

Family-to-Family Communities Project (F2FC)

Connecting Families of Individuals with Deaf-Blindness via Distance Technology



Now recruiting F2FC Facilitators for 2018-2019

A **facilitator** contributes structure and process to interactions so groups are able to function effectively and creates an environment where every participant has the opportunity to collaborate, innovate, and excel. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facilitator>)

Family-to-Family Communities Project:

- F2FC brings families together to connect, share information and resources, and offer support to one another in the journey of supporting their family member with deaf-blindness
- Each F2FC is comprised of 8-10 families with shared commonalities and is guided by trained Facilitators.
- F2FC groups meet once per month for 90 minutes, via phone and/or video conference (group preference).
- Topics are chosen by the group and include a combination of structured conversation and open sharing.
- F2FC members are encouraged to connect with each other via phone, email, or social media.

Family-to-Family Communities Project Timeline:

- Facilitator recruitment is open until May 18, 2018.
- Participant registration is open during June and July 2018.
- During August 2018, F2FC Facilitators will participate in training and contact group members.
- F2FC conference calls will begin in September 2018 and continue through May 2019.
- Facilitators will participate in bi-monthly Facilitator Mentor calls to share ideas and support one another.

Facilitator Responsibilities:

- Pre-planning with your co-facilitator to discuss topic, determine roles/responsibilities, etc.
- Send reminders to families about calls (email and/or phone calls).
- Facilitate the group during the call- pose questions, encourage discussion, keep time.
- Complete a Call Log form for each call to record attendance and note topics and themes discussed.
- De-brief with your co-facilitator to discuss successes and challenges and plan for next call.

Are you interested in learning more about being a F2FC Facilitator???

Contact Carol Darrah, F2FC Coordinator, cdarrah@uga.edu or (706) 542-2433 to schedule a phone conversation to talk about the project.

You will also be asked to provide a reference from your state deaf-blind project or another organization.