Florida Statute 39.001

- Requires each district/circuit of the Department of Children and Families to develop a 5-year plan for the promotion of adoption, support of adoptive families and prevention of abuse, abandonment and neglect of children

- The Departments of Children and Families, Corrections, Education, Health, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall participate and fully cooperate in the development of the state plan

- Appropriate local agencies and organizations shall be provided an opportunity to participate in the development of the plan - 25+ agencies participated

- Information is sent to the Governor’s Office of Adoption and Child Protection for the creation of the state plan
CAPP Part 1

- Introduction
- Overview of Process
- Workgroup Meetings
- Workgroup Membership
Circuit 11: Highest Types of Verified Child Maltreatment 2009 - 2014

- Family Violence Threatens Child: 41%
- Inadequate Supervision: 12%
- Substance Misuse: 22%
- Physical Injury: 9%
- Medical Neglect: 1%
- Mental Injury: 1%
- Environmental Hazards Threatened Harm: 5%
- Sexual Abuse: 4%
Circuit 11: Reasons for Removal
2009 - 2014

- Physical and Sexual Abuse: 17%
- Parental Drug and Alcohol Abuse: 20%
- Inadequate Supervision, Medical and Physical Neglect: 16%
- Domestic Violence: 11%
- Death of Parent-Caretaker Unable to Cope: 16%
- Incarceration of Parents: 5%
- Inadequate Housing: 6%
- Child Alcohol and Drug Abuse: 1%
- Child Behavior-Relinquishment-Abandonment: 8%
- Death of Parent-Caretaker Unable to Cope: 16%
- Parental Drug and Alcohol Abuse: 20%
2014 Fatalities by Causal Factor

- Drowning: 12
- Unsafe Sleep: 5
- Accidental Trauma: 3
- Inflicted Trauma: 4
- Under Investigation: 2
- Natural Causes: 3
- Other: 2
CAPP Part 2 - Plan for the Prevention of Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect of Children

- **Priority 1 - Increase Awareness of Child Abuse Prevention**
  - Presentations, distribution of information, social media marketing tools

- **Priority 2 - Educate Community on Preventable Deaths**
  - Emphasis on Inadequate Supervision/Drowning Prevention/Safe Sleep
  - Presentations, distribution of information, social media marketing tools

- **Priority 3 - Build and Promote Awareness of Availability of Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services in our Community**
  - Develop tri-fold brochures with behavioral indicators and how to get help
  - Encourage all providers to maintain their information updated on Switchboard’s data base/ Encourage use of Switchboard app on phones
  - Develop short video and presentation geared at general community
  - Identify community partner agencies to distribute brochures and provide presentations
Child Safety Campaigns
Materials available in 3 languages - English, Spanish and Creole
An increase in the number of children in Out-of-Home (foster) care in the Region over the last several years, has increased the need for foster and adoptive parents.
PART 3 - Plan for the Promotion of Adoption

- Priority 1 - Community Outreach and raising awareness of the need for adoptive and foster parents, specifically for children who may be difficult to place (e.g. older children, sibling groups, special needs)

- Priority 2 - Support for existing foster parents as potential adoptive parents, focused on potential adoptive parents for children who would otherwise be difficult to adopt (e.g. older children, sibling groups, special needs)

- Priority 3 - Develop resources within existing foster parent community to support and promote adoption
PART 4 - Plan to Support Adoptive Families

- Priority 1 - Increase availability of adoption support groups for parents and youth

- Priority 2 - Provide adoption (pre and post adoption) training for adoptive parents

- Priority 3 - Streamline communication and point of contact for adoptive parent support
Part 5 - Monitoring

- Data Collection
- Periodic Meetings
- Status Updates of Plan Action Steps
- Revisions to Plan as Needed
Questions ?