Robinson St., South Tower, Suite 430, Orlando, FL 32801
NORTHEAST	Friday, November 14, 2025	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	APD Jacksonville Office - 3631 Hedges Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32224
NORTHWEST	Friday, November 7, 2025	9:00 am - 3:00 pm CST	APD Pensacola Office - 160 West Government Street Ste 412, Pensacola, FL 32502
NORTHWEST	Friday, November 14, 2025	9:00 am - 3:00 pm CST	APD Panama City Office - 3309 Franklin Ave, Suite C, Panama City, FL 32405
NORTHWEST	Friday, November 21, 2025	9:00 am - 3:00 pm EST	APD Tallahassee Office - 3600 Esplanade Way, Suite 220, Tallahassee, FL 32399
SOUTHEAST	Thursday, November 13, 2025	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	APD West Palm Beach Office - 111 South Sapodilla Avenue Suite 254, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
SOUTHERN	Tuesday, November 18, 2025	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	DCF Visionary Room - Robie Building - 401 NW 2nd Avenue North Tower 1011, Miami, FL 33128
SUNCOAST	Friday, November 14, 2025	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	APD Tampa Office - 1513 North Tampa Street Suite 515, Tampa, FL 33602
SUNCOAST	Thursday, November 20, 2025	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	APD Ft. Myers Office - 2295 Victoria Ave Fort Myers, FL 33901



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