

Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan for Circuit 12 July 2010 through June 2015

Counties Served: Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto

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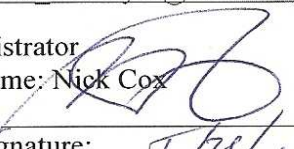
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PLAN OUTLINE

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAN

I. CIRCUIT TRANSMITTAL INFORMATION

- A. Circuit number and listing of counties served in the circuit:
Circuit 12 consists of 3 counties: Manatee, Sarasota, and Desoto County
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PROCESS USED TO DEVELOP THE PLAN AND PLAN UPDATE

- A. Who led the planning effort:
The Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc., Safe Children Coalition, the community-based care agency in Circuit 12 led the majority of the planning efforts, with support and assistance from the Circuit Department of Children and Families Operations Manager.
- B. Narrative description of the circuit and the demographics of the counties in the circuit:
Circuit 12 consists of three counties: Manatee, Sarasota, and Desoto. Per the 2008 U.S. Census Bureau, Circuit 12 has an estimated population of 721,814 and a total land area of 1,949 square miles. There are an estimated 134,490 children residing in the circuit. Per the census Manatee County's population consist of an estimated 66,942 children with 75.4% White persons not Hispanic, 13.5% persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, 9% Black persons, 1.5% Asian persons, and .4% American Indian. Sarasota County consist of an estimated 59,901 children with 86% White persons not Hispanic, 7.2% Hispanic or Latino origin, 4.8% Black persons, 1.2% Asian persons, and .3% American Indian. Desoto County's population consist of an estimated 7,647 children with 52.5% White persons not Hispanic, 34.6% Hispanic or Latino origin, 12% Black persons, .5% of Asian persons, and 3% American Indian.
- C. Brief narrative description of the membership of the planning team(s)
Note: Attachment 1-roster of attendees
Department of Children and Families, Guardian Ad Litem, County Funders, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Education: School Board Employees/Superintendent, Department of Health: WATCH Nurse, Substance Abuse providers: First Step, Manatee Glens, Coastal Behavioral Health, Domestic Violence Agencies: SPARCC, HOPE Family Services, Agency for Persons with Disability, Housing Authority/Homeless Coalition, Healthy Families, Healthy Start, Early Learning Coalition, Hospitals: Manatee Memorial Hospital, Community Mental Health Providers: Coastal Behavioral Health, Manatee Glens, Jewish Family Children Services, Family Partnership (Community Program), Child Protection Center (Prevention Agency), Manatee Sheriffs Office (Child Protective Services), and Manatee Children Services (Prevention Agency).
- D. Overview of the meetings held:
Meetings were held within each county due to the fact that each county presents with differing needs and service delivery models. These meetings for the purposes of planning were held each month up to the date of the draft, at which point meetings will then become quarterly to discuss progress steps that the community has made with regard to the strategies and action steps.
- E. Overview of the plan development process:
Initially the meetings were held with key community members to identify key areas of need, which then provided a framework for direction and discussion points within the larger facilitated meetings. Within each county specific meeting open dialogue was encouraged which supported a collaborative atmosphere and lengthy discussions about needs and ideas on how to address these within the community at large. Identification of partners and community stakeholders who would be beneficial to engage in discussion points was also a positive outcome of these open forum meetings.

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

Manatee County

Per the 2008 U.S. Census Bureau, Manatee County has an estimated population of 315,766 and a total land area of 741 square miles. There are an estimated 66,942 children residing in the county. The census shows 75.4% of the population as White persons not Hispanic, 13.5% of the population as persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, 9% of the population as Black persons, 1.5% of the population as Asian persons, and .4% of the population as American Indian. The maltreatment rate in Manatee County for 2007-2008 was 17.43 (2,082 No Indicators, 2,118 Some Indicators, and 1,149 Verified Findings). The 2008-2009 the maltreatment rate is estimated to decrease to 16.61 (July 2008-April 2009 data: 1,411 No Indicators, 1550 Some Indicators, and 918 Verified Findings). From 6/1/08-5/31/09 there were 1,096 (unduplicated count/total excludes one 18+ child and one unknown) children that were victims of verified maltreatment in Manatee County. These victims account for 1.64% of the children in Manatee County.

A review of the zip codes with the highest rates of shelter action by CPID/CPS shows that 5 zip codes (34203, 34205, 34207, 34208, and 34221) accounted for 81.91% of the shelters in 2008. Current data shows the same five zip codes as accounting for 78.91% of the shelters within the first three calendar quarters of 2009. These five areas are centralized within Bradenton (population est. as of 2007 census 53,471) and Palmetto (population est. as of 2004 census 13,132), the county's two largest cities. These five target areas encompass only 13% of Manatee County's land area but they account for 47.79% (est. population within the five zip codes 150, 920) of the county's population.

The top five verified maltreatments occurring in Manatee County from June 2008 through May 2009 are, in order of prevalence, family violence threatens child, substance misuse, threatened harm, inadequate supervision, and physical injury. The maltreatment of threatened harm was deemed not to be a good indicator due to its use as a general maltreatment that is at times used when elements of other maltreatments are evidently not sufficient. Thus, the maltreatment of environmental hazards (the sixth highest verified maltreatment) was substituted as a target area. The identified maltreatments accounted for 76.03% of the verified maltreatments that occurred within the county: family violence threatens child 34.82% (523 incidents), substance misuse 20.1% (302 incidents), inadequate supervision 9.32% (140 incidents), physical injury 5.93% (89 incidents), and environmental hazards 5.85% (88 incidents).

As previously stated there were 1,096 children with verified findings of maltreatment from 6/1/08-5/31/09 in Manatee County. Children ages 0-5 accounted for 49.45% of the children with verified findings. Children ages 6-17 accounted for 50.52% of children with verified findings. When looking at the demographic detail of alleged victims (for reports received during fiscal year 2008-2009) one can see that 50.28% of the alleged victims were male and 49.27% of the alleged victims were female. Per the child population data, provided by the Florida Legislature, 15% of the children in Manatee County are Black, 2.76% are Other, and 82% are White. However, when looking at the demographics of alleged victims 23.69% of the alleged victims were Black, 5.56% were Others, and 70.75% were White. Per the data there is an overrepresentation of Blacks and Others. It's important to note that the data provided by the legislature only tracked the following three race categories: White, Black, and Other. Thus, we are

unable to clearly delineate the percentage of victims that are of Hispanic descent and the extent to which misclassification may skew the numbers of the other race categories.

There were 3,676 alleged perpetrators in Manatee County during fiscal year 2008-2009. Of the alleged perpetrators .7% were under the age of 18, 23.83% were 18-26 years of age, and 74.37% were over 26 years of age. Data shows that 50.62% of the alleged perpetrators were females and 46% were males. When looking at the race of alleged perpetrators we again have to take into consideration that the state data only tracks the race categories of White, Black, and Other. The state data shows that of the alleged perpetrators 21.41% were Black, 6.28% were Other, and 72.31% were White. When compared to the racial statistics of Manatee County provided by the Census Bureau (75.4% of the population as White persons not Hispanic, 13.5% of the population as persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, 9% of the population as Black persons) we can see that there is an overrepresentation of the Black population.

In Manatee County, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, there were approximately 2,826 service referrals recommended for clients of alleged maltreatment at the time of disposition. The top five services recommended were Child Counseling Service (1085), Other Services (559), Substance Abuse Services (290), Case Management Services (277), and Family Support Services (180).

Sarasota County

Per the 2008 U.S. Census Bureau, Sarasota County has an estimated population of 372,057 and a total land area of 571 square miles. There are an estimated 59,901 children residing in the county. The census shows 86% of the population as White persons not Hispanic, 7.2% of the population as persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, 4.8% of the population as Black persons, 1.2% of the population as Asian persons, and .3% of the population as American Indian. The maltreatment rate in Sarasota County for 2007-2008 was 11.98 (2,112 No Indicators, 856 Some Indicators, and 748 Verified Findings). The 2008-2009 the maltreatment rate is estimated to increase to 12.63 (July 2008-April 2009 data: 1,583 No Indicators, 754 Some Indicators, and 657 Verified Findings). From 6/1/08-5/31/09 there were 767 (excludes one 18+ child) children that were victims of verified maltreatment in Sarasota County. These victims account for 1.28% of the children in Sarasota County.

A review of the zip codes with the highest rates of shelter action was unable to be completed for Sarasota County. Per the Department Of Children and Families this data is not available.

The top five verified maltreatments occurring in Sarasota County from June 2008 through May 2009 are, in order of prevalence, substance misuse, family violence threatens child, threatened harm, inadequate supervision, and environmental hazards. The maltreatment of threatened harm was deemed not to be a good indicator due to its use as a general maltreatment that is at times used when elements of other maltreatments are evidently not sufficient. Thus, the maltreatment of physical injury (the sixth highest verified maltreatment) was substituted as a target area. The identified maltreatments accounted for 71.47% of the verified maltreatments that occurred within the county: substance misuse 29.48% (365 incidents), family violence threatens child 18.01% (223 incidents), inadequate supervision 12.44% (154 incidents), environmental hazards 6.54% (81 incidents), and physical injury 5% (62 incidents).

As previously stated there were 767 children with verified findings of maltreatment from 6/1/08-5/31/09 in Sarasota County. Children ages 0-5 accounted for 54.11% of the children with verified findings. Children ages 6-17 accounted for 45.89% of children with verified findings. When looking at the demographic detail of alleged victims (for reports received during fiscal year 2008-2009) one can see that 51.43% of the alleged victims were male and 48.24% of the alleged victims were female. Per the child population data, provided by the Florida Legislature, 8.85% of the children in Sarasota County are Black, 2.47% are Other, and 88.66% are White. However, when looking at the demographics of alleged victims 19.17% of the alleged victims were Black, 6.09% were Others, and 74.74% were White. Per the data

there is an overrepresentation of Blacks and Others. It's important to note that the data provided by the legislature only tracked the following three race categories: White, Black, and Other. Thus, we are unable to clearly delineate the percentage of victims that are of Hispanic descent and the extent to which misclassification may skew the numbers of the other race categories.

There were 2,835 alleged perpetrators in Sarasota County during fiscal year 2008-2009. Of the alleged perpetrators 1.16% were under the age of 18, 20.39% were 18-26 years of age, and 77.67% were over 26 years of age. Data shows that 52.24% of the alleged perpetrators were females and 45.04% were males. When looking at the race of alleged perpetrators we again have to take into consideration that the state data only tracks the race categories of White, Black, and Other. The state data shows that of the alleged perpetrators 14.74% were Black, 7.09% were Other, and 78.17% were White. When compared to the racial statistics of Sarasota County provided by the Census Bureau (86% of the population as White persons not Hispanic, 7.2% of the population as persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, 4.8% of the population as Black persons) we can see that there is an overrepresentation of the Black population.

In Sarasota County, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, there were approximately 2,119 service referrals recommended for clients of alleged maltreatment at the time of disposition. The top five services recommended were Child Counseling Service (577), Other Services (523), Substance Abuse Services (197), Case Management Services (181), and Family Support Services (177).

Desoto County

Per the 2008 U.S. Census Bureau, Desoto County has an estimated population of 33,991 and a total land area of 637 square miles. There are an estimated 7,647 children residing in the county. The census shows 52.5% of the population as White persons not Hispanic, 34.6% of the population as persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, 12% of the population as Black persons, .5% of the population as Asian persons, and 3% of the population as American Indian. The maltreatment rate in Desoto County for 2007-2008 was 18.14 (294 No Indicators, 127 Some Indicators, and 135 Verified Findings). The 2008-2009 the maltreatment rate is estimated to decrease to 17.84 (July 2008-April 2009 data: 196 No Indicators, 124 Some Indicators, and 111 Verified Findings). From 6/1/08-5/31/09 there were 129 (unduplicated count/total excludes one 18+ child and one unknown) children that were victims of verified maltreatment in Desoto County. These victims account for 1.68% of the children in Desoto County.

A review of the zip codes with the highest rates of shelter action was unable to be completed for Desoto County. Per the Department Of Children and Families this data is not available.

The top five verified maltreatments occurring in Desoto County from June 2008 through May 2009 are, in order of prevalence, family violence threatens child, substance misuse, threatened harm, physical injury, and inadequate supervision. The maltreatment of threatened harm was deemed not to be a good indicator due to its use as a general maltreatment that is at times used when elements of other maltreatments are evidently not sufficient. Thus, the maltreatment of failure to protect (the sixth highest verified maltreatment) was substituted as a target area. The identified maltreatments accounted for 72.26% of the verified maltreatments that occurred within the county: family violence threatens child 30.37% (58 incidents), substance misuse 28.27% (54 incidents), physical injury 5.24% (10 incidents), inadequate supervision 4.19% (8 incidents), and failure to protect 4.19% (8 incidents).

As previously stated there were 129 children with verified findings of maltreatment from 6/1/08-5/31/09 in Desoto County. Children ages 0-5 accounted for 45.74% of the children with verified findings. Children ages 6-17 accounted for 54.26% of children with verified findings. When looking at the demographic detail of alleged victims (for reports received during fiscal year 2008-2009) one can see that 53.25% of the alleged victims were male and 46.54% of the alleged victims were female. Per the child population data, provided by the Florida Legislature, 12.67% of the children in Desoto County are Black,

2.02% are Other, and 85.3% are White. However, when looking at the demographics of alleged victims 19.31% of the alleged victims were Black, 2.85% were Others, and 77.85% were White. Per the data there is an overrepresentation of Blacks and Others. It's important to note that the data provided by the legislature only tracked the following three race categories: White, Black, and Other. Thus, we are unable to clearly delineate the percentage of victims that are of Hispanic descent and the extent to which misclassification may skew the numbers of the other race categories.

There were 415 alleged perpetrators in Desoto County during fiscal year 2008-2009. Of the alleged perpetrators 1.2% were under the age of 18, 21.93% were 18-26 years of age, and 75.66% were over 26 years of age. Data shows that 47.95% of the alleged perpetrators were females and 48.19% were males. When looking at the race of alleged perpetrators we again have to take into consideration that the state data only tracks the race categories of White, Black, and Other. The state data shows that of the alleged perpetrators 23.37% were Black, 6.99% were Other, and 69.64% were White. When compared to the racial statistics of Desoto County provided by the Census Bureau (52.5% of the population as White persons not Hispanic, 34.6% of the population as persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, 12% of the population as Black persons) we can see that there is an overrepresentation of the White and Black population. Again, it is important to note that the data provided by the legislature only tracked the following three race categories: White, Black, and Other. Thus, we are unable to clearly delineate the percentage of alleged perpetrators that are of Hispanic/Latino origin and those that are White persons not Hispanic.

In Desoto County, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, there were approximately 361 service referrals recommended for clients of alleged maltreatment at the time of disposition. The top five services recommended were Case Management Services (100), Child Counseling (69), Other Services (47), Substance Abuse Services (39), and Family Support Services (26).

II. CONTINUA OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Development – Community building, community partnerships, etc.

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

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

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

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

II.C. FLORIDA'S ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

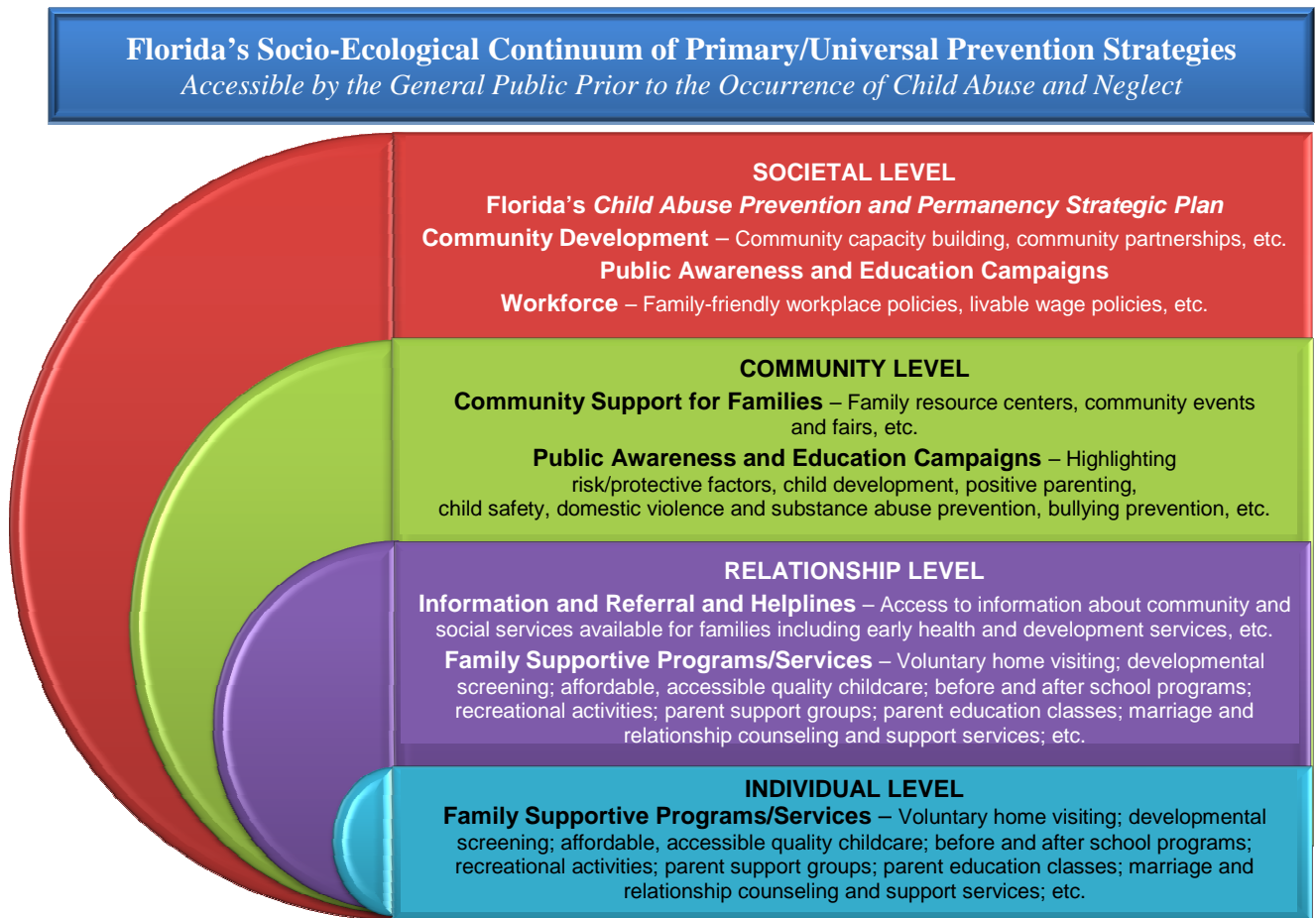
Florida's ecological framework serves to organize the potential influence and impact of prevention strategies and is based on the following assumptions:

