

# ***Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan for Circuit 10: July 2010 through June 2015***

**Counties Served:** Hardee, Highlands, Polk

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Together we can ensure that Florida's children are raised in healthy, safe, stable and nurturing family environments.



## **PART 1 – INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAN**

### **I. CIRCUIT TRANSMITTAL INFORMATION**

- A. Circuit number and listing of counties served in the circuit
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### **II. PROCESS USED TO DEVELOP THE PLAN AND PLAN UPDATE**

- A. Who led the planning effort

The planning effort was jointly led by the Local Planning Team and designated staff members within Heartland for Children.

- B. Narrative description of the circuit and the demographics of the counties in the circuit – using 2008 Census data.

Circuit 10 is comprised of three counties, Hardee, Highlands and Polk. The Circuit is located in central Florida and covers over 3,600 square miles. A large portion of the Circuit is rural with the major cities including Lakeland, Winter Haven and Sebring. Listed below is a demographic description of each county as listed by the U.S. Census Bureau.

**Hardee County** is 623.7 square miles with 1 square mile of water, and as of 2008 Hardee County had a population of 28,888 making it the 51<sup>st</sup> most populous county in Florida. The population demographics are 47% white, 42% other and 11% is reported as African American. Of the residents of Hardee County approximately 77% of the 8,585 households were made up of families, with 4,003 (46%) having one or more people under the age of 18 including 926 (10.8%) of the households with a single parent and 2,332 (27.2%) having one or more people over 65. 62% of the people 25 and over had at least graduate from High School while 38% were either not enrolled or graduated from high school. The total enrollment for schools is 5,900, with 570 in

kindergarten and nursery school, 4,800 in elementary to high school and 590 in college or graduate school.

The average household income was \$36,247, with 24% of the people living in poverty. Of the twenty four percent living in poverty, 32% were children 18 and under while 21% were 65 or older. 17% of all families and 27% of single mother households were living below the poverty level. In Hardee County there are 2 large employers; The Florida Institute for Neurological Rehabilitation and Wal-Mart. The unemployment rate was 6.5% with a total of 779 (37%) people being unemployed. The average commute to work was 23.4 minutes, of those that commute, 63% drove alone, 27% car pooled, 7% used other means, and 2% used public transportation.

**Highlands County** is 1,029 square miles with 78 square miles of water and as of 2008 had a population of 100,011 making it the 39<sup>th</sup> most populous county in Florida. The population demographics include 72.1% reported as white, 18.4% other and 9.5% African American. Of the residents of Highlands County approximately 65% of the 40,329 households were made up of families, with 9,787 (24.3%) having one or more people under 18 including 3,011 (7.5%) of the households with a single parent and 19,978 (49.5%) having one or more people over 65. There were 1,611 grandparents living with grandchildren, of those 773 (48%) were responsible for the grandchild. 24% of the 733 responsible for grandchildren 24% had been from 5 or more years. Of the population 25 years and older 76% had at least graduated from high school while 24% either were not enrolled in school or graduated from high school. The total enrollment for schools is 17,000 with 1,500 in nursery school and kindergarten, 13,000 children in elementary through high school and 2,900 in college or graduate school.

The average household income was \$34,018, with 16% of the population in poverty. Of the sixteen percent 23% of the were children under the age of 18 while only 9% were people 65 and over. 10% of all families and 36% of single mother households had income below the poverty levels. In Highlands County there are 5 larger employers; Florida Hospital, Wal-Mart, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Cross Country Automotive Sales and Medical Data Systems, Inc. The unemployment rate for Highlands County is 7% with a total of 2,919 being unemployed. The average commute to work is 22 minutes, with 76% driving alone, 15% carpooling, 5% using other means, and less than .5% using public transportation.

**Polk County** is larger than the state of Rhode Island and equal to the size of Delaware with 2,010 square miles making it the 4<sup>th</sup> largest county in Florida. Of the 2,010 square miles, approximately 135 (7%) are occupied by 554 natural freshwater lakes. The population in 2008 was 580,594 making Polk County the 9<sup>th</sup> most populous county in Florida with 3.1% of Florida's entire population. The population demographics include 67.1% reporting as white, 14.4% African American and 18.5% as other. Of the residents of Polk County approximately 71% of the 224,000 households were made up of families, with 74,964 (33.4%) of households having one or more people under 18 with 22,430 (10%) being in a single parent household while there were 69,371 (30.9%) of households with one or more people 65 and over. There were 13,670 grandparents living with grandchildren of those 6,380 (46.7%) were responsible for the grandchild. 2,330 (17%) had been responsible for 5 or more years. Of the population 25 and older 82% had at least graduated from high school while 18% were not enrolled or graduated from high school. The total enrollment for Polk County Schools was 127,000 with 16,000 in nursery school or kindergarten, 88,000 enrolled in elementary through high school and 23,000 in college or graduate school.

The average household income was \$44,633 with 14% of the population living in poverty. Of the fourteen percent 21% of children under the age of 18 live in poverty versus 8% of people 65 and older. 11% of all families and 31% of single mother households in Polk County were living below poverty. There are several large employers in Polk County including Publix, Wal-Mart, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, MOSAIC, and Winter Haven Hospital. The

unemployment rate is 6.7% with 18,301 people unemployed. The average commute to work is 25.4 minutes with 81% driving alone, 12% carpooling, and 0.5% used public transportation and the remaining 4% that commuted used other means.

### Circuit 10 Demographic break down comparison

	<u><b>Ha rdee County</b></u>	<u><b>Highlands County</b></u>	<u><b>Polk County</b></u>
<u><b>Area in Square Miles</b></u>	62 3.7	1,029	2,010
<u><b>Area covered by water in square miles</b></u>	1	78	135
<u><b>Population</b></u>	28, 888	100,011	580,594
<u><b>% White</b></u>	47	72.1	67.1
<u><b>% African American</b></u>	11	9.5	14.4
<u><b>% Other</b></u>	42	18.4	18.5
<u><b>Households made up of families</b></u>	4,0 03	9,787	74,964
<u><b>Single Parent Households</b></u>	92 6	3,011	22,430
<u><b>Grandparents in the household</b></u>		1,611	13,670
<u><b>Grandparent responsible for the child</b></u>		773	6,380
<u><b>% High School equivalent in 25 years and older</b></u>	62	76	82
<u><b>Total enrollment for school</b></u>	5,9 00	17,000	127,000
<u><b>Nursery school and Kindergarten enrollment</b></u>	57 0	1,500	16,000
<u><b>Elementary through high school enrollment</b></u>	4,8 00	13,000	88,000
<u><b>College or graduate school enrollment</b></u>	59 0	2,900	23,000
<u><b>Average income</b></u>	36, 247	34,018	44,633
<u><b>% Population in poverty</b></u>	24	16	14
<u><b>% of children under 18 in poverty</b></u>	32	23	21
<u><b>% in poverty over the age of 65</b></u>	21	9	8
<u><b>% of all families in poverty</b></u>	17	10	11
<u><b>% Single parent households in poverty</b></u>	27	36	31
<u><b>Unemployment rate</b></u>	6.5 % (779)	7% (2,919)	6.7% (18,301)
<u><b>Average mile commute to work</b></u>	23. 4	22	25.4
<u><b>% Driving alone</b></u>	63	76	81
<u><b>% Carpooling</b></u>	27	15	12

<b>% Public transportation</b>	2	> 0.5	0.5
<b>% Other means</b>	7	5	4

One of Circuit 10's strengths is the number of agencies and providers that are interested in improving the well-being and safety for children and families in our community. The Circuit has a Children's Cabinet that has brought together over 50 agencies interested in working collaboratively for children and families. This group works in conjunction with the Local Planning Team, to meet the strategic goals that have been set out.

The Department of Children and Families in Circuit 10 contracts with Heartland for Children, the Community Based Care Lead Agency, for services including Foster Care, Adoptions, Protective Services, Independent Living and Child Abuse Prevention. Heartland for Children, through its network of contracted provider agencies and partners, has strategically established a wide array of services available to support children and families in the Child Welfare System and the community at large.

This array of services includes:

- Child Abuse Prevention
- Foster Care and Adoption recruitment, training and retention
- Protective Services Case Management
- Independent Living Services for teens and young adults
- Diversion services in coordination with the Department of Children and Families
- Child Protective Investigators
- Behavior Analysis Services
- Training and Support

#### **Child Welfare System of Care Accomplishments for 2008-2009 FY**

Provided 1236 children in home service support through family intervention teams to keep children safe allowing us to save \$3.34 for every dollar spent

Provided prevention services to 134 children to prevent these children from being removed from their home

4824 children were provided direct case management and prevention services

1695 adoptive families are receiving adoption subsidies to support adoptive children

57% of case manager have a case load of 15 or less children

53% reduction in our out of home care population

We have successfully diverted 53% of youth and their families by Child Protection Investigations to community services which keeps these cases from entering the child welfare system.

We continue to meet our adoption goal each year and we have significantly decreased the adoption pool of children available for adoption.



C. Brief narrative description of the membership of the planning team(s).

The Local Planning Team consisted of leadership from a variety of local programs focused on children's issues along with the Child Abuse Prevention and Adoptions staff members within Heartland for Children. Assistance from other local partners was sought as needed. Attachment 1 includes the roster of participants.

D. Overview of the meetings held

Attachment 2 identifies a schedule of all 2009-2010 Local Planning Team Meetings.

E. Overview of the plan development process

The Local Planning Team participated in discussions over the course of many meetings regarding issues facing our local circuit in regards to better supporting families in need within our service area. When data was provided from the state level, this data was incorporated into the planning process to help guide discussions. The Local Planning Team made decisions as to what the focus of the 5-year plan should be and the actual plan was put together by the Heartland for Children Prevention and Adoption staff members involved in the process. Draft plans were shared with the Local Planning Team and the local Children's Cabinet for input and review before the final plan was submitted.

## **PART 2 – PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN**

### **I. STATUS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT**

*Status of child maltreatment (including the documentation of the magnitude of the problems of child abuse, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, and emotional abuse, as well as child abuse, abandonment, and neglect in the geographical area) §39.001(8)(b)6.a*

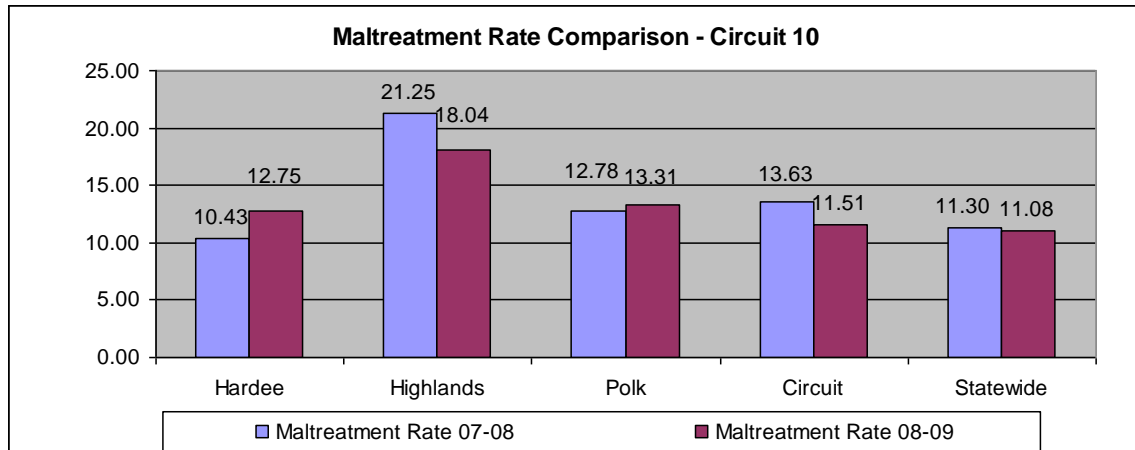
Data to be provided by the Department of Children and Families and reported by the circuits include:

1. Child maltreatment counts for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007-2008  
and
2. Child population counts for SFY 2007-2008  
and
3. Child maltreatment counts for SFY 2008-2009 [\*\*\**State Plan Goal*\*\*\*]  
and
4. Child population counts for SFY 2008-2009  
and
5. Unduplicated counts of victims by no indication, by some indication and by verified abuse (most serious finding on any report for the child)

When looking at Circuit 10 Maltreatment rate data per 1000 children in the population, it is apparent that while Highlands County is still well above the statewide average, they have made significant improvement. Hardee and Polk Counties both saw increases in their maltreatment rates over the two year span, but the Circuit as a whole saw an overall decrease of 2.12. The overall Circuit remained slightly higher than the statewide average maltreatment rate.

After further analysis of the data, it was apparent, that even though the maltreatment rates did not reflect improvements in two of the counties in Circuit 10, there were significant improvements as listed in the chart below. While Hardee County saw a slight decrease in their child population, both Highlands and Polk Counties saw a slight increase in their child populations. Other than one additional verified finding in Hardee over the two year span, the Circuit saw large percentage decreases in the number of maltreatments, despite the smaller percentage increases in child population numbers.





Maltreatment Measure	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009	Increase or Decrease
<b>Hardee</b>			
Child Population	7287	7246	-.56%
Verified Findings	76	77	1.3%
Some Indication	135	97	-28.1%
No Indication	248	169	-31.9%
Total Maltreatment	459	343	-25.3%
<b>Highlands</b>			
Child Population	18678	18757	.42%
Verified Findings	397	282	-29%
Some Indication	487	341	-30%
No Indication	772	635	-17.7%
Total Maltreatment	1656	1258	-24%
<b>Polk</b>			
Child Population	141226	141837	.43%
Verified Findings	1805	1573	-12.9%
Some Indication	3168	2375	-25%
No Indication	5322	4347	-18.3%
Total Maltreatment	10295	8295	-19.4%
<b>Circuit 10</b>			
Child Population	167191	167840	.39%
Verified Findings	2278	1932	-15.2%
Some Indication	3970	2813	-29.1%
No Indication	6342	5151	-18.8%
Total Maltreatment	12410	9896	-20.3%

6. Counts of children with most serious finding of verified abuse by age

Infants under the age of 1 year had the highest percentage of verified abuse as compared to other age groups at 13.8% for the Circuit. As the age of the child increases, the percentage of verified abuse decreases pretty steadily through the teenage years. When grouping ages of children for planning service delivery it is helpful to use the following breakdown:

Infants through the age of 1 = 535 verified victims (23.6%)

2 – 4 year olds = 527 verified victims (23.2%)

5-8 year olds = 445 verified victims (19.6%)

9-13 year olds = 444 verified victims (19.6%)

14-18 year olds = 316 verified victims (13.9%)

Unduplicated Count of Victims with Verified as the Most Serious Finding by Intake County and Age Received June 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009																						
County	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18+	Unk	Total	
Hardee	15	5	8	9	5	5	4	8	1	2	4	1	3	4	2	7	3	3	0	0	89	
Highlands	63	31	21	28	25	14	17	14	14	14	11	16	12	17	15	19	6	10	0	0	347	
Polk	235	186	152	151	128	113	90	83	82	85	69	66	65	75	80	69	55	46	1	1	1,832	
Totals	313	222	181	188	158	132	111	105	97	101	84	83	80	96	97	95	64	59	1	1	2,268	
% of Total by Age	13.8%	9.8%	8.0%	8.3%	7.0%	5.8%	4.9%	4.6%	4.3%	4.5%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	2.8%	2.6%	0.04%	0.04%		
County of Child Victims is based on the county of intake at the time the call is accepted at investigation. This is the county which the child(ren) are located at the time of the call.																						

7. Counts by the array of allegations of abuse

And

8. Counts by the array of allegations of abuse that were verified

The highest verified maltreatments for all three counties were Environmental Hazards, Family Violence Threatens Child, Inadequate Supervision, Substance Misuse and Threatened Harm. This appears to be consistent with levels across the state. It is noted that Hardee County verifies a higher percentage of Environmental Hazard cases and Threatened Harm cases, but verifies a lower percentage of Family Violence Threatens Child cases and Medical Neglect cases. It is hard to determine whether these differences are related to different training or processes at the investigative level between counties or possibly differences in how the courts handle these cases. Based on the incidences of these maltreatments, they are occurring at the same levels, but they are being verified at different rates. Highlands County also verifies a significantly higher number of Threatened Harm cases than the state average and that of Polk County. One other noteworthy item is that Hardee County verified a significantly lower amount of Medical Neglect cases than the other counties in the circuit and the state average. It is hard to know if there is any trend relating to this data until there is comparable data over time.

County	Hardee			Highlands			Polk			Statewide		
	Data			Data			Data			Data		
Maltreatment	Total Allegations	Total Verified	Percent Verified	Total Allegations	Total Verified	Percent Verified	Total Allegations	Total Verified	Percent Verified	Total Allegations	Total Verified	Percent Verified
Abandonment	2	0	0.00%	8	0	0.00%	61	0	0.00%	1003	0	0.00%
Asphyxiation	3	0	0.00%	12	1	8.33%	66	2	3.03%	1657	95	5.73%
Bizarre Punishment	4	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	99	15	15.15%	2063	202	9.79%
Bone Fractures	2	2	100.00%	8	4	50.00%	60	10	16.67%	1064	270	25.38%
Burns	2	0	0.00%	10	1	10.00%	71	9	12.68%	1491	155	10.40%
Death	1	1	100.00%	2	1	50.00%	22	15	68.18%	454	197	43.39%
Environmental	117	24	20.51%	327	38	11.62%	2429	174	7.16%	46682	4135	8.86%
Failure to Protect	13	5	38.46%	43	19	44.19%	184	73	39.67%	4434	1896	42.76%
Failure to Thrive	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	19	4	21.05%	243	82	33.74%
Family Violence Threatens Child	119	14	11.76%	688	146	21.22%	2773	544	19.62%	77775	18686	24.03%
Inadequate Supervision	131	29	22.14%	404	80	19.80%	2923	477	16.32%	62100	8134	13.10%
Internal Injuries	0	0	0.00%	2	1	50.00%	3	2	66.67%	172	89	51.74%
Malnutrition/Dehydration	0	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	9	6	66.67%	145	36	24.83%
Medical Neglect	20	1	5.00%	48	5	10.42%	331	34	10.27%	7938	1049	13.21%
Mental Injury	26	0	0.00%	67	0	0.00%	374	8	2.14%	9949	451	4.53%
Physical Injury	73	6	8.22%	216	39	18.06%	1602	154	9.61%	39112	4582	11.72%
Sexual Abuse	33	6	18.18%	76	14	18.42%	671	129	19.23%	12348	2228	18.04%
Substance Misuse	149	23	15.44%	706	93	13.17%	4240	494	11.65%	93755	14073	15.01%
Threatened Harm	157	41	26.11%	476	95	19.96%	3217	386	12.00%	68648	9383	13.67%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>17.84%</b>	<b>3106</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>17.29%</b>	<b>19154</b>	<b>2536</b>	<b>13.24%</b>	<b>431033</b>	<b>65743</b>	<b>15.25%</b>
County is based on the county of intake at the time the call is accepted at investigation. This is the county which the child(ren) are located at the time of the call.												
The Maltreatment Counts are for the 12 month period June 08 through May 09. This allows 60 days for all investigations received during this period to be completed and closed and 10 days for all data entry to be finalized.												

9. Demographics (i.e., age, race, and gender) of children who were subjects of investigations (unduplicated counts)

Information on the ages of alleged victims is in direct correlation to that of the age of verified victims. The highest number of alleged victims occurs between the ages of 0-4 years of age. In relation to the gender of the alleged victims, there are slightly more male victims in Hardee and Highlands Counties as compared to Polk County, where there are slightly more female victims than male victims. In regard to race, it is important to note that the Hispanic population in Circuit 10 is not accounted for accurately with the data provided.

**Demographic Detail of Alleged Victims for Reports Received During Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

Circuit	County	RACE			GENDER			AGE					Totals
		White	Black	Other	Male	Female	Unknown	0- 4 yrs.	5 - 8 yrs.	9 - 17 yrs.	18+ yrs.	Unknown	
10	Hardee	347	36	14	207	189	1	129	105	163	0	0	397
10	Highlands	1,064	304	101	742	724	3	578	303	587	1	0	1,469
10	Polk	6,685	2,466	457	4,668	4,910	30	3,538	2,220	3,832	1	17	9,608
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,096</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>5,617</b>	<b>5,823</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11,474</b>

County is based on the county of intake at the time the call is accepted at investigation. This is the county which the child(ren) are located at the time of the call.

Count is based on children who are alleged victims of abuse for reports accepted at Intake. Does not exclude alleged victims in reports that are eventually closed as No Jurisdiction or Duplicates.

10. Demographics and other characteristics that may be available for perpetrators (i.e., age, race, and gender)

In contrast with the gender of the alleged victims, the gender of the alleged perpetrators is slightly higher for females than males in all three counties. The significant Hispanic population in Circuit 10 is not accounted for due to the manner in which the data is tracked.

**Total Number of Alleged Perpetrators Received by Intake County During Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

County	RACE			GENDER			AGE				Totals
	White	Black	Other	Male	Female	Unknown	< 18 yrs.	18 - 25yrs.	26+ yrs.	Unknown	
Hardee	273	52	23	161	182	5	7	97	243	1	348
Highlands	800	204	90	510	546	38	15	241	828	10	1,094
Polk	5,495	1,666	494	3,452	4,014	189	58	1,634	5,893	70	7,655
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,568</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>4,123</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>6,964</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9,097</b>

County is based on the county of intake at the time the call is accepted at investigation. This is the county which the child(ren) are located at the time of the call.

Count is based on children who are alleged perpetrators of abuse for reports accepted at Intake. Does not exclude alleged perpetrators in reports that are eventually closed as No Jurisdiction or Duplicates.

11. Counts by recommendations for services (unduplicated by child and investigation).

The highest number of referrals for services recommended fell into five categories, including Case Management Services, Child Counseling Services, Day Care Services, Information and Referral and Substance Abuse Services. When comparing the services recommended to the highest occurring maltreatments, these services fall in line with those nicely, such as Day Care Services for Inadequate Supervision, Substance Abuse Services for Substance Misuse, etc. There is a significant number of services identified as “other”, however, and this makes it difficult to be able to ascertain which services are being utilized or are needed.

Count of Services Recommended at Disposition for Alleged Victims in Reports Received July 1, 2008 -June 30, 2009				
	County			
Services	Hardee	Highlands	Polk	Statewide
Adoption Service	0	6	4	216
Case Management Services	20	198	940	26458
Child Counseling Services	31	392	1685	53642
Day Care Services	26	158	306	29106
Education and Training Services	5	8	58	1715
Employment Services	4	4	78	1776
Family Builders Program	39	204	783	2775
Family Planning Services	0	0	29	591
Family Preservation Services	2	0	29	4858
Family Support Services	2	11	157	12919
Foster Care Services	4	30	76	2789
Health Related Services	0	5	52	961
Home Based Services	0	10	105	4087
Housing Services	2	2	112	2483
IL and Transitional Living Services	1	4	16	255
Information and Referral	1	6	172	18845
ICCP	0	0	1	985
Legal Services	1	22	58	2115
Mental Health Services	7	70	198	7388
Preg and Parenting for Young Parents	2	9	37	1098
Respite Care Services	0	0	0	148
Substance Abuse Services	27	195	646	19293
Other Services	31	182	1044	27911

## II. CONTINUA OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

*A continuum of programs necessary for a comprehensive approach to prevention of all types of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect (including brief descriptions of such programs and services) §39.001(8)(b)6.f*

It is the intent of this planning effort to prevent child abuse, abandonment, and neglect before it ever occurs. Thus, for the purpose of this prevention plan, the continuum of programs (necessary for a comprehensive approach to prevention of all types of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect) focuses on the first two of the three levels of prevention and prevention-focused strategies:

<b>Primary using Universal Strategies</b>	<b>Secondary using Selected Strategies</b>	<b>Tertiary using Indicated Strategies</b>
Primary prevention is geared to the general public to prevent child maltreatment from ever occurring. Universal strategies are accessible to anyone with the goal of preventing child maltreatment from ever occurring in the first place.	Secondary prevention is geared to communities and families who are vulnerable and at risk of child maltreatment (e.g., have multiple risk factors – parent age, poverty, substance abuse, domestic violence, maternal depression). Targeted strategies assist these vulnerable groups with the goal of preventing child maltreatment from ever occurring in the first place.	Tertiary prevention consists of activities targeted to families that have confirmed or unconfirmed child abuse and neglect reports. These families have already demonstrated the need for intervention, either with or without court supervision. These are families that qualify for services under child welfare programs. These are families where there is an open case.

### II.A. CONTINUUM OF PRIMARY/UNIVERSAL PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES *Accessible by the general public prior to the occurrence of child abuse and neglect*

**Community Development** – Community capacity building, community partnerships, etc.

**Community Support for Families** – Family resource centers, community events and fairs, etc.

**Family Supportive Programs/Services** – Voluntary home visiting; developmental screening; affordable, accessible quality childcare; before and after school programs; recreational activities; parent support groups; parent education classes; marriage and relationship counseling and support services; etc.

**Information and Referral and Helplines** – Access to information about community and social services available for families including early health and development services, etc.

**Public Awareness and Education Campaigns** – Highlighting risk/protective factors, child development, positive parenting, child safety, domestic violence and substance abuse prevention, bullying prevention, etc.

**Workforce** – Family-friendly workplace policies, livable wage policies, etc.

## **II.B. CONTINUUM OF SECONDARY/SELECTED PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES *Targeted to families with multiple risk factors prior to the occurrence of child Abuse and Neglect***

**Adult Education** – High School Diploma, GED, job training, ESL classes, mentoring for high risk youth, etc.

**Community Development** – Community building, community partnerships, etc.

**Community Support for Families** – Food banks, clothing banks, housing assistance, transportation, emergency assistance, food stamps, quality childcare, etc.

**Concrete Services** – Referrals for (or provision of) clothing, food, utility payments, housing assistance, transportation, emergency assistance, respite care, etc.

**Family Supportive Programs/Services** – Voluntary home visiting (e.g., for families that meet Healthy Families Florida and Healthy Start criteria), parent education classes, teen parenting services, parent self-help support groups, domestic violence supports, substance abuse and mental health services, respite care (including families with disabilities), counseling for adults and children, developmental assessments, etc.

**Workforce** – Family-friendly workplace policies and livable wage policies, etc.

## **II.C. FLORIDA’S ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK**

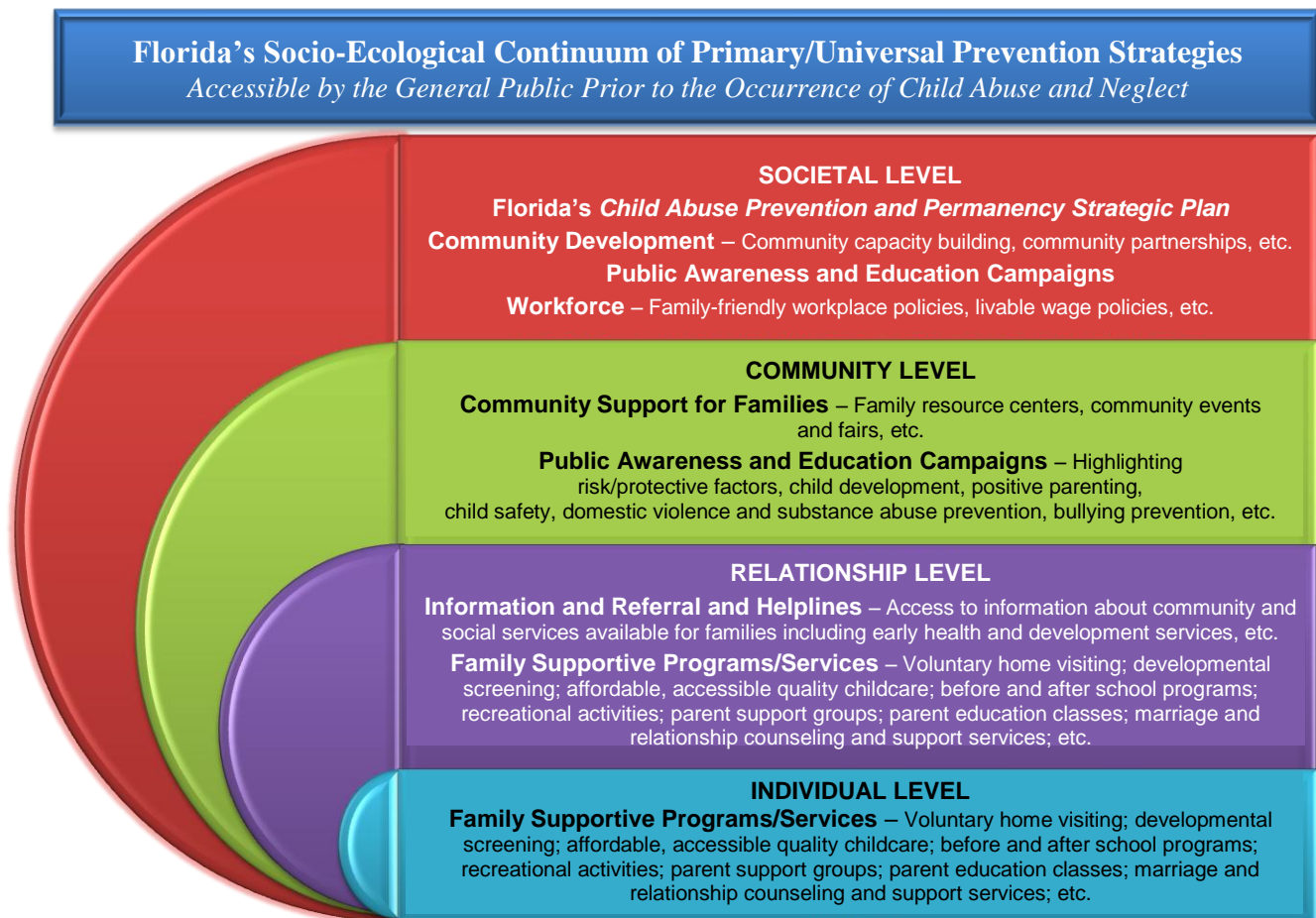
Florida’s ecological framework serves to organize the potential influence and impact of prevention strategies and is based on the following assumptions:

- Children and families exist as part of an ecological system. This means that prevention strategies must target interventions at multiple levels: the individual, the relationship, the community, and society.
- Primary responsibility for the development and well-being of children lies within the family, and all segments of society must support families as they raise their children.
- Assuring the well-being of all families is the cornerstone of a healthy society and requires universal access to support programs and services.

