

# ***Child Abuse Prevention for Circuit 6: July 2010 through June 2015***

**Counties Served: Pasco and Pinellas**

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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**

- A. Circuit number and listing of counties served in the circuit  
Circuit 6 includes Pasco and Pinellas counties
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## **II. PROCESS USED TO DEVELOP THE PLAN AND PLAN UPDATE**

### **A. Who led the planning effort?**

The Department of Children and Families and Eckerd Community Alternatives facilitated the Circuit 6 Local Planning Team (LPT). Eckerd Community Alternatives is the lead Community Based Care Agency serving children and families in Pinellas and Pasco Counties (Circuit 6/Suncoast Region). Awarded the Lead Agency contract in 2008, ECA serves as a system administrator ensuring the oversight of the system of care and accountability for improved outcomes for the children and families served. Other key stakeholders involved in the planning effort are Juvenile Welfare Board Children's Service Council of Pinellas County, Healthy Families Pinellas, Salvation Army, Pinellas County Sheriff's Child Protective Investigations, Pasco County Sheriff's Child Protective Investigations, School, Pinellas County Schools Social Work, Pasco County Schools Social Work, 211 Tampa Bay Cares, Pinellas Circle of Change, Pinellas County Health Dept., and Pasco Kids First.

### **B. Narrative description of Circuit 6 and the demographics of the counties**

Circuit 6 includes Pasco and Pinellas counties, which are very different in size and demographics. Pasco is 745 sq mi – population is 462,715 with 91,516-children and 43,751 child abuse reports. Pinellas is 280 sq mi and the population is 92,131 with 176,765 children and 23,822 child abuse reports in 2008-09. Pinellas County is the second smallest county and the most densely populated county in Florida with 3,339 people per square mile, and has 24 cities and unincorporated areas

Pasco County is more rural and spread out and has 13 cities. Pasco County does not have a Children's Services Council to help fund child serving agencies thus faces more challenges in meeting the needs of their families.

Since 2006, there have been three community based care lead agencies in Circuit 6. In July, 2008 Eckerd Community Alternatives was awarded the lead agency contract and there is progress being made in child safety and permanency in Pasco and Pinellas counties. A few examples are

- Fewer children are being placed into foster care, with 1,780 children in foster care as of March 2010 compared to 2,504 in December, 2006.
- Re-abuse of children is decreasing, with 8.67% of children who were reunified with parents re-entering foster care within 12 months in the third quarter of FY 2009-10, compared to 11.84% in the second quarter of FY 2007-08.
- Placement stability has dramatically increased. The percentage of foster children having two or fewer moves in the first 12 months of care has jumped from the low 70's percentile in 2008 to 86% currently and rising. Federal tolerance level is 86%.
- In FY 2008-09, 321 children were adopted in Circuit 6.
- In FY 2008-09 the % of children removed within 12 months of a prior reunification was an increase from 6.64% to 8.94%.
- In FY 2008-09 % of children reunified who were reunified within 12 months of the latest removal increased from 57.10% to 61.90%.

C. Brief narrative description of the membership of the local planning team (LPT). *See attachment 1*

In an effort to develop a comprehensive plan, Circuit 6 reconvened a local planning team committee inclusive of representatives from primary and secondary prevention services that includes 25 stakeholders. Convener, Lourdes Benedict, Regional Operations Manager, Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Chair, Dawna Sarmiento, Prevention Supervisor, Eckerd Community Alternatives, (ECA), and the Local Planning Team has met monthly since the conference in Orlando, May, 2009 as well as being a standing agenda item at the Pasco Alliance, Pinellas Alliance, and Children's Action Team for their input and feedback. Connie Going, Adoption Specialist, Eckerd Community Alternatives chaired the Adoption Promotion and Adoption Support committees of the Local Planning Team.

D. Overview of the meetings held

Meetings were held monthly since May, 2009 with the Local Planning Team as well as being a standard agenda item on the Pasco Alliance, Pinellas Alliance, and Children's Action Team. Lourdes Benedict convened the meetings and Dawna Sarmiento chaired the meetings. Connie Going convened and chaired the meetings for both Pasco and Pinellas counties.

## **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*

#### **Child maltreatment counts for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007-08**

County	Child Maltreatment Counts SFY 07-08
Pasco	6,695
Pinellas	13,142

#### **1. Child population counts for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007-08**

County	Child Population Counts SFY 07-08
Pasco	91,516
Pinellas	177,925

#### **2. Child maltreatment counts for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008-09**

County	Child Maltreatment Counts SFY 07-08
Pasco	5,612
Pinellas	10,121

The child maltreatment counts decreased in Pasco County by 16% and decreased 23% in Pinellas County

#### **3. Child population counts for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008-09**

County	Child Population Counts SFY 07-08
Pasco	92,131
Pinellas	176,765

The total child population in 2008-09 increased by 7% in Pasco County and decreased by 6.5% in Pinellas County.

#### **4. Unduplicated counts of victims by status for the State Fiscal Year (SFY 2008-09)**

County	No Indicators	Some Indicators	Verified	Total
Pasco	2,963	1,806	843	5,612
Pinellas	4,197	3,303	2,621	10,121

There was a total of 15,733 child abuse, neglect, or abandonment investigations in Circuit 6 in FY 2008-09. The number of children that had some indicators or verified findings in Pasco County was 47% and in Pinellas County 59%, which is a total of 8,573 children in Circuit 6.

#### **5. Most serious findings of verified abuse by age for the SFY 2008-09**

County	0-4 yrs	5-8 yrs	9-17 yrs	18+ yrs	Unknown
Pasco	2,256	1,525	2,681	4	6
Pinellas	4,487	2,608	4,612	12	11

The most serious findings of verified abuse was in children 0-4 years old. This data substantiates the importance of having primary and secondary services available for parents of young children, which may include voluntary home visiting services, affordable and accessible day care, and access to parent helplines and information and referral services. Parenting education that focuses on young fathers is an important service that needs to be offered.

6. =Array of allegations, in numerical order

Pasco County		Pinellas County	
Allegation	Count	Allegation	Count
Substance misuse	3,562	Substance misuse	6,003
Family violence threatens	2,038	Threatened harm	3,837
Threatened harm	1,999	Family violence threatens	3,645
Inadequate supervision	1,978	Inadequate supervision	3,595
Environmental hazard	1,764	Environmental hazard	2,459
Physical injury	1,111	Physical injury	1,962
Mental injury	334	Mental injury	575
Sexual abuse	330	Sexual abuse	501
Medical neglect	246	Medical neglect	485
Failure to protect	134	Failure to protect	235
Bizarre punishment	98	Bizarre punishment	123
Asphyxiation	53	Asphyxiation	98
Burns	45	Bone fracture	81
Bone fracture	27	Burns	58
Death	11	Abandonment	51
Abandonment	9	Failure to thrive	29
Failure to thrive	4	Death	28
Malnourished/dehydrated	4	Internal injury	13
Internal injury	4	Malnourished/dehydrated	4

8. Array of verified allegations, in numerical order

Pasco County		Pinellas County	
Allegation	Count	Allegation	Count
Family violence threatens child	415	Family violence	1,202
Substance misuse	389	Substance misuse	1,184
Inadequate supervision	134	Threatened harm	619
Threatened harm	124	Inadequate supervision	566
Physical injury	78	Environmental hazard	262
Environmental hazard	59	Physical injury	251
Failure to protect	46	Failure to protect	156
Sexual abuse	35	Sexual abuse	73
Medical neglect	15	Medical neglect	62
Mental injury	5	Mental injury	36
Bone fracture	5	Failure to thrive	29
Bizarre punishment	4	Bone fracture	21
Death	4	Bizarre punishment	13
Failure to thrive	2	Death	10
Asphyxiation	2	Internal injury	10
Malnourished/dehydrated	2	Burns	7
Internal injury	1	Asphyxiation	6
Burns	0	Malnourished/dehydrated	2

Substance misuse was the number one allegation in both Pasco and Pinellas counties, and the top two verified findings are the same in both Pasco and Pinellas counties. Incidence of child abuse and neglect by family violence threatens child is the number one verified child maltreatment category.

**9. Demographics of children that were subjects of investigations**

County	0-4 yrs	5-8 yrs	9-17 yrs	18+ yrs	White	Black	Other Race	Male	Female
Pasco	2,256	1,525	2,681	4	5,741	486	245	3,297	3,157
Pinellas	4,487	2,608	4,613	12	7,644	3,205	882	5,920	4,378

**10. Available demographics of perpetrators**

County	<18 yrs	18-25 yrs	26+ yrs	Unk Age	White	Black	Other Race	Male	Female
Pasco	51	1,113	4,331	40	4,862	353	320	2,888	2,510
Pinellas	98	2,165	7,887	107	7,169	2,321	767	5,523	4,378

**11. Counts by recommendations for services, in numerical order**

Pasco County		Pinellas County	
Service	Count	Service	Count
Child counseling services	1,275	Child counseling services	4,223
Day care services	1,202	Day care services	2,685
Case management services	606	Substance abuse services	2,191
Information and referral	510	Case management services	1,913
Other services	338	Other services	1,879
Substance abuse services	281	Information and referral	1,416
Family support services	229	Mental health services	1,095
Mental health services	102	Home based services	793
Home based services	100	support services	386
Housing services	73	preservation services	224
Foster care services	53	Housing services	165
Employment services	52	Legal services	147
Family preservation services	45	Pregnancy & young parenting	146
Legal services	28	Foster care services	137
Education & training	23	Employment services	124
Family Builders	22	Education & training	69
Health related services	19	Health related services	66
Pregnancy & young parenting	14	ICPC	52
Family planning services	13	Family planning services	28
IL & Transition living	9	Respite care services	24
Adoption services	2	IL & Transition living	21
ICPC	1	Family Builders	20
Respite care services	0	Adoption services	18

In Pasco County, the city and zip codes with findings with some indicators or verified findings, in numerical order, are: Holiday, 34691 and 34690, Port Richey, 34668, New Port Richey, 34652. In Pinellas County, the city and zip codes with findings with some indicators or verified findings, in numeral order, are: Largo, 33756, South St. Petersburg, 33705 and 33713, North St. Petersburg, 33714, and Pinellas Park, 33781.

Our Local Planning Team (LPT) is focusing on promoting the 5 protective factors; parental emotional resiliency, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, nurturing and attachment, and concrete services in time of need. The Local Planning Team intends to use the five protective factors to help address our circuit priorities; **family violence threatens child, and substance misuse**, which are the top two of the most verified findings of child maltreatment. If, over the next 5 years, the child welfare system comprised of all of the agencies, coalitions, alliances, and task forces will help to engage faith organizations, neighborhood groups, individuals and businesses in true primary and secondary prevention, our circuit could experience a significant decrease in the number of children that are abused and or neglected. Our local agencies that provide services and programs that address these social issues can help promote the 5 protective factors.

Incidence of child abuse and neglect by domestic violence is the number one verified child maltreatment category. To help address the domestic violence issue in Pinellas and Pasco counties, we are fortunate to have two Domestic Violence Centers, as well as Domestic Violence Task Forces, in each county. Each of these centers work in coordination with their child welfare agencies to improve services for children experiencing both domestic violence and child abuse. In addition, they are attempting to improve the system's response to families where the adult domestic violence is threatening the safety of the children. Education on violence prevention, beginning in elementary schools, as well as social marketing in the community at large, will make a significant impact on the decrease of violence. Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force is a collaboration of the domestic violence shelters as well as anyone interested in participating in the monthly meeting to address prevention strategies. The goal is to develop and implement primary prevention strategies, to facilitate and implement a coordinated community response to domestic violence, to provide ongoing education and assessment of the coordinated community response. In the calendar year of 2009, east Pasco County filed 319 domestic violence petitions with children and west Pasco County filed 566 domestic violence petitions with children.

The Pinellas County Domestic Violence Fatality Review concluded a 10<sup>th</sup> year review of domestic related homicides and near fatalities that have occurred since 1996 in Pinellas County. Statistics reveal the following data: 98% of victims had no contact with a domestic violence center, 72% substance use was involved, perpetrators had a criminal history, 69% either friends or family knew of violence in the relationship.

Incidence of child abuse and neglect by substance misuse has been a growing issue in the Child Protective Investigator's reports in Circuit 6. Education and awareness of what is happening in our community is important and we need to be looking at what next steps should be taken to combat this problem. Circuit 6 is committed to promoting a drug free environment in schools, families, and in the community at large through an effective community awareness and educational social marketing campaign. Operation PAR is the largest substance abuse provider in Circuit 6. Beginning October 1, 2010, Florida will lose \$10.3 million from Safe and Drug Free Schools and \$3 million from Safe and Drug Free Communities. As a result of losing this funding, Florida will lose 35 evidence-based community programs that have demonstrated results in the prevention of youth substance abuse and reduces our state's total drug and alcohol prevention funding by nearly 35%. It eliminates funding specified for school based prevention programs and reduces local community capacity to address their specific issues. This leaves only two sources of dedicated statewide prevention funding. One is the \$25 million from a \$95 million Federal block grant – a resource we must protect -- aimed at both prevention and treatment. The other is \$1.1 million from the state's general revenue. Operation PAR will use these funds to participate in a statewide social marketing campaign; a statewide prevention training and technical assistance effort; an annual Statewide Prevention Conference and community based evidence based



prevention practices. The impact of this to our prevention efforts is significant. Prescription drug abuse is a circuit problem and the Department of Health is working on rules to stop the Rogue Pharmacies colluding with pill mills to illegally divert prescription drugs. This approach should reinforce the Department of Health as they use their new enforcement authority to regulate pain clinics.

As long as our economy continues to struggle, the reality is that we will continue to see reports of Family Violence, Substance Misuse, and Inadequate Supervision due to stressors it has on families. As a community we need to focus on how we can support families when they are facing financial difficulties with meeting their basic needs.

Circuit 6 is diligently attempting to reduce the child abuse rate in a couple of ways in addition to the action steps outlined in the plan; the increasing of Parent Needs Assistance reports which may show a reduction in in-home reports and the reunification celebrations which may empower families and reduce the recidivism rate.

Although not counted in the array of verified allegations, mental health disorders are contributing causes in a preponderance of child maltreatment investigations in Circuit 6. Therefore, Circuit 6 priority will be for a focus on reduction of family violence and substance misuse with emphasis on underlying mental health concerns.

Historically, a major focus has been on efforts surrounding intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Although there has been some success in curtailing abuse because of intervention and treatment, it only addresses part of the abuse epidemic. In an effort to get a handle on the problem and break the cycle of abuse, the prevention of child abuse must be given priority. According to data reviewed by the local planning team, the areas having the greatest impact on child maltreatment involve domestic violence and substance abuse and this five year plan is designed to help prevent parents from becoming involved in these areas through social marketing campaigns, specific education programs, and expanding or enhancing the existing primary and secondary prevention models that have proven to be effective. The intent of the local planning team is to ensure that there are representatives that have expertise in each of these areas and are willing to take the lead on various components of the plan that pertain to that area.

With a sense of urgency, Circuit 6's foster children must be safely placed with permanent families, either through reunification with their biological families or by placing them into loving and nurturing adoptive families. If we enable and empower Circuit 6's families to do what they could and should do for their own children, then our children will have the unobstructed opportunity to reach their goals, live their dreams and realize their unique purpose in life. With the continued support and direction of the people of Circuit 6, great things can and will be accomplished.

## **I. CONTINUA OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

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

A comprehensive strategy for primary and secondary prevention is being developed for Circuit 6. This depends greatly on the successful implementation and management of an extensive child abuse and neglect prevention network as well as an expansion of existing early diversion programs, parental involvement and the engagement of the community at large in Pinellas and Pasco counties. The prevention/diversion continuum enhances the Eckerd Community Alternatives System of Care by focusing on identification of cost effective services and resource development in the least intrusive manner. Eckerd Community Alternatives is committed to reducing the number of children in the dependency system, reducing the number of children in out of home care, and providing permanent families through adoption will be the focus of our plan. All of our stakeholders, including the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Eckerd Community Alternatives, funders, legislators, other social service organizations, civic groups, businesses, community residents, and the media.

Circuit 6 has a strong network of community providers who work collaboratively to provide services that include the full spectrum of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention programs which includes; child abuse prevention training and community awareness through social marketing strategies, home visiting for parents of newborns, parenting classes, family crisis intervention, intense in-home diversion services for high risk cases, case supervision and case management, independent living for teen in foster care and those aging out of child welfare, foster parent recruitment, training, recognition, case management, adoption promotion, and post adoption support.

Circuit 6 will work together with community resources to implement more in-home services providers and a variety of other services to offer to families in order to respond to the “root cause” of issues surrounding abuse, neglect and abandonment. In addition, provide various trainings centered that focuses on family engagement, early identification of children’s needs and assessment of critical risk factors.