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

It comprises four levels of influence:

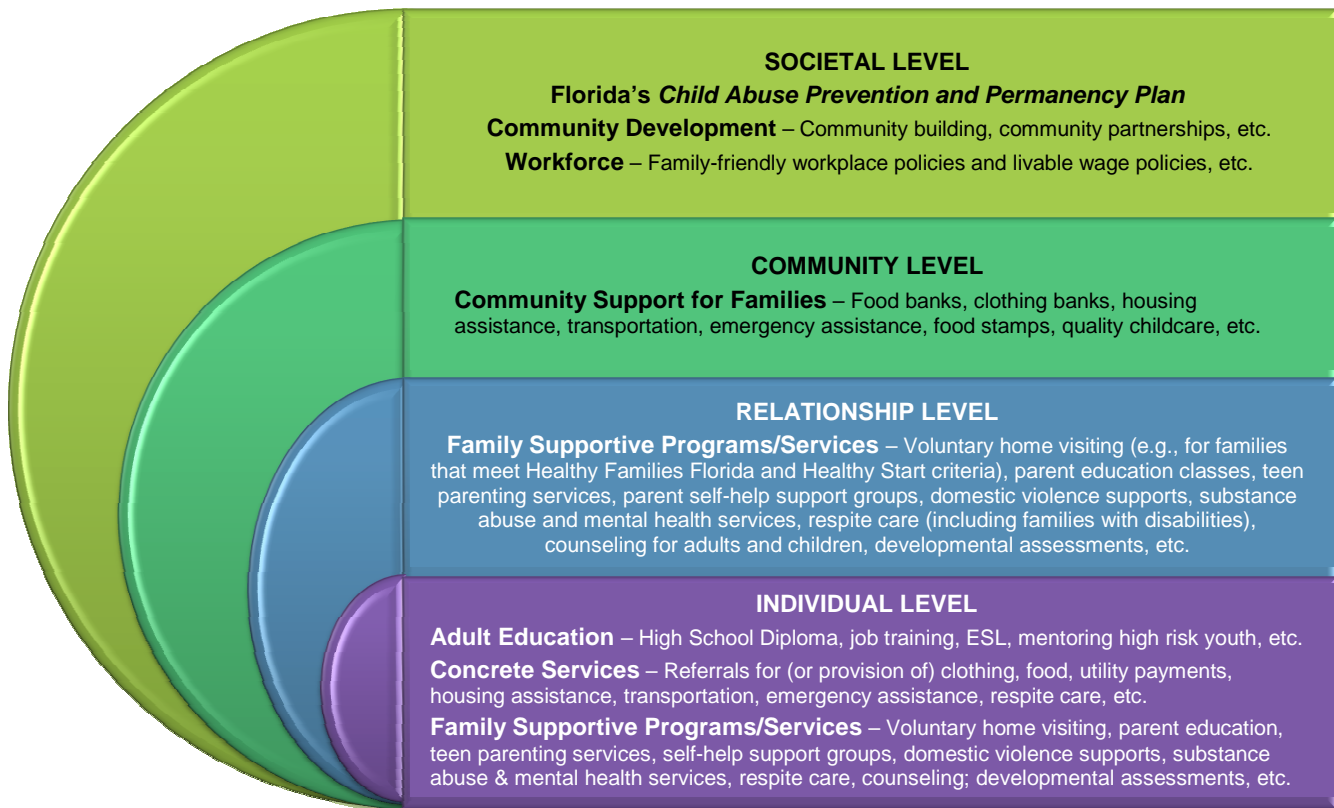
1. **Individual level:** At this level are **parent and child characteristics** – emotional and psychological characteristics, temperament, behavior, problem-solving skills, health conditions, and beliefs – that can affect the rearing of children. Interventions at this level are often designed to affect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

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



Example provided for illustrative purposes only for the CAPP Council from the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida

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



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III. PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SERVING CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN MALTREATED

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

Safe Children Coalition
Family Preservation Services
Manatee Glens
Youth and Family Alternatives
Child Protection Team
Domestic Violence Shelters/Programs
Sexual Abuse Treatment Programs
Please refer to Attachment II for additional information.

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

Child Protection Center
Health Start
Healthy Families
Please refer to Attachment II for additional information.

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

Child Protection Center
Nurturing Dads Initiative (Sarasota)
Early Learning Coalition (Sarasota)
Florida Center for Child and Family Development (Sarasota/Desoto)
Partnership for Children's Mental Health (Sarasota)
Family Partnership Center (Manatee/Desoto)
Manatee Memorial Hospital (Manatee)
Please refer to Attachment II for additional information.

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

Children's First (Sarasota)
Healthy Start
Healthy Families
Early Learning Coalition (Sarasota)
Florida Center for Child and Family Development (Sarasota/Desoto)
Partnership for Children's Mental Health (Sarasota/Desoto)
BRIC(Building Resiliency in Communities) (Manatee/Desoto)
Manatee Memorial Hospital (Manatee)
Manatee Glens
Please refer to Attachment II for additional information.

V. PLAN PRIORITIES

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

County: Manatee

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary (Universal Strategies) Secondary (Selected Strategies) 	Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental Emotional Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Nurturing and Attachment
1	Reduce the shelter action rate of the five red flag zip codes in Manatee County.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental Emotional Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Nurturing and Attachment
2	Reduce the rate of abuse and neglect in children under the age of 6.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental Emotional Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Nurturing and Attachment
3	Reduce the rate of family violence.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental Emotional Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Nurturing and Attachment
4	Reduce the rate of substance misuse.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental Emotional Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Nurturing and Attachment
5	Reduce overrepresentation of Blacks and Other in the alleged maltreatment count.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental Emotional Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Nurturing and Attachment

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6	Provide free home visiting services to expectant mothers and families caring for newborns who are identified as at risk for child maltreatment.	Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment

County: Sarasota

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary (Universal Strategies) ○ Secondary (Selected Strategies) 	Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
1	Reduce the shelter action rate in Sarasota County.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
2	Reduce the rate of abuse and neglect in children under the age of 6.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
3	Reduce the rate of family violence.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Level of Prevention Intervention Necessary to Address the Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary (Universal Strategies) ○ Secondary (Selected Strategies) 	Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
4	Reduce the rate of substance misuse.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
5	Reduce overrepresentation of minorities in the alleged maltreatment count.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
6	Provide free home visiting services to expectant mothers and families caring for newborns who are identified as at risk for child maltreatment.	Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment

County: Desoto

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

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2	Reduce the rate of abuse and neglect in children under the age of 6.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
3	Reduce the rate of family violence.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
4	Reduce the rate of substance misuse.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
5	Reduce overrepresentation of minorities in the alleged maltreatment count.	Primary/Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
6	Provide free home visiting services to expectant mothers and families caring for newborns who are identified as at risk for child maltreatment.	Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment

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

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

Vision

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

Mission

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

Outcome

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

Circuit 12 Goal 1

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the circuit-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 14.85 to a rate of 12.25 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

Manatee County ____ Goal 1.1

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 16.61 to a rate of 13.50 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

Sarasota County ____ Goal 1.2

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 12.63 to a rate of 11.00 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

Desoto County ____ Goal 1.3

Children and teenagers are free from abuse, abandonment, and neglect and have safe, loving and permanent homes as measured by a reduction in the county-level child abuse rate from the fiscal year 2008-09 of 17.84 to a rate of 14.50 per 1,000 children by 30 June 2015.

Strategy 1

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will support the statewide efforts to increase the availability and capacity of Healthy Families Florida to provide home visitation for families at high risk of abuse and neglect and in need of parenting education and support over the five year period from July 2010 – June 2015.

Priority Level: 6 Manatee County 6 Sarasota County 6 Desoto County	Priority Need: Provide free home visitation services to expectant mothers and families caring for newborns who are identified as at risk for child maltreatment.
A. Level of Prevention addressed by this Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Prevention/Universal Strategies (<i>Complete D</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary Prevention/Selected Strategies (<i>Complete E</i>) B. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective: <input type="checkbox"/> Societal Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Level	C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need: <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
D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input type="checkbox"/> Information and Referral and Helplines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective: <input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce

Objectives

Objective 1.1 Continue, enhance and expand Healthy Families Florida in all 3 counties.

Objective 1.1: Continue, enhance and expand Healthy Families Florida in all 3 counties					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Implement advocacy strategies to align with Healthy Families Florida's legislative priorities	100% of advocacy strategies will align with legislative priorities and messages set forth by Healthy Families Florida.	Florida Center for Child and Family Development (FCCFD) – for Sarasota and Desoto Counties Manatee Community Action Agency (MCAA) Healthy Families Manatee	Healthy Start Programs Health Departments – WATCH Nurses	July 2010	June 30, 2015

Objective 1.1: Continue, enhance and expand Healthy Families Florida in all 3 counties					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Develop and enhance partnerships to support program efforts	Enhance current partnerships by adding 10 new support programs.	Florida Center for Child and Family Development (FCCFD) – for Sarasota and Desoto Counties Manatee Community Action Agency (MCAA) Healthy Families Manatee	Healthy Start Programs Early Learning Coalitions	July 2010	June 30, 2015
Educate community partners about Healthy Families services and its benefits	Participation in 5 Community events within each year.	Florida Center for Child and Family Development (FCCFD) – for Sarasota and Desoto Counties Manatee Community Action Agency (MCAA) Healthy Families Manatee	Healthy Start Programs	July 2010	June 30, 2015
Participate in multi-disciplinary staffing for families with an open child protection investigation or case	Continuation of current process of attending staffing/conference call on those families identified as receiving services from multiple sources.	Department of Children and Families for Sarasota and Desoto Counties Manatee County Sheriff's Office for Manatee County Healthy Families Programs for all 3 counties Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. – Safe Children Coalition (CBC)	Healthy Start Programs	July 2010	June 30, 2015
Work with Healthy Families Florida to determine unmet need for Healthy Families services in the community	100% Support the initiatives that are presented by Healthy Families of Florida.	Healthy Families Florida	Florida Center for Child and Family Development (FCCFD) – for Sarasota and Desoto Counties Manatee Community Action Agency (MCAA) Healthy Families Manatee Healthy Start Programs.		

Strategy 2

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will support the statewide efforts with regard to developing and enhancing current resource directories in order to establish within communities and throughout the state a system for identification of prevention services and interventions.

Priority Level: 1-5: Manatee County Sarasota County Desoto County	Priority Need: -Reduce the shelter action rates in the tri-county area. -Reduce the rate of abuse and neglect in children under the age of 6. -Reduce the rate of family violence. -Reduce the rate of substance abuse. -Reduce the overrepresentation of minorities in the alleged maltreatment count.
A. Level of Prevention addressed by this Strategy: <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. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective: <input type="checkbox"/> Societal Level <input type="checkbox"/> Relationship Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Level <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Level	C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental Emotional Resilience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Support in Times of Need <input type="checkbox"/> Nurturing and Attachment
D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information and Referral and Helplines <input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective: <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support for Families <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Services <input type="checkbox"/> Family Supportive Programs/Services <input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce

Objectives

Objective 2.1 Sarasota County to explore expansion efforts of current resource cataloging system.

Objective 2.2 Manatee County to expand current Whole Child Project to include programs up to age 18 years; and to explore expansion efforts of current resource cataloging system.

Objective 2.3 Desoto County to research and explore resource directory.

Objective 2.1: Sarasota County to explore expansion efforts of current resource cataloging system.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Engage United Way in discussion of how to better services and information available to the community at large.	Provision of data information from the United Way.	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	United Way Sarasota County (Tapestry) Faith based community	July 2010	December 2010
Committee to be established within Sarasota to look at current 211 United Way system. Look at current usage of the system; how accessible the 211 system is; and research other areas who use 211 or other systems to look at expansion efforts of current model.	Establish committee of community partners and determine frequency of meetings, once data and research information is obtained.	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	United Way Sarasota County – Sarasota Partnership Faith Based Community Community Partners	July 2010	September 30, 2010
May require technical assistance depending upon expansion ideas presented.	To be determined as need arises.	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	United Way Sarasota County – Sarasota Partnership Faith Based Community Community Partners	As Needed/To be Determined	
Identification of formal and informal supports and programs that are provided to the community at large to be a part of the Resource System identified so that these programs can be accessed and utilized	Annually thereafter evaluate the development of the Resource System.	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. BAANK	United Way Community Providers	October 2010 July 2012	June 2012 June 2015

Objective 2.1: Sarasota County to explore expansion efforts of current resource cataloging system.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Develop an Interagency Collaboration to identify and determine what resource catalogue would best fit the needs of our community	Gathering of data from current cataloguing systems to determine accessibility and usage. Research other systems across state to educate on how other systems have addressed resources within the community they serve.	Department of Children and Families CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate	United Way Early Learning Coalition Florida Center for Child and Family Development Sarasota County Community Partners	October 2010	December 2011

Objective 2.2: Manatee County to expand current Whole Child Project to include programs up to age 18 years; and to explore expansion efforts of current resource cataloging system					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Committee to be developed to look at current Whole Child Project and develop strategies for expanding current system to encompass all ages of children within community.	Meetings to be established to identify how to achieve the expansion efforts.	Whole Child Initiative of Manatee Department of Children and Families United Way of Manatee	Community Providers Community Stakeholders Community Funders	July 2010	Ongoing until committee establishes it's goal
This committee will also look into current 211 system, and determine if this current system is meeting the needs of the population that it is intended to reach.	Establish committee of community partners and determine frequency of meetings, once data and research information is obtained.	Department of Children and Families	United Way	July 2010	June 30, 2015
	Obtain data from current resources to determine if 211 system is meeting the needs of the community.	Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate	Faith Based Community		
	Expand upon 211 to strengthen and or assess how to make system more available to community members.	CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	Community Partners	July 2010	June 30, 2011
			Whole Child Initiative of Manatee	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2015

Objective 2.2: Manatee County to expand current Whole Child Project to include programs up to age 18 years; and to explore expansion efforts of current resource cataloging system					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Develop an Interagency Collaboration to identify and determine what resource catalogue would best fit the needs of our community	Gathering of data from current cataloguing systems to determine accessibility and usage. Research other systems across state to educate on how other systems have addressed resources within the community they serve.	Department of Children and Families CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate	Manatee Glens Manatee County Community Partners	October 2010	December 2011

Objective 2.3: Desoto County to research and explore resource directory.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Engage United Way in discussion of how to better services and information available to the community at large.	Provision of data information from the United Way.	Department of Children and Families CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate	United Way Community Partners	July 2010	December 2010
Services Directory to be established to identify current services and ways to access services	Identification of services and providers within the community	Coastal Outreach Coordinator	Local Community Providers and Stakeholders	July 2010	December 2010
DJJ Council looking at the Whole Child Initiative and beginning discussion with regard to this service identification system	Meetings to be established to explore this option within the community.	DJJ Council Department of Children and Families	Local Community Providers and Stakeholders	July 2010	Ongoing

Strategy 3

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will enhance and expand upon current child abuse prevention initiatives and programs within the community.

Priority Level: 1-5: Sarasota County Manatee County Desoto County	Priority Need: -Reduce the shelter action rates in the tri-county area. -Reduce the rate of abuse and neglect in children under the age of 6. -Reduce the rate of family violence. -Reduce the rate of substance abuse. -Reduce the overrepresentation of minorities in the alleged maltreatment count.
A. Level of Prevention addressed by this Strategy: ✓ Primary Prevention/Universal Strategies (<i>Complete D</i>) ✓ Secondary Prevention/Selected Strategies (<i>Complete E</i>) B. Socio-Ecological Model Level(s) Influenced by this Objective: ✓ Societal Level ✓ Relationship Level ✓ Community Level □ Individual Level	C. Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need: ✓ Parental Emotional Resilience ✓ Social Connections ✓ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ✓ Concrete Support in Times of Need ✓ Nurturing and Attachment
D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy: ✓ Community Development ✓ Community Support for Families ✓ Family Supportive Programs/Services ✓ Information and Referral and Helplines ✓ Public Awareness and Education Campaigns □ Workforce	E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective: □ Adult Education ✓ Community Development ✓ Community Support for Families □ Concrete Services ✓ Family Supportive Programs/Services ✓ Public Awareness and Education Campaigns □ Workforce

Objectives

Objective 3.1 Development of Media/Educational Committee

Objective 3.2 Advocate and support continued efforts of agencies and programs that are already involved with prevention and educational programs.

