



Education Fact Sheet

Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana (FHF SWLA) is a local family directed resource center that has served the community for more than 26 years. We are a part of a network of individual nonprofit centers across the state that provide information, training and support to parents of children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, and professionals working with students with disabilities.

FHF SWLA has knowledgeable trained education staff that are available to help increase the knowledge and confidence of parents and help them improve outcomes for their children. We are available to provide information, referral, education, training, and peer support for parents of children with disabilities regarding: **Early Intervention Services, Educational Services and/or Transition Services.**

Knowledge is power. We strive to make information available to you about the many state and federal laws and regulations that guide the way these services are provided.

Three groups are targeted: (1) Parents and family members, (2) Children and young adults with disabilities, and (3) Professionals.

Our Education Support Specialists seek to educate individuals in these three groups so that they can better understand their important roles. Each group has the powerful opportunity and responsibility to assertively participate in making decisions about the educational services provided to their child/children with a disability. Individual members of each group are also responsible for speaking out while policies are being developed about the effectiveness of these services.

Families (and professionals) can receive free training and information on their rights, responsibilities, and protections under federal and state laws and policies so they can actively participate in planning and decision-making that affects their children. FHF SWLA helps educate youth and adults with disabilities to increase their capacity for self-advocacy. Our education and training provide opportunities for families and youth to build on existing strengths to become stronger advocates and self-advocates.

All FHF SWLA services are provided At No Cost to You! Parishes served by Families Helping Families SWLA, Region 5 (Southwest Louisiana Area) for Educational Support include:

Beauregard – Calcasieu – Cameron – Jeff Davis parishes

For more information contact one of our Education Support Specialists at:

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