

### FIU Embrace Education Non-Degree Student Application Packet 2023-2024

Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program

Office of Research & Economic Development FIU Embrace 11200 SW 8th Street PG6, Suite 150 Miami, Florida 33199

305-348-5377



#### FIU Embrace Education – Application Process

Completed application packages must be submitted either via postal mail, electronic mail, or dropped off in person). Any incomplete application that is submitted will not be considered for admission.

Please **drop off/mail** application materials to:

FIU Embrace Attn: Marissa Landgraf 11200 SW 8th Street PG6, Suite 150 Miami, Florida 33199

OR email application materials to: fiuembrace@fiu.edu

Once it is determined that the applicant has submitted a completed application and appears to meet the minimum criteria for the program, the applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be scheduled for an interview with the FIU Embrace team. The interview is held to gauge the applicant's needs and fit for the program. You will be notified by letter or email regarding whether or not you are granted an interview. After reviewing the application materials, if the applicant is determined to not meet the minimum criteria necessary to be successful in the program, they may not be granted an interview and/or be accepted into the Education program.

The FIU Embrace staff will reach out to the applicant and their family to notify that the application has been forwarded for a psychological evaluation. It is required that the applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s) be present to complete the psychological evaluation. The FIU Embrace staff will connect the applicant/family to the FIU Center for Children and Families to schedule the psychological evaluation.

Following the issued psychological evaluation, the applicant may be invited to participate in a mandatory Match Day at FIU with the current FIU Embrace Education students, other applicants, and FIU Embrace staff.

Once the psychological evaluation, interviews and Match Days have been completed, the FIU Embrace Selection Committee will meet to finalize offer decisions for the incoming cohort. If an applicant is offered admission to the program and the applicant declines the offer, then the applicant/family is responsible for paying the cost of the psychological evaluation. The decision to offer or deny admission to the program will be made by the Selection Committee in their best judgment and in the best interest of the applicant.

The applicant will receive a letter and/or email from the FIU Embrace program providing the final decision of acceptance or denial.

#### **Application for Admission**

The FIU Embrace Education program is a three-year, non-degree, certificate inclusive postsecondary transition program for students with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The primary goal of the program is to offer a comprehensive and integrated university-based education that is inclusive and accessible and promotes competitive integrated employment and independent living in the community.

Students participate in a variety of program activities through a system of supports provided by faculty, academic and social mentors, university-based resources, and other key project personnel to ensure that individual and program goals are met. A certificate of completion will be issued by FIU's Continuing Education Department upon the successful completion of all components of the program and students can earn digital badges, micro-credentials, and industry level certifications in their selected area of specialization.

Admission is based on the following criteria. The applicant **must**:

- Be between the ages of 18-28 (18-25 at the start of the program).
- Have the legal authority to make their own decisions that would allow them to fully participate in the program. Therefore, those applicants who have parents/legal guardians who have retained plenary guardianship and/or limited guardianship, which does not allow for the applicant to make certain decisions, are not eligible for the program.
- Have been diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist with an Intellectual Disability (ID) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The student can also have other co-occurring disorders with these diagnoses.
- The applicant diagnosed with an Intellectual Disability must have a significant cognitive and/or developmental disability that interferes with their academic performance according to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.
- Exit high school (Proof of HS Diploma/Special Diploma needed). If the applicant will be exiting high school after the application deadline, then an official letter on school letterhead which indicates the expected graduation date for the applicant is required as part of the submitted application. However, an official high school diploma must also be submitted following graduation.
- Be able to read and understand English at a 3rd grade level, or demonstrate practical reading and comprehension skills.
- Demonstrate basic mathematics understanding and the ability to use a calculator.
- Demonstrate the ability to function independently without supervision, this includes attending college classes and managing time unaided for at least 3 consecutive hours.
- Be able to adapt to change and not be overly stressed when changes in routines occur.
- Have the potential to be successful in competitive employment.
- Demonstrate the desire to complete all components of the FIU Embrace Education program including assessments/evaluations and surveys.
- Have sufficient emotional and independent skills to participate in all aspects of the program.
- Have the potential to successfully achieve their goals within the context of the FIU Embrace content and setting.

- Demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility for their actions and maintain respect for themselves and others.
- Not have a history of disruptive or aggressive behaviors. <u>Note: FIU Embrace does not have</u> the personnel necessary to manage/monitor behavioral issues.
- Be able to independently administer their own medication, and manage/monitor specialized diets and/or medical illness. Note: There are no personnel available to monitor, manage, or administer medication. The FIU Embrace staff takes no responsibility for specialized diets and/or medical needs.
- Adhere to the FIU Student Conduct and Honor Code <u>https://regulations.fiu.edu/</u> <u>docs=257</u>
- Not have any previous record of behavioral, sexual, or conduct outbursts or previously violated FIU's student code of conduct.
- Not have a history of arrest or severe behavioral and emotional problems.
- Not any have serious persistent mental health and or substance abuse problems.
- Be able to be fully integrated on the FIU campus.
- Complete psychological and adaptive testing through FIU Embrace.

Please complete **ALL** sections of this application. It is acceptable for the applicant to receive support, if needed, in completing the application. You may attach additional information and pages for writing space if needed. All information is confidential and will not be shared beyond the members of the Selection Committee unless written agreement is provided by those filling out the application. If an applicant is not admitted into the program, any submitted paper application materials will be returned via U.S. Mail to the applicant's address listed on the application.

# Completed applications are due no later than 5:00pm EST on May 03, 2023.

#### No incomplete applications will be considered for admission.

Please contact us via email or phone if you have any questions regarding the application:

#### fiuembrace@fiu.edu

Phone: (305) 348-5377

Applicant Name: \_

Using the checklist below, check the corresponding boxes in the Applicant column to verify that you have all of the necessary documents before submitting an application. Applications will not be considered until <u>ALL</u> requested information is received.

#### **Application Checklist:**

| Name of Document   | Applicant | Embrace<br>Confirmation |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1. Referral Source Form  |           |                         |
| 2. Applicant Information Form  |           |                         |
| 3. Family Information Form   |           |                         |
| <ul> <li>4. Copy of Plenary/Limited Guardianship document or Power of Attorney<br/>(only if applicable)</li> </ul>   |           |                         |
| 5. Employment History Form   |           |                         |
| 6. Special Accommodations Form   |           |                         |
| 7. Medical History Form  |           |                         |
| 8. FIU Immunization Documentation Form (must include official stamp and authorized signature)  |           |                         |
| 9. Medical Insurance Information Form, with copy/scan of insurance card  |           |                         |
| 10. Physical Examination Form (to be completed, signed and stamped by the applicant's physician)   |           |                         |
| 11. Student Questionnaire  |           |                         |
| 12. Photo of Applicant   |           |                         |
| 13. 4 Letters of Recommendation (submitted on the provided Student<br>Recommendation Forms)  |           |                         |
| 14. Parent/Guardian Agreement for Payment  |           |                         |
| 15. Parent/Guardian Agreement for Reimbursement of Psychological<br>Evaluation   |           |                         |
| 16. Copy of High School/Special Diploma or Letter from school (on school letterhead) indicating that the applicant currently meets criteria for graduation and their expected date of graduation |           |                         |
| 17. Copy of recent psychological evaluation conducted by a licensed clinical professional which indicates current diagnoses of the applicant.  |           |                         |

