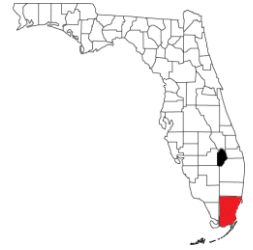




CIRCUIT 11 Miami-Dade County



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

Highlights and Accomplishments

Safe Sleeping campaign - The Department of Children and Families together with community partners, including Our Kids of Miami Dade and Monroe, El Dorado Furniture and Promotion Furniture store have been working together providing beds to children for safe sleeping. Together we have provided beds for close to 1000 families that last three years. Providing safe sleeping arrangements allows the child (ren) to remain safely at home while receiving additional services.

Community Awareness campaigns – DCF staff has teamed up with different community partners to bring awareness campaigns to the community. We have reached over 20,000 people thru community meetings and trainings. We have provided brochures and information to event attendees on drowning prevention, safe sleep, unsupervised children left in hot cars and who is watching your child. Events have included, Cuban National Council, Hialeah Literacy Fair at the John F. Kennedy Library, Miami Jackson Senior High Resource Fair, US Attorney (USAO), City of Opa-locka, Haitian American Nursing Association (HANA), Miami Dade College School of Nursing, Department of Corrections - South Florida Reception Center, 1st Annual Allapatha's Community Health Fair, Community Health Fair, Orange Bowl Health and Wellness Fair, World Refugee Day 2014, Walking One Stop, Miami-Dade Anti-Gang Strategy intervention initiative, Veterans Outreach, Back 2 School Bash & Health Fair, 2014 Miami Family Event Wellness & Lifestyle Expo, and Miami Dade County School Board Safety & Wellness Fair. Univision 23 has provided opportunities for DCF personnel to discuss community awareness campaign on their Ahora en Nuestra Comunidad weekly community program; individually and joint appearances with Amigos For Kids.

Share Your Heart - The Southern Region's has teamed up with local faith based partners and created a program to help meet the needs of children and families, frail adults and elderly populations. Together, they provide the social, emotional, physical and spiritual health needs of our community. Share Your Heart works closely with DCF's hubs and provides the first 72 hours of food and basic need supplies for the children and families involved in DCF investigations. Other initiatives under this program includes, Rehabilitation Program providing Job Placement for the disadvantaged and the disabled population; Preparing and equipping the Faith-Based community for emergency Mass Communication and Food Distribution Preparedness Initiative throughout our Chaplaincy Program; DCF Access Program: providing training to the faith-based community and other community organizations, Donation Boxes, USDA Summer Feeding Program, The 4 Real Program a dynamic live presentation against violence, drugs, bullying and gangs. They reach the youth with real issues using real life stories in our schools, If You Want to Lead You Must Read Program providing literacy.

Farm share – Our local team has been working together with community partners, commissioners, and Farm Share to help feed the hungry in our Region – Our team volunteers to help distribute produces and goods to the homeless and low income families in our cities. Together we have reached over 4,000 families, providing them the food they need to stay healthy.

There's No excuse for child abuse PSAs - Amigos For Kids' decade's long relationship with Univision 23 resulted in the local network's production of three Spanish Version PSA's launched in April, co-branded with Amigos For Kids, Univision 23 and DCF. The PSA's are found on You Tube and posted on the Amigos For Kids website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiECFfh7gTM>. The campaign was launched in April, resulting in Miami Herald article highlighting Child Abuse Prevention month. During the month of October, a new program, Cafecito Entre Padres™ was launched by Amigos For Kids for group of parents and community stakeholders that wish to participate in capacity and leadership building skills to become advocates for child abuse prevention and domestic violence awareness. The 10th Annual Blue Ribbon Awareness Event was held in May for over 2000 elementary age children, with participants and collaboration from The Children's Trust, DCF and MDCPS Division of Student Service. During the months of September/October in relating to Adrian Petersen and Ray Rice incidents, Amigos For Kids participated in more than 12 interviews to create awareness of child abuse prevention, domestic violence and alternatives

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means of discipline primarily in Spanish media, and NBC6. Collaboration included two appearances' on The Children's Trust weekly program Luchando por Nuestros Hijos.