It comprises four levels of influence:

1. **Individual level:** At this level are **parent and child characteristics** – emotional and psychological characteristics, temperament, behavior, problem-solving skills, health conditions, and beliefs – that can affect the rearing of children. Interventions at this level are often designed to affect an individual's social skills, cognitive skills, behavior and immediate circumstances.
2. **Relationship level:** **Interpersonal relationships** with peers, intimate partners, and family members shape an individual's behavior and range of experiences. This level contains factors such as family size, cohesion, communication, support, conflict, and stability that directly affect the child and influence the way in which adults care for children and each other. Interventions at this level are often designed to improve a person's ability to engage in positive and constructive relationships, especially within the immediate family.

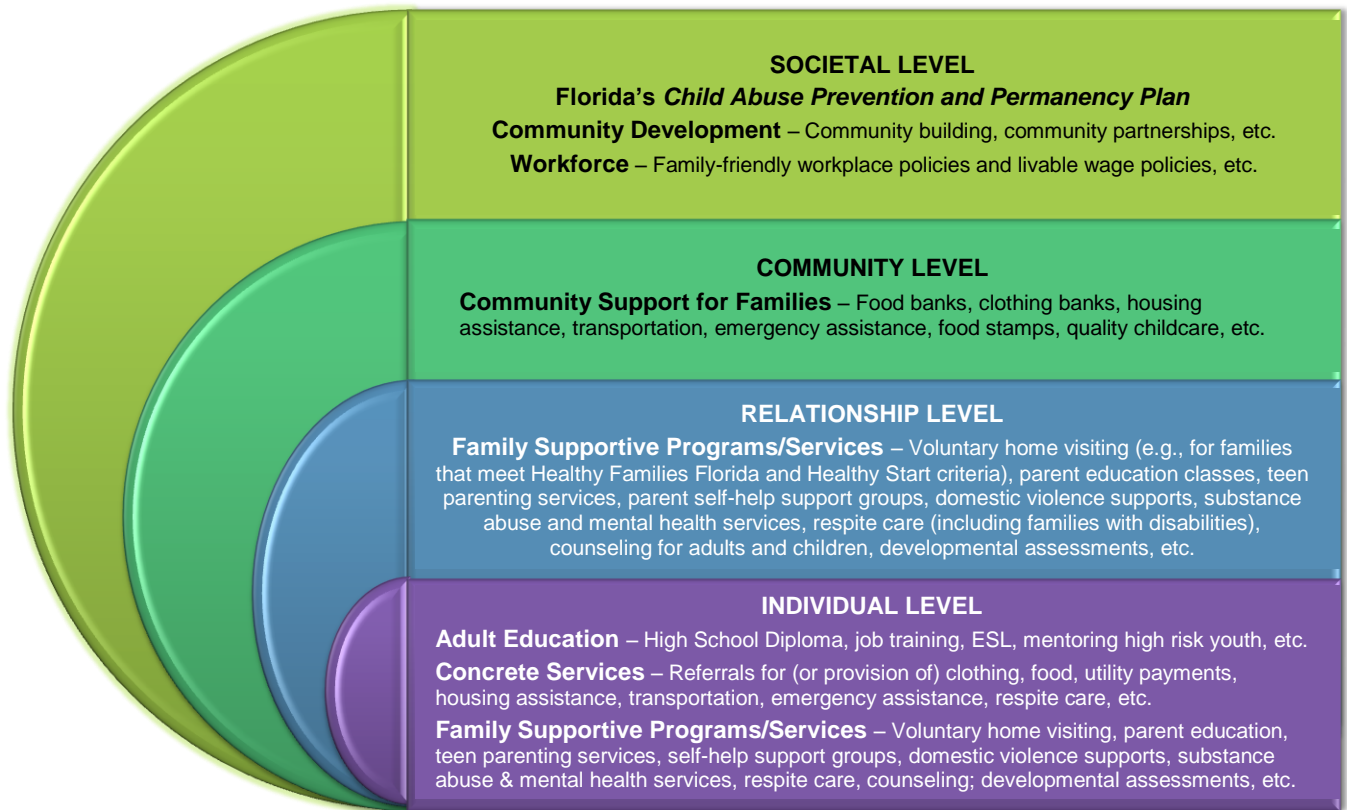
3. **Community level:** Families operate within **neighborhoods and communities**. Factors that characterize this level include availability of supports (governmental and community), stability, violence, poverty, disorganization, and isolation; all affect the ability of families and communities to nurture their children. Interventions at the community level are typically designed to impact the climate, systems and policies in a given (usually geographic) setting.
4. **Societal level:** The **larger culture** in which families operate and children are raised plays a significant role in how families care for their young. Religious or cultural belief systems, values such as self-reliance and family privacy, and the cultural acceptance of media violence and corporal punishment of children affect the way in which parents raise their children and the ways in which communities support families. Interventions at the societal level typically involve collaborations of multiple partners to change laws and policies as well as to determine and influence societal norms and harmful cultural belief systems.



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**Socio-Ecological Continuum of Secondary/Selected Prevention Strategies**  
*Targeted to Families with Multiple Risk Factors Prior to the Occurrence of Child Abuse and Neglect*



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**III. PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SERVING CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN MALTREATED**

*Description of programs currently serving abused, abandoned, and neglected children and their families (including information on the impact, cost-effectiveness, and sources of funding)*  
 §39.001(8)(b)6.b

These data have been collected and reported as a part of the Florida Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan: January 2009 – June 2010 and have been updated within Florida's Child and Family Services Plan as submitted in June 2009.

#### **IV. CHILD MALTREATMENT PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

*Description of programs for the prevention of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect (including information on the impact, cost-effectiveness, and sources of funding) §39.001(8)(b)6.b*

##### **IV.A. PRIMARY/UNIVERSAL PREVENTION STRATEGIES – PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC PRIOR TO THE OCCURRENCE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

*Note: Primary prevention is geared to the general public to prevent child maltreatment from ever occurring. Universal strategies are accessible to anyone with the goal of preventing child maltreatment from ever occurring in the first place.*

Attachment 3 includes data that was submitted electronically by providers into a statewide database and has been made accessible to Circuit 10. Although this data is a solid foundation on which we will grow our local efforts to catalogue all primary prevention efforts, we wanted to highlight some prevention programs that are currently in place.

Listed below is a brief synopsis of some local child abuse prevention initiatives that focus on primary prevention.

##### **Mini-Grants Tied to Protective Factors**

Twice a year, Heartland for Children offers the opportunity for local individuals, businesses and non-profit agencies to apply for a small amount of time-limited funding to help support activities and programs that implement one or more protective factors that have been found to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect. A mini-grant award can range anywhere from \$500.00 to \$2500.00 and are meant to support new and innovative projects and ideas that will enrich and add additional resources to support the outstanding work that is happening in our local communities. They can also help supplement existing projects that may have experienced cuts in funding.

Heartland for Children currently tracks the number of grants awarded for each grant cycle along with other data regarding each grant, such as how much money each program/project is granted and which protective factors are being addressed. Each grant recipient is expected to track specific outcomes related to their program/project. These outcomes vary according to the program/project and are included in the grant final report submitted by each agency/group.

##### **Infant Massage**

Infant Massage has been found to benefit both parent and child by increasing parent/child bonding and reducing stress responses in infants and parents as well as decreasing post partum depression. Heartland for Children is focused on building capacity within the communities we serve in regards to infant massage so that it is a service that is accessible to all families. Heartland for Children offers periodic infant massage educator courses to individuals in the community who are willing to commit to offering the service within the community for a minimum of two years. These educators offer the courses at a low cost for families and have a minimum of two scholarship opportunities per class they offer for at-risk families referred by Heartland for Children. Through infant massage parents/caregivers learn how their infants communicate, creating a better bonding or closeness to the infant. Parents/caregivers can gain confidence in parenting skills through this bonding. Infant massage also helps parents/caregivers to relax and spend quality time with the infants and facilitates a time for fathers to interact with the infant. The parents/caregivers also have an opportunity to create a social network with other parents, thus alleviating the feeling of

isolation reducing a risk for child abuse. The infant benefits from massage by relieving discomfort from gas, colic and constipation. Massage also helps reduce stress in infants as well as aides with better sleeping.

Heartland for Children tracks data on each infant massage educator that is trained and requires each educator to keep track of how many families are served in each class.

### **Parents Under Construction**

Parents Under Construction is a research based parenting curriculum designed to be taught to children. It is a program offered through ChildBuilders via four different curricula: Pre-K, K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Without education in parenting, people will parent how they were parented and a lack of information about child development and positive discipline techniques has a direct correlation with child abuse. The Parents Under Construction curriculum includes lessons pertaining to parenting styles, realities of raising children, communication skills, parenting myths, positive discipline techniques and non-violent conflict resolution. Each program includes parent involvement activities in every lesson and evaluation results show that parents overwhelmingly approve of the program. Heartland for Children has set up a system by which individuals in the community are trained to become Parents Under Construction educators and then they are asked to make a minimum two-year commitment to implementing the program for children they work with.

Formal research evaluations have revealed that children learn and remember information presented in the curriculum, that children's attitudes towards positive parenting practices significantly improve and that teachers using the curriculum indicate their students' pro-social behavior skills improve after classroom implementation. At this current time, Heartland for Children is tracking the number of educators and the number of child participants in this curriculum with the hopes of identifying a survey instrument to capture additional outcome data.

### **Yellow Dress - Teen Dating Violence Prevention**

The Yellow Dress is a one-woman play that is focused on teen dating violence prevention. It is a program from Deana's Educational Theater group and Heartland for Children has purchased limited production rights to implement the program locally. The Yellow Dress was developed as an educational tool to illustrate the seriousness of violence in dating relationships, and offers a platform from which discussion can begin around healthy dating relationships. During the performance, the actress tells the story of how a relationship that started as friendship blossomed into love and then became violent. The audience participates in a discussion after the performance to reinforce knowledge of four primary lessons relating to domestic violence:

1. Early warning signs of an abusive relationship
2. Why victims stay in abusive relationships; why it is hard to break up
3. How to help a friend who is a victim of abuse or a perpetrator (abuser)
4. How to access local resources for help

Heartland for Children is currently implementing the Yellow Dress program in local high schools and other community groups that work with local teens. A survey instrument is being utilized to track the number of participants and their learning gains on the four primary lessons covered during the program.

### **Prevention Cases -Self referral and agency referral**

The Heartland for Children prevention team works with families in need of assistance in hopes of connecting them to resources and supports and thus reducing the likelihood that the family will become involved with the formal child welfare system. The referral sources for

this service consist of community agencies, the school system and self-referrals. The Prevention Resource Specialist works with the family to identify needs and make appropriate referrals to local community resources. The family team conference model is utilized in some cases as needed to encourage self-sufficiency and self-help behaviors.

The data elements tracked for this service mirror that of the requirements for data elements in the diversion program as close as possible. This information minimally includes the family name and contact information, the referral source, how many children are in the home, what services the family is referred to and the duration of the case.

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month Awareness and Education - Pinwheels for Prevention**

Each April, Heartland for Children leads efforts to coordinate a community wide effort to implement the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign for Child Abuse Prevention Month. These primary prevention initiatives focus on holding family friendly events throughout the month, educating the public about how they can help to prevent child abuse and providing resources to advocates and families to help strengthen their family unit. April was utilized as a platform to engage local community leaders and reach out to legislators.

The data elements that are tracked for this effort include the number of times the local media covers the issue, the number of agencies that participate, the number of events, how many materials are distributed to families and advocates, the number of pinwheel gardens planted and the number of posters and banners displayed in our community.

### **Speaker Series**

Heartland for Children is currently sponsoring the 2009/2010 STRENGTHENING & SUPPORTING FAMILIES COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES. This speaker series includes events that are free and open to the public. Heartland for Children is sponsoring these events as we encourage communities to provide safe, nurturing experiences that promote healthy child development, positive parent-child interaction and individual action to make children in our community a priority. The topics for each session focus on providing families with new information on issues that are current and relevant to families.

At each speaking event, participation is tracked. Parent surveys are provided to ascertain the value of each speaking event as well as to track parenting norms and beliefs within our community. Heartland for Children believes that providing this opportunity in the community, we will reach parents from various backgrounds and belief systems and will strengthen their parenting skills and provide parenting support.

In addition to the above mentioned programs, Circuit 10 has a Child Passenger Safety initiative coordinated by the Safe Kids Coalition that also focuses on other child safety awareness and education initiatives including water safety, bike and pedestrian safety. The goal is to have well informed caregivers relating to child safety issues.

The United Way of Central Florida operates the local 211 initiative offering information and referral to local individuals in need. In partnership with the Department of Children and Families and Heartland for Children, the United Way is also helping to get the Whole Child Initiative up and running in our local Circuit. This initiative is done as part of the Lawton Chiles Foundation efforts to make Whole Child Communities available statewide. Once this project is up and running, parents will be able to identify their family needs and get matched with local resources and service providers. The United Way also heads up the Success by 6 program which is a community-wide children's initiative, founded in 1995 by Carol Jenkins Barnett of Publix Super Market Charities and spearheaded by United Way of Central Florida, that brings together resources from a partnership of private businesses, government, religious groups, educators, and health and human service organizations. Volunteers serve on four

active committees, representing over 85 organizations. Success By 6 is an initiative to make early childhood development a top priority in Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties. Family Fundamentals is a Success by 6 program which is a 10,000 square foot facility with a library, computer lab, family learning kitchen, model pre-school classroom, dramatic play room and conference room.

More than 50 partner agencies offer services onsite to provide a one-stop opportunity for parents. Parents and other caregivers come to access information, support services, activities, and other tools to be the best parents they can be. Recurring activities include early literacy, infant stimulation, support groups, and a variety of special events that promote school readiness with fund activities and special guests. Many classes are offered from parent education to stress reduction.

The Healthy Start Coalition operates the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance (TPPA), which has assisted in reducing teen pregnancy rates in our Circuit by 40% through a teen leadership group, public awareness campaigns and teen summits to provide local teens with the information and education needed on this topic.

Many local schools in Circuit 10 participate in the All Pro Dad program through Family First, whose mission is to strengthen the family by establishing family as a top priority in people's lives and by promoting principles for building marriages and raising children. All Pro Dad is a simple idea with a profound impact. It's a one-hour monthly breakfast held before school where fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids in the school cafeteria or a local restaurant. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship.

#### **IV.B. SECONDARY/SELECTED PREVENTION STRATEGIES – PROGRAMS TARGETED TO FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS FOR CHILD ABUSE PRIOR TO THE OCCURRENCE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

*Note: Secondary prevention is geared to communities and families who are vulnerable and at risk of child maltreatment (e.g., have multiple risk factors – parent age, poverty, substance abuse, domestic violence, maternal depression). Targeted strategies assist these vulnerable groups with the goal of preventing child maltreatment from ever occurring in the first place.*

Please see Attachment 3 for a detailed catalogue of services provided in Circuit 10.

##### **Prevention Cases -Self referral and agency referral**

The Heartland for Children prevention team works with families in need of assistance in hopes of connecting them to resources and supports and thus reducing the likelihood that the family will become involved with the formal child welfare system. The referral sources for this service consist of community agencies, the school system and self-referrals. The Prevention Resource Specialist works with the family to identify needs and make appropriate referrals to local community resources. The family team conference model is utilized in some cases as needed to encourage self-sufficiency and self-help behaviors.

The data elements tracked for this service mirror that of the requirements for data elements in the diversion program as close as possible. This information minimally includes the family name and contact information, the referral source, how many children are in the home, what services the family is referred to and the duration of the case.

##### **Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties**

The Healthy Start program, a state wide initiative, is housed at the local County Health Departments. The Coalition works in conjunction with multiple agencies that promote healthy pregnancies, babies and young children up to age 3. The program is voluntary and based on need not income or insurance. The Healthy Start program utilizes numerous programs to address risky behaviors such as Beds 4 babies, identifying the need for a safe place for the infant or toddler to sleep. Childbirth Education, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education are also offered to all pregnant women and parents of children under the age of 3. The Healthy Start Coalition is an integral part of secondary prevention in Circuit 10.

##### **Healthy Families**

The Healthy Families program provides a statewide system of voluntary, community-based home visitation services that strengthen families, promote positive parent-child relationships and optimize the health and development of children. Healthy Families Florida provides free home visiting services to parents expecting a baby and parents of newborns.

##### **Diversion Cases / Family Intervention Teams**

The Family Intervention Teams are an in home family preservation service to ensure the safety of children and to help stabilize the family. The goal is to maintain the child in the home with their family while ensuring immediate and long term protection of the child's permanency, safety and well being. The Family Intervention Team provides services which encourage and support the prevention of abuse, neglect or abandonment and support reunification and permanency of the child's home. The services are either voluntary or court ordered and can be accessed by Child Protection Investigators, Case Management Organizations and Heartland for Children.

As Circuit 10 moves forward with both primary and secondary prevention efforts, it is important to get a baseline picture of what services were inventoried through the statewide effort. Listed below are some summary findings based on the data provided in Attachment 3.

#### Initial Service Inventory as of May 2010\_for Circuit 10

Service Category	Hardee	Highlands	Polk	Grand Total
Adoption Promotion and Awareness	1	1	3	5
Adoption Support Groups			1	1
Adult Education	8	10	13	31
Assistance navigating the system			5	5
Case Management Services			1	1
Child specific Recruitment Efforts	1	1	5	7
Community Development	14	16	23	53
Community Support	10	10	16	36
Concrete Services	24	24	23	71
Education and Training	4	6	9	19
Family Support Programs	20	25	41	86
Information and Referral Helplines	10	10	11	31
Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents			4	4
Placement Case Management			6	6
Pre-adoption Information			3	3
Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents			6	6
Public Awareness and Education Campaigns	17	19	17	53
Targeted Recruitment Efforts	2	2	9	13
Workforce	4	7	6	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>448</b>

Hardee and Highlands Counties have experienced some challenges to having the same access to services as that of Polk County due to their size and the rural nature of their communities. The services that were inventoried do not show a presence in Hardee or Highlands Counties for many services related to adoption and case management. In sections 3 and 4 of this plan, a detailed account of adoption services serving the Circuit is provided that validates these services are in fact available in these counties.

	<b>Protective Factors Addressed by Services</b>	<b>Hardee</b>	<b>Highlands</b>	<b>Polk</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Adoption Promotion	Parental Emotional Resilience	2	2	35	39
	Nurturing and Attachment	2	2	35	39
	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	2	2	35	39
	Social Connections	3	3	33	39
	Concrete Support in Times of Need	2	2	23	27
	Unsure	1	1	5	7
Adoption Support	Parental Emotional Resilience	3	5	10	18
	Nurturing and Attachment		2	7	9
	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	4	6	11	21
	Social Connections	3	3	8	14
	Concrete Support in Times of Need	3	3	8	14
	Unsure				
Primary Prevention	Parental Emotional Resilience	26	29	33	88
	Nurturing and Attachment	12	12	20	44
	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	28	28	32	88
	Social Connections	29	33	39	101
	Concrete Support in Times of Need	31	37	47	115
	Unsure	29	30	14	73
Secondary Prevention	Parental Emotional Resilience	16	20	42	78
	Nurturing and Attachment	20	24	51	95
	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	21	24	46	91
	Social Connections	13	13	35	61
	Concrete Support in Times of Need	25	29	49	103
	Unsure	5	7	4	16
Parental Emotional Resilience Total		47	56	120	223
Nurturing and Attachment Total		34	40	113	187
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Total		55	60	124	239
Social Connections Total		48	52	115	215
Concrete Support in Times of Need Total		61	71	127	259
Unsure Total		35	38	23	96

Of the 5 Protective Factors inventoried, the factor with the lowest number of services identified was nurturing and attachment. All other protective factors appear to be roughly in the same proportion across the counties and the totals are all similar for the Circuit.

Languages Provided	Hardee	Highlands	Polk
English	113	129	198
Spanish	81	86	149
French	13	13	13
Creole	43	41	58
German	13	13	13
American Sign Language	17	14	27
Not Identified	2	2	3



The Language breakdown gives us an idea of how prominent Spanish speakers are within the Circuit and that providers appear to be well equipped to handle their language needs. Circuit 10 has a multitude of providers offering services to individuals speaking at least 6 languages. When looking at the raw data one program/agency might offer several services, all of which are available in a specific language. Taking this into account, it is important to remember that the chart above lists the number of services available in that language and not the number of agencies or providers that offer services.

### **Final Analysis**

After analyzing primary and secondary prevention efforts in Circuit 10 and comparing these efforts to the maltreatment data, the following conclusions were made:

- Circuit 10 has a strong infrastructure of both primary and secondary prevention programs.
- The most frequently occurring maltreatments for children are:
  - Environmental Hazards
  - Family Violence Threatens Child
  - Inadequate Supervision
  - Threatened Harm
  - Substance Misuse
- The highest maltreatment rates are occurring for children under 5 years of age.
- All counties within the circuit experienced percentage decreases in maltreatments despite the maltreatment rate increases for Hardee and Polk.
- The current services being recommended for families within the child welfare system are well matched to the highest occurring maltreatment types.
- There is a significant Hispanic population in our Circuit that is not adequately accounted for within the Florida Safe Families Network.

### **Next Steps**

Circuit 10 plans to continue to strengthen the current structure of prevention services in our community and report on accomplishments, barriers and future plans each fiscal year.

Through establishing two new initiatives, the Whole Child Initiative and a Faith Based Initiative, the circuit will strengthen overall services available to families in our community. It is believed that these efforts will enhance the current structure by focusing on accessible services within each community.

**V. PLAN PRIORITIES**

*A description, documentation, and priority ranking of local needs related to the prevention of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect based upon the continuum of programs and services. §39.001(8)(b)6.g*

**Priority Ranking of County-Level Needs Related to the Primary and Secondary Prevention of Child Abuse, abandonment, and neglect**

**County: Hardee**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>County-Level Need with Description</b>	<b>Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Primary (Universal Strategies)</li><li>○ Secondary (Selected Strategies)</li></ul>	<b>Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Parental Emotional Resilience</li><li>○ Social Connections</li><li>○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li><li>○ Concrete Support in Times of Need</li><li>○ Nurturing and Attachment</li></ul>
1	Reduce the number of verified findings of abuse for maltreatments including environmental hazards, family violence threatens child, inadequate supervision, substance misuse and threatened harm.	Primary (Universal Strategies) Secondary (Selected Strategies)	Parental Emotional Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Nurturing and Attachment

**County: Highlands**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>County-Level Need with Description</b>	<b>Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Primary (Universal Strategies)</li> <li>○ Secondary (Selected Strategies)</li> </ul>	<b>Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>○ Social Connections</li> <li>○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>○ Concrete Support in Times of Need</li> <li>○ Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>
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**County: Polk**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>County-Level Need with Description</b>	<b>Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Primary (Universal Strategies)</li> <li>○ Secondary (Selected Strategies)</li> </ul>	<b>Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>○ Social Connections</li> <li>○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>○ Concrete Support in Times of Need</li> <li>○ Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>
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## **VI. PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, AND NEGLECT**

*A plan for steps to be taken in meeting identified needs, including the coordination and integration of services to avoid unnecessary duplication and cost, and for alternative funding strategies for meeting needs through the reallocation of existing resources, utilization of volunteers, contracting with local universities for services, and local government or private agency funding §39.001(8)(b)6.h*

### ***Vision***

Florida's highest priority is that children are raised in healthy, safe, stable, and nurturing families.

### ***Mission***

To serve as a blueprint that will be implemented to provide for the care, safety, and protection of all of Florida's children in an environment that fosters healthy social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development.

### ***Outcome***

All families and communities ensure that children are safe and nurtured and live in stable environments that promote well-being.

### ***Circuit Goal 1***

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the circuit-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 11.51 to a rate of 11.00 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

#### ***County Hardee Goal 1.1***

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 12.75 to a rate of 11.00 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

#### ***County Highlands Goal 1.2***

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 18.04 to a rate of 15.00 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

#### ***County Polk Goal 1.3***

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 13.31 to a rate of 11.00 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

### **Strategy 1**

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 10 will have implemented a faith-based prevention initiative that would provide for both universal and targeted efforts in which the faith community is engaged to provide family and community supports that would build the protective factors for families within the identified communities.

<b>Priority Level:</b> #1 – Entire Circuit	<b>Priority Need:</b> Reduce the number of verified findings of abuse for maltreatments including environmental hazards, family violence threatens child, inadequate supervision, substance misuse and threatened harm.	
<b>A. Level of Prevention addressed by this Strategy:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Prevention/Universal Strategies ( <i>Complete D</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary Prevention/Selected Strategies ( <i>Complete E</i> ) <b>B. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Societal Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Level	<b>C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental Emotional Resilience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Connections <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Support in Times of Need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nurturing and Attachment	
<b>D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information and Referral and Helplines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	<b>E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	

### **Objectives**

- 1.1 Develop circuit level strategies to engage faith communities in each county in the promotion of child abuse prevention focusing on the use of protective factors by 30 June 2015.

**Objectives:**

1.1 Engage faith communities from each county in child abuse prevention efforts focusing on increasing protective factors amongst families in our community by 30 June 2015.

<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Utilize zip code data on the occurrence of maltreatments to help strategically identify faith communities / champions to participate in effort.	- Two champions identified per county by December 2010 - Four champions identified per county by December 2011 - Six champions identified per county by December 2012 - Eight champions identified per county by December 2013 - Ten champions identified per county by December 2014	Director of Education and Community Relations, Heartland for Children	Ministerial Alliance Local Faith Communities Local Planning Team	July 2010	June 2015
Provide training and education to each Faith Community partner/champion on child abuse prevention focusing on protective factors	Each Faith Community Partner / Champion receives training within 2 months of their commitment to become a part of the Faith Based Initiative. Reported quarterly.	Director of Education and Community Relations, Heartland for Children	Local Planning Team Heartland for Children Prevention Unit Ministerial Alliance Local Faith Leaders	July 2010	June 2015
Work with each faith community partner/champion to establish baseline data on the number and type of missions/services they offer within their faith community and surrounding community.	Inventory of current missions/services offered completed for each Faith Community Partner within 2 months of their commitment to become a part of the Faith Based Initiative. Reported Quarterly.	Director of Education and Community Relations, Heartland for Children	Local Planning Team Heartland for Children Prevention Unit Ministerial Alliance Local Faith Leaders	July 2010	June 2015
Collaborate with faith communities / champions to incorporate local child abuse prevention efforts into their faith community.	80% of Faith Community Partners will incorporate local child abuse prevention efforts into their faith community. Reported Quarterly.	Director of Education and Community Relations, Heartland for Children	Local Planning Team Faith Community Partners Ministerial Alliance Heartland for Children	July 2010	June 2015

**Objectives:**

1.1 Engage faith communities from each county in child abuse prevention efforts focusing on increasing protective factors amongst families in our community by 30 June 2015.

Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
			Prevention Unit Local Faith Leaders		
Establish regular communication channels to keep faith communities linked and active in local child abuse prevention initiatives.	At least two communications (e-mail, face to face meeting, phone conversation) will occur each quarter with all Faith Community Partners.	Director of Education and Community Relations	Faith Community Partners Local Planning Team Heartland for Children Prevention Unit	July 2010	June 2015
Identify and track new systems/programs developed as a result of participation in child abuse prevention efforts.	Two programs/systems are developed annually within the Faith Based Communities focusing on building protective factors for families	Director of Education and Community Relations, Heartland for Children	Faith Community Partners Local Planning Team Heartland for Children Prevention Unit	July 2010	June 2015
Review progress of plan quarterly with the Local Planning Team to identify strengths and opportunities to strengthen the effort.	Quarterly report reviewed by Local Planning Team	Director of Education and Community Relations, Heartland for Children	Local Planning Team Heartland for Children Prevention Unit	October 2010	July 2015



## Strategy 2

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 10 will have developed and supported Whole Child Communities in *the Circuit*.

<b>Priority Level:</b> #2 - Circuit	<b>Priority Need:</b> Reduce the number of verified findings of abuse for maltreatments including environmental hazards, family violence threatens child, inadequate supervision, substance misuse and threatened harm.	
<b>A. Level of Prevention addressed by this Strategy:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Prevention/Universal Strategies ( <i>Complete D</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Prevention/Selected Strategies ( <i>Complete E</i> )		<b>C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental Emotional Resilience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Support in Times of Need <input type="checkbox"/> Nurturing and Attachment
<b>B. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Societal Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Level		
<b>D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information and Referral and Helplines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workforce		<b>E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Services <input type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce

## Objectives

2.1 Develop circuit-level strategies to develop and implement a Whole Child Community serving each county by 30 June 2015.

<b>Objective:</b> 2.1 Develop circuit-level strategies to develop and implement a Whole Child Community serving each county by 30 June 2015.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Convene a small leadership team and meet with the Lawton Chiles Foundation.	Leadership met with Lawton Chiles Foundation.	Liesta Sykes, DCF	Lawton Chiles Foundation DCF United Way Heartland for Children		Complete November 2009
Establish a Memorandum of Understanding between local parties	Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by all lead parties on this initiative including the Department of Children and Families, The United Way of Central Florida and Heartland for Children.	Liesta Sykes, DCF	Department of Children and Families United Way of Central Florida Heartland for Children		Complete February 2010
Establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lawton Chiles Foundation	Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by all lead parties and the Lawton Chiles Foundation	Liesta Sykes, DCF	Lawton Chiles Foundation Department of Children and Families United Way of Central Florida Heartland for Children		Complete February 2010
Establish a group of community leaders and service providers who are committed to building a Whole Child Community (WCC) in partnership with the Foundation.	The Local Planning Team agreed to serve in this role and report up through the Circuit's Children's Cabinet.	Liesta Sykes, DCF	Department of Children and Families United Way of Central Florida Heartland for Children Local Planning Team 10 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Children's Cabinet		Complete October 2009
Draft and adopt a <i>Commitment to Children</i> statement.	<i>Commitment to Children</i> statement that conforms to the WCC standards adopted by the WCC by August 2010.	Liesta Sykes, DCF	Local Planning Team	May 2010	August 2010
Adopt the <i>Whole Child Vision Statement</i> .	Whole Child Vision Statement that conforms to the WCC standards adopted by the WCC.	Liesta Sykes, DCF	Local Planning Team		Complete November 2009
Conduct a comprehensive baseline assessment of the community to determine the status of children with respect to the community's Commitment to Children statement and the six dimensions of the Whole Child.	Baseline Survey Report delivered to the WCC by March 2011	Michael Gordon, Whole Child Advisor	Lawton Chiles Foundation Whole Child Advisor United Way of Central Florida Local Planning Team	August 2010	March 2011

<b>Objective:</b> 2.1 Develop circuit-level strategies to develop and implement a Whole Child Community serving each county by 30 June 2015.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Develop partnerships and recruit Whole Child providers.	A minimum of 2 new community partners identified each quarter through June 2015	Michael Gordon, Whole Child Advisor	Lawton Chiles Foundation Local Planning Team Whole Child Advisor United Way of Central Florida	July 2010	Ongoing
Produce a dynamic strategic plan that conveys to the community the Whole Child Commitment to Children, the critical issues, the interventions that will be pursued and the way progress will be measured and reported to the community.	Strategic Plan by June 2011	Liesta Sykes, DCF Michael Gordon, Whole Child Advisor	Lawton Chiles Foundation Local Planning Team Whole Child Advisor United Way of Central Florida	February 2010	June 2011
Conduct a periodic (usually annual) community capacity building event to assess progress, identify gaps and revise the strategic plan accordingly.	Assessment conducted annually.	Liesta Sykes, DCF Michael Gordon, Whole Child Advisor	Lawton Chiles Foundation Local Planning Team Whole Child Advisor United Way of Central Florida	July 2010	July 2011 July 2012 July 2013 July 2014 July 2015
Share information with other Whole Child Communities and future Whole Child Communities by contributing process information, best practices and promising strategies, materials and tools to the Whole Child web-site.	Annually as part of Assessment.	Liesta Sykes, DCF Michael Gordon, Whole Child Advisor	Lawton Chiles Foundation Local Planning Team Whole Child Advisor United Way of Central Florida	July 2011	July 2011 July 2012 July 2013 July 2014 July 2015
Implement over time the Whole Child Connection or similar web-based technology that enables parents to do a self-analysis of their needs, enables parents to connect electronically with essential services for their children. Facilitates creating a “no wrong door culture” among providers, and provides data on program performance and priority service needs for the community.	Web-based technology in place by December 2010.	Michael Gordon, Whole Child Advisor	Lawton Chiles Foundation United Way of Central Florida Local Planning Team Whole Child Advisor	April 2010	December 2010

## **VII. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

*Plans for monitoring progress and for determining the results of the prevention efforts.*

### **VII.A. MONITORING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Partners who are tasked with implementation efforts will complete their sections of the monitoring report template and discuss their progress with the entire planning team quarterly at the Local Planning Team meetings. The conversations will serve to guide decisions about process implementation and performance. The information will be rolled up into an annual report to be submitted to the Circuit 10 Children's Cabinet and the Executive Office of the Governor.

### **VII. B ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING**

The Local Planning Team will be a part of the quarterly discussions regarding each area of focus within the five-year plan. These discussions will be rolled up and incorporated into the annual progress report. The quarterly discussions will rotate each month so that the LPT will incorporate a discussion and review of each section of the 5-year plan at each monthly meeting.

## **VIII. BARRIERS**

*A description of barriers to the accomplishment of a comprehensive approach to the prevention of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect. §39.001(8)(b)6.i*

The process to analyze maltreatment data is restricted by what is recorded in FSFN. When attempting to get an accurate picture of the demographics of perpetrators and victims to assess for any disproportions compared to the general population, only using three race categories is insufficient. Also, since general population numbers were not provided, use of census data became difficult due to the difference in how race/ethnicity is broken down by the census in comparison to FSFN.

The program inventory data provided has served as a great starting point to assess service availability within our Circuit. Since it was received late in the planning process, however, it limited the circuit's ability to provide a true and accurate plan of service needs. The data will be incorporated locally into the Whole Child database from this point forward. Updates to service needs will be evaluated through the Whole Child Initiative for our Circuit, so that a more accurate picture will develop over time.

## **IX. RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Recommendations for changes that can be accomplished only at the state program level or by legislative action. §39.001(8)(b)6.j*

It is recommended that the state look at opportunities to streamline the race/ethnicity fields in FSFN to be better in line with census data or provide the population data according to the same specifications that will allow for a more accurate analysis.

## **PART 3 – PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF ADOPTION**

### **I. STATUS OF ADOPTION PROMOTION**

*Status of adoption (including information concerning the number of children within the child welfare system available for adoption who need child-specific adoption promotion efforts) §39.001(8)(b)6.c*

***From the Data System – Federal Measures*** *Note: These are county level data that cannot be rolled up to circuit level data.*

1. Of the children adopted during the period July 2008 through June 2009, the percent who were adopted within 24 months of entering out of home care
2. Median length of stay for children whose adoptions were finalized – total, by relatives, by foster parents and by recruited parents
3. Percent of foster children in care 17+ months who were adopted by the end of the period
4. Percent of children in foster care 17+ months who became legally free for adoption within six months
5. Of the children legally free for adoption on 1 July 2008, the percent adopted by 30 June 2009

#### **Various Federal Performance Measures Related to Adoption**

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Circuit	Measure	Of children adopted, percentage adopted in less than 24 months	Median length of stay for children adopted.	Of children in out-of-home care for 17+ months on July 1st, percent adopted by June 30th	Of children in out-of-home care 17+ months on July 1st/January 1st, percent who became legally free for adoption by December 31st/June 30th	Of children legally free for adoption on July 1st, percent adopted by June 30th
	County	Pct.	Months	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
10	Hardee	50.00%	21.2	15.38%	14.29%	100.00%
10	Highlands	71.43%	19.6	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10	Polk	41.95%	26.9	38.44%	18.04%	59.47%
	Statewide	40.99%	26.8	30.99%	14.08%	47.47%

Source: Data Reporting Summary Report FY 0809 YTD

In 2008 numerous adoptive cases were transferred from Hardee and Highlands Counties to Polk County, which is reflected in the skewed percentages.

#### ***From the Data System – Other Measures***

6. Number of adoptions finalized SFY 2008-2009

**Count of Adoptions by County of Worker for FY 08/09**

Circuit	County	Adoptions
10	Hardee	6
10	Highlands	7
10	Polk	182
	Statewide	3777

County is based on the county of the Courtesy Worker assigned to the child at the time of the adoption finalization. If not Courtesy Worker assigned, county is based on county of Primary Worker assigned to the case at time of adoption finalization.

Note that the distribution of adoptions by county may vary slightly from the data in the "Adopted By" tab due to different report run dates.

In 2008 numerous adoptive cases were transferred from Hardee and Highlands Counties to Polk County, which is reflected in the skewed percentages.

7. Percent of children adopted – by relatives, by foster parents and by recruited parents.

Children Adopted in FY 2008-2009 by County of Courtesy, then Primary Worker from Florida Safe Families Network  
Report Children Adopted by Month and Cumulative FY-List Report

Circuit	County	Foster Parents	Relatives	Recruited Parents
10	Hardee	33%	50%	17%
10	Highlands	14%	43%	43%
10	Polk	27%	37%	36%
	Circuit	27 %	38%	35%

County is based on the county of the Courtesy Worker assigned to the child at the time of the adoption finalization. If no Courtesy Worker assigned, county is based on county of Primary Worker assigned to the case at time of adoption finalization.

Note that the distribution of adoptions by county may vary slightly from the data in the "Adopted By" tab due to different report run dates.

Relatives accounted for the majority of finalized adoptions, followed by recruited parents and then licensed foster parents.

8. Number of children in out of home care for 12 months or more on 30 June 2009

**Children in Out-of-Home Care Greater Than 12 Months on June 30, 2009**

Circuit	County	Count
10	Hardee	23
10	Highlands	37
10	Polk	389
	Statewide	9652

County is based on the county of the primary worker assigned to the child on June 30, 2009

In 2008 numerous adoptive cases were transferred from Hardee and Highlands Counties to Polk County, which is reflected in high number of children in Polk County.

9. Of the children legally free for adoption on 30 June 2009, the length of time since becoming legally free for adoption [\*\*\*State Plan Goal 2\*\*\*]

**Count of Children With Both Parents Rights Terminated by Length of Termination of Parental Rights as of June 30, 2009**

Circuit	County	<12 Months	12 Months to <24 Months	24 Months to < 36 Months	36 Months or More
10	Hardee				
10	Highlands	2		2	
10	Polk	13	32	20	71
	Statewide	202	631	604	1,426

County is based on the county of the primary worker assigned to the child on June 30, 2009

**In 2008 many adoptive cases were transferred from Hardee and Highlands Counties to Polk County, which is reflected in the high numbers of children listed in Polk County.**

10. Time to finalization (median months) from removal to termination of parental rights and termination of parental rights to finalization – total, by relatives, by foster parents, and by recruited parents

Removal to termination of parental rights:

Circuit	Foster Parents	Relatives	Recruited Parents	Total
10	35.72	18.75	19.81	23.12

Termination of parental rights to Finalization:

Circuit	Foster Parents	Relatives	Recruited Parents	Total
10	9.65	8.89	9.34	9.23

The data shows that relative placements result in quicker permanency. Children in foster care have the longest amount of time from removal to termination of parental rights and from termination of parental rights to finalization.

11. Number of children with a goal of another planned permanent living arrangement as of 30 June 2009

Count of Children with a Permanency Goal of Another Planned Living Arrangement on June 30, 2009

Circuit	County	Count
10	Hardee	1
10	Highlands	10
10	Polk	87
	Circuit	98

County is based on the county of the primary worker assigned to the child on June 30, 2009.

**12. The length of time between becoming legally free for adoption and adoption finalization for children adopted during SFY 2008-2009**

*[\*\*\*State Plan Goal 1\*\*\*]*

**Count of Children Adopted in FY 2008-09 By Length of Time of TPR**

Circuit	County	<12 Months	12 Months to <24 Months	24 Months to < 36 Months	36 Months to < 48 Months	48 Months or More	Unknown
10	Hardee	6					
10	Highlands		1	1			
10	Polk	140	30	8		4	
	Statewide	2507	854	239	60	97	20

County is based on the county of the Courtesy Worker assigned to the child at the time of the adoption finalization. If not Courtesy Worker assigned, county is based on county of Primary Worker assigned to the case at time of adoption finalization.

The majority of adoption finalizations occur within 12 months of becoming legally free for adoption (date of Termination of Parental Rights). Due to appeals being filed, some children were unable to achieve permanency within the 12 month period.

***From the Adoption Exchange System (800-96-ADOPT)***

**13. Number of children in out of home care available for adoption who need child-specific adoption promotion efforts as of 30 June 2009**

Hardee: 2  
Highlands: 6  
Polk: 53  
Total: 61

Many adoption cases were transferred from Hardee and Highlands Counties to Polk County, leaving Polk County with a high number of children needing specific adoption promotion efforts.

**14. Number of sibling groups in out of home care available for adoption who need child-specific adoption promotion efforts as of 30 June 2009**

Hardee: 1  
Highlands: 1  
Polk: 9  
Total: 11

Many adoption cases were transferred from Hardee and Highlands Counties to Polk County, leaving Polk County with a high number of sibling groups needing specific adoption promotion efforts.

**15. Time (in months) children have been waiting for adoption by age ranges and by race**



Age Ranges by County:

	<12 months	12 Months to <24 Months	24 Months to <36 Months	36 Months to <48 Months	48 Months or More	Total
0-3	8	0	0	0	0	8
4-7	7	3	1	0	0	11
8-12	13	5	0	0	5	23
13-17	7	1	1	1	9	19
Total	35	9	2	1	14	61

Race	<12 months	12 Months to <24 Months	24 Months to <36 Months	36 Months to <48 Months	48 Months or More	Total
BL	13	6	0	0	7	26
WH	21	3	2	1	6	33
OT	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	35	9	2	1	14	61

Age Ranges by County:

	0-3	4-7	8-12	13-17	Total
Hardee	0	0	1	1	2
Highlands	0	2	3	1	6
Polk	4	5	16	28	53
Circuit 10	4	7	20	30	61

Race by County:

	Black/African American	White	Other
Hardee	0	2	0
Highlands	4	2	0
Polk	23	29	1
Total	27	33	1

After a review of the local data, the Heartland for Children adoptions unit discussed issues relating to the timeliness of adoptions. Of particular concern are the length of stay and the number of children available for adoption for a period of 12 months or greater. Heartland for Children determined that these issues can best be resolved by reviewing the five most difficult cases with each Case Management Organization and by conducting Termination of Parental Rights consultations with Children's Legal Services to ensure adoption is the most appropriate and least restrictive goal. Barriers will be discussed with each Case Management Organization and during the weekly performance improvement call, an activity currently in place.

In addition, Heartland for Children has recently partnered with One Church One Child to develop strategies in recruiting from the faith-based community. And finally, Heartland for Children has

expanded our Adoption Gallery, which is called the Adoption Gallery of Central Florida, broadening our recruitment base. Through this effort we have also made significant investment in recruitment tools such as videographies, a medium in which these children can personally relay who they are, what their interests are, etc. This is especially effective for our older youth, as almost 50% of our youth available for adoption are 13 years of age and older. We believe that our children can be the best recruiters!

## **II. CONTINUUM OF ADOPTION PROMOTION PROGRAMS**

*A continuum of programs necessary for a comprehensive approach to promotion of adoption (including brief descriptions of such programs and services) §39.001(8)(b)6.f*

**Note:** *The content of this section may be copied in whole and placed within the plan.*

**Adoption awareness efforts** – Web-based, television, newspaper, magazine and radio public service announcements that provide a backdrop for general community awareness about the children in foster care who need adoptive families. The *Explore Adoption* campaign is pre-packaged and ready to be customized and used.

**Targeted recruitment efforts** – Focusing on specific groups of children and teens needing homes and identifying and targeting those communities most likely to adopt these children. Descriptions of common special needs of available children will lead to target populations that should be recruited; community and faith-based initiatives; incentive programs for foster and adoptive families to recruit others from their communities; advertisements, posters or flyers at places where foster and adoptive parents typically shop or visit; Web sites such as *Explore Adoption*; etc. The *Explore Adoption* campaign is pre-packaged and ready to be used.

**Child-specific recruitment efforts** – Locating and matching an identified waiting child with an approved adoptive family; media or materials describing and recruiting parents for an individual child; statewide and national adoption Web sites (e.g., *Explore Adoption*, Adoption Information Center, etc.); statewide and local heart galleries; radio, newspaper or television features; “passports” or brochures featuring the child’s strengths and needs; etc.

**Orientation for prospective adoptive parents** – Meetings for staff to explain the adoption process and requirements for becoming an adoptive family; follow-up literature and guides; etc.

**Assistance (navigating the system) for prospective adoptive parents** – Consistent contact with prospective families, helpdesk for prospective families, guidebooks, brochures or paperwork that explains the process and steps that must be completed to become an approved adoptive parent, etc. *Explore Adoption* Web site has a FAQ page that would assist with this.

**Pre-adoption training for prospective parents** – Adoptive parent training (e.g., Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting) and family self-assessment to determine if adoption is a feasible plan for prospective adoptive family, adoption specific training after completion of the MAPP class, etc.

**Pre-adoption information for “waiting” parents** (i.e., family approved for adoption) – Referrals to local adoptive parent support groups; consultation, brochures or paperwork explaining the process and steps that must be completed once a child is identified as a possible match for approved adoptive families; adoption-specific training after receiving approval to adopt; etc.

**Placement case management for “pre-adoptive” parents** – Match staffing, placement supervision, child history disclosure, anticipated child-specific services and training needs, etc.

### **III. PROGRAMS CURRENTLY PROMOTING ADOPTION**

*Description of programs currently promoting adoption (including information on the impact, cost-effectiveness, and sources of funding) §39.001(8)(b)6.d*

Please see Attachment 3 for a detailed catalogue of services provided in Circuit 10.

Heartland for Children uses the following methods to promote adoption in our circuit:

Program:	<b>Heart Gallery of Central Florida (5 gallery displays and website)</b>
Target Audience:	Responsible adults over the age of 18 who can consistently demonstrate a positive pattern of behavior.
Counties Served:	Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties
Frequency:	The website will be available at all times and the gallery displays will be set up in venues throughout all 3 counties for 4-8 week time periods. We will also display's set up at various community events.
Number of Families:	Unlimited potential in the number of families we can target.
Impact Data:	This data is not currently available; however we expect it to increase the interest of adoption in our communities.
Cost Effectiveness:	To be determined at end of each fiscal year.
Sources of Funding:	These projects are funded by Heartland for Children and the State of Florida Department of Children and Families
Type of Strategy:	Increasing awareness of our need for local, racially diverse adoptive families.
Program:	<b>MAPP (Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting) Training</b>
Target Audience:	Responsible adults over the age of 18 who can consistently demonstrate a positive pattern of behavior.
Counties Served:	Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties
Frequency:	These classes are offered on a quarterly basis, however will increase frequency as the need arises.
Number of Families:	On an average, we serve approximately 20-25 families per class.
Impact Data:	This data is not currently available; however we anticipate matching approximately 50 % of our families who successfully complete the course.
Cost Effectiveness:	The course is free to the participants; however the agency is providing a facilitator and co-facilitator.
Sources of Funding:	These courses are provided by Heartland for Children.
Type of Strategy:	Increase number of families interested in the adoption of older children, sibling groups, children with medical challenges.
Program:	<b>Adoption Specific Community Outreach</b>
Target Audience:	Responsible adults over the age of 18 who can consistently demonstrate a positive pattern of behavior.
Counties Served:	Polk, Hardee, Highlands counties
Frequency:	Community outreach is done on a bi-monthly basis and adoption specific events are currently held on a semi-annual basis.
Number of Families:	This data is not currently available.
Impact Data:	This data is not currently available, however we are hoping to reach numerous families in our community.

Cost Effectiveness:	Not available
Sources of Funding:	These projects and activities are funded by Heartland for Children.
Type of Strategy:	Increase number of families interested in the adoption of older children, sibling groups, children with medical challenges.

\*Other community partners that provide the Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting classes in our area are Florida Baptist Children's Home in Polk County.

\*Neighboring counties: Orange, Osceola, and Hillsborough also offer Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting Training to families that may border on county lines

#### **IV. PLAN PRIORITIES**

*A description, documentation, and priority ranking of local needs related to the promotion of adoption based upon the continuum of programs (see Part 3-II) and services (see Part 3-III). §39.001(8)(b)6.g*

#### **Priority Ranking of County-Level Needs Related to the Promotion of Adoption for Children in Need of Adoptive Families**

**County: Hardee**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>County-Level Need with Description</b>	<b>Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Adoption Awareness</li><li>○ Targeted Recruitment</li><li>○ Child-Specific Recruitment</li><li>○ Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li><li>○ Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li><li>○ Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li><li>○ Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents</li><li>○ Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents</li></ul>
1	To increase the number of prospective adoptive families.	Adoption Awareness Targeted Recruitment Child-Specific Recruitment Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents
2	Reduce the wait time for children and/or sibling groups to get adopted. Reduce the rate of children in their teens that have been waiting for identified adoptive families for more than 12 months.	Adoption Awareness Targeted Recruitment Child-Specific Recruitment Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents

### County: Highlands

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption Awareness</li> <li>Targeted Recruitment</li> <li>Child-Specific Recruitment</li> <li>Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li> <li>Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li> <li>Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li> <li>Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents</li> <li>Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents</li> </ul>
1	To increase the number of prospective adoptive families.	Adoption Awareness Targeted Recruitment Child-Specific Recruitment Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents
2	Reduce the wait time for children and/or sibling groups to get adopted. Reduce the rate of children in their teens that have been waiting for identified adoptive families for more than 12 months.	Adoption Awareness Targeted Recruitment Child-Specific Recruitment Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents

### County: Polk

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption Awareness</li> <li>Targeted Recruitment</li> <li>Child-Specific Recruitment</li> <li>Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li> <li>Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li> <li>Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li> <li>Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents</li> <li>Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents</li> </ul>
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## **V. PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF ADOPTION**

### ***Vision***

Florida's highest priority is that children are raised in healthy, safe, stable, and nurturing families.

### ***Mission***

To serve as a blueprint that will be implemented to provide for the care, safety, and protection of all of Florida's children in an environment that fosters healthy social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development.

### ***Outcome***

All families and communities ensure that children are safe and nurtured and live in stable environments that promote well-being.

### ***Goal 1***

The percent of children adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free for adoption will increase from the fiscal year 2008-09 rate of 53.16 percent to 60 percent or higher by 30 June 2015.

### ***Goal 2***

The percent of children legally free for adoption who have been waiting for adoption since the date of termination of parental rights ( ) for more than 12 months will be reduced from the June 2009 rate of 89.29 percent to less than 75 percent by 30 June 2015.

***Note: Per data received as of June 30, 2009, Circuit 10 had 140 children available for adoption. 125 of those children had both parents rights terminated 12 months or more. 15 children had Termination of Parental Rights of less than 12 months.***



**Strategy 1**

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 10 will use Faith Based Community Partners to help promote Adoption Awareness Opportunities.

<b>Priority Level:</b>	<b>Priority Need:</b>
#1 for Circuit	To increase the number of prospective adoptive families.
<b>Types of Approaches Warranted:</b>	<b>Types of Approaches Warranted (continued):</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption Awareness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Targeted Recruitment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child-specific Recruitment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents

**Objectives**

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<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Work in partnership with our tri-county area faith-based groups that would embrace adoption promotion as a priority.	15 new faith-based organizations will be identified by the end of fiscal year 2014-2015.	Adoption Specialist	Local Churches Ministerial Alliance Florida Baptist Children’s Home	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
Provide training and resources to our faith based communities to bring more awareness of the needs of our children.	At least 30 faith-based organization will be contacted by the end of fiscal year 2014-2015.	Adoption Specialist	Local Churches Ministerial Alliance	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
Survey our communities including faith-based communities on a quarterly basis regarding adoption inquiries.	Receive responses from at least 25% of the surveys.	Adoption Specialist	Local Churches Ministerial Alliance	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015

**Strategy 2**

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 10 will use the local Heart Gallery as a component for targeted recruitment strategies.

<b>Priority Level:</b>  #2 for Circuit	<b>Priority Need:</b>  Reduce the wait time for sibling groups to get adopted. Reduce the rate of children in their teens who have been waiting for identified adoptive families for more than 12 months.
<b>Types of Approaches Warranted:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption Awareness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Targeted Recruitment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child-specific Recruitment <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents	<b>Types of Approaches Warranted (continued):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents

**Objectives**

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<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Establish community partners in the tri-county area that will commit to hosting and displaying the adoption gallery at designated sites.	4 community partners display Gallery in all counties on a rotating basis by the end of fiscal year 2014-2015.	Adoption Specialist	Local TV station Local radio station Local newspaper CBC Adoption Specialist Churches Schools Chambers of Commerce	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015

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Objective 2.1 30 percent of all inquiries about public adoption in fiscal year 2014 – 2015 are a result of the Adoption Gallery.

<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Secure videographer and photographer to develop Heart Gallery.	Venues will be scheduled to accommodate various community sites.	Adoption Specialist	Libraries Community Centers YMCA Doctors' offices School Board	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
Display the Heart Gallery throughout the Circuit in various venues and community functions. Smaller displays will be during an event and the larger displays will be up for 6 to 8 weeks.	Track the inquiries that come from the Heart Gallery.	Adoption Specialist	Community Partners Local Churches Local Businesses Ministerial Alliance	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015

## **VI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

### **VI.A. MONITORING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Partners who are tasked with implementation efforts will complete their sections of the monitoring report template and discuss their progress with the entire planning team quarterly at the Local Planning Team meetings. The conversations will serve to guide decisions about process implementation and performance. The information will be rolled up into an annual report to be submitted to the Circuit 10 Children's Cabinet and the Executive Office of the Governor.

### **VI. B ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING**

The Local Planning Team will be a part of the quarterly discussions regarding each area of focus within the five-year plan. These discussions will be rolled up and incorporated into the annual progress report. The quarterly discussions will rotate each month so that the LPT will incorporate a discussion and review of each section of the 5-year plan at each monthly meeting.

## **VII. BARRIERS**

*A description of barriers to the accomplishment of a comprehensive approach to the promotion of adoption. §39.001(8)(b)6.i*

With the increased emphasis on Independent Living, there has been an increase in the number of teens not wanting to be adopted. We are also seeing that due to the cash incentive/benefit to delay adoption past the child's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, there are more children being adopted past their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Most of the adoption finalizations for Highlands and Hardee Counties were actually occurring in Polk County, which contributes to skewed data.

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Recommendations for changes that can be accomplished only at the state program level or by legislative action. §39.001(8)(b)6.j*

It is recommended that a state-level analysis occurs surrounding the current Independent Living practices and incentives as compared to the state-level adoption initiatives to determine more cohesive strategies to accomplish these multiple goals.

## **Part 4 – PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES**

### **I. STATUS OF SUPPORT OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES**

- 1. Number of adoptions that were dissolved and the reasons for the dissolutions based on those adopted children returning to foster care during the year.**

**Polk:** 4 children returned to care after a finalized adoption; adoptive parents could not handle aggressive, ungovernable behaviors and some sexual acting out.