## **Applicant Information Section**

To be completed by: Applicant/Parent/Family/Guardian

#### **Referral Source**

Please indicate how you heard about the FIU Embrace Education program:

| Current/former FIU Embrace student  |
|---|
| FIU Embrace email blast   |
| FIU Embrace outreach event  |
| FIU Embrace website   |
| <ul> <li>Florida Center for Unique Abilities Partner</li> <li>(please specify):</li></ul> |
| Other FIU Department (please specify):  |
| Miami-Dade or Broward County Public Schools, Special Education Division<br>(SPED)         |
| Special Olympics of Miami-Dade  |
| Vocational Rehabilitation   |
| Other (please specify):   |

#### **Applicant Information**

|         |  | Applicant mion  |  |
|---------|--|---|--|
| First N | ame  | Last Name   | Middle Name  |
| Home    | Phone  | Applicant Cell Phone – CANNOT USE A PARENT'S CELL PHONE                               |  |
| Addres  | SS   |   | Apt./Unit #  |
| City    |  | State   | Zip Code   |
| Birth D | Date   | Applicant Email Ac  | ldress – CANNOT USE A PARENT'S EMAIL   |
| Inte    | um Disorder in order to me<br>ellectual Disability (ID)<br>ner:  | Autism Spectrum   | n Disorder (ASD)   |
|         | nt receives support or servic<br>Agency for Persons with Di<br>a. Is the individual<br>b. Is the individual<br>Services received<br>Medical Assistance<br>Social Security Disability In<br>Supplemental Security Inco<br>Vocational Rehabilitation<br>By providing your VR counse<br>counselor to inform them of you | tes from (please check for abilities (APD). If reconsistent to attend the Med-waiver? | those that apply): eiving services from APD: Yes No Dees of services? Yes (list below) No we permission to FIU Embrace to contact your |
|         | Vocational Rehabilitation C  | Counselor email:  |  |
|         | Vocational Rehabilitation C  | Counselor phone numb  | er:  |
|         | Educational Services (IDEA Other (please describe):  |   |  |

## **Family Information**

| Applicant lives with:  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Both Parents Parent 1 Parent 2 Guardian(s) Other:  |  |  |  |  |
| Are any of the following in place for this applicant?<br><b>*Note:</b> If any of below apply, submit a copy of the legal document or agreement with the application. |  |  |  |  |
| Plenary Guardianship: Who is the named guardian?   |  |  |  |  |
| Limited Guardianship: Who is the named guardian?   |  |  |  |  |
| Power of Attorney: Who is the named agent?   |  |  |  |  |
| Guardian Advocate: Who is the named advocate?  |  |  |  |  |
| Supported Decision Making: Who supports you?   |  |  |  |  |
| None of the above apply  |  |  |  |  |

#### Parent/Guardian 1

| First Name | Last Name     | Middle Initial |
|------------|---------------|----------------|
|            |               |                |
| Home Phone | Cell Phone    |                |
|            |               |                |
| Address    |               | Apt./Unit #    |
|            |               |                |
| City       | State         | Zip Code       |
|            |               |                |
| Occupation | Employer      |                |
|            |               |                |
| Work Phone | Email Address |                |
|            |               |                |

#### Parent/Guardian 2

| Last Name     |                           | Middle Initial                               |
|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| Cell Phone    |                           |  |
|               | Apt./Unit                 | #  |
| State         | Zip Code                  |  |
| Employer      |                           |  |
| Email Address |                           |  |
|               | Cell Phone State Employer | Cell Phone Apt./Unit State Zip Code Employer |

#### Siblings

| Name | Age | Lives with Applicant? |      |
|------|-----|-----------------------|------|
|      |     | Yes                   | 🗌 No |

#### **Emergency Contact Information**

| Full Name                 | Phone Number |  |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|
|                           |              |  |
| Relationship to Applicant |              |  |
|                           |              |  |

| Phone Number |  |
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| Full Name                 | Phone Number |  |
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| Relationship to Applicant |              |  |
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| Full Name                 | Phone Number |  |
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#### Work Experience (paid)

| Employer 1      |            |                     |                      |  |  |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Name of Employe | er         | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |  |
| Dates Employed  |            | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |  |
| From            | То         |                     |                      |  |  |
| Employer 2      |            | 1                   |                      |  |  |
| Name of Employe | er         | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |  |
| Dates Employed  |            | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |  |
| From            | То         |                     |                      |  |  |
| Employer 3      | •          | •                   |                      |  |  |
| Name of Employe | er         | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |  |
| Dates Employed  |            | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |  |
| From            | То         |                     |                      |  |  |
| Employer 4      | Employer 4 |                     |                      |  |  |
| Name of Employe | er         | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |  |
| Dates Employed  |            | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |  |
| From            | То         |                     |                      |  |  |

#### **Volunteer Experience (un-paid)**

If you have participated in any Vocational Rehabilitation funded program such as Project Victory or Project Search, please indicate this here as well.

| Employer 1       |                     |                      |  |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Name of Employer | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |
|                  |                     |                      |  |
| Dates Employed   | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |
| From To          |                     |                      |  |
| Employer 2       |                     |                      |  |
| Name of Employer | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |
| Dates Employed   | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |
| From To          |                     |                      |  |
| Employer 3       |                     |                      |  |
| Name of Employer | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |
| Dates Employed   | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |
| From To          |                     |                      |  |
| Employer 4       |                     |                      |  |
| Name of Employer | Contact Information | Job Responsibilities |  |
| Dates Employed   | Hours Worked        | Reason for Leaving   |  |
| From To          |                     |                      |  |

#### **Special Accommodations**

Does the applicant have any ADA accessibility needs or require special accommodations in order to fully participate in the program? For example, assistance to walk up stairs, frequent breaks when walking long distances, note-taker, extended time on exams, etc.

Yes No

If yes, please describe:



#### **Medical History**

Give a brief description of the applicant's medical history, including any disability diagnoses:

List any significant medical or physical conditions, which may affect the applicant's participation in classroom, social, or recreational activities on campus:

Allergies:

Special dietary needs:

| Is | the applicant | independ | ent in self-care? | For example, | medication | management | and hygiene. |
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In the space below, please provide any other medical information that would be important regarding the applicant's participation in this program.

Note: If the applicant must take medications while at FIU they must be independent in administering their medications and managing their health.

#### **Medical Insurance Information**

Name of Insurance Company:

Primary Subscriber Name:

Policy Number:

Please attach a copy or scan (front and back) of your insurance card.