Objective 3.1: Development of Media/Educational Committee					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Engage local community agencies and initiatives to meet regularly regarding issues related to child safety and educational opportunities within the community.	By June 30, 2011 will engage 10 agencies/churches to provide child safety educational opportunities and materials Annually will look at continuing to engage and enroll other agencies/churches within the communities and evaluate if committee is making progress, and how to improve community involvement	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	Child Protection Center, Inc. Faith Based Communities Community Providers and Stakeholders	July 2010 July 2011	June 30, 2011 June 30, 2015
Build community relationships with media outlets to determine feasibility of mass media campaigns that are informative and provide community with resources and information on child safety issues.	Within first year will identify 10 media agents in an effort to build a network of media contacts. Engage new media contacts in years to follow, and ensure maintain previous contacts and/or contact replacements identified.	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	Community Providers and Stakeholders Faith Based	July 2010 July 2011	June 30, 2011 June 30, 2015
Build relationships within educational communities to access resources through school settings to disseminate safety information. Assist with facilitating in services professional trainings for educators.	Will identify a Point of Contact (POC) within each school board within Circuit.	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate CBC Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	School Board within each County – Linkages to DARE programs SEDNET PACE Center Faith Based Community DJJ Prevention Child Care Centers HIPPPY	July 2010	July 2011

Objective 3.1: Development of Media/Educational Committee					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Manatee – committee to be established to look at housing and transportation needs within the community. This should include community agencies, Homeless Coalition, Substance Abuse Coalition, and Community Stakeholders.	By June 30, 2011, identification of key committee members and enrollment in process of housing and transportation issues within the county.	Department of Children and Families Public Housing Authority	Homeless Coalition Manatee Glens Substance Abuse Coalition	July 2010	July 2011
	Established meetings to occur to address issues of housing for single parents within Manatee County, specifically for those with substance abuse issues; as well as transportation issues within the county, specifically hours of operation.	Department Director Community Services (over Transportation)	Agency for Workforce Development Manatee County Government	July 2011	June 30, 2015

Objective 3.2: Advocate and support continued efforts of agencies and programs that are already involved with prevention and educational programs					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Advocate and support current efforts that are offered within the community regarding “Healthy Relationship” building, as well as “Personal Safety and Community Awareness Program”, and “I Want Respect and a Healthy Relationship” Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program.	Increase number of children served within these programs by identification of alternative sites for message delivery. Will identify 10 new sites within the first year.	Department of Children and Families SPARCC/ HOPE	CIN/FINS Safe Place Programs Community Providers and Stakeholders	July 2010	July 2011
	Continue to increase number of sites that children receive safety information in following years, while maintain the previous years sites	Child Protection Center (CPC)/Manatee Children’s Services (MCS)		July 2011	Ongoing
Support current substance abuse programs that are providing interventions and services to children, youth and families.	Identification of current substance abuse programs and venues that these programs are being taught in.	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders Consortium – Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Group	Community Providers and Stakeholders	July 2010	December 2010
	Increase the venues that programs are offered by 10 agencies/churches within the first year.	Central Florida Behavioral Health Network	Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. (CBC) Safe Children Coalition Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate	July 2010	July 2011
	Continue to increase number of sites in following years, while maintaining the previous years sites.		First Step/Manatee Glens/Coastal	July 2011	Ongoing

Objective 3.2: Advocate and support continued efforts of agencies and programs that are already involved with prevention and educational programs					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
April Child Abuse Prevention month; assist and support the communities efforts to raise awareness within community regarding prevention of child abuse related issues.	<p>Identification of what currently is being provided within communities regarding child abuse prevention month.</p> <p>Expansion of current efforts within the community. To be determined on what is currently being provided within each community.</p>	<p>Child Protection Center (CPC)</p> <p>Manatee Children Services (MCS)</p>	<p>Community Providers and Stakeholders</p> <p>Junior League</p> <p>Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. (CBC) Safe Children Coalition</p>	<p>July 2010</p> <p>July 2010</p>	<p>December 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Sarasota, Manatee, and Desoto County for the 3 counties has “Winds of Change” campaign through Healthy Families of Florida and will continue to work to expand this as well as disseminate information throughout the communities.		Healthy Families of Florida	Community Providers		

Strategy 4

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will support the statewide initiative to identify and seek informal support systems of support within the community, specifically related to the faith based communities.

Priority Level: 1-5: Sarasota County Manatee County Desoto County	Priority Need: -Reduce the shelter action rates in the tri-county area. -Reduce the rate of abuse and neglect in children under the age of 6. -Reduce the rate of family violence. -Reduce the rate of substance abuse. -Reduce the overrepresentation of minorities in the alleged maltreatment count.
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D. Primary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Strategy: <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development ✓Community Support for Families ✓Family Supportive Programs/Services <input type="checkbox"/> Information and Referral and Helplines ✓Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	E. Secondary Prevention Continuum Addressed by this Objective: <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education ✓Community Development ✓Community Support for Families <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Services ✓Family Supportive Programs/Services ✓Public Awareness and Education Campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce

Objectives

Objective 4.1 Engagement of Faith Based communities regarding current services that are offered to community at large.

Objective 4.1: Engagement of Faith Based communities regarding current services that are offered to community at large.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Building relationships within the faith based community that creates an environment in which to support services and programs that occur within the informal structure of the community.	Identify 5 churches to take on educational curriculum that will be developed by the media/education committee.	Florida Baptist Children's Home	Community Providers and Stakeholders	July 2011	July 2012
	Expansion of churches to take on educational curriculum in years to follow, and maintain the churches that were already distributing information.	Believers Against Abuse Neglect of Kids (BAANK)		July 2012	Ongoing
Identification of these informal supports and programs, and providing information to resource catalogue system so that utilization of programs can begin.	10 churches to provide information on community supports/programs that they have available within their church.	BAANK	Community Providers and Stakeholders	July 2010	July 2011
	Expansion of resource catalogue to continue to develop and acquire new information from more churches within communities	Florida Baptist Children's Home		July 2011	Ongoing
Explore Faith Based initiatives across the state to better inform regarding systems that are being put in place.	Seek out 2 communities that have active faith based initiatives to gather information	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance, Child Welfare Systems Advocate Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.	Community Providers and Stakeholders Florida Baptist Children's Home BAANK	July 2010	July 2011

VII. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

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

VII.A. MONITORING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The CAPP team will continue to meet on a regular basis in order to monitor the progress of plan implementation. The CAPP meetings will be held at least 30 days prior to the due date of the Monitoring Report. Leads/Partners will complete their sections of the monitoring report template for submission to the local CAPP team. The reports will be submitted 2 weeks prior to the local CAPP meeting. The CAPP team will review and analyze the monitoring reports for completeness, progress, and barriers. The reports will be placed into the appropriate reporting format for submission to the Executive Office of the Governor. The CBC, in partnership with DCF, will be responsible for finalizing and forwarding the monitoring report.

VII. B ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING

The CAPP team shall meet once a year to prepare the annual progress report. The CAPP meeting will be held at least 30 days prior to the due date of the Annual Progress Report. Leads/Partners will complete their sections of the monitoring report template for submission to the local CAPP team. The reports will be submitted 2 weeks prior to the local CAPP meeting. The CAPP team will review and analyze the monitoring reports for completeness, progress, and barriers. The reports will be placed into the appropriate reporting format for submission to the Executive Office of the Governor. The CBC, in partnership with DCF, will be responsible for finalizing and forwarding the monitoring report.

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

- Building Medicaid provider network to include medical & dental care.
- Difficulty in recruiting service providers in outlying counties.
- Complexity of Medicaid Managed Care for Families.
- Recruitment and retention of foster parents.
- Lack of transportation resources for families in rural counties.
- Lack of adequate, affordable, & accessible housing.
- Need for funding for additional programs & services in the community.
- Limited federal and state financial resources.
- Lack of resources & funding in the community for prevention & diversion programs.
- Funding silos inhibit collaboration & coordination of services.
- Lack of funding for substance abuse prevention services.
- Budget cuts at every level – state, local, & private, including cuts to TANF. Current budget cuts to treatment & service systems have immediate & long-term consequences.

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

State Level Recommendations:

- Review and revise the Medicaid Community Behavioral Health Handbook to increase provider qualifications and reorient the system of care to focus on resiliency in children.
- Strengthen access to care by contractually requiring that Medicaid managed care plans offer timely access to providers specializing in adoptions and attachment, among other specialties.
- Support the development of a system of infant mental health services for young children and their families in Florida.
- Provide a process for Medicaid recipients to extend care and exceed maximum service limitations through prior authorization to include children who have been adopted.
- Continue to allow adopted enrollees to maintain voluntary status in the managed care environment.
- Continue and expand efforts to improve inter-agency coordination for children served by multiple state agencies.
- Improve coordination among the agencies at the federal, state, and local level that receive funding to help and support low-income families.
- Ensure availability of appropriate and adequate behavioral services for children with developmental disabilities.
- Provide resources to serve all children with developmental disabilities in the child welfare system through the Home and Community Based Services waiver.
- Seek advice and assistance from parents who have adopted children with disabilities.
- Design and include child maltreatment course work/training to be available for certification and licensure for health care and social work professionals; and ongoing continuing education for health care, social work and related professionals.
- Develop a strategy to inform the general public and targeted audience of ways to enhance positive interaction with children and within the family.
- Enhance CMS Child Protection Teams so that substance abuse, developmental screening and psychosocial assessments are a routine component of the assessment process.

Prevention Of Child Maltreatment:

- Maintain funding of Healthy Start, Healthy Families & other essential supports for pregnant women and young children.
- Continue support of Title IVE waiver initiatives
- Create more funding flexibility to reduce silos and allow braided funding
- Support and fund local community prevention services, including substance abuse prevention services.
- Allow foster children to be Medicaid eligible through high school and college.

PART 3 – PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF ADOPTION

I. STATUS OF ADOPTION PROMOTION

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

Federal Data Measures – Analysis

During FY 08-09 the Department of Children and Families reported 3,777 finalized adoptions statewide.

In reviewing Circuit 12 data which comprises of Desoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties adoption finalizations have continued to rise over the past three fiscal years and exceed the DCF contracted goal for the community based care provider Safe Children Coalition.

Fiscal year	DCF contracted goal	Adoptions finalized	Percentage over contracted goal
06-07	58	70	120.69
07-08	77	116	150.64
08-09	99	131	133.33

For fiscal year 08-09 Adoption targets were established by county by the Safe Children Coalition with the contracted case management organizations, Family Preservation Services, Manatee Glens and Youth and Family Alternatives to ensure recruitment planning and targeted efforts for children free for adoption are focused needed casework activities.

County	Goal of adoption finalizations by county	Adoptions finalized
Desoto	6	15
Manatee	62	67
Sarasota	31	49

During FY 08-09 the statewide average of children adopted in less than 24 months from their latest removal was 40.99%. In reviewing our circuit data over the last four fiscal years there has been a decline in the timeliness of adoptions finalizations with a significant gap between the statewide average of 40.99% and the circuit average of 17.55%

Fiscal reporting year	% Finalized within 24 months by Circuit
FY 05-06	34.8%
FY 06-07	29.9%
FY 07-08	33.1%
FY 08-09	17.55%

When discussing adoption barriers unique to Circuit 12, our Local Planning team identified the timeliness of adoption as a primary area requiring attention. Community partners such as the Family Safety Alliance, Guardian Ad Litem Program, Manatee and Sarasota Foster/Adoptive Parent Associations, Safe Children Coalition and the Child Welfare Systems Advocate began to meet in recruitment task force committees to ascertain where the barriers lie.

Safe Children Coalition provides a monthly summary to the Child Welfare System Advocate and the Family Safety Alliance as to the status of the number of children who are free for adoption who remain in care after 24 months.

The following is a summary of the data that was provided to the community group.

FSA reporting month	Total TPR kids free for adoption	0-5 Years	6-12 Years	13 & older	Total over 24 months
• April 2008	143	22	33	50	105(73.4%)
• July 2008	121	30	30	42	102 (84.2%)
• October 2008	120	26	33	34	93 (77.5%)
• February 2009	99	18	24	25	67 (67.6%)
• April 2009	82	19	24	19	62 (75.6%)
• June 2009	98	21	20	15	56 (57.1%)

It was noted that approximately 25% of the children placed in out-of-home care have been in care for greater than 24 months. As of April 2008, after additional data analysis it was determined that over 70% of that population had been TPR'd for a period of 18 to over 24 months with most of these youth being 13 years and older.

The Family Safety Alliance and Guardian Ad Litem program specifically wanted additional details as to the reasons why timely permanency had not been achieved. The areas identified for adoption delays were as follows:

- Pending Adoption paperwork from the families including adoption subsidy agreement was not complete
- Child/Family needed more time (clinical transition)
- Pending Out of Town Inquiry for Child/Family Study
- Pending Interstate Compact for Child/Family Study
- Lack of timely case assignment of the Adoption Specialist to complete casework activities.

With additional case specific drill down it was ascertained that although an initial 70%+ children were identified as free for adoption still in out of home care, the percent of those children already living in their identified adoptive placement was quite high.

Specific strategies to address timeliness of adoptions when children are in an identified placement included the case management agency assigning a supervisor or adoptions specialist as a secondary worker upon the approved change of goal to adoption by the courts. This technique has allowed for the adoption units to begin pre-assessment of relative/non-relative placement studies, obtaining child specific

personal data and re-defining timeframes family engagement in the adoptive process concurrently while the dependency legal case outcome is being determined.

Other strategies currently under consideration is the assignment of the adoption specialists as the primary worker at the filing of the TPR petition/goal change and expedited foster parent conversion classes for adoption planning.

The median length of stay for the children waiting were as follows: Desoto 29.5 months ; Manatee 32.2 months and Sarasota 38.0 months, all of which exceeded the statewide median of 26.8 months.

The percentage of finalizations in FY 08-09 for children in out of home care for 17+ months showed Desoto county with the highest 58.82% ; Sarasota at 34.38% with the statewide average at 30.99%. Manatee reported less than the statewide average at 13.24%

Of the children in out of home care for 17+ months, 19.4% of Sarasota youth were legally free within six months of removal as compared to a statewide average of 14.08%. however only 13.24% of Manatee youth were legally free within six months of removal and Desoto reported none.

During FY 08-09 Safe Children Coalition participated in the DCF Longest Waiting Teen Initiative. Programmatically it was determined that adoption staff focused a high level of attention on younger children already in placement with relative and foster parents. Children with complex needs or in residential types of settings were not prioritized to meet adoption goals. Eight (8) Safe Children Coalition youth were selected to participate in the initiative. The average length of time the children had been waiting for adoption was approximately 6 years. The results were:

- Six of the Eight children were finalized FY 08-09
- The first children photographed (Kevin and Tim) by the Heart Gallery of Sarasota in 2005 were adopted. A local Sarasota adoption attorney completed, pro bono, the adoption finalization for Kevin (age 19) to be adopted with his younger brother.
- Heart Gallery siblings (Patricia and Jeffery) were adopted. Patricia, whose plan was to age out of foster care, changed her mind less than 30 days before her 18th birthday. Her adoption was finalized one week before turning 18 along with her brother.
- Heart Gallery siblings (Gerald and Jerrell) were adopted. Despite one of the boys being in a DJJ commitment program their adoptive family advocated for placement and finalization. The family said that these boys were “a part of their family” and they would “accept no delays in completing the finalization process.” Finalization occurred in October 2009.
- Heart Gallery child (Selena) was adopted from a full care nursing facility. Family navigated through Children Medical Services and Agency with Persons with Disabilities to move her from Miami to their home in Ft. Myers. Their family story is currently highlighted on the DCF Explore Adoption Website.

As a participant in the statewide Longest Waiting Teen Initiative, Circuit 12 has seen amazing results with the decline in the number of youth available for adoption ages 13 years and older who have remained in out of home care for more than 24 months. From a high of 50 youth in April 2008 down to a low of 15 youth in June 2009—a decrease of 70%. Manatee County had the highest level of participation in the Longest Waiting Teen Initiative. One of the case management agencies Manatee Glens had two dedicated staff doing targeted recruitment events and presentations within the community. These efforts were targeted in the Hispanic/Latin communities including the Latin Chamber, Hispanic print media as well as surrounding Regional adoption events.

Additionally, at the convening of the 18 month circuit plan update in June 2008, there were no circuit nor agency protocols in place to determine that all targeted child specific adoption related casework activities had been completed prior to a goal of adoption being changed to Another Permanent Planned Living Arrangement.(APPLA). Discussions with Children Legal Services, Office of Attorney General, System Advocate, Manatee Citizen Review Panel members and professional advocates helped develop more checks and balances within the system including the development of a Teen Court where youth are asked permanency questions by a Magistrate or are allowed to have their reviews held before the Citizen's Review Panel. Besides the highlighted success stories of teen adoptees the chart below described the fact some children with an APPLA goal were determined to need further adoption casework before the goal of adoption could be ruled out.

County	Number of youth with goal of APPLA as of 6-30-09	Number of youth with goal of APPLA as of 3-1-10	Reduction
Desoto	3	0	100%
Manatee	37	30	18%
Sarasota	27	13	51.8%
Circuit 12	67	43	35.8%

It should be noted however that of the children legally free for adoption on July 1, 2008 and adopted by June 2009, all Circuit 12 counties exceeded the statewide goal of 47.47%. Desoto led the circuit with 69.23%, Manatee was 60.95% and Sarasota was at 54.39%.

Other Data Measure – Analysis

Per data reported by DCF

Circuit wide

285 Children were in out of home care for more than 12 months

98 Children were legally free for adoption

Of the 98 children legally free for adoption in Circuit 12

- 5 were legally free for adoption less than 12 months
- 34 were legally free for adoption 12-23 months
- 28 were legally free for adoptions 24-35 months
- 31 were legally free for adoption for 36 months or more

County	Less than 12 mo	12 to 24 mo	24 to 36 mo	36 mo or more
Desoto	0	1	0	2
Manatee	2	20	15	21
Sarasota	3	13	13	8

DCF also reported that during FY 08-09 131 adoptions occurred in Circuit 12.
Of those 131 adopted children

- 73 had been legally free for adoption less than 12 months (56%)
- 36 had been legally free for adoption 12-23 months (27%)
- 13 had been legally free for adoptions 24-35 months (10%)
- 5 had been legally free for adoption for 36-47 months (4%)
- 4 had been legally free for adoption for 48 months or more (3%)

County	Less than 12 mo	12 to 24 mo	24 to 36 mo	36 to 48 mo	48 mo or more
Desoto	11	3	1	0	0
Manatee	38	15	7	4	3
Sarasota	24	18	5	1	1

In FY 0809, 3,777 children were adopted through the state of Florida dependency system. In that same period Circuit 12 finalized 131 adoptions. Of those 131 children , 65 were adopted by foster parents (49%), 39 by relatives (30%) and 28 by non-relative recruited families(21%).

County	Foster parents	Relatives	Recruited parents
Desoto	13	2	0
Manatee	27	21	20
Sarasota	25	16	8

The Heart Gallery of Sarasota also was a co-sponsor of the annual Adoption Picnic “How a House Becomes a Home” which was held in Manatee County.

For the past 2 fiscal years the Manatee dependency judiciary has been the Circuit host to “Adopt a Thon” the national adoption day judicial finalization hearings.

