FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES
NETWORK REPORT
JANUARY-JUNE 2023

FHF CENTER	UNDUPLICATED JAN-JUNE 2023	UNITS OF SERVICE JAN-JUNE 2023	1ST PREVALENT DISABILITY JAN-JUNE 2023	2ND PREVALENT DISABILITY JAN-JUNE 2023
Families Helping Families of Southeast LA	1,300	1,758	DD	Autism
Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge	1,015	3,618	Autism	Developmental Disability (Early Childhood)
Bayou Land Families Helping Families	2,091	3,370	Autism	ADHD
Families Helping Families of Acadiana	1,095	1,866	Autism	Learning Disability
Families Helping Families of Southwest LA	1,454	3,206	Autism	Behavior Issues
Families Helping Families at the Crossroads	1,879	2,693	Autism	Learning Disability
Families Helping Families Region VII	1,164	2,622	Autism	Downs Syndrome
Families Helping Families of Northeast LA	1,315	2,264	Autism	Behavior Issues
Northshore Families Helping Families	2,003	4,453	Autism	Emotional Disturbance
Families Helping Families of GNO	1,853	6,050	Autism	ADHD

REGION 4:

Families Helping Families of Acadiana is a non-profit Resource Center for individuals with disabilities and special healthcare needs and their families. Our center is in Lafayette, LA and covers Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes.

The following programs are supported and accessible through our Center:

- Acadiana Area Louisiana Human Service District- to provide individuals, families, and professionals with information and referrals regarding information on services, resources, policy and legislative issues, educational and state funded services in Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health
- Bureau of Family Health- Provide information and support to families of children and youth with special health care needs and providers, and connect families, providers, and FHF centers.
- EarlySteps COS- EarlySteps Community Outreach Specialist in Region 4
- Louisiana Department of Education - To provide resources, training, and supports to parents and professionals to insure better educational options for children and youth with disabilities and special healthcare needs
- Louisiana Youth Leadership Forum – LAYLF is a 3-day, 2-night residential leadership program for transition-age youth with disabilities in Louisiana. Program highlights include Disability Pride & Self-Determination, a day spent at the State Capitol to learn about legislative advocacy, a dance and talent show, Dating & Relationships, Future planning and more.
- Parent 2 Parent USA Alliance member – Louisiana - as the Alliance member for Louisiana, we provide training for volunteer support parents to ensure access to quality emotional support for families of individuals with disabilities and/or special health care needs. Referred parent requesting support can be connected to trained volunteer support parents matching their needs

Support, Assistance and Resources:

- Information and Referral
- Parent to Parent/Peer to Peer Program
- Educational Laws, Rights and Advocacy
- Resource Library
- Workshops
- Transition
- Newsletters
- Internet Information

REGION 6:

Families Helping Families at the Crossroads is a non-profit Resource Center for individuals with special needs. FHF was founded in 1992 in Alexandria, LA as a part of a statewide network of family resource centers. FHF is an organization of families because of their own experience, are aware of and committed to reaching out to other families who have members with special needs. FHF is a place where families can go for help and understanding from caring people who "HAVE BEEN THERE" too.

The following programs are supported and accessible through our Center:

- Bureau of Family Health- Provide support and information to CSHS, Parents in clinic, and the community
- Project GUMBO- Statewide sports competition for students with special needs
- LDOE Regional Family Support Project- To provide resources, training, and supports to parents and professionals to insure better educational options for children and youths with special needs
- Central Louisiana Human Service District- to provide individuals, families, and professionals with information and referrals regarding information on services, resources, policy and legislative issues, educational and state funded services in Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health
- EarlySteps- EarlySteps services for youth 0-3 years of age in Region's 6 & 7.
- EarlySteps COS- EarlySteps Community Outreach Specialist in Region's 6 & 8.

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- National Disability Resource Library
- Medical Transportation
- Behavioral Health
- Medical Equipment/Supplies (IE. walkers, wheelchairs)
- Food/Household Assistance