**Hardee:** 0

**Highlands:** 0

- 2. Quantity and quality of adoptive parent support groups**

We have two adoptive support groups which meet monthly. One support group is led by an adoption competent mental health professional who provides information on therapy and behavior issues. The second support group provides monthly training and brings in guest speakers who specialize in foster and adoption issues relating to children and families.

- 3. Quantity and accessibility of adoption competent mental health professionals.**

Heartland for Children uses two adoption competent mental health professionals. These professionals have recently become certified competent in adoption. These professionals provide services to families when they have primarily exhausted community providers who are unable to meet the needs of the children.

- 4. Educational opportunities available for adoptive parents.**

Adoptive families are invited to attend annual seminars and monthly support groups which provide educational sessions.

- 5. Quantity, name, title and contact information of post adoption services counselors who provide information and referral, temporary case management for emotional support and educational advocacy.**

Heartland for Children has one Post Adoption Specialist who provides information and referral, temporary case management for emotional support, and educational advocacy:

Kim Corpus, Permanency Specialist – Adoptions  
P.O. Box 1017  
1239 E. Main St.  
Bartow, FL 33830  
(863) 519-8900

After careful review and analysis of the data, the Heartland for Children adoptions unit discussed issues relating to the support of adoptive families. Of particular concern are the quantity and accessibility of adoption competent mental health professionals. Heartland for Children currently has two adoption competent mental health professionals who will become certified during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Both professionals are located in Polk County. Heartland for Children will be expanding the adoption competency certification program to include mental health professionals from Highlands and Hardee Counties and increasing the number of adoption competent professionals in Polk County. The Heartland for Children adoptions unit agreed that adoptive parents also need additional training to help manage the behavior and mental health of their adopted children. Heartland for Children will implement a survey to determine the needs of the adoptive families. Heartland for Children will promote and provide additional training opportunities in Hardee, Highlands, and Polk Counties.

## **II. CONTINUUM OF ADOPTION SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

*Description of a comprehensive approach for providing post-adoption services (including information on sufficient and accessible parent and teen support groups; case management, information, and referral services; and educational advocacy) §39.001(8)(b)6.e*

**Adoptive parent and teen support groups** – Small group opportunities for parents and teens that are accessible; configured and meeting as often as appropriate for the languages, cultures and needs of the participants in your communities; provision of support from umbrella organizations and qualified facilitators where appropriate (e.g., teen support groups); etc.

**Education and training opportunities for adoptive parents** – Education and training related to adoption issues, with an emphasis on strategies for handling loss, grief, relationship building, and “acting out” behaviors; skill-building to equip adoptive parents with the skills needed to meet the specific and developing needs of children (e.g., fetal alcohol, substance abuse, autism, etc.); providing adoption resource centers, lending libraries, newsletters, annual adoption conferences, and ongoing training and workshops for parents; etc.

**Adoption competent education and mental health assistance services for adoptive families** – Those providing education and therapeutic services have the basic knowledge and skills to effectively work with adoptive families and to empower adoptive parents and families to provide the environment necessary for ameliorating the effects of trauma (e.g., build relationships, improve relationships, develop nurturing and attachment, etc.); campaigns to recruit professionals to seek adoption competency; etc.

**Case management services for adoptive parents and children** – An intake process for families to return for needed services; designated case manager to respond to adopted children and families post-legal finalization; system to notify families of continued training, adoption workshops, and support group meetings, and resource guide that includes adoption-support information and service providers; etc.

### III. PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SUPPORTING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

*Description of programs currently supporting adoptive families (including information on the impact, cost-effectiveness, and sources of funding) §39.001(8)(b)6.d*

Please see Attachment 3 for a detailed catalogue of services provided in Circuit 10.

Heartland for Children works with the following agencies to provide support to adoptive families:

Program:	<b>University of Florida/Heartland for Children Behavior Analysis Services</b>
Target Audience:	Adoptive families who need help managing behaviors of adopted children
Counties Served:	Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties
Frequency:	This program is available at all times; however, there are times when families must be put on a waiting list due to a high volume of families utilizing the service
Number of Families:	This data is not currently available; however, the program is at full capacity
Impact Data:	This data is not currently available; however, many families who have used the service have reported excellent results
Cost Effectiveness:	Not available
Sources of Funding:	Heartland for Children funds this service
Protective Factors:	Families learn to use positive reinforcement and positive discipline, thus reducing violence in the home
Type of Strategy:	Teaching parents to use positive discipline to achieve desired behaviors

Program:	<b>Adoption Competent Mental Health Counseling Services, using Marlynn Salzman and/or Elizabeth Craig</b>
Target Audience:	Adoptive families who need help managing behaviors of adopted children
Counties Served:	Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties
Frequency:	This program is available at all times; however, clients are asked to first use community providers before accessing the private providers.
Number of Families:	This data is not currently available
Impact Data:	This data is not currently available; however, many families who have used the service have reported excellent results
Cost Effectiveness:	Not available
Sources of Funding:	Heartland for Children funds this service
Protective Factors:	Families learn to use positive reinforcement and positive discipline, thus reducing violence in the home
Type of Strategy:	Teaching parents about how abuse impacts children and giving those parents ways to manage the behaviors

Program:	<b>Adoption Support Group meeting with Marlynn Salzman and/or the Foster/Adoption Support Group</b>
Target Audience:	Adoptive families who need help managing behaviors of adopted children



Counties Served: Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties  
Frequency: This program is available at all times on a monthly basis  
Number of Families: This data is not currently available  
Impact Data: This data is not currently available; however, many families who have used the service have reported excellent results  
Cost Effectiveness: Not available  
Sources of Funding: Heartland for Children funds this service  
Protective Factors: Families gain support from other adoptive families  
Type of Strategy: Teaching parents about how abuse impacts children and giving those parents ways to manage the behaviors

Program: **Community Solutions: Multi-systemic Therapy**  
Target Audience: Adoptive families who need help managing behaviors of adopted children  
Counties Served: Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties  
Frequency: This program is available at all times; however, only a limited number of cases can be open at one time – others will be put on a waiting list  
Number of Families: This has been recently implemented. Currently have five families being referred for this service.  
Impact Data: This data is not currently available  
Cost Effectiveness: Not available  
Sources of Funding: Heartland for Children funds this service  
Protective Factors: Family-based treatment to address the known determinants of serious anti-social behaviors in adolescents with their families  
Type of Strategy: Teaching parents about how abuse impacts children and giving those parents ways to manage the behaviors

#### IV. PLAN PRIORITIES

*A description, documentation, and priority ranking of local needs related to the support of adoptive families based upon the comprehensive approach (see Part 4-II) and services (see Part 4-III). §39.001(8)(b)6.g*

#### Priority Ranking of County-Level Needs Related to the Support of Adoptive Families

##### County: Hardee

Priority		<b>Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support Groups</li> <li>○ Education and Training</li> <li>○ Adoption Competent Services</li> <li>○ Case Management Services</li> </ul>	<b>Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>○ Social Connections</li> <li>○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>○ Concrete Support in Times of Need</li> <li>○ Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>
#1	Increase the number of adoptive parents who have received training and education so that they can better manage behavioral and/or mental health issues. Encourage families to become involved in local support groups which offer additional training: Many families participate with the Polk County group; however, additional groups will be explored.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Support Groups</li> <li>✓ Education and Training</li> <li>✓ Adoption Competent Services</li> <li>✓ Case Management Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>✓ Social Connections</li> <li>✓ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>✓ Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>
#2	Increase the number of adoption competent mental health professionals to meet the mental health needs of the children and help them transition into a permanent adoptive home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Support Groups</li> <li>✓ Education and Training</li> <li>✓ Adoption Competent Services</li> <li>✓ Case Management Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>✓ Social Connections</li> <li>✓ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>✓ Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>

##### County: Highlands

Priority		<b>Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support Groups</li> <li>○ Education and Training</li> <li>○ Adoption Competent Services</li> <li>○ Case Management Services</li> </ul>	<b>Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>○ Social Connections</li> <li>○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>○ Concrete Support in Times of Need</li> <li>○ Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>
#1	Increase the number of adoptive parents who have received training and education so that they can better manage behavioral and/or mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Support Groups</li> <li>✓ Education and Training</li> <li>✓ Adoption Competent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>✓ Social Connections</li> <li>✓ Knowledge of Parenting and Child</li> </ul>

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**County: Polk**

Priority		<b>Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support Groups</li> <li>○ Education and Training</li> <li>○ Adoption Competent Services</li> <li>○ Case Management Services</li> </ul>	<b>Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>○ Social Connections</li> <li>○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>○ Concrete Support in Times of Need</li> <li>○ Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>
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### ***Outcome***

All families and communities ensure that children are safe and nurtured and live in stable environments that promote well-being.

### ***Goal 1***

The number of adopted children who were returned to foster care (regardless of when the adoption was finalized) in the circuit will be reduced from 4 during the 2008-2009 fiscal year to less than 3 during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

### ***Strategy 1***

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 10 will increase the number of adoptive parents who have received training and education so that they can better manage behavioral and/or mental health issues. Circuit 10 will increase the number of adoption competent mental health providers and the opportunities for families to receive services through adoption competent providers.

<b>Priority Level:</b> #1 – Entire Circuit	<b>Priority Need:</b> Increase the number of adoptive families who have received training in behavioral and/or mental health care and who access local support groups for trainings and support.
<b>Protective Factors to be Built by the Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental emotional resilience</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social connections</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of parenting and child development</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete support in times of need</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nurturing and attachment</li> </ul>	<b>Types of Approaches Warranted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoptive parent and teen support groups</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education and training opportunities for adoptive parents</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption competent mental health assistance services for parents and children</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case management services for adoptive parents and children</li> </ul>

### **Objectives**

Objective 1.1 Increase the promotion of training and educational opportunities

Objective 1.2 Increase the number and type of trainings available to adoptive families

<b>Objective:</b> 1.1 Increase the promotion of training and educational opportunities					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Provide promotional handouts to participants of adoptive MAPP classes	Monitor number of adoptive families who attend trainings	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Specialist Behavior Analyst Adoption Competent Providers Support Group members	3/1/2010	6/30/2015
Provide a quarterly newsletter for adoptive parents listing educational opportunities	Monitor number of adoptive families who attend trainings	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager, Adoption Specialist	6/1/2010	6/30/2015
Work in partnership with support groups, adoption competent mental health professionals and community providers	Bi-Annual meetings will be held with community partners to have dialogue regarding the needs of the children and family and implement services. Progress of services and recommendations will be monitored on a quarterly basis	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager Adoption Specialist Behavior Analyst Adoption Competent Providers Support Group members	6/1/2010	6/30/2015

<b>Objective:</b> 1.2 Increase the number and type of trainings available to adoptive families					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Develop a survey to assess needs	Evaluate number of responses	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager	3/1/2010	6/30/2015
Partner with other agencies to develop and present requested educational sessions	Increased number of training opportunities	Permanency Specialist - Adoptions	Adoption Manager, Adoption Specialist, Training Coordinator, Winter Haven Hospital, Peace River Center, Other Mental Health Providers	7/1/2010	6/30/2015
Community providers, support groups, adoption competent mental health professional, behavior analyst, and contracted providers will provide in-home and hands-on training	Assess the referrals and monitor progress	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager, Adoption Specialist Winter Haven Hospital, Peace River Center, Adoption Competent Mental Health Providers, Support Group members	6/1/2010	6/30/2015

<b>Priority Level:</b> #2 – Entire Circuit	<b>Priority Need:</b> Increase the number of adoption competent mental health providers and opportunities for adoptive families to receive services with adoption competent providers.	
<b>Protective Factors to be Built by the Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental emotional resilience</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social connections</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of parenting and child development</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete support in times of need</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nurturing and attachment</li> </ul>		<b>Types of Approaches Warranted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education and training opportunities</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption competent mental health assistance services for parents and children</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case management services for adoptive parents and children</li> </ul>

### **Objectives**

Objective 1.1 Increase the number of adoption competent trainings offered to mental health providers

Objective 1.2 Increase the awareness of these services

<b>Objective:</b> 1.1 Increase the promotion of training and educational opportunities					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Work with adoption competent trainer to set up trainings	Monitor number of adoptive families who need these services	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Specialist Marlynn Salzman, Trainer	3/1/2010	6/30/2015
Provide information to local mental health providers	Monitor number of professionals who would like to become certified	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager, Adoption Specialist Marlynn Salzman, Trainer Winter Haven Hospital Peace River Center	6/1/2010	6/30/2015
Work in partnership with local agencies to provide training and certify staff	Monitor number of professionals who have become certified	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager Adoption Specialist Marlynn Salzman, Trainer Winter Haven Hospital Peace River Center	6/1/2010	6/30/2015

<b>Objective:</b> 1.2 Increase the awareness of these services					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Provide information during adoptive MAPP classes	Evaluate number of responses	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager Adoption Specialist	3/1/2010	6/30/2015
Partner with other agencies to develop and present requested educational sessions	Increased number of training opportunities	Permanency Specialist - Adoptions	Adoption Manager, Adoption Specialist, Training Coordinator, Winter Haven Hospital, Peace River Center Marlynn Salzman	7/1/2010	6/30/2015
Community providers, support groups, adoption competent mental health professional, behavior analyst, and contracted providers will offer services with adoption competent providers	Assess the referrals and monitor progress	Permanency Specialist – Adoptions	Adoption Manager, Adoption Specialist, Winter Haven Hospital, Peace River Center, Marlynn Salzman	6/1/2010	6/30/2015

## **VI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

### **VI.A. MONITORING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Partners who are tasked with implementation efforts will complete their sections of the monitoring report template and discuss their progress with the entire planning team quarterly at the Local Planning Team meetings. The conversations will serve to guide decisions about process implementation and performance. The information will be rolled up into an annual report to be submitted to the Circuit 10 Children's Cabinet and the Executive Office of the Governor.

### **VI. B ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING**

The Local Planning Team will be a part of the quarterly discussions regarding each area of focus within the five-year plan. These discussions will be rolled up and incorporated into the annual progress report. The quarterly discussions will rotate each month so that the LPT will incorporate a discussion and review of each section of the 5-year plan at each monthly meeting.

## **VII. BARRIERS**

*A description of barriers to the accomplishment of a comprehensive approach to the support of adoptive families. §39.001(8)(b)6.i*

The quantity and accessibility of adoption competent mental health professionals in our circuit is limited.

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Recommendations for changes that can be accomplished only at the state program level or by legislative action. §39.001(8)(b)6.j*

It is recommended that the Appeal process becomes more of a priority to achieve permanency more timely. Also, recommended that subsidy continues for children who are 18 and are full-time high school students for at least 1 year to meet educational goals and to be more supportive of the family.

## **PART 5 – ATTACHMENTS**

1. Local planning team membership and participation roster.
2. Local planning team schedule of meetings for 2009
3. Sweat Monkey Data for 5Yr Prevention Plan (program survey inventory)



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**Attachment 2**

<b>2009 - 2010 Circuit 10 LPT Meetings</b>
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**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Friday, January 30, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Friday, February 27, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Friday, March 27, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Friday, May 22, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, June 23, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, July 28, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1000 S. Highlands Ave, Sebring, FL  
Tuesday, September 22, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, December 1, 2009  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, January 7, 2010  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, February 23, 2010  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, March 23, 2010  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
9:30 a.m.**

**Circuit 10 Local Planning Team Meeting  
Department of Children and Families  
1055 US Hwy 17 N, Bartow, FL  
Tuesday, June 25, 2010  
9:30 a.m.**



## ATTACHMENT 3

### Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

#### Primary Prevention - Adult Education

**Organization:** Agency for Persons with Disabilities

**Program/Service:** Supported Employment

**Description:** Through contracts with enrolled providers, individuals may receive supported employment services. This service provides assistance in locating employment, assistance with the interview and hiring process and on the job training until stabilization.

**Availability:** Individualized to person's needs as determined medically necessary

**Impact Information:** Individuals who are successful in supported employment arrangements have consistently higher numbers of personal outcomes than individuals in more segregated settings. By being successful in employment, individuals are able to become more independent and establish strong friendships and positive relationships in the workplace setting.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Individuals seeking employment services have the job development, job placement and job stabilization services paid through vocational rehabilitation. The APD pays for phase 2 or follow-along services. These services require minimal support to the person, fade over time as the individual is able to perform more job duties. This intermittent service is more cost efficient.

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** In order for APD to fund the employment services, the individuals must have either graduated from school with a regular diploma or have graduated with a special diploma at the age of 22. In order to be funded, the individual must have a desire to work.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF

**Program/Service:** Consultation

**Description:** Provide customized intervention planning and education for families having a child diagnosed with autism or a related disability. Provide technical assistance to agencies, schools and businesses serving individuals with autism and related disabilities.

**Availability:** As determined by the team

**Impact Information:** 205 trainings for over 5,000 individuals and 40 public awareness events reaching an audience of 20,000

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Our services are at no cost to families or professionals

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Any age person diagnosed with autism or related disability

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Healthy Start Services, which may include breastfeeding, parenting and/or childbirth classes

**Description:**The Healthy Start program services include risk assessment, nutrition counseling, care coordination, breastfeeding education and support, tobacco cessation counseling, assessment of service needs, interconceptional education and counseling, referrals and

**Availability:**Services are offered on an ongoing basis for those who are eligible and agree to participate.

**Impact Information:**NUMBER OF ANNUAL CLIENTS/SERVICES: January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007Pregnant women screened for Healthy Start 161,206Pregnant women receiving a Healthy Start service 111,989Healthy Start services provided to pregnant women 1,957,951Infants screened for Healthy Start 194,441Infants receiving a Healthy Start service 78,102Healthy Start services provided to infants 1,228,916Through MomCare, approximately 65,000 SOBRA eligible women are care managed monthly. IMPACT: Between J

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Evaluation of program is in progress.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Key components of Healthy Start funded through the local Healthy Start Prenatal and Infant Health Care Coalitions include: Healthy Start participants are pregnant women and infants who score at risk for poor health outcomes as indicated by a positive s

**Language(s):**English Spanish

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition Independent Living, Employment and Support Program

**Description:**The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals with disability

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:**N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Donations Misc. Grants Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**Target audience is people with disabilities age 14-22.

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES)

**Description:**About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals w

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:**N/A

**Funding Source(s):**DonationsMisc. Grants Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**People with disabilities ages 14-22

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**InnerAct Alliance

**Program/Service:**Substance Abuse Prevention Services

**Description:**InnerAct Alliance provides substance abuse services to local school systems, community partners, civic groups, faith based organizations and businesses.

**Availability:** As needed/requested

**Impact Information:**There has been a reduction of youth ATOD usage based on Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey 2008.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unsure

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Programs are free to the community. There are no eligibility requirements.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**provide many health education services to adults at no charge

**Description:**currently providing Diabetic Education Classes for those with no health insurance or those whose health insurance will not pay for education classes

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**recently graduated 5 students; with good diabetic education their diabetes can be controlled; they then can maintain jobs to provide for their children

**Cost-Effectiveness:**typically these classes cost \$700.00 per class so we have offered the community \$3500.00 of classes at no charge but more than that have impacted lives

**Funding Source(s):**our hospital funds my department and I recruit volunteers to help

**Target Audience(s):**for the target audience- any one with diabetes

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Primary Prevention - Community Development

**Organization:**Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF

**Program/Service:** Technical assistance

**Description:**Provide technical assistance to communities, organizations or agencies having a desire to better serve this population and build their expertise.

**Availability:** As determined by team

**Impact Information:**2488 technical assistance contacts serving 3301 individuals

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Services are at no cost

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** no limitations

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**There are 30 Healthy Start Coalitions and 3 CHDs covering all of Florida's 67 counties supporting the implementation of the Healthy Start initiative at a total annual administrative cost of \$4.437 million (\$2,440,350 state general revenue, \$ 1,996,650 fe

**Availability:** ongoing

**Impact Information:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**Community Development: the Healthy Start Coalitions through state and federal funding engage community partners to assist in implementing the program at a local level.

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Devereux Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care - Polk, Highlands, & Hardee

**Program/Service:**Devereux Specialized Therapeutic foster Care - Polk, Highlands, & Hardee

**Description:**Specialized and Therapeutic Foster Care serves children ages 5-17 with serious emotional disturbance and behavioral problems in a structured foster home setting. The foster parents are specially trained, receiving 30 hours of clinical training and are sup

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**

**Cost-Effectiveness:**

**Funding Source(s):**

**Target Audience(s):**

**Language(s):**

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:**Hardee County Health Care Task Force

**Description:**The task force was formed to obtain funding and provide health care services for the uninsured.

**Availability:**Services are on hold pending new funding

**Impact Information:**The program is unfunded at present. New grant money has been applied for. We do still offer a Pharmacy assistance program that remains active.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When the program was at its peak we provide services to approximately 1000 persons/yr. The pharmacy program obtains medications for low income and or uninsured clients. These medications are free and no funding is provided for the service at all.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Low income and or uninsured adults

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**InnerAct Alliance

**Program/Service:**School Based Science Based Programming, Community Based Programming and Community Coalition

**Description:**School Based Science Based Programming: Certified Teachers provide proven evidence based programming to 4, 5, 6, 7 and high school students. Community Based Programming: Prevention Coordinators disseminate information regarding substance abuse and its contr

**Availability:**Programs provided based specific program needs.

**Impact Information:**Since 2000 substance abuse among 6 - 12 grade youth has reduced steadily with the exception of alcohol abuse.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**On average it costs \$100,000 to rehabilitate an addict with a typical addict requiring 7 visits to rehab during his lifetime. While the prevention budget for InnerAct Alliance is around \$800,000. annually and serves over 200,000 citizens.

**Funding Source(s):**Grant funding from various sources.; State Government; Local Government; Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for program/service.

**Language(s):**

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**INDIVIDUAL AND DIRECT FAMILY ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 7,275CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301TRAINING OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Total number of individuals present: 5,270PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Primary Prevention - Community Support

**Organization:**Angel Flight Southeast

**Program/Service:** Transportation

**Description:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for children and families with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic

**Availability:** As needed

**Impact Information:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for Florida's vulnerable population with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic violence, relocation from disasters, and more. Today, 650 volunteer pilots donate their aircraft, fuel, time, and expertise, flying almost 2500 missions annually serving children and families who reside.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This is possible because our volunteer pilots donate the use of their time, aircraft, fuel and expertise, Angel Flight Southeast is able to return \$5.00 in service for every \$1.00 received. This is truly a case of the gift is in the giving.

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Passengers qualify for free air transportation missions as follows: Demonstrate financial need (uninsured, low income), Treatment is unavailable locally (preferred treatment is only available beyond a reasonable driving distance), Passengers must be med

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Parent Training and Information Center; POPIN/PEN and the PEP program

**Description:**Parent Education Network: PEN About UsThis program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) provides PTI services to the nine most southern counties of Florida, that include: Lee, Collier, Hendry, Palm Beach

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Parents and caregivers of special needs children.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:** PEN/POPIN/PEP

**Description:**PEP: Online Tutorials Do you live in one of these counties???Vive usted en uno de estos condados? Collier Hendry Glades Gadsden The PEP Project is unique and different. Since 1993, PEP has provided information, training, and support to parents of children

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Parents and caregivers of special needs children

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**Offers a range of services to mothers, babies and young parents.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**We reach over 50% of the pregnant women and their families in Hardee through this program

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unable to state

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Pregnant women and children to the age of 3. Prospective parents

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** health education

**Description:**A variety of information and education is made available at these venues from our health education programs. Information on diabetes, diet, exercise, smoking cessation, and abstinence are offered.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**We have seen improved diabetes control, increased smoking cessation and a slight reduction in teen pregnancy

**Cost-Effectiveness:** unable to state

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Adults with chronic illness and teens

**Language(s):** English Spanish



## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** On request

**Impact Information:**PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Primary Prevention - Concrete Services

**Organization:**Angel Flight Southeast

**Program/Service:** TRANSPORTATION

**Description:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for children and families with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic

**Availability:** As needed

**Impact Information:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for Florida's vulnerable population with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic violence, relocation from disasters, and more. Today, 650 volunteer pilots donate their aircraft, fuel, time, and expertise, flying almost 2500 missions annually serving children and families who reside.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This is possible because our volunteer pilots donate the use of their time, aircraft, fuel and expertise, Angel Flight Southeast is able to return \$5.00 in service for every \$1.00 received. This is truly a case of the gift is in the giving.

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Passengers qualify for free air transportation missions as follows: Demonstrate financial need (uninsured, low income) Treatment is unavailable locally (preferred treatment is only available beyond a reasonable driving distance) Passengers must be med

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Family Planning Title X Program

**Description:**Administration of the federal Title X Family Planning grant is another responsibility of the IMRH unit. Family planning services are designed to reduce the number of unplanned or unwanted pregnancies, and to help women manage the timing and spacing of th

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Total services in 2008 was 969,768.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Florida Estimated Savings Calculations Based on theGuttmacher-Frost Method (Table 1)The following is a detailed explanation of method used to calculate the estimated savings per pregnancy avoided by Florida's Family Planning Program as shown in Table 1.1. The total estimated family planning clients for 2006 was obtained from the 2006 Family Planning Annual Report for Florida (FPAR) -- 210,295 clients.2. The estimated pregnancies avoided per year per family planning client is 0.2034, which is obtained from the reference Frost report. This is the proportion of pregnancies avoided based on the estimated shift of women from less effective contraceptive methods (including no method) to more effective methods when family planning services become available.3. The number of family planning clients (Step 1) is multiplied by the proportion of pregnancies avoided per client (Step 2) to obtain the estimated number of 42,774 pregnancies.4. The estimated number of pregnancies classified into thre

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**County Health Department Family Planning Services: available to all women and men Family Planning Waiver Services: Any woman, age 14 to 55, who loses her full Medicaid coverage Any woman, age 14 to 55, who loses her SOBRA Medicaid is passively enrolled for

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Case Management & Medical Services Programs

**Description:**Providing access to medical services (including emergency anti-epileptic medication services), neuropsychological assessments, case management, counseling, support groups and youth summer camp programs.

**Availability:** As needed and necessary

**Impact Information:**Accomplishments of EFOF for the past fiscal year include the provision of services to 5,393 Floridians statewide, regardless of their ability to pay. EFOF currently provides access to direct services in 31 counties via chapter offices in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Miami, Palm Beach and Broward County. Plans of Care were provided to 2,239 individuals with epilepsy and their family members in those regions. The remaining cases are managed by EFOF's statewide sub-contracted providers. EFOF has also rec

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**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Must have epilepsy or seizure disorder symptoms. Programs are provided free-of-charge and/or on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

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**Availability:** As needed

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on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Provide referrals for respite providers and businesses that provide the service.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and persons with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Florida Healthy Kids Corporation

**Program/Service:** Healthy Kids

**Description:**health insurance for school-aged children

**Availability:** Continuous open enrollment

**Impact Information:**Families apply during open enrollment; enrollment is currently open.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Children with health insurance coverage are healthier, have access to providers and necessary medical and dental services.

**Funding Source(s):**Family premium payments Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**For Healthy Kids, children must be between the ages of 5 through 18 and uninsured. To be eligible for subsidized coverage, other eligibility criteria may also apply.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** clinical services

**Description:** Basic health care

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Basic health care service provided to over 9,000 clients.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**it costs us less than \$180.00 to see a sick client. Average cost for that same client in an ER is over \$1200.00

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Services are available to the general public with emphasis on core public health service such as TB and STD's.

