

Spinal Cord Injury in Florida

STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2015

Strategic Issue 1: Statewide advocacy initiatives are needed to enhance access to and increase funding for SCI services and supports.

Strategy 1.1: Explore funding options for Transitional Living Facilities in Florida.

Strategy 1.2: Advocate for enhanced access to and funding for the appropriate rehabilitation services for individuals with SCI.

Strategy 1.3: Advocate for regulation change to address SCI appropriate durable medical equipment supplies, assistive technology and support services to be covered by all payor sources.

Strategy 1.4: Identify key policy advocates to garner support among legislators for SCI funding.

Strategy 1.5: Implement an advocacy plan to address SCI accessibility issues.

Strategic Issue 2: There is a need for enhanced training, education and awareness initiatives designed for specific audiences based on identified needs.

Strategy 2.1: Develop a multifaceted and diverse mass media campaign.

Strategy 2.2: Identify resources and partners to research, develop and disseminate educational materials and information to include community based rehabilitation, wellness, safety, employment and community reintegration.

Strategy 2.3: Maintain a state-of-the-art centralized clearinghouse for SCI.

Strategy 2.4: Increase awareness and utilization of the Peer Mentor program.

Strategy 2.5: Enhance and maximize independence of SCI survivors through the use of assistive technology and education.

Strategic Issue 3: Initiatives and activities are needed to promote physical and programmatic accessibility for individuals living with SCI.

Strategy 3.1: Develop standards of services to promote access to public and private transportation for persons with SCI.

Strategy 3.2: Advocate at state level to achieve visitability for Florida Building Codes.

Strategic Issue 4: System-wide partnership and collaboration is needed to enhance communication among SCI survivors and their families, providers and other stakeholders.

Strategy 4.1: Use the SCI strategic plan as a platform to promote collaborative partnerships among organizations.

Strategy 4.2: Explore existing entities to serve as advisers on local accessibility issues for SCI.

About the project

The Florida Department of Health Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program (BSCIP) and its partners, the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology, Inc. (FAAST), and the FAAST Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center (FSCIRC) and its Advisory Committee have come together to conduct Florida's first comprehensive needs and resources assessment of individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI) and to develop a five-year strategic plan for SCI in Florida.

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