According to FSN data and reporting to the Family Safety Alliance in June 2009 there were 98 children legally free for adoption . In January 2010, there were 77 children legally free for adoption a decrease of 21%. Additionally the children free for adoption over 24 months has decreased 20%.

	Total TPR kids free for adoption	Children with identified adoptive placement	children 0-23 mo or less (recruitment needed)	Total TPR over 24 mo (recruitment needed)
June 2009	98	56	24	18
January 2010	77	49	20	8

Of the 77 children legally free, 28 children are in need of recruitment. There have been many discussions in the placement and service arena about the number of siblings separated while in care and the efforts made to reunite them. Several indicators were identified as areas that need to be reviewed:

1. the number of sibling groups who remain intact at initial placement
2. the number of sibling groups who remain intact during supervision
3. the number of sibling groups who are reunified during supervision for traditional placement
4. the number of sibling groups who are reunified for the purposes of adoption placement

Four groups of children are sibling groups however only 2 of the 4 groups reside together. Sibling recruitment efforts continue for all 4 groups at this time.

II. CONTINUUM OF ADOPTION PROMOTION PROGRAMS

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

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.

III. PROGRAMS CURRENTLY PROMOTING ADOPTION

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

Desoto County:

Children's Home Society
Little Angels Adoption Agency
Family Preservation Services
Youth and Family Alternatives
Catholic Charities
Sarasota Family YMCA
Heart Gallery of Sarasota
Guardian Ad Litem
Desoto Foster/Adoptive Parent Association
Charlotte Sun
WFLN 1480 AM
New Day Baptist
Grace Lutheran Church

Adoption Promotion Strategy	Number of the 13 programs Incorporating this strategy	Percentage of the 13 programs Incorporating this strategy
Adoption awareness efforts	12	92%
Targeted recruitment efforts	10	77%
Child specific recruitment efforts	4	30%
Orientation for prospective adoptive parents	6	46%
Assistance (navigating the system) for prospective adoptive parents	9	69%
Pre-adoption training for prospective parents	6	46%
Pre-adoption information for "waiting" parents	7	54%
Placement case management for "pre-adoptive" parents	5	38%

Manatee County:

Family Creations Adoption
Camelot Community Care
Gift of Life
Manatee Glens
Manatee Children Services
Youth and Family Alternatives
Sarasota Family YMCA
Florida Baptist Children Homes
Price Hamilton Private infant adoptions
Heart Gallery of Sarasota
Guardian Ad Litem
Manatee Foster/Adoptive Parent Association
Bradenton Herald Tribune
106.9 FM
Bayside Community Church
West Bradenton Baptist
Faith Bible Church
Manatee Youth for Christ
Church of the Cross

Adoption Promotion Strategy	Number of the 19 programs Incorporating this strategy	Percentage of the 19 programs Incorporating this strategy
Adoption awareness efforts	17	89%
Targeted recruitment efforts	14	74%
Child specific recruitment efforts	12	63%
Orientation for prospective adoptive parents	7	37%
Assistance (navigating the system) for prospective adoptive parents	16	84%
Pre-adoption training for prospective parents	8	42%
Pre-adoption information for “waiting” parents	11	58%
Placement case management for “pre-adoptive” parents	6	32%

Sarasota County:

Church of the Cross
A Bond of Love
Life Link
Florida Homes Studies and Adoption – International
Heart of Adoptions
Family Preservation Services
Youth and Family Alternatives
Sarasota Family YMCA
Catholic Charities
Child Protection Center
Heart Gallery of Sarasota
Guardian Ad Litem
Foster/Adoptive Parent Association
SNN
Its Your Turn
BLAB TV
Sarasota Herald Tribune
Sarasota Christian Church
Central Church of Christ
Church of the Palms
Sarasota Baptist Church
Vamo Methodist Church

Adoption Promotion Strategy	Number of the 21 programs Incorporating this strategy	Percentage of the 21 programs Incorporating this strategy
Adoption awareness efforts	20	95%
Targeted recruitment efforts	14	67%
Child specific recruitment efforts	12	57%
Orientation for prospective adoptive parents	8	38%
Assistance (navigating the system) for prospective adoptive parents	16	76%
Pre-adoption training for prospective parents	8	38%
Pre-adoption information for “waiting” parents	10	48%
Placement case management for “pre-adoptive” parents	7	33%

There are currently 42 programs in Circuit 12 that promote adoption. Some of the providers serve multiple counties with staffing patterns to accommodate the service delivery for that specified region/county. These programs represent diversity in that they are faith based and non-faith based, publicly funded and privately funded; local and national; community and child welfare focused.

Often prospective families are introduced to the child welfare system when they can not afford the various fees that are associated with private adoptions or their contracted timeframe has expired. “Waiting families” are often introduced to the child welfare system via targeted and child specific recruitment activities such as Heart Gallery and/or public events showcasing the recruitment for foster and adoptive parents for foster children.

Orientation for prospective families interested in adoption from child welfare is managed through a centralized system operated by Safe Children Coalition. The Safe Children Coalition has a designated recruitment phone line and a centralized database, Fosternet, that is utilized to track a family’s progress through the inquiry, orientation and training processes.

During FY 08-09, the Safe Children Coalition developed a more formal process for assisting prospective adoptive parents with navigation. A database was created for the MAPP trainer and the adoption program coordinator to ensure families were provided adoption specific information and formally assigned to an agency after module 7 of the Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) training.

The adoption program coordinator tracks the family and the assigned agency during the assessment process and maintains a master tracking of both prospective and approved families.

The Safe Children Coalition system of care includes general adoption recruitment as a part of the contract agreements with three case management agencies Family Preservation Services, Manatee Glens and Youth and Family Alternatives. An additional memorandum of agreement with Florida Baptist Children Homes has expanded recruitment activities specifically in the faith communities. Each agency has the responsibility to train and approve adoptive families. There is also a regional partnership with Eckerd Community Alternatives who provides MAPP training for adoptions staff and adoptive parent co-facilitators to become certified trainers. In FY 08-09 ten(10) adoptions staff and 3 adoptive parents were certified as MAPP trainers.

Recruitment efforts-

1. The Heart Gallery of Sarasota is a museum-quality traveling gallery of photographs of children in foster care looking for adoptive homes. The goal is to raise awareness for these children and to encourage individuals to become adoptive and foster parents. The Heart Gallery is at a different venue each month and travels through Sarasota, Manatee and Desoto Counties. Visitors to the exhibit can view portraits and take child photo cards, which feature some information about the child and contact information. Their photos and stories are also featured on the website: <http://www.heartgalleriesarasota.org/index.html> . The Heart Gallery has deployed an innovative campaign in FY 08-09 by making a mini gallery with digital photo frames for locations that did not have the space to hold the entire gallery. Since July 2009, 314 Heart Gallery inquiries have been received. Six youth who were showcased in the display adopted had been in care for an average 5.6 years prior to finalization.

2. Print Media- Sarasota Herald Tribune, Bradenton Herald Tribune and Charlotte Sun have written stories highlighting local adoptive parents at least quarterly since June 2008.

3. TV Media- SNN 6 and ABC 7, showcased Safe Children Coalition and Heart Gallery of Sarasota annual Adoption Picnic “How a House become a Home” and National Adoption Day activities in Manatee County Courthouse. SNN 6 Public Service Announcements for the Safe Children Coalition regarding fostering and adopting. BLAB TV hosted a 30 minute show of foster and adoptive parents.

4. Radio- It’s Your Turn, 106.9 has on-going Public Service Announcements for the Safe Children Coalition regarding fostering and adopting. In March and April , 106.9 FM did a special series where they featured a several of the longest waiting teens available for adoption and replayed them at least twice in that recording week.

Training-

In March 2009 Sarasota YMCA and Manatee Glens staff had the opportunity to go to a Regional conference hosted by Hillsborough Kids. Adoption related modules for case management and GAL staff, foster and adoptive parents were available. Hillsborough Kids brought local and national training material to discuss the impact of sibling separation through the life of the dependency case through adoption. This began a local initiative to study the issue of separated siblings in foster care. It was discovered that over 40% of sibling groups in out of home placement were separated by at least 1 one child. Efforts were focused on reducing the incidents of sibling separation and increasing efforts of sibling reunification. Monthly reviews of separated siblings were incorporated as an effort between the licensing and placement teams as well as the case management agencies. Initiatives such as purposefully holding open capacity in some homes to reunify sibling groups were implemented.

The child welfare system has seen an evolution in the philosophy of maintaining sibling relationships. Safe Children Coalition embraces current research that demonstrates the importance of the sibling bond and cites a variety of benefits to placing children together including but no limited to stronger self concepts, increased comfort, and easier transitions into adoptive placements.

Training with the Guardian Ad Litem Program, Foster and Adoptive Parent Associations as well as the mental health community is laying the foundation for the Circuit 12 system of care to diligently seek strategies to address sibling groups and to make serious attempts to maintain the sibling group as a family unit and expediting review processes or procedures including increased waivers, specialized recruitment of foster homes for sibling groups, modified support systems including financial compensation for home who take or reunify sibling groups and additional supports and resources for relative caregivers who need preliminary financial support when assuming placement of siblings in lieu of licensed foster care.

IV. PLAN PRIORITIES

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

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

County: Manatee

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Type(s) of Approach Warranted to Meet this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Adoption Awareness○ Targeted Recruitment○ Child-Specific Recruitment○ Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents○ Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents
1	Increase intact sibling group adoptions with a specific focus on children ages 0 to 6 years of age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Adoption Awareness○ Targeted Recruitment○ Child-Specific Recruitment○ Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents○ Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents
2	Reduce the number of youth who are legally free for adoption and have been waiting more than 24 months for adoption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Adoption Awareness○ Targeted Recruitment○ Child-Specific Recruitment○ Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents○ Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents
3	Increase timeliness of adoption finalizations in an effort to increase the number of children adopted within 12 months of termination of parental rights and reduce the number of children waiting for adoption more than 12 months after the date of termination of parental rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Adoption Awareness○ Targeted Recruitment○ Child-Specific Recruitment○ Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents○ Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents○ Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents

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County: Desoto

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

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

Vision

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

Mission

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

Outcome

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

Manatee County ____ Goal 1.1

The percent of children adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free for adoption will increase from the fiscal year 2008-09 rate of 56 percent to 79 percent by 30 June 2015.

Sarasota County ____ Goal 1.2

The percent of children adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free for adoption will increase from the fiscal year 2008-09 rate of 48 percent to 75 percent by 30 June 2015.

Desoto County ____ Goal 1.3

The percent of children adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free for adoption will increase from the fiscal year 2008-09 rate of 73 percent to 75 percent by 30 June 2015.

Manatee County ____ Goal 2.1

The percent of children legally free for adoption who 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 43.3 percent to 20.8 percent by 30 June 2015.

Sarasota County ____ Goal 2.2

The percent of children legally free for adoption who 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 51.1 percent to 20.5 percent by 30 June 2015.

Desoto County ____ Goal 2.3

The percent of children legally free for adoption who 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 26.7 percent to 20.3 percent by 30 June 2015.

Strategy 1

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will have provided training to key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Finders, Family Centered Practice, and Family Team Conferencing in an effort to ensure all are operating from the same knowledge base, using the same language, and working towards achieving the adoption promotion goals.

Priority Level: 2, 3, and 1: Manatee County 3,1, and 2: Sarasota County 2, 1, and 3: Desoto County	Priority Need: -Reduce the number of youth who are legally free for adoption and have been waiting more than 24 months for adoption. -Increase timeliness of adoption finalizations in an effort to increase the number of children adopted within 12 months of termination of parental rights and reduce the number of children waiting for adoption more than 12 months past the date of termination of parental rights. -Increase intact sibling group adoptions with a specific focus on children ages 0 to 6 years of age.
Types of Approaches Warranted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption Awareness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Targeted Recruitment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child-specific Recruitment <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents	Types of Approaches Warranted (continued): <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents

Objectives

Objective 1.1 Train key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Finders.

Objective 1.2 Train key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Centered Practice.

Objective 1.3 Train key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Team Conferencing.

Objective 1.1: Train key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Finders.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Explore all permanency options and exhaust all relative/non-relative connections	Lead agency background screening, Operations Staff, will be trained on the Family Finders model	Safe Children Coalition	Sarasota YMCA, Family Finders, Kids Central	12-1-09	3-1-10
Explore all permanency options and exhaust all relative/non-relative connections	Lead agency quality management (runaway specialist), will be trained on the Family Finders model	Safe Children Coalition	Hillsborough Kids, Kids Central, Family Finders	7-1-10	7-30-10
Explore all permanency options and exhaust all relative/non-relative connections	Lead agency quality management (runaway specialist), CMO managers(ages 6-18) and identified case management supervisors and teams “champions” and community residential providers will be trained on the Family Finders model	Safe Children Coalition	Manatee Children Services, Manatee Glens, Guardian Ad Litem, Mentor Network , Camelot Sarasota YMCA, Family Resources, Florida Sheriff Youth Ranch	8-1-10	12-31-10

Objective 1.1: Train key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Finders.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Explore all permanency options and exhaust all relative/non-relative connections	CMO managers (ages 0-5) and identified case management supervisors and teams “champions” will be trained on the Family Finders model	Safe Children Coalition	Youth and Family Alternatives, Guardian Ad Litem, Mentor Network	1-1-11	4-30-11
Explore all permanency options and exhaust all relative/non-relative connections	100% of the case management agencies and local residential providers will be trained and have implemented the Family Finders Model	Safe Children Coalition	Manatee Children Services, Manatee Glens, Youth and Family Alternatives, Guardian Ad Litem, Mentor Network , Camelot Sarasota YMCA, Family Resources, Florida Sheriff Youth Ranch	10-1-11	12-31-11

Objective 1.2: Train key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Centered Practice.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Implement evidence based models of permanency with a philosophy of family and community connections	100% of the case management agencies and will be trained in Family Centered Practice	Safe Children Coalition, Manatee Sheriff Office- CPID, Children Legal Services	Manatee Glens, Youth and Family Alternatives, Guardian Ad Litem	1-1-10	Ongoing as staff are hired
Implement evidence based models of permanency with a philosophy of family and community connections	100% of all judiciary, Child Protection Investigations, attorneys with Children Legal Services (CLS) and Office of Attorney General (OAG) , professional staff advocates and leadership of the Guardian Ad Litem and case management agency staff will be trained in Family Centered Practice	Safe Children Coalition, Manatee Sheriff Office- CPID Training department	Judiciary, Citizens Review Committee, Manatee Glens, Youth and Family Alternatives, Guardian Ad Litem, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate	1-1-10	Ongoing as staff are hired

Objective 1.3: Train key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations in Family Team Conferencing.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Implement evidence based models of permanency with a philosophy of family and community connections	100% of the CMO Youth and Family supervisors will be trained in Family Team Conferencing		Youth and Family Alternatives, USF Training	9-30-09	3-1-10
Implement evidence based models of permanency with a philosophy of family and community connections	100% of the Lead Agency Child Welfare Operations staff will be trained in Family Team Conferencing		Youth and Family Alternatives, Sarasota YMCA, USF Training	2-1-10	3-30-10
Implement evidence based models of permanency with a philosophy of family and community connections	100% of the CMO Youth and Family team lead mentors will be trained in Family Team Conferencing		Youth and Family Alternatives, USF Training	9-30-09	3-30-10

Strategy 2

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will work with key Leads, Partners, Champions, and Case Management Organizations to put into practice the evidence based models of permanency (Family Finders and Family Centered Practice) with a philosophy of family and community connections.

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Types of Approaches Warranted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption Awareness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Targeted Recruitment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child-specific Recruitment <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation for Prospective Adoptive Parents	Types of Approaches Warranted (continued): <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-adoption Information for “Waiting” Parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement Case Management for “Pre-adoptive” Parents

Objectives

Objective 2.1 Implement and put into practice the Family Finders modality.

Objective 2.2 Implement and put into practice the Family Centered Practice modality.

Objective 2.3 Implement the use of the Targeted Recruitment tools to target TPR cases with no identified placement.

Objective 2.1: Implement and put into practice the Family Finders modality.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Explore all permanency options and exhaust all relative/non-relative connections	Lead agency Operations Staff, Manatee CMO managers (ages 6-18) and identified case management “champions” will pilot child specific cases for modified Family Finders model	Safe Children Coalition	Sarasota YMCA Manatee Glens	3-1-10	6-30-10
Explore all permanency options and exhaust all relative/non-relative connections	Lead agency Operations Staff, Manatee CMO managers (ages 0-5) and identified case management “champions” will pilot child specific cases for modified Family Finders model	Safe Children Coalition	Manatee Children Services, Manatee Glens, Guardian Ad Litem, Mentor Network, Camelot Sarasota YMCA, Family Resources, Florida Sheriff Youth Ranch	5-1-11	9-30-11

Objective 2.1: Implement and put into practice the Family Finders modality.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Using the Family Finders model re-evaluate all TPR cases (for youth ages 6-18) older than 4 months with no identified placement	All youth placed in residential group care settings or therapeutic treatment will be reviewed monthly using the Family Finders model to identify family and community based connections for permanency options	Safe Children Coalition Children Legal Services, Office of Attorney General	Manatee Glens, Sarasota YMCA	3-1-10	Ongoing
Using the Family Finders model re-evaluate all TPR cases (for youth ages 0-5) older than 90 days with no identified placement	All youth will be reviewed monthly using the Family Finders model and the DCF/Casey targeted recruitment tool to identify family and community based connections for permanency options	Safe Children Coalition Children Legal Services, Office of Attorney General	Youth and Family Alternatives, Guardian Ad Litem	7-1-10	Ongoing
Using the Family Finders model accelerate the review administrative and legal oversight and accountability of sibling maintenance	All cases reaching 9 month permanency review will be reviewed with the Family Engagement model and the targeted recruitment tool to identify separated siblings for reunification efforts and timely permanency planning maintaining sibling placements	Safe Children Coalition Children Legal Services, Office of Attorney General	Manatee Glens, Youth and Family Alternatives, Guardian Ad Litem	3-1-10	Ongoing

Objective 2.2: Implement and put into practice the Family Centered Practice modality.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Using the Family Centered Practice model to the review administrative and legal oversight and accountability of sibling maintenance	Development of task force as a subgroup of the Family Safety Alliance to identify system barriers to timely permanency and decision making for sibling placement options	Child Welfare System Advocate, Guardian Ad Litem, Sarasota YMCA Adoption Program Coordinator	Judiciary, Children Legal Services, Office of Attorney General, Adoption Competent Mental Health partners, Adoptive parents	3-1-11	ongoing

Objective 2.3: Implement and put into practice the Family Team Conferencing modality.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Using the Targeted Recruitment tools from the DCF Longest Waiting Teen Initiative to re-evaluate all TPR cases (youth ages 6-23) older than 6 months with no identified placement	Youth placed in residential group care settings or therapeutic treatment will be reviewed monthly using targeted recruitment tool to identify specified waiting family profiles to match with waiting youth	Safe Children Coalition Guardian Ad Litem	Manatee Glens, Sarasota YMCA	3-1-10	Ongoing

Objective 2.3: Implement and put into practice the Family Team Conferencing modality.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Using the Targeted Recruitment tools from Daniel Kids and DCF Program Office re-evaluate all TPR cases (youth ages 6-23)older than 90 days with no identified placement	All youth placed in residential group care settings or therapeutic treatment will be reviewed every other month using targeted recruitment tool to identify specified waiting family profiles to match with waiting youth	Safe Children Coalition Guardian Ad Litem	Manatee Glens, Sarasota YMCA	3-1-10	Ongoing

Strategy 3

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will support the statewide initiatives to identify and seek support systems within the community, specifically related to the faith based communities, for our challenging population of children awaiting identified adoptive homes and in efforts of enhancing and maintaining sibling relationships within the community.