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** OB/Healthy start

**Description:**We provides services education from pregnancy to delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Most recently, we have seen improvement in low birth rate statistics.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** unable to state

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** pregnant women

**Language(s):**English Spanish American Sign Language

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Centering Pregnancy

**Description:**An initiative of the Healthy Start Coalition. Centering Pregnancy is a model that provides prenatal care for women in a group setting, incorporating the three elements of prenatal care: assessment, education, and support into an integrated format that tak

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Centering Pregnancy is available at the Auburndale and Lakeland Health Department and in Hardee County Health Department.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:**MomCare Program and Florida KidCare Program

**Description:**The MomCare is Program of the Healthy Start Coalition, sponsored by the Florida Department of Health and Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration. The MomCare Program provides information, referral and assistance for pregnant women covered by Medica

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**through a grant with Florida KidCare. Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**MomCare Program - Pregnant women with a household income up to 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines may be eligible for Medicaid insurance while they are pregnant. Florida KidCare insurance is available to all uninsured children from birth up to age 18.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Beds 4 Babies Project

**Description:**A program of the Healthy Start Coalition. The Beds 4 Babies project provides a free portable crib to families in the tri-county area who are not able to provide a separate, safe and approved place for baby to sleep and who lacks the resources to provide a crib.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Families must live in Hardee, Highland and/or Polk County. If pregnant, be in her last month of pregnancy or child must be 6 months of age or younger, lack the resources to provide a crib for baby. Referral must be made to the Coalition

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition oversees the Healthy Start Program in-house at the Health Department in all three counties (Hardee, Highlands & Polk). The Coalition works in conjunction with multiple organizations that promote, healthy pregnancies, babies and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**trained to screen for SNAP

**Description:** screening for SNAP

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** seniors

**Language(s):** English



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**referrals to appropriate health care services

**Description:** referrals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**knowing community services

**Description:** referrals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**refers to people in the community who are willing to provide respite services

**Description:** referrals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** need of help

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** referrals

**Description:**knowing community services to refer

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**provides monthly support and education classes for health ministry teams

**Description:**classes provided current health information to be used in churches and communities

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:** Information provision

**Description:**CARD maintains an information database from which we can provide callers names of respite service providers and agencies.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**No data available on how many callers have requested this information.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge.

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Primary Prevention - Family Support Programs

**Organization:** Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Prenatal and Infant Risk Screening; County Health Departments

**Description:** Healthy Start and County Health Departments offer universal prenatal and infant risk screening to identify pregnant women with an increased risk of pregnancy complications or poor birth outcomes due to environmental, medical, nutritional, or behavioral risk factors.

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:** Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey County Health Department: would need to research the impact

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey Health Department: would need to research the cost effectiveness

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:** TILES: Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program

**Description:** About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals with disabilities in transitioning to independent living.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:** Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:** PEN/PEP/POPIN

**Description:** Parents of the Panhandle: This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) provides PTI services to the Panhandle of Florida from Escambia to Alachua County. Helping to ensure that parents of children with disabilities are informed and involved in their child's education.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Families and individuals with disabilities or at risk.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities; TILES/PEN/PEP/POPIN

**Description:**Family Network on Disabilities offers a wide range of workshops that assist families and people at risk or with disabilities.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** N/A

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Healthy start

**Description:**this program teaches parenting classes.

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**We have classes attended by over 1,000 parents a year

**Cost-Effectiveness:** unable to state

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Current and perspective parents

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** pediatric well child

**Description:**We follow well children at interval to provide age appropriate screening, parental education and immunizations.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Recently started a well child centering program. Our immunization rate exceed 90% of out at risk children

**Cost-Effectiveness:** unable to state

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Children from infants to 19 years

**Language(s):**English Spanish American Sign Language

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** On request

**Impact Information:**CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301 TRAINING OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Total number of individuals present: 5,270 PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Primary Prevention - Information and Referral Helplines

**Organization:** Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Family Health Line

**Description:** WHAT IT IS: The Family Health Line (formerly the Healthy Baby Hotline) is a statewide toll-free number (1-800-451-2229) established in 1987 by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Florida Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition. TTY (text telephone) se

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Please see previous Hotline and Registries section in this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Please see previous Hotline and Registries section in this survey

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** available for all

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:** Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder Case Management Programs

**Description:** Providing access to medical services (including emergency anti-epileptic medication services), neuropsychological assessments, case management, counseling, support groups and youth summer camp programs.

**Availability:** Daily

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**Target Audience(s):** Must have epilepsy or seizure disorder symptoms. Programs are provided free-of-charge and/or on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals with at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Florida's Adoption Information Center

**Program/Service:**Florida's Adoption Information Center

**Description:**Florida's Adoption Information Center was created by The Florida Legislature to serve as a clearinghouse in every area of adoption. The Center has served more than 125,000 people since opening in 1994.As a free service, the Adoption Information Center pro

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Assists individuals and families and professionals on adoption related issues and questions.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Annual budget approx. \$200,000

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** N/A

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:**Health Department Information services

**Description:**Via telephone and informational materials we pass on contact information for a multitude of community/state services

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Open to all

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** referrals

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** referrals

**Description:**community services knowledge

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

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**Availability:** Daily

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**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**None. This service would have been provided both to CARD constituents (eligibility required) and their families, as well as members of the general public (no eligibility required).

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Primary Prevention - Public Awareness & Education Campaigns

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Abandoned Baby statewide billboards and education and Every Woman Florida Campaign

**Description:**Abandoned Baby: This is not a program as much as it is a public awareness campaign Every Woman Florida Campaign: The Every Woman Florida Initiative is aimed at raising awareness on the importance and benefits of being healthy prior to pregnancy and is f

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**an evaluation has not occurred

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** available to all

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder Prevention & Education Programs

**Description:**Provides Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder training to individuals, schools, first providers, and others.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**EFOF has provided group presentations to 29,611 Floridians, organized awareness activities for 58,061 Floridians, and has provided information and referrals to over 24,000 Floridians.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**To date, EFOF results have indicated 84% of clients had better or complete seizure control; 80% had fewer emergency room visits, 83% gained a better understanding of their epilepsy and 74% had a better quality of life. Additionally, EFOF Case Management showed 'robust results indicating significant benefits in terms of seizure control, quality of life and employment . . . a 90% reduction in the number of individual visiting Emergency Rooms for medical care??%a 'win-win' for patient and providers'

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**Target Audience(s):**Any individuals or groups that may have in interest in learning more about epilepsy and seizure disorders.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**FND provides a workshop for Positive Behavior Support

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/341382/71996303#wall>Stop Hitting Our Kids campaign; Eliminate seclusion and restraint in the special education setting.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Donations Private Foundation Grants Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**FL PIRC: Parent Information and Resource Center

**Description:**The Florida State Parental Information and Resource Center of FND Mission Statement: To strengthen partnerships between families, educators, and the community to enhance family involvement in all areas of decision-making that impact children 0 to 23 years

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and Individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Core Values We believe that everyone has intrinsic value and the inherent right to: Respect Independence Knowledge Freedom of Choice Inclusion Quality of Life Success Equality

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Healthy start

**Description:**As noted previously, parenting classes are taught

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**Please see previous page.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Current and prospective parents

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Hardee County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**Program teaches parents child safety classes.

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**Reaches over 500 parents/yr

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Parents

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Parish Nurse Monthly Meeting Ed Program

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Monthly Parish Nurse Meetings

**Description:** na

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** education program

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Monthly Parish Nurse Programs

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Parish Nursing Monthly Ed Program

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**community education programs

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Primary Prevention - Workforce

**Organization:**Escambia County Health Department, Florida Department of Health

**Program/Service:**The Florida Department of Health implements extensive family-friendly workplace policies.

**Description:**The family friendly work policies include the opportunities for telecommuting, flexible work weeks, paid family sick leave, administrative leave for family deaths, family health insurance coverage, among many others.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Unknown

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unknown

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** FDOH employees

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program

**Description:**Be part of the FND group at [meetup.com About TILES](https://www.meetup.com/About-TILES-The-Transition-Independent-Living-Employment-Support-Program-TILES/) The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and relate

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Primary Prevention - Adult Education

**Organization:** Agency for Persons with Disabilities

**Program/Service:** Supported Employment

**Description:** Through contracts with enrolled providers, individuals may receive supported employment services. This service provides assistance in locating employment, assistance with the interview and hiring process and on the job training until stabilization.

**Availability:** Individualized to person's needs as determined medically necessary

**Impact Information:** Individuals who are successful in supported employment arrangements have consistently higher numbers of personal outcomes than individuals in more segregated settings. By being successful in employment, individuals are able to become more independent and establish strong friendships and positive relationships in the workplace setting.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Individuals seeking employment services have the job development, job placement and job stabilization services paid through vocational rehabilitation. The APD pays for phase 2 or follow-along services. These services require minimal support to the person, fade over time as the individual is able to perform more job duties. This intermittent service is more cost efficient.

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** In order for APD to fund the employment services, the individuals must have either graduated from school with a regular diploma or have graduated with a special diploma at the age of 22. In order to be funded, the individual must have a desire to work.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF

**Program/Service:** Consultation

**Description:** Provide customized intervention planning and education for families having a child diagnosed with autism or a related disability. Provide technical assistance to agencies, schools and businesses serving individuals with autism and related disabilities.

**Availability:** As determined by the team

**Impact Information:** 205 trainings for over 5,000 individuals and 40 public awareness events reaching an audience of 20,000

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Our services are at no cost to families or professionals

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Any age person diagnosed with autism or related disability

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Healthy Start Services, which may include breastfeeding, parenting and/or childbirth classes

**Description:**The Healthy Start program services include risk assessment, nutrition counseling, care coordination, breastfeeding education and support, tobacco cessation counseling, assessment of service needs, interconceptional education and counseling, referrals and

**Availability:**Services are offered on an ongoing basis for those who are eligible and agree to participate.

**Impact Information:**NUMBER OF ANNUAL CLIENTS/SERVICES: January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007Pregnant women screened for Healthy Start 161,206Pregnant women receiving a Healthy Start service 111,989Healthy Start services provided to pregnant women 1,957,951Infants screened for Healthy Start 194,441Infants receiving a Healthy Start service 78,102Healthy Start services provided to infants 1,228,916Through MomCare, approximately 65,000 SOBRA eligible women are care managed monthly. **IMPACT:** Between J

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Evaluation of program is in progress.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Key components of Healthy Start funded through the local Healthy Start Prenatal and Infant Health Care Coalitions include: Healthy Start participants are pregnant women and infants who score at risk for poor health outcomes as indicated by a positive s

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES)

**Description:**About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals w

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**DonationsMisc. Grants Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**People with disabilities ages 14-22

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition Independent Living, Employment and Support Program

**Description:**The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals with disabili

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Donations Misc. Grants Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**Target audience is people with disabilities age 14-22.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**InnerAct Alliance

**Program/Service:**Substance Abuse Prevention Services

**Description:**InnerAct Alliance provides substance abuse services to local school systems, community partners, civic groups, faith based organizations and businesses.

**Availability:** As needed/requested

**Impact Information:**There has been a reduction of youth ATOD usage based on Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey 2008.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unsure

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Programs are free to the community. There are no eligibility requirements.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**promote mentor one-one with high school students

**Description:**Partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters in this imitative

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**promotes high school graduation

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** volunteer work

**Target Audience(s):**complete a background check; have a consistent 1 hour per week to offer

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**provide many health education services to adults at no charge

**Description:**currently providing Diabetic Education Classes for those with no health insurance or those whose health insurance will not pay for education classes

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**recently graduated 5 students; with good diabetic education their diabetes can be controlled; they then can maintain jobs to provide for their children

**Cost-Effectiveness:**typically these classes cost \$700.00 per class so we have offered the community \$3500.00 of classes at no charge but more than that have impacted lives

**Funding Source(s):**our hospital funds my department and I recruit volunteers to help

**Target Audience(s):**for the target audience- any one with diabetes

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### **Primary Prevention - Community Development**

**Organization:**Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF

**Program/Service:** Technical assistance

**Description:**Provide technical assistance to communities, organizations or agencies having a desire to better serve this population and build their expertise.

**Availability:** As determined by team

**Impact Information:**2488 technical assistance contacts serving 3301 individuals

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Services are at no cost

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** no limitations

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**Community Development: the Healthy Start Coalitions through state and federal funding engage community partners to assist in implementing the program at a local level.

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**There are 30 Healthy Start Coalitions and 3 CHDs covering all of Florida's 67 counties supporting the implementation of the Healthy Start initiative at a total annual administrative cost of \$4.437 million (\$2,440,350 state general revenue, \$ 1,996,650 fe

**Availability:** ongoing

**Impact Information:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Devereux Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care - Polk, Highlands, & Hardee

**Program/Service:**Devereux Specialized Therapeutic foster Care - Polk, Highlands, & Hardee

**Description:**Specialized and Therapeutic Foster Care serves children ages 5-17 with serious emotional disturbance and behavioral problems in a structured foster home setting. The foster parents are specially trained, receiving 30 hours of clinical training and are sup

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**

**Cost-Effectiveness:**

**Funding Source(s):**

**Target Audience(s):**

**Language(s):**

**Organization:**InnerAct Alliance

**Program/Service:**School Based Science Based Programming, Community Based Programming and Community Coalition

**Description:**School Based Science Based Programming: Certified Teachers provide proven evidence based programming to 4, 5, 6, 7 and high school students. Community Based Programming: Prevention Coordinators disseminate information regarding substance abuse and its contr

**Availability:**Programs provided based specific program needs.

**Impact Information:**Since 2000 substance abuse among 6 - 12 grade youth has reduced steadily with the exception of alcohol abuse.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**On average it costs \$100,000 to rehabilitate an addict with a typical addict requiring 7 visits to rehab during his lifetime. While the prevention budget for InnerAct Alliance is around \$800,000. annually and serves over 200,000 citizens.

**Funding Source(s):**Grant funding from various sources; State Government; Local Government; Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for program/service.

**Language(s):**

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**I work and partner with many local programs such as Drug Free Highlands, TIPPA, Choices Pregnancy Care center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys Club

**Description:**Drug Free Highlands- Community Wide Effort to prevent underage alcohol use Choices pregnancy Care Center- provide all necessary services and parenting education classes to teen parents Big Brothers Big Sisters- mentoring Bog Club- provide supplies Manna Minis

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:**we impact hundreds of lives

**Funding Source(s):**the hospital funds my office, I recruit volunteers to supply the need

**Target Audience(s):** those in need

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**INDIVIDUAL AND DIRECT FAMILY ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 7,275CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301TRAINING OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Total number of individuals present: 5,270PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Primary Prevention - Community Support

**Organization:**Angel Flight Southeast

**Program/Service:** Transportation

**Description:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for children and families with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic

**Availability:** As needed

**Impact Information:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for Florida's vulnerable population with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic violence, relocation from disasters, and more. Today, 650 volunteer pilots donate their aircraft, fuel, time, and expertise, flying almost 2500 missions annually serving children and families who reside.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This is possible because our volunteer pilots donate the use of their time, aircraft, fuel and expertise, Angel Flight Southeast is able to return \$5.00 in service for every \$1.00 received. This is truly a case of the gift is in the giving.

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Passengers qualify for free air transportation missions as follows: Demonstrate financial need (uninsured, low income), Treatment is unavailable locally (preferred treatment is only available beyond a reasonable driving distance), Passengers must be med

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:** Family Lending libraries

**Description:**Parents can check out materials to help them learn more about child development, and parenting

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Enrolled parents

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center child care services

**Description:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center provides quality early childhood education. School Readiness, Head Start, VPK, Early Steps, and private pay

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**All children are eligible. Criteria for some services are outlined by the agency enrolling the child

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Parent Training and Information Center; POPIN/PEN and the PEP program

**Description:**Parent Education Network: PEN About Us This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) provides PTI services to the nine most southern counties of Florida, that include: Lee, Collier, Hendry, Palm Beach

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Parents and caregivers of special needs children.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:** PEN/POPIN/PEP

**Description:**PEP: Online Tutorials Do you live in one of these counties???Vive usted en uno de estos condados? Collier Hendry Glades Gadsden The PEP Project is unique and different. Since 1993, PEP has provided information, training, and support to parents of children

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Parents and caregivers of special needs children

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

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**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** On request

**Impact Information:**PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Primary Prevention - Concrete Services

**Organization:**Angel Flight Southeast

**Program/Service:** TRANSPORTATION

**Description:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for children and families with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic

**Availability:** As needed

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**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Family Planning Title X Program

**Description:**Administration of the federal Title X Family Planning grant is another responsibility of the IMRH unit. Family planning services are designed to reduce the number of unplanned or unwanted pregnancies, and to help women manage the timing and spacing of pregnancies

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Total services in 2008 was 969,768.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Florida Estimated Savings Calculations Based on the Guttmacher-Frost Method (Table 1) The following is a detailed explanation of method used to calculate the estimated savings per pregnancy avoided by Florida's Family Planning Program as shown in Table 1.1. The total estimated family planning clients for 2006 was obtained from the 2006 Family Planning Annual Report for Florida (FPAR) -- 210,295 clients.2. The estimated pregnancies avoided per year per family planning client is 0.2034, which is obtained from the reference Frost report. This is the proportion of pregnancies avoided based on the estimated shift of women from less effective contraceptive methods (including no method) to more effective methods when family planning services become available.3. The number of family planning clients (Step 1) is multiplied by the proportion of pregnancies avoided per client (Step 2) to obtain the estimated number of 42,774 pregnancies.4. The estimated number of pregnancies classified into

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government



**Target Audience(s):**County Health Department Family Planning Services: available to all women and men Family Planning Waiver Services: Any woman, age 14 to 55, who loses her full Medicaid coverage Any woman, age 14 to 55, who loses her SOBRA Medicaid is passively enrolled for

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Case Management & Medical Services Programs

**Description:**Providing access to medical services (including emergency anti-epileptic medication services), neuropsychological assessments, case management, counseling, support groups and youth summer camp programs.

**Availability:** As needed

**Impact Information:**Accomplishments of EFOF for the past fiscal year include the provision of services to 5,393 Floridians statewide, regardless of their ability to pay. EFOF currently provides access to direct services in 31 counties via chapter offices in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Miami, Palm Beach and Broward County. Plans of Care were provided to 2,239 individuals with epilepsy and their family members in those regions. The remaining cases are managed by EFOF's statewide sub-contracted providers. EFOF has also rec

**Cost-Effectiveness:**To date, EFOF results have indicated 84% of clients had better or complete seizure control; 80% had fewer emergency room visits, 83% gained a better understanding of their epilepsy and 74% had a better quality of life. Additionally, EFOF Case Management showed 'robust results indicating significant benefits in terms of seizure control, quality of life and employment . . . a 90% reduction in the number of individual visiting Emergency Rooms for medical care??%a 'win-win' for patient and providers'

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Must have epilepsy or seizure disorder symptoms. Programs are provided free-of-charge and/or on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Case Management & Medical Services Programs

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**Availability:** As needed and necessary

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**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Provide referrals for respite providers and businesses that provide the service.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and persons with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Florida Healthy Kids Corporation

**Program/Service:** Healthy Kids

**Description:**health insurance for school-aged children

**Availability:** Continuous open enrollment

**Impact Information:**Families apply during open enrollment; enrollment is currently open.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Children with health insurance coverage are healthier, have access to providers and necessary medical and dental services.

**Funding Source(s):**Family premium payments Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**For Healthy Kids, children must be between the ages of 5 through 18 and uninsured. To be eligible for subsidized coverage, other eligibility criteria may also apply.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:**MomCare Program and Florida KidCare Program

**Description:**The MomCare is Program of the Healthy Start Coalition, sponsored by the Florida Department of Health and Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration. The MomCare Program provides information, referral and assistance for pregnant women covered by Medicaid

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**through a grant with Florida KidCare. Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**MomCare Program - Pregnant women with a household income up to 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines may be eligible for Medicaid insurance while they are pregnant. Florida KidCare insurance is available to all uninsured children from birth up to age 18.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition oversees the Healthy Start Program in-housed at the Health Department in all three counties (Hardee, Highlands & Polk). The Coalition works in conjunction with multiple organizations that promote, healthy pregnancies, babies and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Beds 4 Babies Project

**Description:**A program of the Healthy Start Coalition. The Beds 4 Babies project provides a free portable crib to families in the tri-county are who are not able to provide a separate, safe and approved place for baby to sleep and who lacks the resources to provide a c

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Families must live in Hardee, Highland and/or Polk County. If pregnant, be in her last month of pregnancy or child must be 6 months of age or younger, lack the resources to provide a crib for baby. Referral must be made to the Coalition

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**referrals

**Description:**knowing community services to refer

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**na

**Cost-Effectiveness:**na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):**na

**Language(s):**English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**provides monthly support and education classes for health ministry teams

**Description:**classes provided current health information to be used in churches and communities

**Availability:**Monthly

**Impact Information:**na

**Cost-Effectiveness:**na

**Funding Source(s):**Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):**na

**Language(s):**English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**referrals to appropriate health care services

**Description:**referrals

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**na

**Cost-Effectiveness:**na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):**na

**Language(s):**English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**trained to screen for SNAP

**Description:**screening for SNAP

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**na

**Cost-Effectiveness:**na

**Funding Source(s):**function of parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):**seniors

**Language(s):**English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**refers to people in the community who are willing to provide respite services

**Description:** referrals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** need of help

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**knowing community services

**Description:** referrals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:** Information provision

**Description:**CARD maintains an information database from which we can provide callers names of respite service providers and agencies.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**No data available on how many callers have requested this information.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge.

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Primary Prevention - Family Support Programs

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center Mental Health Consultant

**Description:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center has a contractual agreement with a mental health consultant who provides observations and follow-up services for Head Start enrolled children, families, and staff in need of services

**Availability:** Semi-annually

**Impact Information:**Classroom teacher have someone to help them when children are having problems

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**Head Start enrolled children, families and staff

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Through local support and contracts Avon Park Community Child Development Center is able to provide quality services for pre school age children

**Description:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center accepts all children regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry. Ages served 6weeks to school entrance age. Avon Park Community Child Development Center is accredited by the National Association

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**School Readiness Rate for 2008 was 237

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** NA

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:** ASQ

**Description:**All enrolled children receive a formal screening upon enrollment, children are referred to the LEA as needed for further evaluation

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**22% of our enrolled children have a diagnosed disability

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Na

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Enrolled children

**Language(s):** English Spanish



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center Head Start Parent Committee

**Description:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center provides monthly training workshops, and a monthly newsletter containing all areas of child growth and development

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**None anyone can attend workshops

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Healthy Start Prenatal and Infant Risk Screening; County Health Departments

**Description:**Healthy Start and County Health Departments offer universal prenatal and infant risk screening to identify pregnant women with an increased risk of pregnancy complications or poor birth outcomes due to environmental, medical, nutritional, or behavioral ri

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey County Health Department: would need to research the impact

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey Health Department: would need to research the cost effectiveness

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:** PEN/PEP/POPIN

**Description:**Parents of the Panhandle: This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) provides PTI services to the Panhandle of Florida from Escambia to Alachua County. Helping to ensure that parents of children w

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals with disabilities or at risk.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program

**Description:**About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals w

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities; TILES/PEN/PEP/POPIN

**Description:**Family Network on Disabilities offers a wide range of workshops that assist families and people at risk or with disabilities.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** N/A

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** On request

**Impact Information:**CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301 TRAINING OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Total number of individuals present: 5,270 PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Primary Prevention - Information and Referral Helplines

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center employs two family support workers who have knowledge of all available community resources

**Description:**All enrolled parents have access to the family support workers who give parents a referral for needed services

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Family Health Line

**Description:**WHAT IT IS: The Family Health Line (formerly the Healthy Baby Hotline) is a statewide toll-free number (1-800-451-2229) established in 1987 by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Florida Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition. TTY (text telephone) se

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Please see previous Hotline and Registries section in this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Please see previous Hotline and Registries section in this survey

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** available for all

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder Case Management Programs

**Description:**Providing access to medical services (including emergency anti-epileptic medication services), neuropsychological assessments, case management, counseling, support groups and youth summer camp programs.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Accomplishments of EFOF for the past fiscal year include the provision of services to 5,393 Floridians statewide, regardless of their ability to pay. EFOF currently provides access to direct services in 31 counties via chapter offices in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Miami, Palm Beach and Broward County. Plans of Care were provided to 2,239 individuals with epilepsy and their family members in those regions. The remaining cases are managed by EFOF's statewide sub-contracted providers. EFOF has also rec

**Cost-Effectiveness:**To date, EFOF results have indicated 84% of clients had better or complete seizure control; 80% had fewer emergency room visits, 83% gained a better understanding of their epilepsy and 74% had a better quality of life. Additionally, EFOF Case Management showed 'robust results indicating significant benefits in terms of seizure control, quality of life and employment . . . a 90% reduction in the number of individual visiting Emergency Rooms for medical care??%a 'win-win' for patient and providers'

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Must have epilepsy or seizure disorder symptoms. Programs are provided free-of-charge and/or on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals with at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Florida's Adoption Information Center

**Program/Service:**Florida's Adoption Information Center

**Description:**Florida's Adoption Information Center was created by The Florida Legislature to serve as a clearinghouse in every area of adoption. The Center has served more than 125,000 people since opening in 1994.As a free service, the Adoption Information Center pro

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Assists individuals and families and professionals on adoption related issues and questions.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Annual budget approx. \$200,000

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** N/A

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** referrals

**Description:**community services knowledge

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** referrals

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing.\* Newsletter.\* Regional and statewide training events.\* Local and organizational training events.\* Informative website

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301

**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**None. This service would have been provided both to CARD constituents (eligibility required) and their families, as well as members of the general public (no eligibility required).

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Primary Prevention - Public Awareness & Education Campaigns

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center Heartland for Children Grant

**Description:**A Grant funded six month safety program for children and their families, featuring: pedestrian safety, personal safety, fire safety and prevention

**Availability:** Semi-annually

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):** Enrolled children

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**NAEYC Week of the Young Child

**Description:**Avon park takes part in NAEYC Week of the Young Child celebration by providing community awareness campaigns

**Availability:** Annually

**Impact Information:**The City of Avon Park Police and Fire Department and local Shriners Club takes part in our Neighborhood Parade during the week long celebration

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** NA

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center Heartland for Children Grant

**Description:**This grant was written to bring positive parenting training to parents. Workshops were presented over a four month period to enrolled families on discipline, self-esteem, personal safety and other topics that address young children.

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**I hear parents making asking their children about their day and waiting for an answer. Before the training they were always in a hurry and failed to listen to their children at the end of a busy day.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):** NONE

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Head Start is a comprehensive program that provides family support programs to prevent risks for families and children

**Description:**Through comprehensive family support programs Avon Park Community Child Development Center, is able to provide parents, children and staff with the resources needed to prevent risk factors

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Abandoned Baby statewide billboards and education and Every Woman Florida Campaign

**Description:**Abandoned Baby: This is not a program as much as it is a public awareness campaign Every Woman Florida Campaign: The Every Woman Florida Initiative is aimed at raising awareness on the importance and benefits of being healthy prior to pregnancy and is f

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**an evaluation has not occurred

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** available to all

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder Prevention & Education Programs

**Description:**Provides Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder training to individuals, schools, first providers, and others.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**EFOF has provided group presentations to 29,611 Floridians, organized awareness activities for 58,061 Floridians, and has provided information and referrals to over 24,000 Floridians.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**To date, EFOF results have indicated 84% of clients had better or complete seizure control; 80% had fewer emergency room visits, 83% gained a better understanding of their epilepsy and 74% had a better quality of life. Additionally, EFOF Case Management showed 'robust results indicating significant benefits in terms of seizure control, quality of life and employment . . . a 90% reduction in the number of individual visiting Emergency Rooms for medical care??a 'win-win' for patient and providers'

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Any individuals or groups that may have in interest in learning more about epilepsy and seizure disorders.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**FL PIRC: Parent Information and Resource Center

**Description:**The Florida State Parental Information and Resource Center of FND Mission Statement: To strengthen partnerships between families, educators, and the community to enhance family involvement in all areas of decision-making that impact children 0 to 23 years

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and Individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**FND provides a workshop for Positive Behavior Support

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/341382/71996303#wall>Stop Hitting Our Kids campaign; Eliminate seclusion and restraint in the special education setting.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Donations Private Foundation Grants Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Core Values We believe that everyone has intrinsic value and the inherent right to: Respect Independence Knowledge Freedom of Choice Inclusion Quality of Life Success Equality

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**community education programs

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Parish Nursing Monthly Ed Program

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** education program

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Monthly Parish Nurse Meetings

**Description:** na

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Monthly Parish Nurse Programs

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Parish Nurse Monthly Meeting Ed Program

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Primary Prevention - Workforce

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center Staff Development through TEACH

**Description:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center contracts with TEACH to provide release time for staff furthering their education

**Availability:** Ongoing

**Impact Information:**All staff have National Child Development Credential 4 Staff members have AAS degree

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Must be employed at a participating child care agency

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Escambia County Health Department, Florida Department of Health

**Program/Service:**The Florida Department of Health implements extensive family-friendly workplace policies.

**Description:**The family friendly work policies include the opportunities for telecommuting, flexible work weeks, paid family sick leave, administrative leave for family deaths, family health insurance coverage, among many others.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Unknown

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unknown

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** FDOH employees

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program

**Description:**Be part of the FND group at [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/About-TILES-The-Transition-Independent-Living-Employment-Support-Program-TILES/) About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and relate

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Women's Forum Health Fair

**Description:** planned for October 2010

**Availability:** Annually

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** any woman of any age

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**woman's forum health fair 2010

**Description:** planned for October 2010

**Availability:** Annually

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** women

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Primary Prevention - Adult Education

**Organization:** Agency for Persons with Disabilities

**Program/Service:** Supported Employment

**Description:** Through contracts with enrolled providers, individuals may receive supported employment services. This service provides assistance in locating employment, assistance with the interview and hiring process and on the job training until stabilization.

