



Request For The Approval of A Client Advocate

Developmental Disabilities Program

I, _____, am a recipient of services from the Department of Children and Families, Developmental Disabilities Program and my date of birth is _____. I do not currently have a guardian or guardian advocate. I wish to exercise my right, as provided in sections 393.0651, 393.063(6) and 393.12, F. S., to appoint the person named below as my client advocate. I understand that in this capacity my client advocate will assist me to learn about, understand and evaluate my choices. They may also help me make decisions about where I live, as well as where and how supports and services will be provided to me by the Developmental Disabilities Program. However, my client advocate does not have my authorization to access confidential information without my written consent.

Printed Name of Proposed Client Advocate

relative - _____ state relationship

Signature of Proposed Client Advocate/Date

friend of mine/my family

I would like for the following persons to be included on my Support Planning Team for this approval process.

Printed Name of Add'l. Team Member/Tele. No.

Signature/Date

Printed Name of Add'l. Team Member/Tele. No.

Signature/Date

Printed Name of Person Receiving Services And Making Request /Date of Request

Signature or mark of Person Receiving Services And Making Request /Date

A meeting of the Support Planning Team for the individual noted above met on the ___ day of _____, 20___. Members of the team making this decision include those signing above, as well as: _____ from the district staff and

_____, my support coordinator.

Client Advocate is approved _____

Disapproved because of the following conflict of interest: _____

From ___/___/___ - ___/___/___

The original of this completed form should be filed in the Individual's Central Record. A copy should be filed at the district, and one provided to the Client Advocate. The Client Advocate's copy of this form will serve as his/her Letter of Appointment.

Role of the Client Advocate

1. Ensure that the client is provided with sufficient information presented in a manner understandable by the client;
2. Help the client identify and evaluate all options available, taking into account the client's desires and best interests;
3. Ensure that the choice of the client is based on all relevant, available information, is made voluntarily and freely given, without force or coercion; and
4. Support the client's decisions.

This appointment does NOT authorize access to confidential information without written consent from the client.