




*We* WORK  
with families  
to increase  
THEIR skills as  
advocates,  
mentors  
& LEADERS so that  
FAMILY MEMBERS  
and others  
with disabilities  
can lead  
*the lives*  
THEY WANT.

MISSION



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**CENTER FOR  
FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

# VISION

# METHOD

# INITIATIVES

The Center for Family Involvement (CFI) strives to model the collaboration of parents and professionals in all of its work including information and referral, materials and resource development, and training and technical assistance. The CFI is committed to improving outcomes for children, youth, and adults with disabilities through its long-term commitment to supporting parent/family involvement, engagement, and leadership. We work to help families become:

- **ADVOCATES** who speak with and for their family members with disabilities;
- **MENTORS** who use what they have learned to help others; and,
- **LEADERS** who make possible a better life for those who follow.

Every family of an individual with a disability, together with the professionals who work with them, embraces the family's role in improving the lives of individuals with disabilities.

- Partner with families and professionals to encourage and foster family involvement, engagement and leadership
- Provide one-on-one emotional, informational and systems navigational support
- Uncover what is required to improve family engagement and research strategies to meet these needs
- Inform families about involvement activities that are relevant to their situations

Through funding from the Federal Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and the Virginia Departments of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, Education and Health, the CFI operates several statewide initiatives:

- **Family to Family Network of Virginia**  
*statewide network of locally based family members trained to provide information, assistance and referrals to care-givers of people with disabilities*
- **IEP Products**  
*collaborative standards-based Individualized Education Plan (IEP) online training modules and print materials*
- **Transition Initiatives**  
*helps children and young adults with disabilities to plan for their post-school future*
- **Virginia is for Siblings!**  
*inspires siblings of people with disabilities to form connections, share experiences, utilize resources, access information and advocate for change*
- **Parent Resource Centers (PRC)**  
*supplies resources to facilities that provide parents with information, resources and training*
- **Family Engagement Network**  
*supports local communities in their efforts to involve families*
- **CFI Website**  
*provides various resources and products*
- **Annual Parent Summit**  
*assists parents in networking and in getting information they need to support youth*
- **Cultural Brokers**  
*connects with rural and culturally diverse communities across the Commonwealth*

## CFI'S VALUES

LEADERSHIP

CULTURAL AGILITY

COLLABORATION

FAMILY WISDOM

SELF-DETERMINATION

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