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Objectives

Objective 3.1 Engage the faith based community and build a strong working relationship.

Objective 3.1: Engage the faith based community and build a strong working relationship.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Faith Based initiative	Identification of denominational Champion for each faith	Safe Children Coalition, Believers Against Abuse and Neglect, Florida Baptist Children’s Homes	SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance	7-1-10	12-31-10
Faith Based initiative	Creation of foster and adoptive parent speakers bureau to share success stories with their denominational congregations	Safe Children Coalition, Believers Against Abuse and Neglect, Florida Baptist Children’s Homes	SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance	1-1-11	ongoing

Objective 3.1: Engage the faith based community and build a strong working relationship.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Faith Based Initiative	Identify 6 churches that represent the community of origin for sibling groups that promote permanency in their home community	Safe Children Coalition, Believers Against Abuse and Neglect, Florida Baptist Children's Homes	Guardian Ad Litem, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate, Manatee Parenting Committee, SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance, Sarasota YMCA	7-1-11	7-1-12
Faith Based Initiative	Identify 8 churches that represent the community of origin for sibling groups that promote permanency in their home community	Safe Children Coalition, Believers Against Abuse and Neglect, Florida Baptist Children's Homes	Guardian Ad Litem, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate, Manatee Parenting Committee, SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance, Sarasota YMCA	1-1-13	12-31-13
Faith Based Initiative	Identify 12 churches that represent the community of origin for sibling groups that promote permanency in their home community	Safe Children Coalition, Believers Against Abuse and Neglect, Florida Baptist Children's Homes	Guardian Ad Litem, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate, Manatee Parenting Committee, SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance, Sarasota YMCA	1-1-14	6-30-15

VI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Plans for monitoring progress and for determining the results of the adoption promotion efforts.

VI.A. MONITORING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The CAPP team will continue to meet on a regular basis in order to monitor the progress of plan implementation. The CAPP meetings will be held at least 30 days prior to the due date of the Monitoring Report. Leads/Partners will complete their sections of the monitoring report template for submission to the local CAPP team. The reports will be submitted 2 weeks prior to the local CAPP meeting. The CAPP team will review and analyze the monitoring reports for completeness, progress, and barriers. The reports will be placed into the appropriate reporting format for submission to the Executive Office of the Governor. The CBC, in partnership with DCF, will be responsible for finalizing and forwarding the monitoring report.

VI. B ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING

The CAPP team shall meet once a year to prepare the annual progress report. The CAPP meeting will be held at least 30 days prior to the due date of the Annual Progress Report. Leads/Partners will complete their sections of the monitoring report template for submission to the local CAPP team. The reports will be submitted 2 weeks prior to the local CAPP meeting. The CAPP team will review and analyze the monitoring reports for completeness, progress, and barriers. The reports will be placed into the appropriate reporting format for submission to the Executive Office of the Governor. The CBC, in partnership with DCF, will be responsible for finalizing and forwarding the monitoring report.

VII. BARRIERS

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

- Older child resistance to adoption.
- Lack of adoptive homes interested in adoption of teen males.
- Current economy may hamper consideration of adoption.
- Need adoption promotion materials pertinent to targeted adoptions (e.g., older child)
- Appropriations for adoption maintenance subsidies must keep pace with increase in adoptions. FL in lower 3rd of states in adoption subsidy funding.
- Lack of public awareness of adoption process.
- Lack of funding for community outreach through print, television, radio and Children Awaiting Parents website.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- Identify State Program funding to reduce duplication of services
- Condense or abbreviate the MAPP requirement for relatives and non-relatives to prevent or delay the adoption process
- Create more funding flexibility to reduce silos and allow braided funding

Part 4 – PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

I. STATUS OF SUPPORT OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Status of support of adoptive families (to be based upon such areas as the quantity and quality of adoptive parent support groups; quantity and accessibility of adoption competent mental health professionals; educational opportunities available for adoptive parents; and quantity of post adoption services counselors who provide information and referral, temporary case management for emotional support, and educational advocacy).

According to data provided by the Department of Children and Families there was only one (1) dissolution of an adoptive placement.

According to the data provided by the Safe Children Coalition there were six children who returned to out of home care due to the relinquishment of parental rights. DCF collected the data via comparison to children re-entering foster care through the Interim Child Welfare Services Information System.

Manatee County reported 2 children returning to care, one sibling group of two (age 16) whose mother signed power of attorney over to a relative due to significant health issues. This relative subsequently was the subject of an abuse allegation which led to the removal of the children from his care.

In Desoto County, one child (age 12) returned to care whose mother signed power of attorney over to a relative who subsequently returned the child to the care of the state due to her significant mental health needs. Desoto County did not have sufficient intensive crisis services available to support the severity of the child's mental health needs and the family subsequently felt that returning her to the custody of the state would provide her the residential mental health treatment that she required.

Sarasota county reported two dissolutions. One child (age 16) was returned to the custody of the state as a result of a "lock out"/parent failure to assume custody. The youth was remanded to a Department of Juvenile Justice commitment program due to sexualized criminal actions. The adoptive family felt that they could not meet his needs and refused to allow him to return to their home. One child (age 13) was returned to a shelter initially as a child in need of services (CINS) due to behavioral issues in the home between her and her adoptive sibling. The adoptive mother made the decision to sign surrenders to allow the child to return to care citing that biological family needs superseded the interventions required to maintain the adoptive placement.

Additionally there has been another 5 notifications of possible adoption dissolutions out of state where child protective investigative units requested information on adoptive parent history and county of legal jurisdiction for additional dependency action however the resolution of three of the five inquiries are unknown. Two cases required Interstate Compact Adoption Medical Assistance as the adoptive parent has already initiated surrenders and the new adoptive parents required subsidy eligibility assistance.

There are currently seven groups providing support services to adoptive families.

Desoto Foster/Adoptive Parent Association meets:

3rd Tuesday, 11:30am -1:00pm

Safe Children Coalition

925 N. Mills Ave., Arcadia

Manatee Foster/Adoptive Parent Association meets:

1st Thursday, 6pm

West Bradenton Baptist Church

1305 43rd Street W., Bradenton

Sarasota Foster/Adoptive Parent Association meets

North Port: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm

YMCA

3010 South Sumter Blvd, North Port

Sarasota Foster/Adoptive Parent Association

3rd Monday, 6:30pm

Vamo Methodist Church

8521 Vamo Road, Sarasota

Sarasota Christian Church

2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm

2923 Ashton Road, Sarasota

Suncoast Adoptive Parents Online Support Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/suncoastadopt>

Support groups meet monthly and vary in attendance from 5 participants to 25 families. The Foster/Adoptive Parent Associations have begun to open their membership to “waiting families” as well.

Safe Children Coalition staff (Adoption supervisors, adoptions coordinators) attend foster/adoptive parent association meetings when requested. In a classroom setting style as well as question and answer format topics such as: elements of adoption subsidy, family connections, sibling maintenance, family and sibling visitation, impact and preparation for family and sibling separation, supporting a child through specific and targeted recruitment efforts, how to successfully prepare and transition a child through adoptive placements are delivered to prospective and adoptive families.

Adopted teens are encouraged to maintain their participation in the Youth Advocacy Board and continue participation in independent living skill building trainings offered in the community.

In November 2008 the Sarasota Foster/Adoptive Parent Association invited DCF Adoptions Program Manager Kathleen Waters to present training materials on adoption maintenance subsidy to their meeting participants. In collaboration with Safe Children Coalition Adoptions Program staff over 40 families attended this session which was one of the highest turnout for a training that this group reported.

Since Circuit 12 has three active officers of the Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association including the Suncoast Regional Vice President, Circuit 12 has been able partner with Hillsborough County Foster/Adoptive Parent Association for guidance and techniques to enhance support of adoptive families. The Suncoast Adoption Parent online support group is moderated by four adoption case management staff with Safe Children Coalition. Updates to relevant issues surrounding adoptive parents are often posted to keep families aware of benefits, pending legislation and other matters that may affect them.

In April 2010, the first edition of Safe Children Coalition Suncoast Adoption Connections was published. Waiting and adoptive families are the targeted audience for this publication. It is a quarterly newsletter

with content including upcoming events, changes in the community, legislative updates that impact the child welfare system, parenting tips, formal and informal resource contacts and a waiting child or sibling group column.

Currently, there is a lack of awareness regarding the types of services available for adoptive families in the community. Creation of a post adoptive guide began with technical assistance from Family Services of Metro Orlando in late November 2009. Distribution of the post adoptive guide is tentatively planned for June 2010 with updates as the Planning Team participants identified services/needs of adoptive families that are similar to families of primary prevention services.

In collaboration of the Child Welfare System Advocate, Department of Children and Families, United Way of Manatee and Sarasota the Local Planning Committee made a commitment to work with county governments and other funders to help ensure that local providers update their agency information utilizing the 2-1-1 system. Connections with faith based groups such as Florida Baptist Children's Home and Believers Against Abuse and Neglected Kids (BAANK) also made the commitment of linking nontraditional providers including faith based groups to update their congregations supportive efforts on their websites as well as 2-1-1.

Collaboration with Kinship Care Support groups such as Manatee Children Services Grandparents as Kin Program (funded by Manatee County Children's Service millage) has been a venue where adoptive kinship families attend meetings and trainings specifically on resources available post adoption.

The Manatee County government, through its Children's Services Board funds an Adoption Preservation Counselor with the community mental health provider Manatee Glens. This clinician became a certified statewide trainer in the Adoption Competency training curriculum.

Adoption competency training for Circuit 12 will occur March 2010 to assist with pre- and post adoption needs.

Manatee County
Manatee Glens (2 staff)
Jewish Children and Family Services (1 staff)

Sarasota County
Jewish Children and Family Services (3 staff)
The Florida Center for Child Development (7 staff)

Desoto County
The Florida Center for Child Development (1 staff)

Medicaid eligible services/providers are coordinated through a Sarasota YMCA Utilization Review Specialist to ensure the maximization of service delivery and coordination of services post finalization.

It should be noted that the Safe Children Coalition uses Promoting Safe and Stable Families dollars to fund post adoptive services. Both Jewish Children and Family Services and Florida Center have engaged staff to obtain this enhanced adoption training.

In May 2009, Eleven adoption professionals became certified trainers of the PAIRS program for Adoptive Parents. One of the certified trainers is with the Safe Children Coalition and is planning this training locally for adoptive families.

This specialized program includes powerful exercises to help adoptive parents process feelings of grief and loss associated with adoption or infertility; managing challenging and disruptive child behaviors at home and school; addressing unique challenges of parenting a child with a diagnosed mental health need or disability; dealing with the emotional and/or physical trauma, such as abuse, neglect and abandonment experienced by children prior to adoption; and forgiveness.

The PAIRS program for Adoptive Parents introduces a treasure chest of relationship tools that have helped thousands of families. During this program, adoptive parents learn practical, usable skills that facilitate expanded communication, deepen empathy, promote constructive conflict resolution, promote forgiveness and powerfully enhance emotional expression and attachment.

The first PAIRS training for Adoptive Parents is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2011.

In February 2010 Safe Children Coalition also hosted *Planning the Pathway to Adoptions* training with National Trainer Barry Chaffkin with Changing the World One Child at a Time (CT Wocat). The training was offered to foster and adoptive parents, licensing and placement staff, adoptions staff within the Suncoast Region, Guardian Ad Litem, community mental health providers. Over 70+ attendees were present during this two day conference which covered topics such as Child Specific Recruitment, Older Child Recruitment Techniques and Preparing Youth for Adoption and Permanent Families, Essentials of Attachment and Separation and Grief and Loss

Currently under development is training plan curriculum for an “*Adoptions 201 and 301*” for families who have had completed their MAPP training with Safe Children Coalition. Topics identified include: developmental stages and how they impact transition to adoptive placements, trauma informed care, mental health diagnoses 101 including current and future parenting implications, Magellan services Medicaid services, 15 hour Tools for Positive Parenting to prepare for behavioral needs of children being adopted from foster care. Also under development is a development of links to on line training components that parents can complete with a question and answer skill test.

II. CONTINUUM OF ADOPTION SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

III. PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SUPPORTING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

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

The Safe Children Coalition has developed a customer service protocol to make sure every caller feels comfortable and confident about the adoption process in Florida. The customer service protocol is designed to provide potential adoptive parents the information they need in a simple, professional and timely manner. A toll-free recruitment line is available for interested individuals to contact to receive information on the requirements to adopt a child. All calls are answered by a staff person trained to answer questions on the adoption process. Within 24 hours, a member of Safe Children Coalition's adoption team will contact the potential adoptive parent, and may also follow-up via mail or e-mail and in certain situations a personal visit may be scheduled.

There is a help line that adoptive families can call if in need of services. The adoption subsidy specialist services as the initial point of contact as post adoption support to work with the adoptive family to link them to community support services and assist them with resolving the issues. If needed, the Adoptions Program Coordinator can assess the family's needs and meet with them to discuss options and supports. If the Program Coordinator determines that the families are in need of more intensive services, a case consultation is held including partners such as: the Diversion Team, Family Intervention Specialist, Utilization Review Specialist, Single Point of Access Coordinator and adoptions case management. Opening a post adoptive voluntary services may also occur.

In FY 08-09 the Sarasota YMCA re-initiated the Foster Parent Advocate (FPA). There are currently two staff in these positions. One advocate is assigned to Manatee County and one to Sarasota and Desoto counties.

The Foster Parent Advocate may assist and support families who are experiencing difficulties such as identified behavior issues. During their time in the home they assist parents with managing behaviors, strengthening family skills and stabilizing placements. They work in conjunction with the assigned adoption specialist to provide additional overlay services to assist a family with issues such as family connections, sibling visitation and at times sibling separation. They assist parents with the psychological transition from being a temporary caregiver to a permanent and long term caregiver.

As of March 2010, the Foster Parent Advocate will be trained on local resources for each county and will continue to work with the utilization review specialist, and adoptions program staff to ensure timely connections to services.

The Sarasota YMCA also has a contract with a certified Behavior Analyst who is co-located with traditional dependency and adoptions staff. This staff person can do child specific assessments, trainings and interventions with families. The Tools for Positive Parenting are utilized. This position is supported using prevention and other blended state funding.

Desoto County:

Children's Home Society
Little Angels Adoption Agency
Family Preservation Services CBC case management
Youth and Family Alternatives
Catholic Charities
Sarasota Family YMCA
Desoto Foster/Adoptive Parent Association
Family Partnership Center
Manatee Glens Diversion
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Charlotte Behavioral
Family Preservation Services- Clinical services
The Florida Center for Child Development

Protective Factors	Number of 13 programs incorporating Protective Factors	Percentage of the 13 programs incorporating this strategy
Parental Emotional Resilience	9	69%
Social Connections	2	15%
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	10	77%
Concrete Support Time of Need	6	46%
Nurturing and Attachment	9	
Adoption Support Strategy	Number of programs incorporating Adoption Support	Percentage of the 13 programs incorporating this strategy
Education and Training Opportunities for Adoptive Parents	4	30%
Adoption Competent Services for Adoptive Families	1	8%
Case Management Services for Adoptive Parents and Children	10	77%

Manatee County:

Family Creations Adoption
Camelot Community Care
Gift of Life
Manatee Glens CBC case management
Manatee Children Services
Youth and Family Alternatives
Sarasota Family YMCA
Price Hamilton Private infant adoptions
Manatee Foster/Adoptive Parent Association
West Bradenton Baptist
Family Partnership Center
Adoption and Related Services of Pinellas
Manatee Glens- Clinical Services

Protective Factors	Number of 13 programs incorporating Protective Factors	Percentage of the 13 programs incorporating this strategy
Parental Emotional Resilience	7	54%
Social Connections	3	23%
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	6	46%
Concrete Support Time of Need	6	46%
Nurturing and Attachment	8	62%
Adoption Support Strategy	Number of programs incorporating Adoption Support	Percentage of the 13 programs incorporating this strategy
Education and Training Opportunities for Adoptive Parents	10	77%
Adoption Competent Services for Adoptive Families	2	15%
Case Management Services for Adoptive Parents and Children	8	62%

Sarasota County:

A Bond of Love
Life Link
Florida Homes Studies and Adoption – International
Heart of Adoptions
Family Preservation Services CBC case management
Youth and Family Alternatives
Sarasota Family YMCA
Catholic Charities
Child Protection Center
Sarasota Foster/Adoptive Parent Association
Sarasota Christian Church
Adoption and Related Services of Pinellas
Family Partnership Center
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Family Preservation Services Clinical Services
Manatee Glens Clinical Services
The Florida Center for Child Development

Protective Factors	Number of 17 programs incorporating Protective Factors	Percentage of the 17 programs incorporating this strategy
Parental Emotional Resilience	11	65%
Social Connections	5	29%
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	13	81%
Concrete Support Time of Need	10	59%
Nurturing and Attachment	14	82%
Adoption Support Strategy	Number of programs incorporating Adoption Support	Percentage of the 17 programs incorporating this strategy
Education and Training Opportunities for Adoptive Parents	9	56%
Adoption Competent Services for Adoptive Families	3	19%
Case Management Services for Adoptive Parents and Children	12	75%

There are currently 29 programs in Circuit 12 that provide one or more adoption supports. Some providers serve multiple counties with staffing patterns to accommodate the service delivery for that specified region/county. These programs represent diversity in that they are faith based and non-faith based, publicly funded and privately funded; local and national; community and child welfare focused.