**Availability:** Individualized to person's needs as determined medically necessary

**Impact Information:** Individuals who are successful in supported employment arrangements have consistently higher numbers of personal outcomes than individuals in more segregated settings. By being successful in employment, individuals are able to become more independent and establish strong friendships and positive relationships in the workplace setting.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Individuals seeking employment services have the job development, job placement and job stabilization services paid through vocational rehabilitation. The APD pays for phase 2 or follow-along services. These services require minimal support to the person, fade over time as the individual is able to perform more job duties. This intermittent service is more cost efficient.

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** In order for APD to fund the employment services, the individuals must have either graduated from school with a regular diploma or have graduated with a special diploma at the age of 22. In order to be funded, the individual must have a desire to work.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF

**Program/Service:** Consultation

**Description:** Provide customized intervention planning and education for families having a child diagnosed with autism or a related disability. Provide technical assistance to agencies, schools and businesses serving individuals with autism and related disabilities.

**Availability:** As determined by the team

**Impact Information:** 205 trainings for over 5,000 individuals and 40 public awareness events reaching an audience of 20,000

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Our services are at no cost to families or professionals

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Any age person diagnosed with autism or related disability

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Healthy Start Services, which may include breastfeeding, parenting and/or childbirth classes

**Description:**The Healthy Start program services include risk assessment, nutrition counseling, care coordination, breastfeeding education and support, tobacco cessation counseling, assessment of service needs, interconceptional education and counseling, referrals and

**Availability:**Services are offered on an ongoing basis for those who are eligible and agree to participate.

**Impact Information:**NUMBER OF ANNUAL CLIENTS/SERVICES:January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007Pregnant women screened for Healthy Start 161,206Pregnant women receiving a Healthy Start service 111,989Healthy Start services provided to pregnant women 1,957,951Infants screened for Healthy Start 194,441Infants receiving a Healthy Start service 78,102Healthy Start services provided to infants 1,228,916Through MomCare, approximately 65,000 SOBRA eligible women are care managed monthly. **IMPACT:**Between J

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Evaluation of program is in progress.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Key components of Healthy Start funded through the local Healthy Start Prenatal and Infant Health Care Coalitions include: Healthy Start participants are pregnant women and infants who score at risk for poor health outcomes as indicated by a positive s

**Language(s):**English Spanish

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES)

**Description:**About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals w

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:**N/A

**Funding Source(s):**DonationsMisc. Grants Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**People with disabilities ages 14-22

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition Independent Living, Employment and Support Program

**Description:**The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals with disability

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:**N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Donations Misc. Grants Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**Target audience is people with disabilities age 14-22.

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:**Clinical & Preservice Training for Therapeutic Foster Parents

**Description:**Understanding common emotional disturbances in children and youth Managing Stress; Crisis management Understanding Attachment and bonding. Working with children with PTSD and attachment issues

**Availability:** Quarterly

**Impact Information:**90--100% foster parent retention

**Cost-Effectiveness:** unspecified

**Funding Source(s):**Would like to expand to other sources within health care system Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid eligibility for the clients Must pass Home Study and Licensed requirements for STFC homes

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**InnerAct Alliance

**Program/Service:**Substance Abuse Prevention Services

**Description:**InnerAct Alliance provides substance abuse services to local school systems, community partners, civic groups, faith based organizations and businesses.

**Availability:** As needed/requested

**Impact Information:**There has been a reduction of youth ATOD usage based on Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey 2008.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unsure

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Programs are free to the community. There are no eligibility requirements.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Straight From the Heart of Florida

**Program/Service:**Straight From the Heart of Florida An HIV/AIDS Awareness Experience

**Description:**Education and how HIV/AIDS is and isn't transmitted, going over universal precautions as well as telling true-to-life stories, pictures, video clips from infected teen, articles, etc. to make it real and to let audience know this could happen to anyone. Al

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Today spoke at a high school I have been going to for many years and students AND staff were touched, moved and took away life changing information.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**We fund the majority ourselves, asking for gas money and/or expenses to be paid.

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth

**Target Audience(s):**This is a message for any or all people to hear. Catered to needs, ages and very in tune to enhancing type of education already being offered and will abide by any rules/guidelines in reference to abstinence/condom use.

**Language(s):** English



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**The Salvation Army

**Program/Service:** GED Prep

**Description:**GED prep for homeless individuals who have not obtained their High School Diploma, living at the Salvation Army Family Shelter.

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Helping homeless individuals obtain their GED.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Free

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Those lacking their high school diploma

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**The Salvation Army

**Program/Service:** Job Training workshops

**Description:** Workshops on job skills

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Workshops are to enhance the skills of those residing at The Salvation Army shelter.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** None

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** Homeless

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**United Way of Central Florida

**Program/Service:**Education: Academic Achievement

**Description:**We fund family literacy programs that provide adult literacy, GED, ESOL for adults while simultaneously providing homework help and tutoring for school aged children along with early literacy classes for preschool children.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Involves multiple programs that may provide their individual results separately. Do not want to duplicate numbers.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Varies by program - family services overlap. Language scores of preschool children are raised and improve ability for children to succeed in school - avoids expense of special education. Adults with GED's earn \$303,000 more of taxable income in their lifetimes.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** Varies by program

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Primary Prevention - Community Development

**Organization:**Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at USF

**Program/Service:** Technical assistance

**Description:**Provide technical assistance to communities, organizations or agencies having a desire to better serve this population and build their expertise.

**Availability:** As determined by team

**Impact Information:**2488 technical assistance contacts serving 3301 individuals

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Services are at no cost

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** no limitations

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**Community Development: the Healthy Start Coalitions through state and federal funding engage community partners to assist in implementing the program at a local level.

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**There are 30 Healthy Start Coalitions and 3 CHDs covering all of Florida's 67 counties supporting the implementation of the Healthy Start initiative at a total annual administrative cost of \$4.437 million (\$2,440,350 state general revenue, \$ 1,996,650 fe

**Availability:** ongoing

**Impact Information:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Devereux Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care - Polk, Highlands, & Hardee

**Program/Service:**Devereux Specialized Therapeutic foster Care - Polk, Highlands, & Hardee

**Description:**Specialized and Therapeutic Foster Care serves children ages 5-17 with serious emotional disturbance and behavioral problems in a structured foster home setting. The foster parents are specially trained, receiving 30 hours of clinical training and are sup

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**

**Cost-Effectiveness:**

**Funding Source(s):**

**Target Audience(s):**

**Language(s):**

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:**Summer camps, special events

**Description:**Summer camps offer scholarship placement when funds are secured. Special events offer community partnerships as sponsorship for the total event or admission for targeted underserved populations.

**Availability:**summer, targeted months for events

**Impact Information:**April 2009 Children's Festival: 950+ participants June-August Summer camp 2009: 139 different campers, 10 weeks of camp, including camp for children identified with autism. August 2009 Birthday Celebration: 440+ participants 08-09 Annual admissions, programs, outreach 92,983

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Support is garnered from local businesses, organizations, and individuals for each event/general support. State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Grant funds are often targeted toward underserved populations, but the Museum is open to the general public at all times.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**InnerAct Alliance

**Program/Service:**School Based Science Based Programming, Community Based Programming and Community Coalition

**Description:**School Based Science Based Programming: Certified Teachers provide proven evidence based programming to 4, 5, 6, 7 and high school students. Community Based Programming: Prevention Coordinators disseminate information regarding substance abuse and its contr

**Availability:**Programs provided based specific program needs.

**Impact Information:**Since 2000 substance abuse among 6 - 12 grade youth has reduced steadily with the exception of alcohol abuse.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**On average it costs \$100,000 to rehabilitate an addict with a typical addict requiring 7 visits to rehab during his lifetime. While the prevention budget for InnerAct Alliance is around \$800,000. annually and serves over 200,000 citizens.

**Funding Source(s):**Grant funding from various sources. State Government; Local Government; Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirement for program/service.

**Language(s):**

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:**tobacco Free Partnership, Coalition on Injury Prevention, Safe Kids, Polk HealthCare Alliance, Polk KidCare Coalition, Healthy Start, Teen Pregnancy Pre

**Description:**Participate in community programs that address health and safety outcomes of the residents of Polk County.

**Availability:**daily, monthly, bimonthly and quarterly depending upon the activities of the partnerships

**Impact Information:**Births to teen mothers have decrease in 10 years

**Cost-Effectiveness:**

**Funding Source(s):**

**Target Audience(s):**

**Language(s):**

**Organization:**Straight From the Heart of Florida

**Program/Service:** HIV/AIDS Education

**Description:** HIV/AIDS Education

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:** Very effective

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Funded mostly on our own.

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth

**Target Audience(s):**A message for all to hear.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Straight From the Heart of Florida

**Program/Service:**Straight From the Heart of Florida

**Description:** HIV/AIDS Education

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Very Effective

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Very Effective

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth

**Target Audience(s):** Any and all.

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**INDIVIDUAL AND DIRECT FAMILY ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 7,275CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301TRAINING OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Total number of individuals present: 5,270PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Primary Prevention - Community Support

**Organization:**Angel Flight Southeast

**Program/Service:** Transportation

**Description:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for children and families with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic

**Availability:** As needed

**Impact Information:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for Florida's vulnerable population with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic violence, relocation from disasters, and more. Today, 650 volunteer pilots donate their aircraft, fuel, time, and expertise, flying almost 2500 missions annually serving children and families who reside.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This is possible because our volunteer pilots donate the use of their time, aircraft, fuel and expertise, Angel Flight Southeast is able to return \$5.00 in service for every \$1.00 received. This is truly a case of the gift is in the giving.

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Passengers qualify for free air transportation missions as follows: Demonstrate financial need (uninsured, low income), Treatment is unavailable locally (preferred treatment is only available beyond a reasonable driving distance), Passengers must be med

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:**Children's Festival, Birthday Celebration

**Description:**Children's Festival, held during the Week of the Young Child is a community event celebrating the uniqueness of children. We offer a full day of activities for children and families to nurture their imaginative development, language, and literacy along w

**Availability:** Annually

**Impact Information:**2009 Children's Festival: 950+2009 Birthday Celebration: 440+

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** NA

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Parent Training and Information Center; POPIN/PEN and the PEP program

**Description:**Parent Education Network: PEN About UsThis program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) provides PTI services to the nine most southern counties of Florida, that include: Lee, Collier, Hendry, Palm Beach

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Parents and caregivers of special needs children.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:** PEN/POPIN/PEP

**Description:**PEP: Online Tutorials Do you live in one of these counties???Vive usted en uno de estos condados? Collier Hendry Glades Gadsden The PEP Project is unique and different. Since 1993, PEP has provided information, training, and support to parents of children

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Parents and caregivers of special needs children

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

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**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF:\* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing.\* Newsletter.\* Regional and statewide training events.\* Local and organizational training events.\* Informative website

**Availability:** On request

**Impact Information:**PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**The Salvation Army

**Program/Service:**Rent and Electric assistance

**Description:**Rent and Electric assistance for families with emergencies

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** ?

**Cost-Effectiveness:** ?

**Funding Source(s):**Local Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Families with emergencies that cannot pay the rent or electric bill

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**The Salvation Army

**Program/Service:** Food Boxes

**Description:**Provides food boxes to families in need

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Families in need

**Cost-Effectiveness:** ?

**Funding Source(s):**Local Government Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** Low-income families

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**The Salvation Army

**Program/Service:**Clothing Closet for those in need

**Description:**Clothing available for individuals in need.

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** ?

**Cost-Effectiveness:** ?

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** Needy Individuals

**Language(s):** English



## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:** Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:** Peer Recovery Program

**Description:** The Peer Recovery Program is a peer operated drop-in service designed to promote wellness and recovery.

**Availability:** Bi-weekly

**Impact Information:** Consistent attendance and community acceptance.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** No cost to the individuals served. Both sites where program takes place do not charge for building usage.

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** Target population is for those who have Medicaid or are non-insured but others may participate as well.

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Primary Prevention - Concrete Services

**Organization:**Angel Flight Southeast

**Program/Service:** TRANSPORTATION

**Description:**Angel Flight Southeast coordinates FREE air transportation for children and families with medical and compelling humanitarian needs. Children and adults are flown on private planes for medical treatments, special needs summer camps, safety from domestic

**Availability:** As needed

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**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Family Planning Title X Program

**Description:**Administration of the federal Title X Family Planning grant is another responsibility of the IMRH unit. Family planning services are designed to reduce the number of unplanned or unwanted pregnancies, and to help women manage the timing and spacing of the pregnancies

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Total services in 2008 was 969,768.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Florida Estimated Savings Calculations Based on the Guttmacher-Frost Method (Table 1)The following is a detailed explanation of method used to calculate the estimated savings per pregnancy avoided by Florida's Family Planning Program as shown in Table 1.1. The total estimated family planning clients for 2006 was obtained from the 2006 Family Planning Annual Report for Florida (FPAR) -- 210,295 clients.2. The estimated pregnancies avoided per year per family planning client is 0.2034, which is obtained from the reference Frost report. This is the proportion of pregnancies avoided based on the estimated shift of women from less effective contraceptive methods (including no method) to more effective methods when family planning services become available.3. The number of family planning clients (Step 1) is multiplied by the proportion of pregnancies avoided per client (Step 2) to obtain the estimated number of 42,774 pregnancies.4. The estimated number of pregnancies classified into three

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**County Health Department Family Planning Services: available to all women and men Family Planning Waiver Services: Any woman, age 14 to 55, who loses her full Medicaid coverage Any woman, age 14 to 55, who loses her SOBRA Medicaid is passively enrolled for

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Case Management & Medical Services Programs

**Description:**Providing access to medical services (including emergency anti-epileptic medication services), neuropsychological assessments, case management, counseling, support groups and youth summer camp programs.

**Availability:** As needed

**Impact Information:**Accomplishments of EFOF for the past fiscal year include the provision of services to 5,393 Floridians statewide, regardless of their ability to pay. EFOF currently provides access to direct services in 31 counties via chapter offices in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Miami, Palm Beach and Broward County. Plans of Care were provided to 2,239 individuals with epilepsy and their family members in those regions. The remaining cases are managed by EFOF's statewide sub-contracted providers. EFOF has also rec

**Cost-Effectiveness:**To date, EFOF results have indicated 84% of clients had better or complete seizure control; 80% had fewer emergency room visits, 83% gained a better understanding of their epilepsy and 74% had a better quality of life. Additionally, EFOF Case Management showed 'robust results indicating significant benefits in terms of seizure control, quality of life and employment. . .a 90% reduction in the number of individual visiting Emergency Rooms for medical care??%a 'win-win' for patient and providers'

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Must have epilepsy or seizure disorder symptoms. Programs are provided free-of-charge and/or on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Case Management & Medical Services Programs

**Description:**Providing access to medical services (including emergency anti-epileptic medication services), neuropsychological assessments, case management, counseling, support groups and youth summer camp programs.

**Availability:** As needed and necessary

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on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Provide referrals for respite providers and businesses that provide the service.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and persons with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Florida Healthy Kids Corporation

**Program/Service:** Healthy Kids

**Description:**health insurance for school-aged children

**Availability:** Continuous open enrollment

**Impact Information:**Families apply during open enrollment; enrollment is currently open.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Children with health insurance coverage are healthier, have access to providers and necessary medical and dental services.

**Funding Source(s):**Family premium payments Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**For Healthy Kids, children must be between the ages of 5 through 18 and uninsured. To be eligible for subsidized coverage, other eligibility criteria may also apply.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** transportation

**Description:**transportation to appointments, events, shopping, etc. is provided to residents and participants in various programs.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**This program enables residents and participants to be able to utilize community resources.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**this program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Must be a resident or participant in one of our other programs.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition oversees the Healthy Start Program in-housed at the Health Department in all three counties (Hardee, Highlands & Polk). The Coalition works in conjunction with multiple organizations that promote, healthy pregnancies, babies and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Centering Pregnancy

**Description:**An initiative of the Healthy Start Coalition. Centering Pregnancy is a model that provides prenatal care for women in a group setting, incorporating the three elements of prenatal care: assessment, education, and support into an integrated format that tak

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Centering Pregnancy is available at the Auburndale and Lakeland Health Department and in Hardee County Health Department.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Beds 4 Babies Project

**Description:**A program of the Healthy Start Coalition. The Beds 4 Babies project provides a free portable crib to families in the tri-county are who are not able to provide a separate, safe and approved place for baby to sleep and who lacks the resources to provide a c

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Families must live in Hardee, Highland and/or Polk County. If pregnant, be in her last month of pregnancy or child must be 6 months of age or younger, lack the resources to provide a crib for baby. Referral must be made to the Coalition

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:**MomCare Program and Florida KidCare Program

**Description:**The MomCare is Program of the Healthy Start Coalition, sponsored by the Florida Department of Health and Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration. The MomCare Program provides information, referral and assistance for pregnant women covered by Medicaid

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**through a grant with Florida KidCare. Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**MomCare Program - Pregnant women with a household income up to 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines may be eligible for Medicaid insurance while they are pregnant. Florida KidCare insurance is available to all uninsured children from birth up to age 18.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Referral Service

**Description:**Polk CHD provides applications and referrals to the Florida KidCare program, a health insurance program for children in the state of Florida

**Availability:** ongoing

**Impact Information:**2009 - 1,151 applications provided.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds. Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Bo

**Target Audience(s):** Uninsured

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Prenatal Care, Centering

**Description:**Prenatal Care - board certified OB-GYN provide prenatal care Centering- women with similar due dates meet in small groups during their pregnancy to share in discussing topics, and to support each other.

**Availability:**Monday - Friday by appointment

**Impact Information:**2005-2006 - 3,300 pregnant women received prenatal care. The Centering program is new and there is no data yet.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds. Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**uninsured and underinsured

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:**Well Care and Sick Care; Immunizations; dental care;

**Description:**Well Care and Sick Care - Board certified health professionals provide medical care for children from birth to age 20.Immunizations - to meet requirements for entry into school and daycare. Dental Care - Full dental services for children aged 3-20.

**Availability:**Monday- Friday by appointment

**Impact Information:**2005-06- 13,700 children were vaccinated.2005-06- 6,000 children received dental care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**this information is not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds. Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Well and Sick Care - for those without insurance, care is provided on a sliding fee scale. Immunizations - uninsured and underinsured. Dental - Limited Comprehensive treatment for children and young adults up to the age of 20 with Medicaid coverage; Adult e

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:** Information provision

**Description:**CARD maintains an information database from which we can provide callers names of respite service providers and agencies.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**No data available on how many callers have requested this information.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**All CARD services are free of charge.

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

Circuit: 10 County: Polk

### Primary Prevention - Family Support Programs

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Healthy Start Prenatal and Infant Risk Screening; County Health Departments

**Description:**Healthy Start and County Health Departments offer universal prenatal and infant risk screening to identify pregnant women with an increased risk of pregnancy complications or poor birth outcomes due to environmental, medical, nutritional, or behavioral ri

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey County Health Department: would need to research the impact

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey Health Department: would need to research the cost effectiveness

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Healthy Start: Please see the answer to the Adult Education section of this survey

**Language(s):**English Spanish

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:**Daily Museum programs

**Description:**Monday-literacy program Tuesday-school readiness and art programs Wednesday-kid-cooking program Thursday-Science/Math program Friday-art program

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**During the 08-09 fiscal year, 20,044 people attended Museum programs.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**These programs are usually offered with admission/membership, without an additional fee.

**Funding Source(s):**The Museum include the cost for these programs in it's general operating budget.

**Target Audience(s):**None

**Language(s):**English

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities; TILES/PEN/PEP/POPIN

**Description:**Family Network on Disabilities offers a wide range of workshops that assist families and people at risk or with disabilities.

**Availability:**Daily

**Impact Information:**N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:**N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**N/A

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program

**Description:**About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and related services. TILES assists individuals w

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundations Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:** PEN/PEP/POPIN

**Description:**Parents of the Panhandle: This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) provides PTI services to the Panhandle of Florida from Escambia to Alachua County. Helping to ensure that parents of children w

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals with disabilities or at risk.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:**Alternative Family Program

**Description:**Trained volunteer sponsors take up to 3 adults with mental illness in to their homes. The sponsors provide client supervision, care and support.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Hundreds of mentally ill individuals are able to live in the community, rather than in an institution.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**must be a seriously and persistently mentally ill adult.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families

**Program/Service:** Child Advocacy Center

**Description:**The Orange County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is a place where professionals, such as police officers, DCF workers, school officials, and doctors, jointly investigate and protect victims of our community's worst child abuse cases. The CAC includes th

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth  
Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or  
region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations  
Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** none all are eligible

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF:\* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing.\* Newsletter.\* Regional and statewide training events.\* Local and organizational training events.\* Informative website

**Availability:** On request

**Impact Information:**CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301TRAINING OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Total number of individuals present: 5,270PUBLIC EDUCATION: Total number of individuals present: 20,529

**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Primary Prevention - Information and Referral Helplines

**Organization:** Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:** Family Health Line

**Description:** WHAT IT IS: The Family Health Line (formerly the Healthy Baby Hotline) is a statewide toll-free number (1-800-451-2229) established in 1987 by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Florida Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition. TTY (text telephone) se

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Please see previous Hotline and Registries section in this survey

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Please see previous Hotline and Registries section in this survey

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** available for all

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:** Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder Case Management Programs

**Description:** Providing access to medical services (including emergency anti-epileptic medication services), neuropsychological assessments, case management, counseling, support groups and youth summer camp programs.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Accomplishments of EFOF for the past fiscal year include the provision of services to 5,393 Floridians statewide, regardless of their ability to pay. EFOF currently provides access to direct services in 31 counties via chapter offices in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Miami, Palm Beach and Broward County. Plans of Care were provided to 2,239 individuals with epilepsy and their family members in those regions. The remaining cases are managed by EFOF's statewide sub-contracted providers. EFOF has also rec

**Cost-Effectiveness:** To date, EFOF results have indicated 84% of clients had better or complete seizure control; 80% had fewer emergency room visits, 83% gained a better understanding of their epilepsy and 74% had a better quality of life. Additionally, EFOF Case Management showed 'robust results indicating significant benefits in terms of seizure control, quality of life and employment. . . a 90% reduction in the number of individual visiting Emergency Rooms for medical care??%a 'win-win' for patient and providers'

**Funding Source(s):** State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** Must have epilepsy or seizure disorder symptoms. Programs are provided free-of-charge and/or on a sliding-fee scale, meaning no potential clients will be denied services because of inability to pay.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals with at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Florida's Adoption Information Center

**Program/Service:**Florida's Adoption Information Center

**Description:**Florida's Adoption Information Center was created by The Florida Legislature to serve as a clearinghouse in every area of adoption. The Center has served more than 125,000 people since opening in 1994.As a free service, the Adoption Information Center pro

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Assists individuals and families and professionals on adoption related issues and questions.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Annual budget approx. \$200,000

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):** N/A

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:** No specific name

**Description:**As needed, referrals are made to other resources in the county.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**This is informal and no data is collected

**Cost-Effectiveness:** not available

**Funding Source(s):**part of the county health department services.

**Target Audience(s):** none

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF:\* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing.\* Newsletter.\* Regional and statewide training events.\* Local and organizational training events.\* Informative website

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**CONSULTATION/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 3,301

**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**None. This service would have been provided both to CARD constituents (eligibility required) and their families, as well as members of the general public (no eligibility required).

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Victim Assistance Program - Lakeland Police Dept.

**Program/Service:**victim assistance program

**Description:** help victim's of crime

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**help victim's of crime with various needs

**Cost-Effectiveness:** no recent info.

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):** victim of crime

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Primary Prevention - Public Awareness & Education Campaigns

**Organization:**Department of Health, Infant, Maternal and Reproductive Health Unit

**Program/Service:**Abandoned Baby statewide billboards and education and Every Woman Florida Campaign

**Description:**Abandoned Baby: This is not a program as much as it is a public awareness campaign Every Woman Florida Campaign: The Every Woman Florida Initiative is aimed at raising awareness on the importance and benefits of being healthy prior to pregnancy and is f

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**an evaluation has not occurred

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** available to all

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

**Program/Service:**Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder Prevention & Education Programs

**Description:**Provides Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder training to individuals, schools, first providers, and others.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**EFOF has provided group presentations to 29,611 Floridians, organized awareness activities for 58,061 Floridians, and has provided information and referrals to over 24,000 Floridians.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**To date, EFOF results have indicated 84% of clients had better or complete seizure control; 80% had fewer emergency room visits, 83% gained a better understanding of their epilepsy and 74% had a better quality of life. Additionally, EFOF Case Management showed 'robust results indicating significant benefits in terms of seizure control, quality of life and employment. . .a 90% reduction in the number of individual visiting Emergency Rooms for medical care??%a 'win-win' for patient and providers'

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Any individuals or groups that may have in interest in learning more about epilepsy and seizure disorders.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:** Daily programs

**Description:**Monday-literacy program Tuesday-school readiness and art programs Wednesday-kid-cooking program Thursday-Science/Math program Friday-art program

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**The Museum documented 20,044 attendees in the last fiscal year.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Included in the Museum general operating budget

**Funding Source(s):**Museum General Operating budget

**Target Audience(s):**Children ages 2-5 and their parent/caregiver



**Language(s):**

English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:** Daily programs

**Description:**Monday-literacy program Tuesday-school readiness and art programs Wednesday-kid-cooking program Thursday-Science/Math program Friday-art program

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Fiscal year 08-09 documented 20,044 attendees

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The cost of these programs is included in the Museum's general operating budget.

**Funding Source(s):**Museum operating budget

**Target Audience(s):**Targeted to parents with young children

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:** Daily programs

**Description:**Monday-literacy program Tuesday-school readiness and art programs Wednesday-kid-cooking program Thursday-Science/Math program Friday-art program

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Fiscal year 08-09 documented 20,044 attendees

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Museum general operating budget

**Target Audience(s):**Children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Core Values We believe that everyone has intrinsic value and the inherent right to: Respect Independence Knowledge Freedom of Choice Inclusion Quality of Life Success Equality

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**FL PIRC: Parent Information and Resource Center

**Description:**The Florida State Parental Information and Resource Center of FND Mission Statement: To strengthen partnerships between families, educators, and the community to enhance family involvement in all areas of decision-making that impact children 0 to 23 years

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and Individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/341382/71996303#wall>Stop Hitting Our Kids campaign; Eliminate seclusion and restraint in the special education setting.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Donations Private Foundation Grants Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**FND provides a workshop for Positive Behavior Support

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Mahgany Revue Research & Development

**Program/Service:** Project Healthy Choices

**Description:**Prevention services such as abuse of alcohol and drugs. educational services concerning HIV/AIDS and other(STI)sexual transmitted infections. Free HIV testing

**Availability:**regular educational classes testing come in to the office

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**grants State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** 13 yrs. and up

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:**Health Promotion and Preparedness

**Description:**The Health Promotion and Preparedness division provides information and education on a variety of preventative programs designed to address some of the most critical public health needs of Polk County residents and visitors.

**Availability:** varies

**Impact Information:**H1N1 flu vaccine has been distributed to 30% of school aged children through a partnership with the local county school board

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds. Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):** none

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

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**Impact Information:**H1N1 flu vaccine has been distributed to 30% of school aged children through a partnership with the local county school board.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds.

**Target Audience(s):** none

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Child Passenger Safety

**Description:**Care seat education and car seat distribution

**Availability:**Monday- Friday by appointment

**Impact Information:**2005-06- 787 caregivers/children trained and 600 seats distributed

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds.

**Target Audience(s):**uninsured and underinsured

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Primary Prevention - Workforce

**Organization:**Escambia County Health Department, Florida Department of Health

**Program/Service:**The Florida Department of Health implements extensive family-friendly workplace policies.

**Description:**The family friendly work policies include the opportunities for telecommuting, flexible work weeks, paid family sick leave, administrative leave for family deaths, family health insurance coverage, among many others.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Unknown

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unknown

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):** FDOH employees

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:**Museum Family-friendly workplace policies

**Description:**Children are able to come to work with their parents in supervised areas. Employees receive 50% off paid programs. Employee children are able to obtain volunteer work hours. Flexible scheduling enables parents to attend conferences, volunteer in schools, and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**The Museum has longevity in staffing beyond the ordinary.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):**Museum operating budget

**Target Audience(s):** NA

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**TILES: Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program

**Description:**Be part of the FND group at [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/About-TILES-The-Transition-Independent-Living-Employment-Support-Program/) About TILES The Transition, Independent Living, Employment & Support Program (TILES) is a statewide project that targets youth and young adults with disabilities, ages 14 to 22, receiving special education and relate

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**  
**Secondary Prevention**

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### **Secondary Prevention - Adult Education**

**Organization:** Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Program/Service:** Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Description:** ELCFH supports families and children in accessing high quality early child care and education services via School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten programs. The ELCFH also serves as a point of access to resources and referrals for health care and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** ELCFH served 3077 children (1896 families) under the School Readiness program and 1988 children (1958 families) for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program in the last fiscal year.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Cost effectiveness for parents

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** Depending on family size, income and referrals. The AWI approved Sliding fee scale is used to determine the parent fees (if applicable).