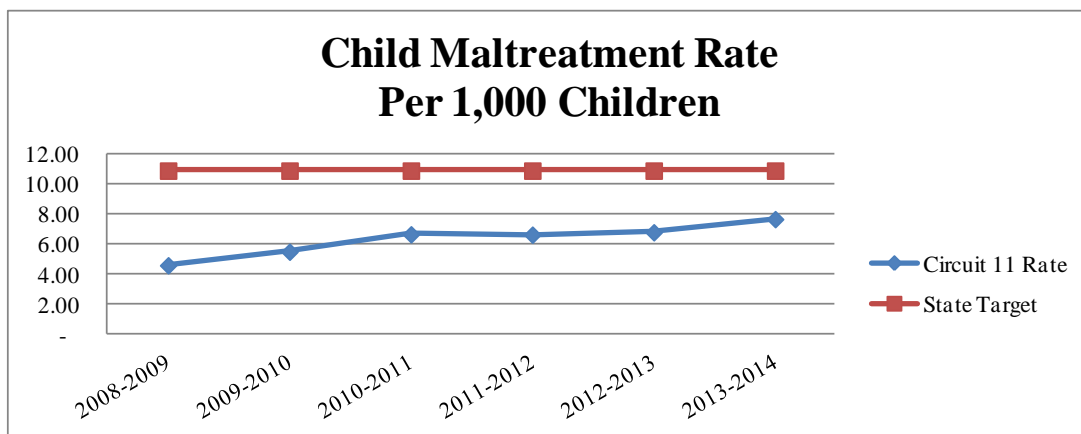
ConnectFamilias – Keeping Families safe, Healthy, Engaged and Connected – ConnectFamilias supported the development of La Alianza Hispana de la Pequeña Habana (Hispanic Alliance of Little Havana) as a means to encourage civic participation among the families that we serve. Members of the Alianza work to improve their neighborhoods through a number of volunteer and leadership activities geared toward making the community safer and more livable. Established Parent Leaders have also met with their local City and County Commissioners to educate them about their work and concerns for their children and to explore how, together, they may best serve as a catalyst for community change in their neighborhood. In addition to supporting the ongoing activities of the Alianza, ConnectFamilias has a number of initiatives that rely heavily on the active involvement of Parent Leaders, such as Live Safe and Books Are for Me!; ¡Los Libros Son Para Mi!

Desired Population Level Results

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

Child Maltreatment Rates						
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Miami-Dade	4.64	5.54	6.70	6.68	6.83	7.71
Circuit Rate	4.64	5.54	6.70	6.68	6.83	7.71
State Target	10.94	10.94	10.94	10.94	10.94	10.94
State Rate	10.94	12.06	12.51	13.23	12.27	11.42

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Status of Strategies and Objectives

Child Maltreatment Prevention

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will embrace, plan, develop, and implement community based outreach to families in Miami-Dade County.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Due to the nature of Miami-Dade County many of the prevention activities are yet to be revealed to the Circuit 11 CAPP committee. Therefore, it is necessary to bring to the table all agencies, providers and community partners that are involved and can be involved in child maltreatment prevention.	On going	<i>We have made a tremendous effort to bring to the table agencies, providers and community partners that are involved in Child Welfare and prevention, the task has proven more difficult than we anticipated, currently working with several key partners, including the Cobs, DÉJÀ, The Children's Trust, Child Care Licensing, Cams, Amigos for Kids, ConnectFamilies, Farmshare, Share Your Heart as well as over 100 faith based partners.</i>
Objective 1.2 Identify all community provider prevention plans, strategic plans, and goals that incorporate prevention of child maltreatment.	On going	<i>We are actively working on this objective and so far we have prevention plans from Our Kids, The Children's Trust, ConnectFamilies, Amigos for Kids and DCF. The work of ConnectFamilies is guided by a Theory of Change Logic Model (Chen 1990; Hernandez & Isaacs, 1997) that includes child safety and well-being in its mission, goals, and expected outcomes.</i>
Objective 1.3 Implement a plan to incorporate all of the prevention plans occurring in Miami-Dade County.	Strategy deleted	<i>Strategy deleted</i>

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will embrace, plan, develop, and implement community based outreach to families in Miami-Dade County.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Connect families to services.	Strategy deleted	<i>Strategy deleted</i>

Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will embrace, plan, develop, and implement community based outreach to families in Miami-Dade County.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 3.1 Building community capacity to address prevention needs for the Hispanic population.		<p><i>The 7th annual Caring for Kids Child Health and Safety Fair was held on Nov. 8th and over 1000 people attended. This fair connects families to much-needed resources for children's safety, health, and education. Attendees had the opportunity to access information on services that are available to them and take advantage of free health screenings for children up to the age of five. Entertainment and other activities, including safety instruction from firefighters.</i></p> <p><i>Originally established as a Service Provider Network (SPN), the partner network has expanded to include over 50 organizations, including social service providers, faith based organizations, arts groups, city and county departments, university researchers, multiple child serving systems. They work closely with the City of</i></p>