Primary and secondary prevention strategies are crucial to early engagement of families in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. There are several local agencies that have partnered with the Department of Children and Families, Eckerd Community Alternatives, and JWB Children’s Service Council of Pinellas County to prevent child abuse and neglect and/or divert families from entering further into the formal system of care.

The Local Planning Team is committed to focusing on primary prevention services. Our strategy is to actively reach out in the community to involve the faith based community, civic, social, and neighborhood groups. These organized groups are doing good things for families and the closer we are in proximity to where families live and work, the more success we will have in promoting the 5 protective factor; parental emotional resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete services in times of need, and nurturing and attachment. Extensive research supports the common-sense notion that when 5 protective factors are present and robust in a family, it will help support parents and keep children safe, or in other terms, prevent child abuse. We believe that promoting the five protective factors, positive parenting techniques, and public messages about keeping children safe and supporting families will prove to have a positive impact on the overall wellbeing of children in Circuit 6.

In an effort to capture the impact that the non-traditional resources are having on the community, the Local Planning Team will gather data and information on the 5 protective factors that these groups are contributing to as part of their mission and will help them promote these activities and services. There are a combined total of 23 coalitions, committees, alliances, councils, and task forces in Pasco and Pinellas counties. This representation covers the continuum of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention services.

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 (e.g., for families that meet Healthy Families Florida, Pinellas County Health Department / Healthy Families Pinellas and Healthy Start criteria), 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, Pinellas County Health Department / Healthy Families Pinellas 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.

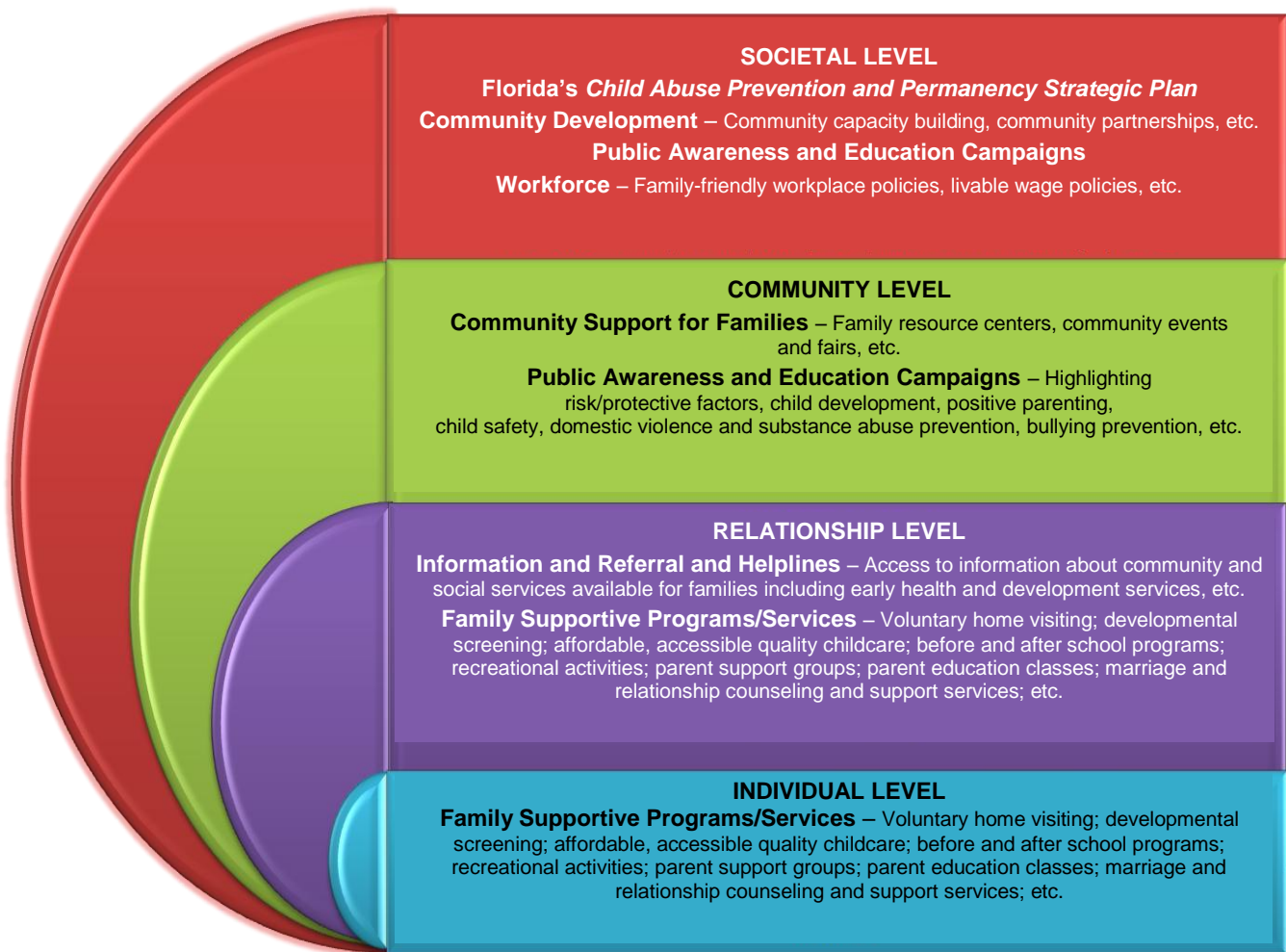
It comprises four levels of influence:

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 effect 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

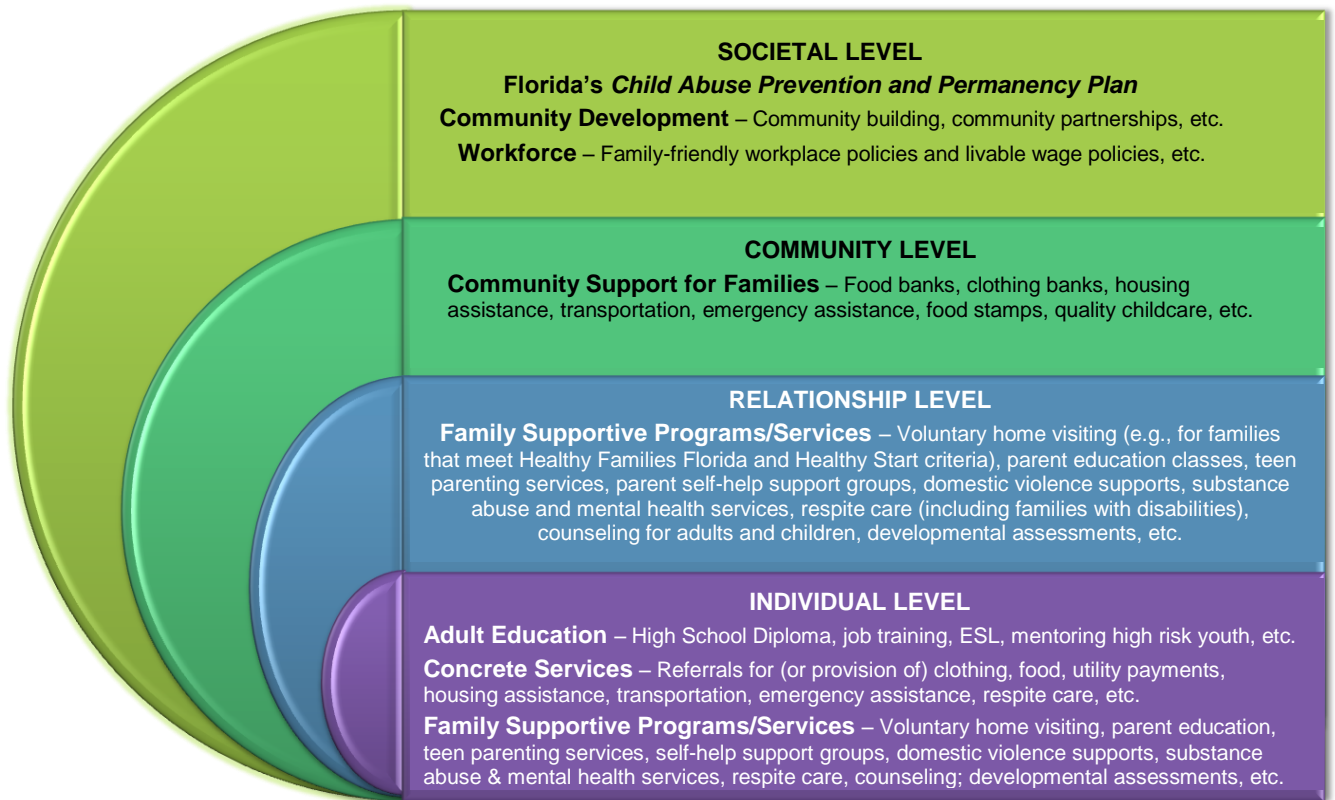
person's ability to engage in positive and constructive relationships, especially within the immediate family.

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 effect 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 effect the way in which parents raise their children and the ways in which communities support families. Interventions at the societal level typically involve collaboration of multiple partners to change laws and policies as well as to determine and influence societal norms and harmful cultural belief systems.

**Florida's Socio-Ecological Continuum of Primary/Universal Prevention Strategies**  
*Accessible by the General Public Prior to the Occurrence of Child Abuse and Neglect*



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



### **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 See Attachment 2*

### **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 See attachment 3*

When gathering the information on the primary and secondary strategies and programs in Pasco and Pinellas counties, we were not able to ascertain the impact data or cost effectiveness on many of the programs. The number of programs listed is not inclusive of all of the existing primary and secondary prevention programs in Circuit 6 as this is an ongoing effort to capture the information. Information and Referral programs, United Way 211 in Pasco and 211 Tampa Bay Cares in Pinellas, are excellent resources for primary and secondary prevention programs and services; however it is the responsibility of each of the agencies listed on 211 to keep their information current and accurate.

#### **IV.A. PRIMARY/UNIVERSAL PREVENTION STRATEGIES – PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC PRIOR TO THE OCCURRENCE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT** *See attachment 4*

##### **49 Primary/Universal Programs Catalogued**

	<b>Protective Factor</b>	<b>Number of the 49 Programs Incorporating Protective Factors</b>
	Parental Emotional Resilience	<b>25</b>
	Social Connections	<b>47</b>
	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	<b>20</b>
	Concrete Support in Times of Need	<b>11</b>
	Nurturing and Attachment	<b>35</b>
<b>Continuum Level</b>	<b>Universal Prevention Strategy</b>	
Societal	Community Development	<b>18</b>
Societal	Workforce	<b>9</b>
Societal and Community	Public Awareness and education campaigns	<b>35</b>
Community	Community Support for Families	<b>49</b>
Relationship	Information and Referral- Helplines	<b>44</b>
Relationship and Individual	Family Supportive programs/services	<b>48</b>

Educational programs that address the *prevention* of child abuse, bullying, substance abuse, violence, discrimination, shaken baby syndrome, co-sleeping, preventable child injuries, homelessness, and safe and drug free schools are offered by many providers in Pasco and Pinellas counties. The emphasis on primary prevention of all of the above mentioned areas will be addressed through community awareness and educational programs as well as throughout the school system.



Eckerd Community Alternatives has the responsibility for improving the child welfare system in Circuit 6 and believes that prevention/diversion strategies must be the driving force behind how we support children and families so that protective interventions and services do not become necessary. This mind-set and resulting actions associated with prevention education and training leads to positive results, cost effective interventions, cohesive family support and effective self-help methodologies.

2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares answered 87,676 calls in Pinellas County for the fiscal year 2008-09. United Way Information and Referral Program answered 40,788 calls in Pasco County for the fiscal year 2008-09. This is very significant when analyzing the data in Circuit 6 demonstrating that at least 128,464 individuals utilized the information and referral services in their county. This is indicative of self help for parents. In Pinellas 2-1-1 also offers a Parent Helpline.

Pasco County faces funding challenges, due to the fact that there is no taxing authority, like a Children Services Council, which could assist in funding children and family services. It is very important for Pasco County to engage businesses, the faith community, and neighborhood groups as well as the community at large in child safety and well being. Pinellas County is very fortunate to have the Juvenile Welfare Board Children's Service Council of Pinellas County, a county-wide agency utilizing dedicated property tax revenue to better the lives of children and families. One of the largest funding sources for human services in the county, JWB does not provide direct services to children and families, but funds non-profit, government, and grassroots community groups to do so. JWB supports the healthy development of all children and their families in Pinellas County through advocacy, research, planning, training, communications, coordinating of resources and funding. Their focus is on child serving agencies that offer primary and secondary prevention programs and strategies. In FY 09-10, JWB directly funds 31 agencies and 60 programs. Twenty-three of these programs subcontract with 68 additional programs. JWB funding makes up 50% of these programs' annual budget. In FY 08-09, these programs served 50,903 children and 19,371 adults. The average length of service in FY 08-09 was 226 days. JWB invests \$14.5 million in 15 child abuse prevention programs.

Florida's ecological framework serves to organize the potential influence and impact of prevention strategies at the community level. Families operate within neighborhoods and communities. Factors that characterize this community level include availability of supports (governmental and community), stability, violence, poverty, disorganization, and isolation; all effect the ability of families and communities to nurture their children. The newly formed Children's Neighborhood Services (CNS) Department at JWB and focuses on developing leadership and collaborative community projects and facilitates the development of communication and service networks. CNS also serves as the Administrative Services Organization (ASO) for the eight Neighborhood Family Centers (NFC's), in Pinellas County that are funded by JWB Children's Service Council of Pinellas County. This has proven to be cost effective and efficient. Neighborhood Family Centers are community based organizations that focus on supporting families with children. They are vibrant places where children and their parents are involved in activities, that can help them experience success at home and in school. NFC's and other Centers are each unique, and offer services based on the needs of their particular community, including family support, parent skill building opportunities, child development activities, family literacy, after school tutoring youth leadership, information and referral, linkages to health and community care, employment guidance,

community meetings/community advocacy, food stamp outreach, intergenerational activities, and childcare for parents while they are participating in the center activities. JWB has 3 Senior Community Planners serving North, Mid and South Pinellas County, working within the communities of Pinellas County to assess the need for services and offer critical support. The planners are key to building Children's Initiatives, serving as community conveners, community problem solvers and liaisons/active participants in local efforts. In addition, the Planners facilitate monthly meetings with members of JWB's three regional Community Councils, developed to maximize consumer participation in identifying community strengths and needs, and developing potential solutions that will improve the quality of life for children and families in their respective areas. The JWB Councils are Board appointed and comprised of concerned citizens representing community, business, faith-based, and governmental organizations. They are strong advocates for addressing issues and needs and making recommendations to JWB while also serving as advocates for children and families in Pinellas County. They prioritize the needs in their respective geographic area and develop action plans.