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Secondary Prevention - Community Development

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**Public Awareness Campaigns and Education regarding infant abandonment issues

**Description:**Partnering with the public and private sectors statewide regarding awareness and education.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**141 newborns have been saved from abandonment in Florida.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**14 YEARS OLD AND UP...STATE OF FLORIDA

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Guardian Ad Litem Program, 10th Judicial Circuit

**Program/Service:**Child advocacy in dependency court

**Description:**A Guardian ad Litem is a volunteer appointed by the court to protect the rights and advocate the best interests of a child involved in a court proceeding. The volunteer Guardian ad Litem makes independent recommendations to the court by focusing on the ne

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Presently, we have 471 volunteers assisting with our program's vision, and the 10th Circuit has 100% representation for the 1,644 children that are presently involved with dependency court at this time.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**As a result of the work of our volunteers, a poll was taken to determine the amount of volunteer hours worked and mileage traveled for the month of October in 2009. Of the 307 out of 466 volunteers who reported back regarding this survey, 1806.74 hours were logged by our volunteers in October, along with over 18,465 miles traveled for the advocacy of dependent children in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**If you are concerned for the well being of children and have continuing commitment to advocate for a child until a safe and permanent home is obtained ??? you will be an effective Guardian ad Litem.If you are objective and nonjudgmental and are able to in

**Language(s):**German, French English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**We attend/assist health fairs/community events, meetings and conduct presentations to other organizations and families.

**Availability:** as needed, as requested

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a



**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition oversees the Healthy Start Program in-housed at the Health Department in all three counties (Hardee, Highlands & Polk). The Coalition works in conjunction with multiple organizations that promote, healthy pregnancies, babies and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**The Healthy Start is a voluntary program available to all pregnant women, infants and young children up to age 3 in the tri-county area (Hardee, Highland, & Polk Counties), eligibility is based on need/risk factors, not on income or insurance. All service

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Project is a tri-county effort to better understand the issues associated with fetal and infant mortality and morbidity and to develop strategies that improve perinatal systems of care,

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Transportation Disadvantage education for the community

**Description:**to educate the public about the need for more funding for this program and how to access this program if a person needs it

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**speak regarding this in any public forum

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** volunteer

**Target Audience(s):**anyone who cares about the disabled or seniors

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**provide community education services on health matters

**Description:**will speak in the community on any health topic on request

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**In Sept 2090 taught a class on Disaster Preparation for caregivers In January 2010 will speak on Caregiver Stress

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**my hospital through my department provides this as a community services at no charge

**Target Audience(s):**any one who desires current accurate health information

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Secondary Prevention - Community Support

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**We attend/assist health fairs/community events, meetings and conduct presentations to other organizations and families.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**I organize approximate 20 community health fairs per year

**Description:**we invite local health providers and provide many free health screenings

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**we recently had the Elder Fair and had over 400 in attendance

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**my department organizes these at no cost to the attendee

**Target Audience(s):**desire to come and learn

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**referrals, participants in health fairs, active members in Choices Pregnancy. Care Center

**Description:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center provides parenting Class

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**we work closely with local food and clothing pantries and know where to refer people in need

**Description:** referral service

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**main reason for Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Secondary Prevention - Concrete Services

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medical underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via th

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3- A Safe Haven For Newborns

**Description:**To save the precious lives of newborns in danger of abandonment and to help preserve the health of their mothers and future of their mothers and fathers thru education, prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Donations and Fundraising events State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none,14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:**provides or refers services to women of all ages who are pregnant; provides counseling, classes and material supplies

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):**anyone who is pregnant

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**many of the churches we work with provide food through their food pantries

**Description:**knowing what is available in the community to make appropriate referrals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Secondary Prevention - Family Support Programs

**Organization:** Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:** Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:** Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:** In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medically underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):** Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretations services via th

**Organization:** Gloria M. Silverio Foundation, 501(c)3

**Program/Service:** A Safe Haven For newborns

**Description:** To save the precious lives of newborns in danger of abandonment thru education, prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:** 143 babies saved from abandonment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):** Donations and Fundraising events State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none/14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. Screening is done at clients 1st prenatal visit, screening for baby is done before he/she leaves the hospital. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor Appointments Childbirth Education Classes Nutrition Education Breastfeeding Support Help to Quit Smoking/Smoking

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Voluntary program, eligibility based on need and not income or insurance factors.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. Screening is done at clients 1st prenatal visit, screening for baby is done before he/she leaves the hospital. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Eligibility based on need and not income or insurance factors.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** teen parents

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**Public health nurses and family support workers make home visits to ensure moms receive prenatal care early, babies are born healthy and infants and toddlers develop and thrive.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**2005-06 - 5,800 mothers and infants were provided services.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds. Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Women with high risk pregnancies, post-partum for up to 3 years after delivery; infants and children up to age 3.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:** Drums Not Drugs

**Description:**At-Risk-Youth Substance Abuse--Dysfunctional or abusive family often results in a child's low self esteem failure syndrome Poor social skills--Pressure to succeed and/or be accepted can result in Stress or Aggression For drug users their whole life is about

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**The program developed for Avon Park Youth Academy, a Florida Juvenile Justice facility, introduced in 2008 and ongoing has proven to be extremely successful as measured by the administration, teachers and staff of APYA,,as well as the students themselves.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The program costs about \$130 per patient

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**13 years old and over, all populations in addiction recovery.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:**Connecting Through Drumming

**Description:**Elements that set apart the Primal Connection program from other programs serving youth-at-risk are its application of percussion music and ensemble playing techniques to teach teamwork, math, music, history, cooperation, tolerance and valuable life lesson

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Drum therapy program for the Hernando County School Board to bring children from abusive homes and parents together, 2006. Workshops for the Highlands County School Board for English learning children and their parents, 2009

**Cost-Effectiveness:**20 people @ \$130 each.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**12 years of age and older. All populations.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:**Primal Connection Percussion Ensemble performance & Community Drum Circles

**Description:**Primal Connection supports a multi-cultural percussion ensemble to bring diverse audiences together in the spirit of joy and unity as well as producing educational concerts designed to teach cross-cultural understanding and mutual respect in schools and p

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**The primal Connection has established --In-service Workshops for the Highlands County School Board instructing K-12 teachers how to use percussion as a cross disciplinary tool to teach math, geography, sociology and music --Workshops for the Highlands County School Board for English learning children and their parents--K-12 educational assembly concerts demonstrating rhythms from around the world while explaining their cultural significance and history--After school programs--Percussion education class

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Cost is dependent on the number of people served which determines how many musicians/facilitators are used.

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements and the services engage all audiences.

**Language(s):**English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**The Florida Center for Child and Family Development

**Program/Service:**Healthy Families Sarasota/DeSoto/Hardee

**Description:**Healthy Families Florida is a statewide, nationally accredited, voluntary home visiting program that is proven to prevent child abuse and neglect before it ever starts. Services begin during pregnancy or within three months of a baby's birth and can last

**Availability:**Services are provided weekly, and as the family progresses, visits decrease to bi-weekly, monthly

**Impact Information:**Five year independent Quasi-Experimental Evaluation - Impact Findings\*HFF participants receiving intensive home visiting services had 58 percent less child abuse and neglect at 24 months compared to the comparison group who had little or no services\*Those who stayed in the program and completed were 1.5 times more likely to be employed at 36 months than the group receiving little or no service\*Of the completers, 50 percent were employed at 36 months compared to 40 percent of the comparison group\*Mother

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Cost Avoidance Analysis - Methodology based on the study published by Prevent Child Abuse America and the PEW Charitable trusts. The cost associated with child maltreatment is more than \$87,000 per child annually, compared to an average annual cost of \$1,844 per child for HFF Families services. This includes costs associated with hospitalization, child welfare services, special education, juvenile justice, adult criminal justice and lost productivity.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**Live in the targeted service area where services are provided; be expecting a baby or have a baby under three months of age; be at risk of child abuse and neglect - score a 13 or above on the Healthy Families Florida Assessment Tool; Cannot be active in t

**Language(s):**English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Secondary Prevention - Information and Referral Helplines

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medically underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via the

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**Information is provided as needed to those seeking services not offered by the Coalition, Healthy Start Program or any other initiative that falls under the Coalition. Referrals are made to WIC, United Way/211, Childcare, etc.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**anyone needing information

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### **Secondary Prevention - Public Awareness & Education Campaigns**

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

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**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

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**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via th

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

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**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety and medically underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer telephone translation services for non-English speaking callers via t



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Secondary Prevention - Workforce

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**A Safe Haven For Newborns

**Description:**To save the lives of newborns in danger of abandonment thru education. prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth  
Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or  
region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none/14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**At the Coalition, we all respect each other and work as a team to help those who walk in our office seeking assistance.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Secondary Prevention - Adult Education

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Heartland Workforce Panther Youth Program

**Description:**Youth from the Avon Park High School job shadow program staff.

**Availability:** Annually

**Impact Information:**Two youth from this program are now employed by Avon Park Community Child Development Center

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This program eliminates time and resources spent on orientation when employees are not suited for the position

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Low income high risk students

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Program/Service:**Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Description:**ELCFH supports families and children in accessing high quality early child care and education services via School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten programs. The ELCFH also serves as a point of access to resources and referrals for health care and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**ELCFH served 3077 children (1896 families) under the School Readiness program and 1988 children (1958 families) for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program in the last fiscal year.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Cost effectiveness for parents

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Depending on family size, income and referrals. The AWI approved Sliding fee scale is used to determine the parent fees (if applicable).

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Secondary Prevention - Community Development

**Organization:**Avon Park Community Child Development Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Head Start Community Partnerships

**Description:**We link parents to the available resources

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Parents know who to contact for specific resources eliminating the search process

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government

**Target Audience(s):**Available to all parents of children enrolled at Avon Park Community Child Development Center

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**Public Awareness Campaigns and Education regarding infant abandonment issues

**Description:**Partnering with the public and private sectors statewide regarding awareness and education.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**141 newborns have been saved from abandonment in Florida.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**14 YEARS OLD AND UP...STATE OF FLORIDA

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Guardian Ad Litem Program, 10th Judicial Circuit

**Program/Service:**Child advocacy in dependency court

**Description:**A Guardian ad Litem is a volunteer appointed by the court to protect the rights and advocate the best interests of a child involved in a court proceeding. The volunteer Guardian ad Litem makes independent recommendations to the court by focusing on the ne

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Presently, we have 471 volunteers assisting with our program's vision, and the 10th Circuit has 100% representation for the 1,644 children that are presently involved with dependency court at this time.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**As a result of the work of our volunteers, a poll was taken to determine the amount of volunteer hours worked and mileage traveled for the month of October in 2009. Of the 307 out of 466 volunteers who reported back regarding this survey, 1806.74 hours were logged by our volunteers in October, along with over 18,465 miles traveled for the advocacy of dependent children in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**If you are concerned for the well being of children and have continuing commitment to advocate for a child until a safe and permanent home is obtained ??? you will be an effective Guardian ad Litem.If you are objective and nonjudgmental and are able to in

**Language(s):**German, French English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition oversees the Healthy Start Program in-housed at the Health Department in all three counties (Hardee, Highlands & Polk). The Coalition works in conjunction with multiple organizations that promote, healthy pregnancies, babies and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**The Healthy Start is a voluntary program available to all pregnant women, infants and young children up to age 3 in the tri-county area (Hardee, Highland, & Polk Counties), eligibility is based on need/risk factors, not on income or insurance. All service

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Project is a tri-county effort to better understand the issues associated with fetal and infant mortality and morbidity and to develop strategies that improve perinatal systems of care,

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**We attend/assist health fairs/community events, meetings and conduct presentations to other organizations and families.

**Availability:** as needed, as requested

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Transportation Disadvantage education for the community

**Description:**to educate the public about the need for more funding for this program and how to access this program if a person needs it

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**speak regarding this in any public forum

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** volunteer

**Target Audience(s):**anyone who cares about the disabled or seniors

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**we are involved in a mental illness round-table advocacy group and NAMI

**Description:**to identify local services available to the mentally ill and how to access those services

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**we have identified the severe lack of services and will begin to advocate with our county commissioners

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** volunteer effort

**Target Audience(s):**anyone concerned about the mentally ill

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**provide community education services on health matters

**Description:**will speak in the community on any health topic on request

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**In Sept 2009 taught a class on Disaster Preparation for caregivers In January 2010 will speak on Caregiver Stress

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**my hospital through my department provides this as a community services at no charge

**Target Audience(s):**any one who desires current accurate health information

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Secondary Prevention - Community Support

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**We attend/assist health fairs/community events, meetings and conduct presentations to other organizations and families.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**I organize approximate 20 community health fairs per year

**Description:**we invite local health providers and provide many free health screenings

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:**we recently had the Elder Fair and had over 400 in attendance

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**my department organizes these at no cost to the attendee

**Target Audience(s):**desire to come and learn

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**we work closely with local food and clothing pantries and know where to refer people in need

**Description:** referral service

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**main reason for Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**referrals, participants in health fairs, active members in Choices Pregnancy. Care Center

**Description:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center provides parenting Class

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Secondary Prevention - Concrete Services

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medical underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via th

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3- A Safe Haven For Newborns

**Description:**To save the precious lives of newborns in danger of abandonment and to help preserve the health of their mothers and future of their mothers and fathers thru education, prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Donations and Fundraising events State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none,14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**many of the churches we work with provide food through their food pantries

**Description:**knowing what is available in the community to make appropriate referrals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** anyone in need

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:**provides or refers services to women of all ages who are pregnant; provides counseling, classes and material supplies

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**function of Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):**anyone who is pregnant

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**United Way of Central Florida Success By 6

**Program/Service:**Florida KidCare promotion

**Description:**Through Florida KidCare, the state of Florida offers health insurance for children from birth through age 18, even if one or both parents are working. It includes four different parts. When you apply for the insurance, Florida KidCare will check which par

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Eligibility is based on a sliding fee scale. Families with uninsured children is the target audience.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Childrens Outpatient Services/Special Program

**Description:**Through various contracts in Special Programs and through case management activities, assistance in finding affordable and sustainable housing is provided.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**The impact relates to the individual's ability to obtain and maintain suitable housing.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Minimal cost in the administrative activities associated with providing these funds.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Those eligible under particular contracts. Those who have funding through Medicaid receive assistance to obtain suitable housing through targeted case management activities if qualify.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Childrens Outpatient Services/Special Program

**Description:**Through various contracts, there are funds available to pay for basic necessities during times of severe hardship.

**Availability:**as needed

**Impact Information:**The impact relates to obtaining utilities to maintain a safe home environment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Minimal cost in the administrative activities associated with providing these funds.

**Funding Source(s):**Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Those eligible under particular contracts.

**Language(s):**English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Secondary Prevention - Family Support Programs

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medically underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretations services via th

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**A Safe Haven For newborns

**Description:**To save the precious lives of newborns in danger of abandonment thru education, prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Donations and Fundraising events State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none/14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor Appointments Childbirth Education Classes Nutrition Education Breastfeeding Support Help to Quit Smoking/Smoking

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Voluntary program, eligibility based on need and not income or insurance factors.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. Screening is done at clients 1st prenatal visit, screening for baby is done before he/she leaves the hospital. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. Screening is done at clients 1st prenatal visit, screening for baby is done before he/she leaves the hospital. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Eligibility based on need and not income or insurance factors.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** NA

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** teen parents

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:**Choices Pregnancy Care Center

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:**Public health nurses and family support workers make home visits to ensure moms receive prenatal care early, babies are born healthy and infants and toddlers develop and thrive.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**2005-06 - 5,800 mothers and infants were provided services.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** not available

**Funding Source(s):**Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds. Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Women with high risk pregnancies, post-partum for up to 3 years after delivery; infants and children up to age 3.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:** Drums Not Drugs

**Description:**At-Risk-Youth Substance Abuse--Dysfunctional or abusive family often results in a child's low self esteem failure syndrome Poor social skills--Pressure to succeed and/or be accepted can result in Stress or Aggression For drug users their whole life is about

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**The program developed for Avon Park Youth Academy, a Florida Juvenile Justice facility, introduced in 2008 and ongoing has proven to be extremely successful as measured by the administration, teachers and staff of APYA,,as well as the students themselves.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The program costs about \$130 per patient

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**13 years old and over, all populations in addiction recovery.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:**Connecting Through Drumming

**Description:**Elements that set apart the Primal Connection program from other programs serving youth-at-risk are its application of percussion music and ensemble playing techniques to teach teamwork, math, music, history, cooperation, tolerance and valuable life lesson

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Drum therapy program for the Hernando County School Board to bring children from abusive homes and parents together, 2006. Workshops for the Highlands County School Board for English learning children and their parents, 2009

**Cost-Effectiveness:**20 people @ \$130 each.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**12 years of age and older. All populations.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:**Primal Connection Percussion Ensemble performance & Community Drum Circles

**Description:**Primal Connection supports a multi-cultural percussion ensemble to bring diverse audiences together in the spirit of joy and unity as well as producing educational concerts designed to teach cross-cultural understanding and mutual respect in schools and p

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**The primal Connection has established --In-service Workshops for the Highlands County School Board instructing K-12 teachers how to use percussion as a cross disciplinary tool to teach math, geography, sociology and music --Workshops for the Highlands County School Board for English learning children and their parents--K-12 educational assembly concerts demonstrating rhythms from around the world while explaining their cultural significance and history--After school programs--Percussion education class

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Cost is dependent on the number of people served which determines how many musicians/facilitators are used.

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements and the services engage all audiences.

**Language(s):**English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Children's Outpatient Services

**Description:**Mental health services are provided to those who have been the victim of domestic violence. Services are also provided to those who have perpetrated violence on others and helping them with their anger issues. Both therapeutic and psychoeducational service

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Services are provided to all whom meet the medical necessity requirements for treatment.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Childrens Outpatient Services-Parent Groups

**Description:**Psychoeducational groups are available for parents of children being served through the children's outpatient services.

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Parents can receive information regarding various mental health issues related to their children.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Low cost for parents involved- \$5.00 a group

**Funding Source(s):** self-pay

**Target Audience(s):**Generally available for parents of children served at CBH

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Children's Outpatient Services

**Description:**Adult and children's therapy is provided to assist the individuals in the reduction of their symptoms and lead them towards wellness and recovery.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Individuals must meet medical necessity criteria for therapeutic services.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

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**Language(s):** English



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Secondary Prevention - Information and Referral Helplines

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

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**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via the

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**Information is provided as needed to those seeking services not offered by the Coalition, Healthy Start Program or any other initiative that falls under the Coalition. Referrals are made to WIC, United Way/211, Childcare, etc.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**anyone needing information

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10    **County:** Highlands

### **Secondary Prevention - Public Awareness & Education Campaigns**

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

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**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via th

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**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer telephone translation services for non-English speaking callers via t

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Secondary Prevention - Workforce

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**A Safe Haven For Newborns

**Description:**To save the lives of newborns in danger of abandonment thru education. prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth  
Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or  
region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none/14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**At the Coalition, we all respect each other and work as a team to help those who walk in our office seeking assistance.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Secondary Prevention - Adult Education

**Organization:** Lake Wales Care Center, Inc.

**Program/Service:** Lake Wales Literacy Council

**Description:** Provides one on one tutoring to adults. ESOL classes for non English speakers. After school tutoring for elementary school age children.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** None

**Cost-Effectiveness:** None

**Funding Source(s):** Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** NAMI Polk County, Inc.

**Program/Service:** NAMI Basics Education

**Description:** NAMI Basics is a six week course for parents of children with behavior problems or who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses such as ADD, ADHD, bipolar disorder, anxiety, OCD, ODD or any other diagnosable mental illness. The course teaches parents co

**Availability:** Semi-annually

**Impact Information:** Parents report feeling more in control and calm when dealing with their child's behavior and outbursts. They also report better communication skills when dealing with the school system.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** No information is available at this time.

**Funding Source(s):** United Way State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):** There are no eligibility requirements other than having a child with a mental illness or behavior problem.

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### **Secondary Prevention - Community Development**

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Therapeutic Foster Care

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Annually Community Survey Results indicated 90% satisfaction rate

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):**Health Care Insurances in addition to Medicaid Family Safety/Preservation Funding Federal Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Clients must have DSM-IV mental Health Dx Foster Parents must be licensed Thru the State of Florida 65C standards

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** 90--100% retention

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid and selected Insurance eligibility Licensed Foster Parents

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**Public Awareness Campaigns and Education regarding infant abandonment issues

**Description:**Partnering with the public and private sectors statewide regarding awareness and education.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**141 newborns have been saved from abandonment in Florida.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**14 YEARS OLD AND UP...STATE OF FLORIDA

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Guardian Ad Litem Program, 10th Judicial Circuit

**Program/Service:**Child advocacy in dependency court

**Description:**A Guardian ad Litem is a volunteer appointed by the court to protect the rights and advocate the best interests of a child involved in a court proceeding. The volunteer Guardian ad Litem makes independent recommendations to the court by focusing on the ne

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Presently, we have 471 volunteers assisting with our program's vision, and the 10th Circuit has 100% representation for the 1,644 children that are presently involved with dependency court at this time.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**As a result of the work of our volunteers, a poll was taken to determine the amount of volunteer hours worked and mileage traveled for the month of October in 2009. Of the 307 out of 466 volunteers who reported back regarding this survey, 1806.74 hours were logged by our volunteers in October, along with over 18,465 miles traveled for the advocacy of dependent children in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**If you are concerned for the well being of children and have continuing commitment to advocate for a child until a safe and permanent home is obtained ??? you will be an effective Guardian ad Litem.If you are objective and nonjudgmental and are able to in

**Language(s):**German, French English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**We attend/assist health fairs/community events, meetings and conduct presentations to other organizations and families.

**Availability:** as needed, as requested

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition oversees the Healthy Start Program in-housed at the Health Department in all three counties (Hardee, Highlands & Polk). The Coalition works in conjunction with multiple organizations that promote, healthy pregnancies, babies and

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**The Healthy Start is a voluntary program available to all pregnant women, infants and young children up to age 3 in the tri-county area (Hardee, Highland, & Polk Counties), eligibility is

based on need/risk factors, not on income or insurance. All service

**Language(s):** English Spanish



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**The Healthy Start Coalition Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Project is a tri-county effort to better understand the issues associated with fetal and infant mortality and morbidity and to develop strategies that improve perinatal systems of care,

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Mahgany Revue Research & Development

**Program/Service:**Phoneix Rising Family series

**Description:**Quarterly forums focused on the family. Panel discussion on different topics that effect the positive growth of the family and the community. Solution based ideas shared with each other in a safe informative environment. Non blaming or accusatory forum ea

**Availability:** Quarterly

**Impact Information:**This program has been existence for two years we have had topics such as focus on the family, raising children in the 21st century, drug and alcohol abuse, hugz not drugz, decreasing violence against children.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Community donations and grant funds

**Target Audience(s):**Anyone with a want and desire to better their family and strengthen the community

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**NAMI Polk County, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement officers (CIT)

**Description:**NAMI Polk County has a role in helping the Polk County Sheriff's office train deputies in mental health crisis intervention. The Polk County Sheriff's office offers six 40 hour trainings a year to officers to educate them in mental health crisis response

**Availability:** Bi-monthly

**Impact Information:**Feedback from officers is very positive in that they state they have a better understanding of the special needs of families coping with mental illness.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Data is unavailable at this time

**Funding Source(s):**United Way of Central Florida Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Law enforcement officers are offered this program.

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**NAMI Polk County, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Advocacy is built into all of our programs. There is no one program that focuses on advocacy.

**Description:**Self advocacy is taught in all of our classes. NAMI also advocates for equitable treatment of individuals with mental illness by educating legislators and by educating the public on the facts of mental illness and the needs of families coping with mental

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**United Way of Central Florida

**Target Audience(s):** N/A

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**NAMI Polk County, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Polk County Mental Health Court

**Description:**The Polk County Mental Health Court is a collaborative program between the 10th Judicial Circuit and local social service agencies. Any participating agency can refer clients involved with the judicial system to mental health court which is a jail diversi

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**The first 'graduating' class from Polk County Mental Health Court reported no new arrests during the first year after completing the program.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The program is very cost effective as it keeps individuals with mental illness out of jail and in their own homes. If they have a job they are able to keep their job and if they need help finding a job they are offered services in locating a job. The relapse prevention piece offered by NAMI Polk County helps clients build a support network around them and helps them become aware of an impending relapse, thus preventing or shortening the relapse. Relapse prevention means staying out of the hospital and/or jail which is cost effective.

**Funding Source(s):**United Way of Central Florida State Government Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Clients are charged with a crime in Polk County and have a documentable mental illness.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Polk County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Polk County School Readiness Coalition

**Description:**Child care subsidy is given to eligible working poor families in order to keep them working while their child(ren) are in a quality childcare sites being prepared to enter school. Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program is free to all four year olds in F

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**A total of 12,320 children were served between in either a School Readiness or VPK program.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The School Readiness program is paid in three parts: 1) Federal and state funds; 2)local matching funds and 3) parent fees, established by a sliding fee schedule.

**Funding Source(s):**Local business grants and parent fees Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Must be income eligible starting at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels and are eligible up to 200% of the federal poverty levels. All adults in the home must be working or going to

school

**Language(s):**

English Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Polk County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

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**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Secondary Prevention - Community Support

**Organization:**Catholic Charities of Central Florida - Southern Region in Brevard

**Program/Service:**Emergency Financial Services

**Description:**The EFS program provides rent and mortgage assistance, rent deposits, utility deposits and utility assistance. Depending on the circumstances, it will sometimes pay bus tickets, prescription medications, or provide food/toiletries that are needed.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**The EFS program is able to provide emergency rent and utility assistance and deposits to keep people in their homes or assist people in transitional housing or homeless into more permanent homes.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The client is able to stay in their homes which is less expensive then moving. Those clients who are currently homeless receive case management services and referral to other programs that can assist them.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Must be within 20% of poverty level

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Specialized therapeutic Foster CareCommunity Mental Health/TBOS (Future program)

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Unable to have information. Waiting to start this program in Lakeland. Information available for other office in the State, However. Defer to Deputy State Director.

**Funding Source(s):**Health Insurance/ Medicaid Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid or other healthcare insurance License foster parents

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**We attend/assist health fairs/community events, meetings and conduct presentations to other organizations and families.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**NAMI Polk County, Inc.

**Program/Service:** United Way Fairs

**Description:**NAMI Polk County participates in agency fairs with other United Way Agencies to promote agency programs that are available to the public. NAMI Polk County also collaborates with the University of South Florida Polytechnic to offer support and educational

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**United Way of Central Florida

**Target Audience(s):** No requirements.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Polk County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Polk County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

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**Funding Source(s):**Local business grants and parent fees Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Must be income eligible starting at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels and are eligible up to 200% of the federal poverty levels. All adults in the home must be working or going to school

**Language(s):** English Spanish

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**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**United Way of Central Florida Success By 6

**Program/Service:** Family Fundamentals

**Description:**Family fundamentals is a collaboration of organizations committed to strengthening families and our community by increasing access to resources and services. This Success By 6 parent resource center is a warm, welcoming place where parents and other family

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**No eligibility requirements. Target audience is low-income families.

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Secondary Prevention - Concrete Services

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**STFCTBOSOut patient Counseling Foster Parent Training Adoption Counseling

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Defer to State Director

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** Medicaid

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medical underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via th



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3- A Safe Haven For Newborns

**Description:**To save the precious lives of newborns in danger of abandonment and to help preserve the health of their mothers and future of their mothers and fathers thru education, prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Donations and Fundraising events State Government Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none,14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Community Care

**Program/Service:** Food Bank

**Description:** Referral Only

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:** None available

**Cost-Effectiveness:** None Available

**Funding Source(s):** Referrals only

**Target Audience(s):** NA

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**United Way of Central Florida Success By 6

**Program/Service:**Florida KidCare promotion

**Description:**Through Florida KidCare, the state of Florida offers health insurance for children from birth through age 18, even if one or both parents are working. It includes four different parts. When you apply for the insurance, Florida KidCare will check which par

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Eligibility is based on a sliding fee scale. Families with uninsured children is the target audience.