#### **Physical Examination Form** FIU Embrace Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program \*Note: This form must be completed by a healthcare provider.\*

| Name:                         |                 |                        | Date of Exam:        |      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|------|
| Height:                       | Weight:         | Pulse:                 |                      |      |
| <b>Vision:</b> R 20/          | L 20/           |                        |                      |      |
| Corrective Lenses:            | les 🗌 No        | Pupils: 🗌 Equal        | Unequal              |      |
|                               |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Appearance                    |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat         |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Hearing                       |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Lymph Nodes                   |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Heart/Murmur/Rub/Gallo        | op              |                        |                      |      |
| Pulse                         |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Lungs                         |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Abdomen                       |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Genitourinary (males)         |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Skin                          |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Musculoskeletal               |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Neck                          |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Back                          |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Shoulder/Arm                  |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Elbow/Forearm                 |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Wrist/Hands/Fingers           |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Hip/Thigh                     |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Knee                          |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Leg/Ankle                     |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Foot/Toes                     |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Neurologic Exam               |                 |                        |                      |      |
| The applicant has the follow: | ing problems th | nat may impact their e | educational experien | nce: |
|                               |                 |                        |                      |      |
| Vision                        | Voc N           | Jo                     |                      |      |

| Vision     | Yes | No |  |
|------------|-----|----|--|
| Hearing    | Yes | No |  |
| Speech     | Yes | No |  |
| Language   | Yes | No |  |
| Physical   | Yes | No |  |
| Social     | Yes | No |  |
| Behavioral | Yes | No |  |
| Cognitive  | Yes | No |  |

Does this applicant have a health condition that may require emergency action at school/college, (e.g. seizures, allergies, diabetes, hypertension, stroke, heart problems, sickle cell, bone/joint etc.)?

| Yes No   |              |
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| If yes, please specify:  |              |
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| (This form will be stored in the applicant's Cumulative Health Folder and n<br>University and health personnel.) Please complete FIU Immunization Docume |              |
| Physician Evaluation (select one):   |              |
| Cleared without restriction Not Cleared  |              |
| Cleared with restrictions or recommendations for further evaluation (plea  | se specify): |
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| SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN COMPLETING FORM   | DATE         |
| Physician Name (print):  |              |
| Physician Address:   |              |
| Physician telephone number:  |              |
| HEALTHCARE PROVIDER - OFFICE STAM<br>(FORM IS NOT VALID WITHOUT STAMP)   | <u>P</u>     |
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## Academic & Student Affairs

**Health Promotion Services** 

#### MANDATORY IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Immunization Policy:**

As a prerequisite to registration, Florida International University requires all students to comply with the following immunization policy regulations from the Florida Board of Governors regarding measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B immunity.

#### 1. Measles, Mumps, Rubella:

 All students born after December 31, 1956 must present documented proof of immunity to measles (rubeola) and German measles (Rubella), as described below:

#### Acceptable Proof of Immunity consists of:

- Proof of two (2) vaccinations (doses) of MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) received on or after 12 months of age, taken at least 28 days apart, AND in 1968 or later
- b. Proof of immunity by way of a **positive** blood test lab result (measles and rubella titer)
  - If titer results are negative, student will have to receive the full MMR vaccine series (2 doses) to boost immunity.
- c. A written statement from a healthcare provider documenting a diagnosis of measles (rubeola). Must include date of diagnosis, and be signed by the healthcare provider on his/her official stationery. This is acceptable for <u>measles</u> <u>only</u> and does <u>not</u> apply to rubella.
- For information regarding medical exemptions or temporary deferments from this mandatory vaccine requirement, please visit <u>dasa.fiu.edu</u> and click on the "Registration Holds" link and then "Immunization FAQ."

#### 2. Meningitis and Hepatitis B

 All students must present documented proof of vaccination/immunity to meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B as described below.
 <u>NOTE</u>: The meningococcal meningitis vaccine is NOT the same as the vaccine against Meningitis Serogroup B (i.e. Trumenba or Bexsero); therefore, proof of either of these incorrect vaccines is not sufficient to satisfy the immunization requirement.

#### Acceptable Proof of Immunity consists of:

- a. Proof of one dose of meningococcal meningitis vaccine <u>and</u> a total of three doses of hepatitis B vaccines
- b. Proof of immunity by way of a blood test lab result (applicable to hepatitis B only) <u>Exemptions</u>:

Students declining to receive vaccination for Meningitis and/or Hepatitis B must accept a waiver of liability acknowledging that they have read information pertaining to the disease and despite knowledge of the risks have decided to waive receiving the vaccine. These waivers can be accepted and viewed on <u>my.fiu.edu</u> under the "Student Tools" and "Student Health" tabs.

**NOTE**: A parent or legal guardian must sign the waiver for any minor under the age of 18. Parents or legal guardians may contact Student Health Services or obtain the form by visiting <u>dasa.fiu.edu.</u>

#### **Basic Instructions:**

- Submit all documents
   AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! All immunization documentation must be submitted at least
   4 weeks prior to registration date to release any holds that may prevent you from registering for classes.
- Please include your Panther ID number on all submitted documentation.
- MINORS (students under 18 years of age): parent or guardian must sign waiver of liability on behalf of the student
- □ Check your my.fiu.edu account for updates on your holds.
- Standard processing time for all submitted documentation is
   24 – 48 business hours (48 – 72 business hours during peak seasons)

#### How to Submit Your Records:

- EMAIL: immune@fiu.edu
- **FAX:** (305) 348 3336
- MAILING ADDRESS:
   FIU Health Compliance Office 11200 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street SASC 126 Miami, FL 33199

| IMMUNI  | Health Promoti                             |                               | FORM                 |  |
|---|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| TUDENT NAME:  |  | DATE OF BIRTH<br>(MM/DD/YYYY) | l://_                |  |
| irst term of attendance:  |  |                               |                      |  |
|   |  |                               |                      |  |
| Required Immunizations (requirements fo   | r ALL students)                            |                               |                      | 1  |
| Vaccine Name  | Date<br>(MM/DD/YYYY)                       | Date<br>(MM/DD/YYYY)          | Date<br>(MM/DD/YYYY) | Titer Date & Result<br>( <u>Must include lab</u><br><u>report)</u> |
| MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)<br>(2 doses taken 28 days apart, on or after 12<br>months of age)                                     |  |                               | N/A                  |  |
| OR: Measles (2 doses taken after 1968)  |  |                               | N/A                  |  |
| AND<br>Rubella (1 dose taken after 1968)  |  | N/A                           | N/A                  |  |
| <b>Hepatitis B</b> (3 doses)<br>(second dose at least 28 days after the first, and<br>third dose at least 56 days after the second) |  |                               |                      |  |
| □ I have read the information about Hepatitis E   | and decline receipt of t                   | this vaccine.                 | 1                    | 1  |
| Student or guardian signature (if student is un   | der 18 old)                                |                               | Date                 |  |
| Meningitis (MCV4/Menactra/Menveo)<br>(NOT Meningitis B)   |  |                               |                      | N/A  |
| I have read the information about Meningitis  | and decline receipt of t                   | his vaccine.                  |                      |  |
| Student or guardian signature (if student is ur   | nder 18 old)                               |                               | Date                 |  |
| An official stamp from a doctor's off<br>appear   | fice, clinic, or heal<br>here or this form |                               |                      | l signature must   |
| Physician or Authorized Signature   | OFFICIAL OFFIC                             | CE STAMP HERE                 | Date                 |  |
|   |  |                               |                      |  |

Email: immune@fiu.edu

## **Applicant Questionnaire**

| This section must be completed by applicant and may include additional pages.<br>This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate writing skills, critical thinking skills and creativity! |
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| Was a scribe is used to complete this section (the applicant dictated their answers)?: Yes No   |
| Why do you want to be an FIU Embrace Education student?   |
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|   |
| Describe specific skills you would like to learn in the following areas:  |
| Independent Living Skills:  |
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| Employment Skills:  |
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| Social Skills:  |
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| What type | of work ex | perience or | jobs have | vou enjove       | d doing in | the past? |
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| What job or career area(s) are you interested in?                                    |
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| What do you like to do in your free time?  |
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| What is your favorite sport?   |
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| What is your favorite musical group or favorite singer?                              |
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| Do you spend time with friends outside of school?  Yes No                            |
| If yes, what do you like to do with your friends, and who plans the social activity? |
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#### Answer the following questions about transportation.

