



## How can Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge help you and your family?

If you, or a member of your family, have a disability, we offer three core services:

### Information and Referral

We provide information about a wide variety of issues and disabilities or direct you to the resources you need for services or additional information. We also have an extensive lending library with topics ranging from education to health issues. This library is available to the public so you, or your child's educators and health professionals are welcome to make use of it.

### Education and Training

Workshops are coordinated and presented on topics relevant to the issues facing persons with disabilities and their families. Call our office today for topics, times and locations and sign up for our newsletter for future workshop schedules and other information.

### Family to Family Support

We will link you to a volunteer family that has a similar experience or situation to provide emotional support, specific information and guidance. Our Family to Family Support program is a volunteer mentorship program to help you through a difficult time or just provide guidance in having a family member with a certain type of disability.

*FHF of GBR does not endorse or promote any legislation, institutions, individuals or methods of treatment or therapy.*

*FHF of GBR receives partial funding from the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, Capital Area Human Services District, Louisiana State Department of Education, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and Louisiana State University.*

### Our Mission

To provide the individualized services, information, resources and support needed to positively enhance the independence, productivity and integration of persons with disabilities into the community.

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It's who we are. It's what we do.



**A Family Driven Resource  
Center for Individuals with  
Disabilities and Their Families.**

**Jamie S. Tindle, Executive Director**



**Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge** (FHF of GBR) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) resource center, organized and fully staffed by individuals with disabilities and their family members. We are a group of families who, because of our own experiences, are committed to reaching out to other families who have individuals with disabilities in their families too. Disability could mean a physical, cognitive, mental, emotional or behavioral disability.

FHF of GBR's resource center is affiliated with Families Helping Families of Louisiana, a statewide network of "Families Helping Families" resource centers located across Louisiana. These centers are unique because they are directed and staffed by individuals with disabilities, their parents and family members. Because of our unique organization and staffing, we can provide a place where families and individuals can go for help and have someone understand their situation and what they are trying to accomplish.

**FHF of GBR serves the following parishes:**

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| East Baton Rouge | Ascension     |
| West Baton Rouge | Pointe Coupee |
| East Feliciana   | Iberville     |
| West Feliciana   |               |

## FHF of GBR Programs

### Early Childhood Supports and Services (ECSS)

A project which encompasses those families who reside within EBR. One of the goals of this initiative is to develop a local integrated, comprehensive system of care for children up to 5 years of age and their families.

### Children's Special Health Services Parent Liaison (CSHS)

Provides information, referral, education, training and one to one support to families enrolled in Children's Special Health Services.

### Children's Special Health Services - Early Steps Community Outreach Specialist (COS)

Provides information and training about Early Steps, Families Helping Families and other community supports and services as well as one to one parent support in hospital rooms, clinics, headstarts and daycare centers or other settings for children from birth to 3 years of age.

### Inclusive Education (SDE)

The education of all students in regular education and community settings to ensure full and valued memberships in society.

- *Advocates for children to be educated in the Least Restrictive Environment or Inclusive Education*
- *Provides workshops and presentations*
- *Provides one to one support*
- *Attends IEP and other education related meetings*

### Transition Facilitator (SDE)

Staff works with families and professionals to help train, educate and empower them to develop an Individualized Transition Plan that will help students reach their full potential.

### LA Citizens for Action Now (LaCAN)

A statewide grassroots network of individuals and families advocating for a service system that supports individuals with disabilities to live in their own homes, rather than having to move to a facility to receive needed services.

### LA State Improvement Grant (LaSIG)

A program designed to improve LA's service system in ways that better meet the needs of all students by improving special education reform initiatives.

### Louisiana's Parent Training & Information Center (PTI)

A program to provide advocacy and training for families of students at risk as well as students who receive special education and related services.

- *Provides training and presentations*
- *Case conferences*
- *Attends education related meetings*

### Self Advocacy

A self advocate can lead other individuals to confidently assert their rights and handle their responsibilities. Self advocates share available information and resources which can help others become more independent. Self advocacy is about people with disabilities working to take charge of their own lives.

Simply fill out the information below and return.



- I would like to participate in Family to Family Support.
- Please contact me to set up a workshop in my area.
- Please place my name on the FHF of GBR mailing list.
- I would like to be a volunteer. Please call me.
- Donation enclosed. (All donations are tax deductible.)
- Please contact me with additional information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Notes \_\_\_\_\_



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