

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THE RUNDOWN



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we begin the new year, I want to thank our APD team members and partners across Florida for your continued dedication and collaboration. With the start of Legislative Session, this is an important time to reflect on our progress, share priorities, and strengthen the services provided throughout the state.

The work happening each day—both within APD and in communities statewide—plays a critical role in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. I appreciate your commitment, coordination, and hard work as we move into the year ahead. Thank you for all that you do, and best wishes for a productive and successful year.



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

APD staff recently came together to celebrate our Holidays Around the World event, enjoying festive decorations, shared traditions, and time spent connecting with colleagues. The celebration was a great opportunity to pause, reflect, and recognize the hard work and dedication of our team throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success and to all who participated in making it a memorable occasion.



APD STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Alexis Capps is a Procurement and General Services Supervisor at APD, bringing 13 years of public service experience with the State. She began her career in 911 Dispatch and later advanced through multiple roles in procurement, including seven years with the Department of Corrections. At APD, Alexis supports organizational changes, manages building projects, and trains staff on MFMP and procurement processes. Known for her collaboration, discipline, and positive energy, she is committed to strengthening operations and supporting her team.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026

The Florida Legislative Session begins this month, marking an important time for APD to share our priorities and advocate for policies that support individuals with developmental disabilities. We look forward to working with lawmakers to advance programs and services that make a real difference in the lives of Floridians.



TACACHALE CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

Tacachale celebrated the holiday season with their annual tree lighting, a cherished tradition that brought staff and residents together for an evening of reflection and celebration. The event provided an opportunity to pause and recognize the dedication, compassion, and teamwork demonstrated throughout the year. As the tree was lit, it served as a reminder of the strong sense of community at Tacachale and the commitment shared by those who support and care for the individuals served at the facility.



BECOME A WAIVER SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Are you seeking a meaningful career that makes a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities? Opportunities are available for compassionate and dedicated Waiver Support Coordinators across Florida. Individuals with experience in case management, social work, education, health care, or human services may find this work especially rewarding. Waiver Support Coordinators help individuals live independently and connect with the services and supports they need to thrive. Make a lasting impact in your community by exploring Waiver Support Coordinator opportunities today.

SHARE YOUR STORY IN 2026!

Want to be featured in the next edition of The Rundown? We'd love to highlight your team, your accomplishments, and the incredible work happening across Florida's disability community. Whether you're an APD staff member, provider, partner organization, self-advocate, or community leader, we want to hear from you. Have a story idea, staff recognition, success story, regional highlight, or upcoming event to share? Email Logan.Flowers@apdcare.org. Your contributions help us celebrate progress and strengthen connections statewide—thank you for being part of the mission to support Floridians with disabilities!



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