



Community Partner Resource Guide

Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association

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Community Based Care List

I. Southern Region

- **Citrus Family Care Network**
(Miami Dade & Monroe)

II. Southeast Region

- **ChildNet Inc.**
(Palm Beach & Broward)
- **Communities Connected for Kids**
(Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee & St. Lucie)

III. Suncoast Region

- **Eckerd Community Alternatives** *(Hillsborough, Pasco & Pinellas)*
- **Safe Children Coalition**
(Sarasota, Manatee & Desoto)
- **Children's Network of Southwest Florida**
(Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry & Glades)

IV. Central Region

- **Kids Central Inc.**
(Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion & Sumter)
- **Embrace Families**
(Orange, Osceola & Seminole)
- **Heartland for Children**
(Hardee, Highlands & Polk)
- **Brevard Family Partnership**
(Brevard)

V. Northeast Region

- **Partnership for Strong Families**
(Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy & Union)
- **Family Support of North Florida Inc.**
(Duval & Nassau)
- **Kids First of Florida**
(Clay)
- **Family Integrity Program**
(St. Johns)
- **Community Partnership for Children**
(Flagler, Putnum & Volusia)

VI. Northwest Region

- **Families First Network**
(Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa & Walton)
- **Big Bend Community Based Care**
(Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty & Wakulla)



Statewide Resources



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

MYFLFAMILIES.COM

Florida Abuse Hotline

Reporting Abuse Of Children & Vulnerable Adults

To Report Abuse 24/7

Phone: 1-800-96-ABUSE (22873)

1-800-955-8771 (TTY)

Fax: 800-914-0004

[Report Abuse Online \(Form\)](#)

**If you suspect or know of a child or vulnerable adult in
immediate danger, call 911.**

Florida Department of Children & Families
1317 Winewood Blvd
Building 1
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

Website: www.myflfamilies.com



**F.A.S.T.
Foster Allegation Support Team**

*Support is available to foster, adoptive and
relative caregivers.*

Phone: 1-800-FAST-119 (327-8119)

Email: FAST@FloridaFAPA.org

Our goal is to provide support when an allegation has been
or might be brought against a foster, adoptive or relative
placement.

It is important to keep the caregiver informed of the
procedures and the process an allegation takes them
F.A.ST. provides support without judgment and in an
environment which is as non-destructive as possible for the
caregiver and their families.

Website: <http://floridafapa.org/fast-allegation-support/>

Levels of Foster Care Licensure

(Courtesy of the Florida Department of Children & Families)

Level I: Child Specific Foster Home

This licensure type is designed for relatives and non-relatives who have an existing relationship with the child from whom they are seeking licensure. When a child is not able to safely remain at home with their parents, a family or like-family member who is willing and able to provide care for the child, is the next best alternative.

Level II: Non Child Specific Foster Home

This licensure type is available to individuals in the community who may be interested in fostering. As a foster parent, you can give a child the love and security they need. You become a partner with the department, the court system, and community-based care agencies to ensure children in foster care are safe, healthy, and able to reach their full potential.

Level III: Safe Foster Home for Victims of Human Trafficking

Foster home licensing for individuals interested in providing a safe and stable environment for victims of human trafficking. Human trafficking is defined as the transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, or obtaining of another person for transport; for the purposes of forced labor, domestic servitude or sexual exploitation using force, fraud and/or coercion.

Level IV: Therapeutic Foster Home

Licensed foster home for caregivers who have received specialized training to care for a wide variety of children and adolescents who may have significant emotional, behavioral, or social needs. As a therapeutic foster parent, you will provide individualized care in your home to ensure a child receives the appropriate level of care in the least restrictive setting.

Level V: Medical Foster Home

Licensing for caregivers who have received specialized training to provide care for children and adolescents with chronic medical conditions. Medical foster parents enable children from birth through age 20 with medically-complex conditions whose parents can not care for them in their own homes, to live and receive care in a foster home rather than in hospitals or other facility settings.

Website: [Chapter 16 Levels of Licensure \(Statute\)](#)



State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

Ron DeSantis
Governor

Rebecca Kapusta
Interim Secretary

DATE: January 11, 2019

TO: Regional Managing Directors
Community Based Care Lead Agency CEOs

THROUGH: Rebecca Kapusta, Interim Secretary *Rebecca Kapusta*

FROM: JoShonda Guerrier, Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare

SUBJECT: CFOP 170-11, Placement, Chapter 6, Normalcy

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification that Chapter 6, Normalcy, has been updated to include provisions surrounding a youths right to privacy and the use of video surveillance monitoring in CFOP 170-11, Placement.

BACKGROUND: It is the policy of the Department of Children and Families to fully support the efforts of caregivers, providers, and Community-Based Care (CBC) Lead Agencies to ensure that children in care have the opportunity to fully participate in activities in their schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

In accordance with s. 39.4085, Florida Statutes, a goal for children in shelter or foster care is to enjoy individual dignity, liberty, pursuit of happiness, and the protection of their civil and legal rights as persons in the custody of the state.

Specific guidance has been provided in CFOP 170-11, Chapter 6, to clarify the use of closed circuit television (CCTV) or video surveillance with all youth in care. The updated section, titled, *Right to Privacy*, clarifies the prudent use of any video surveillance devices, the location and positioning of the devices, recording capacity, and confidential storage of footage.

ACTION REQUESTED: Please share this memorandum with staff of the department, CBC lead agencies and subcontracted providers involved with children in out-of-home care of all ages.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Tanisha Lee, Statewide Group Home Licensing Specialist, Office of Child Welfare, at Tanisha.Lee@myflfamilies.com or call (850) 717-4659.

cc: Regional Family and Community Services Directors
Sheriff's Offices Conducting Child Protective Investigations
Center for Child Welfare

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Mission: Work in Partnership with Local Communities to Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency

Chapter 6

NORMALCY

6-1. Purpose. This chapter describes the Department's policies and procedures regarding the concept of normalcy. It is the policy of the Department of Children and Families to fully support the efforts of caregivers, providers, and Community Based Care (CBC) lead agencies to ensure that children in our care have the opportunity to fully participate in activities in their schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

6-2. Scope. The policies and procedures within this operating procedure apply to all staff of the Department, CBC lead agencies and subcontracted providers involved with children in out-of-home care of all ages. This includes child protective investigators, case managers, Children's Legal Services attorneys, foster families, child caring agency staff, relatives, nonrelatives and Department program specialists. Local policies must not be more restrictive than the policies and procedures outlined in this chapter.

6-3. Authority. The following provide the legal authority for the purpose and scope.

- a. Section 409.145, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- b. Section 39.4091, F.S.
- c. Section 39.4085, F.S.
- d. Section 409.1454, F.S.
- e. Chapter 65C-28, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).
- f. Chapter 65C-14.018, F.A.C.
- g. Chapter 65C-13.033, F.A.C.