Programs traditionally known by adoptive families and child welfare professionals are primarily Medicaid providers, those funded by the Department of Children and Families Children's Mental Health or those funded by Promoting Safe and Stable Families dollars.

Many of the private agency services are exclusive to the families that they serve. Great effort was required to locate all of the post adoptive providers.

There is no centralized clearinghouse of information for adoptive families seeking support and services. A recommendation from the Local Planning Committee was to create a workgroup to create a post adoptive survey to assess current as well as previous needs of adoptive families.

IV. PLAN PRIORITIES

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

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

County: Manatee

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Types of Approaches Warranted to Meet this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Support Groups○ Education and Training○ Adoption Competent Services○ Case Management Services	Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Parental Emotional Resilience○ Social Connections○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development○ Concrete Support in Times of Need○ Nurturing and Attachment
1	Improve availability and access to adoption competent mental health and education services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Support Groups○ Education and Training○ Adoption Competent Services○ Case Management Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Parental Emotional Resilience○ Social Connections○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development○ Concrete Support in Times of Need○ Nurturing and Attachment
2	Increase availability of appropriate support groups for parents and youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Support Groups○ Education and Training○ Adoption Competent Services○ Case Management Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Parental Emotional Resilience○ Social Connections○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development○ Concrete Support in Times of Need○ Nurturing and Attachment
3	Expand training opportunities for adoptive parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Education and Training○ Adoption Competent Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Parental Emotional Resilience○ Social Connections○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development○ Nurturing and Attachment

County: Sarasota

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Types of Approaches Warranted to Meet this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support Groups ○ Education and Training ○ Adoption Competent Services ○ Case Management Services 	Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
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3	Expand training opportunities for adoptive parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education and Training ○ Adoption Competent Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Nurturing and Attachment

County: Desoto

Priority	County-Level Need with Description	Types of Approaches Warranted to Meet this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support Groups ○ Education and Training ○ Adoption Competent Services ○ Case Management Services 	Protective Factors that Should be Built/Supported when Meeting this Priority Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parental Emotional Resilience ○ Social Connections ○ Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development ○ Concrete Support in Times of Need ○ Nurturing and Attachment
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V. PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

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

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 5 during the 2008-2009 fiscal year to less than 1 during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Strategy 1

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will expand the number of providers that are trained in the Adoption Competency model and expand the training opportunities available to adoptive parents.

Priority Level: 1 and 3: Manatee County Sarasota County Desoto County	Priority Need: -Improve availability and access to adoption competent mental health and education services. -Expand training opportunities for adoptive parents.
Protective Factors to be Built by the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parental emotional resilience ✓ Social connections ✓ Knowledge of parenting and child development ✓ Concrete support in times of need ✓ Nurturing and attachment 	Types of Approaches Warranted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adoptive parent and teen support groups ✓ Education and training opportunities for adoptive parents ✓ Adoption competent mental health assistance services for parents and children ✓ Case management services for adoptive parents and children

Objectives

Objective 1.1 Train and implement the Adoption Competency model in an effort in increase the number of providers trained and able to work with adoptive families in this model.

Objective 1.2 Expand the training opportunities for adoptive parents through partnering with the Foster Parent Associations, making PAIRS training more accessible, and increasing the number of adoptive parents attending DCF/CBC adoption focused conferences.

Objective 1.1: Train and implement the Adoption Competency model in an effort in increase the number of providers trained and able to work with adoptive families in this model.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Convene training group with identified adoption mental health professionals	Implementation of statewide adoption competency training curriculum	Department of Children and Families, Manatee Glens, Sarasota YMCA	Manatee Glens, Manatee County Government, Mentor Network, Camelot, Manatee Glens, Family Preservation Services, Jewish Family Services, Florida Center for Child Development	3-10-10	12-30-10
Expand county/state funded Adoption Competent Community Mental Health/Behavioral providers including trauma informed care	Identify 2 agencies and train statewide adoption competency training curriculum	Child Welfare System Advocate, Department of Children and Families, County Children and Family Service Boards	Mentor Network, Camelot, Manatee Glens, Family Preservation Services, Jewish Family Services	1-1-11	12-31-12

Objective 1.1: Train and implement the Adoption Competency model in an effort to increase the number of providers trained and able to work with adoptive families in this model.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Expand county/state funded Adoption Competent Community Mental Health/Behavioral providers	Identify 2 agencies and train statewide adoption competency training curriculum	Child Welfare System Advocate, Department of Children and Families, County Children and Family Service Boards	Mentor Network, Camelot, Manatee Glens, Family Preservation Services, Jewish Family Services	1-1-13	12-31-14
Expand private practice and Medicaid funded Adoption Competent Community Mental Health/Behavioral analysts and clinicians	Identify 5 practitioners/agencies and train statewide adoption competency training curriculum	Sarasota YMCA, Child Welfare System Advocate, Department of Children and Families, Agency for Health Care (area 6 and 8)	Mentor Network, Camelot, Manatee Glens, Family Preservation Services, Jewish Family Services	1-1-11	12-31-12
Expand private practice and Medicaid funded Adoption Competent Community Mental Health/Behavioral analysts and clinicians	Identify 7 practitioners/agencies and train statewide adoption competency training curriculum	Sarasota YMCA, Child Welfare System Advocate, Department of Children and Families, Agency for Health Care (area 6 and 8)	Mentor Network, Camelot, Manatee Glens, Family Preservation Services, Jewish Family Services	1-1-13	12-31-14
Expand private practice and Medicaid funded Adoption Competent Community Mental Health/Behavioral analysts and clinicians	Identify 7 practitioners/agencies and train statewide adoption competency training curriculum	Child Welfare System Advocate, Department of Children and Families, Agency for Health Care (area 6 and 8)	Mentor Network, Camelot, Manatee Glens, Family Preservation Services, Jewish Family Services	1-1-14	12-31-15

Objective 1.2: Expand the training opportunities for adoptive parents through partnering with the Foster Parent Associations, making PAIRS training more accessible, and increasing the number of adoptive parents attending DCF/CBC adoption focused conferences.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Collaborate with Foster Parent Association to provide adoption support focused training on a quarterly basis.	Development of ongoing training schedule and implementation of training cycles	Sarasota YMCA licensing, Safe Children Coalition Adoption Teams	Adoptive Parents, Jewish Family Children Services, Manatee Glens, Child Protection Center	1-1-11	ongoing
Implement and increase the availability of the PAIRS training for adoptive parents.	Implement training class year 1. Subsequent years hold 2x per year	Sarasota YMCA Adoption Coordinator	Manatee Glens, St Pete College	5-1-11	12-31-15
Increase the number of adoptive families that attend DCF/CBC adoption oriented conferences.	Identify 4 adoptive families to attend sessions and develop "family training tips" to bring back to local support groups and association meetings	Sarasota YMCA, DCF Adoption Program Office, Florida Adoption Center	Adoptive Parents, Foster Angels Foundation	7-1-10	12-31-12

Strategy 2

By 30 June 2015, Circuit 12 will develop a committee, to include formal and informal participants, who will focus on issues affecting adoptive families and identifying needs/solutions to gaps in services.

Priority Level: 2 Manatee County 2 Sarasota County 2 Desoto County	Priority Need: -Increase availability of appropriate support groups for parents and youth.
Protective Factors to be Built by the Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parental emotional resilience ✓ Social connections ✓ Knowledge of parenting and child development ✓ Concrete support in times of need <input type="checkbox"/> Nurturing and attachment 	Types of Approaches Warranted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adoptive parent and teen support groups ✓ Education and training opportunities for adoptive parents <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption competent mental health assistance services for parents and children <input type="checkbox"/> Case management services for adoptive parents and children

Objectives

Objective 2.1 Establish a committee that will include formal and informal participants that will focus on issues affecting adoptive families and identify needs/solutions to gaps in services.

Objective 2.1: Establish a committee that will include formal and informal participants that will focus on issues affecting adoptive families and identify needs/solutions to gaps in services.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Establish a local committee to identify adoption permanency issues and the preservation of siblings	Committee convenes October 2010	Safe Children Coalition, Heart Gallery	Heart Gallery , Manatee Foster /Adoptive Parent Associations, Child Protection Investigations,	7-1-10	12-30-10
Identify key local formal support participants to regularly attend committee meetings	Engage at least 2 participants to attend quarterly meetings	Safe Children Coalition, Heart Gallery	Department of Children and Families, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate	7-1-10	12-30-12
Identify key local formal support participants to regularly attend committee meetings	Engage at least 3 participants to attend quarterly meetings	Safe Children Coalition, Heart Gallery	Department of Children and Families Family Safety Alliance System Advocate	1-1-13	12-31-14
Identify key local formal support participants to regularly attend committee meetings	Engage at least 5 participants to attend quarterly meetings	Safe Children Coalition, Heart Gallery	Department of Children and Families, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate	1-1-14	12-31-15
Identify key local informal and faith based participants to regularly attend committee meetings	Engage at least 3 participants	Safe Children Coalition, Heart Gallery	Guardian Ad Litem, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate, Manatee Parenting Committee, SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance	7-1-10	12-30-12

Objective 2.1: Establish a committee that will include formal and informal participants that will focus on issues affecting adoptive families and identify needs/solutions to gaps in services.					
Action Steps	Measures/Benchmarks	Lead	Partners	Begin Date	End Date
Identify key local informal and faith based participants to regularly attend committee meetings	Engage at least 4 participants	Safe Children Coalition, Heart Gallery	Guardian Ad Litem, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate, Manatee Parenting Committee, SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance	1-1-13	12-31-14
Identify key local informal and faith based participants to regularly attend committee meetings	Engage at least 5 participants	Safe Children Coalition, Heart Gallery	Guardian Ad Litem, Family Safety Alliance System Advocate, Manatee Parenting Committee, SCC Community Liaison, Ministerial Alliance	1-1-14	12-31-15

VI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Plans for monitoring progress and for determining the results of the efforts to support adoptive families.

VI.A. MONITORING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The CAPP team will continue to meet on a regular basis in order to monitor the progress of plan implementation. The CAPP meetings will be held at least 30 days prior to the due date of the Monitoring Report. Leads/Partners will complete their sections of the monitoring report template for submission to the local CAPP team. The reports will be submitted 2 weeks prior to the local CAPP meeting. The CAPP team will review and analyze the monitoring reports for completeness, progress, and barriers. The reports will be placed into the appropriate reporting format for submission to the Executive Office of the Governor. The CBC, in partnership with DCF, will be responsible for finalizing and forwarding the monitoring report.

VI. B ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING

The CAPP team shall meet once a year to prepare the annual progress report. The CAPP meeting will be held at least 30 days prior to the due date of the Annual Progress Report. Leads/Partners will complete their sections of the monitoring report template for submission to the local CAPP team. The reports will be submitted 2 weeks prior to the local CAPP meeting. The CAPP team will review and analyze the monitoring reports for completeness, progress, and barriers. The reports will be placed into the appropriate reporting format for submission to the Executive Office of the Governor. The CBC, in partnership with DCF, will be responsible for finalizing and forwarding the monitoring report.

VII. BARRIERS

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

- Lack of adequate funds & resources to support adoptive families after adoption is finalized.
- Lack of community services to assist adoptive families. Lack of resources, including respite providers, reactive attachment providers, local mental health providers and residential treatment services.
- Limited number of adoption competent mental health & educational professionals.
- Inadequate Medicaid coverage and provider network for dental & medical services.
- Current economy adds stress to adoptive families & increases need for supports.
- Medicaid reimbursement levels that limit provider participation.
- Children with diagnoses after adoption are placed on Medical Waiver waiting list, but only those children currently in out-of-home care are given priority if Agency with Persons with Disabilities opens enrollment.
- Lack of awareness of full range of available supports & services.
- Limited funding for post-adoption services, especially for those adopting through private & international sources.
- Contact with service providers at point of crisis rather than earlier.
- Adoptive family receptiveness to support services.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- Designation as a priority population for residential mental health services for adopted children.
- Extend assistance beyond 18th birthday to increase older teen adoptions
- Increase funding for post-placement services for adoptive families
- Review and revise Florida Statute to add additional safety nets and access to services for adoptive families

PART 5 – ATTACHMENTS

I. Local Planning Team Membership And Attendance Roster: Circuit 12

AREA OF REPRESENTATION	LOCAL PLANNING TEAM MEMBER	MTG April	MTG Oct.	MTG Nov.	MTG Dec.	MTG Jan.
1. Chairman/ Convener	Name: Brena Slater Title: Operations Manager Organization: DCF	X		X	X	
2. DCF – Dept. of Children and Families	Name: Lynne Johnston Title: Operations Program Administrator Organization: DCF		X			
3. DOC – Dept. of Corrections	Name: Title: Organization:					
4. DOE – Dept. of Education	Name: Title: Organization:					
5. DOH – Dept. of Health	Name: Title: Organization:					
6. DJJ – Dept. of Juvenile Justice	Name: Ginny Donovan Title: Chief Probation Officer Organization: DJJ	X				
7. DLE – Dept. of Law Enforcement	Name: Title: Organization:					
8. APD – Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Name: Michelle Pilkington Title: Sr. Human Services Counselor Sup. Organization: APD		X	X	X	X
9. AWI – Agency for Workforce Innovation	Name: Title: Organization:					
10. Parent with adopted child	Name: Title: Organization:					
11. Child day care centers: Federal/State representation	Name: Title: Organization:					
12. Circuit Courts	Name: Jan Schnering Title: Supervisor Organization: MC Citizens Review	X		X	X	
13. Community mental health center	Name: Rachel Morse Title: Adoption Preservation Counselor Organization: Manatee Glens			X	X	X
	Name: Deborah Kostroun Title: COO Organization: Manatee Glens		X			
	Name: Samantha Ericson Title: FASD Clinic Director Organization: FCCFD			X		X
14. Community-based care lead agency	Name: Dave Luebcke Title: Child Welfare Specialist Organization: Safe Children Coalition		X	X	X	X

AREA OF REPRESENTATION	LOCAL PLANNING TEAM MEMBER	MTG April	MTG Oct.	MTG Nov.	MTG Dec.	MTG Jan.
	Name: Sara Dawson Title: Utilization Review Specialist Organization: Safe Children Coalition	X	X	X	X	X
	Name: Dara Palmieri Title: Child Welfare Specialist Organization: Safe Children Coalition		X			
	Name: Monique Myers Title: Director of Child Welfare Operations Organization: Safe Children Coalition		X			
	Name: Jim Lenehan Title: Child Welfare Specialist Organization: Safe Children Coalition	X				
	Name: Tom Marer Title: Community Facilitator Organization: Safe Children Coalition				X	X
	Name: Kevin McKenney Title: Director of Community and Client Relations Organization: Safe Children Coalition				X	
	Name: Lucia Branton Title: Child Welfare Specialist Organization: Safe Children Coalition		X		X	X
	Name: Alex Kamberis Title: Child Welfare Specialist Organization: Safe Children Coalition	X				
15. Guardian ad litem program	Name: Chuck Orchowski Title: Organization: GAL	X				
	Name: Bea Carlson Title: Team Leader Organization: GAL		X	X		X
	Name: Milessa Dunlop Title: Assistant Director Organization: GAL			X		
16. Law enforcement agency	Name: Joyce Edick Title: Operations Program Specialist Organization: Manatee Sheriff's Office	X	X			
17. Local advocacy council	Name: Janet Taylor Title: Outreach Coordinator Organization: Suncoast Partnership			X		
18. Multi-disciplinary child protection team	Name: Daniel Foster Title: Foster Care Director Organization: Manatee Children Services		X			
	Name: Michelle Burroughs Title: Kinship Coordinator Organization: Manatee Children Services			X		
19. Private/ public program with expertise in child abuse prevention program	Name: Melissa Larkin-Skinner Title: Administrator of Intensive Community Services Organization: Manatee Glens		X	X	X	X
	Name: Hal Hedley Title: President/CEO Organization: Child Protection Center		X	X		

AREA OF REPRESENTATION	LOCAL PLANNING TEAM MEMBER	MTG April	MTG Oct.	MTG Nov.	MTG Dec.	MTG Jan.
	Name: Mandy O'Malley Title: Program Director Organization: Child Protection Center			X		
20. Private/ public program with expertise in maternal and infant health care	Name: Jennifer Highland Title: E.D. Organization: Healthy Start	X			X	
	Name: Shelley Rence Title: Program Administrator Organization: Healthy Start				X	
21. Private/ public programs with expertise in working with children/ families of children who are sexually, physically or emotionally abused, abandoned or neglected	Name: Betsy Schwartz Title: Project Director Organization: Jewish Family Counseling Center		X			
	Name: Dave Potter Title: Executive Director Organization: Family Partnership Center	X	X			X
	Name: Maria Jackman Title: Early Childhood Program Manager Organization: Family Partnership Center				X	
22. School board	Name: Stephanie Burger Title: School Social Worker Organization: Sarasota County School Board			X		
	Name: Julie Odenweller Title: School Social Workers Organization: Sarasota County School Board			X		
	Name: Joan Tomeo Title: Organization: Manatee County School Board	X				
	Name: Mike McCann Title: Organization: Manatee County School Board	X				
	Name: Sharon Hansen Title: Organization: Manatee County School Board	X				
	Name: Steve Rinder Title: Organization: Manatee County School Board	X				
. Child Advocacy/ Community Philanthropy	Name: Title: Organization:					
. Children's Advocacy Center	Name: Title: Organization:					
. Children's Services Council	Name: Susan Ford Title: Sr. Human Services Analyst Organization: Manatee County Government	X		X	X	

