



FIFI Training Call: Children with Special Health Care Needs Policy Academy

The landscape of health care for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in Florida will see many changes over the upcoming years. This is in part due to new polices and programs at the federal level, Medicaid Reform in the state, and changes to ensure that there are enough dollars to serve the many populations needing care. It is critical that family leaders be at the forefront of driving policy change at every level to ensure that changes are responsive to the real needs of families and communities and that services are family centered and culturally competent.

The Florida Institute for Family Involvement is responding to this need by offering Children with Special Health Care Needs Policy Academy in a series of training calls beginning May 1, 2009. This Academy will provide information, resources, support, and opportunity for participants to develop an agenda of health care priorities to drive advocacy efforts during the upcoming year. Participants will be supported throughout the year in being a critical partner in shaping the health care landscape to ensure it is family centered, culturally competent, and responsive to the needs of families of CYSHCN. Participants will:

- Become part of a policy list serve with other national and state advocates
- Receive “hot topic” notices on changes to health care access and services
- Serve as the “moderators” of FIFI advocacy priorities set by the Academy
- Be connected with state and national opportunities of policy change

If you are interested in participating in the Policy Academy registration is required. You can register by contacting Jessica Delgado at 1-877-926-3514 or JessicaJdelgado@aol.com.



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