



## **CIRCUIT 7**

Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia Counties

### ***Florida's Five Year Prevention and Permanency Plan State Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 Progress***



#### **Highlights and Accomplishments**

Volusia and Flagler Counties were pleased to be recognized as one of eight 2-1-1 sites in Florida to be awarded a Help Me Grow grant in August, 2014. Due, in part, to the existence of the *thrive by five Collaborative*; partners were ready to move quickly in the summer of 2013 to apply for this funding opportunity with a short turnaround time. United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties, as the host of 2-1-1 in this area, was the applicant. Easter Seals Volusia and Flagler Counties, the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia, and the Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia are partners in this effort. One Voice for Volusia assisted to convene the partners and secure letters of support from thrive by five Collaborative member organizations. The two main objectives to be achieved are 1) build awareness and capacity of pediatricians able to conduct the Ages and Stages Questionnaire screenings and connect families with Help Me Grow for needed referral resources and 2) promote early detection to parents in our community through education and supportive services by Help Me Grow. We look forward to implementing this valuable project.

**Healthy Families** - In April 2014, Healthy Families Florida received its third national accreditation in 15 years as a provider of evidence-based home visiting services that are proven to prevent child abuse and neglect in Florida's highest-risk families. "This accreditation paints quite a stellar picture of Healthy Families Florida. In fact, it doesn't get much better – all sites and the central office met the threshold for accreditation without having to submit a response to the Accreditation Panel. That is a first for any state system," said Kathleen Strader, Director of Healthy Families America Quality Assurance and Accreditation. This accreditation confirms that all programs within the Healthy Families Florida system are providing high-quality services according to the best practice standards established by the national model

**Healthy Families Volusia and Flagler counties** - During fiscal year 2013/2014, Family Assessment Workers completed 489 Healthy Families Florida assessments and Parent Educators provided Healthy Families Florida home visiting services to 177 families. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of families, after being in the Healthy Families Florida program for more than six (6) months, had no findings of verified maltreatment during their participation and one hundred percent (100%) of children in families that completed the Healthy Families Florida program 13 to 24 months before the report period had no findings of verified maltreatment within 12 months after program completion.

Twelve (12) families successfully completed the Healthy Families Florida program and were recognized in graduation ceremonies at quarterly Circle of Parents meetings.

The Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler Program Manager became certified as a Healthy Families America Peer Reviewer in November 2013 and as a Healthy Families America Team Coordinator in April 2014. The Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler Program Manager participated in two (2) Healthy Families America Accreditation site visits as a Peer Reviewer in February 2014 and April 2014.

**Domestic Abuse, Volusia and Flagler counties** – The Domestic Abuse Council provided safe, confidential shelter to 207 adults and 185 of their children for a total of 13,154 shelter nights. That's an average of 36 individuals in our shelter every night.

The Domestic Abuse Council (DAC) has been focusing its primary prevention programs on youth in school for many years. Last year, we presented 16 different primary prevention sessions on the elementary school level using the Rhinos and Raspberries curriculum. This curriculum is intended for Pre K through 6th grade and is designed to counteract prejudice formation, improve interpersonal skills, inspire students to stand up against unfairness, and bolster literacy.

Community Partnership for Children (Volusia, Flagler and Putnam counties) partnered with Forever Families and WESH News to interview and film children who are freed for adoption and do not have an identified family. Every Tuesday, WESH would feature a child by showing their story. Community Partnership for Children had 22 of our children featured on WESH 2 as well as other news stations in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and in North Carolina. Ten of these children were featured at least twice. Out of our 22 children, four have been adopted and found a forever family.

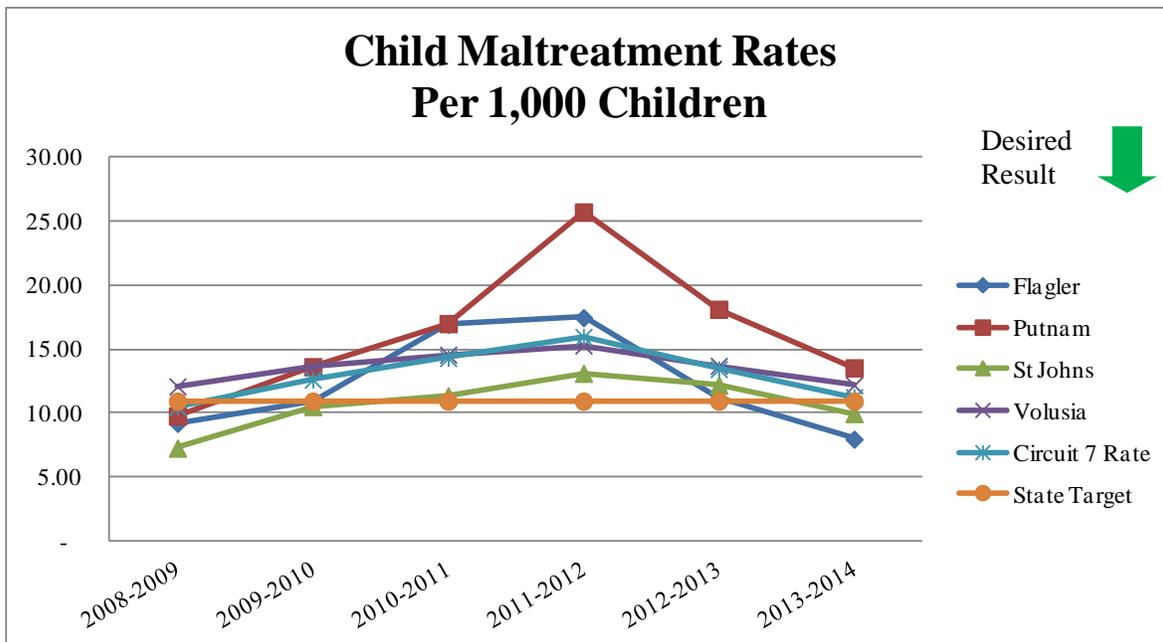
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### Desired Population Level Results