AREA OF REPRESENTATION	LOCAL PLANNING TEAM MEMBER	MTG April	MTG Oct.	MTG Nov.	MTG Dec.	MTG Jan.
	Name: Lynn Anderson Title: Human Services Analyst Organization: Manatee County Government	X			X	X
. Community Alliance	Name: Laura McIntyre Title: Child Welfare Systems Advocate Organization: Family Safety Alliance	X	X	X	X	X
. Community-Based Organization	Name: Stephanie Babb Title: Director of Child Welfare Organization: Manatee Glens					X
	Name: Hank McKee Title: Assistant Director of Child Welfare Organization: Manatee Glens		X			
	Name: Pam Hodge Title: Assistant Director Organization: Youth and Family Alternatives		X			X
	Name: Tonia Hutchinson Title: Program Director Organization: Family Preservation Services	X	X		X	X
	Name: Rona Vancelette Title: Adoption Supervisor Organization: Family Preservation Services			X		
. Healthy Families Florida	Name: Deb Keyso Title: VP of Healthy Families Organization: Healthy Families	X	X	X	X	X
	Name: Linda Hedrick Title: Program Manager Organization: Healthy Families	X			X	X
. Faith-Based Organization	Name: Rod Myers Title: Director Organization: BAANK					X
	Name: Sheri Battles Title: Social Worker Organization: Florida Baptist		X	X		
. Local Children's Cabinet	Name: Title: Organization:					
. Medical Doctor	Name: Title: Organization:					
. State Court Administration	Name: Title: Organization:					
. University Researcher	Name: Title: Organization:					
. Domestic Violence Organization	Name: Natalie Lewis Title: Educator Organization: SPARCC			X		
	Name: Vivienne Grempe Title: Program Director Organization: HOPE	X	X			X

AREA OF REPRESENTATION	LOCAL PLANNING TEAM MEMBER	MTG April	MTG Oct.	MTG Nov.	MTG Dec.	MTG Jan.
. Medical	Name: Debbie Mann Title: Director Women's/Children Organization: Manatee Memorial Hospital			X		
	Name: Debbie Polis Title: RN/L+D Nurse Manager Organization: Manatee Memorial Hospital			X	X	
	Name: Angie Chatfield Title: Project Administrator Organization: WATCH					X
	Name: Tracey Resch Title: RN CCM Supervisor Organization: WATCH				X	
. Substance Abuse Organizations	Name: Silvana Picardo Title: FIS Supervisor Organization: First Step			X		
. Community Organizations	Name: Sherl Craft Title: Wrap Around Coordinator Organization: Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health	X	X			
	Name: Pat Johnson Title: Coordinator Organization: Whole Child Manatee County	X	X	X	X	
	Name: Mary Wolf Title: Director of Quality Organization: Early Learning Coalition	X	X		X	X
	Name: Debbie Adams Title: Organization: Department of Children and Families	X				
	Name: Shelia Zelonis Title: Organization: SEDNET	X				

II. Tri-County Services:

MANATEE COUNTY

Agency	Easter Seals
Name of Program	Project Rainbow Respite Services
Brief Description of Program	In home and group respite to parents, families and caregivers of children with disabilities.
Target Audience	Parents of children 0-18 with disabilities.
Counties	Manatee, Sarasota

Frequency of program	As requested by family - up to 4 hours per week plus one drop off group activity per month.
# of Families/Children served	76
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, United Way MC, Foundations, Grants, Trusts,
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Children's Social, Emotional Development.

Agency	Family Creations
Name of Program	Adoption Preservation
Brief Description of Program	Therapy and counseling services for children and families that have adopted or are in the process of adopting. All services are provided by licensed and or masters level clinicians. Referrals are primarily from Safe Children Coalition, Manatee School Board, and Law enforcement.
Target Audience	Children and families in adoptive or pre-adoptive placements. Children in danger of having their adoption disrupted or possibly being removed from their homes.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	The program operates 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Clients average two therapies a week and more if necessary.
# of Families/Children served	Approximately 21 families with multiple children
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Manatee County and T. K. O.
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience: The ability to cope and bounce back from all types of challenges

Agency	Family Network on Disabilities
Name of Program	Respite Services
Brief Description of Program	Provides respite services for families with disabled or special needs children.
Target Audience	Parents with disabled children

Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	As needed
# of Families/Children served	40
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience, social connections, and concrete support in times of need.

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Parent Partner
Brief Description of Program	In home visitation
Target Audience	At risk families-voluntary
Counties	Desoto, Manatee, Sarasota
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	60 families
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, ELC, Fdns.
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting education and support.

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Parent Partner
Brief Description of Program	In home visitation
Target Audience	At risk families-court
Counties	Desoto, Manatee, Sarasota
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	50 families

Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data

Sources of Funding	SCC, Events, Individual
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting education and support.

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Support Groups
Brief Description of Program	Groups-i.e.: Spanish, Homeless, Addiction.
Target Audience	Eligible at risk families
Counties	Desoto, Manatee, Sarasota
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	150 families

Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data

Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, Fdns, ELC, Individual
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support

Agency	Family Partnership Ctr.
Name of Program	Support Groups
Brief Description of Program	Groups-i.e.: Spanish, Homeless, Addiction.
Target Audience	Eligible at risk families-court
Counties	D,M,S
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	50 families

Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data

Sources of Funding	SCC, Events, Individual
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Classes/workshops
Brief Description of Program	musical motion play group, ADHD workshop
Target Audience	open-voluntary
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekly/Periodic
# of Families/Children served	550 families
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, Fdns, Events, Individual
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support

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Counties	Manatee
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# of Families/Children served	550 families
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, Fdns, Events, Ind.
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support.

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Parenting Education Coalition
Brief Description of Program	Professional networking
Target Audience	Parenting Professionals
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Monthly
# of Families/Children served	25 agencies
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, Events
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support

Agency	Family Resources
Name of Program	Runaway Shelter
Brief Description of Program	Shelter for throwaway kids where they can receive counseling for themselves and their families with the purpose of reunification with their families. Case management to connect children and families to resources needed.
Target Audience	Children 10-17
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	24/7
# of Families/Children served	varies
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	DJJ, MCG-CSDM, grants, federal, and foundations
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Concrete support in times of need, Knowledge of parenting and child development, Parental resilience, Social Connections

Agency	Family Resources
Name of Program	Family Resolutions
Brief Description of Program	Counseling for families going through dissolution whether thru divorce, death, or separation.
Target Audience	Families with children 0-17
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekdays
# of Families/Children served	Varies
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, federal, grants and foundations
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

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Target Audience	Families with children 0-17
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekdays
# of Families/Children served	Varies
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data with Date of Determination)	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, federal, grants and foundations
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Healthy Start Manatee
Name of Program	Care Coordination Services
Brief Description of Program	Wrap around case management to pregnant women and infants.
Target Audience	Pregnant women residing in Manatee County and infants up to age 3.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	As needed
# of Families/Children served	3,400 yearly
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of child development, children's social & emotional children's social and emotional development, child's ability to interact with others.

Agency	Healthy Start Manatee
Name of Program	Wrap Around Support/Education Services
Brief Description of Program	Psychosocial counseling, nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, child birth education, parenting, infant safe sleeping education
Target Audience	Same as above
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	As needed
# of Families/Children served	1,200 approx
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of child development, children's social & emotional children's social and emotional development, child's ability to interact with others.

Agency	Healthy Start Manatee
Name of Program	Community Health Worker Program
Brief Description of Program	Face-to-face education and support: breast cancer, breastfeeding promotion, HIV, Cardiovascular, safe sleeping, mom's clubs
Target Audience	Pregnant women and their families
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	3,000
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data with Date of Determination)	
Sources of Funding	Grants, Donations
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parent and child development, children's social and emotional development, child's ability to interact with others.

Agency	HOPE Family Services, Inc.
Name of Program	Children's Counseling Services
Brief Description of Program	Individual, group, & family counseling, parent education, safety planning, civil orders of protection assistance; court escorts; legal referrals; housing; relocation, food, clothing; case mgmt; and community referrals.
Target Audience	Any child (3-17 yrs) who lives or has lived in domestic violence home. Non-offending parents & family members are eligible.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	M-T 8:30--7 pm F 9 -3 pm Other hrs by appt.
# of Families/Children served	Approx. 350 families with 400 children
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG;UW;FCADV; Community Support
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	HOPE Family Services, Inc.
Name of Program	Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program
Brief Description of Program	1-10 teen dating violence prevention classes
Target Audience	YMCA after-school programs middle/high school students
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	10 week series or a 1 class presentation
# of Families/Children served	50 students by 10 wk series 400 students by 1 class pres
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	FCADV
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Social Connections & Children's social/emotional development.

Agency	Manatee Children's Services
Name of Program	BRIC Parenting Program Level I
Brief Description of Program	10 Week Parenting Program designed to prevent further child abuse/neglect from occurring once parents are reunified with their children.
Target Audience	Parents involved in the Dependency System that have a goal of reunification
Counties	Manatee, Sarasota, and Desoto Counties
Frequency of program	10 weeks, One hour Sessions plus exit interview
# of Families/Children served	Potential to serve 15 clients per county, every 10 weeks
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Safe Children Coalition
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors. Service is designed to protect the child from further child abuse/neglect. Pre/post testing provides program with information regarding the effectiveness of the intervention.

Agency	Manatee Children's Services
Name of Program	BRIC Parenting Program Level II
Brief Description of Program	22 Week Intensive Parenting Program designed specifically to address "high risk".
Target Audience	Parents involved in the child welfare system that have a goal of reunification. Parents involved in the Criminal Justice system. All clients must be Manatee County residents.
Counties	Manatee County
Frequency of program	22 weeks split into in-home sessions and group sessions. Additional 10 weeks of in-home sessions available if needed.
# of Families/Children served	During the FY 08-09 161 unduplicated clients were served.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors. Service is designed to protect the child from further child abuse/neglect. Parental recidivism checks and pre/post testing provides program with information regarding the effectiveness of the intervention.

Agency	Manatee Children's Services
Name of Program	KIDS Personal Safety Program
Brief Description of Program	Educational Awareness Program designed to teach all school aged children to recognize, resist, and report unwanted attention, actions and contact. Child Lures awareness and Prevention.
Target Audience	School aged children.
Counties	Manatee County
Frequency of program	1 hour presentations per class, per year
# of Families/Children served	During the FY 08-09 15,008 unduplicated clients were served.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Service is designed to prevent initial victimization. Teach children to protect themselves from harm. Child lures awareness, child abuse identification, self esteem component and individual consultations are completed in order to prevent child abuse from occurring.
Agency	Manatee Children's Services
Name of Program	Sexual Violence Prevention Program
Brief Description of Program	Educational Awareness Program designed to provide an understanding of dating violence and sexual harassment through a foundation of building respect and healthy relationships.
Target Audience	Children ages 9-18.
Counties	Manatee County
Frequency of program	1 hour presentations per class for a minimum of five weeks
# of Families/Children served	During the FY 08-09 4,342 clients were served.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Department of Health
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Service is designed to prevent dating violence among teenagers and focus on rape risk reduction.
Agency	Manatee Children's Services
Name of Program	Grandparents as Parents Program
Brief Description of Program	Client Advocacy Program designed to assist relative caregivers that are raising their kin.
Target Audience	Manatee County residents that are relative caregivers
Counties	Manatee County
Frequency of program	Monthly support groups, advocacy services available by appointment, clinical services available by appointment.
# of Families/Children served	During the FY 08-09, 111 families were served.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors. Service is designed to preserve and promote relative caregiver placements.
Agency	Manatee Children's Services
Name of Program	Sexual Abuse Treatment Program
Brief Description of Program	Individual, Family and Group counseling to sexually abused children and their families
Target Audience	Children ages 3-18 and their families
Counties	Manatee County
Frequency of program	Weekly sessions
# of Families/Children served	During the FY 08-09, 61 families were served.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM and the Department of Health
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Concrete support in times of need.
Agency	Manatee Children's Services
Name of Program	VOCA Counseling Program
Brief Description of Program	individual, Family and Group counseling to child victims of crime and their families
Target Audience	Children ages 3-18 and their families
Counties	Manatee County
Frequency of program	weekly sessions
# of Families/Children served	During the FY 08-09, 64 families were served.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Office of the Attorney General
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Concrete support in times of need.

Agency	Manatee Community Action Agency
Name of Program	Home Instruction for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
Brief Description of Program	Parent as first teacher, teach parents how to teach their pre school children.
Target Audience	Parents/caregivers of children 3 through 6 years
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekly in home & monthly group meetings
# of Families/Children served	50
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, Other Government
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development, Children's Social and emotional development.

Agency	Manatee Community Action Agency
Name of Program	Healthy Families Manatee
Brief Description of Program	Home visiting parent support and education to parents of children prenatal through 5 years.
Target Audience	Parents of children 0 through 5 years
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Up to weekly 1 hour in home sessions.
# of Families/Children served	175
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM, United Way MC, Other Government
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Utilizes all 5 protective factors.

Agency	Manatee County Citizens Review, Inc
Name of Program	Manatee County Citizens Review Program
Brief Description of Program	Review cases of dependant children referred by the Court; hold Court ordered hearings to ensure the child's safety and is receiving all needed physical, emotional, and educational services; hold all parties accountable, in accordance with Florida Statute.
Target Audience	Court referred cases of children removed from the home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	M-F 8:30-5:00
# of Families/Children served	All referred. Approximately 120+ children annually
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM; Donated professional services
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development: Accurate information about raising young children and appropriate expectations for their behavior

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Team
Brief Description of Program	Provides long-term intensive, community-based MH and SA services to adults diagnoses with a severe and persistent mental illness.
Target Audience	Adults diagnosed with a severe a persistent mental illness with or without.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Up to 3X daily
# of Families/Children served	100 adults
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State, Insurance

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience, Social connections, Concrete support
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Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Children's Community Action Treatment (CAT) Team
Brief Description of Program	Provides intensive community-based MH and SA services to youth and their families
Target Audience	Youth ages 5-18yrs with MH, SA or co-occurring diagnoses
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Based on family need, up 15 hrs weekly
# of Families/Children served	75 children
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Utilizes all 5 protective factors.
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Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOT) Team
Brief Description of Program	Provides intensive community-based MH and SA services to adults with acute psychiatric symptoms.
Target Audience	Adults with acute psychiatric symptoms.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Up to 3X daily
# of Families/Children served	30 adults
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State, Insurance
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience, Social connections, Concrete Support

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Women's Block Grant
Brief Description of Program	Outpatient SA counseling to women provided as well as case management, transportation, childcare services. Will arrange for primary medical care, primary pediatric care for the children therapeutic interventions for children in custody of women in treatment. Counseling and education about HIV/TB, needle sharing, effects of alcohol/drugs on the fetus, referral for prenatal care also provided.
Target Audience	Women and their minor children
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	30-50 monthly , no wait list
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Women's Block Grant
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Brief Description of Program	A continuum of services that are sensitive to the specific needs of men and women, with children, dealing with mental health and/or addiction issues are offered. The services are screening/full assessment, individual, family and group counseling, Residential Substance Abuse treatment, case management, coordination with other service providers and child welfare, if applicable.
Target Audience	Men, women and their minor children.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	30-50 monthly , no wait list
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	

Sources of Funding	TANF
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized
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Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Children's Outpatient Counseling
Brief Description of Program	Provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling treatment to children. Serves families through Family Counseling and groups.
Target Audience	Children ages 0-17 yrs with MH and/or SA disorders.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	300 children
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Medicaid, insurance, state funding. Sliding scale available.
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Children's Targeted Case Management
Brief Description of Program	Provides intensive support and case coordination for children with Severe Emotional Disturbance. Includes coordination for family.
Target Audience	Children ages 0-17 with MH or co-occurring disorders
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Daily, or as needed.
# of Families/Children served	40 children
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Medicaid, state funding

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.
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Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Adoptions Preservation Counseling
Brief Description of Program	Provides outpatient and in-home/on-site counseling to adopted children and their families to help maintain the stability of the adoption or offer support during the adoption process.
Target Audience	Children ages 0-17 yrs and their families
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	35 children
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG-CSDM
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Enhanced Outpatient Substance Abuse Services
Brief Description of Program	Intensive substance abuse group therapy that deals with various recovery related issues, individual therapy also available
Target Audience	Adults
Counties	Any
Frequency of program	Group 3X/wk, Individual 1X/wk
# of Families/Children served	Varied; no wait list.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Insurance, Medicaid, State, County, Self Pay
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Social Connections

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Recovery Support Services
Brief Description of Program	Daily check in support group, self esteem group, 12 step group, anger management, supportive counseling with certified recovery specialist.
Target Audience	Adults
Counties	Any
Frequency of program	Check in group is daily, other groups weekly, supportive counseling as needed.
# of Families/Children served	No wait list.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Social Connections

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Case Management (Substance Abuse)
Brief Description of Program	Assistance available to deal with issues such as housing and employment, etc.
Target Audience	Adults
Counties	Any
Frequency of program	As needed.
# of Families/Children served	No wait list.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data with Date of Determination)	
Sources of Funding	State
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental, Resilience, Social Connections

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Substance abuse and mental health outpatient therapy.
Brief Description of Program	Individual and group therapy.
Target Audience	Adults
Counties	Any
Frequency of program	1X/week
# of Families/Children served	No wait list.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Insurance, Medicaid, State, Self Pay
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Concrete Support, Social Connections