6-4. Explanation of Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard. In accordance with s. 39.4091, F.S., "reasonable and prudent parent standard" means the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the child's health, safety, and best interests while at the same time encouraging the child's emotional and developmental growth, that a caregiver shall use when determining whether to allow a child in out-of-home care to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities.

6-5. Normalcy Overview.

- a. A child's right to live a healthy, normal childhood is paramount.
- b. A reasonable and prudent parent standard will be applied to decisions regarding a child's participation in normal childhood activities.
- c. Out-of-home caregivers shall be supported in their decision making.

- d. Normalcy focuses on enabling opportunities for social development, recreation, academic growth and positive life experiences, based on a child's desires and developmental, emotional, physical and other needs. Caregivers are empowered to make decisions using a reasonable and prudent parent standard. Guidelines aimed at also increasing normalcy for caregivers are addressed in Chapters 7 and 8 of this operating procedure.
- e. Decisions shall not contradict any existing court order or care precaution plan.
- f. While caregivers have authority to make decisions about the normal activities of foster children in their care, the caregiver needs to consider known parental wishes in these decisions.
- g. The assigned child welfare professional will make diligent efforts to keep the parent(s) informed and involved, including the resolution of differences between the caregiver and parent.

6-6. Overnight / Planned Activities and Outings.

- a. The out-of-home caregiver must determine that the activity or outing is safe and appropriate in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard.
- b. Children shall be encouraged to participate in normal school, community or social activities and outings, such as employment, school field trips, dating, scout camping trips, and activities with friends, school, and church groups as appropriate for the child based upon a reasonable and prudent parent standard.
- c. Background screening is not required for the child's participation in normal childhood activities and outings, like sleepovers with friends, participation in school lock-in's, or team sports.
- d. The caregiver may take children placed in their care on vacations and must inform the assigned child welfare professional in advance of the travel. Travel must be in accordance with any existing court orders.
- e. The caregiver shall notify the assigned child welfare professional in advance of overnight stays exceeding three (3) nights. Examples of such stays include sleep away camps and school trips.
- f. The assigned child welfare professional shall make efforts to accommodate planned activities for the child's participation by assisting in coordination with the family and court, particularly as related to scheduled visitation.

NOTE: See also Chapter 7 ("Babysitting and Overnight Care") and Chapter 8 ("Out of Town Travel / Vacation") of this operating procedure.

6-7. Social Media / Computer Usage / Cell Phones.

- a. Children are permitted to participate in social media, computer usage, and have a cell phone as long as permission has been given by the caregiver.
- b. Caregivers shall apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decision-making regarding social media usage. Caregivers should be sensitive to the risks of the various forms of social media.
- c. Children have the right to self-disclose information about themselves on social media. Caregivers should educate children regarding the potential impact and ramifications of such disclosure.
- d. Caregivers are permitted to post pictures on social media including children placed in their care. Caregivers may not use the child's last name or identify the child as residing in out-of-home care.

6-8. Driving.

- a. Caregivers and child welfare professionals shall assist children in finding and enrolling in a driver's education program.
- b. Support of the child's efforts to learn how to drive a car, obtain a learner's permit, and driver's license shall be based upon the child's age, maturity, and access to insurance.
- c. The Keys to Independence program is available to assist caregivers, youth and child welfare professionals to maximize children's access to learners' permits, driving education, drivers' licenses and auto insurance.

6-9. Right to Privacy.

- a. All youth in care have the right to be given a space that is private and to store personal belongings safely and securely.
- b. Proper care should be taken when closed circuit television (CCVT) or video camera surveillance is used to ensure its use is appropriate and does not violate a youths right to privacy. It is reasonable to believe that a youth could fully disrobe in private, without concern of being recorded or viewed by another, in a location such as a bedroom or bathroom.
 - i. Cameras placed in bedrooms, bathrooms or toileting areas are prohibited.
 - ii. Anyone affected by the use of surveillance equipment should be made aware of its existence by the clear and obvious manner in which it is installed or by a written notice conspicuously posted on the premises.

- c. Prior to the use of any cameras, the department should be informed where any cameras will be positioned, along with a diagram showing their position, why they are in use and when, who is responsible for the camera(s) and what happens to the footage. The surveillance system is not to be used in place of direct supervision by a staff member or caregiver. The information should be kept securely, and the information recorded by the system is only used for the purpose for which it is intended.
 - i. Surveillance systems should have the capacity to store footage for at least 14 days before rewriting or deleting. Video footage recorded on an external disc, USB thumb drive, or video home system (VHS) shall always be locked and secured and only accessed by authorized staff. This includes the transmission of footage digitally.
 - ii. The child welfare professional or DCF licensing staff member shall work with the caregiver or residential care provider to create an agreement which discusses prudent use of any video surveillance, including the use of baby monitors for children over the device recommended age.
 - iii. CCVT footage is subject to review by the Department and access to view footage must be granted within 24 hours upon request.

NOTE: See Chapter 4 (Child Placement Agreements for Care Precautions and Behavior Management Plans) of this operating procedure regarding privacy for care precaution plans.

Chapter 7

BABYSITTING AND OVERNIGHT CARE

7-1. Purpose. This chapter describes in Department's policies and procedures regarding children in out-of-home care and babysitting. While normalcy focuses on allowing children to participate fully in normal childhood activities and outings, it is the position of the Department of Children and Families that out-of-home caregivers should be supported to function as normal as possible.

7-2. Scope. The policies and procedures within this operating procedure apply to all staff of the Department, Community-Based Care lead agencies and subcontracted providers involved with children in out-of-home care. This includes child protective investigators, case managers, Children's Legal Services attorneys, foster families, relatives, nonrelatives and Department program specialists. Local policies must no be more restrictive than the policies and procedures outlined in this chapter.

7-3. Babysitting Overview

- a. Babysitting does not include overnight care or daily childcare.
- b. Babysitting does not have to occur in a licensed setting and background screening is not required.
- c. Caregivers should use the reasonable and prudent parent standard when choosing babysitters for children placed in their care. Caregivers will ensure:
 - (1) Babysitter is suitable and appropriate for the age, developmental level, and behaviors of the child.
 - (2) Babysitter receives guidance on handling emergencies, including telephone numbers for themselves, child welfare professional, and physicians.
 - (3) Discipline and confidentiality policies for the child have been fully explained.
 - (4) Water safety precautions have been explained.
 - (5) Babysitters must be age 14 or older.
- d. Caregivers shall use the reasonable and prudent parenting standard when assessing a child's ability to stay home alone. Examples of factors to be considered by the caregiver include:

- (1) Physical and developmental age.
- (2) Child's knowledge of safety rules, emergency contacts and comfort level.
- (3) Child's history of trauma and reasons for entry into care
- (4) Child's treatment recommendations and needs.

