

**WSC ADVISORY #2021-004**  
**CLARIFICATION CONCERNING WAIVER SUPPORT COORDINATORS ASSOCIATED**  
**WITH QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS**

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 29, 2021**

APD held rule workshops on July 30 and November 18, 2020, and a rule hearing on January 20, 2021 to receive public input on Chapter 65G-14, Florida Administrative Code, Qualified Organizations and Waiver Support Coordination. All comments received were closely reviewed and deliberately considered by the agency.

As a result of the public comments and subsequent legal analysis of language contained in 393.0663(1), F.S., APD submitted a Notice of Change to the Florida Administrative Register providing clarifying language about the requirements of Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) and their relationship with the Qualified Organizations.

The agency determined that the statute requires that all Waiver Support Coordinators associated with a qualified organization **must be employees** of the qualified organization and contracted workers would not meet the intent of the law. This change will provide certainty and uniformity in the classification of WSC-employees across the state.

The agency has scheduled a subsequent public hearing to receive input related to the Notice of Change. The hearing will occur on February 15, 2021, at 10 a.m. EST via webinar. Attendees may register for the hearing at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8874588669460504848>. After registering, a confirmation email will be received containing information about how to join the webinar, and opportunities to offer comments and questions.