



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How were people selected to be a task force member?

More than 60 people expressed an interest in serving on the task force. The Governor's Office selected all 15 task force members. There are three individuals with DD and four family members of individuals with DD on the task force. The six members who represent state agencies were mandated in the Governor's Executive Order. The final two members are community rehab providers.

2. What is the process for public input?

Public input may be submitted to the task force in a variety of ways. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities website (<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/apd/>) has a link where anyone can provide written recommendations or ask questions. Additionally, when you attend any of the meetings, written comments and questions may be submitted. Assistance will be provided at the meetings, if accommodations are necessary to provide your comments in writing.

3. How will community be defined and are we concerned about people in institutions receiving quality services?

The task force is focused on improving services to all individuals who receive services in community settings as well as institutional settings. The recommendations that come from this task force will apply to the entire service system for persons with developmental disabilities.

4. If transportation is a social agency controlled entitlement, who decides what constitutes an approved ride and what happens to the social implications of only getting 2-5 rides to work?

Transportation issues are of key concern to the task force and this issue will be thoroughly discussed and recommendations made regarding transportation issues at one of the meetings in the fall. The task force is very concerned about how to achieve employment, community living, and effective transition with the current issues that exist with transportation. Currently the local transportation disadvantaged board determines the definition of a ride and how many rides are allowable. We encourage you to become involved locally in affecting change to this system. You may want to consider attending a meeting or two and possibly applying for membership on the board.

5. Why are all task force meetings being held in Tallahassee?



Most task force members are from Tallahassee and there are very limited funds for travel. We are in the process of sending out public announcements to widely solicit written public comment. We are also receiving input and recommendations from statewide groups and initiatives such as Partners in Transition as well as having extensive participation and input from national experts at each meeting .