#### Do you have a:

| Learner's Permit?  Yes No  |
|--|
| Driver's License? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No   |
| If yes, will you be driving to campus?  Yes No N/A                         |
| Have you ever:   |
| Flown on an airplane by yourself? 🗌 Yes 📄 No                               |
| Used public transportation (taxi, bus, etc.) by yourself?  Yes No          |
| Used Uber/Lyft by yourself? 🗌 Yes 📄 No                                     |
| Scheduled your own STS (Special Transportation Services) ride?  Yes No N/A |
|  |

#### Please submit a photo of yourself (the applicant).

#### Letters of Recommendation

Please submit 4 Letters of Recommendation (on the Student Recommendation Form) from persons who have known the applicant for at least one year. The recommendations should represent each of the following areas:

- 1. Family
- 2. Education
- 3. Vocational/Employment
- 4. Community Involvement

All letters must be submitted using the Student Recommendation Forms in this packet.

- 1. The **Family** reference person may be completed by the family member(s) who completed sections of the application, and submitted with the rest of the application.
- 2. The **Educational** reference person can be a teacher, teacher's aide, academic advisor, or other person who has taught the applicant in an educational setting. They must not be related to the applicant and must know them well enough to answer the questions.
- 3. The **Vocational/Employment** reference person should be someone who has supervised the applicant at a job, volunteer, or work-related setting, who is not related to the applicant and knows them well enough to answer the questions. A Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor does not qualify as a reference.
- 4. The **Community** reference person can be anyone within the applicant's community, who is not related to the applicant and knows them well enough to answer the questions.

For the three areas other than the family reference, give one Student Recommendation Form to each of the references for them to complete. The recommendation forms may be returned with the application packet in sealed envelopes with the reference person's signature across the seal or sent via email to <u>fiuembrace@fiu.edu</u>. If emailed, the form <u>must come directly from the reference person</u>, not the applicant or applicant's parent(s). If an applicant does not have a reference person from one of the above categories 2.-4., they may submit an additional reference form from a different category. For example, if an applicant has no work or volunteering experience, they may instead submit two different Educational recommendations and one Community recommendation. However, all three recommendations cannot come from a reference in the same category. For example, all three references cannot be from three different teachers or educational personnel. Please note that if the reference is unable to answer a significant number of questions on the recommendation.

## FIU Embrace Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program

**Student Recommendation Form - Family** 

## MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAMILY REFERENCE

## Student Recommendation Form – Family Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program

To be completed by: Family Reference

#### Applicant's name:

The above named individual is applying for admission to the FIU Embrace Education non-degree seeking program at Florida International University. This program is designed to prepare students with an Intellectual Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder, who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus and require a strong system of support. Students should have a strong desire to become an independent adult and must possess emotional stability and maturity to participate successfully in this program. Admission is based on the following criteria. The applicant must:

- Be able to read and understand English at a 3rd grade level, or demonstrate practical reading and comprehension skills.
- Demonstrate basic mathematics understanding and the ability to use a calculator.
- Demonstrate the ability to function independently without supervision, this includes attending inclusive college classes and managing time unaided for at least 3 consecutive hours.
- Be able to adapt to change and not be overly stressed when changes in routines occur.
- Have the potential to be successful in competitive employment.
- Have sufficient emotional and independent skills to participate in all aspects of the program.
- Have the potential to successfully achieve their goals within the context of the FIU Embrace content and setting.
- Demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility for their actions and maintain respect for themselves and others.
- Not have a history of or currently display disruptive or aggressive behaviors.
- Be able to be fully integrated on the FIU campus.

#### Contact Information of Family Reference:

| Last Name                 | last Name |              |          | MI |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----|
|                           |           |              |          |    |
| Relationship to Applicant | ·         |              |          |    |
|                           |           |              |          |    |
| Organization Name         |           | Phone Number |          |    |
|                           |           |              |          |    |
| Address                   |           | -            |          |    |
|                           |           |              |          |    |
| City                      | State     |              | Zip Code |    |
|                           |           |              |          |    |
| Email Address             |           |              |          |    |
|                           |           |              |          |    |

#### Student Recommendation Form – Family Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program To be completed by: Family Reference

With the above information in mind, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and complete a Personal Support Inventory (attached). Attach additional pages as needed. Please return this form with the rest of the application. The applicant <u>requires all letters of recommendation</u> as part of their completed application. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

2. Please describe why you feel the applicant would benefit from a postsecondary comprehensive transition experience.

- 3. How likely is it that the parent/family/guardian of this applicant will support the philosophy and goals of the FIU Embrace program?
  - Unlikely

Quite Likely

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Highly Likely

4. Please describe the strengths that the applicant may possess that will make them a good candidate for this program.

5. Please describe any challenges that the applicant may possess that will impact their candidacy for this program.

Please complete the following Personal Support Inventory. Should you not be familiar with the applicant in a particular area, please indicate by selecting the "Unsure" box.

|  | Complete |  |  |
|--|----------|--|--|
| Independent Living Skills                                    |          |  |  |
| Navigating/finding way around campus and community           |          |  |  |
| Asking for help or clarification                             |          |  |  |
| Use of good judgment skills in an emergency                  |          |  |  |
| Ordering or purchasing from a restaurant, café, or store     |          |  |  |
| Handling money to make purchases                             |          |  |  |
| Staying within a budget                                      |          |  |  |
| Caring for personal hygiene needs                            |          |  |  |
| Asking questions when clarification is needed                |          |  |  |
| Coping well with stress and anxiety                          |          |  |  |
| Adjusting to new situations or environments                  |          |  |  |
| Managing personal belongings                                 |          |  |  |
| Coping with frustration (when something doesn't go your way) |          |  |  |
| Using the restroom   |          |  |  |
| Brushing teeth   |          |  |  |
| Showering  |          |  |  |
| Getting dressed  |          |  |  |
| Waking up in the morning                                     |          |  |  |
| Laundry  |          |  |  |
| Cooking  |          |  |  |
| Cleaning their room  |          |  |  |
| Cleaning up after themselves/around the house                |          |  |  |
| Taking out the garbage                                       |          |  |  |
| Washing dishes   |          |  |  |
| Coordinating outings with friends/peers                      |          |  |  |
| Community and an   |          |  |  |

Comments:

#### **Student Recommendation Form – Family Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program** To be completed by: Family Reference

|   | Complete   | Moderate   | Some       | Minimal    | No         |        |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Social and Communication Skills                     | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Unsure |
| Social and Communication Skins                      | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     |        |
| Communicating needs appropriately                   |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Relating to others in a socially appropriate manner |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Handling conflict with another person               |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Respecting persons in authoritative positions       |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using a smart phone                                 |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Sending and receiving text messages                 |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using email   |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using social networking sites: Instagram, Facebook, |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Twitter, etc.                                       |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Verbalizing and/or writing personal information:    |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| name, address, phone number, SSN, etc.              |            |            |            |            |            |        |

Comments:

#### **Student Recommendation Form – Family Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program** To be completed by: Family Reference

| Academic Skills   | Complete<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Moderate<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Some<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Minimal<br>Assistance<br>Needed | No<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Unsure |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Understanding the value of money                                |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Counting dollar bills, making change                            |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Using a computer for word processing                            |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Navigating the Internet   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Following verbal directions                                     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Following written directions                                    |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Demonstrating motivation to learn new tasks                     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Remaining persistent in the learning process on difficult tasks |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Maintaining and following a daily schedule                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Remember and keeping up with due dates,                         |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| assignments   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Studying given information                                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |

Give an explanation of the applicant's reading abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

Give an explanation of the applicant's writing/composition abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

Give an example of the applicant's math abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

Does the applicant utilize assistive technology (voice recognition, dictation, iPad, etc.)?

yes no

If yes, please list the type of technology the applicant is using:

| voice recognition | alarms on device | ☐ iPad/iPhone apps |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                   |                  |                    |
| laptop            | calculator       | calendar on device |
|                   |                  |                    |
| email             | Other:           | Other:             |
|                   |                  |                    |
| Other:            | Other:           | Other:             |
|                   |                  |                    |

Additional Comments: Please list/discuss any physical, intellectual, social, or emotional conditions that may need to be considered when planning a postsecondary experience. You may also use this page as additional space if necessary.

