

## Free Community Advocacy Training Workshop

# Making Your Case

Monday, April 12, 2010

1:00pm - 2:30pm

University Center Club, Florida State University  
3rd Floor, Futch Ballroom  
Tallahassee, FL

Hosted by:

Family Network on Disabilities

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### *About the workshop:*

This workshop is a legislative advocacy presentation designed to teach consumers, family members, caregivers and any interested party how to effectively communicate with legislators and policymakers. The key issues of know who to contact, where, when and how importantly, how to contact them will be discussed. Elected and appointed officials not only appreciate constituent input, their job requires it. Collaboratively working with policymakers and their staff is far more simple than most people think. Honesty is the key. Having your facts in order and always presenting truthful information to legislators is the best way to ensure that you become a valuable resource whenever disability or other issues are on the table. Whether communicating the individual needs of your family or bringing your opinion on pending legislation to the table, most individuals can effectively make their case by being honest, courteous and professional.

### Special Guests:

#### Representatives



Ari Porth



Stephen Precourt

Representatives Porth and Precourt will be available after the workshop for discussion. Both Representatives are committed to the disability advocacy community and have both filed disability related legislature in past legislative sessions.

Family Network on Disabilities is a national network of families and individuals of all ages who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families, professionals and concerned citizens.

#### PROGRAMS:

**PIRC:** The Florida State Parental Information and Resource Center of FND

**Parent Education Network (PEN):** Florida's Region 3 Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

**TILES Project:** Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support

**Parents of the Panhandle Information Network (POPIN):** Florida's Region 1 Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

**Parents Educating Parents in the Community (PEP)**

**Dadvocates:** Florida Fathers Network

**VISIONS:** National Native American Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

**First Florida Pooled Trust**

**Sharing the Commitment:** Collier and Polk Counties



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