**IV B. SECONDARY/SELECTED PREVENTION STRATEGIES – PROGRAMS TARGETED TO FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS FOR CHILD ABUES PRIOR TO THE OCCURANCE 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 prevention child maltreatment from ever occurring in the first place.*

*See attachment 5*

**23 Secondary Programs Catalogued**

	<b>Protective Factor</b>	<b>Number of the 23 Programs Incorporating Protective Factors</b>
	Parental Emotional Resilience	<b>16</b>
	Social Connections	<b>19</b>
	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	<b>16</b>
	Concrete Support in Times of Need	<b>6</b>
	Nurturing and Attachment	<b>17</b>
<b>Continuum Level</b>	<b>Secondary Prevention Strategy</b>	
Societal	Community Development	<b>2</b>
Societal	Workforce	<b>7</b>
Community	Community Support for Families	<b>23</b>
Relationship and Individual	Family Supportive Programs/Services	<b>23</b>
Individual	Adult Education	<b>7</b>
Individual	Concrete Services in Times of Need	<b>5</b>

In January, 2010 the Secretary of Department of Children and Families issued a memorandum stating the need to develop statewide guidelines on the processing and handling of Prevention Documents and that effective January 22, 2010 the Phoenix Database will no longer be used for the Prevention Documents. These documents are now referred to as Special Conditions Referrals (Parent in Need of Assistance- PNA) and they come directly from Pasco and Pinellas Child Protective Division after they have been careful reviewed by a Child Protective Investigator. The Special Conditions Referrals will now be documented in Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN). This process will help to divert inappropriate families from entering the formal system of care. As noted in the below chart, since this change, the number of Special Conditions Referrals has decreased substantially. The current process is proving to be an effective and efficient way of handling these referrals. FY 09-10 statistics below:

<b>Special Conditions Referrals</b>	<b>Jul- '09</b>	<b>Aug- '09</b>	<b>Sep -'09</b>	<b>Oct- '09</b>	<b>Nov -'09</b>	<b>Dec -'09</b>	<b>Jan '10</b>	<b>Feb '10</b>	<b>Mar '10</b>	<b>Apr '10</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total # Pasco</b>	23	30	26	42	48	46	20	15	38	18	291
<b>Total # Pinellas</b>	40	75	78	114	97	67	75	53	50	46	695
<b>Total Intakes</b>	63	105	123	156	145	113	95	68	88	64	986

**V. Priority Ranking of County-Level Needs Related to the Primary and Secondary Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect**

**County: Pasco**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>County-Level Need with Description</b>	<b>Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need</b>	<b>Protective factors that should be built/supported when meeting this need.</b>
1.	Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by decreasing the number of verified findings of family violence threatens child.	Primary and Secondary	<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> <li>• Concrete Support in Times of Need</li> </ul>
2.	Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by decreasing the number of verified findings of substance misuse	Primary and Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete Services in times of need</li> <li>• Social Connections</li> <li>• Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>• Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>• Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>

**County: Pinellas**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>County-Level Need with Description</b>	<b>Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need</b>	<b>Protective factors that should be built/supported when meeting this need.</b>
1.	Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by decreasing the number of verified findings of family violence threatens child.	Primary and Secondary	<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> <li>• Concrete Support in Times of Need</li> </ul>
2.	Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by decreasing the number of verified findings of substance misuse	Primary and Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete Services in times of need</li> <li>• Social Connections</li> <li>• Parental Emotional Resilience</li> <li>• Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development</li> <li>• Nurturing and Attachment</li> </ul>

## **VI. PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, AND NEGLECT**

The Local Planning Team has made a commitment to educate and inform individual citizens, groups, businesses, faith communities, and provider agencies how they can impact the reduction of child abuse by promoting the five protective factors throughout Circuit 6. Engaging the community at large in a coordinated effort to achieve the goal of promoting safety and well being for children and families by using a family centered, strength-base approach has proven to be an effective prevention strategy. Offering free prevention training to the general public could have a significant impact on child safety and well being and can be used as an effective community engagement strategy.

### **Vision**

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

### **Mission**

Florida's highest priority is that children are raised in healthy, safe, stable, 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 6 Goal 1***

By 2015, Circuit 6 will be actively involved in promoting the safety and well-being of children and families.

### ***Pasco County Goal 1.1***

By 2015, Circuit 6 will be actively involved in promoting the safety and well-being of children and families.

### ***Pinellas County Goal 1.2***

By 2015, Circuit 6 will be actively involved in promoting the safety and well-being of children and families.

### ***Strategy 1***

Circuit 6 will support the statewide effort to promote the five protective factors: parental emotional resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete services in times of need, and nurturing and attachment over the five-year period from July 2010 – June 2015.

**Pasco County**

<b>Priority Level:</b> 1. 2.	<b>Priority Need:</b> 1. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by family violence threatens child. 2. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by substance misuse.
<b>A. Level of Prevention addressed by this Strategy:</b> X Primary Prevention/Universal Strategies ( <i>Complete D</i> ) X Secondary Prevention/Selected Strategies ( <i>Complete E</i> ) <b>B. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective:</b> Societal Level X Relationship Level X Community Level X Individual Level	<b>C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need:</b> X Parental Emotional Resilience X Social Connections X Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development X Concrete Support in Times of Need X Nurturing and Attachment
<b>D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy:</b> X Community Development X Community Support for Families X Family Supportive Programs/Services X Information and Referral and Helplines X Public Awareness and Education Campaigns Workforce	<b>E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective:</b> Adult Education X Community Development X Community Support for Families X Concrete Services X Family Supportive Programs/Services X Public Awareness and Education Campaigns X Workforce

**Objectives:**

Objective 1.1 Increase public knowledge of the five protective factors

Objective 1.2 Continue to educate community partners on the five protective factors and advocate that they are incorporated in the strategic planning process.

<b>Objective: 1.1</b> Increase public knowledge of the five protective factors.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1.1.1 Identify and create partnerships with non-traditional groups, i.e. Boy Scouts, faith community, businesses, and neighborhood groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify leads</li> <li>- Create planning committees for subsequent action steps</li> </ul>	Dan Valley – Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	On-going
1.1.2 Identify and secure state approved promotional materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research the Strengthening Families Initiative Order materials</li> </ul>	Dan Valley- Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team	Sept., 2010	June 30, 2015
1.1.3 Distribute state approved promotional materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Malls</li> <li>- Neighborhood Family Centers</li> <li>- Schools</li> <li>- Faith Based Community Centers</li> <li>- Civic Organizations</li> <li>- Health Departments</li> <li>- Resource Fairs</li> </ul>	Dan Valley- Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team	January, 2011	On-going
1.1.4 Increase the general public knowledge of 2-1-1 through social marketing, e.g. PSA, billboards, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase in the number of calls from children and families</li> </ul>	Susan Arnett – United Way 211 Pasco	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
1.1.5 Plan a child abuse prevention conference in conjunction with the annual CPID Resource Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of participants</li> </ul>	Fawn Moore Pasco County Child Protective Division	Local Planning Team	January 1, 2011	April 30, 2012

<b>Objective: 1.2</b> Encourage community partners to incorporate the use of these protective factors in daily operations and strategic planning.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1.2.1 Training both online and face to face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create assessment tool</li> <li>- Tabulate results</li> <li>- Number of participants being trained</li> <li>- Number of partners</li> </ul>	Lourdes Benedict Department of Children and Families	Pasco County School System Local Planning Team	July 1, 2011	On-going
1.2.2 Provide follow-up to the training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training evaluations</li> <li>- Mail back / Email addresses</li> <li>- Obtain confirmation of implementation</li> <li>- Determine training gaps and future training needs</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Dan Valley Eckerd Community Alternatives	Pasco County School System Local Planning Team	Dec, 30, 2011	On-going
1.2.3 Disseminate a survey to each partner to assess how they have incorporated the five protective factors in their programs or services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create survey</li> <li>- Tabulate results</li> <li>- Number of participants</li> </ul>	Dawna Sarmiento Eckerd Community Alternatives	Pasco County School System Local Planning Team	January 1, 2012	On-going annually



## Pinellas County

<b>Priority Level:</b> 1. 2.	<b>Priority Need:</b> 1. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by family violence threatens child. 2. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by substance misuse.
<b>A. Level of Prevention Addressed by this Strategy:</b> X Primary Prevention/Universal Strategies X Secondary Prevention/Selected Strategies <b>B. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective:</b> Societal Level                      X Relationship Level X Community Level              X Individual Level	<b>C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need:</b> X Parental Emotional Resilience X Social Connections X Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development X Concrete Support in Times of Need X Nurturing and Attachment
<b>D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy:</b> X Community Development X Community Support for Families X Family Supportive Programs/Services X Information and Referral and Helplines X Public Awareness and Education Campaigns Workforce	<b>E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education X Community Development X Community Support for Families X Concrete Services X Family Supportive Programs/Services X Public Awareness and Education Campaigns X Workforce

### Objectives:

Objective 1.1 Increase public knowledge of the five protective factors

Objective 1.2 Continue to educate community partners on the five protective factors and advocate that they are Incorporated in the strategic planning process.

<b>Objective: 1.1</b> Increase public knowledge of the five protective factors.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1.1.1 Identify and create partnerships with non-traditional groups, i.e. Boy Scouts, faith community, businesses, and neighborhood groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify leads</li> <li>- Create planning committees for subsequent action steps</li> </ul>	Dawna Sarmiento–Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	On-going
1.1.2 Identify and secure state approved promotional materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research the Strengthening Families Initiative</li> <li>- Order materials</li> </ul>	Jeanine Evoli – JWB Children’s Services Council	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
1.1.3 Distribute state approved promotional materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Malls</li> <li>- Neighborhood Family Centers</li> <li>- Schools</li> <li>- Faith Based Community Centers</li> <li>- Civic Organizations</li> </ul>	Dawna Sarmiento Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team	October, 2010	Ongoing
1.1.4 Explore the development of an Internet Social Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create an internet social networking taskforce</li> </ul>	Micki Thompson 211 Pinellas	Chad Herman – Delta	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
1.1.5 Increase the general public knowledge of 2-1-1 through social marketing, e.g. PSA, billboards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of calls from children and families</li> </ul>	Micki Thompson 211 Pinellas	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
1.1.6 Continue to support the local annual child abuse prevention conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of participants</li> </ul>	Lauralynn Segur- Abuse Neglect and Dependency Committee	Eckerd Community Alternatives Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015

<b>Objective: 1.2</b> Encourage community partners to incorporate the use of these protective factors in daily operations and strategic planning.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1.2.1 Training both online and face to face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create assessment tool</li> <li>- Tabulate results</li> <li>- Number of participants being trained</li> <li>- Number of partners</li> </ul>	Lourdes Benedict Department of Children and Families	Pinellas County School System Health Department Local Planning Team	December 15, 2010	Ongoing
1.2.2 Provide follow-up to the training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training evaluations</li> <li>- Mail back / Email addresses</li> <li>- Obtain confirmation of implementation</li> <li>- Determine training gaps and future training needs</li> </ul>	Lourdes Benedict Department of Children and Families	Pinellas County School System Health Department Local Planning Team	June, 2011	Ongoing
1.2.3 Disseminate a survey to each partner to assess how they have incorporated the five protective factors in their program/services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create survey</li> <li>- Tabulate results</li> <li>- Number of participants</li> </ul>	Dawna Sarmiento Eckerd Community Alternatives	Pinellas County School System Health Department Local Planning Team	July 1, 2012	Ongoing

**Goal 2** Circuit 6 children are free from abuse and neglect as measured by a reduction in the circuit-level child abuse rates from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 14.38 to a rate of 13.37 per 1,000 children by June 2015.

***Pasco County - Goal 2.1***

Pasco County children are free from abuse and neglect as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rates from the fiscal year 2008-09- of 10.98-to a rate of 9.97 per 1,000 children by June 2015.

***Pinellas County - Goal 2.2***

Pinellas County children are free from abuse and neglect as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rates from the fiscal year 2008-09- of 17.79 to a rate of 16.78 per 1,000 children by June 2015.

***Strategy 2***

Circuit 6 will increase the accessibility and capacity of primary and secondary prevention services over the five-year period from July 2010 – June 2015.

**Pasco County:**

<b>Priority Level:</b> 1. 2.	<b>Priority Need:</b> 1. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by family violence threatens child 2. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by parental substance misuse.
<b>A. Level of Prevention addressed by this Strategy:</b> X Primary Prevention/Universal Strategies ( <i>Complete D</i> ) X Secondary Prevention/Selected Strategies ( <i>Complete E</i> ) <b>B. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective:</b> X Societal Level                      X Relationship Level X Community Level                  X Individual Level	<b>C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need:</b> X Parental Emotional Resilience X Social Connections X Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development X Concrete Support in Times of Need X Nurturing and Attachment
<b>D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy:</b> X Community Development X Community Support for Families X Family Supportive Programs/Services X Information and Referral and Helplines X Public Awareness and Education Campaigns X Workforce	<b>E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective:</b> Adult Education X Community Development X Community Support for Families X Concrete Services X Family Supportive Programs/Services Public Awareness and Education Campaigns Workforce

**Objectives:**

Objective: 2.1 Identify, coordinate, and connect primary and secondary prevention efforts.

Objective 2.2 Prioritize the continuation, enhancement, and expansion of effective primary and secondary prevention models, programs, and strategies.

<b>Objective: 2.1</b> Identify, coordinate, and connect primary and secondary prevention efforts.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2.1.1 Coordinate and identify gaps and unmet needs within primary and secondary prevention efforts by utilizing existing community based need assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review existing needs assessments in Pasco County</li><li>- Survey and interview community partners</li></ul>	Lourdes Benedict Department of Children and Families	Local Planning Team	Oct.1, 2010	On-going
2.1.2 Advocate for funding for identified needed services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review progress and follow-up with identified funders on a bi-annual basis</li></ul>	Rick Hess- Pasco Kids First	Local Planning Team	Jan 1, 2011	On-going

<b>Objective: 2.2</b> Prioritize the continuation, enhancement, and expansion of effective primary and secondary prevention models, programs, and strategies.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2.2.1 Identify effective prevention efforts that positively impact child maltreatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the models, programs, and strategies, i.e. Healthy Families, case managers, 2-1-1, CPI, school staff, home visitors</li> <li>- Assess their effectiveness on the maltreatment trends</li> </ul>	Dawna Sarmiento Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team 2-1-1 Pasco	July 1, 2012	On-going
2.2.2 Once best practices are identified, work to develop and enhance these partnerships to support program efforts in Circuit 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend an offer to meet with identified partners</li> <li>- Conduct a meeting with identified partners</li> <li>- Identify ways to support their efforts</li> </ul>	Dan Valley- Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2013	June 30, 2015
2.2.3 Work with Healthy Families Pasco to determine unmet needs and restore funding for Healthy Families services in Circuit 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend an offer to meet with identified partners to determine unmet needs</li> <li>- Conduct a meeting with identified partners</li> <li>- Conduct a meeting</li> <li>- Identify ways to support their efforts</li> </ul>	Rick Hess- Pasco Kid's First	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
2.2.4 Identify funding opportunities for the continuation, enhancement, and expansion of effective primary and secondary prevention programs and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend an offer to network with existing grant collaborative</li> <li>- Meet with local community foundations</li> </ul>	Rick Hess – Pasco Kid's First	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015

**Pinellas County**

<b>Priority Level:</b> 1. 2.	<b>Priority Need:</b> 1. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by family violence threatens child. 2. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by parental substance misuse.	
<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> 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 Workforce	<b>E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective:</b> Adult Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns Workforce	

**Objectives:**

Objective: 2.1 Identify, coordinate, and connect primary and secondary prevention efforts.

Objective 2.2 Prioritize the continuation, enhancement, and expansion of effective primary and secondary prevention models, programs, and strategies.

<b>Objective: 2.1</b> Identify, coordinate, and connect primary and secondary prevention efforts.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2.1.1 Coordinate and identify gaps and unmet needs within primary and secondary prevention efforts by utilizing existing community based need assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review existing needs assessments such as Health and Human Services Coordinating Council</li> <li>- Survey and interview community partners</li> </ul>	Jeanine Evoli WB Children's Service Council of Pinellas County	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
2.1.2 Advocate for funding for identified needed services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review progress and follow-up with identified funders on a bi-annual basis</li> </ul>	Jeanine Evoli- JWB Children's Services Council of Pinellas County	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2011	On-going



<b>Objective: 2.2</b> Prioritize the continuation, enhancement, and expansion of effective primary and secondary prevention models, programs, and strategies.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2.2.1 Identify and assess current best practices that incorporate the five protective factors as they relate to current maltreatment trends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify the models, programs, and strategies, i.e. Healthy Families, case managers, 2-1-1, CPI, school staff, home visitors</li> <li>- Assess their effectiveness on the maltreatment trends</li> </ul>	Jeanine Evoli JWB Children's Service Council of Pinellas County	2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares Local Planning Team	July 1, 2012	June 30, 2013
2.2.2 Once best practices are identified, work to develop and enhance these partnerships to support program efforts in Pinellas County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend an offer to meet with identified partners</li> <li>- Conduct a meeting with identified partners</li> <li>- Identify ways to support their efforts</li> </ul>	Dawna Sarmiento-Eckerd Community Alternatives	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2013	June 30, 2015
2.2.3 Work with Healthy Families Pinellas to determine unmet needs and restore funding for Healthy Families services in Pinellas County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend an offer to meet with identified partners to determine unmet needs</li> <li>- Conduct a meeting with identified partners</li> <li>- Conduct a meeting</li> <li>- Identify ways to support their efforts</li> </ul>	Ray Hensley-Pinellas County Health Dept	Local Planning Team	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015
2.2.4 Identify funding opportunities for the continuation, enhancement, and expansion of effective primary and secondary prevention programs and strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend an offer to network with existing grant collaborative</li> <li>- Meet with local community foundations</li> </ul>	Jeanine Evoli - JWB Children's Service Council of Pinellas County	Local Planning Team Pinellas Grants Collaborative	July 1, 2010	June 30, 2015

## **VII. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

The Local Planning Team, which includes representation from both Pasco and Pinellas counties, will monitor the ongoing progress of the implementation of the plan. We have decided to have regularly scheduled meetings at least every other month to monitor the progress of the plan. An update will be reported to the Children's Action Team in Pinellas as well as the Pasco and Pinellas Alliances.