1. **Child Maltreatment Prevention** – By June 30, 2015, the verified findings of child abuse rate will be reduced from the State Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 statewide rate of 10.94 per 1,000 children.

| Child Maltreatment Rates |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          | 2008-2009    | 2009-2010    | 2010-2011    | 2011-2012    | 2012-2013    | 2013-2014    |
| Flagler                  | 9.20         | 10.88        | 16.95        | 17.48        | 11.18        | 7.96         |
| Putnam                   | 9.78         | 13.64        | 17.01        | 25.75        | 18.13        | 13.54        |
| St. Johns                | 7.26         | 10.52        | 11.36        | 13.12        | 12.21        | 9.97         |
| Volusia                  | 12.09        | 13.59        | 14.57        | 15.30        | 13.70        | 12.19        |
| <b>Circuit Rate</b>      | <b>10.49</b> | <b>12.62</b> | <b>14.31</b> | <b>15.97</b> | <b>13.45</b> | <b>11.25</b> |
| <b>State Target</b>      | <b>10.94</b> | <b>10.94</b> | <b>10.94</b> | <b>10.94</b> | <b>10.94</b> | <b>10.94</b> |
| <b>State Rate</b>        | <b>10.94</b> | <b>12.06</b> | <b>12.51</b> | <b>13.23</b> | <b>12.27</b> | <b>11.42</b> |

*\*The current Five-Year Prevention and Permanency Plan started on July 1, 2010.*



### Status of Strategies and Objectives

**Strategy 1:** Circuit 7 will support the statewide efforts to increase the availability and capacity of Healthy Families Florida to provide home visitation for families at high risk of abuse and neglect and in need of parenting education and support over the five-year period from July 2010 – June 2015.

| Objective  | Status  | Summary/Action Needed   |
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| Objective 1.1 Continue, enhance and expand Healthy Families Florida. | Ongoing | <p><u>Healthy Families Volusia and Flagler counties</u> - During fiscal year 2013/2014, the following services were provided by Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Assessment Workers completed 489 Healthy Families Florida assessments</li> <li>Parent Educators provided Healthy Families Florida home visiting services to 177 families</li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <p>Additionally, Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler finalized plans to expand into four (4) additional targeted zip codes for fiscal 2014/2015. The additional zip code areas are as follows: 32110 (within city limits of Bunnell), 32127, 32129 and 32763.</p> <p><u>Healthy Families St Johns County</u> - Healthy Families continues to serve almost 100 families per year in St. Johns County. By meeting our program objectives and showing that the program is operating at capacity, the program could be slated to expand next year if needs warrant</p> <p>Close partnerships with Betty Griffin House, the local domestic violence agency, DCF Investigations (prior to abuse), CBC Prevention and Diversion, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (special victims and deputies in the field), and the St. Johns County School board's 'Teen Parent' program should allow the program to function at capacity and hopefully show a need exists beyond the current capacity of the program. Healthy Families is actively working with these local providers (and others) to target populations most at risk of subsequent Abuse or Neglect. We feel that these partnerships will be effective in preventing abuse and neglect and create healthy, happy, functioning families.</p> <p>Healthy Families is working with the Five Learning Years program through the St. Johns County Schools. This program works with local providers to assist with meeting the needs of families who have children under the age of five. The plan is to intervene early and often. Healthy Families will be involved where we can help.</p> |
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**Strategy 2:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will reduce the abuse of prescription drugs by developing an awareness program for both the medical community and the community at large.

| Objective   | Status   | Summary/Action Needed  |
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| Objective 2.1 Develop a community task force to organize prescription drug abuse prevention efforts in Circuit 7. | Achieved | This objective was completed in Volusia and Flagler counties. This organization continues to stay very active. The gravity of the problem and the community's desire to address this issue has provided the impetus for growth. Currently there are approximately 165 members of the task force representing almost 60 different organizations.  |
| Objective 2.2 Develop a community awareness program to prevent prescription drug abuse.                           | Ongoing  | The Substance Abuse Task Force has grown over the past year from 130 members to 165 members. The Task Force continues to pursue the development of avenues to make citizens aware of the potential problems with prescription pain medications. They have provided the PSA video "Go Get Treatment" to a number of providers and have it available on the Task Force Facebook page. They are also working with cable provider Bright House to produce a nationwide video PSA. In addition, the Task Force Facebook page now has four recovering addicts sharing their stories for the benefit of others who may wish to recover. Members of the Task Force have made numerous presentations to public groups such as One Voice for Volusia, Stewart Marchman Family Education Program and Daytona Beach National Recovery Month Celebration. The Task Force meets every other month to share information on a wide variety of topics such as the progress of the school program NOPE, new dangerous drugs being introduced to the street, local substance abuse events, data from local law enforcement on |

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|  |         | arrest and seizures and relative substance abuse legislation.   |
| Objective 2.3 Develop a program within the medical community to prevent prescription drug abuse. | Ongoing | The Medical Examiner, several local doctors and pharmacists are active members of the Substance Abuse Task Force. There have been presentations made in the past to the Volusia Medical Association and to the doctors Grand Rounds physician training function at Halifax medical Center. The Task Force was represented at the National Prescription Abuse Summit and valuable information was brought back and shared with the members. An offshoot of the Substance Abuse Task Force is the Drug Exposed Newborn Task Force which is addressing specifically both prevention and treatment measures for pregnant mothers who have substance abuse problems. This organization continues to work with area hospitals, doctors, social workers and child protection agencies to improve systems, treatment and care for addicted pregnant women and their newborn children. |

**Strategy 3:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will support the statewide efforts to increase the knowledge and awareness of sexual violence prevention across the lifespan.