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Childrens Outpatient Services/Special Program

**Description:**Through various contracts, there are funds available to pay for basic necessities during times of severe hardship.

**Availability:**as needed

**Impact Information:**The impact relates to obtaining utilities to maintain a safe home environment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Minimal cost in the administrative activities associated with providing these funds.

**Funding Source(s):**Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Those eligible under particular contracts.

**Language(s):**English Spanish

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Childrens Outpatient Services/Special Program

**Description:**Through various contracts in Special Programs and through case management activities, assistance in finding affordable and sustainable housing is provided.

**Availability:**as needed

**Impact Information:**The impact relates to the individual's ability to obtain and maintain suitable housing.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Minimal cost in the administrative activities associated with providing these funds.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Those eligible under particular contracts. Those who have funding through Medicaid receive assistance to obtain suitable housing through targeted case management activities if qualify.

**Language(s):**English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Secondary Prevention - Family Support Programs

**Organization:**Easter Seals Florida

**Program/Service:** Easter Seals Teen Parent

**Description:**Easter Seals operates two Teen Parent/Infant Centers in Hillsborough County in partnership with the School District of Hillsborough County. The Teen West program is located at the D.W. Waters Career Center in West Tampa and the Teen Parent East Center is

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Infants of teen parents are considered to be at risk for developmental delays. The quality care provided in this Easter Seals program reduces the risk of developmental delay, or, if delay is present, provides the appropriate intervention to improve the child's developmental outcomes.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This program allows teenagers to go to school and obtain their HS Diploma or GED so that they will be able to get a job to support their child as opposed to having to apply for welfare or social services.

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Admission to this program is through the School District of Hillsborough County. Funding for this program is provided by the School Readiness Program.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:**After School with the Arts & Sciences

**Description:**After school program based in the Arts & Sciences for at risk/low income students from a local school.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Eleven scholarship students attend the daily after school program. These students have been identified as low-income by their school. These students have become more confident, self-assured, and creative since the program started.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This program is grant-funded, although open to paid after school students, also.

**Funding Source(s):**Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**Scholarship students must be eligible for free/reduced lunch.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Specialized Therapeutic Foster CareTBOSCommunity out patient counseling Psychiatric Services Adoption Counseling Information and Referral

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Defer to State Director

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Defer to State deputy Director

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid65C- State Licensure requirements for foster care

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:**Florida Mentor Community Services

**Description:**TBOS and outpatient therapy for children and youth with Depression, Anxiety, PTSD, ADHD, Family Issues, Sexual Abuse, Attachment Issues

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** Not yet available

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** Medicaid eligibility

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor Lakeland

**Description:**Community Mental Health/TBOS out patient counseling (This program just recently starting)

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Not available

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Defer to Deputy State director for cost effectiveness in other counties and state-wide.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid/Magellan, Healthease/Staywell, Value Options, and Cenpatico. Check status of health care plans.

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

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**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

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**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Donations and Fundraising events State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none/14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Healthy Families Polk

**Program/Service:**TIPS groups (Together in Parenting Success)

**Description:**groups are offered to families to increase their networking and enhance their education and parent-child interaction

**Availability:** Quarterly

**Impact Information:**Positive feedback from participants

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**small community grants Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**families with children less than 3 months of age and without and active CPS case

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Healthy Families Polk

**Program/Service:** Healthy Families

**Description:**ASQ given at specified intervals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Determination regarding appropriate child development. Referrals to appropriate agencies provided to families if needed.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**families with children less than 3 months of age and without and active CPS case

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Healthy Families Polk

**Program/Service:**counseling component to Healthy Families

**Description:**Families in Healthy Families requiring counseling are offered services

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Successful based on comparison studies

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**families with children less than 3 months of age and without and active CPS case requiring additional counseling services

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Healthy Families Polk

**Program/Service:** Healthy Families

**Description:**Voluntary home visitation, mental health counseling, parent support groups, parenting classes

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Reduction of child abuse among the population served

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Prevention saves \$. For every \$1 spent on prevention 3-12 are save in intervention costs later

**Funding Source(s):**small community grants Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**families with children less than 3 months of age and without and active CPS case

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Healthy Families Polk

**Program/Service:** Parenting Classes

**Description:**7 week parenting classes offered to parents with children 0-6

**Availability:** Schedule

**Impact Information:**Positive results based on pre and post testing and satisfaction surveys

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**families with children less than 3 months of age and without and active CPS case

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Healthy Families Polk

**Program/Service:**Counseling Component to Healthy Families

**Description:**Families in Healthy Families requiring counseling are offered services

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Success based on comparison studies

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**families with children less than 3 months of age and without and active CPS case requiring additional counseling services

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. Screening is done at clients 1st prenatal visit, screening for baby is done before he/she leaves the hospital. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

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**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

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**Target Audience(s):**Eligibility based on need and not income or insurance factors.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Program

**Description:**Healthy Start services are available to all pregnant women, babies up to age 3. All services are free and include the following: Help Making Doctor Appointments Childbirth Education Classes Nutrition Education Breastfeeding Support Help to Quit Smoking/Smoking

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**Voluntary program, eligibility based on need and not income or insurance factors.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families

**Program/Service:** Healing Tree

**Description:**The Healing Tree has emerged as the leading treatment facility in Central Florida for traumatized victims of sexual assault. Counselors who have been trained in play therapy use sand trays, puppets, dolls, drawing and other child-centered activities to al

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth  
Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region  
Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations  
Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations  
Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):**no requirements, sexually abused children

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**International Network for Children and Families

**Program/Service:**Redirecting Children's Behavior

**Description:**Parenting courses and workshops that help parents discipline their children in ways that increase their self-esteem, cooperation and diminish stress in household.

**Availability:**We have instructors available to teach courses in these areas

**Impact Information:**A study by the University of Central Florida

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** no requirements

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Mahgany Revue Research & Development

**Program/Service:** Project Healthy Choices

**Description:**18 week comprehensive counseling based on CBT cognitive behavioral training. Random drug and alcohol screens.

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Community Donations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** 16 yrs+

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Mahgany Revue Research & Development

**Program/Service:**New Freedom Expedition

**Description:**Individual counseling that deals with abusive and/or high risk behaviors that are detrimental to the healthy growth of the family

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**This program has been running for three years, with very good results 75% of our participants have not had any other new documented abuse or neglect allegations

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**any parent or child starting from ages 12-up. With a high risk or abuse or neglect drug use anger management domestic violence. Or high has been identified by other relaying sources in need of support to keep the integrity of the family

**Language(s):** English Spanish



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:** Mahgany Revue Research & Development

**Program/Service:** New Freedom Expedition

**Description:** Couples and individual counseling

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):** grants

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:** NAMI Polk County, Inc.

**Program/Service:** Parent Support Group

**Description:** The NAMI Polk Parent Support Group offers support in a group setting led by a mental health professional. All participants are the caregiver for a child with a mental illness. Parents discuss individual successes and challenges they face as they parent

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** United Way of Central Florida Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):** Participants are the caregiver for a child with mental illness.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:** Polk County Health Department

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start

**Description:** Public health nurses and family support workers make home visits to ensure moms receive prenatal care early, babies are born healthy and infants and toddlers develop and thrive.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:** 2005-06 - 5,800 mothers and infants were provided services.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** not available

**Funding Source(s):** Polk CHD programs are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funding in addition to grant funding from community, independent and company foundations in addition to local, state and federal grant funds. Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** Women with high risk pregnancies, post-partum for up to 3 years after delivery; infants and children up to age 3.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Polk County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

**Program/Service:**Polk County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

**Description:**Child care subsidy is given to eligible working poor families in order to keep them working while their child(ren) are in a quality childcare sites being prepared to enter school. Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program is free to all four year olds in F

**Availability:** Semi-annually

**Impact Information:**Information is sent to the Coalition monthly on the developmental screens. Any borderline or failed assessments are redone and referrals are made if needed.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**This is incorporated into the eligibility process and is more cost effective than processes in the past when several staff members were employed solely for this process.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**All children eligible for a School Readiness or VPK program are eligible to have a developmental screening.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

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**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**A total of 12,320 children were served between in either a School Readiness or VPK program.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The School Readiness program is paid in three parts: 1) Federal and state funds; 2)local matching funds and 3) parent fees, established by a sliding fee schedule.

**Funding Source(s):**Local business grants and parent fees Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Must be income eligible starting at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels and are eligible up to 200% of the federal poverty levels. All adults in the home must be working or going to school

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:**Connecting Through Drumming

**Description:**Elements that set apart the Primal Connection program from other programs serving youth-at-risk are its application of percussion music and ensemble playing techniques to teach teamwork, math, music, history, cooperation, tolerance and valuable life lessons

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Drum therapy program for the Hernando County School Board to bring children from abusive homes and parents together, 2006. Workshops for the Highlands County School Board for English learning children and their parents, 2009

**Cost-Effectiveness:**20 people @ \$130 each.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**12 years of age and older. All populations.

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:**Primal Connection Percussion Ensemble performance & Community Drum Circles

**Description:**Primal Connection supports a multi-cultural percussion ensemble to bring diverse audiences together in the spirit of joy and unity as well as producing educational concerts designed to teach cross-cultural understanding and mutual respect in schools and p

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**The primal Connection has established --In-service Workshops for the Highlands County School Board instructing K-12 teachers how to use percussion as a cross disciplinary tool to teach math, geography, sociology and music --Workshops for the Highlands County School Board for English learning children and their parents--K-12 educational assembly concerts demonstrating rhythms from around the world while explaining their cultural significance and history--After school programs--Percussion education class

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Cost is dependent on the number of people served which determines how many musicians/facilitators are used.

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements and the services engage all audiences.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Primal Connection Inc

**Program/Service:** Drums Not Drugs

**Description:**At-Risk-Youth Substance Abuse--Dysfunctional or abusive family often results in a child's low self esteem failure syndrome Poor social skills--Pressure to succeed and/or be accepted can result in Stress or Aggression For drug users their whole life is about

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**The program developed for Avon Park Youth Academy, a Florida Juvenile Justice facility, introduced in 2008 and ongoing has proven to be extremely successful as measured by the administration, teachers and staff of APYA,,as well as the students themselves.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**The program costs about \$130 per patient

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region

**Target Audience(s):**13 years old and over, all populations in addiction recovery.

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**United Way of Central Florida Success By 6

**Program/Service:**Understanding Young Children Parenting Classes

**Description:**Understanding Young Children classes use the Active Parenting and The Happiest Baby on the Block curriculums. Classes are intended for the parents and caregivers of children newborn through age five. Our goal is to help you gain skills, understand child

**Availability:**One session per week for six weeks.

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**No eligibility requirements. Low income families targeted

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Childrens Outpatient Services-Parent Groups

**Description:**Psychoeducational groups are available for parents of children being served through the children's outpatient services.

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Parents can receive information regarding various mental health issues related to their children.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Low cost for parents involved- \$5.00 a group

**Funding Source(s):** self-pay

**Target Audience(s):**Generally available for parents of children served at CBH

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**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Children's Outpatient Services

**Description:**Adult and children's therapy is provided to assist the individuals in the reduction of their symptoms and lead them towards wellness and recovery.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Individuals must meet medical necessity criteria for therapeutic services.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Children's Outpatient Services

**Description:**Mental health services are provided to those who have been the victim of domestic violence. Services are also provided to those who have perpetrated violence on others and helping them with their anger issues. Both therapeutic and psychoeducational service

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Services are provided to all whom meet the medical necessity requirements for treatment.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10    **County:** Polk

### Secondary Prevention - Information and Referral Helplines

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Provides 24/7 on call therapist support to STFC parents Provides Information and assistance to those seeking to become foster parents Provides information, assistance and referral to community mental health resources for a variety of issues affecting child

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Defer to State Director

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid State Licensing requirements

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medically underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone interpretation services via the

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**Information is provided as needed to those seeking services not offered by the Coalition, Healthy Start Program or any other initiative that falls under the Coalition. Referrals are made to WIC, United Way/211, Childcare, etc.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):**anyone needing information

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families

**Program/Service:** All Programs

**Description:**The Howard Phillips Center for Children & Families provides dignity and healing for children, families and individuals who face overwhelming challenges like child abuse, sexual trauma, developmental disabilities, medically underserved youth, and HIV/AIDS.

**Availability:** m-F

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth  
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**Target Audience(s):** depends on program

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10    **County:** Polk

### **Secondary Prevention - Public Awareness & Education Campaigns**

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Foster Parent Awareness/Appreciation Month

**Availability:** Annually

**Impact Information:** 90--100% retention

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):**State Licensing requirements

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

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**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer telephone translation services for non-English speaking callers via t

**Organization:**Mahgany Revue Research & Development

**Program/Service:** Project Healthy Choices

**Description:**group discussions health events community giving the message of what is domestic violence. forums on what to do where to go for help. counseling for co-dependency. counseling for rebuilding your self esteem and reclaiming your life.

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Community donations grants corporate funding ect.

**Target Audience(s):** 16 yrs and up

**Language(s):** English



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Secondary Prevention - Workforce

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** STFC/Foster Care

**Availability:** Quarterly

**Impact Information:**Defer to State Director

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid State Licensure

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**Gloria M. Silverio Foundation,501(c)3

**Program/Service:**A Safe Haven For Newborns

**Description:**To save the lives of newborns in danger of abandonment thru education. prevention and grass roots community involvement.

**Availability:** 24/7

**Impact Information:**143 babies saved from abandonment

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth  
Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or  
region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations

**Target Audience(s):** none/14-22 y.o.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**HEALTHY START COALITION OF HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, & POLK COUNTIES, INC.

**Program/Service:** Healthy Start Coalition

**Description:**At the Coalition, we all respect each other and work as a team to help those who walk in our office seeking assistance.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** n/a

**Cost-Effectiveness:** n/a

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** n/a

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**  
**Adoption Promotion**

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### **Adoption Promotion and Awareness**

**Organization:** Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Program/Service:** As previously stated

**Description:** As previously stated

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** As previously stated

**Cost-Effectiveness:** As previously stated

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** As previously stated

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### Adoption Promotion - Targeted Recruitment Efforts

**Organization:** Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Program/Service:** As previously stated

**Description:** As previously stated

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** As previously stated

**Cost-Effectiveness:** As previously stated

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**Target Audience(s):** As previously stated

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** Monthly Parish Nurse Meetings

**Description:** education meetings

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10    **County:** Hardee

### **Adoption Promotion - Child specific Recruitment Efforts**

**Organization:**Family Support Services of North Florida

**Program/Service:** Explore Adoption

**Description:**Website that gives information about adopting a child from the foster care system and well as information about the children that are currently available.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** unknown

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10    **County:** Highlands

### **Adoption Promotion and Awareness**

**Organization:** Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Program/Service:** As previously stated

**Description:** As previously stated

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** As previously stated

**Cost-Effectiveness:** As previously stated

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** As previously stated

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### Adoption Promotion - Targeted Recruitment Efforts

**Organization:** Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc

**Program/Service:** As previously stated

**Description:** As previously stated

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** As previously stated

**Cost-Effectiveness:** As previously stated

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government State Government Local Government Independent Foundation - established by a person/family of wealth Community Foundation - supported by & operated for the benefit of a specific community or region Corporate/Company Foundation - created & funded by private sector corporations Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** As previously stated

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Parish Nursing Florida Hospital Heartland Division

**Program/Service:** Monthly Parish Nurse Meetings

**Description:** education meetings

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Parish Nursing

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10    **County:** Highlands

### **Adoption Promotion - Child specific Recruitment Efforts**

**Organization:**Family Support Services of North Florida

**Program/Service:** Explore Adoption

**Description:**Website that gives information about adopting a child from the foster care system and well as information about the children that are currently available.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** unknown

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):** English



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Adoption Promotion and Awareness

**Organization:** Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:** Adoption promotion/awareness

**Description:** The Museum will post information provided by other entities.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Unknown to us

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** The Museum has no dollars tied up in the promotion. All materials are supplied by other entities.

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Community Mental Health/TBOSSTFC

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** 2009 Number of recruited homes

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):** State Government Local Government Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** Licensing requirements 65C

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Protective Services

**Description:** Provides in-home protective supervision to children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. Also recruits foster and adoptive families for such children

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Up to 1600 children at a time are cared for by this program

**Cost-Effectiveness:** This program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):** Children are referred by the CMO

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Adoption Promotion - Targeted Recruitment Efforts

**Organization:** Explorations V Children's Museum

**Program/Service:** Posters

**Description:** We display posters/information provided by other entities.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Unknown to us.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** NA

**Funding Source(s):** Posters supplied by other entities.

**Target Audience(s):** NA

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:** Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** STFC

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Daily Census Growth

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Monthly Financial reports from December 2009 Avatar reports Daily demographics

**Funding Source(s):** Company incentives Company initiatives thru Culture Committees Word of mouth Community Annual Survey Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** licensing/ Homes Study/ Background checks

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:** Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Licensing & Recruitment

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** New Licensing recruitment initiative beginning Oct. 09 Defer to State Director Unable to determine results of change in process from October 2009. First Quarter would suggest no significant change

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Waiting for second quarter results since there was a change in October.

**Funding Source(s):** Defer to State Licensing Recruitment Regional Director State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** Licensing requirements FL St 65C

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:** Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** STFC Adoption Counseling

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** unknown

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to State Director

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** Medicaid Family safety

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida mentor

**Description:** STFC Licensing

**Availability:** not available at present time

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Licensing Home Study

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**marketing efforts are directed at families, couples and individuals

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Recruitment efforts have been successful. Hillsborough County had more adoptions in 2008 than any other county in Florida.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**We are targeting families and individuals interested in foster care or adoption.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:** same as previous entry

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**same as previous entry

**Cost-Effectiveness:** see previous entry

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):** referred by CMO

**Language(s):**English;Spanish;American Sign Language

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:** see previous entry

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** see previous entry

**Cost-Effectiveness:** see previous entry

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):** referred by the CMO

**Language(s):**Spanish; American Sign Language

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:** see previous entry

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** see previous entry

**Cost-Effectiveness:** see previous entry

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):** referred by the CMO

**Language(s):**English;Spanish;American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

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**Program/Service:** Explore Adoption

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**Availability:** Daily

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**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** unknown

**Target Audience(s):** None

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** STFC

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Defer to State Director

**Cost-Effectiveness:**See Avatar weekly report

**Funding Source(s):**word of mouth Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** licensing 65C

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**We work with the CMO's to identify and match children with families.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**this program matches eligible children and families

**Cost-Effectiveness:**this program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**children and families must both be eligible for adoption

**Language(s):**English;Spanish;American Sign Language

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**We have adoption information posted on our web site.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**children and parents must be determined to be eligible.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child protective services

**Description:**We distribute information about eligible children to interested and eligible prospective adoptive and foster parents.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been placed for adoption

**Cost-Effectiveness:**this program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**children must be eligible for adoption; parents must be trained and approved.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### **Adoption Promotion - Orientation for Prospective Parents**

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**STFCOut Patient Mental Health Cold Call Inquires

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**Defer to State Director

**Cost-Effectiveness:** December 2009

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid/clients Licensing 65C Target audience: Staff/Foster Parents monthly meetings

**Language(s):**English Spanish Creole American Sign Language

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** STFC/ Clinical Supervision

**Availability:** Bi-weekly

**Impact Information:**Defer to State Director and QA Manager

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unknown

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Licensing requirements/ Clinical staff attendance at meetings

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**Information is distributed to interested prospective adoptive parents

**Availability:** as requested

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** it is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**parents and child must be eligible for adoption

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child protective services

**Description:**We hold periodic meetings for prospective adoptive parents

**Availability:** Bi-monthly

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**target audience is prospective adoptive parents

**Language(s):**English;Spanish;American Sign Language

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Adoption Promotion - Assistance navigating the system

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**STFCCommunity Mental Health Services Comprehensive Behavior Assessments Community Provider

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:**Stakeholder Feedback Client & Stakeholder Survey Results (Annually)

**Cost-Effectiveness:** 2009 results

**Funding Source(s):**CARF State Government Local Government Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):**Licensing Child Placing Agency License

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Community Mental Health ServicesMAPPSTFC

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Defer to Heartland for Children

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Defer to State Deputy Director

**Funding Source(s):**Internal marketing funds Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Home Study requirements MAPP certification Adoption Training provided this month thru Heartland for Children

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Community Mental HealthSTFC

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** defer/unknown

**Cost-Effectiveness:**October-December 2009

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Home Study Licensing

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Community Care

**Program/Service:**Adoptions Case Management

**Description:**Providing adoptions assistance for prospective adoptive families

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:** None Available

**Cost-Effectiveness:** None Available

**Funding Source(s):**Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** NA

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole



## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** child protective services

**Description:**We provide regular contact and guidance to prospective adoptive parents.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Prospective adoptive parents must successfully complete the investigation and training.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Pre-adoption Training for Parents

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Community Mental Health

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**Unknown. Not yet implemented

**Cost-Effectiveness:**Currently have 3 therapist training in Adoption Competency (Free)

**Funding Source(s):**Medicaid/ Insurance/Healthcare payor State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Medicaid eligible/ referral sources/ Family Safety HFC contract

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Community Mental Health/Adoption Training

**Availability:** Weekly

**Impact Information:** yet unknown

**Cost-Effectiveness:** unknown for Polk

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** Licensing

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**STFCCommunity Mental Health/TBOS

**Availability:** Quarterly

**Impact Information:**Defer to Heartland for Children

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Unknown

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Home Study/ Background screen

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**We provide MAPP training to prospective adoptive parents

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**prospective adoptive parents must successfully complete background investigation and MAPP training.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** child protective services

**Description:**we do family investigations/assessments for prospective adoptive parents.

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**prospective adoptive parents must satisfactorily complete the family investigation/assessment and the MAPP training.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child protective services

**Description:**We provide adoption specific training post MAPP as needed.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**prospective adoptive parents must successfully complete the family investigation/assessment and the MAPP training.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

Circuit: 10 County: Polk

### Pre-adoption Information

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Community Mental Health

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** N/A

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**STFCCommunity Mental Health/TBOSComprehensive Behavior Assessments

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** Defer to Heartland

**Cost-Effectiveness:** Defer to Heartland

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** Home Study Licensure

**Language(s):** English Spanish

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** na

**Availability:** Quarterly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Polk

### Pre-adoption Placement Case Management

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Community Mental health

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Community Mental Health

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**We disclose information about the child's history to prospective adoptive parents.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**children must be eligible for adoption. Prospective adoptive parents must satisfactorily complete the family investigation/assessment and the MAPP training.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**we provide case management services for pre- and post adoptive parents as needed.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**adoptive parents must satisfactorily complete the family investigation/assessment and the MAPP training.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**We do Match staffings for pre-adoptive parents as needed

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**adoptive parents must successfully complete the family investigation/assessment and the MAPP training

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Organization:**Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** Child Protective Services

**Description:**We provide needed child specific services and training as needed.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:**hundreds of children have been adopted.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**the program is very cost effective.

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):**the children must be eligible for adoption. The adoptive parents must satisfactorily complete the family investigation/assessment and the MAPP training.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish

**Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**  
**Adoption Support**

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Hardee

### **Adoption Support - Education and Training**

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

**Target Audience(s):**Families and individuals at risk or with disabilities.

**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole

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**Language(s):** English Spanish Creole



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medically underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone translation services via the A

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**No data available on services to adoptive families, though adoptive families are among the families served by CARD. In general, INDIVIDUAL AND DIRECT FAMILY ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 7,275

**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10 **County:** Highlands

### **Adoption Support - Education and Training**

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**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

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**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Children's Outpatient Services

**Description:**Services are provided for those with adoption issues through individual, family and group therapy.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Individuals must meet medical necessity requirements for therapeutic services.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

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**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Individuals must meet medically necessary eligibility requirements for therapeutic services.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

## **Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County**

**Circuit:** 10    **County:** Polk

### **Adoption Support Groups**

**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Community Mental Health

**Availability:** Monthly

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**Local Government Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

Circuit: 10 County: Polk

### Adoption Support - Education and Training

**Organization:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Program/Service:**Family Network on Disabilities

**Description:**Our Vision Statement All individuals who may be at-risk, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families in Florida will have the information and resources necessary to make fully informed choices from a full continuum of services and delivery

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Foundation Grants Donations Federal Government State Government

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**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:**Community Mental Health Counseling

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):** Local Government

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

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**Organization:**Florida Mentor

**Program/Service:** Florida Mentor

**Description:** Community Mental Health

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** na

**Cost-Effectiveness:** na

**Funding Source(s):**Local Government Professional Organization

**Target Audience(s):** na

**Language(s):** English

**Organization:**Florida Poison Information Center Network

**Program/Service:**Regional Poison Control Centers

**Description:**Calls to the Poison Control hotline are answered by nurses, pharmacists, and physicians who have computerized access to the latest, in-depth poison assessment and management techniques. The poison specialists on staff are uniquely trained to assess, tria

**Availability:** 24 hours/ 7 days a week

**Impact Information:**In 2009, the Florida Poison Information Center Network responded to over 197,000 calls for assistance. Approximately 83% of calls involving a poison exposure were handled over the phone, without the need to refer callers to further medical care.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**When families call the toll free Poison Control Hotline instead of accessing unnecessary emergency care they save approximately \$1,600, the average cost of an ER visit for an injury or poisoning in Florida, according to a 2006 ACHA report. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of exposures reported to poison centers can be safely and effectively managed over the phone. For families who utilize the educational information provided by the Poison Center to prevent poisonings at home, the potential savings for a hospital admission related to a poisoning averages \$13,000, according to a 2007 report from the Florida Office of Injury Prevention. For patients who do require hospitalization for a poison exposure, there is recent data that indicates that even these patients who engaged the poison center in their care had shorter hospitalizations than those who did not call. All in all, the free potentially lifesaving services of the poison control system save the public money by helping

**Funding Source(s):**Federal Government State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**There are no eligibility requirements for callers. Target audiences include parents and caregivers of small children, those who teach child safety, and medically underserved populations within the state.

**Language(s):**Poison control centers offer non-English speaking callers telephone translation services via the A

**Organization:**International Network for Children and Families

**Program/Service:**Redirecting Children's Behavior

**Description:**We facilitate trainings that promote healthy communication that create strong family bonds and provide positive alternatives to rewards and punishment when children act out. We help parents to determine the needs of their children and help them meet those

**Availability:**

**Impact Information:**A study done by the University of Central Florida

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**Private Not-for-profit - Has a principal fund or endowment; managed by a Board of Trustees & Directors; maintains or aids charitable, educational, religious, or other activities serving the public good; makes grants, primarily to nonprofit organizations

**Target Audience(s):** None  
**Language(s):** English Spanish



## Circuit Prevention and Permanency Programs and Services by County

**Organization:**The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at The University of South Florida

**Program/Service:**Information, training, and technical assistance

**Description:**Services provided by CARD-USF: \* Develop and disseminate materials available online; others are available on CDs, videotape or in writing. \* Newsletter. \* Regional and statewide training events. \* Local and organizational training events. \* Informative website

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:**No data available on services to adoptive families, though adoptive families are among the families served by CARD. In general, INDIVIDUAL AND DIRECT FAMILY ASSISTANCE: Total number of individuals served: 7,275

**Cost-Effectiveness:**CARD services are free of charge

**Funding Source(s):** State Government

**Target Audience(s):**CARD's consultation services are provided to children and adults of all levels of intellectual functioning who have autism spectrum disorder (including autism, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Rett's disorder, or pervasive development

**Language(s):**CARD will locate assistance for any language needs. English Spanish Creole

**Organization:**Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health

**Program/Service:**Adult and Children's Outpatient Services

**Description:**Services are provided for those with adoption issues through individual, family and group therapy.

**Availability:** Daily

**Impact Information:** N/A

**Cost-Effectiveness:** N/A

**Funding Source(s):**State Government Local Government

**Target Audience(s):**Individuals must meet medically necessary eligibility requirements for therapeutic services.

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**Target Audience(s):**Individuals must meet medical necessity requirements for therapeutic services.

**Language(s):** English Spanish

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### **Adoption Support - Case Management Services**

**Organization:** Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

**Program/Service:** child protective services

**Description:** We conduct an intake process for families who return for needed services.

**Availability:** as needed

**Impact Information:** many adoptions are preserved.

**Cost-Effectiveness:** the program is very cost effective.

**Funding Source(s):** Federal Government; State Government

**Target Audience(s):** family must have 1 or more former foster or adopted children.

**Language(s):** English; Spanish