7-4. Overnight Care

- a. Caregivers may allow a family or person who is well known to them to provide care for children placed in their care overnight.
- b. Caregivers shall utilize the reasonable and prudent parent standard when selecting substitute care.
- c. Substitute caregivers chosen by the caregiver for babysitting will be background screened for all stays exceeding three (3) nights. When the substitute caregiver is utilized due to unexpected circumstances, background screen will be initiated within one (1) business day.
- d. Caregivers shall notify the assigned child welfare professional in advance of all overnight stays exceeding three (3) nights.
- e. The assigned child welfare professional shall consult with the supervisor and other involved parties, such as the Guardian Ad Litem, when the overnight stay needs to exceed seven (7) nights. When relevant, agreement by all parties shall be documented by the child welfare professional in Florida Safe Families Network.
- f. Caregivers shall ensure that the assigned child welfare professional can contact them at all times regarding the location and needs of the child.

Chapter 8

OUT OF TOWN TRAVEL/VACATION

8-1. Purpose. This chapter describes the Department's policies and procedures regarding children in out-of-home care and out of town travel. While normalcy focuses on allowing children to participate fully in normal childhood activities and outings, it is the position of the Department of Children and Families that out-of-home caregivers should be supported to function as normally as possible. Caregivers are strongly encouraged to include children in all activities while maintaining their right to make reasonable and prudent parenting decisions.

8-2. Scope. The policies and procedures within this operating procedure apply to all staff of the Department, Community-Based Care lead agencies and subcontracted providers involved with children in out-of-home care. This includes child protective investigators, case managers, Children's Legal Services attorneys, foster families, child caring agency staff, relatives, non-relatives and Department program specialists. Local policies must not be more restrictive than the policies and procedures outlined in this chapter.

8-3. Vacation

- a. Caregivers shall be encouraged to take children placed in their care on planned family vacations.
- b. When travel involves visiting with friends or family of the caregivers, background screening is not required. Caregivers shall utilize the reasonable and prudent standard when choosing who to visit when traveling.
- c. Caregivers will notify the assigned child welfare professional of all out of town travel in advance and in accordance with existing court orders.
- d. Travel cannot conflict with orders of the court. Additional court approval may be required prior to travel.
- e. While caregivers have authority to make decisions about the normal activities of foster children in their care, the caregiver needs to consider known parental wishes in these decisions.

8-4. Out of Town Travel.

- a. Out of town travel must also be in compliance with the above paragraph 8-3 covering vacation.

- b. When caregivers need to travel and taking a child with them is not prudent, such as a family emergency, they may choose to leave the child in their care with a family or person well known to them in accordance with Chapter 7 of this operating procedure.

Extended Foster Care Requirements

(Courtesy of the Florida Department of Children & Families)

You aged out of the legal custody of DFC and:

- You are participating in a qualifying activity like;
- Attending high school or working on GED; or
- Enrolled in college or vocational education program; or
- Employed at least 80 hours per month; or
- Participating in a program designed to promote or eliminate barrier's to employment; or
- Have a diagnosed and documented disability that would prevent you from participating in any of the activities listed above.

In order to stay in the program, you must:

- Meet with a caseworker every month
- Continue to participate in at least one of the activities listed above
- Attend Court Reviews every six months

If you leave the program and want to get back in:

- You must submit an application, also known as an Extended Foster Care Voluntary Placement Agreement to your community based care lead agency for eligibility determination.

Supervised Living Arrangement Options

- You have options, although we want you to be safe and have the opportunity to develop the skills you need to succeed. You may be approved to live in a foster home, group home, transitional living program, or other shared living environment. If you are ready, you may even be approved to live in your own apartment.

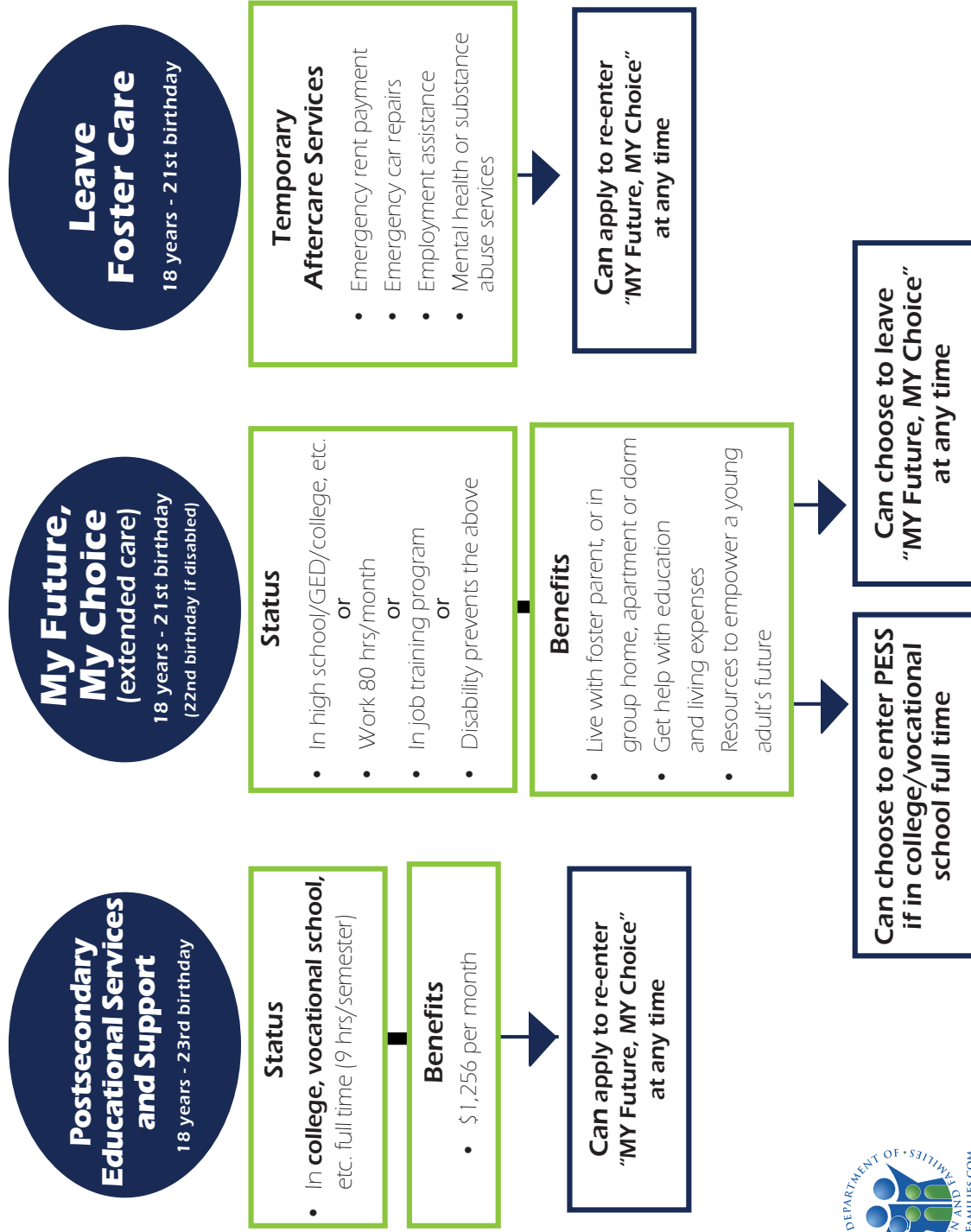
For More Information

Website: [Florida's Independent Living Resource Center](#) (Daniel Kids)

