ABOUT THE PEER MENTOR PROGRAM...

The program is designed to promote healthy adjustment and community reintegration of Florida residents who have sustained a spinal cord injury. It is funded by the Department of Health Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program and coordinated by the Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center. By connecting newly injured individuals with those who have had success post injury, the program re-awakens a life full of possibilities.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS...

FSCIRC works in tandem with BSCIP case managers and hospital staff to identify those who could benefit from the program. Once a protégé is identified, we match them to the best possible mentor based on injury level, sex, age, and other important demographic factors. Candidates are approved for up to 20 hours of service and mentoring is self directed by the two participants. Topics generally covered include: personal care, driving, community access, adjustment, and vocational goals.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

You are a well adjusted SCI who has successfully reintegrated into your community post injury. Examples of successful reintegration include: maximum independence in activities of daily living, participation in recreation, involvement in the community, and employment. Candidates should also be at least two years post injury, have a high school diploma, and have reliable transportation. Additionally, mentors must pass a background check and attend a training session that will teach the basics of peer mentoring.

WHY BE A PEER MENTOR?

Mentors enjoy the satisfaction of sharing their knowledge and experience with someone who is newly injured. They can “tell it like it is” in a way that able bodied persons cannot. Mentors are paid $10 for each hour of mentoring.

Visit [www.fscirc.com](http://www.fscirc.com) or call Anthony Radano at 866.313.2940 for more info on the Peer Mentor Program.

Make A Difference in the Life of a New SCI. Become a Peer Mentor!

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