## FIU Embrace Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program

**Student Recommendation Form - Education** 

## MUST BE COMPLETED BY EDUCATIONAL REFERENCE

#### **Student Recommendation Form – Education** Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program

To be completed by: Educational Reference

#### Applicant's name:

The above named individual is applying for admission to the FIU Embrace Education non-degree seeking program at Florida International University. This program is designed to prepare students with an Intellectual Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder, who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus and require a strong system of support. Students should have a strong desire to become an independent adult and must possess emotional stability and maturity to participate successfully in this program. Admission is based on the following criteria. The applicant must:

- Be able to read and understand English at a 3rd grade level, or demonstrate practical reading and comprehension skills.
- Demonstrate basic mathematics understanding and the ability to use a calculator.
- Demonstrate the ability to function independently without supervision, this includes attending inclusive college classes and managing time unaided for at least 3 consecutive hours.
- Be able to adapt to change and not be overly stressed when changes in routines occur.
- Have the potential to be successful in competitive employment.
- Have sufficient emotional and independent skills to participate in all aspects of the program.
- Have the potential to successfully achieve their goals within the context of the FIU Embrace content and setting.
- Demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility for their actions and maintain respect for themselves and others.
- Not have a history of or currently display disruptive or aggressive behaviors.
- Be able to be fully integrated on the FIU campus.

#### Contact Information of Educational Reference:

| Last Name                 | First Name |              | MI       |   |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|---|
|                           |            |              |          |   |
| Relationship to Applicant | ·          |              |          | · |
|                           |            |              |          |   |
| Organization Name         |            | Phone Number |          |   |
|                           |            |              |          |   |
| Address                   |            |              |          |   |
|                           |            |              |          |   |
| City                      | State      |              | Zip Code |   |
|                           |            |              |          |   |
| Email Address             |            |              |          |   |
|                           |            |              |          |   |

#### **Student Recommendation Form – Education Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program** To be completed by: Educational Reference

With the program information and admission criteria in mind, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and complete a Personal Support Inventory (attached). Attach additional pages as needed. Please return this form to the applicant *in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal, or send via <u>email</u> to the following email: <u>fiuembrace@fiu.edu</u>. If emailing, the Student Recommendation Form must come <u>directly from the person making the recommendation</u> (named below), not the applicant. The applicant has agreed as part of the application process to waive access to the recommendation form. The applicant <u>requires all letters of recommendation</u> as part of their completed application. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.* 

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

2. Please describe why you feel the applicant would benefit from a postsecondary comprehensive transition experience.

3. How likely is it that the parent/family/guardian of this applicant will support the philosophy and goals of the FIU Embrace program?

|  | Unlikely |
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| Likely [ |  |
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Quite Likely

☐ Highly Likely

4. Please describe the strengths that the applicant may possess that will make them a good candidate for this program.

5. Please describe any challenges that the applicant may possess that will impact their candidacy for this program.

Please complete the following Personal Support Inventory. Should you not be familiar with the applicant in a particular area, please indicate by selecting the "Unsure" box.

|  | Complete<br>Assistance | Moderate<br>Assistance | Some<br>Assistance | Minimal<br>Assistance | No<br>Assistance | Unsure |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Independent Living Skills                                    | Needed                 | Needed                 | Needed             | Needed                | Needed           |        |
| Navigating/finding way around campus and community           |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Asking for help or clarification                             |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Use of good judgment skills in an emergency                  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Ordering or purchasing from a restaurant, café, or store     |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Handling money to make purchases                             |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Staying within a budget                                      |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Caring for personal hygiene needs                            |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Asking questions when clarification is needed                |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Coping well with stress and anxiety                          |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Adjusting to new situations or environments                  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Managing personal belongings                                 |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Coping with frustration (when something doesn't go your way) |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Using the restroom   |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Brushing teeth   |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Showering  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Getting dressed  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Waking up in the morning                                     |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Laundry  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Cooking  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Cleaning their room  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Cleaning up after themselves/around the house                |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Taking out the garbage                                       |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Washing dishes   |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Coordinating a social get together with friends/peers        |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |

Comments:

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### **Student Recommendation Form – Education Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program** To be completed by: Educational Reference

|   | Complete             | Moderate             | Some                 | Minimal              | No                   |        |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Social and Communication Skills                     | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Unsure |
| Communicating needs appropriately                   | ivecucu              | ivecueu              | Ivecucu              | ivecucu              | TVEEded              |        |
| Relating to others in a socially appropriate manner |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Handling conflict with another person               |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Respecting persons in authoritative positions       |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Using a smart phone                                 |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Sending and receiving text messages                 |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Using email   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Using social networking sites: Instagram, Facebook, |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Twitter, etc.                                       |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Verbalizing and/or writing personal information:    |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| name, address, phone number, SSN, etc.              |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |

Comments:

### **Student Recommendation Form – Education Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program** To be completed by: Educational Reference

| Academic Skills   | Complete<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Moderate<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Some<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Minimal<br>Assistance<br>Needed | No<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Unsure |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Understanding the value of money                                |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Counting dollar bills, making change                            |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Using a computer for word processing                            |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Navigating the Internet   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Following verbal directions                                     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Following written directions                                    |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Demonstrating motivation to learn new tasks                     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Remaining persistent in the learning process on difficult tasks |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Maintaining and following a daily schedule                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Remember and keeping up with due dates, assignments             |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Studying given information                                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |

Give an explanation of the applicant's reading abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

| Give an explanation of the applicant's writing/ | composition ab | bilities (and a | pproximate | grade level |
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| equivalent):                                    |                |                 |            |             |

Give an example of the applicant's math abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

| Does the applicant utilize assistive technology for the purpose of communicating (e.g. vol | ice |
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| recognition, dictation, iPad, etc.)?   |     |

Yes No

If Yes, please describe the type of technology used:

### **Student Recommendation Form – Education Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program** To be completed by: Educational Reference

Additional Comments: Please list/discuss any physical, intellectual, social, or emotional conditions that may need to be considered when planning a postsecondary experience. You may also use this page as additional space if necessary.

# FIU Embrace

## **Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program**

## Student Recommendation Form - Vocational/Employment

# MUST BE COMPLETED BY VOCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT EVALUATOR

Applicant's name:

The above named individual is applying for admission to the FIU Embrace Education non-degree seeking program at Florida International University. This program is designed to prepare students with an Intellectual Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder, who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus and require a strong system of support. Students should have a strong desire to become an independent adult and must possess emotional stability and maturity to participate successfully in this program. Admission is based on the following criteria. The applicant must:

- Be able to read and understand English at a 3rd grade level, or demonstrate practical reading and comprehension skills.
- Demonstrate basic mathematics understanding and the ability to use a calculator.
- Demonstrate the ability to function independently without supervision, this includes attending inclusive college classes and managing time unaided for at least 3 consecutive hours.
- Be able to adapt to change and not be overly stressed when changes in routines occur.
- Have the potential to be successful in competitive employment.
- Have sufficient emotional and independent skills to participate in all aspects of the program.
- Have the potential to successfully achieve their goals within the context of the FIU Embrace content and setting.
- Demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility for their actions and maintain respect for themselves and others.
- Not have a history of or currently display disruptive or aggressive behaviors.
- Be able to be fully integrated on the FIU campus.