Phone: 1-844-ILYOUTH- (459-6884)

Email: ILYOUTH@danielkids.org

Youth in foster care now have more options when they are 18 years old:



MyFLFamilies.com/MyFuture

Florida Adoption Reunion Registry (FARR)

Contact

Florida Reunion Registry
Minnie Jenkins
Department of Children & Families
1317 Winewood Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700
Phone: 850-717-4663

Florida's Adoption Information Center

Contact

4203 Southpoint Blvd.
Jacksonville, Florida 32216
Phone (In Florida): 1-800-96-ADOPT (23678)
Phone (Outside Florida): 904-353-0679
Email: (adoptflorida@danielkids.org)



Know Your Rights: Florida's Tuition and Fee Exemption for Students who had Child Welfare Involvement.

In March, 2016, the Board of the Governors of the Florida State University System realized the need to revise its Regulation¹ that limited the use of the tuition exemption to a maximum of 120 credit hours in undergraduate courses – which was not correct according to current law.

The revised Regulation will make it clear that there is no limitation on the number of credit hours or type of courses. The only limitation is that the exemption expires when the young adult reaches age 28.

This change was brought about by the persistent advocacy of Florida's Children First and Florida Youth SHINE and accomplished with the help of legislators, their staff, and pro bono attorneys.

Who Is Entitled to the Tuition & Fee Exemption?

- Students who were in out-of-home care at age 18. (Foster care, group home, relative or non-relative placement all count.)
- Students whose child welfare case was closed to guardianship after age 16 so long as they spent at least 6 months in licensed care prior to the case being closed.
- Students who were adopted from state care after May 5, 1997.

Where Can I use the Tuition & Fee Exemption?

- State (public) Universities
- Colleges (public) in the Florida College System
- School District Workforce Education Programs

How Long is the Tuition & Fee Exemption Good For?

- Until age 28.

What Does the Tuition & Fee Exemption Cover?

- Tuition and Fees – including Lab Fees
- Workforce Education provided by School Districts
- Undergraduate Classes
- Graduate School Classes (Master's or Ph.D.)
- Professional School Classes (e.g. Medical, Dental and Law)

¹ Board of Governors Regulation 7.008

How Do I Access the Tuition & Fee Exemption?

- Obtain a document describing your eligibility from the Community Based Care lead agency in the community where your child welfare case was located.
- Contact the financial aid office to determine its process for using the exemption.

Is there a Limitation on How Many Credit Hours I Can Take?

- There is NO LIMIT on the number of credit hours! (NOT limited to 120 hours)

Is the Tuition and Fee Exemption Limited to Undergraduate Courses?

- No. There is NO LIMIT on the type of courses or of the degree you seek. From trade school to medical school – all are included.

What Do I Do if the School Says I Can't Use the Exemption for my Classes?

- Find out the exact reason why you are being denied –get the decision in writing.
- If you need additional documentation to show you qualify for the Tuition and Fee Exemption, contact the Independent Living Specialist at your local Community Based Care agency for assistance.
- If the school denies the exemption based on the old policy (which limited you to 120 hours undergraduate courses only) then ask to have that decision reviewed by the General Counsel to the University.
- If you are stilling having problems, contact us at:
fcf@floridaschildrenfirst.org



Florida State Parks

Florida State Parks Annual Pass

Licensed foster home are eligible to receive a free Family Annual Entrance Pass, annually. Must be licensed by the state of Florida & DCF.

Families who adopt a child with special needs are eligible to receive a one-time Family Annual Entrance Pass at no charge at the time of adoption.

Camping

Documentation will be requested on arrival. Discounts only apply to the campsite being occupied by the person meeting the established criteria.

Discounts do not apply to cabin stays. Discounts only apply to family/full-facility campsites (primitive sites, primitive group sites, developed group camps and boat slips are excluded). Proof of eligibility must be provided at the time of registration.

Proof

1. Personal identification (e.g. driver's license) and
2. Current Certificate of License issued by the state of Florida, Department of Children and Families. The certificate must indicate the bearer is licensed to operate Traditional or Therapeutic Foster Care.

Website: <https://www.floridastateparks.org>

Phone: (850) 245-2157 (Statewide Information Line)

Email: FSP.Feedback@FloridaDEP.gov

Definitions & Acronyms

Adoption: If the parents' rights are terminated, a child will be available for adoption. Foster parents are able to adopt foster children in some circumstances. Relatives are also able to adopt the children whose parents' rights are permanently terminated.

Case management organization (CMO): A CMO contracts with the community-based care agency (CBC) to provide front-line services to children and families under state supervision.

Child Welfare Professional: An individual who is primarily responsible for case activities that has met the criteria for Florida Certification as a Child Protective Investigator, Case Manager or a Licensing Counselor.

Community-based care lead agency (CBC): These agencies contract with DCF to manage prevention, intervention, foster care and adoption services.

Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF): The state agency that manages services to families, including investigating child abuse, managing child welfare cases, substance abuse and mental health treatment, and providing federal benefits like Medicaid and food assistance

Foster care: Licensed foster care is made up of individuals or families who have requested to be able to take dependent children into their home. Foster homes are licensed and inspected regularly, and foster parents go through a rigorous interview process before being approved.

Guardian ad Litem: A volunteer advocate for a dependent child in court. This advocate is represented by an attorney and speaks to the judge on behalf of the child they represent.

Group home: A group home is a home for several foster children that is licensed by the state. Group homes are run either by house parents, who live with the children, or by shift staff, who transfer in and out during every 24 hours.

Pre-service training: Between 20 and 30 hours of training is required to become a licensed foster parent. This training helps the foster parent understand the background of children who have been abused and neglected and learn ways to deal with their behaviors.

Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI): A new training program whose goal is that each foster child in Florida have an engaged, involved, well-trained and qualified foster parent who will help the foster child on the path to success.



Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association

I. Mission

- We exist to support, educate and advocate for foster and adoptive families.