| Objective   | Status  | Summary/Action Needed   |
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| Objective 3.1 Provide at least one sexual violence prevention education program to each school/s during each academic year. | Ongoing | <p><u>Volusia and Flagler counties</u> - During the 13-14 FY, Domestic Abuse Council staff presented domestic violence and sexual assault prevention awareness presentations to students at Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona State College, University of Central Florida and Stetson University.</p> <p><u>Putnam County</u> - The Lee Conlee House is currently providing a program that incorporates dating sexual violence education to the Dept. of Juvenile Justice and after-school at one of the local high schools. Due to low staffing and roadblocks related to gaining entry into the schools, we have not been able to provide the program throughout all schools. There are a few other agencies in the county (Juvenile Crime Prevention Office and Putnam County Health Dept.) who provide some form of classes in schools and might currently be providing a component of sexual violence prevention in other schools but we are unaware of this at this time.</p> <p><u>St Johns County</u> - Betty Griffin House provided 293 sessions for 9,026 students in St. Johns County. Best Practice is to provide at least 5 sessions to the same students to understand and learn new attitudes on sexual violence.</p> |

**Strategy 4:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will support the statewide efforts to influence social norms that contribute to gender equality, respect and safety for men, women and children.

| Objective  | Status  | Summary/Action Needed   |
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| Objective 4.1 Collaborate with members of the Sexual Assault Response/Task Force teams to encourage community agencies to unite their efforts to influence policies of their counties. | Ongoing | <p><u>Volusia and Flagler counties</u> – The Domestic Abuse Council no longer covers the 24 hour sexual assault hotline. The Domestic Abuse Council actively participated in the SART meetings and answered the Sexual Assault hotline, working with advocates, police and medical professionals to assist with services to victims.</p> <p><u>Putnam County</u> - A staff member from Lee Conlee House</p> |

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|  |  | <p>regularly attends and participates in local SART meetings.</p> <p><u>St Johns County</u> - The Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Task Force continue to grow this year with new members. Betty Griffin House has signed a MOU with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Flagler College.</p> |
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**Strategy 5:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will support the efforts of the Community Agenda’s Thrive by Five collaborative to provide the community supports needed to ensure the children of Volusia and Flagler counties are emotionally and physically healthy and prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.

| Objective   | Status         | Summary/Action Needed   |
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| <p>Objective 5.1 Provide support and collaboration for the desired outcomes of the Thrive by Five Collaborative (Whole Child Florida Affiliation community initiative).</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>The <i>thrive by five Collaborative</i> (tb5) is focusing on two of the seven Desired Outcomes during 2013-15. The Desired Outcomes and related Strategies are as follows:</p> <p><b>Desired Outcome 3</b> (of 7): Children have access to quality early childhood education and development involving parents and families as essential partners.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.1:</b> Increase local advocacy toward state legislators to support quality child care efforts. Develop a platform plank describing the value of quality child care to be included in all tb5 legislative platforms.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> Efforts in progress in coordination with the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.2:</b> Seek partners to identify and address gaps providers may have to providing quality child care.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> Stetson University has been identified to partner with tb5 to conduct a provider and consumer survey of quality child care needs.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.3:</b> Increase the number of providers who voluntarily participate in an incentive program to improve the quality of child care and assist those providers to find resource partners.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> Twenty-five participating providers with five recognized for quality child care. Additionally, twenty providers are participating in a statewide pay-for-performance pilot.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.4:</b> Increase family knowledge on selecting quality child care by developing a Quality Child Care Video for use through YouTube or other visual media in various locations.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> Viewed existing videos and selected one for adaptation to Volusia/Flagler. Currently, conducting conversations with video owner regarding permission to adapt.</p> <p><b>Desired Outcome 7</b> (of 7): Families are empowered through meaningful collaboration, support, education and resources to promote a safe and bright future for children, prenatal through age five, to be happy, healthy, and successful.</p> <p><b>Strategy 7.1:</b> Provide Strengthening Families Protective Factors training and training-of trainers for member organizations’ staff and families.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler &amp; Volusia Counties staff have provided and continue to provide SF Protective Factors training at multiple sites and times throughout the two-county region. Staff and families from four member organizations have been trained and another organization is in conversation now. Training has been expanded to four counties to accommodate the judicial circuit,</p> |

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|  | <p>which includes Volusia, Flagler, St. Johns and Putnam.</p> <p><b>Strategy 7.2:</b> Most tb5 Collaborative member organizations will conduct a Strengthening Families self-assessment within their organizations.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> Two member organizations have completed an SF self-assessment. (One of which has completed their second self-assessment) One is in process and one is scheduled to begin the self-assessment. Commitments have been received from four additional member organizations to conduct the self-assessment in the near future. For the two organizations that have completed the self-assessments, meaningful policy change within the organizations has occurred to better support protective factors among the parents in the workforce.</p> <p><b>Strategy 7.3:</b> Increase access to six actual and eight virtual Strengthening families Café Dialogues by identifying new sites, creating online sites, and exploring public/private partnerships for sites.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> There are now three “open” café dialogues in different locations. There is one “closed” café dialogue and one “closed” virtual café dialogue. At least one new “closed” site is under consideration. Open dialogues are open to anyone who would like to participate and are widely publicized. Closed dialogues are limited to participation from within the host organization and are not publicized. The current sites for dialogues include Bunnell, Flagler County; Bonner Center, PYRAMID Community Café, Daytona Beach, Volusia County; Men’s Dialogue to transition to Daytona State College Campus, Volusia County; and a pending site at the Deltona City Building in Deltona, Volusia County. There are still no funding sources for Community Café sites, though agencies and institutions are participating in hosting dialogues 3-4 times monthly.</p> <p><b>Strategy 7.4:</b> Identify and align existing strategic and/or quality assurance plans that utilize the Strengthening Families Protective Factors.</p> <p><b>Action To Date:</b> In process. To be conducted in coordination with local efforts to revise the Department of Children and Families Prevention and Adoption Support Plan. The partnership planning entities include the Circuit 7 System of Care, Circuit 7 Infant Mental Health Chapter, Healthy Start Service Delivery Planning Committee, and the local Behavioral Health Consortium.</p> |
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### Additional Activities

Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler refers enrolled families to the PYRAMID Community Café and to Café Dialogues that take place throughout the service delivery area. The Café and its associated dialogues are a safe place where families help other families build protective factors through healthy relationships, dialogue and resource sharing to improve the quality of life for families within our community.