#### Contact information of Employment Reference:

| Last Name                 | First Name |              |          | MI |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|----|
|                           |            |              |          |    |
| Relationship to Applicant |            |              |          |    |
|                           |            |              |          |    |
| Organization Name         |            | Phone Number |          |    |
|                           |            |              |          |    |
| Address                   |            | •            |          |    |
|                           |            |              |          |    |
| City                      | State      |              | Zip Code |    |
|                           |            |              |          |    |
| Email Address             |            |              |          |    |
|                           |            |              |          |    |

With the program information and admission criteria in mind, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and complete a Personal Support Inventory (attached). Attach additional pages as needed. Please return this form to the applicant *in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal, or send via <u>email to the following email: fiuembrace@fiu.edu</u>. If emailing, the Student Recommendation Form must come <u>directly from the person making the recommendation</u> (named below), not the applicant. The applicant has agreed as part of the application process to waive access to the recommendation form. The applicant <u>requires all letters of recommendation</u> as part of their completed application. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.* 

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

2. Please describe why you feel the applicant would benefit from a postsecondary comprehensive transition experience.

3. How likely is it that the parent/family/guardian of this applicant will support the philosophy and goals of the FIU Embrace program?

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Likely

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4. Please describe the strengths that the applicant may possess that will make them a good candidate for this program.

5. Please describe any challenges that the applicant may possess that will impact their candidacy for this program.

Please complete the following Personal Support Inventory. Should you not be familiar with the applicant in a particular area, please indicate by selecting the "Unsure" box.

|  | Complete<br>Assistance | Moderate<br>Assistance | Some<br>Assistance | Minimal<br>Assistance | No<br>Assistance | Unaura |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Independent Living Skills                                    | Needed                 | Needed                 | Needed             | Needed                | Needed           | Unsure |
| Navigating/finding way around campus and community           |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Asking for help or clarification                             |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Use of good judgment skills in an emergency                  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Ordering or purchasing from a restaurant, café, or store     |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Handling money to make purchases                             |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Staying within a budget                                      |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Caring for personal hygiene needs                            |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Asking questions when clarification is needed                |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Coping well with stress and anxiety                          |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Adjusting to new situations or environments                  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Managing personal belongings                                 |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Coping with frustration (when something doesn't go your way) |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Using the restroom   |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Brushing teeth   |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Showering  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Getting dressed  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Waking up in the morning                                     |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Laundry  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Cooking  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Cleaning their room  |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Cleaning up after themselves/around the house                |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Taking out the garbage                                       |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Washing dishes   |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |
| Coordinating outings with friends/peers                      |                        |                        |                    |                       |                  |        |

### Comments:

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|  | Complete   | Moderate   | Some       | Minimal    | No         |        |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
|  | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Unsure |
| Social and Communication Skills                        | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     |        |
| Communicating needs appropriately                      |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Relating to others in a socially appropriate manner    |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Handling conflict with another person                  |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Respecting persons in authoritative positions          |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using a smart phone                                    |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Sending and receiving text messages                    |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using email  |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using social networking sites: Facebook, Twitter, etc. |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Verbalizing and/or writing personal information:       |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| name, address, phone number, SSN, etc.                 |            |            |            |            |            |        |

Comments:

| Academic Skills   | Complete<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Moderate<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Some<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Minimal<br>Assistance<br>Needed | No<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Unsure |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Understanding the value of money                                |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Counting dollar bills, making change                            |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Using a computer for word processing                            |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Navigating the Internet   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Following verbal directions                                     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Following written directions                                    |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Demonstrating motivation to learn new tasks                     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Remaining persistent in the learning process on difficult tasks |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Maintaining and following a daily schedule                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Remember and keeping up with due dates,                         |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| assignments   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Studying given information                                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |

Give an explanation of the applicant's reading abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

| Give an explanation of the applicant's writing/ | composition ab | bilities (and a | pproximate | grade level |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| equivalent):                                    |                |                 |            |             |

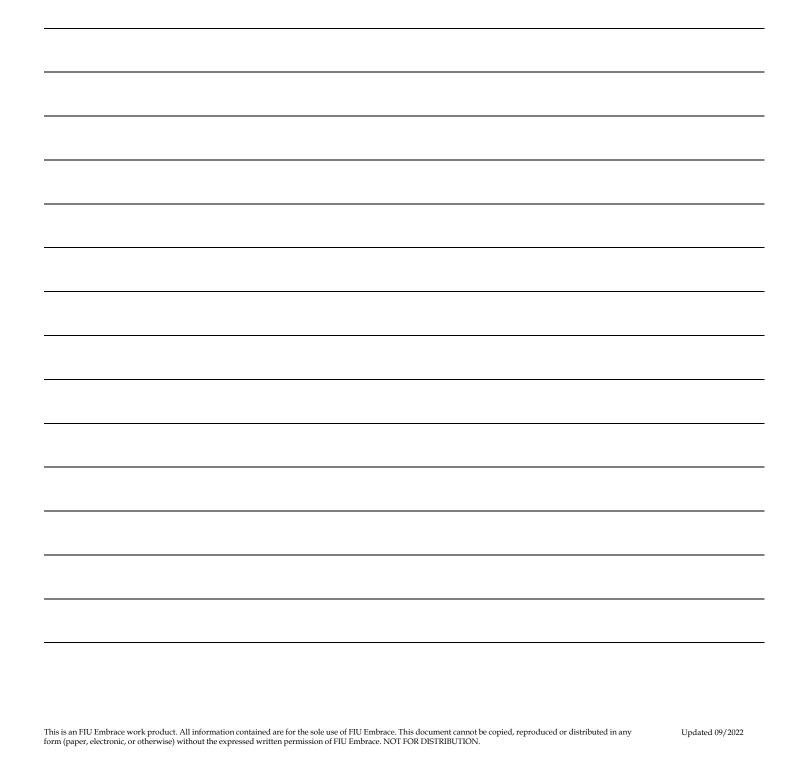
Give an example of the applicant's math abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

| Does the applicant utilize assistive technology for the purpose of communicating (e.g. vo | oice |
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| recognition, dictation, iPad, etc.)?  |      |

Yes No

If Yes, please describe the type of technology used

Additional Comments: Please list/discuss any physical, intellectual, social, or emotional conditions that may need to be considered when planning a postsecondary experience. You may also use this page as additional space if necessary.



