

Who We Are:

Family Voices for Family Choices is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating, empowering, & advocating for families & youth who are dealing with emotional or behavioral challenges.

We are just getting started, so we are actively recruiting board members, establishing committees & applying for grants.

The Advisory Board meets at the Mental Health Association at 7145 W. Oakland Park Boulevard. The sub-committees meet at various locations around the community.

We NEED You!!!

Whether you are a caregiver, family member, youth, community member, service provider, or just someone who wants to make the world a better place:

- You can make a difference in the lives of many children and families in Broward County.
- You can benefit the community by helping families keep their kids out of trouble with schools and the law. You can help the kids stay in the community and be productive.
- You can teach what you've learned & pass on your skills to others who can then do the same.

If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, contact our Recruitment & Selection committee at:

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Our Mission:

To nurture hope for families & youth impacted by, or at risk of, emotional &/or behavioral challenges, through education, empowerment, & advocacy.



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Our Guiding Principles

1. *Family Voices for Family Choices* is dedicated to changing the future by creating opportunities to empower youth & support their families.
2. *Family Voices for Family Choices* believes that youth & families must be respected for their rights, preferences, values, strengths & cultural backgrounds.
3. *Family Voices for Family Choices* believes that youth & families have unique needs that require unique services.
4. *Family Voices for Family Choices* embraces the concept of the family as a whole-unit & focuses upon their strengths instead of their challenges.
5. *Family Voices for Family Choices* views families as the primary decision-makers for their own care & well-being.
6. *Family Voices for Family Choices* believes that providers must partner with youth & families by sharing power, resources, authority, responsibility, & control.
7. *Family Voices for Family Choices* believes that youth & families must be provided with accurate & complete information, empowering them in making their own decisions.
8. *Family Voices for Family Choices* believes that family networking is a driving force leading to self-advocacy & empowerment.
9. *Family Voices for Family Choices* is dedicated to engaging in peer support activities to reduce isolation, gather & disseminate information, & strengthen the family voice.
10. *Family Voices for Family Choices* is dedicated to preventing school suspension, decreasing high school dropouts & diminishing contact with the justice system by bringing awareness & education regarding behavioral health to those in contact with children with emotional / behavioral issues.
11. *Family Voices for Family Choices* believes that long-term, positive change for individual families, as well as the overall system of care, will be attained by families “giving back” to others through education, advocacy & mentoring.
12. *Family Voices for Family Choices* is dedicated to removing barriers & discrimination created by stigma & prejudice associated with behavioral health challenges.

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