II. Programs

- Florida FAPA Annual Education Conference
 - Foster Allegation Support Team (FAST)
 - Coleen LaCosta, FAST Coordinator
- Email:** (fast@floridafapa.org) **Phone:** 800-327-8119

III. Board

- **President** – Amanda Williams (*Gainesville*)
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Florida Department of Children & Families (DCF)

I. Purpose

- The Department of Children and Families contracts with 18 community-based care partner agencies that provide prevention, intervention, foster care and adoption services. These agencies recruit and train the hundreds of families across Florida who serve as foster parents.

II. Programs

- Fostering Success
- Florida's Adoption Reunion Registry

III. Florida Abuse Hotline – 24 hrs/7 days a week

- 1-800-962-2873
- 1-800-955-8771 (TTY)
- [Report Abuse Online \(Form\)](#)

IV. Secretary – Chad Poppell

Website: www.myflfamilies.com

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Florida Coalition for Children FCC

I. Mission

- The mission of the Florida Coalition for Children (FCC) is to advocate on behalf of Florida's abused, abandoned, neglected, and at-risk children, and to support the agencies and individuals who work on their behalf.

II. CEO – Kurt Kelly

Website: www.flchildren.org

Phone: 850-561-1102 & **Email:** info@flchildren.org

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Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI)

I. Purpose

- QPI is an approach, a philosophy and a network of sites that share information and ideas about how to improve parenting as well as recruit and retain excellent families. We are a joint project of the Youth Law Center, DCF, community based care agencies and the Eckerd Family Foundation.

II. QPI Leads

CBC	Lead Name(s)	Contact Info
Families First	Connie Werner	connie.werner@bhcpns.org (850) 429-6694
Big Bend	Tenille Taylor	tenille.taylor@bigbendcbc.org office: (850) 488-0506 ext. 2263 cell: (850) 728-8195
Partnership for Strong Family	Karima Haughton	karima.haughton@pfsf.org 352/244-1521 (o) 352/275-9587 ©
Family Support Services of NFL	Brandy Leo	Brandy.Leo@fssnf.org (904) 418-5829 Office
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Embrace Families		
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Sunshine Health

I. Purpose

- Sunshine Health provides children in Florida's Child Welfare system with unique health care coverage that is responsive to their needs and the needs of their caregivers.
- Sunshine Health proudly partners with Child Welfare Community Based Care (CBC) agencies throughout the state offering a case management program and integrated services that respond directly and timely to each child's needs. These programs and services are offered to every child enrolled in the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan at no cost to the recipient in addition to medical care, prescription drug coverage, inpatient and outpatient hospitalization, dental care and vision care.

Website: www.sunshinehealth.com

Phone: 1-866-796-0530

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Guardian ad Litem (GAL)

I. Vision

- The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program will continue to be a powerful and effective voice advocating for the best interests of Florida's abused, abandoned and neglected children and be recognized and respected as a partnership of community advocates and professional staff. To the fullest extent possible, this vision will be realized through volunteers who will advocate as Guardians ad Litem for the children they serve.

II. Executive Director – Alan Abramowitz

Name (Circuit Director)	Circuit	Phone Number
Bryan Carter	1	850-595-3728
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Linda Dedge	3	386-364-7720
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Mariela Ollsen	6	727-464-6528
Shirley Holland	7	386-239-7803
Angela Armstrong	8	352-374-3656
Lesley Scott	9 (Osceola)	407-742-6655
Bethany Barber	9 (Orange)	407-841-8310
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Jessica Allen	11	305-679-2222
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Kassandra Phillips	17	954-831-6214
Sharon Graham	18	407-665-5370
Paul Nigro	19	772-785-5804
Holly Rodriguez	20	239-533-5437

Website: www.guardianadlitem.org
Phone: 850-922-7213 or 866-341-1GAL



Selfless Love Foundation

I. Purpose

- Selfless Love Foundation is dedicated to transforming the lives of current and former foster youth through awareness and strategic partnerships.

II. Management

- **Founders** – Ed & Ashley Brown
- **Executive Director** – Dr. Elizabeth Wynter
Email: (elizabeth@selflesslovefoundation.org)

III. Program

- **Family Match** - a data driven technology with a compatibility assessment designed by the former lead researchers with eHarmony, seeks to decrease the time to adoption placement and match children to families where they will flourish.

Website: www.selflesslovefoundation.org Phone: 954-325-4307



Daniel Kids

I. Mission

- Improve the lives of children and families.

II. Programs

- Residential Services
- Community Based Services
- Foster Care
- Independent Living
- Delinquency Intervention
- Respite Program
- Adoption Information Center

Website: www.danielkids.org Phone: 904-296-1055

Heart Gallery

- Each Heart Gallery works with partnership agencies in their area to break down the labels and stereotypes of children in foster care and recruit foster parents, mentors, volunteers and adoptive families.

Website: www.adoptflorida.org/heartgallery.shtml



Southern Region





Citrus Family Care Network

Circuit 11

I. Mission

- To oversee, modernize, integrate and improve the coordinated System of Care serving Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, to be able to protect children, strengthen families, and engage community networks in order to ensure prompt, effective and high-quality services and care.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Mario E. Jardon, LCSW
- **Chief Operating Officer** – Maria Alonso, MBA
- **Director** – Esther Jacobo, Esq.

III.

IV. Foster Care

- **Director of Programs & Services** – Dr. Kimberly McGrath, PsyD
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- **Director of Licensing & Placement** – Marta O. Torres
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- **Initial/GAP Manager** – Endea Mathis
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- **Placement Manager** – Stacey Stevenson
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- **Foster Parent Liaison Supervisor** – Shaena Wan
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- **Licensing Manager** – Xiomara Turner
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- **Recruitment Supervisor** – Nadine Rolle
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- **QPI Coordinator** – Trudy Petkovich
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V. Adoption

- **Director of Youth Services & Adoptions** – Marcel Rivas, MS
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- **Adoption Program Manager** – Bree Bofill
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- **Adoption Specialist** – Sergio Ferrer
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- **Adoption Specialist** – Katrella Smalls
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VI. Case Management Agencies

- Center for Family and Child Enrichment (CFCE)
 - Delores Dunn, CEO

Website: www.cfcecares.org

- Family Resource Center (FRC)
 - Oren Wunderman, CEO

Website: www.frcflorida.org

- Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)
 - Lourdes Pons, CEO

Website: www.chsfl.org

- Wesley House Family Services
 - Aleida Jacobo, CEO

- **Website:** www.wesleyhouse.org

Website: www.citrusfcn.com **Phone:** 305-455-6000



Southeast Region





ChildNet
Circuit 17

I. Mission

- To protect abused, abandoned and neglected children in the communities we serve.