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

The members of the Local Planning Team who have been tasked with implementation efforts with specific benchmarks will complete their sections of the monitoring report template and discuss their progress with the LPT on a quarterly basis. Their portion of the plan can then be rolled up into the required monitoring reports that will be submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor.

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

The Local Planning Team will have a cumulative view of the previous quarterly reports and evaluations and at regularly scheduled intervals will talk through the outline for the annual progress report. The benefits of sharing this information on a regularly scheduled basis, not only include having the annual report compiled throughout the year, but also inform, guide and give cause for truly informed decision-making about continued and future direction and results. We will discuss what we can do to make it better.

## **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*

- Barriers related to the prevention of child abuse, abandonment and neglect of children:
  - Lack of a community-wide, comprehensive prevention strategy that encompasses both primary and secondary prevention, before a child is harmed.
  - Lack of focus to prevention-related issues that delayed or prohibited problem-solving efforts; these issues include but are not limited to lack of capacity (i.e. - waiting lists) or under-utilization of services; limiting eligibility criteria that prohibits children/families from being served; limited local prevention funding/ reduction of local prevention funding; etc.
  - Lack of funding to implement the statewide primary and secondary prevention goals.

## **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

As prevention dictates, community visibility is essential for the ongoing protection of children from abuse and neglect, one of the most productive means to achieve community visibility is through the utilization of child care. Currently there exists multiple barriers to providing child care services to all those in need. Lack of funding continues to be the primary obstacle to the service. The Local Planning Team would recommend the expansion of childcare funding at the legislative level. In addition, we would like to recommend funding for the expansion of the Healthy Family model that has proven to be an effective child abuse prevention strategy by offering home visits to parents of newborns focused on promoting child health and development and positive parent-child interaction. The impact that fathers make in the lives of their children has been recognized and the LPT would like to advocate continuing funding for educating fathers of newborns. Based on the local child abuse data, 0-4 year olds are at the highest risk of abuse and if support is provided in home, hopefully the risk of child abuse or neglect for the youngest and most vulnerable children would be reduced.

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

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

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

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
  - Pinellas 15.93%
  - Pasco 40.17 %
  -
2. Median length of stay for children whose adoptions were finalized – total, by relatives, by foster parents and by recruited parents
  - Pinellas 38.9%
  - Pasco 27.6%
  -
3. Percent of foster children in care 17+ months who were adopted by the end of the period
  - Pinellas 35.02%
  - Pasco 42.70 %
  -
4. Percent of children in foster care 17+ months who became legally free for adoption within six months
  - Pinellas 10.12%
  - Pasco 32.04%
  -
5. Of the children legally free for adoption on 1 July 2008, the percent adopted by 30 June 2009
  - Pinellas 46.88%
  - Pasco 61.34 %
  -

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

6. Number of adoptions finalized SFY 2008-2009 was 321
7. Percent of children adopted –
  - Relatives:
    - Pinellas 21%
    - Pasco 11%
  - Foster parents:
    - Pinellas: 28%
    - Pasco 11%
  - Recruited parents:
    - Pinellas 12%
    - Pasco 14%
8. Number of children in out of home care for 12 months or more on 30 June 2009 :
  - Pasco 237
  - Pinellas 650

9. Of the children legally free for adoption on 30 June 2009, the length of time since becoming legally free for adoption:

County	<12 Months	12 Months to <24 Months	24 Months to < 36 Months	36 Months or More
Pasco	5	17	15	35
Pinellas	4	39	27	134

10. Time to finalization (median months) from removal to TPR and TPR to finalization – total, by relatives, by foster parents, and by recruited parents total time is 32.27 months averages. At this time the data to break down by relatives, foster parents and recruited parents is not available.

11. Number of children with a goal of APPLA as of 30 June 2009

- Pinellas: 94
- Pasco: 43

12. The length of time between becoming legally free for adoption and adoption finalization for children adopted during SFY 08-09

County	<12 Months	12 Months to <24 Months	24 Months to < 36 Months	36 Months to < 48 Months	48 Months or More	Unknown
Pasco	96	19	3		1	1
Pinellas	100	67	27	2	5	

13. Number of children in out of home care available for adoption who need child-specific adoption promotion efforts as of June 30, 2009 = 129

14. Number of sibling groups in out of home care available for adoption who need child-specific adoption promotion efforts as of June 30, 2009 = 32 sibling groups

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

The Data from 2008-2009 is not available as the report that showed this data was deleted from the required reports to be created for FSFN. Looking at current data from the adoption exchange it can be determined that child specific recruitment would be useful in reducing the wait for older children to find Permanency through adoption.

Demographics of Children Listed on the Adoption Exchange as Available for Adoption on January 31, 2010\*\*

CIRCUIT	AGE																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
6					1	1	1	2	4	5	11	8	9	12	11	7	5
GENDER		RACE						LENGTH OF TIME SINCE TPR*									

Female	Male	Black	White	Other	<12	12-23	24-35	36+
27	50	31	42	4	2	11	12	51

Region	AGE																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Suncoast Region	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	7	7	6	18	15	23	31	40	27
GENDER		RACE				LENGTH OF TIME SINCE TPR*											
Female	Male	Black	White	Other	<12	12-23	24-35	36+									
67	114	124	52	5	5	18	18	115									

**\*\* estimated as AES under revision**

16. Number of children in Circuit 6 out of home care available for adoption who have a DSMIV diagnosis as of May 1, 2010.

- 98 children out of 127
- 77%

### **Circuit 6 Narrative Overview**

During the timeframe July 2008 through July 2009 Circuit 6 children who were adopted within 24 months of removal had an average performance rate of 28.05%. The median length of stay in out of home care for children whose adoptions were finalized was 33 months. Circuit 6 exceeded their state adoption goal by 49 children, with the majority of children being adopted by Foster parents at 39%, Relatives at 32% and Recruited parents at 26%. Review of Circuit 6 children waiting since becoming legally for adoption and length of time reveals the majority were at 36 months or more. As of June 30, 2009 there were 169 children in circuit 6 with a goal of APPLA. There are 50 % more male children in Circuit 6 waiting for an adoptive family than females and the majority are between 11 and 17 years old. In a current analysis (5/1/2010) of children waiting to find permanency through adoption in Circuit 6, 77% had a DSMIV diagnosis.

Circuit 6 is comprised of 2 counties Pinellas and Pasco. Data reveals that children attain permanency through adoption at a faster rate in Pasco than Pinellas. Children who were adopted within 24months of entering out of home care achieved this at a 24.24% higher rate in Pasco than in Pinellas. Accordingly the median Length of stay in care was 11.3% less in Pasco than in Pinellas for the period July 2008 through June 2009. Regarding the total number of adoptions finalized Pinellas processed 25 % more adoptions than Pasco .Of children legally free for adoption on June 30 2009 Pinellas maintained 132 more children than Pasco.

There are 2 areas of priority need that are evident by the data gathered for Circuit 6 and they are equally important in both Pinellas and Pasco counties. Children needing to attain permanency through adoption who have a DSMIV diagnosis are evident at 77 %. Of waiting children. another priority as a circuit is reducing the wait time for children to be adopted .Pinellas clearly has a longer wait time, and median length of stay than Pasco, however Circuit 6 as an whole average needs to reduce the median wait time for children to attain permanency through adoption. The Circuit 6 Plan for the Promotion of Adoption will address each county with the same measures. All partners for the Circuit 6 plan participate and provide services in both Pinellas and Pasco counties and services in adoption promotion are equally distributed. The Community Adoption Action team that will drive the action measures is a unified team made up of community partners that address issues in both Pinellas and Pasco.

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

### **A. Description of a continuum of services for the Promotion of Adoption**

**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., MAPP) 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.

## **B. PROGRAMS CURRENTLY PROMOTING ADOPTION**

Adoption promotion begins with primary education and adoption awareness in the community. There are multiple state and community partners who assist in this education and awareness. The continuum of adoption education also is highlighted throughout the numerous cases which achieve permanency through adoption, therefore reaching far into the community to impact Adoption awareness. Post adoption families and services continue to be a strong source of assistance in developing community understanding of all aspects of special needs adoptions.

Adoption awareness efforts are multifaceted. The *Explore Adoption Campaign* created by the Florida Department of Children and Families supports numerous local efforts to increase adoption understanding. As families are linked with general adoption information they are also given direct access to Eckerd Community Alternative staff to support, educate and promote adoptions. ECA through their parent company Eckerd Youth Alternatives has a web site that connects the general public to adoption information websites. Eckerd Community Alternatives has an established relationship and is a fiscal supporter of The Progress Energy Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco who along with Bright House Networks airs ongoing adoption public service announcements. The ECA relationship with The Heart Gallery has also given development to The Ephesians Project (a Subcommittee of The Heart Gallery) which promotes adoption awareness and recruitment of African American Families. Eckerd's strong relationship with the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team, which was strengthened by the partnership of the Heart Gallery, allowed thousands of viewers to experience the positive effects of adoption as adoptive families celebrated at Ray games and waiting children interacted with professional baseball players, while televised nationally. National Adoption Month was paramount as adoption awareness was promoted on Channel 10 (WTSP) and a segment of the annual Linking Hands for a Lifetime picnic was televised. During November 2009 Great Explorations Children's Museum advertised and hosted a celebration of National Adoption Day with free admissions to all adoptive families.

Eckerd Community Alternatives has been involved in the development of several specific targeted and child specific recruitment efforts. The Progress Energy Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco counties have contractually recruited for all waiting children without an identified placement through a moving gallery of children's portraits and the maintenance of a multi-linked web site. These children are usually older, sibling groups, children of mixed heritage or medically needy. The Ephesians project specifically targets African-American families for African-American children. Wednesday's child is a partnership with Channel 10 (WTSP) that films a weekly segment of a child in foster care available for adoption. Eckerd Community Alternatives' waiting children receive television exposure 2 -3 times a month local through this partnership and families are able to be directed to the child's worker, if interested in adoption. Florida's Initiative Explore Adoption website which is linked through The Florida Department of Children and Families website has allowed all children, without an identified placement, to be recruited and those calls received and forwarded to Eckerd Community Alternatives for follow up. Eckerd Community Alternatives has also worked closely with the Progress Energy Heart Gallery to have specific children featured in local magazines on a regular basis. The utilization of the Children Awaiting Placement (CAP) program, which is a national child specific recruiting program, has continued to be utilized by Eckerd Community Alternatives for children who are older, sibling groups and medically needy. CAP utilizes a large website, a nationally distributed paper book that is updated monthly and specific target audiences based on children's unique special needs.

Orientations for prospective adoptive parents are held 4 times a month throughout the communities that Eckerd Community Alternatives serves. When a prospective adoptive family calls, they are given a date within 2 weeks to attend an orientation. At the orientation, both foster care and adoption are explained thoroughly and guidelines and requirements are discussed to



assist families in making the choice that is best suited for them. Adoption educational videos and handouts are utilized to educate and guide families. Families are also exposed to portraits, recruitment books and stories of special needs children and post-adoptive families. Potential adoptive families are given agency contacts to call for all questions or any additional follow up.

Upon attendance of an orientation for potential adoptive parents, they may call and ask to be placed in a MAPP class. All adoption MAPP classes are specifically for potential adoptive families and not combined with foster MAPP classes. Eckerd Community Alternatives MAPP classes are taught by adoption trained agency staff, and are held throughout our varied communities in family accessible locations. Eckerd Community Alternatives remains committed to a minimum of 10 adoptive MAPP classes per year, and can teach additional one on one MAPP training with families, should it be deemed necessary.

From orientation and throughout MAPP class, prospective adoptive families are given numerous materials to help them become educated about adoption and decide if special needs adoption is their best selection. Referrals and information on local post-adoption support groups, adoption conferences and workshops are shared. Because the Eckerd Community Alternatives' MAPP classes are adoption specific, the steps to adopt are explained thoroughly and guest speakers (previous adoptive parents, adopted children, adoption therapists) attend the class to assist in explaining the adoptive process.

When a family with an approved adoptive study expresses interest in a special needs child, there is a full disclosure. Also, there is a full disclosure match meeting in which the family is given a completed child study and has access to the child's medical, therapeutic, and placement information. All aspects relating to child's history that are not disclosing of birth parent identification are shared with the potential adoptive family. Case management services then begin the process of engaging the child and family, assessing all adoption related needs. All potential needs for current services are discussed thoroughly as well as all post adoptive supports.

Programs Currently Promoting Adoption in Circuit 6 : SEE ATTACHMENT 6

#### IV. PLAN PRIORITIES

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

\*\*\* In Circuit 6 it is determined that the priority needs in Adoption Promotion in Pinellas and Pasco Counties are unilateral and will be addressed simultaneously.

County: Pasco  
Pinellas

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	Reduce the wait time for children to be adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Adoption Awareness</li><li>○ Targeted Recruitment</li><li>○ Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents</li><li>○ Child-Specific Recruitment</li></ul>
#2	Reduce the wait time for children with DSM IV Mental Health Issues to be adopted	<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></ul>

## **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 .04% percent to 30 percent by 30 June 2015.

### *Goal 2*

The percent of children legally free for adoption that have been waiting for adoption since the date of termination of parental rights (TPR) for more than 12 months will be reduced from the June 2009 rate of 96% percent to 50% percent by 30 June 2015.

### *Strategy 1*

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 6 will actively utilize the Explore Adoption, Customer Service and Customer Support Protocol for Adoption Services in their adoption promotion programs.

<b>Priority Level:</b> #1 #2	<b>Priority Need:</b> Reduce the wait time for children to be adopted Reduce the wait time for children with DSM IV Mental Health Issues to be adopted	
<b>Types of Approaches Warranted:</b> x Adoption Awareness x Targeted Recruitment x Child-specific Recruitment x Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents	<b>Types of Approaches Warranted (continued):</b> x Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents x Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents x Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents x Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents	

Objective 1.1 Identify current practices in Circuit 6 for adoption promotion

Objective:1.2 Ensure the Eckerd Community Alternatives, Case Management Agencies and all Community partners in Adoption understand and are able to utilize the concepts of the Explore Adoption, Customer Service and Customer Support Protocol for Adoption Services.

Objective 1.1 Identify current practices in Circuit 6 for adoption promotion					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Eckerd Community Alternatives, Case Management Agencies and a.CMA and Adoption Partner Agencies will assess the current customer protocol practices utilized.	Completion of the Explore Adoption Agency Assessment.	Connie Going Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist.	Eckerd Community Alternatives, Directions for Mental Health, Baycare, Gulf Coast Community Care, The Harbor, The Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco Counties, Project Patchwork, Gift of life Adoption	July 1,2010	September 30,2010

<b>Objective:</b> 1.2 Ensure the Eckerd Community Alternatives, Case Management Agencies and all Community partners in adoption understand and are able to utilize the concepts of the Explore Adoption, Customer Service and Customer Support Protocol for Adoption Services					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Training will be developed and provided to Eckerd Community Alternatives, Case Management Agencies and adoption partner agencies	<p>A. Completion of Training on Customer Service and Customer Support Protocol for Adoption Services.</p> <p>B. Customer service will improve effectively resulting in an increase in adoptive families for special needs children.</p>	Connie Going Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist	Eckerd Community Alternatives, Directions for Mental Health, Baycare, Gulfcoast Community Care, The Harbor, The Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco counties	October 1, 2010	December 31, 2010

## Strategy 2

**By 30 June 2015, Circuit 6 will specifically address their special needs populations of children who are waiting for an adoptive home.**

<b>Priority Level:</b> #1 #2	<b>Priority Need:</b>  Reduce the wait time for children to be adopted Reduce the wait time for children with DSM IV Mental Health Issues to be adopted	
<b>Types of Approaches Warranted:</b> x Adoption Awareness x Targeted Recruitment x Child-specific Recruitment x Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents		<b>Types of Approaches Warranted (continued):</b> x Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents x Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents x Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents x Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents

Objective: 2.1 Identify effective recruitment efforts currently being utilized and recognize gaps in effectiveness.