Strengthening Families/Protective Factors Overview training has been provided for health and human service agencies as well as any interested residents of our community on numerous occasions throughout our service delivery system.

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### Interagency Collaboration

Healthy Families Volusia and Flagler counties - The Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties, Inc., are the Lead Entity for Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler and have Memoranda of Agreements with the following partners:

- **Bethune-Cookman University** sends student nurses to both the Healthy Start and Healthy Families programs to observe the screening education, assessment and home visiting processes in an effort to better inform nurses who may be presenting program information to patients in the future. The students observe in both Volusia and Flagler Counties.
- **The Chiles Academy** is a charter school for pregnant and parenting teens. Additionally, The Chiles Academy provides Early Head Start services for pregnant women and their children, ages birth to three who reside in Volusia and Flagler Counties. Early Head Start provides early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services on a year-round basis to low-income families.
- **Community Partnership for Children** is the local Community Based Care organization that serves both Volusia and Flagler Counties. Community Partnership for Children can make referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center and we also coordinate with this agency when we have a mutual participant.
- **Department of Children and Families** provides child protection services in both Volusia and Flagler Counties. DCF can make referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center and we also coordinate with this agency when we have a mutual participant.
- **Daytona State College** sends student nurses to both the Healthy Start and Healthy Families programs to observe the screening education, assessment and home visiting processes in an effort to better inform nurses who may be presenting program information to patients in the future. The students observe in both Volusia and Flagler Counties.
- **Domestic Abuse Council** provides domestic abuse support services in Volusia County. DAC can make referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center and we also coordinate with this agency when we have a mutual participant.
- **Early Steps** (Pending) provides early intervention services in Flagler and Volusia Counties for infants and toddlers (birth to 36 months) with significant delays or a condition that places them at risk of developmental delay. The new provider for the Early Steps program will be Easter Seals Volusia & Flagler Counties effective July 1st 2014.
- **Family Life Center** provides domestic abuse support services in Flagler County. FLC can make referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center and we also coordinate with this agency when we have a mutual participant.
- **Family Renew Community, Inc.** provides transitional housing services in Volusia County. Family Renew can make referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center and we also coordinate with this agency when we have a mutual participant.
- **Flagler County Health Department** provides clinical prenatal care services in Flagler County and makes referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center. (Vendor Subcontract)
- **Florida Hospital Deland** collaborates with the Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties, Inc. to offer universal Healthy Start Risk Screening to all infants born at Florida Hospital Deland and to facilitate linkages and referrals to the Healthy Start funded programs and services to include initial contact, assessment, care coordination, enhanced services, and the Healthy Families program.
- **Healthy Communities** provides community outreach services in both Volusia and Flagler Counties in an effort to better educate prenatal care providers, birth hospitals and the community at large regarding Healthy Start screening, assessment services and other services offered through both the Healthy Start and Healthy Families programs. (Vendor Subcontract)

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- **Magellan Behavioral Health of FL** coordinates mental health benefits for Medicaid recipients in both Volusia and Flagler Counties. Magellan can make a referral to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center and we also coordinate with Magellan when we have a mutual participant.
- **Mid-Florida Community Services** provides Head Start services for children who reside in Volusia County who are ages three to five years old. Head Start provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to children from low-income families.
- **Redlands Christian Migrant Association** provides Head Start services for children who reside in Flagler County who are ages three to five years old.
- **Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare** processes the receipt of all Healthy Start screens in which potential participants have indicated an interest in being contacted by Healthy Start or Healthy Families. SMA provides Healthy Start and Healthy Families services in both Volusia and Flagler Counties. SMA also provides substance abuse and mental health services in both Volusia and Flagler Counties. (Sub-recipient Subcontract)
- **The House Next Door** provides family counseling services at Community Café locations in Volusia County. The House Next Door provides these services for families and community representatives who have the common mission of strengthening families, promoting protective factors and working in partnership with agency providers to improve systems of care. The House Next Door may also make referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center, and we also coordinate with other parenting services this agency provides when we have a mutual participant.
- **University of Central Florida School of Nursing** sends student nurses to both Healthy Start and Healthy Families programs to observe the screening education, assessment and home visiting processes in an effort to better inform nurses who may be presenting program information to patients in the future. These students observe in both Volusia and Flagler Counties.
- **Volusia County Division of Corrections** is a partner in supporting the health of pregnant women who are incarcerated to assure the best birth outcomes possible.
- **Volusia County Health Department** processes prenatal and infant Healthy Start screens for both Volusia and Flagler Counties. VCHD also makes referrals to the HS/HF Maternal and Child Health Assessment Center. (Vendor Subcontract)
- **Western Governors University** sends student nurses to both Healthy Start and Healthy Families programs to observe screening education, assessment and home visiting processes in an effort to better inform nurses who may be presenting program information to patients in the future. These students observe in both Volusia and Flagler counties.

Healthy Families St. Johns County - Healthy Families St. Johns has MOU's with many local providers and is developing new relationships with the Sheriff's Office and the 'Teen Parent' program (through St. Johns County School Board). In the last month, we have spoken to DCF investigations and the CBC regarding the parameters of being accepted into the program, and the great successes experienced by graduates of the program. We plan to continue working closely with CBC, DCF, SJSO, Schools, Healthy Start, and young mother programs (Alpha Omega, St. Gerard house) as we identify target populations of those most in need of our services to prevent subsequent Abuse or Neglect.

