Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Florida ARF
A Voice for Community Agencies

Membership Value Statement: 2026

Florida ARF is a statewide, professional association that provides advocacy, information, and networking services for community agencies serving individuals with disabilities. We are a leader in the initiation of public policy change to promote and protect the interests of individuals with disabilities. Within the last year, Florida ARF accomplished the following:

- Prevailed in securing $22.7 million in recurring funding for a uniform 1% across the board rate increase for iBudget Waiver Providers.
- Prevailed in securing an increase of approximately $15 million for Community ICF/IIDs which resulted in an average 1% increase for LOC 1-2 clients and a 25% increase for LOC 3 clients.
- Supported the $141.4 million in funding for expansion of the Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities known as ICMC.
- Prevailed in support of funding of the Adults with Disabilities (AWD) Program in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at approximately $10.3 million in recurring and non-recurring funds.
- Supported the Health Care conforming bill that directed AHCA to establish a monthly reimbursement rate for Life Skills Development Level 3 and Level 4 services; creation of a program that supports and enables persons with disabilities to become Medicaid eligible; transfer of waiver funding between ICMC for those choosing to move from the waiver; and APD application and eligibility determinations.
- Supported provisions in the budget implementing bill that formed the Applied Behavior Analysis Task Force and added language on APD budget amendments.
- Secured another year grace period for compliance monitoring and recoupment of funds of iConnect.
- Supported the funding and language for the replacement of iConnect.
- Coordinated a comprehensive grassroots advocacy campaign which included two Legislative Fly-Ins and provided professional lobbying support for member approved issues.
- Continue to provide APD, AHCA and VR with input on programmatic issues and concerns from a provider perspective to continue the operations of community programs through formal rule comments and informal meetings.
- Disseminated timely information including: *Issues Forum Breaking News*, *Capitol Breaking News,* and email alerts.
- Provided members with monthly updates on available grant and funding opportunities as a part of *Issues Forum Breaking News*.
- Maintained an online library for members including work products, white papers, grassroots materials, and information to assist members with resolution of policy questions.
- Represented member interests on multiple state committees and workgroups.
- Represented member interests before the Legislature and during workshops and hearings on various issues and topics impacting the industry to positively influence public policy changes.
- Provided trouble-shooting assistance to members navigating state policy compliance and Medicaid issues.
- Provided networking opportunities for members featuring opportunities to interact with APD, AHCA, and VR leadership.
- Served as information and referral resource for interested parties seeking providers and services in specific geographic areas.
- Provided opportunities for members to network and share best-practice experiences.