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TO: ESE Directors
District Parent Liaisons
FDLRS Managers
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FROM: Shan Goff

SUBJECT: Updated Publications from the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

We are pleased to inform you of the availability of two updated publications from the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council.

First Steps: A Guide for Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities will help parents learn what services are available for children with special needs. Written by parents, the guide addresses emotional and physical stresses encountered in caring for children with developmental disabilities.

Planning Ahead: A Handbook for Parents, Family Members and Guardians of Adults with Developmental Disabilities is valuable to families in planning for the care of a family member after the loss of a parent or caregiver. The handbook includes information on government benefits, housing, health care, and other topics relevant to the quality of life for an adult with disabilities.

These publications may be ordered at no cost through the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council by calling (850) 488-4180 or (800) 580-7801. In addition, the handbooks and many other publications for parents are available on the Council's website at www.fddc.org.

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cc: Florida Developmental Disabilities Council Members
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