



State of Florida
Statewide Advocacy Council
Craig Rappel, Chair
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Dear Governor Bush, President Lee and Speaker Bense:

I am pleased to join Craig Rappel, Esq., Statewide Advocacy Council Chair, and members of the Statewide and Local Advocacy Councils throughout the state in presenting this annual report. The report provides a review of the accomplishments, funding, areas of continued concern and our future commitment to serving Floridians.

This past year has been filled with many successes as a result of members intervening on behalf of citizens in need of our assistance. Local Advocacy Council members throughout the state monitored over 1821 programs or facilities, and in several cases Council visits initiated corrective action. The Local Advocacy Council's partnership with the Attorney General's Office in Operation Spot Check has proven to be most beneficial to the consumers. In the vast majority of situations the programs and services were determined to be beneficial to the consumers receiving them. The Statewide and Local Advocacy Council was very pleased with the support from the Governor's Office, the Senate and the House in the passage of CS/SB2674 which will change and improve the overall operation of the statewide and local councils.

Our objective will be to continue to help all Floridians who feel that their rights have been violated and assist them in receiving those services in a safe and compassionate manner and with dignity. The Statewide and Local Advocacy Councils have had an excellent relationship with both the Executive and the Legislative branches. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William E. C. Marvin".

William E. C. Marvin
Executive Director