Domestic Abuse Council, Volusia and Flagler counties - The Domestic Abuse Council, Inc. works closely with many area agencies, serving on and facilitating committees to develop a coordinated community response to family violence. The Domestic Abuse Council, Inc. is part of the Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, One Voice for Volusia, Circuit 7 Victim's Services Coalition, the Volusia- Flagler Homeless Coalition (Continuum of Care), and the Volusia County Homeless Education Steering Committee. These collaborations between the various legal, judicial, and social service agencies, work to promote understanding, education and cooperation to help better serve families experiencing domestic violence. These community partnership activities vary as to which levels of the Socio-Ecological model they address. They promote social connections and give attendees concrete information regarding domestic violence, sexual violence, and provide information about available resources in the community. They promote public awareness, community development and adult education both to the staff of the various agencies and to the clients they serve.

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Lee Conlee House, Putnam County - Lee Conlee has an advocate who works closely with DCF to advocate for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence with the goal of keeping the women and their children safe. We also have developed working relationships with Stewart-Marchman Act, Department of Juvenile Justice, and CDS-Interface. A partnership with Stewart-Marchman Act has been created and LCH is now offering a substance-use recovery program alongside domestic violence services to offer additional support to survivors with the co-occurring issues of domestic violence and substance-use.

Betty Griffin House, St Johns County - When the Children's Advocacy Center closed in June 2014, Betty Griffin House was asked to provide sexual assault services in Flagler County. Currently, our center is working with Family Life Center to become the certified Sexual Assault Center in Flagler. Collaboration with the Sheriff's Office and Florida Flagler has been established to provide Rape Crisis Services.

### Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Healthy Families, Volusia and Flagler counties - Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler will continue to implement the Healthy Families Florida program services (assessment and home visiting) per the Healthy Families America Best Practice Standards.

Families who successfully complete the Healthy Families Florida program will be recognized for their accomplishments in a graduation ceremony.

Healthy Families Volusia/Flagler staff who have not already done so will attend the Strengthening Families/Protective Factors Overview training.

The Healthy Families Program Manager will participate in a minimum of two (2) Healthy Families America Accreditation site visits as a Peer Reviewer and/or Team Coordinator.

Healthy Families, St. Johns County - New MOU's have been signed with DCF, Family Integrity Program, St Johns Sheriff Office, the School Board, Early Learning Coalition, and Healthy Start. It is planned to convene our Advisory Council (4 times) to assist us in identifying populations that could be served more thoroughly, identify techniques for reaching those populations, and make recommendations for 'best practice' service delivery.

### Domestic Abuse Council, Volusia and Flagler counties –

1. Domestic Violence- Child Protection Investigations (CPI) Project began on July 1, 2014. This project is a collaborative effort between the Domestic Abuse Council, & local child welfare agencies to provide an optimal coordinated response to families experiencing the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse.
2. We will use the "Safe Dates" curriculum for middle and high school students to reduce incidents of sexual and domestic violence.
3. Continue to provide safe and confidential shelter and outreach services.
4. Provide domestic violence and sexual assault education to professionals and students.

Betty Griffin House, St Johns County - Betty Griffin House will continue to work with Family Life Center to provide Rape Crisis Services until Family Life Center becomes certified.

## **Human Trafficking Activities**

### Summary of Human Trafficking Activities

Family Integrity Program (FIP), Community Partnership for Children (CPC) and DCF have participated in the statewide CSEC Community Intervention Project, including having two of our staff trained as Trainers.

Circuit 7 developed a plan for assessment, placement and treatment of CSEC victims, to include partnerships with the House Next Door, Florida United Methodist Children's Home, and statewide safe houses.

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All Case Management Staff, Child Protective Investigators and Department of Juvenile Justice staff across the circuit participated in training on screening and identifying CSEC victims, interviewing suspected CSEC victims, treatment and placement of CSEC victims and the Circuit's plan for Placement and Treatment of Victims.

Our circuit worked to develop outpatient treatment services for CSEC victims in the community.

Lee Conlee House staff, who provide domestic abuse services in Putnam County, has participated in human trafficking trainings offered by FCASV and DJJ over the past year, along with other trainings as offered. Staff were recently trained and certified for the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Relocation program (a component of the AG's Office's Victim's Compensation and Relocation Program).

Domestic Abuse Council Staff, who provide domestic abuse services in Volusia and Flagler counties, are members of the One Voice for Volusia Human trafficking task force committee. They have provided staff with training on Human Trafficking and provide shelter to adult victims of human trafficking.

### Proposed Human Trafficking Activities for 2014-2015

Due to recent legislative changes, all CPC and FIP Case Management Staff are scheduled to be trained on Human Trafficking 101, as well as Legal and Trauma Training, in January 2015.

The Circuit 7 community agencies, including DJJ, Group Home Providers and Mental Health and Substance Abuse agencies will be invited to participate in Human Trafficking 101, as well as Legal and Trauma Training.

Circuit 7 is actively working to recruit foster homes that will serve as "Safe Homes" to care for identified CSEC victims.

CPC is working with community agencies to identify specialized community providers that work with victims of CSEC.

DCF and CPC are participating in the development of a Human Trafficking Task Force for Circuit 7. The plan is for our Circuit's Human Trafficking Task Force to be an extension of the already existing East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force.

Both Lee Conlee House and the Domestic Abuse Council plan to continue training on the dynamics of trafficking in the upcoming year and providing shelter to adult victims. They will also be working on building interagency relationships with agencies such as DJJ in order to work more effectively together when a trafficking situation is identified by other agencies.