Objective: 2.2 Create a Community Adoption Action Team to assist and identify best practices in innovative adoption recruitment and retention of adoptive families

Objective 2.3 Adoptive children with special needs will be able to successfully transition into adoptive homes with support of adoption issues

Objective 2.4 Innovative Child Specific Recruitment will be utilized to identify and support families for children waiting to be adopted

<b>Objective:</b> 2.1 Identify effective recruitment efforts currently being utilized and recognize gaps in effectiveness.					
Action Steps	Measures/Bench marks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Case Management Agencies and community partners will complete an agency assessment for current recruitment efforts being utilized, identifying areas for improvement.	Assessment of all recruitment efforts being utilized will be documented and overview created.	Connie Going Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist	Eckerd Community Alternatives, Directions for Mental Health, Baycare, Gulfcoast Community Care, The Harbor, The Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco Counties	January 1, 2011	March 31, 2011



Objective: 2.2 Create a Community Adoption Action Team to assist and identify best practices in innovative adoption recruitment and retention of adoptive families.					
Action Steps	Measures/Bench marks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Create a Community Adoption Action Team for the purpose of identifying and helping to implement innovative adoption recruitment and retention practices, and to provide monitoring ongoing.	The Community Adoption Action Team convenes researches and makes recommendations to Eckerd Community Alternatives, Case Management Agencies and Community Partners.. Implementation of innovative recruitment and retention practices. The Community Action Adoption Team meets Monthly to provide ongoing assessment of Community issues in Adoption Promotion.	Connie Going Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist	Directions for Mental Health, Baycare, Gulf Coast Community Care, Youth and Family Alternatives The Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco Counties, Guardian Ad Litem	April 1, 2011	September 30, 2010

Objective 2.3 Adoptive children with special needs will be able to successfully transition into adoptive homes with support of adoption issues.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Special needs children with a goal of adoption will receive adoption preparation by adoption competent providers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special needs children with a goal of adoption will have a strong understanding of the reasons they are in care, where they are in the process of adoption, and actively participate in the adoptive process.</li> <li>2. Special needs children with a goal of adoption will have the opportunity to attend, if age appropriate, an adoption support group for children waiting to be adopted.</li> <li>3. Adoption disruptions will effectively decrease.</li> </ol>	Connie Going Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist	Directions for Mental Health, Baycare, Gulf Coast Community Care, Youth and Family Alternatives, Gift of Life Adoption, Guardian ad Litem	July 1,2010	December 31. 2011

Objective 2.4 Innovative Child Specific Recruitment will be utilized to identify and support families for children waiting to be adopted					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
<p>1.The Community Adoption Action Team will research, provide resources, guidance and an action plan for child specific recruitment</p> <p>2.The Community Adoption Action Team will research private funding sources to support child specific recruitment</p>	<p>A. Child Specific Recruitment is implemented for all special needs children who are waiting for Permanency through adoption.</p> <p>B. The number of special needs children waiting will effectively be decreased.</p> <p>A. Private funds will be identified and recruitment needs will be met</p>	<p>Connie Going Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist</p>	<p>Directions for Mental Health, , Gulf Coast Community Care, Youth and Family Alternatives, Gift of Life Adoption, Guardian ad Litems. Adoption Related Services, Project patchwork, Bay Area Behavioral services</p>	<p>Nov 1, 2010</p>	<p>Jan1, 2012</p>

## **VI. A MONITORING AND EVALUATION, PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- The Community Adoption Action Team is essential to monitoring, evaluating and implementing the Circuit 6 Plan for the Promotion of Adoption.
- The Community Adoption Action Team will be comprised of all interested Adoption Community Partners in Pasco and Pinellas Counties
- The Community Adoption Action Team will meet and assess all progress areas monthly
- The Community Adoption Action Team will report to the Community Action Team monthly (a subcommittee of the Community Alliance), which is comprised of The Department of Children and Families and all Community Stakeholder and Partners.

## **B. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING**

Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist and will maintain and gather all data and submit 2 required monitoring reports to the Executive office of the Governor in the specified timeframes required

## **VII. BARRIERS**

- Lack of understanding in community regarding Adoption issues
- Lack of funding to promote secure, sustainable adoptions
- Lack of ability to recruit special needs Adoptive parents in gay communities

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- At a state legislative level passing law that allows Gays to adopt would allow recruitment for special needs children at a higher level through an untapped population of potential adoptive families.
- More funding to promote special needs adoption awareness and support adoptive families.

## **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.**

- **Dissolutions**

- Pasco: 1, Children's Mental Health issues that adoptive parents could not handle, and lack of adoption Competent services..
- Pinellas: 2, Children's Mental Health issues that adoptive parents could not handle, and lack of adoption competent services.

- **Disruptions**

- Pasco:11
- Pinellas :72

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

- Pasco has 1 adoptive support group that meets monthly. It is community facilitated and supported by ECA. This adoption support group has struggled with a fluctuation in leadership and commitment of members. The core membership is 6.
- Pinellas has 1 adoptive support group that meets monthly. It is community facilitated and supported by ECA. The quality of the Pinellas group is strong as it has remained strong for over 1 and a half years. It is based on the Model implemented by the North American Council of Adoptable Children. It provided peer support and mentoring, and educational opportunities. The core membership is 20.
- Pasco has a foster parent and adoptive parent association that meets monthly and provides support and training. This association is mostly comprised of foster parents who adopted and is a strong support to those families. The core membership is over 100.
- Pinellas has a foster parent and adoptive parent association that meets monthly and provides support and training. This association is mostly comprised of foster parents who adopted and is a strong support to those families. The core membership is over 100.

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

- Circuit 6 is currently participating in a state wide effort to certify mental health professionals in adoption competency. This will encompass community mental health providers, adoption focused agencies and residential providers.

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

- Eckerd Community Alternatives partners with the adoption support groups and associations to provide enhanced knowledge and training to adoptive families. The entails providing speakers for the meetings and educational materials.

#### **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.**

- Eckerd Community Alternatives has one specialist position that is the single point of access for all adoptive families in the community. This specialist provides referral to support services and oversight adoptive services as well as advocacy for adoptive families. This position has the ability to utilize contracted adoption competent providers to complete an adoption assessment on children and families at risk of dissolution or foster care reentry.
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## **II. CONTINUUM OF ADOPTION SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

**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**

There is need in improvement in both Pasco and Pinellas Counties in the development of support services. Disruption rates in Pinellas were higher than in Pasco; however this correlates to the higher adoptive placements in Pinellas. Support groups and associations exist in both Pasco and Pinellas counties however they serve a small population of families. Partnership with The Lead Agency, Eckerd Community Alternatives is important to sustainability of all support groups. The single point of access through Eckerd Community Alternatives and the innovation of screening and referral to an Adoption Competent assessor is helping to meet adoptive families' needs is strength for both Pasco and Pinellas.

Programs Currently Supporting Adoptive Families in Circuit 6 : SEE ATTACHMENT 7

#### IV. PLAN PRIORITIES

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

County: Pasco and Pinellas

\*\*\* In Circuit 6 it is determined that the priority needs in the Plan for the Support of Adoptive Families in Pinellas and Pasco Counties are unilateral and will be addressed simultaneously

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need <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>	Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need <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	Improve access to case management services and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Case management services</li><li>○ Adoption competent services</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Concrete support in times of need,</li></ul>
#2	Improve availability and access to adoption competent mental health and education services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Adoption competent services</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Concrete support in times of need,</li></ul>
#3	Increase availability of appropriate support groups for parents and youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Support groups</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>○ Concrete support in times of need.</li><li>○ Nurturing and attachment</li></ul>



## V. PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

### ***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 number of adopted children who were returned to foster care (regardless of when the adoption was finalized) in the circuit will be reduced from 3 during the 2008-2009 fiscal year to less than 1 during the 2010-2015 fiscal year.

### ***Strategy 1***

By 30 June 2015 Circuit 6 will ensure post adoptive families are provided adoption competent services, support and education.

<b>Priority Level:</b> 1. 2. 3.	<b>Priority Need:</b> Improve access to case management services and support Improve availability and access to adoption competent mental health and education services. Increase availability of appropriate support groups for parents and youth
<b>Protective Factors to be Built by the Strategy:</b> X Parental emotional resilience X Social connections X Knowledge of parenting and child development X Nurturing and attachment	<b>Types of Approaches Warranted:</b> X Education and training opportunities for adoptive parents X Adoption competent mental health assistance services for parents and children X Case management services for adoptive parents and children

- Objective 1.1 Create a case management system for adoptive families that is accessible, effective and supportive.
- Objective 1.2 Ensure community mental health providers are adoption competent.
- Objective: 1.3 Support and creation of adoption support groups and networks.
- Objective: 1.4 Ongoing accessible educational opportunities for adoptive families
- Objective: 1.5 Case managers and Child protective Investigators will have improved knowledge and skills regarding adoption issues

<b>Objective: 1.1</b> Create a case management system for adoptive families that is accessible, effective and supportive.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Community Adoption Action Team will access current post adoption system and make recommendations based on Proposed Florida Model program for post adoption services by Kathy Waters , DCF, 2004.	1.Case management model services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assessing the service needs of the family</li> <li>○ Providing emotional support during a crisis</li> <li>○ Providing information about local resources and how to access their services.</li> <li>○ Completing referrals and approving referrals for needed services.</li> <li>○ In home services with adoption competent providers if necessary.</li> <li>○ Providing advocacy services.</li> <li>○ Documenting case on the statewide child welfare automated system.</li> </ul>	Connie Going Adoption Specialist Eckerd Community Alternatives	Directions for Mental Health, Gulf Coast Community Care, Youth and Family Alternatives, Baycare, Project Patchwork, Adoption Related Service, ,Bay Area Behavioral Services, Gift of Life Adoption	July 1, 2010	December 31, 2010

<b>Objective:</b> 1.2 Ensure community mental health providers are adoption competent.					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
The Lead Agency in conjunction with DCF (Substance Abuse and Mental Health) will promote <i>Adoption Competency Training</i> for community mental health providers.	Community Mental Health providers will become certified in Adoption Competency and will be promoted on the Explore Adoption web site. Post Adoptive families will have accessible adoption competent mental health providers to provide services.	Connie Going Adoption Specialist Eckerd Community Alternatives	Department of Children and Families office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Eckerd Community Alternatives	July 1, 2010	December 31, 2010

**Objective: 1:3 Support and creation of adoption support groups and networks.**

<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Community Adoption Action Team will assess, support and promote current support groups.  Community Action Adoption Team will assess post adoptive needs in the community and make recommendations development of additional support groups.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Adoption support groups will be supported nurtured and will flourish.</li><li>2. Post adoptive families will be informed of all Adoptive support groups.</li><li>1. Adoption Support groups will be formed to meet the needs of the community.</li></ol>	Connie Going Adoption Specialist Eckerd Community Alternatives	Directions for Mental Health ,Gulf Coast Community Care, Youth and Family Alternatives, Baycare, Project Patchwork, Adoption Related Service, Bay Area Behavioral Services, Gift of Life Adoption	July 1, 2010	June 1, 2011

**Objective: 1.4 Ongoing accessible educational opportunities for adoptive families.**

Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
<p>A. The Lead agency will support post adoptive families through the development of a quarterly newsletter and website.</p> <p>B. The Community Adoption Action Team will assess post adoptive educational needs in the community and create forums to address.</p>	<p>1. Quarterly Post Adoptive newsletter is created, promoted and distributed.</p> <p>1. Educational opportunities are promoted and assessable for post adoptive families.</p>	<p>Connie Going Adoption Specialist Eckerd Community Alternatives</p>	<p>Directions for Mental Health, Gulf Coast Community Care, Youth and Family Alternatives, Bay care, Project Patchwork, Adoption Related Service, Bay Area Behavioral Services, Gift of Life Adoption</p>	<p>July 1, 2010</p> <p>July 1 2010</p>	<p>June 1, 2011</p> <p>June 1 2011</p>

<b>Objective: 1.5 Case Managers and Child protective Investigators will have improved knowledge and skills regarding adoption issues</b>					
<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Measures/Benchmarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
<p>1.Community Adoption Action   Team will identify a survey tool to assess adoptive families who have experienced child protective investigations, disruption and dissolutions, identifying strengths and needs in child protective investigators and case managers.</p> <p>A. Community Adoption Action Team will identify a training tool for Child protective investigators and case managers.</p> <p>B. Community Action Adoption Team will assist in initiating training for case managers and Child protective investigators.</p>	<p>1. Adoptive families will complete a survey tool, and a training will be created to address lack of understanding of ( but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Those children with special needs (emotional, behavioral, social, medical or psychiatric challenges) are at higher risk of experiencing difficulty forming and sustaining family relationships.</li> <li>○ Older children.</li> <li>○ Children placed in a family with biological children.</li> <li>○ Incomplete disclosure of information regarding the children’s history and problems.</li> <li>○ Highly educated parents may have heightened expectations for the child.</li> <li>○ Inability of the family to obtain needed support to meet the needs of the child.</li> </ul> <p>2. Training will be presented to all protective investigators established and incoming.</p>	<p>Connie Going Adoption Specialist Eckerd Community Alternatives</p>	<p>DCF, Pinellas County Sheriff, Pasco County Sheriff, Directions for Mental Health ,Gulf Coast Community Care, Youth and Family Alternatives, Baycare. Project Patchwork, Adoption Related Service, Bay Area Behavioral Services, Gift of Life Adoption</p>	<p>July 1 2010</p>	<p>June 30 2012</p>

## **VI. A MONITORING AND EVALUATION, PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- The Community Adoption Action Team is essential to monitoring, evaluating and implementing the Circuit 6 Plan for the Support of Adoptive Families..
- The Community Adoption Action Team will be comprised of all interested Adoption Community Partners in Pasco and Pinellas Counties
- The Community Adoption Action Team will meet and assess all progress areas monthly
- The Community Adoption Action Team will report to the Community Action Team monthly (a subcommittee of the Community Alliance), which is comprised of The Department of Children and Families and all Community Stakeholder and Partners.

## **B ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING**

Eckerd Community Alternatives Adoption Specialist and will maintain and gather all data and submit 2 required monitoring reports to the Executive office of the Governor in the specified timeframes required.

## **VII. BARRIERS**

- Isolation of adoptive families in the community
- Lack of education in community partners regarding adoption issues
- Lack of state funding for adoptive special needs children for mental health treatment.
- Lack of respite for adoptive families

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Legislative action that supports adoptive parents who need mental health treatment for their children
- Funding increases
- Special Conditions as removal factor to enable an adoptive child to re-enter the foster care system when the community mental health system can no longer support the placement

## **PART 5 – ATTACHMENTS**

### **ATTACHMENT 1**

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**ATTACHMENT 2****CHILD MALTREATMENT PREVENTION PROGRAMS** *Eckerd Community**Alternatives (ECA) Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB)*

Name of Program	Description of Services	Funding Source	Impact	County
Angels Against Abuse	Community awareness and education regarding child abuse and neglect.	Volunteers		Pinellas
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Pasco	Develop, motivate, and encourage strategic relationships that reduce county risk factors and decrease substance abuse rates among youth and adults.			Pasco
Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)	Provides community education on prevention of domestic violence.	JWB		Pinellas
Operation PAR	Substance abuse awareness, education, prevention, research and information and referral	State, JWB		Pasco and Pinellas
Family Counseling System of Care	Assess the type of service that is needed, and then issue "vouchers" for services to the local providers	JWB		Pinellas
Eckerd Community Alternatives	Provides community awareness/education and training on child abuse prevention.	State		Pasco and Pinellas
Haven of RCS	Provides community education on prevention of domestic violence.	State		Pinellas
Pasco Kids First	Promotes awareness of child abuse issues.	State		Pasco
Family Resources	Strengthens families through education, youth development, and advocacy.	State		Pinellas
Salvation Army Domestic Violence Shelter- Pasco	Provides domestic violence services for children and families.			Pasco
Sunrise Domestic Violence	Community education on prevention of domestic violence			Pasco

**ATTACHMENT 3****PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SERVING ABUSED, NEGLECTED, AND  
ADONDONED CHILDREN**

Name of Program	Description of Services	Funding Source	Impact	County
Pasco County CPID	Conducts all investigations involving allegations of child abuse, neglect, and abandonment in Pasco County.	Pasco County Sheriff's Department		Pasco
Pinellas County CPID	Conducts all investigations involving allegations of child abuse, neglect, and abandonment in Pinellas County.	Pinellas County Sheriff's Department		Pinellas
Sexual Assault Treatment –Pasco County	Provides forensic medical exams and follow up medical treatment for adult and adolescent victims of sexual assault.	State, federal, local		Pasco
Sexual Assault Treatment –Pinellas County	Provides forensic medical exams and follow up medical treatment for adult and adolescent victims of sexual assault.	State		Pinellas
Child Protection Team-	Assists Child Protective Investigations and law enforcement in their investigations of child abuse cases with the provision of diagnostic services, case consultation, and assessment services.	State, county		Pasco
Child Protection Team-	Assists Child Protective Investigations and law enforcement in their investigations of child abuse cases with the provision of diagnostic services, case consultation, and assessment services.	State, Children Services Council		Pinellas
Pathfinder	Counseling	Private, Medicaid		Pasco
Premier Community Health Group	Counseling, medical	Private		Pasco
ECA Contracted Case Management Agencies;	Case management	State	4556 children	