II. Management

- **President & Chief Executive Officer** – Larry Rein
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- **Chief Financial Officer** – Donna Eprifania
Email: (DEprifania@childnet.us)
- **Program Officer of Case Mgm. & Youth Services** – Deena Ponto
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III. Foster Care

- **Chief Program Officer** – Julie DeMar
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- **Director of Intake & Placement** –Kezia Stewart
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- **Supervisor of Licensing** – Cindy Sherman
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IV. Adoption

- **Program Officer of Case Management & Adoptions** – Sheryl Williams
Email: (shwilliams@childnet.us) Phone: 954-263-9452 (ext. 7004)
- **Director of Adoption** – Ted Ponto
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- **Adoption Supervisor** – Joanna Neves
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- **Adoption Supervisor** – Claudene Stetzer
Email: (cstetzer@childnet.us) Phone: 954-464-1268 (ext. 4016)
- **Adoption Supervisor** – Lanecia Radcliff
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- **Post Adoption Specialist** – Stan Rappaport
Email: (srappaport@childnet.us) Phone: 954-234-1571 (ext. 2013)

V. Case Management Agencies

- Children's Home Society (CHS) Website: www.chsfl.org
- Kids in Distress Website: www.kidsinc.org

Website: www.childnet.us Phone: 954-414-6000 (Broward)



ChildNet
Circuit 15

VI. Palm Beach County

- **Program Officer of Case Management & Intake** – Kim UyenThai
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- **Director of Intake & Placement** – Tamaru Phillips
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- **Assistant Director of Intake & Placement** – Monica Wright
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Website: www.childnet.us Phone: 561-352-2500 (Palm Beach)



Communities Connected for Kids

Circuit 19

I. Mission

- Our mission is to enhance the safety, permanency and well-being for all children in the Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast through a community network of family support services.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Carol Deloach
- **Chief Operating Officer** – Cheri Sheffer
- **Indian River & Okeechobee County Director** – Caryn Toole
- **Martin County Director/Licensing Director** – Denise Natalizio Waninger, MS
- **St. Lucie County Director** – Lorrene Egan

III. Foster Care - Licensing Agencies

- 4Kids of South Florida **Website:** www.4kids.us **Phone:** 772-206-0746
- Camelot Community Care **Website:** www.camelotcommunitycare.org **Phone:** 772-226-6235
- Place of Hope **Website:** www.placeofhope.com **Phone:** 561-775-7195
- Mount Bethel Human Services **Website:** www.mbhsc.org **Phone:** 954-763-5010

IV. Adoption

- **Adoption Service Provider** – Children's Home Society
Website: www.chsfl.org **Phone:** 772-344-4020
- **Caregiver & Adoption Support Supervisor** – Jill Poole
Email: (jill.poole@cckids.net) **Phone:** 772-617-1687
- **Caregiver & Adoption Support Specialist (St.Lucie)** – Jerra Wisecup
Email: (jerra.wisecup@cckids.net) **Phone:** 772-873-7800
- **Caregiver & Adoption Support Specialist** – Caitlin Hassan
Email: (Caitlin.wescore@cckids.net) **Phone:** 772-873-7800 (ext. 8101)

Website: www.cckids.net **Phone:** 772-873-7800 (Corporate)
Phone: 772-672-3560 (St. Lucie) **Phone:** 772-678-3555 (Martin)
Phone: 863-623-3145 (Okeechobee)
Phone: 772-617-1677 (Indian River)



Suncoast Region





Eckerd Connects

Circuit 6

I. Mission

- Eckerd Connects is committed to not only providing the solutions that help struggling families thrive, but also sharing these solutions with others.

II. Management

- **Chief of Community Based Care** – Dr. Chris Card
- **Executive Director** – Brian Bostick
- **Associate Executive Director** – Jess Sternthal

III. Foster Care

- **Director of Out of Home Care** – Jennifer Dean
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IV. Adoption

- **Adoption Services & Support** – Pam Beaver
Phone: 727-456-0600 (ext. 2204)
- **Adoption Services & Support** – Susanne Campbell
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- **Adoption Payments, Medicaid, Tuition Waivers & Change of Address Inquiries** – Holly Way
Phone: 727-456-0600 (ext. 2274)

V. Case Management Agencies

- Lutheran Services of Florida **Website:** www.lsfnet.org
Phone: 813-875-1408
- Youth & Family Alternatives **Website:** www.yfainc.org
Phone: 727-841-4166
- Camelot Community Care **Website:** www.camelotcommunitycare.org
Phone: 727-593-0003

Website: www.eckerd.org **Phone:** 352-521-1266 (Dade City)

Phone: 727-456-0601 (Largo) **Phone:** 727-569-1740 (Trinity)



Eckerd Connects

Circuit 13

VI. Management

- **Chief of Community Based Care** – Dr. Chris Card
- **Vice President of Community Based Care** – Rebecca Kapusta
- **Associative Executive Director** – Genet Stewart
- **Associative Executive Director** – Dr. Eliza McCall-Horne

VII. Licensing Agencies

- A Door of Hope **Website:** www.adoorofhope.com
Phone: 727-322-7640
- Camelot Community Care **Website:** www.camelotcommunitycare.org
Phone: 813-635-9765
- Children's Home Network **Website:** www.childrenshomenetwork.org
Phone: 813-855-4435
- Families First of Florida **Website:** www.familiesfirstfl.com
Phone: 813-290-8560
- Family Enrichment Center **Website:** www.fectampa.org
Phone: 813-237-2530
- Florida Baptist Children's Home **Website:** www.fbchomes.org
Phone: 813-251-2425
- Florida United Methodist Children's Home **Website:** www.fumch.org
Phone: 813-988-2969
- Healing and Educational Alternatives for Deserving Students
Website: www.headsusa.com **Phone:** 813-754-5555
- LifeShare **Website:** www.lifeshareusa.com
Phone: 863-868-1586
- West Florida Foster Care Services **Website:** www.wffcs.org
Phone: 813-557-6063

Safe Children Coalition (Sarasota YMCA)

Circuit 12

I. Mission

- The Safe Children Coalition is a community coalition blending available resources to assist abused and neglected children and their families in reaching permanency in a safe and stable environment.