## **FIU Embrace**

## **Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program**

## **Student Recommendation Form – Community Involvement**

# MUST BE COMPLETED BY COMMUNITY REFERENCE

### Student Recommendation Form – Community Involvement Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program

To be completed by: Community Reference

Applicant's name:

The above named individual is applying for admission to the FIU Embrace Education non-degree seeking program at Florida International University. This program is designed to prepare students with an Intellectual Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder, who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus and require a strong system of support. Students should have a strong desire to become an independent adult and must possess emotional stability and maturity to participate successfully in this program. Admission is based on the following criteria. The applicant must:

- Be able to read and understand English at a 3rd grade level, or demonstrate practical reading and comprehension skills.
- Demonstrate basic mathematics understanding and the ability to use a calculator.
- Demonstrate the ability to function independently without supervision, this includes attending inclusive college classes and managing time unaided for at least 3 consecutive hours.
- Be able to adapt to change and not be overly stressed when changes in routines occur.
- Have the potential to be successful in competitive employment.
- Have sufficient emotional and independent skills to participate in all aspects of the program.
- Have the potential to successfully achieve their goals within the context of the FIU Embrace content and setting.
- Demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility for their actions and maintain respect for themselves and others.
- Not have a history of or currently display disruptive or aggressive behaviors.
- Be able to be fully integrated on the FIU campus.

#### Contact information of Community Reference:

| Last Name                 | First Name |              | MI       |  |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|--|
|                           |            |              |          |  |
| Relationship to Applicant |            |              |          |  |
|                           |            |              |          |  |
| Organization Name         |            | Phone Number |          |  |
|                           |            |              |          |  |
| Address                   |            |              |          |  |
|                           |            |              |          |  |
| City                      | State      |              | Zip Code |  |
|                           |            |              |          |  |
| Email Address             | •          |              |          |  |
|                           |            |              |          |  |

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#### **Instructions for Reference Person:**

With the above information in mind, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and complete a Personal Support Inventory (attached). Attach additional pages as needed. Please return this form to the applicant *in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal, or send via email to the following email:* fiuembrace@fiu.edu. If emailing, the Student Recommendation Form must come *directly from the person making the recommendation* (*named below*), *not the applicant.* The applicant has agreed as part of the application process to waive access to the recommendation form. The applicant <u>requires all letters of recommendation</u> as part of their completed application. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

2. Please describe why you feel the applicant would benefit from a postsecondary comprehensive transition experience.

- 3. How likely is it that the parent/family/guardian of this applicant will support the philosophy and goals of the FIU Embrace program?
  - Unlikely
- Likely

Quite Likely I Highly Likely

4. Please describe the strengths that the applicant may possess that will make them a good candidate for this program.

5. Please describe any challenges that the applicant may possess that will impact their candidacy for this program.

Please complete the following Personal Support Inventory. Should you not be familiar with the applicant in a particular area, please indicate by selecting the "Unsure" box.

| Independent Living Skills                                    | Complete<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Moderate<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Some<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Minimal<br>Assistance<br>Needed | No<br>Assistance<br>Needed | Unsure |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Navigating/finding way around campus and community           | TVECticu                         | ivected                          | Ivecucu                      | Ivecucu                         | Ivecucu                    |        |
| Asking for help or clarification                             |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Use of good judgment skills in an emergency                  |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Ordering or purchasing from a restaurant, café, or store     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Handling money to make purchases                             |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Staying within a budget                                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Caring for personal hygiene needs                            |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Asking questions when clarification is needed                |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Coping well with stress and anxiety                          |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Adjusting to new situations or environments                  |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Managing personal belongings                                 |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Coping with frustration (when something doesn't go your way) |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Using the restroom   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Brushing teeth   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Showering  |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Getting dressed  |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Waking up in the morning                                     |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Laundry  |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Cooking  |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Cleaning their room  |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Cleaning up after themselves/around the house                |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Taking out the garbage                                       |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Washing dishes   |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |
| Coordinating outings with friends/peers                      |                                  |                                  |                              |                                 |                            |        |

Comments:

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|  | Complete   | Moderate   | Some       | Minimal    | No         |        |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Social and Communication Skills                        | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Assistance | Unsure |
| Social and Communication Skins                         | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     | Needed     |        |
| Communicating needs appropriately                      |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Relating to others in a socially appropriate manner    |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Handling conflict with another person                  |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Respecting persons in authoritative positions          |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using a smart phone                                    |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Sending and receiving text messages                    |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using email  |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Using social networking sites: Facebook, Twitter, etc. |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| Verbalizing and/or writing personal information:       |            |            |            |            |            |        |
| name, address, phone number, SSN, etc.                 |            |            |            |            |            |        |

Comments:

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|   | Complete             | Moderate             | Some                 | Minimal              | No                   |        |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Academic Skills   | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Assistance<br>Needed | Unsure |
| Understanding the value of money                                |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Counting dollar bills, making change                            |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Using a computer for word processing                            |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Navigating the Internet   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Following verbal directions                                     |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Following written directions                                    |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Demonstrating motivation to learn new tasks                     |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Remaining persistent in the learning process on difficult tasks |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Maintaining and following a daily schedule                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Remember and keeping up with due dates,                         |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| assignments   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |
| Studying given information                                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |        |

Give an explanation of the applicant's reading abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

| Give an explanation of the applicant's writing/ | composition abilities | (and approximate) | grade level |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| equivalent):                                    |                       |                   |             |

Give an example of the applicant's math abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

| Does the applicant utilize assistive technology for the purpose of communicating (e.g. v | voice |
|--|-------|
| recognition, dictation, iPad, etc.)?   |       |

Yes No

If Yes, please describe the type of technology used:

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Additional Comments: Please list/discuss any physical, intellectual, social, or emotional conditions that may need to be considered when planning a postsecondary experience. You may also use this page as additional space if necessary.



### Parent/Guardian Agreement for Payment

There is a program fee that is associated with participation in the FIU Embrace Education nondegree seeking program. This fee will cover all of the academic and social supports that are provided to the FIU Embrace Education students in the program, which is outside of the usual university tuition and fees. The following is the breakdown of the cost, per semester, per year: Fall - \$7,052.62

Spring - \$7,052.62

Summer - \$2,644.75

FIU Embrace Education is a federally approved program, this allows students to receive Pell grants and financial aid. Our program is also funded by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). All families are responsible for the completion of all documentation necessary to access aid through the federal government and VR. All students must complete a FAFSA upon receiving a letter of acceptance to the FIU Embrace program, indicating their intent to attend FIU. Additionally, all students/families are responsible for securing VR benefits prior to entering the FIU Embrace program.

| I,  | _, Parent/Guardian of FIU     |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Embrace Education applicant, and I,                                 | , FIU Embrace                 |
| Applicant, agree to pay for tuition, fees (including special assess | ment and program fees) and    |
| books, should the applicant be accepted into the FIU Embrace Ed     | lucation Program and the      |
| applicant not be eligible/not receive sufficient funding from FAF   | FSA or the Florida Department |
| of Education – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, to cover the  | e total cost of this program. |

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed

Applicant Signature

Date Signed



## Parent/Guardian Agreement for Reimbursement of Psychological Evaluation

| Applicant Name:   |
|---|
| Parent/Guardian Name:   |
| I,, Parent/Guardian of FIU Embrace Education  |
| applicant, and I,, FIU Embrace Education Applicant,   |
| agree to reimburse FIU Embrace for the cost of the required psychological evaluation          |
| (\$1,750.00) that will be completed by FIU's Center for Children and Families, as part of the |
| FIU Embrace Education application process. We understand that we will only be required        |
| to pay the cost of the psychological evaluation if we decline an offer of admission to the    |
| FIU Embrace Education program. We also understand that a previous admission offer             |
| does not guarantee a future offer of admission. Therefore, if we decline an offer of          |
| admission, we understand that this offer is only valid for the semester for which it was      |
| offered. Finally, if we decline this admission offer and would like to reapply in the future, |
| we understand that the \$1,750 balance must be paid in full prior to the resubmission of an   |
| application.  |

