



# Legal & Reference RESOURCES

*"To advocate and promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities"*

## FDDC's Universal Education Position, Policy & Practice Statement

Universal Education, also referred to as inclusion, is an approach to education that creates learning environments which are inherently designed for diversity, making natural education settings accessible to all children, all together, all the time.

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## Florida Developmental Disabilities Council State Plan

The Council's goals, funding, and strategies for systemic change through the year 2016 are provided below.

[State Plan Goals and Objective 2012-2016](#)

[State Plan Blueprint 2012-2016](#)

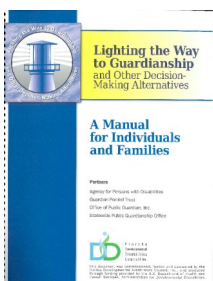
[2015 State Plan Amendments](#)

[Amendments to State Plan](#)  
[Las Modificaciones del Plan Estatal](#)

[Program Performance Report \(PPR\)-2014](#)

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## Lighting the Way to Guardianship and Other Decision-Making Alternatives



This document provides accurate and timely information regarding guardianship and alternatives to guardianship for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. If legal advice or other expert assistance is required, please seek the service of competent professional. [Click here](#) to download a copy.

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## The Lighting the Way to Guardianship Online Training

Designed to assist individuals and families of persons with developmental disabilities understand the range of decision-making options, from an individual making his or her own decisions to guardianship or guardianship advocacy.

Guardianship On-line Training Course: <http://www.fddc.org/ltw/?Language=English>

[Click Here](#)

*Spanish Version: [Haga clic en Español](#)*

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## Lighting the Way to Your Choices, Your Decision, and Your Life

Every person who is age eighteen or older has certain legal rights. As an adult, you can exercise these rights by making your own decisions or asking someone to help you make decisions. To download a copy of this information, [click here](#).

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## Guardianship

Guardianship is the most restrictive decision-making option available and should only be used as a last resort. Florida law provides a continuing right to review the appropriateness of a guardianship and favors restoration of rights whenever possible. The resources below are provided to assist individuals with developmental disabilities who wish to build their skills and work towards more independent lives.

In response to the need for increased awareness of the continuing right to review existing guardianships and the need for increased knowledge of the rights restoration process, the Council partnered with the Office of the Public Guardian, Inc. to provide education for individuals under guardianship, their families, legal professionals and other stakeholders. The goal of the project is to increase awareness of guardianship and guardianship restoration; provide an accompanying website with downloadable resources; and to initiate of advocacy efforts to address the lack of data on guardianships and guardianship restoration within the judicial system.

Through the project's advocacy efforts, key stakeholders became engaged in examining the issue of data collection within Florida's judicial system and data collection among persons receiving services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and their families.

Developing Abilities and Restoring Rights: A Workbook for Persons with Disabilities: [Click Here](#)

Developing Abilities and Restoring Rights: A Guide for Supporting Persons with Disabilities: [Click Here](#)

Developing Abilities and Restoring Rights: A Manual for Legal Professionals: [Click Here](#)