



2011

- Governor's Commission on employment established
- Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. (FDDC) Employment First Project in partnership with the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston

2013

- Employment First Executive Order 13-284
- Employment First Florida Grassroots Group Online Meeting series begins

2014

- 9 state agencies and organizations sign the 5-year Employment First Interagency Cooperative Agreement
- Florida Abilities Work Web Portal and Help Desk launched
- Federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) enacted
- Employment First Collaborative Training Toolkit developed in partnership with the Center for Social Capital

2015

- Three local interagency collaboratives sites are established in Florida
- CareerSource Florida, Inc. facilitated an interagency task force to assist the state in its implementation of WIOA

2016

- Florida's Employment First Act becomes law
- Department of Economic Opportunity implements Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program
- Nassau County becomes first school district in Florida to become a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation vendor
- Department of Management Services begins work to ensure that Florida's equal employment opportunity policies specifically include individuals who have a disability.

2017

- Florida Developmental Disabilities Council released the report "A Systematic Approach to Revising Florida's Integrated Employment Funding System."
- Florida achieved the greatest number of Project SEARCH sites in the nation
- Department of Financial Services My Money curriculum website
- The Explore Work curriculum for self-advocates becomes available

2018

- Workers' Compensation Law expands state workers' compensation to individuals with disabilities who work in state-sponsored work experience activities

2019

- 11 state agencies and organizations sign a renewal of the Employment First Interagency Cooperative Agreement

For more information, visit www.employmentfirstfl.org.

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