

Intervention Program

PROVIDING CONTINUITY OF CARE: BIRTH TO END OF LIFE



Executive staff of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. learned about FCB's programming and presented a check for the Intervention Program grant during a site visit with FCB's President/CEO, Anissa Brescia. (Pictured left to right: Todd Martin, Gainesville District Member Relations Representative; Troy Adams, Gainesville/ Lake City District Manager; Dustin Echols, Salt Springs District Member Relations Representative; Jim Beeler, Palatka/ Salt Springs District Manager)

It has been said many times before that FCB has recognized the increasing need to identify and provide early intervention training for blind babies. There is also a need for individuals who have a progressive disease but do not meet the state definition of being "legally blind" to receive training through the state Division of Blind Services.

In multiple situations, FCB has encountered many individuals who have become increasingly isolated and depressed, and have lost their dignity, confidence and independence. This is due to individuals being forced to wait for services that would allow them to perform basic household and personal tasks long before they qualify to begin training. FCB says "NO!"

It is imperative to provide proactive training in a timely manner for individuals who have a progressive disease. It is also extremely imperative to provide intervention training for babies to build a strong cognitive foundation and literacy skills to be kindergarten-ready. It is FCB's philosophy to never turn a client away, but funding this endeavor has always been challenging.

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FCB submitted a grant request explaining this exact problem described above. FCB was extremely grateful to receive a \$12,000 award from Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. to pilot the Intervention Program and provide hundreds of hours of direct services to any individual with low vision needs.

FCB is excited to be able to give hope and confidence to individuals who are already struggling in their daily lives, thanks to Clay Electric Cooperative. This new program will allow FCB to provide services to individuals from birth through end of life, creating the ultimate continuity of care and hope for all people living with vision loss.