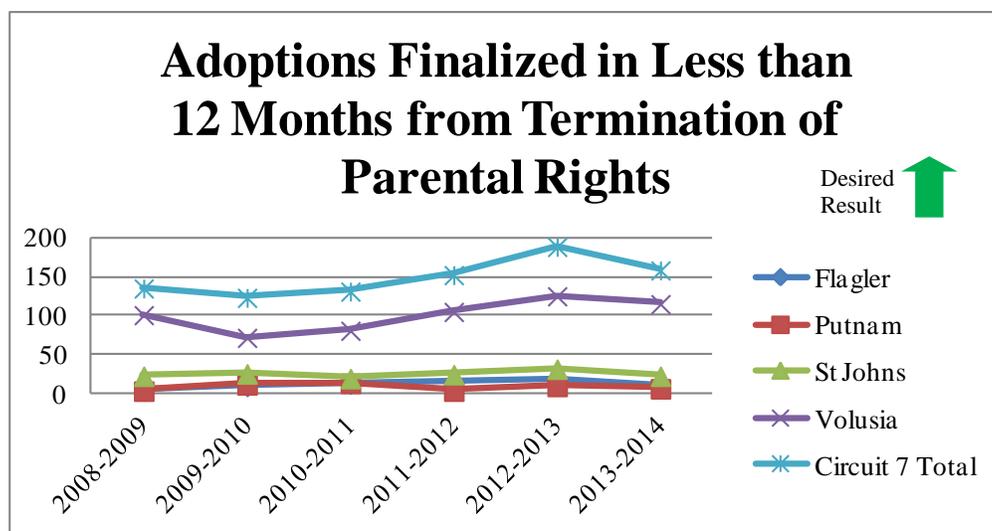
## Promotion of Adoption Desired Population Level Results

### 2. Promotion of Adoption –

- a. By June 30, 2015, the percent of children adopted **within 12 months** of becoming legally free for adoption will increase from the State Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 rate of 66.4 percent.

| Children Adopted within 12 months of Termination of Parental Rights |  |           |           |           |           |           |           |
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| County  | Number and Percentages                             | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 |
| <b>Flagler</b>  | Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months               | 5         | 11        | 14        | 16        | 19        | 11        |
|   | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months | 100%      | 69%       | 88%       | 73%       | 90%       | 58%       |
| <b>Putnam</b>   | Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months               | 5         | 13        | 15        | 5         | 11        | 8         |
|   | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months | 56%       | 26%       | 94%       | 63%       | 85%       | 89%       |
| <b>St. Johns</b>  | Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months               | 24        | 27        | 21        | 26        | 33        | 24        |
|   | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months | 89%       | 84%       | 0%        | 79%       | 81%       | 77%       |
| <b>Volusia</b>  | Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months               | 102       | 73        | 82        | 106       | 126       | 116       |
|   | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months | 75%       | 70%       | 71%       | 77%       | 81%       | 77%       |
| <b>Circuit Total</b>  | Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months               | 136       | 124       | 132       | 153       | 189       | 159       |
|   | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months | 77%       | 74%       | 76%       | 76%       | 83%       | 76%       |

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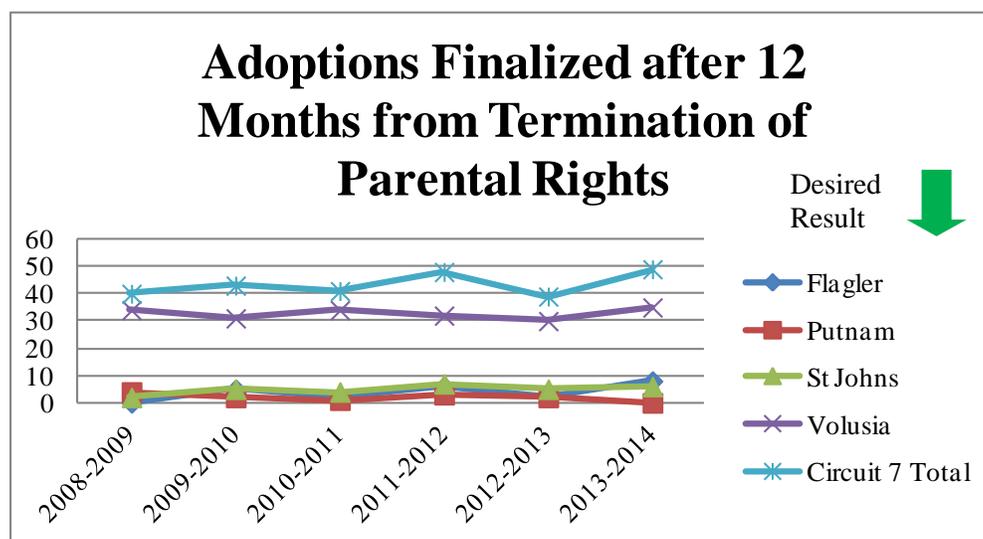


## Promotion of Adoption

- b. By June 30, 2015, the percent of children legally free for adoption that have been waiting for adoption since the date of termination of parental rights (TPR) for **more than 12 months** will be reduced from the State Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 rate of 53.19 percent.

| Children Adopted after 12 months of Termination of Parental Rights |  |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| County   | Number and Percentages                           | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 |
| Flagler  | Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months               | 0         | 5         | 2         | 6         | 2         | 8         |
|  | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months | 0%        | 31%       | 13%       | 27%       | 10%       | 42%       |
| Putnam   | Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months               | 4         | 2         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 1         |
|  | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months | 44%       | 13%       | 6%        | 38%       | 15%       | 11%       |
| St. Johns  | Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months               | 2         | 5         | 4         | 7         | 5         | 7         |
|  | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months | 7%        | 16%       | 16%       | 21%       | 13%       | 23%       |
| Volusia  | Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months               | 34        | 31        | 34        | 32        | 30        | 35        |
|  | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months | 25%       | 30%       | 29%       | 23%       | 19%       | 23%       |
| Circuit Total  | Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months               | 40        | 43        | 41        | 48        | 39        | 51        |
|  | Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months | 30%       | 26%       | 24%       | 24%       | 17%       | 24%       |