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Substance Abuse Prevention/Intervention
Brief Description of Program	Parenting Wisely program for Adults needing guidance in appropriate parenting skills; prevention and intervention programs in the Manatee County School system (various levels of programming).
Target Audience	Children and Adults
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Various- As needed/Referral based
# of Families/Children served	100+
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Utilizes all 5 protective factors.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Rape Crisis
Brief Description of Program	Advocacy for children and adults who are victims of sexual assault to assist with the legal process. Therapy for both primary and secondary victims of sexual assault (children and adult).
Target Audience	Children and Adults
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	24/7 Hotline monitored by Victim Advocates. Therapy services offered weekdays/evenings.
# of Families/Children served	No limit for advocacy services; caseloads for therapy/waitlists.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	VOCA; MCG-CSDM/Adult; FCASV
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Utilizes all 5 protective factors.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Outpatient Rehab and Case Management (Mental Health)
Brief Description of Program	provides recovery based case management and forensic services. Additional services include homeless outreach
Target Audience	Adult Severe and Persistent and/or co-occurring diagnoses.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Based on individual need.
# of Families/Children served	Varied, no wait list.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State, Medicaid
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Concrete Support, Social Connections

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Walk in Center
Brief Description of Program	Provides walk-in assessments, short-term therapy and crisis intervention, including Mobile Crisis response.
Target Audience	All ages
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	M-F 10am-8pm
# of Families/Children served	Walk-in
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Social Connections

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Inpatient Mental Health
Brief Description of Program	Provide acute inpatient mental health services to children and adults.
Target Audience	All ages.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	24/7
# of Families/Children served	51 beds
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Insurance, Medicaid, State, MCG, Self pay
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Inpatient Substance Abuse
Brief Description of Program	Provide detox and residential treatment to adolescents and adults.
Target Audience	All ages.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	24/7
# of Families/Children served	40 beds
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Insurance, Medicaid, State, MCG-CSDM/Adult, Self Pay.
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Children's Day Treatment
Brief Description of Program	Mental Health Day Treatment program combined with school program for children experiencing mental health/behavioral/emotion difficulties.
Target Audience	Ages 6 -12 years.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Daily; follows school calendar.
# of Families/Children served	10 slots
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Insurance, Medicaid, State, MCG-CSDM, Self pay
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Access Center
Brief Description of Program	Walk-in assessment, admissions and referral services.
Target Audience	All ages.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	24/7
# of Families/Children served	6000/yr
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State and County
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Outpatient Medication Clinic
Brief Description of Program	psychiatric evaluation and medication management.
Target Audience	All ages.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	As needed, typically monthly, bimonthly or quarterly.
# of Families/Children served	10000/yr
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Insurance, Medicaid, State, Self Pay
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Children's Social and Emotional Development

Agency	Manatee Glens
Name of Program	Outpatient Detox (OPD)
Brief Description of Program	Outpatient substance abuse detoxification.
Target Audience	Adults
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Daily for 7-14 days.
# of Families/Children served	20 slots
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data with Date of Determination)	
Sources of Funding	Insurance, Medicaid, State, MCG/Adult; Self pay
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience, Social connections

Agency	Manatee Memorial (MMH)
Name of Program	Preparation for Childbirth
Brief Description of Program	6 Week childbirth prep course
Target Audience	Pregnant women and a support person
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	New series every 7 weeks
# of Families/Children served	150 annually
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Private and Healthy Start Scholarships
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency	Manatee Memorial (MMH)
Name of Program	Prenatal Bereavement Support Group
Brief Description of Program	Support group for those experiencing prenatal loss or newborn loss.
Target Audience	
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Monthly the 1st Thursday
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Free
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental Resilience

Agency	Manatee Memorial (MMH)
Name of Program	Women Living With Cancer
Brief Description of Program	Support group for women experiencing a cancer diagnosis.
Target Audience	Women with cancer.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	2nd and 4th Thursday 6p-7p
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Free
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Concrete support in times of need: Financial security to cover day-to-day expenses and unexpected costs that come up from time to time, access to formal supports like TANF and Medicaid, and informal support from social networks.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Breastfeeding Class
Brief Description of Program	Prenatal instruction in breastfeeding.
Target Audience	Pregnant women and a support person.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	1st Tuesday of the Month
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Private and Healthy Start Scholarships
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Amazing Newborn
Brief Description of Program	Prenatal Instruction in care of the Newborn
Target Audience	Pregnant women and a support person
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	3rd Tuesday of the month
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Private and Healthy Start Scholarships
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Keeping Baby Safe
Brief Description of Program	Infant CPR and Car seat Safety

Target Audience	Pregnant women and a support person.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Private and Healthy Start Scholarships
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Low Down on Labor
Brief Description of Program	Childbirth Preparation
Target Audience	Pregnant women and a support person.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	2nd Saturday of the month
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Private and Healthy Start Scholarships
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Mommy Yollet
Brief Description of Program	Prenatal Exercise (ballet and Yoga based).
Target Audience	Pregnant women
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Thursday 5-6 PM

of Families/Children served

Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data

Sources of Funding

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor? Parental resilience.

Agency MMH MOMM's Place

Name of Program Car Seat Inspection Program

Brief Description of Program Anyone with a car seat can have it checked for safety. Appointments required. 745-6925

Target Audience Anyone with a car seat.

Counties Manatee

Frequency of program 2nd and 4th Thursdays

of Families/Children served

Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data

Sources of Funding Free

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor? Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency MMH MOMM's Place

Name of Program Mommy and Me

Brief Description of Program Support group for mother and infants.

Target Audience Mothers and infants up to 12 months old

Counties Manatee

Frequency of program Tuesdays 11-1

of Families/Children served

Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data w

Sources of Funding Free

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor? Social connections.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Walkers and Talkers
Brief Description of Program	Support group for mother and toddlers.
Target Audience	Mothers and toddlers
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Thursdays 10-12
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Free
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Social connections.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Gestational Diabetes Instruction
Brief Description of Program	Class to instruct pregnant women with gestational diabetes.
Target Audience	Pregnant women with diabetes.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	As needed
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Private and Healthy Start Scholarships
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency	MMH MOMM's Place
Name of Program	Pregnancy Matters
Brief Description of Program	Early pregnancy instruction
Target Audience	Pregnant women in the first trimester.
Counties	Manatee
Frequency of program	Every other Month on Saturday.
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Private and Healthy Start Scholarships
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

DESOTO COUNTY

Agency	Breathe of Life Pregnancy Care Center
Name of Program	Pregnancy Care
Brief Description of Program	Provides pregnancy services and education on what to expect and how to care for oneself during pregnancy. Free pregnancy tests. Learn why you earn program to utilize baby items from the Mommy & Me store. Moms are allowed to come in up to the baby's age of one year for services.
Target Audience	Any woman who thinks or knows they are pregnant at any age.
Counties	Desoto
Frequency of program	Allowed to come in once a week to earn points.
# of Families/Children served	7-9 women per week.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Community funded center and Calvary Baptist Church
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Parenting Classes and Workshops
Brief Description of Program	Classes and workshops are designed to strengthen all families and to prevent child abuse in at-risk families by providing comprehensive parenting education and support programs.
Target Audience	Parents of children ages 0-17. Moms, Dads, teen parents, single parents, grandparents, foster parents & new parents
Counties	Desoto & Manatee
Frequency of program	Classes meet for several consecutive weeks and are designed for parents to go home and practice what they have learned. Workshops meet in single sessions.
# of Families/Children served	The Center serves approximately 750 families annually, free of charge.
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	

Sources of Funding	Manatee County Government, Safe Children Coalition, United Way of Manatee County, Manatee Community Foundation, Exchange Club of Manatee County, private foundations, grants, businesses and individual donors.
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Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.
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Agency	Manatee Children's Services
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Name of Program	BRIC (Building Resiliency in Communities) Parenting Program
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Brief Description of Program	The program offers highly qualified parenting specialists who understand the many challenges and stressors involved with parenting. The goal is to assist parents and caregivers in recognizing their strengths and identifying effective ways to reduce stress in their lives.
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Target Audience	Parents of children ages 0-17. Moms, Dads, teen parents, single parents, grandparents, foster parents, & new parents.
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Counties	Desoto & Manatee
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Frequency of program	Offers 10 weeks of individual parenting education, followed up with 10 group sessions focused on sharing and support.
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# of Families/Children served	No data available.
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Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
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Sources of Funding	Manatee County Children's Services Dedicated Millage
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Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of parenting and child development.
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Agency	The Florida Center for Child and Family Development
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Name of Program	Healthy Families Sarasota
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Brief Description of Program	Voluntary home visiting program designed to prevent child abuse and neglect before it starts. Services are offered prenatally or within the first 3 months after the child's birth to families identified as having risk factors associated with abuse/neglect.
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Target Audience	Pregnant women and families with newborns in all Desoto County. Families are assessed to determine eligibility (must score at least a 13 on the Healthy Families Florida Assessment Tool)
Counties	DeSoto County
Frequency of program	Home visits occur weekly for a minimum of 6 months following the birth of the baby. Visits can decrease as the risks in the home are addressed and resolved. Services are offered until the child reaches the age of five.
# of Families/Children served	DeSoto 131. During the FY 2008-09 DeSoto served 170
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	No data available. Most studies show that for every dollar spent on prevention services, the savings is \$17.
Sources of Funding	The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida/Healthy Families Florida; Sarasota County contracted Human Services; United Way of South Sarasota County
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	

SARASOTA

Agency	Child Protection Center
Name of Program	Personal Safety & Community Awareness Program
Brief Description of Program	
Target Audience	Youth, parents, professionals, community at large.
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	On-going throughout the year.
# of Families/Children served	31,000 participants per year,
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Various contract, grant, and donor funding.
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Social support, social connections, knowledge of parenting and development.

Agency	Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
Name of Program	Healthy Relationships
Brief Description of Program	This program teaches elementary aged students a foundation for healthy relationships through a series of character building units. The purpose is to shift social norms by changing attitudes, beliefs and behaviors and break the cycle of violence.
Target Audience	4th and 5th Grade
Counties	Sarasota, DeSoto
Frequency of program	Multi-sessions
# of Families/Children served	Varies
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	N/A
Sources of Funding	(FCADV) Florida Council Against Domestic Violence
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Children's social and emotional development.

Agency	Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
Name of Program	Healthy Relationships
Brief Description of Program	This program teaches students healthy relationship skills and how to identify healthy vs. unhealthy behaviors in relationships. Topics include gender norms, conflict resolution, boundaries and media.
Target Audience	Middle School/ High School
Counties	Sarasota, DeSoto
Frequency of program	Multi-sessions
# of Families/Children served	Varies
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	N/A
Sources of Funding	(FCADV) Florida Council Against Domestic Violence
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Children's social and emotional development.

Agency	Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
Name of Program	Community Action Team (CAT)
Brief Description of Program	The Sarasota Violence Prevention Task Force is committed to preventing violence among future generations by networking resources, promoting public awareness, engaging youth and creating social change.
Target Audience	Sarasota Community Members - youth, nonprofits, business leaders, volunteers, law enforcement agencies, healthcare community, faith based organizations, legal, etc.
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	Monthly
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Social connections.
Agency	Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County, Inc.
Name of Program	Healthy Start Program
Brief Description of Program	"Care Coordination - case management by nurses or social service workers according to level of risk. Wraparound Services - psychosocial counseling; smoking cessation; childbirth education; breastfeeding education and support; nutritional counseling; parenting education; interconception health education."
Target Audience	Pregnant women, infants, and young children to age 3 who are eligible for services based on risks which could affect birth outcomes (fetal death, prematurity, low birth weight) or infant health and development (infant death, developmental delays, risk of abuse, risk for ill health).
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	From entry into program until services are no longer needed or infant reaches age 3, whichever comes first.
# of Families/Children served	"2008 1,532 pregnant women received any service 186 pregnant women received highest level service due to high risk 950 infants received any service 169 infants received highest level of service due to high risk"
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	Not available
Sources of Funding	Florida Department of Health
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience Knowledge of parenting and child Development, Children's social and emotional development.
Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Parent Partner
Brief Description of Program	In home visitation.
Target Audience	At risk families-voluntary.
Counties	Desoto, Manatee, Sarasota
Frequency of program	Weekly

# of Families/Children served	60 families
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG, ELC, Fdns.
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Parent Partner
Brief Description of Program	In home visitation.
Target Audience	At risk families-court.
Counties	Desoto, Manatee, Sarasota
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	50 families
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	SCC, Events, Individual
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support

Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Support Groups
Brief Description of Program	groups-i.e.: Spanish, Homeless, Addiction.
Target Audience	eligible at risk families
Counties	Desoto, Manatee, Sarasota
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	150 families
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	MCG, Fdns, ELC, Individual

Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support
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Agency	Family Partnership Center
Name of Program	Support Groups
Brief Description of Program	groups-i.e.: Spanish, Homeless, Addiction.
Target Audience	Eligible at risk families-court.
Counties	D,M,S
Frequency of program	Weekly
# of Families/Children served	50 families
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	SCC, Events, Individual
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parenting Education and Support

Agency	ELC of Sarasota County
Name of Program	School Readiness Scholarships
Brief Description of Program	Provide financial assistance for child care.
Target Audience	Families must be employed or in school and income eligible.
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	On-going
# of Families/Children served	2000
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State, County, Local
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Concrete Support In Times of Need

Agency	ELC of Sarasota County
Name of Program	Resource & Referral
Brief Description of Program	Provide assistance to parents in locating quality child care; provide information and resources on child development and respond to requests for guidance on specific issues. Parents receiving or applying for school readiness scholarships all receive information on developmental milestones, supporting early literacy and identifying quality child care. Parents are given assistance to sign up for the Imagination Library so that their child can receive a book every month; join Born to Read, to connect with library services; and LEAF (Literacy Empowers All Families), to receive a book, activities, and ideas for parents to use to with their children.
Target Audience	Parents/guardians of young children .
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	On-going
# of Families/Children served	3000
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data with Date of Determination)	
Sources of Funding	State, County, Local
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

Agency	ELC of Sarasota County
Name of Program	LEAF (Literacy Empowers All Families)
Brief Description of Program	A social marketing campaign designed to reach all families, with specific supports for income eligible families. Parents can sign up for their children birth to 4 to receive a book, activities, and ideas for parents. If parents complete the activities they can receive a \$25 coupon. The LEAF message (Talk, Listen, Read) is designed to make parents aware that simple activities and interactions with their children can make meaningful differences. The program and is based on the Hart Risley research showing that children from families that are less talkative and supportive will have heard 30 million fewer words by age 3 - a 30 million word gap.
Target Audience	All families with young children with an emphasis on targeted zip codes.

Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	Started 2008, on-going
# of Families/Children served	400 children enrolled a LEAF members
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
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Agency	ELC of Sarasota County
Name of Program	Warm Line
Brief Description of Program	The Coalition contracts with the Florida Center for Family and Child Development to ensure that ASQs screenings are conducted on all school readiness children. The Florida Center also manages the Warm Line, a resource for teachers and directors to call when they have concerns about a child in their care. The Florida Center conducts assessments, makes referrals, and offer tips and strategies to support teacher working with children with special needs or challenging behavior. The Florida Center also contacts parents to report assessment results and offer referral information.
Target Audience	ASQ screening for all school readiness children, all Warm Line services for Sarasota County child care providers that have signed the Coalition's provider agreement, phone consultation of all other Sarasota County providers
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	On-going
# of Families/Children served	1500
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State, County, Local
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Children's Social and Emotional Development

Agency	ELC of Sarasota County
Name of Program	Look for the Stars
Brief Description of Program	Another tool parents can use when selecting a child care program is to visit the Look for the Stars Quality Improvement System website. The Look for the Stars program, administered by the Early Learning Coalition, is now in its second year and assesses Sarasota County child care providers with the purpose of identifying strengths and weaknesses so that providers can be given the support they need to ensure they are offering quality programs for children. Look for the Stars is also a child care quality rating tool to assist parents in choosing child care providers and to give parents information on what factors play a part in determining quality, including health and safety, teacher-child ratios, classroom set-up, director and staff training, teacher-child interaction and administrative practices.
Target Audience	Participating child care providers and all parents of young children in Sarasota County.
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	Started 2008, on-going
# of Families/Children served	150 child care providers
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	Local community funders and ELC
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

Agency	ELC of Sarasota County
Name of Program	On-going provider training and support
Brief Description of Program	The Coalition offers on-going training throughout the year. Last year over 2,000 participants attended over 200 Coalition sponsored trainings. Topics cover a range of early childhood subjects, such as supporting children with challenging behaviors, caring for infants and toddlers, strategies to support skill development and implementing developmentally appropriate practices. The Coalition also sponsors a series, Directors' Connection, to support child care center directors.

Target Audience	Sarasota County early childhood teachers and directors.
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	On-going
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data with Date of Determination)	
Sources of Funding	State, County, Local
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Children's Social and Emotional Development

Agency	ELC of Sarasota County
Name of Program	On-going provider training and support to work effectively with parents, Because It Matters initiative
Brief Description of Program	One of the Coalition requirements for providers is that they "actively encourage parental involvement in each child's early care and education" and "promote a family friendly environment that helps to support families and positive parent interaction." The Coalition offers training to help teachers and directors work effectively with parents. The "Because It Matters" initiative is a program to assist a pilot group of 20 providers become a comprehensive Because It Matters workplace, with staff, children and parents all embracing the 10 keys of civility. As part of this project parents will have the opportunity to attend a series of workshops on effective parenting.
Target Audience	Providers and parents
Counties	Sarasota
Frequency of program	On-going
# of Families/Children served	
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	
Sources of Funding	State, County, Local and Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	Parental resilience, Social Connections

Agency	The Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Name of Program	Healthy Families Sarasota
Brief Description of Program	Voluntary home visiting program designed to prevent child abuse and neglect before it starts. Services are offered prenatally or within the first 3 months after the child's birth to families identified as having risk factors associated with abuse/neglect.
Target Audience	Pregnant women and families with newborns in most zip codes of Sarasota County. Families are assessed to determine eligibility (must score at least a 13 on the Healthy Families Florida Assessment Tool)
Counties	Sarasota (most of County)
Frequency of program	Home visits occur weekly for a minimum of 6 months following the birth of the baby. Visits can decrease as the risks in the home are addressed and resolved. Services are offered until the child reaches the age of five.
# of Families/Children served	Sarasota is contracted to serve 458 families. Sarasota served over 500 during FY 2008-09
Most Recent Cost-Effectiveness Data	No data available. Most studies show that for every dollar spent on prevention services, the savings is \$17.
Sources of Funding	The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida/Healthy Families Florida; Sarasota County contracted Human Services; United Way of South Sarasota County
Does the Service Utilize a Protective Factor?	All 5 protective factors utilized.