

**Families Helping Families Monitoring Report Summary
for the La Developmental Disabilities Council
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The LA Developmental Disabilities Council funds nine Families Helping Families (FHF) Resource Centers across the state. These FHF Centers provide information and referral, facilitate peer-to-peer support, and conduct workshops and training events on a wide variety of disability issues. Also, FHF Centers play a key role in supporting grassroots advocacy efforts in collaboration with the Council and regional grassroots advocacy leaders.

Centers are monitored on an on-going basis by Council staff to ensure their compliance with contract terms and to assess performance toward the goal of “maintaining an individual/family-run regional resource center that fosters self-determination, independence, productivity and integration and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.”

- FHF Centers submit monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Council.
- Council staff conduct onsite monitoring visits with each FHF Center at least once every three years. FHF Centers participate in yearly desk audits.
- Fall of 2018 onsite monitoring will include: FHF of Greater Baton Rouge, FHF at the Crossroads, and FHF of Region 7.

Center funding for State Fiscal Year 2018 (SFY18) was level with the prior fiscal year. Performance targets established for each FHF Center in SFY18 included:

- 2,850 units of information/referral
- 18 workshops/training events (including 2 related to grassroots advocacy efforts)
- 300 individuals trained
- 1,200 instances of peer support
- 20 outreach visits (including major hospitals, pediatrician offices, and school districts)
- 2 individuals identified/supported to provide testimony
- 6 individuals identified/supported to participate in legislative visits
- 80% of trainings include a presentation on LaCAN
- 2 regional legislative visits will be completed by FHF Directors

FHF Annual Performance Data for SFY18 are displayed in Figure 1 below (shaded cells indicate a failure to reach the performance target):

Figure 1: Center performance data for SFY18

Contract Area	Target	NOLA	GBR	Bayou	Acad	SWLA	XRoad	Reg7	NELA	NFHF	Totals
Information/Referral Units	2850	4038	5631	2469	3466	4585	4899	3840	3827	4545	37300
Training Events	18	28	40	21	30	30	29	29	23	39	269
Individuals Trained	300	384	407	318	844	481	1337	402	379	1134	5686
Peer Support Provided	1200	3322	4201	1738	1993	1296	2198	2096	2798	3298	22940
Outreach Visits	20	26	54	24	42	88	55	22	29	21	348
Individuals for Testimony	2	5	2	0	1	5	15	7	5	8	48
Individuals for Legis. Visits	6	27	8	6	11	12	6	7	7	19	103
Trainings Present LaCAN	80%	100%	83%	90%	97%	93%	100%	97%	100%	97%	95%
Legislative visits with FHF Director	2	9	4	3	2	5	2	3	7	6	41

Caution is urged in making comparisons of data across regions since differences may be due to inconsistencies in the classification and documentation of services, as well as, differences in the overall level of Center funding acquired from other sources. Furthermore, numbers alone cannot capture the essence of the Center as a reliable and respected source of information and support for families in their local communities.

In an attempt to capture the quality of performance, FHF Centers are additionally required to complete a minimum of 40 satisfaction surveys each contract year across all programs. Over 34,300 contacts were made to the nine FHF Centers during SFY18. A total of 408 surveys were conducted. Results from these surveys are listed in Figure 2 and indicate high satisfaction with FHF Centers across the state. An average of ninety-nine percent of those surveyed indicated they agree or strongly agree that they received the information or support they needed.

Figure 2: Center satisfaction survey data for SFY18

Contract Area	Target	NOLA	GBR	Bayou	Acad	SWLA	XRoad	Reg7	NELA	NFHF	Totals
# Surveyed	40	40	77	40	50	40	40	41	40	40	408
% Satisfied	N/A	100%	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%

In summary, monitoring suggests the FHF Centers continue to play an integral and valuable role in their communities while working diligently to meet all deliverables. Most FHF Centers met their deliverables for information/referral, peer-to-peer support, trainings, and outreach.

- Only one Center, Bayou Land FHF, was unable to meet the required units of information and referral provided to the community. Bayou Land FHF and FHF of Acadiana were unable to identify at least two individuals for testimony. Bayou Land FHF’s new Board of Directors has submitted a corrective action plan to address performance concerns in the upcoming fiscal year in addition to hiring a new Executive Director.
- Over the past fiscal year, FHF of Acadiana underwent a transition of new staff and a new Executive Director which contributed to missing one of its advocacy deliverables.