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**Promotion of Adoption**  
**Status of Strategies and Objectives**

**Strategy 1:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will research and analyze data of children with a goal of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) for permanency options.

| Objective   | Status   | Summary/Action Needed  |
|---|----------|--|
| Objective 1.1 Case-by-Case reviews of all children in Volusia County with an APPLA goal to develop innovative solutions to permanency.  | Achieved | A permanency staffing was conducted on every youth with the goal of APPLA. The Permanency Specialists continue to review youth with a goal of APPLA and schedule those cases for Permanency Roundtable reviews. Follow up reviews are done monthly regarding these youth to track progress towards permanency and making meaningful connections.<br><br>Continue to monitor cases that have the goal of APPLA on a case by case basis. |
| Objective 1.2 Form a task force to analyze data regarding children with a goal of APPLA and determine the significance of those youth who also have Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) involvement. | Achieved | The DJJ liaison maintains data regarding youth who has a goal of APPLA. The liaison attends permanency staffings and permanency roundtable reviews as needed.  |

**Strategy 2:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will develop a new approach through the Child to Family Introduction Staffing and involvement of youth in the pre-adoption process in Volusia, Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.

| Objective   | Status   | Summary/Action Needed  |
|---|----------|--|
| Objective 2.1 Develop process for In-depth disclosures of the child's needs and strengths prior to meeting prospective adoptive family. | Achieved | The Child to Family Introduction Staffing (CTF) has been implemented since August 2009 in Circuit 7. The process was incorporated in the Adoption Disclosure Procedure and approved by the Department of Children and Families. The adoption staff request a CTF Introduction for all youth not placed in an identified home but a family is interested.<br><br>No further action is needed. |
| Objective 2.2 Develop process to involve youth in the selection of prospective adoptive families.                                       | Achieved | For youth who are age appropriate, the Adoption Home Finder meets with the youth to discuss significant connections that they have. If there is no one identified as a possible adoptive family then the Adoption Home Finder will review submitted home studies with the youth and move forward with the one that the youth feels most comfortable with.                                    |

**Strategy 3:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will enhance training for prospective adoptive parents in Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns Counties.

| Objective   | Status  | Summary/Action Needed   |
|---|---------|---|
| Objective 3.1 Increase the number of trainings offered to prospective adoptive families. This will help to expand the quality of skills parents will have to deal with issues that may arise throughout the youth's life. | Ongoing | Community Partnership for Children partnered with A Helping Hand to provide additional training to our prospective adoptive families, known as Adoption Skills, and Knowledge (ASK). This has been incorporated in the MAPP course. The lesson plans include child specific behaviors related to special needs children. The training provides suggestions on types of behaviors and assists the prospective adoptive parents in their identification of children. Families are also being notified of the Just in Time training <a href="http://www.qpiflorida.com">www.qpiflorida.com</a> . Adoptive families are also informed of the adoption conferences that are held twice per year.<br><br>Need is to continue to assess the quality and impact of the ASK program. |

## Promotion of Adoption

### Additional Activities

Community Partnership for Children partnered with Forever Families and WESH News to interview and film children who are freed for adoption and do not have an identified family. Every Tuesday, WESH would feature a child by showing their story. This brought more awareness for teen adoptions. Four of the 22 children featured have been adopted.

### Interagency Collaboration

Primary partners for Community Partnership for Children were A Helping Hand, Forever Families, WESH Channel 2 News and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

### Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Community Partnership for Children (Volusia, Flagler and Putnam counties) - Implement more trauma focused trainings throughout the year for families prior to being matched to a child. This would supplement MAPP training and could provide refreshers to families who have been unmatched for a long time.

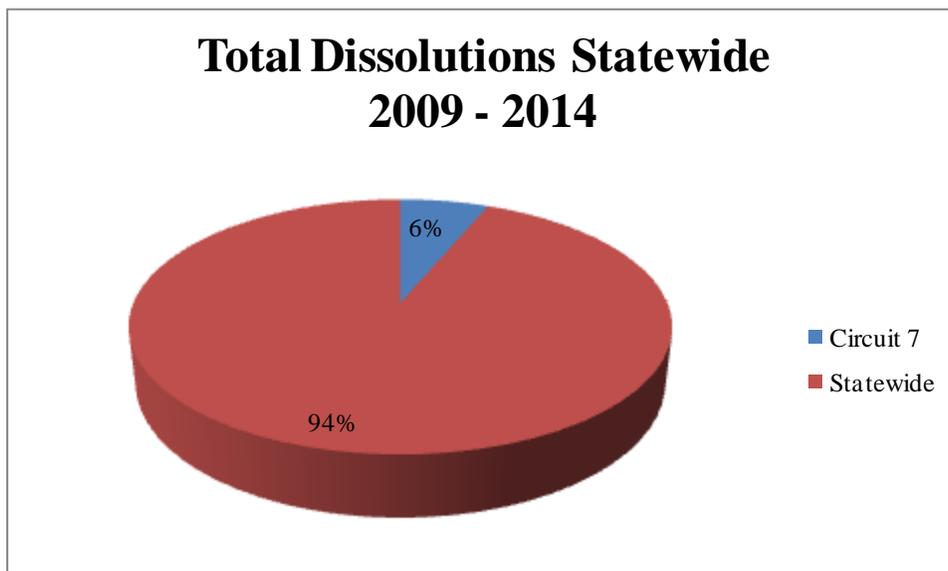
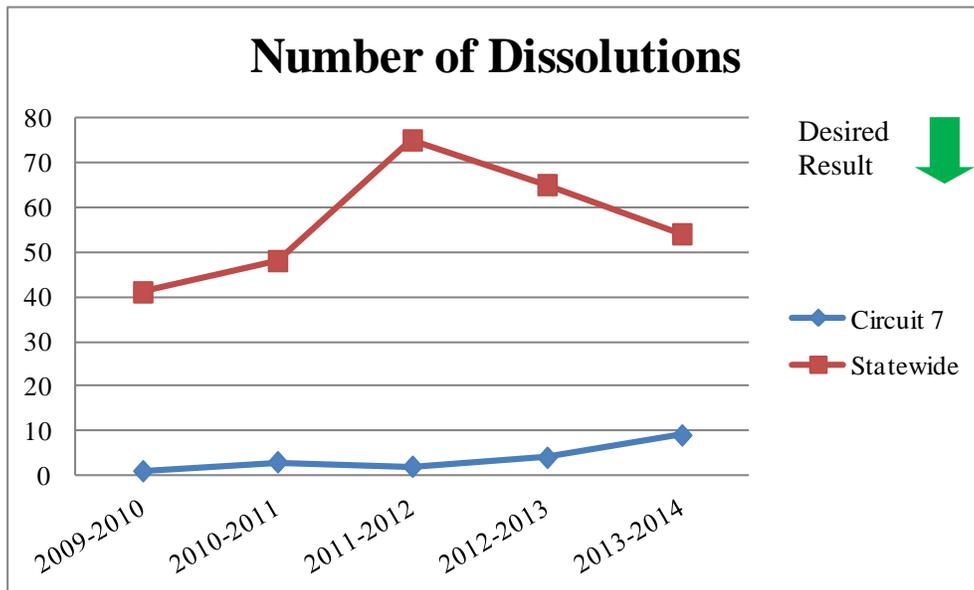
## Inventory of Faith-Based Partners