Gulfcoast Community Care, Directions for Mental Health, Youth and Family Alternatives, Baycare			(est)	Pasco and Pinellas
Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)	Provides domestic violence services for children and families.	Children Services Council, state		Pinellas
Safestart Partnership Center	Serves children age 0-6 and their families who have witnessed or experienced violence in the home or in the community.	Children Services Council		Pinellas
Emergency Response Team (ERT)	Comprehensive assessment of family needs and linkages to services.	State, county	3785 total served	Pinellas
Total Family Strategies (TFS)	Provides intensive, in-home primary prevention and prevention-diversion services to children and families in Pinellas County.	State, county	2694	Pinellas
Family Intervention Team (FIT)	Provides intensive, in-home crisis stabilization services to children who are in danger of removal from their family home due to safety concerns in Pasco County.	State		Pasco
Access to Recovery	Substance abuse program			Pasco
New Life Wellness Center	Domestic Violence			Pasco
Gulf Coast Community Care, Pasco- Safe at Home Diversion Program	A short-term, intensive, in-home community based program serving families where children are in imminent risk for removal from their home.	State	No data available	Pasco
Operation PAR	Provides a continuum of comprehensive substance abuse services.	State, federal, county		Pasco and Pinellas
Child Abuse Recovery Services	A voluntary program for families of children who have been sexually abused by a non-caretaker adult or another child., crisis intervention, supportive short-term therapy, and case management services for the child, the parent, and/or the siblings.	State, Children Services Council		Pinellas
Family Counseling System of Care	PEHMS assess the type of service that is needed, how many units of services are needed, and then issue "vouchers" for services to the local providers	State, Children Services Council		Pinellas
Ready for Life	Engages foster care youth, private citizens and public resources to assist Pinellas County foster youth in a	Community Foundation of Tampa Bay		Pasco and

	successful transition to adulthood.			Pinellas
Religious Community Services (RCS)	Provides temporary housing, food, clothing, and counseling to homeless families with children..	County, city, Children Services Council		
Salvation Army Domestic Violence Shelter- Pasco	Provides domestic violence services for children and families.	County		Pasco
Salvation Army – Pinellas - Family Specialist Service (FSS)	Provides intensive, in-home primary prevention and prevention-diversion services to children and families in Pinellas County.	State, federal, Children Services Council	251 children, 113 families 08-09	Pinellas
Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health	Providing mental health and support services	Children Services Council		Pinellas
Childnet -	Home-based family support services designed to build strong, safe, stable and nurturing relationships.	Children Services Council	Capacity is 90-95 families at any given time, service time averages 6 months	Pinellas
Sunrise Domestic Violence	Domestic violence services for children and families, including emergency shelter in Pasco County			Pasco
The Haven	Provides emergency shelter domestic violence victims			Pinellas
Suncoast Voices for Children	Provides physical, psychological, educational, or social needs for foster children	Donations		Pasco and Pinellas
Youth and Family Alternatives Diversion (FIT) Pasco	In-home diversion services	State	418 children; 193 families 08-09	Pasco
Clothes to Kids	Provides eligible children with a week's worth of quality clothing.	Private	."	Pinellas



## **ATTACHMENT 4**

### **PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

#### **211 Tampa Bay Cares**

Description of the program: Offers information and referrals to the general public and creates connections between people and resources through technology and volunteerism.

Target audience for the program: Everyone within the geographic boundaries  
Counties served by the program Pinellas, Citrus and Hernando

Frequency of provision: 24/7

Number of families, children served : 87.676 calls –Pinellas

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB, ECA, City of St. Pete, Pinellas County Foundation,  
Allegany Franciscan Foundation, United Way

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Parental emotional resilience

Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Information and referral and helplines

Public awareness and education campaigns

#### **Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Committee**

Target audience- A planning entity for the local child abuse prevention conference that is held annually that Each year, the AND Committee hosts a community-wide child abuse prevention awareness conference in April during National Child Abuse Prevention Month which benefits a variety of service providers, volunteers and families in the community.

Counties served by the program Pinellas

Frequency of provision: Monthly meeting

Number of families, children served : Attendance regularly exceeds 350 service providers.

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: NA

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Parental emotional resilience

Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Information and referral and helplines

Public awareness and education campaigns

#### **Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Pasco**

Description of the program: To develop, motivate, and encourage strategic relationships that reduce county risk factors and decrease substance abuse rates among youth and adults.

Target audience for the program; Youth and adults

Counties served by the program: Pasco and Hillsborough  
Frequency of provision – Monthly meetings  
Number of families, children served;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: NA  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services  
    Information and referral and helplines  
    Public awareness and education campaigns

#### **Angels Against Abuse**

Target audience for the program; General public  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas  
Frequency of provision - 25 presentations  
Number of families, children served -  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; Volunteer base  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community development  
    Information and referral and helplines  
    Public awareness and education campaigns

#### **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

Target Audience; Healthy growth and development mentoring program matching youth, typically from a single parent home, with an adult or high school junior/senior; and offers support services to the entire family.  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco  
Frequency of provision;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding;  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community development  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services  
    Information and referral and helplines

### **Boys' and Girls' Clubs**

Target Audience; Provide vocational, educational, social and physical activities, tutoring, athletic clubs, arts and crafts, special events geared toward career awareness, job training and placement services. The major goal of the program is delinquency prevention.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision; daily

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding;

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community development

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services

Information and referral and helplines

### **Boy Scouts of America**

Target Audience; provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. The Boy Scouts of America believes and knows that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding;

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community development

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services

Information and referral and helplines

### **City and County Recreation Centers**

Target Audience; Engage people in activities that are stimulating and contribute to the quality of life.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; City and county

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community development
- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Information and referral and helplines

### **Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)**

Target audience for the program; General public community education to prevent future intimate partner violence.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – Varies

Number of families, children served; Over 5,000 children

Most recent impact data (with date of collection) Research completed by USF

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB,

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections
- Nurturing and attachment
- Concrete services in times of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Information and referral and helplines
- Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Community Tampa Bay**

Target audience for the program; Anytown promotes dialogue and respect among all cultures, religions and races through youth leadership, diversity education and community dialogues

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: Pinellas County Schools, Community Fund of St. Pete, Weed and Seed

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Social connections
- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families
- Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Coordinated Child Care**

Target audience for program; Child Care Resource & Referral of Pinellas (CCR&R) is a free community service that offers information and referral services to all families who are seeking to find care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers before and after care for school-age children and summer camp information

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision –

- Number of families, children served;
- Most recent impact data (with date of collection)
- Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)
- Sources of funding:
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)
  - Knowledge of parenting and child development
  - Parental emotional resilience
  - Social connections
  - Nurturing and attachment
- Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)
  - Community support to families
  - Family supportive programs/service

### **DELTA**

- Target audience for the program; Domestic violence primary prevention program funded by the CDC in Pinellas and Pasco counties, with The Haven of RCS and Sunrise of Pasco respectively serving as lead agencies. DELTA is focused primarily on teaching middle school students about healthy relationships, through multi-session, interactive classes during and after school. Pinellas and Pasco counties also both have rape prevention education programs
- Counties served by the program: Pasco and Pinellas
- Frequency of provision – Weekdays
- Number of families, children served;
- Most recent impact data (with date of collection)
- Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)
- Sources of funding: CDC
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)
  - Social connections
- Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)
  - Community support to families
  - Family supportive programs/services
  - Public awareness and education campaigns

### **District School Board of Pasco and Pinellas County**

- Target audience for the program; Before and after school program for school aged children
- Counties served by the program: Pasco and Pinellas
- Frequency of provision – Weekdays
- Number of families, children served;
- Most recent impact data (with date of collection)
- Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)
- Sources of funding: Pasco and Pinellas County School Board
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)
  - Social connections
  - Nurturing and attachment
- Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)
  - Community support to families
  - Family supportive programs/services
  - Information and referral and helplines
  - Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Dr. Martin Luther King Neighborhood Family Center**

Target audience for the program; Children and families in north Pinellas in tutoring, and literacy in reading, writing and math. Parenting classes and other family support activities such as life coaching.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – At least 5 days per week, some nights and weekends

Number of families, children served; 230 youth and 50 adults

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: (and collaboration) the North Greenwood Community

Coalition, NAACP, Sickle Cell Association, The Pinellas County Health

Department, and the Clearwater Police Department

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Parental emotional resilience

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

- Concrete services in times of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

- Public awareness and education campaigns

- Work Force

### **E-Pinellas**

Target audience for the program; Free Internet list serve, which is a special electronic e-mail list for non profit agencies and other interested persons that automatically forwards messages sent to it to users who have electronically. Subscribers can post topics that communicate community information such as local training opportunities, volunteer management issues, new resources/programs in the community, job opportunities within Pinellas County human service community, potential funding/grant opportunities, coalition meeting announcements, and announcements for fund-raising or open house events for local human service agencies.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – 24/7

Number of families, children served; Individuals subscribe

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: Tampa Bay Cares (JWB, ECA, City of St. Pete, Pinellas County

Foundation, Allegany Franciscan Foundation, United Way)

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

- Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Family Resources**

Target audience for the program; Strengthens families through education, youth development and advocacy. Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community development

- Community support to families

- Concrete services in time of need

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

### **Family Counseling System of Care (FCSC)**

Target audience for the program; Implemented 11/08 contracts with Pinellas Emergency Mental Health Services (PEMHS) is the lead agency, Children's Home, Directions for Mental Health, Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health.

PEHMS assess the type of service that is needed, how many units of services are needed, and then issue "vouchers" for services to the local providers.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Parental emotional resilience

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

- Public awareness and education campaigns

- Work Force

### **Foundation Village Neighborhood Family Center**

Target audience for the program; Offers parenting classes (English and Spanish), counseling, and resource library. linkages to health care and community services; community meetings and activities; youth computer/technology/program(basic/intermediate/advanced; GED-online

(collaboration with PTEC South), bi-lingual outreach coordinator assisting with translation, referrals for job search, advocacy, etc.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – At least 5 days per week, some nights and weekends

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: ECA, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Parental emotional resilience

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

- Concrete services in times of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

- Public awareness and education campaign

- Work Force

### **Girl Scouts**

Target Audience; activities assure girls have a chance to discover, connect and take actions. Girl Scouting provides girls with opportunities for fun and friendship while fostering the development of leadership skills and self-esteem.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding;

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community development

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

### **Greater Ridgecrest Area Youth Development Initiative (GRADI)**

Target audience for the program; Children ages 9-14 who live within the Ridgecrest area for tutoring, and homework

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – At least 5 days per week, some nights and weekends

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Parental emotional resilience



- Social connections
- Nurturing and attachment
- Concrete services in times of need
- Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)
  - Community support to families
  - Family supportive programs/services
  - Information and referral and helplines
  - Public awareness and education campaigns

#### **(The) Haven of RCS**

- Target audience for the program; General public community education to prevent future intimate partner violence.
- Counties served by the program: Pinellas
- Frequency of provision –
- Number of families, children served;
- Most recent impact data (with date of collection)
- Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)
- Sources of funding: RCS
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)
  - Parental emotional resilience
  - Social connections
  - Nurturing and attachment
- Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)
  - Community support to families
  - Family supportive programs/services
  - Information and referral and helplines
  - Public awareness and education campaigns

#### **Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco Counties**

- Target audience for the program; Promotes adoption awareness through effective partnerships with media and community relations for prospective adoptive parents.
- Counties served by the program: Pinellas and Pasco
- Frequency of provision –
- Number of families, children served;
- Most recent impact data (with date of collection)
- Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)
- Sources of funding: Direct Public Support, ECA (PSSF), Investments
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)
  - Social connections
- Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)
  - Public awareness and education campaigns

#### **Help a Child Parent Resource Center**

- Target audience for the program; General public
- Counties served by the program: Pinellas
- Frequency of provision –
- Number of families, children served
- Most recent impact data (with date of collection)
- Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)
- Sources of funding: AmeriCorps volunteers, JWB
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Help-a-Child Parent Resource Center has all 5 protective factors

Knowledge of parenting and child development

Parental emotional resilience

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Information and referral and helplines

Public awareness and education campaigns

### **High Point Neighborhood Family Center**

Target audience for the program; Children and families in north Pinellas services include tutoring, and literacy, reading, writing and math. Parenting classes and other family support activities.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – 6 days a week

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: Pinellas County, DCF, Winn Dixie, Aces, American Heart

Association, churches, private businesses

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Knowledge of parenting and child development

Concrete services in times of need

Parental emotional resilience

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services

Information and referral and helplines

Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Hispanic Outreach Center**

Target audience for the program; Provides comprehensive bilingual family services including victim advocacy, family advocacy, youth prevention services, mental health counseling, parenting and healthy relationship classes, ESOL, etc.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB, City of Clearwater, Pinellas County, Clearwater Police

Dept, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Knowledge of parenting and child development

Parental emotional resilience

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Concrete services in times of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Information and referral and helplines
- Public awareness and education campaign

**James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center**

Target audience for the program; Children and families in south Pinellas services include tutoring, parenting classes and other family support activities.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – 6 days a week

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB, Allegany Franciscan Foundation, Pinellas County, churches

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections
- Nurturing and attachment
- Concrete services in times of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Information and referral and helplines
- Public awareness and education campaigns
- Work Force

**Joining Hands Community Mission**

Target audience for the program; Partnership of 60-70 Methodist churches for a one-stop center with cubicle space for community providers to be accessed by individuals and families. Offers food, ACCESS, clothing, information and referrals

Counties served by the program: Pasco

Frequency of provision –M-Thurs 9am-12pm, Fri and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month 10-12.

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding:

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Social connections
- Nurturing and attachment
- Concrete services in time of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community development
- Community support to families
- Concrete services in time of need
- Family supportive programs/services

## Information and referral and helplines

### **Kinship Services Network of Pinellas**

Target audience for the program; Relatives caregivers who are the full time caregiver to a relative child (0-18) formal or informally placed. The emphasis of this program is on informal kin placements. Services are open to all county relative caregivers and are provided county-wide. Pinellas County has monthly support groups for relative care givers.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision –In home case management up to 6 months.

Number of families, children served; 180 families, 669 participants

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB, Children's Home

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

### **Lealman/Asian Neighborhood Family Center**

Target audience for the program; Specific zip codes in mid Pinellas and all of the Asian community. Services include food pantry, parenting classes, computer lab, ESOL, after school program, other family support activities, and ACCESS Florida site.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision – At least 5 days per week, some nights and weekends

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB, United Way, Pinellas County, US Dept of Housing

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Parental emotional resilience

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

- Concrete services in times of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

- Public awareness and education campaigns,

- Workforce

### **Operation PAR**

Target audience for the program; School based prevention middle school, high school and college students as well as parenting prevention, community prevention, through Keep Kids Drug Free Center and Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Pinellas County

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: DCF, JWB, and grants

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Parental emotional resilience

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

- Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Pasco and Pinellas County Health Department/Healthy Start Program**

Target audience for the program; Provides 4 primary prevention programs; to the general public; car seat safety, shaken baby syndrome, injury prevention, postnatal care.

Counties served by the program: Pasco and Pinellas

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding;

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Social connections

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community development

- Community support to families

- Concrete services in time of need

- Family supportive programs/services

- Information and referral and helplines

### **Peacemakers**

Target audience for the program; Provides multi-session peace education and violence prevention activities for pre-school, kindergarten, elementary and middle school students.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: JWB, ECA  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Public awareness and education campaigns

**Pinellas Circle of Change**

Target audience for the program; Promote life skills and foster safe, healthy, fulfilled and contributing youth throughout our community.  
Counties served by the program: Pinellas  
Frequency of provision –  
Number of families, children served 200 children on Challenge Day  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: NA  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community development  
    Community support to families

**Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force**

Target audience: Anyone interested in promoting the prevention of domestic and sexual violence. The goal is to develop and implement primary prevention strategies, to facilitate and implement a coordinated community response to domestic violence, to provide ongoing education and assessment of the coordinated community response.

**Pinellas' Creating Outstanding Blossoming & Responsible Adolescents (COBRA)**

Target audience; program offers Too Good for Violence (TGFV), Too Good for Drugs (TGFD) and Coping Power evidence-based curricula to middle school age students. TGFV teaches skills in how to solve conflicts peacefully; making positive and effective choices; keeping anger from escalating into violence; developing pro-social relations with peers, and relating empathically to others.  
Counties served by the program: Pinellas  
Frequency of provision –  
Number of families, children;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: State, federal  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community development  
    Community support to families

**Police Athletic League (PAL)**

Target audience for the program: Provides crime prevention programs to facilitate a positive relationship between police officers and the community.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas County

Frequency of provision

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; County taxes, JWB, City of St. Petersburg

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services

Workforce

**Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)**

Target Audience; A support group in Pasco County that meets monthly to help relatives find encouragement from other relative caregivers.

