



SUPPORTING FAMILIES

of individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities
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The DC Supporting Families Community of Practice (SF CoP) is a group of family members, advocates with disabilities, government leaders, disability advocacy and services professionals, and other interested community members who are thinking and advocating together to create policies, practices and systems that support families that include a member with an intellectual or developmental disability across the life course.

Some of the activities the SF CoP has initiated or been involved in include:

- Development of a Parent-to-Parent organization in DC – Parent to parent will provide emotional and informational peer support to parents of children with disabilities across the life course.
- Identifying opportunities and strategies for advocacy – The SF CoP Advocacy Committee has developed an Advocacy Guide that will assist people with disabilities and their families to participate in advocacy about disability issues in DC.
- No Wrong Door efforts – several agencies of DC government are looking to the SF CoP to provide input on how DC can create a coordinated, District-wide No Wrong Door system that will support all DC residents in need of long-term services and supports, and their families regardless of where they enter the system.
- Person-Centered Thinking – The SF CoP is integrating the core concepts and skills of person-centered thinking into all that it does.
- Ongoing outreach efforts – The SF CoP is always thinking about ways to include more people with disabilities and families in this work!

If this interests you or you have any questions, contact Emily Price at emily.price@dc.gov or 202-262-2174 for more information.

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