II. Management

- **Senior Vice President of Community Based Care** – Brena Slater
- **Vice President of Community Based Care** – Kathleen Cowan
- **Senior Director of CBC Operations** – Myraida Davison

III. Foster Care

- **Senior Director of Out-of-Home Care** – Jill Steiner
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- **Assistance Director of Out-of-Home Care** – Noli O'Hern
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- **Re-Licensing & Retention Supervisor** – Rebecca Lovegrove
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- **Placement Supervisor** – Jane Nayder
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IV. Adoption

- **Desoto & Sarasota Adoption Supervisor** – Katrina Stallings
- **Manatee Adoption Supervisor** – Tyler Hudgins
- **Manatee Adoption Supervisor** – Lidia Casanova
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V. Agencies

- Youth & Family Alternatives (YFA) Website: www.yfainc.org

Website: <https://www.sarasotaymca.org/safechildrencoalition>

Phone: 941-371-4799



Children's Network of Southwest Florida (CNSWFL)

Circuit 20

I. Mission

- Our mission is to work with the community to protect children and preserve families.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Nadereh Salim
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- **Chief Operating Officer** – Ray Fischer
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III. Foster Care

- **Programs Director** – Lori Feige
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- **Licensing Supervisor** – Melissa Schoenagel
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IV. Adoption

- **Programs Administrative Assistant** – Nancy Beeson
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- **Adoption Supervisor** – Melissa Bonner
Email: (mbonner@cnswfl.com)
- **Post Adoption Case Manager** – Deborah Motley (Lutheran Services Florida) – (Lee & Charlotte)
Email: (dmotley@cnswfl.org) Phone: 941-631-3901 (ext. 3911)
- **Post Adoption Case Manager** – Colleen Biber (Family Preservation Services) – (Collier, Hendry & Glades)
Email: (cbiber@cnswfl.org) Phone: 239-213-4100

V. Case Management Agencies

- Camelot **Website:** www.camelotcommunitycare.org
Phone: 239-213-4100 (Naples)
- Lutheran Services of Florida **Website:** www.lsfnet.org
Phone: 813-875-1408

Website: www.childnetswfl.org **Phone:** 239-226-1524



Central Region





Kids Central Inc. (KCI)

Circuit 5

I. Mission

- Protecting Children – Supporting Families – Engaging Communities

II. Management

- Chief Executive Officer – John Cooper
- Chief of Operations – Shalonda McHenry-Sims

III. Foster Care

- Senior Director of Out of Home Care – Sharon L. Gibbs
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- Assistant Director of Out of Home Care – Ayanna Davis
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- Foster Parent Navigator – Joy Foreman
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- Out-of-Home Care Placement Supervisor – Jessica Webster
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- Licensing Supervisor – Toni Andriole
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IV. Adoptions

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- Adoption Support Specialist – Nancy Rodriguez
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- Post-Adoption Coordinator – Vilma Caban
Email: (Vilma.Caban@kidscentralinc.org) Phone: 352-387-3432

V. Case Management Agencies

- The Centers (Marion County) Website: www.thecenters.us
- Youth & Family Alternatives (Citrus & Hernando Counties)
Website: www.yfainc.org
- Lifestream (Lake & Sumter Counties) Website: www.lsbcb.net

Website: www.kidscentralinc.org Phone: 352-873-6332



Embrace Families
Circuit 9 & Circuit 18

I. Mission

- We envision a community that embraces vulnerable children and families with support – so that every child has a safe, stable, loving home and a path to a bright future.

II. Management

- **President & Chief Executive Officer** – Glen Casel
- **Chief Operations Officer** – Michael Bryant
- **Vice President, Embrace Families CBC** – Maggie Dante, Ph.D, LMHC
- **Executive Director (Osceola)** – Katria Jenkins, EdD
- **Executive Director (Orange)** – Nicola Bailey, MPA
- **Executive Director (Seminole)** – Karlene Cole-Palmer, JD

III. Case Management Agencies

- Children's Home Society of Florida **Website:** www.chsfl.org
Phone: 407-896-2323 **Phone (Seminole):** 407-688-9650
- Devereux **Website:** www.devereux.org
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services
Website: www.gulfcoastjewishfamilyandcommunityservices.org
- One Hope United **Website:** www.onehopeunited.org
Phone (Osceola): 321-441-8550 **Phone (Orange):** 321-441-1567

Website: www.embracefamilies.org



Heartland For Children
Circuit 10

I. Mission

- Improving safety, permanency and well-being for all children in Polk, Highlands and Hardee Counties.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Teri Saunders
- **Chief Operations Officer** – Kim Daugherty

III. Foster Care

- **Director of Foster Home Licensing** – Susan Ripley
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- **Program Manager Foster Home Licensing** – Wendy Cheney
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- **Program Manager Foster Home Re-Licensing** – April Haught
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- **Director of Caregiver Support** – Ashley Beckwith
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IV. Adoption

- **Director of Adoptions & Placements** – Vanessa McCottry
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- **Program Manager Adoptions** – Yolanda Baker
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- **Adoptions Specialist** – Paige Ross
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- **Post Adoption Specialist** – Arline Herrera
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- **Post Adoption Specialist** – Judith Hatfield
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V. Agencies

- Children's Home Society of Florida **Website:** www.chsfl.org
- Devereux **Website:** www.devereux.org
- One Hope United **Website:** www.onehopeunited.org

Website: www.heartlandforchildren.org **Phone:** 863-519-8900



Brevard Family Partnership
Circuit 18

I. Mission

- It is our mission to protect children, strengthen families and change lives through the prevention of child abuse and the operation and management of a comprehensive, integrated, community-based system of care for abused, abandoned and neglected children and their families.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Phillip J. Scarpelli
- **Executive Director** – Valerie Holmes

III. Foster Care

- **Senior Director of Programs** – Ashley Carraro
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- **Director of Licensing** – LaChrista Jones
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- **Foster Parent Navigator** – Monica Martin
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- **Director of Intake, Placement & Assessment** – Jessica Ayala
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IV. Adoption

- **Community Adoption Liaison** – Erika Watts
Email: (ewatts@impowerfl.org) Phone: 321-634-6047 (ext. 2014)
- **Post Adoption Support Coordinator** – Krisitin Pirozzi
Email: (Kristin.pirozzi@brevardcares.org) Phone: 321-632-2737
- **Prevention Program Manager** – Jessica Miles
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Website: www.brevardfp.org **Phone:** 321-752-4650



Northeast Region





Partnership for Strong Families (PFSF)
Circuit 3 & Circuit 8

I. Mission

- To enhance the community's ability to protect and nurture children by building, maintaining and constantly improving a network of family support services.