Counties served by the program; Pasco

Frequency of provision; Monthly meetings

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding;

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services

Information and referral and helplines

**R'Club**

Target Audience; This is a high quality early childhood education and care program focusing on school readiness by promoting each child's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development using a research-based, tried and true curriculum. Provide quality early learning and development programs that strengthen children, families and communities with a focus on respect, responsibility, resourcefulness and responsiveness.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas

Frequency of provision;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; JWB, State Government Local Government Corporate/Company

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services

## Information and referral and helplines

### **Safety Harbor Neighborhood Family Center**

Target audience for the program; North Pinellas County  
Counties served by the program: Pinellas  
Frequency of provision – At least 5 days per week, some nights and weekends  
Number of families, children served; 3341 families; 5902 children  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: JWB, City of Safety Harbor, Private, City of Oldsmar  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one) Safety Harbor Neighborhood Family Center provides all 5 protective factors  
Knowledge of parenting and child development  
Parental emotional resilience  
Social connections  
Nurturing and attachment  
Concrete services in times of need  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
Community support to families  
Family supportive programs/services  
Information and referral and helplines  
Public awareness and education campaigns  
Workforce

### **Salvation Army – Domestic Violence Shelter**

Target audience for the program; General public community education to prevent future intimate partner violence.  
Counties served by the program: Pasco  
Frequency of provision –  
Number of families, children served;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding:  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
Parental emotional resilience  
Social connections  
Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
Community support to families  
Family supportive programs/services  
Information and referral and helplines  
Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Shady Hills Family Center**

Target audience for the program; The main community outreach ministry of the Shady Hills United Methodist Church.  
Counties served by the program: Pasco  
Frequency of provision –  
Number of families, children served;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)



Sources of funding:

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections
- Nurturing and attachment
- Concrete services in times of need

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Information and referral and helplines
- Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Pinellas County (SAPC)**

Target audience- Provides information on adolescent substance abuse in Pinellas County; encourages community advocacy by involving youth and parents in coalition activities; promoting public awareness of substance abuse among youth in Pinellas County; and providing referral information to youth and parents regarding substance abuse.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: NA

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Information and referral and helplines
- Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Sunrise of Pasco County**

Target audience for the program; General public community education to prevent future intimate partner violence.

Counties served by the program: Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision –

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding:

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections
- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Information and referral and helplines

Public awareness and education campaigns

**Union Academy Neighborhood Family Center**

Target audience for the program; Children and families in north Pinellas County  
Counties served by the program: Pinellas  
Frequency of provision – At least 5 days per week, some nights and weekends  
Number of families, children served;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: JWB, City of Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County School District  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
    Concrete services in times of need  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services  
    Information and referral and helplines  
    Public awareness and education campaigns  
    Work Force

**United Way of Pasco County, Inc 211**

Target audience for the program; comprehensive information and referrals to the general public, multilingual access, advocacy and creating connections between people and resources, tax assistance with approx. 5-6,000 tax returns with approximately \$5 million in returns for income families in Pasco County  
Counties served by the program: Pasco  
Frequency of provision – 24/7  
Number of families, children served; 40,788 calls  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection) Reason for calling in priority need; financial assistance for housing and utilities, health care, food, and employment  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: United Way  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services  
    Information and referral and helplines  
    Public awareness and education campaigns  
    Work Force

**Youth Empowerment Skills (YES)**

Target audience for the program; Children ages 3-17; Services are available to families at risk due to family and child issues, or substance abuse issues. This program provides family counseling, play therapy and skills training for children.  
Counties served by the program: Pasco

Frequency of provision –9:00a-7:00p, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 8:00a-5:00p, Wednesday and Friday.

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: Youth and Family Alternatives

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Family supportive programs/services

Public awareness and education campaigns

### **YMCA of the Suncoast**

Target audience; The largest provider of school-age child care in counties..YMCA provides a variety of physical, social and recreational activities including adult fitness and aerobics, youth and adult sports leagues, swimming instruction, family programs, after school care programs, school holiday programs, and summer camp programs.

Counties served: Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando

Frequency of provision – M – F, 3 – 8 p.m.

Number of families, children served; It serves more than 5,500 children daily in more than 40 locations

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB,

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than. n one)

Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Family supportive programs/services

### **Youth Arts Corp**

Target audience for the program; Youth development, arts education and job training program that uses the fine arts to help youth reach their potential

Counties served by the program: Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee counties

Frequency of provision – M – F, 3 – 8 p.m.

Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: JWB, City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County Board of Commissioners, Pinellas County Arts Council, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and National Endowment for the Arts.

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Family supportive programs/services

## **ATTACHMENT 5**

### **SECONDARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

#### **ALPHA**

Target audience for the program; At-risk elementary school students ALPHA, located at Blanton Elementary School in Pinellas County, offers targeted prevention services and draws from nine feeder schools throughout Pinellas County.

Elementary school students with academic or behavior problems that are at risk for substance abuse.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas

Frequency of provision- In school

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; Operation PAR, Youth and Family Alternatives

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy

Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy

Community support to families

#### **Angels Against Abuse**

Target audience for the program: Fundraising activities, organizing parties and special events for children who have been abused or neglected

Counties served by the program; Pinellas County

Frequency of provision- Varies

Number of families, 300 children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; Fundraising, personal donations, matching funds

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community development

#### **Central Florida Behavioral Health Network**

Target audience for the program: Individuals with both mental health and substance abuse diagnosis

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision; Daily

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding: State, Children Services Council

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Parental emotional resilience

Social connections

Knowledge of parenting and child development

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services  
Workforce

**Children's Home**

Target audience for the program: Support services for at risk of school failure at 4 north county schools.  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas  
Frequency of provision  
Number of families, children served  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; JWB  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services

**Children in Need of Services/ Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS)**

Target audience for the program. Youth and families are eligible for Family Help program services if a child is threatening to run away or has run away, is beyond parental control, or is truant from school or at risk for these behaviors. Child is not dependent or parents/guardians are not under investigation for an allegation of abuse and/or neglect.  
Counties served by the program; Pasco and Pinellas  
Frequency of provision: Monday through Friday  
Number of families, children served  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; Pasco and Pinellas Schools  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services

**Clothes to Kids**

Target audience for the program: All low income, school aged children that needs a wardrobe  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas County  
Frequency of provision- Twice every 12 months  
Number of families, children served  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; Donations  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Concrete support in times of need  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

## Concrete services

### **Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)**

Target audience for the program; Anyone that has been a victim of domestic violence.  
Counties served by the program: Pinellas  
Frequency of provision – Daily  
Number of families, children served;8,0000  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection) Monthly data collection and reports  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding: City, county,JWB, private  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Nurturing and attachment  
    Concrete services in times of need  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services  
    Information and referral and helplines  
    Public awareness and education campaigns

### **Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas**

Target audience for the program: Children ages birth to five (prior to Kindergarten) subsidized child care and screening for low-income families. Children with special needs or developmental concerns, Parents or guardians that receive TANF or have received TANF within the last 12 months, children under Protective Services, children in foster care.  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas County  
Frequency of provision;  
Number of families, children served  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; JWB,  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services

### **DELTA**

Target audience for the program; Violence prevention program for middle school  
  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco  
Frequency of provision- In school  
Number of families, children served  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Social connections  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families

**Early Learning Coalition Pasco**

Target audience for the program; Offers subsidized child care and screening for low-income families.  
Counties served by the program; Pasco County  
Frequency of provision  
Number of families, children served  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services

**Early Steps**

Target audience for the program; Children 0-36 months that has a delay in any area of development, including motor skills, speech and language skills, social and adaptive skills or cognitive skills.  
Counties served by the program; Pasco and Pinellas  
Frequency of provision; Until children are eligible for Part C to Pre-K services when they are turning 3 years old.  
Number of families, children served;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; State and federal funds  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services

**Even Start**

Target audience for the program; Children under 8 years old. Parent needs GED and the services include adult education, parenting, interactive literacy activities, early childhood, transportation  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas  
Frequency of provision;  
Number of families, children served;

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; State and federal funds  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services  
    Adult education

### **Family Connect Program**

Target audience for the program; Parents at risk of abandoning their infants and children due to substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Parents are taught communication skills as well as coping and daily living strategies.  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas  
Frequency of provision; Weekly home-based meetings  
Number of families, children served;  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding; State and federal funds  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Nurturing and attachment  
    Concrete support in times of need  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
    Community support to families  
    Family supportive programs/services  
    Concrete services

### **(The) Haven of Religious Community Services**

Target audience for the program: Anyone that has been a victim or impacted by domestic violence in mid and north Pinellas County.  
Counties served by the program; Pinellas County  
Frequency of provision- 24/7 emergency Helpline  
Number of families, children served  
Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
Sources of funding;  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)  
    Parental emotional resilience  
    Social connections  
    Knowledge of parenting and child development  
    Concrete support in times of need  
    Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)



Community support to families  
Concrete services  
Family supportive programs/services  
Workforce

**Healthy Families Pasco-Hernando (Pasco Kids First, Inc.)**

Target audience for the program; Live in the following targeted zip codes in Pasco County: 33523, 33525, 33539, 33540, 33541, 33542, 33574, 33576, 34610, 34652, 34653, 34654, 34655, 34667, 34668, and 34669 or within Hernando County, 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 (HFFAT), cannot be active in the Child Protection System

Counties served by the program: Pasco and Hernando

*Frequency of provision:* Services are provided weekly and as the family progresses, the visits decrease to bi-weekly, monthly and then quarterly according to a leveling criteria. The time of home visits vary according to when families are available to receive services (evening and weekend hours are available).

*Number of families and children served:* During FY 2008/09, Healthy Families Pasco-Hernando provided services to 426 families.

*Most recent impact data (with date of collection):* Five-Year Independent Quasi-Experimental Evaluation - Impact Findings: 1/1999 through 12/2003

\* 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 like 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.

\* Mothers who received services for three years or more were significantly more likely to read to their children than mothers in the comparison groups.

Healthy Families Florida Performance Measures (FY 2008/09)

\* Free from verified abuse and neglect during services – 98%

\* Free from verified abuse and neglect within 12 months of completing the program 98%

\* Immunized by age two – 95%

\* Well-child checks by age two – 90%

\* Well-child checks > age two – 96%

\* Improved Self-sufficiency – 82%

\* Participant connected to medical provider – 99%

\* Target child connected to medical provider – 99%

\* No subsequent pregnancy within two years after birth of target child – 97%

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination): The cost avoidance information is based on amounts adjusted for 2008-2009. The costs associated with each child include both direct (costs associated with the maltreatment) and indirect costs (costs over the child's lifetime.) Cost Avoidance Analysis – Methodology based on the study published by Prevent Child Abuse America in 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.

Sources of funding; Healthy Families Florida – Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida  
Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one):

Healthy Families Pasco-Hernando addresses all five protective factors :

- Parental resilience

- Social connection

- Nurturing and attachment

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Concrete support in times of need.

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Family supportive programs/services

### **Healthy Families Pinellas (Pinellas County Health Department)**

Target audience for the program: Must live in Pinellas County, expecting a baby or have a baby under three months of age, at risk of child abuse and neglect - Score a 13 or above on the Healthy Families Florida Assessment Tool (HFFAT), Cannot be active in the Child Protection System (exception: Healthy Families Plus teams working with drug involved families)

Counties served by the program: Pinellas

Frequency of provision: Services are provided weekly and as the family progresses, the visits decrease to bi-weekly, monthly and then quarterly according to a leveling criteria. The time of home visits vary according to when families are available to receive services (evening and weekend hours are available).

Number of families and children served: During FY 2008/09, Healthy Families Pinellas provided services to 2,388 families and 2,229 children

Most recent impact data (with date of collection): Five-Year Independent Quasi-Experimental Evaluation - Impact Findings: 1/1999 through 12/2003 \* 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 like 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. Mothers who received services for three years or more were significantly more likely to read to their children than mothers in the comparison groups.

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- \* Improved Self-sufficiency – 82%

- \* Participant connected to medical provider – 99% \* Target child connected to medical provider – 99%

- \* No subsequent pregnancy within two years after birth of target child – 97%

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination: The cost avoidance information is based on amounts adjusted for 2008-2009. The costs associated with each child include both direct (costs associated with the maltreatment) and indirect costs (costs over the child's lifetime.) Cost Avoidance Analysis – Methodology

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Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: Healthy Families Pinellas addresses all five protective factors :

- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Family supportive programs/services

### **Healthy Start**

Target audience for the program: Pregnant women with risk factors for poor birth outcomes.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision- Home visits is based on the level of risk and range from weekly to monthly

Number of families, children ; a total of 8,759 clients received a Healthy Start service

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; State of Florida Department of Health (FDOH)

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Family supportive programs/services

- Adult education

### **Keeping Families Together -ECA**

Target audience for the program: Families that are working with the Child Protective Investigators that are in need of community resources that can either be purchased or donated items in order to keep the family together.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision; Referrals are made to the Prevention Team by Child

Protective Investigators

Number of families, children served; 38 families, children 72 from March-June 09

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; State

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Concrete support in times of need
- Nurturing and attachment
- Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)
  - Adult education
  - Community development
  - Community support to families
  - Concrete services
  - Family supportive programs/services
  - Workforce

**Operation PAR:**

Target audience for the program Provides integrated addiction and mental health services at its various sites. Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals with impairments that will allow them access to services available to those without a disability.

Counties served by the program; Broward, Pinellas, Pasco, Lee and Manatee

Frequency of provision

Number of families, children served ; 13,000 individuals a year in intervention and treatment services Additionally, the Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center (PJAC) admits more than 7,500 juveniles a year.

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; County taxes, state, federal, and grants

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Adult education
- Community support to families
- Family supportive programs/services
- Workforce

**Ready for Life**

Target audience for the program; Engages foster care youth, private citizens and public resources to assist foster youth in a successful transition to adulthood.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas

Frequency of provision;

Number of families, children served; since Jan. 2009 and over the course of the year we were in contact with about 200 youth ages 16 - 24.

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Progress Energy, St. Pete Times, Follow Through Foundation, N.E. St. Pete Exchange Club, several donor and fundraisers

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Social connections

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

### **Salvation Army – Family Specialist Service (FSS) Pinellas**

Target audience for the program: Provides intensive, short-term counseling and social work services to families who are in crisis and are TANF eligible and has an open case with Child Protective Investigator.

Counties served by the program; Pinellas County

Frequency of provision; Meet with FSS Counselor 2 times a week

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding ECA, PSSF, Salvation Army St. Petersburg

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience

- Social connections

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

### **Special Conditions Referrals-ECA**

Target audience for the program: Parents that are in need of assistance that have been referred to the Prevention Team at ECA to make outreach calls to parents to offer community resources and information on child development and parenting tips..

Counties served by the program; Pinellas and Pasco

Frequency of provision; Referrals are made to the Prevention Team

Number of families, children served; 360 Pinellas, 140 Pasco from Dec 08-June 09

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding; State

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience

- Social connections

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

- Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

- Community support to families

- Family supportive programs/services

### **Total Family Strategies (TFS)**

Target audience for the program: Provides intensive, in-home primary prevention and prevention-diversion services to children/families

Counties served by the program; Pinellas County

Frequency of provision

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding, County, state

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

- Parental emotional resilience

- Knowledge of parenting and child development

Nurturing and attachment  
Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)  
Community support to families  
Family supportive programs/services

**Youth and Family Alternatives, CINS/FINS**

Target audience; Target audience for the program: CINS/FINS (Children in Need of Services Families in Need of Services) Provider: Providing assessment, individual and family counseling, court petition if necessary and case management to at risk youth and their families. The youth cannot have open dependency, or delinquency case.

Counties served by the program; East Pasco

Frequency of provision

Number of families, children served

Most recent impact data (with date of collection)

Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)

Sources of funding

Protective factors built by the prevention strategy: (may be more than one)

Social connections

Nurturing and attachment

Type of universal prevention strategy (may be more than one)

Community support to families

Family supportive programs/services

## **ATTACHMENT 6**

### **PROGRAMS CURRENTLY PROMOTING ADOPTION**

#### **Eckerd Community Alternatives**

- Children and families at risk of abandonment neglect and abuse.
- Eckerd Community Alternatives serves Pinellas and Pasco counties as the lead agency for child welfare.
- Eckerd Community provides ongoing services, 24/7.
- Number of families reached: 4556 (est.)
- [Most recent impact data \(with date of collection\)](#)
- [Most recent cost-effectiveness data \(with date of determination\)](#)
- Sources of funding- State
- Type of adoption promotion strategy
  - Eckerd Community Alternatives serves as the lead agency and partners with contractual case management agencies to participate in adoption awareness campaigns. ECA is the quality controller for all recruitment activities serving as the single point of access for a data and referrals regarding special needs adoption.
  - Eckerd Community Alternatives serves as a source of funding and serves on the board for The Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco. ECA manages all recruitment efforts through Wednesday's Child and child specific recruitment campaign through WTSP channel 10.
  - Eckerd Community Alternatives partners with case management agencies and ensures quality control for all adoption orientation efforts.
  - Eckerd Community Alternatives is the point of contact to ensure quality and support is supplied to adoptive parents navigating the adoption system.
  - Eckerd Community Alternatives ensures contractually case management agencies provide quality pre adoption training, information and case management services for pre-adoptive families.

