

Ophelia McLain
Administration on Developmental Disabilities
Administration for Children and Families
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
370 L'Enfant Promenade SW
Mail Stop: HHH 405D
Washington, DC 20447

Dear Ms. McLain:

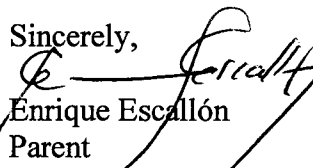
I am writing to express my strong support of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) proposal titled "Councils on Developmental Disabilities "Ayudar Familia Project." As a family member of a child with a developmental disability with a proud Hispanic heritage I believe it is vital to provide access to information regarding available health and educational resources to families such as mine.

I am acquainted with and participate in programs developed through the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. (the Council). The Council funds projects to promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities.

I believe the Council has the ability to lead a project to develop resource training curriculum specifically designed for families of Hispanic or Latino children with developmental disabilities. Additionally, I believe the Council can effectively acquire, catalog, and disseminate local and state family support systems to help parents or guardians with limited resource knowledge.

The success of this project would certainly enhance the quality of life for the targeted children and their family members in Florida.

Sincerely,



Enrique Escallón
Parent
4371 SW 150 Ct
Miami, FL 33185
(305) 761-7205