



The Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) assists public and private agencies in implementing a statewide system of coordinated, comprehensive, multidisciplinary, interagency programs providing appropriate early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. In Florida this system is known as Early Steps.

Membership includes parents and caregivers and the representatives of the various agencies that provide early intervention services.

Parents: Make a Difference for Florida's Families

Parents are the most important members of FICCIT. They are the ones who must navigate the state's system on behalf of their children and see first-hand what works and what doesn't. *Parental participation is vital to the success of FICCIT's mission.*

If your child receives services through Early Steps or has received such services in the past, please consider applying for membership. The Council meets quarterly in various locations throughout Florida, travel expenses are paid through the council and respite care reimbursement is available.

Please call;

Florida's Early Steps, 1-800-654-4440

or visit

<http://www.floridaicc.org/membership.htm>

for more information or an application.

FICCIT plays an important role in the decision making process for Florida's Early Steps. Following are some of FICCIT's responsibilities:

- Advise and assist the Early Steps state office and other entities in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures;
- Educate decision-makers, service providers, families and all Floridians;
- Facilitate communication across local, state, and federal levels;
- Foster partnerships;
- Explore new trends and research validated practices;
- Advise and assist the Early Steps state office and the Florida Department of Education about the appropriate services to children, including the transition of toddlers with disabilities to services provided under IDEA, Part B.

2009 Meeting Schedule

January 27-28

Tallahassee

April 21-22

Tampa

June 23-24

Tallahassee

September 22-23

Orlando

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