II. Management

- **President and Chief Executive Officer** – Stephen Pennypacker
- **Senior Vice President of Programs** – Thelma Clayton
- **Senior Vice President of Clinical and Community Services** – Pebbles Edelman

III. Foster Care

- **Recruitment and Retention Licensing Manager** – Karima Haughton
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IV. Adoption

- **Adoption Program Director** – Kimberly Johnson
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- **Post Adoption Liaison** – Patricia Braitsch
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Website: www.pfsf.org Phone: 352-244-1500



Family Support Services of North Florida (FSSNF)

Circuit 4

I. Mission

- The mission of Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc. is to be the leader in providing safety, stability, and quality of life for all children by working with the community to strengthen the family unit.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Bob Miller

III. Foster Care

- **Licensing & Placement Director** – Brandy Leo, MSW
Email: (brandy.leo@fssnf.org) **Phone:** 904-418-5829
- **Foster Parent Hotline & Licensing:** 904-421-5864

IV. Adoption

- **Director of Adoptions and Independent Living Services** – Michelle Weisheit **Email:** (michelle.weisheit@fssnf.org)
Phone: 904-672-4554

V. Case Management Agencies

- Children's Home Society of Florida **Website:** www.chsfl.org
Phone: 904-493-7744
- Daniel **Website:** www.danielkids.org **Phone:** 904-296-1055
- Family Support Services (Nassau) **Phone:** 904-225-5347
- Jewish Family & Community Services **Website:** www.jfcsjax.org
Phone: 904-448-1933
- Neighbor to Family **Website:** www.neighbortofamily.org
Phone: 904-996-9119

Website: www.fssjax.org **Phone:** 904-421-5800



Kids First
Circuit 4

I. Mission

- To ensure the safety of children through a holistic approach designed to support the health and well-being of families in order to build a healthier community one family at a time.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Irene M. Toto, LMHC
- **Chief Operation Officer** – Joanne Robertson
- **Program Director** – Jennifer Clark
- **Program Director** – Tami Gonyea

III. Foster Care

- **Licensing** – Diahann Sutton
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- **Program Support Coordinator** – Valerie Baylor
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IV. Adoption

- **Adoption Family Service Supervisor** – Joan Underwood
Email: (joan.underwood@firstinclay.org) **Phone:** 904-278-5644 (ext. 2075)
- **Post Adoption Specialist** – Latoia Dantzler
Email: (latoia.dantzler@firstinclay.org) **Phone:** 904-278-5644 (ext. 2083)

Website: www.kidsfirstofflorida.org **Phone:** 904-278-5644

Family Integrity Program

Circuit 7 (St. John's)

I. Mission

- To work in partnership with the State of Florida and the local community to develop, implement and manage a highly effective, strength-based community-based system of care for abused and neglected children and their families.

II. Foster Care

- **Program Manager** – Michael Forster
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- **Foster Care Specialist** – Patricia Swan
Email: (pswan@sjcfl.us) Phone: 904-209-613
- **Foster Care Specialist** – Savannah Evans
Email: (sevens@sjcfl.us) Phone: 904-209-6131
- **Family Integrity Program Licensing Department**
Phone: 904-209-6080

III. Adoption

- **Adoption Specialist**
Phone: 904-209-6113

Website: www.sjcfl.us/FIP **Phone:** 904-209-6080



Community Partnership for Children
Circuit 7

I. Mission

- The mission of Community Partnership for Children is to design, implement, and manage a quality child protection system for the citizens of Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Karin Flositz
- **Chief Operations Officer** 091-4-4595very cute!s

III. Foster Care

- **Foster Care Liaison** – Lori Bainbridge
Email: (lori.bainbridge@cbcvf.org) Phone: 386-736-5400 (ext. 4041)
- **Director of Case Management** – Kellie Daniels McKenzie
Email: (kellie.daniels@cbcvf.org) Phone: 386-238-4945 (ext. 1003)

IV. Adoption

- **Director of Programs** – Danielle Antoine
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- **Adoption Supervisor** – Tiffany Garten
Email: (tiffany.garten@cbcvf.org) Phone: 386-944-4702
- **Post Adoption Specialist** – Claudine Malfatti
Email: (claudine.malfatti@cbcvf.org) Phone: 386-736-5400
- **Post Adoption Specialist** – Ashley Goetsch
Email: (Ashley.goetsch@cbcvf.org) Phone: 386-944-4707

V. Licensing Agencies

- Children's Home Society of Florida (**Putnam Only**)
Website: www.chsfl.org Phone: 386-304-7600 (ext. 225)
- Devereux Website: www.devereuxfl.org Phone: 386-738-5543
- Florida United Methodist Children's Home Website: www.fumch.org
Phone: 386-668-4774
- Neighbor to Family Website: www.neighbortofamily.org Phone: 386-523-1440 (ext. 127)

Website: <http://www.communitypartnershipforchildren.org> Phone: 386-238-4900



Northwest Region



FamiliesFirst Network of Lakeview



BAPTIST HEALTH CARE

Families First Network (FFN)

Circuit 1

I. Mission

- Helping people throughout life's journey.

II. Management

- **President** – Mark Jones
- **Director of Family Services** – Lynn Whittington

III. Foster Care

- **Phone:** 850-453-7777 (Escambia & Santa Rosa)
- **Phone:** 850-833-3898 (Walton & Okaloosa)

IV. Adoption

- **Adoption Specialist** – Beverly Orezzaoli
Email: (Beverly.orezzoli@bhcpns.org) **Phone:** 850-619-5888
- **Adoptions Unit Manager** – Lara Jackson
Email: (lara.jackson@bhcpns.org) **Phone:** 850-429-6514
- **Adoption Team Manager** – Teresa Hess
Email: (Teresa.hess@bhcpns.org) **Phone:** 850-390-5304

Website: www.elakeviewcenter.org/FamiliesFirstNetwork **Phone:** 850-429-6667



Big Bend Community Based Care (BBCBC)
Circuit 2 and Circuit 14

I. Mission

- BBCBC's mission is to provide the highest quality child welfare, behavioral health services to children, adult and their families within their communities through a managed network of accredited providers.

II. Management

- **Chief Executive Officer** – Mike Watkins
- **Chief Operating Officer** – Pam East

III. Foster Care

- **Director of System of Care** – Janice Thomas
Email: (Janice.thomas@bigbendcbc.org)
- **Foster Family Support Supervisor (Leon)** – Molly Clore
Email: (molly.clore@bigbendcbc.org)
- **Foster Family Support Specialist (Leon)**– Calyn Stringer
Email: (calyn.stringer@bigbendcbc.org)
- **Intake, Placement, Utilization Management Director (Leon)** – Gordy Pyper
Email: (gordy.pyper@bigbendcbc.org)
- **Foster Home Licensing Specialist (Holmes/Washington)**
Jeanne Durden Email: (Jeanne.durden@bigbendcbc.org)

IV. Adoption

- **Adoption & Permanency Specialist** – Kathy Donofro
Email: (kathy.donofro@bigbendcbc.org) Phone: 850-557-8139
- **Adoptions Eligibility Specialist** – Shevanda Haywood
Email: (shevanda.haywood@bigbendcbc.org) Phone: 850-488-0506

V. Case Management Agencies

- Life Management Website: www.lmccares.org
- Children's Home Society Website: www.chsfl.org
- DISC Village Website: <http://www.discvillage.com>
- Anchorage Children's Home
- Website: <http://www.anchoragechildrenshome.org>

Website: www.bigbendcbc.org Phone: 850-410-1076