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed

Applicant Signature

Date Signed

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### Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

If an FIU Embrace applicant is not a current client of the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Services, the applicant/family must reach out to the local DVR office to apply. Currently, the Florida DVR Services (on a case-by-case basis) will determine if a DVR client is eligible to be funded for the FIU Embrace Education program. If it is determined that DVR will not fund an applicant for this program, then it is the applicant's/family's responsibility to pay for the cost of the program.

| Key Largo Unit 23LB   | Key West Unit 23L   | Marathon Unit 23LA   |
|---|---|--|
| 103400 Overseas Hwy., Suite 251   | 1111 12th Street, Suite 311   | 2796 Overseas Hwy., Suite 212  |
| Key Largo, FL 33037-2834  | Key West, FL 33040  | Marathon, FL 33050-4276  |
| Phone: (305) 453-1271   | Phone: (305) 289-6174   | Phone: (305) 289-6174  |
| Fax: (305) 453-1270   | Fax: (305) 292-7127   | Fax: (305) 289-6181  |
| Margaret Raspiller, Supervisor  | Margaret Raspiller, Supervisor  | Margaret Raspiller, Supervisor   |
| County: Monroe  | County: Monroe  | County: Monroe   |
| Miami Unit 23B  | Miami Unit 23C  | Miami Unit 23D   |
| 12000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 204   | 3625 NW 82 Avenue, Suite 204  | 5835 Blue Lagoon Drive, Suite 350  |
| Miami, FL 33181-2742  | Miami, FL 33166-7600  | Miami, FL 33126-6046   |
| Phone: (305) 795-2285   | Phone: (305) 513-7880   | Phone: (305) 643-7600  |
| Fax: (305) 795-3488   | Fax: (305) 513-7897   | Fax: (305) 643-7618  |
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| County: Miami-Dade  | County: Miami-Dade  | County: Miami-Dade   |
| Miami Unit 23E  | Miami Unit 23F  | Miami Unit 23G   |
| 8700 West Flagler St., Suite 210  | 5835 Blue Lagoon Drive, Suite 101   | 2828 SW 22nd St, Suite 480   |
| Miami, FL 33174-2401  | Miami, FL 33126-2036  | Miami, FL 33145-3224   |
| Phone: (305) 442-6885   | Phone: (305) 643-7650   | Phone: (305) 442-6970  |
| Fax: (305) 225-5943   | Fax: (305) 643-7666   | Fax: (305) 442-6975  |
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| County: Miami-Dade  | County: Miami-Dade  | County: Miami-Dade   |
| Miami Unit 23H  | Miami Unit 23J  | Miami Unit 23K   |
| 8700 W. Flagler Street, Suite 403   | 11285 SW 211 Street, Suite 401  | 11430 N. Kendall Drive Suite 200   |
| Miami, FL 33174-2543  | Miami, FL 33189   | Miami, FL 33176  |
| Phone: (305) 227-7580   | Phone: (305) 252-4452   | Phone: (305) 378-5911  |
| Fax: (305) 227-7584   | Fax: (305) 252-4320   | Fax: (305) 596-3001  |
| Julio Ruiz, Supervisor  | Joanna Hernandez, Supervisor  | Caridad Nieblas, Supervisor  |
| County: Miami-Dade  | County: Miami-Dade  | County: Miami-Dade   |
| Miami Unit 23M<br>1111 Park Center Blvd., Suite 100<br>Miami, FL 33169-5365<br>Phone: (305) 628-7244<br>Fax: (305) 628-7248<br>Caridad Cid, Supervisor<br>County: Miami-Dade      | Miami Unit 23N<br>12000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 500<br>Miami, FL 33181-2725<br>Phone: (305) 892-4283<br>Fax: (305) 892-4286<br>Marie Joseph-Fleurimond,<br>Supervisor<br>County: Miami-Dade   | Miami Unit 230<br>11285 SW 211 St., Suite 305<br>Miami, FL 33189-2211<br>Phone: (305) 256-6200<br>Fax: (305) 256-6396<br>Willy Louis-Charles, Supervisor<br>County: Miami-Dade |
| Miami Unit 23P<br>7975 N.W 154 St., Suite 450<br>Miami Lakes, FL 33016-5864<br>Phone: (305) 364-3000<br>Fax: (305) 364-3135<br>Natalie Gonzalez, Supervisor<br>County: Miami-Dade | Brenda Lampon, Area Director<br>Kirenia Pintado, Area Supervisor<br>Catherina Rozario, Area Supervisor<br>VR Administrative Office<br>7975 NW 154th Street, Suite 230<br>Miami Lakes, Florida 33016-5864<br>Brenda.Lampon@vr.fldoe.org<br>Phone: (305) 459-9161 |  |

### Area 6 (Miami-Dade) Office Locations

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Fax: (305) 364-3024

### Area 7 (Broward & Palm Beach) Office Locations

| Belle Glade Unit 21AA<br>1085 South Main St.<br>Belle Glade, FL 33430-4907<br>Phone: (561) 992-1316<br>Fax: (561) 992-1378<br>Carla Leaty, Supervisor<br>County: Palm Beach   | Boca Raton Unit 21B<br>Congress Corporate Plaza<br>902 Clint Moore Rd., Suite 118<br>Boca Raton, FL 33487-2846<br>Phone: (561) 544-4657<br>Fax: (561) 544-4663<br>Shanqua Sims-Brown, Supervisor<br>County: Palm Beach                              |
|---|---|
| Coral Springs Unit 22E<br>2825 North University Drive, Suite 210<br>Coral Springs, FL 33065<br>Phone: (954) 346-2828<br>Fax: (954) 346-2801<br>Caitlyn Forman, Supervisor<br>County: Broward  | Ft. Lauderdale Units 22B and 22C<br>1400 West Commercial Blvd., Suite 115<br>Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309-3782<br>Phone: (954) 202-3800<br>Fax: (954) 202-3890<br>Prudence Mollica, Supervisor 22B<br>Kimberly Smith, Supervisor 22C<br>County: Broward |
| Hollywood Unit 22D<br>7550 Davie Road Extension<br>Hollywood, FL 33024-2622<br>Phone: (954) 893-5093<br>Fax: (954) 893-5097<br>Matthew Lane, Supervisor<br>County: Broward  | Sunrise Unit 22A<br>7771 West Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 201<br>Sunrise, FL 33351-6796<br>Phone: (954) 747-7900<br>Fax: (954) 747-7916<br>Erin Costanian , Supervisor<br>County: Broward   |
| West Palm Beach Unit 21D<br>400 North Congress Ave., Suite 300<br>West Palm Beach, FL 33401-2912<br>Phone: (561) 808-1900<br>Fax: (561) 242-5473<br>Dawn Stricklin, Supervisor<br>County: Palm Beach  | West Palm Beach Units 21A & 21C<br>400 North Congress Ave., Suite 300<br>West Palm Beach, FL 33401-2912<br>Phone: (561) 624-6957<br>Fax: (561) 242-5473<br>Carla Leaty, Supervisor 21A<br>Henrietta Tennell, Supervisor 21C<br>County: Palm Beach   |
| Cynthia Gaber, Area Director<br>Lauren Veit, Area Supervisor<br>Joseph Mahoney, Area Supervisor<br>VR Administrative Office<br>7771 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 122<br>Sunrise, FL. 33351<br>Cynthia.Gaber@vr.fldoe.org<br>Phone: (954) 453-0680 |   |