### Desired Population Level Results

- 3. Support of Adoptive Families** – By June 30, 2015, the annual number of adopted children who are returned to foster care (regardless of when the adoption was finalized) will be reduced from the State Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 number of 98.

| Number of Dissolutions |           |           |           |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                        | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 |
| Circuit Total          | 1         | 3         | 2         | 4         | 9         |
| <b>State Total</b>     | <b>41</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>54</b> |

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## Inventory of Faith-Based Partners

### Status of Strategies and Objectives

**Strategy 1:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will engage a local agency or medical provider to increase the availability of services to children with Autism and/or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in general or specifically to assist post adoptive families who have adopted children with these medical diagnoses.

| Objective   | Status  | Summary/Action Needed  |
|---|---------|--|
| Objective 1.1 Build community awareness of the issue to gain collaboration and a lead agency.     | Ongoing | <u>Volusia, Flagler and Putnam counties</u> - There are no local providers who specialize in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Easter Seals does specialize in Autism and helps to promote awareness in the community.   |
| Objective 1.2 Develop community support and collaboration   | Ongoing | <u>Volusia, Flagler and Putnam counties</u> - Community Partnership for Children has partnered with Easter Seals who has developed a screening process to identify children on the Autistic spectrum. After the screening process, Easter Seals will assist with the child's educational plan. Parents are provided a listing of schools in the area that specialize in Autism. The schools also have programs that assist families with children who have an Autism spectrum diagnosis. |
| Objective 1.3 Support the lead agency with seeking grant opportunities to support the initiative. | Ongoing | This goal is being reevaluated to determine if it is feasible and necessary  |

**Strategy 2:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will develop and coordinate a support system for adoptive parents and teens in Volusia, Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.

| Objective  | Status  | Summary/Action Needed  |
|--|---------|--|
| Objective 2.1 Establish a support system for adoptive families in Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties. | Ongoing | <u>Volusia, Flagler, St Johns and Putnam counties</u> - There are adoption support groups in Volusia, Flagler and St. Johns Counties. There has been very minimal interest for a support group in Putnam County. For those families interested, they are referred to the one in Flagler or St. John's Counties. A list is kept so that a support group can be implemented in the future. |
| Objective 2.2 Establish a support system for adoptive teens in Circuit 7.                                  | Ongoing | <u>Volusia, Flagler, St Johns and Putnam counties</u> - Circuit 7 did have a teen support group but the participation decreased significantly and is no longer in place. The circuit is looking into a website or Facebook page devoted to post adoption only.   |

**Strategy 3:** By June 30, 2015, Circuit 7 will enhance training and support for adoptive families.

| Objective  | Status   | Summary/Action Needed  |
|--|----------|--|
| Objective 1.1 Develop a method for adoptive parents and youth to have access to trainings that will address any issues that may arise post adoption. | Achieved | Adoptive families are notified of trainings that are available in the community as well as the Just in Time trainings through <a href="http://www.qpiflorida.com">www.qpiflorida.com</a> .<br><br>The circuit is looking to have a website devoted to post adoption services only and it would contain information on trainings available. |

### Additional Activities

## Inventory of Faith-Based Partners

### Interagency Collaboration

Volusia, Flagler and Putnam counties – Community Partnership for Children’s primary partners for these activities are Easter Seals and Palm Coast Praise Church.

### Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

The circuit will explore options for a post adoption website/Facebook page to reach more post adopt families. Many families have barriers that prevent them from attending a support group and the page could be interactive and contain blogs, chat rooms, forums for questions and general information. This would allow families to build support systems with other adoptive families.

Please provide information for all faith-based partners that have provided support to your Five-Year Prevention and Permanency Plan.

| Organization Name        | Contact Name              | Type(s) of Support Provided |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Calvary Christian Center | Sandra Hogue              | Adoption Promotion          |
| Salty Church             | Christie O’Brien          | Adoption Promotion          |
| All For Children         | Sandra Hogue              | Adoption Promotion          |
| Wait No More             | Katie Overstreet          | Adoption Promotion          |
| Riverbend Church         |                           | Adoption Promotion          |
| Tomoka Christian Center  |                           | Adoption Promotion          |
| Palm Coast Praise        | James and Donelle Evenson | Post Adopt Support Groups   |