Parent to Parent of Miami continues its mission to empower and support a network of families who have children and adults with disabilities by providing direct assistance to over 1,800 families in Miami-Dade during fiscal year 2014-2015. Helping them access vital information, resources, parent skill building workshops to better understand their child’s disability, laws and regulations that protect the rights of parents and children with disabilities.

Empowered with new information and resources to better advocate for their children, more than 786 parents attending workshops left confident and shared their sincere appreciation for the help and support in their evaluations. Comments such as “It was a great workshop. I am aware now for my child’s education and rights.” “I feel more empowered to assess my child’s needs to move forward in a positive manner.” Overall, 85% of parents “Strongly Agree” that the workshops were excellent and 89% “Strongly Agree” they would recommend the workshop to other parents.

With the goal of developing and supporting the parents’ role as advocates, our staff scheduled face to face meetings to develop action plans that helped more than 119 families effectively advocate for services and supports at their child’s school meeting.

Parents and school personnel are asked to evaluate the effectiveness and quality of the support provided by Parent to Parent of Miami at school meetings. Here is what parents had to say:

X.C.: “Due to the assistance, knowledge and support of Parent to Parent we were able to accomplish the goals we set out for our son! I cannot say enough about the services offered by Parent to Parent.”

B.D.: Thank you so much you were a big help in understanding this process.

Surveys completed by school personnel facilitating meetings shared the following comments: “It was a great collaboration in a very challenging situation.” “Parents were well informed and able to represent their child.” “Excellent input and genuine interest in the student and in contributing to the meeting.”

As children grow and families continue on their journeys, Parent to Parent of Miami remains a constant factor. They can count on our commitment to identifying innovative ways to support and advocate to improve post secondary, employment and independent living outcomes for students with disabilities.