#### **Directions for Mental Health**

- Directions for Mental Health serves as a contractual case management agency under the lead agency Eckerd Community Alternatives
- Directions for Mental Health serves children at risk of abandonment, neglect or abuse
- Directions for Mental Health serves Pinellas County
- Directions for Mental Health provides 24/7 case management services
- Number of families reached: 1763 ( est.)
- [Most recent impact data \(with date of collection\)](#)
- [Most recent cost-effectiveness data \(with date of determination\)](#)
- Directions for Mental Health is funded through Eckerd Community Alternatives
- Type of adoption promotion strategy
  - Targeted recruitment efforts are made through adoption match events
  - Orientation for prospective adoptive parents is held weekly in Pinellas County
  - Pre-adoption training for prospective parents included in MAPP classes offered throughout the year in Pinellas County.

#### **Gulfcoast Community Care (GCC)**

- GCC serves as a contractual case management agency under the lead agency Eckerd Community Alternatives

- GCC serves children at risk of abandonment, neglect or abuse
- GCC serves Pinellas County.
- GCC provides 24/7 case management services
- Number of families reached :1542 (est.)
- [Most recent impact data \(with date of collection\)](#)
- [Most recent cost-effectiveness data \(with date of determination\)](#)
- GCC is funded contractually through Eckerd Community Alternatives and private donations
- Type of adoption promotion strategy (may be more than one)
  - Targeted recruitment efforts are utilized using a website, recruitment business cards, and match events
  - Orientation for prospective adoptive parents is held weekly
  - Pre-adoption training for prospective parents includes MAPP classes offered continually throughout the year in Pinellas County

#### **Baycare**

- Baycare serves a contractual case management agency under the lead agency Eckerd Community Alternatives
- Baycare serves children at risk of abandonment, neglect or abuse
- Baycare serves Pasco County.
- Baycare provides 24/7 case management services
- Number of families reached: 555 ( est.)
- [Most recent impact data \(with date of collection\)](#)
- [Most recent cost-effectiveness data \(with date of determination\)](#)
- Baycare is funded contractually through Eckerd Community Alternatives
- Type of adoption promotion strategy (may be more than one)
  - Targeted recruitment efforts are utilized at adoption match events
  - Orientation for prospective adoptive parents is held once a month in Pasco County
  - Pre-adoption training for prospective parents includes MAPP classes offered continually throughout the year in Pasco County

#### **Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA)**

- Youth and Family Alternatives serves a contractual case management agency under the lead agency Eckerd Community Alternatives
- YFA serves children at risk of abandonment, neglect or abuse
- YFA serves Pasco County.
- YFA provides case management services 24/7
- Number of families reached : 696 ( est.)
- [Most recent impact data \(with date of collection\)](#)
- [Most recent cost-effectiveness data \(with date of determination\)](#)
- YFA funded contractually through Eckerd Community Alternatives
- Type of adoption promotion strategy (may be more than one)
  - Targeted recruitment efforts are utilized at adoption match events
  - Orientation for prospective adoptive parents is held once a month in Pasco County
  - Pre-adoption training for prospective parents includes MAPP classes offered continually throughout the year in Pasco County



### **The Progress Energy Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco counties**

- The Heart Gallery targets all children under Eckerd Community Alternatives supervision who are available for adoption and do not have an identified adoptive family.
- The Heart Gallery serves children from Pinellas and Pasco counties
- The Heart Gallery recruits for children from 90 days from termination of parental rights to finalization of adoption.
- 2009 Heart Gallery Statistics:  
Website:  
Total web visits: 98,789; Average visits per month: 270; Average page views per visit: 7.4  
Total children on the Heart Gallery: 95  
Total Heart Gallery children adopted: 55  
Total inquiries: Inquiries by Phone: 152 Inquiries from Website: 46
- Funding sources: Direct Public Support (Individual & Corporate), Eckerd Community Alternatives ( Promoting Safe and Stable Family dollars), Investments
- Type of adoption promotion strategy
  1. The Heart Gallery promotes adoption awareness through effective partnerships with media and community relations
  2. The Heart Gallery does targeted recruitment efforts are for all special needs children (older children, medical children, sibling groups, African-American children)
  3. The Heart Gallery does child-specific recruitment for individual children by utilizing their portraits and voices to help identify their potential adoptive family.
  4. The Heart Gallery provides portraits and books of The Heart Gallery Children that used at all adoption orientations and recruitment events.
  5. The Heart Gallery provides assistance for prospective adoptive parents as Heart Gallery Families can contact the Gallery for support and direction during the adoptive process.

### **Adoption Related Services (ADR) of Pinellas**

- ARS services all children who have been adopted or in the process of being adopted.
- ARS services children and families in Pinellas and Pasco counties.
- ARS does pre and post adoptive family assessments and services on a voluntary as needed basis.
- ARS served 89 families from 7/2008 through 7/2009
- ARS is funded through Medicaid and private insurance
- ARS is a nonprofit agency, and accredited and able to utilize Medicaid funding
- Type of adoption promotion strategy.
  - ARS is available to speak at MAPP and Adoption Orientation regarding the needs of adoptive children.
  - ARS advocates and supports adoptive parents and children who are in a pre-adoptive and/ or post-adoptive crisis.
  - ARS is a continued support to local post-adoption support groups, through education, child care and shared problem solving.

### **Assistance and Support for Adoptive Parents (ASAP)**

- ASAP is a post adoptive support group that serves all families who have adopted children.

- ASAP serves families who reside in Pinellas County.
- ASAP provides an adoption support group one time a month with childcare available.
- ASAP between 20-30 post adoptive families per calendar year.
- Impact currently is not being measured, however a survey of families attending the support group shows the support of ASAP has kept them from having their adoption dissolve.
- ASAP is a free self supporting group that utilizes no funding sources currently.
- ECA and ARS give in-kind hours to ASAP to support the group, through childcare and information assistance.
- Type of adoption promotion strategy
  - ASAP provides adoption awareness to the community as they utilize the community for their meetings and advertise in local venues. ECA also provides all potential and post adoptive families with ASAP contact information.
  - ASAP provides peer supported assistance to prospective and waiting adoptive families in navigating the system.

#### **Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco**

- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco is a post adoptive support group that serves all families who have adopted children.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco serves families who reside in Pinellas County.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco provides an adoption support group one time a month with childcare available.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco serves between 20-30 post adoptive families per calendar year.
- Impact currently is not being measured; however a survey of families attending the support group shows the support of Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco kept them from having their adoption dissolve.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco is a free self supporting group that utilizes no funding sources currently.
- ECA gives in kind hours to Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco to support the group, through information assistance.
- Type of adoption promotion strategy
  - Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco provides adoption awareness to the community as they utilize the community for their meetings and advertise in local venues. ECA also provides all potential and post adoptive families with contact information for the Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco
  - Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco provides peer supported assistance to prospective and waiting adoptive families in navigating the system.

#### **Project Patchwork**

Adoption Placement services (program) Adoption Sharing Center (program).

Target audience for the program – adoptive families, birth families, adoptees, adoption professionals

Counties served by the program – Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee and Hillsborough (although anyone can travel here to the events) for Sharing Center, throughout Florida and national for adoptive parents, throughout Florida for Birth parents.

Frequency of provision – in 2010 we will likely have 3 specific programs through the Adoption Sharing Center and will grow to monthly in 2011. Approximately 12

private placements expected for 2010 and 20 other home studies and 40 expectant parent counseling  
 Number of families reached -250 directly through adoption Sharing Center, hundreds more through Hands across the Bay event for Children's Week, and 75 families through placement services  
 Most recent impact data (with date of collection)  
 Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)  
 Sources of funding – private donations, grants, and fee for services  
 Type of adoption promotion strategy (may be more than one) – adoption.com/adopting.org, Adoptive Families magazine, our website, community events

- Adoption awareness efforts – community tabling, hosting Hands Across the Bay for Children's Week, Adoption Sharing Center events
- Targeted recruitment efforts – for pregnant women and couples in crisis pregnancies and adoptive families interested in adopting infants
- Child-specific recruitment efforts – assist when we can with matching families who may be open to adopting a child in foster care.
- Orientation for prospective adoptive parents – for private adoptions only
- Assistance (navigating the system) for prospective adoptive parents – private meetings/phone interviews.
- Pre-adoption training for prospective parents – for private adoptions through home study process
- Pre-adoption information for “waiting” parents - for private adoptions through home study process or general information at our community events – we have info from ECA, Heart Gallery, NACAC, Adoptive Families magazine, and Dave Thomas Foundation available at events
- Placement case management for “pre-adoptive” parents- for private adoptions through home study process

#### **Gift of Life Adoption Services**

- Target audience for the program-adoptive children, birthparents, adoptive parents  
 Counties served by the program-State of Florida for birthparents( Pasco and Pinellas) and nationally for adoptive parents.  
 Frequency of provision is as needed, 24/7.  
 Number of families reached-placed 1,300 children for adoption, but have served over 3,000 in a variety of ways  
 Most recent impact data (with date of collection) Not Available at this time  
 Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination) Not Available at this time
- Sources of funding-private funding. Our adoptive parents pay for our services
- Type of adoption promotion strategy -advertisements, speaking engagements in churches and civic organizations, internet, yellow pages
  - Adoption awareness efforts-radio,
  - Targeted recruitment efforts-advertisements, speaking engagements in churches and civic organizations, internet, yellow pages.
  - Child-specific recruitment efforts-see above, also video of the child's life for prospective adoptive parents to view.

- Orientation for prospective adoptive parents-either a one on one with an adoption counselor or seminar
- Assistance (navigating the system) for prospective adoptive parents.
- Pre-adoption training for prospective parents-education, home studies.
- Pre-adoption information for “waiting” parents -seminars and one on one with adoption counselors.
- Placement case management for “pre-adoptive” parents-yes, in house counselor

## **ATTACHMENT 7**

### **PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SUPPORTING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES**

#### **Eckerd Community Alternatives**

- Children and families at risk of abandonment neglect and abuse.
- Eckerd Community Alternatives serves Pinellas and Pasco counties as the lead agency for child welfare. ECA provides Oversight, direction and support to 4 Case management agencies and community partners.
- Eckerd Community provides ongoing services, 24/7
- Number of families, children served
- *Most recent impact data (with date of collection)*
- *Most recent cost-effectiveness data (with date of determination)*
- *Sources of funding*
- Type of adoption support strategy
  - ECA supports 2 local adoptive supports groups providing training and information and referral. ECA also sponsors the annual post adoption celebration picnic serving over 250 post adoptive families.
  - ECA is actively involved in providing training, support and oversight to the four case management agencies working to find permanency for children through adoption. ECA also provides community training for the Guardian ad Litem, the court system and adoptive and foster parents.
  - ECA's adoption specialist is adoption competent and is working with DCF to ensure all community providers are certified in adoption competency.
  - ECA provides information and referral and funding to agencies that provide post adoption case management services.

#### **Adoption Related Services (ARS) of Pinellas**

- ARS services all children who have been adopted or in the process of being adopted.
- ARS services children and families in Pinellas and Pasco counties.
- ARS does Pre and Post adoptive family assessments and services on a voluntary as needed basis.
- ARS served 89 families from 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009
- ARS is funded through Medicaid and private insurance
- ARS is a nonprofit agency, and accredited and able to utilize Medicaid funding
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy
  - Parental Emotional Resilience
  - ARS provides social connection for families through matching families for mentoring
  - ARS teaches hands on child development
  - ARS is available when family needs them for in home services
  - ARS provides mental health targeted case management for adoptive families
- Type of adoption support strategy
  - ARS is actively involved in Adoption Competency certification
  - ARS provides targeted case management services for Post adoptive families.
  - ARS actively supports the adoption support groups by providing speakers, education and childcare.

- ARS meets regularly with the lead agency Adoption Specialist to review cases and review supports.

### **Assistance and Support for Adoptive Parents**

- ASAP is a post adoptive support group that serves all families who have adopted children.
- ASAP serves families who reside in Pinellas County.
- ASAP provides an adoption support group one time a month with childcare available.
- ASAP between 20-30 post adoptive families per calendar year.
- Impact currently is not being measured, however a survey of families attending the support group shows the support of ASAP has kept them from having their adoption dissolve.
- ASAP is a free self supporting group that utilizes no funding sources currently.
- ECA and ARS give in kind hours to ASAP to support the group, through childcare and information assistance.
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy
  - Parental emotional resilience
  - ASAP gives adoptive parents social connections to be self supportive.
  - ASAP brings in educational speakers on child development.
  - ASAP provides a contact number to call for more information and support.
  - ASAP deals actively with the issues around attachment and nurturing, especially Reactive Attachment Disorder and adoption.
- Adoption Support strategy
  - ASAP meets monthly for an adoptive parents support group
  - ASAP has an educational component during the support group meetings

### **Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco**

- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco is a post adoptive support group that serves all families who have adopted children.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco serves families who reside in Pasco County.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco provides an adoption support group one time a month with childcare available.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco serves between 20-30 post adoptive families per calendar year.
- Impact currently is not being measured; however a survey of families attending the support group shows the support of Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco kept them from having their adoption dissolve.
- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco is a free self supporting group that utilizes no funding sources currently.
- ECA gives in kind hours to Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco to support the group, through information assistance.
- Protective factors built by the prevention strategy
  - Parental emotional resilience
  - Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco gives adoptive parents social connections to be self supportive.
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  - Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco provides s a contact number to call for more information and support.

- Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco deals actively with the issues of attachment and nurturing, especially Reactive Attachment Disorder and adoption.
- Adoption support strategy
  - Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco meets monthly for an adoptive parents support group
  - Adoptive Parent Support Group Pasco has an educational component during the support group meetings

### **Bay Area Behavioral Services**

- Target Audience for the Program: The target audiences for the program are those families who have adopted children and adolescents from Circuit 6 who are currently experiencing significant issues within the family system and have contacted Eckerd Community Alternatives for assistance.
- Counties Served by the Program: Pinellas and Pasco Counties.
- Frequency of Provision: The frequency of the services offered to the family will include those services which have been identified in the Post Adoption Services Study and in the Post Adoption Services Service Plan. The study and Plan mentioned above will determine types and frequency of services.
- Number of Families and Children Served: The volume of services provided by Bay Area Behavioral Services will be determined by the number of referrals provided to Bay Area Behavioral Services. Bay Area Behavioral Services will accept any number of referrals from Eckerd Community Alternatives to Post Adoption Services. There is no limit on volume.
- Most Recent Data: N/A at this time
- Most Recent Cost Effectiveness Data: N/A at this time
- Sources of Funding: Eckerd Community Alternatives and private insurance.
- Protective Factors built by the Prevention Strategy
  - Parental Emotional Resilience: If Parental Emotional Resilience is established in the assessment and service plan as a need, this will be addressed through appropriate services. Services will include, but not be limited to the following: 1. Clinical and Therapeutic Services, 2. Social Services, 3. Educational Services.
  - Social Connections: As in #9
  - Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: If Parenting and Child Development is established in the assessment and service plan as a need, this will be addressed through appropriate services. Services will include, but not be limited to the following: 1. Clinical and Therapeutic Services, 2. Social Services, 3. Educational Services.
  - Concrete Support in Times of Need: The basis of Bay Area Behavioral Services Post Adoption Services is providing support in times of need. Bay Area Behavioral Services is committed to providing the finest services in the timeliest way to its clients.
  - Nurturing and Attachment: If nurturing and attachment is established in the assessment and service plan as a need, this will be addressed through appropriate services. Services will include, but not be limited to the following: 1. Clinical and Therapeutic Services, 2. Social Services, 3. Educational Services.
- Type of Adoption Support Strategy: Bay Area Behavioral Services will complete a thorough evaluation of the post adoption family and develop a very specific plan for

the family. Services will be provided to all parties individually as necessary and as a group as necessary. . Services will include, but not be limited to the following: 1. Clinical and Therapeutic Services, 2. Social Services, 3. Educational Services.

- Adoption Competent Services for Adoptive Families: All therapeutic services will be provided by adoption competent services workers.
- Case Management Services for Adoptive Parents and Children: Case management services will be provided as needed and as applicable to the services provided by Bay Area Behavioral Services.