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		<i>Miami, City of Miami police, various offices within Miami-Dade County, and Miami-Dade Public Schools in order to coordinate and leverage existing community resources.</i>
Objective 3.2 Utilize community awareness campaigns to target the Hispanic population in order to promote and educate this population on safety, well-being and self-sufficiency.		<i>Amigos For Kids' decade's long relationship with Univision 23 resulted in the local network's production of three Spanish Version PSA's launched in April, co-branded with Amigos For Kids, Univision 23 and DCF. The PSA's are found on You Tube and posted on the Amigos For Kids website https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiECFfh7gTM. The campaign was launched in April, resulting in Miami Herald article highlighting Child Abuse Prevention month. During the month of October, a new program, Cafecito Entre Padres™ was launched by Amigos For Kids for group of parents and community stakeholders that wish to participate in capacity and leadership building skills to become advocates for child abuse prevention and domestic violence awareness. The 10th Annual Blue Ribbon Awareness Event was held in May for over 2000 elementary age children, with participants and collaboration from The Children's Trust, DCF and MDCPS Division of Student Services.</i>

Strategy 4: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will embrace, plan, develop, and implement community based outreach to families in Miami-Dade County.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 4.1 Document a research method with built in statistical validity and reliability.	Strategy deleted	<i>Strategy deleted</i>

Additional Activities

Interagency Collaboration

The Department of Children and Families has been working very closely with the following agencies. We hold monthly conference calls to discuss cases of concern for children and families that are receiving services thru one or more of the agencies. Together we brain-stormed to find solutions to the problems and needs of our mutual clients. The Team also holds information calls in which each partner presents on their agencies services and policies – we feel the more we know about each of the community partner's agencies the better we can serve our clients. Agencies actively participating on the monthly meetings include The Department of Children and Families, Our Kids of Miami Dade and Monroe, South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Department of Juvenile Justice, Miami Dade School Board, Agency for People with Disabilities, Department of Health, and Agency for Health Care Administration among others.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Continue to learn about all the agencies services and continue to work together to meet our client's needs.

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Human Trafficking Activities

Summary of Human Trafficking Activities

Community partners, including Miami-Dade Police; Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services; Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc.; Dept. of Children and Families; State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Task Force; University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Division of Adolescent Medicine; Shared Hope International Restorative Work Group; and GEMS, among many others are working together with Kristi House to provide training and community awareness on this sensitive issue. Kristi House's Project GOLD provides outreach and services to children exploited in sex trafficking to help them escape dangerous lives at the hands of traffickers and predators. More than 200 children in the past five years have received services on an outpatient basis through Project GOLD. Project GOLD uses a strengths-based, survivor-advised approach to help girls see a better future for themselves and restore their lives. Kristi House has trained more than 5,000 professionals in CSEC and presented the topic at three dozen major conferences. Statewide Kristi House is training protective investigators and case workers with the Department of Children and Families under the new Safe Harbor law.

The Miami Dade County partners that have been working on awareness campaigns on HT include Univision, Channel 41, Kristy House, State Attorney's office, The Woman Fund and CIVA.

Proposed Human Trafficking Activities for 2014-2015

We will continue to work in partnership to bring awareness to Child Sex Trafficking in our community, thru seminars, trainings and presentations. The team will continue to support the work that Kristi house does by providing a safe place for the victims and survivors of Human trafficking.

We continue to work closely with all local providers. The plan is for Citrus to have 15 CSEC Therapeutic Foster Homes operational this FY. See update below of their progress to date, three homes are operational, a 4th foster parent is in training.

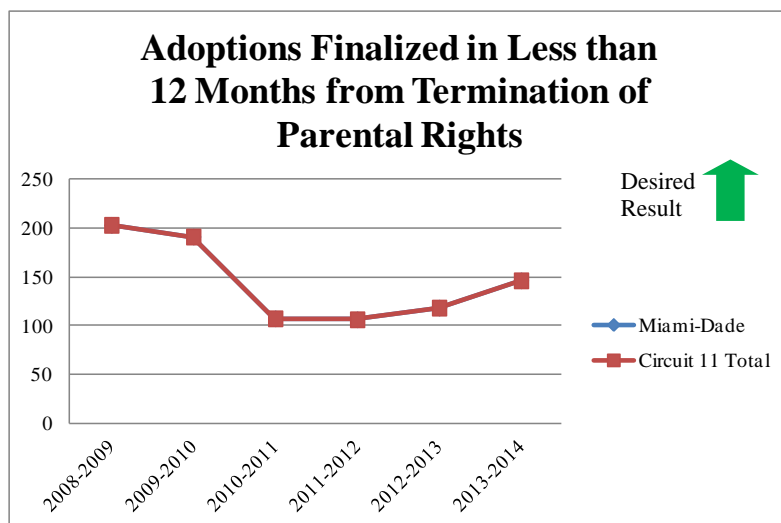
Promotion of Adoption
Desired Population Level Results

2. Promotion of Adoption –

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

Children Adopted within 12 months of Termination of Parental Rights							
County	Numbers and Percentages	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Miami-Dade	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	203	191	107	106	118	146
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	53%	50%	51%	50%	42%	54%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	203	191	107	106	118	146
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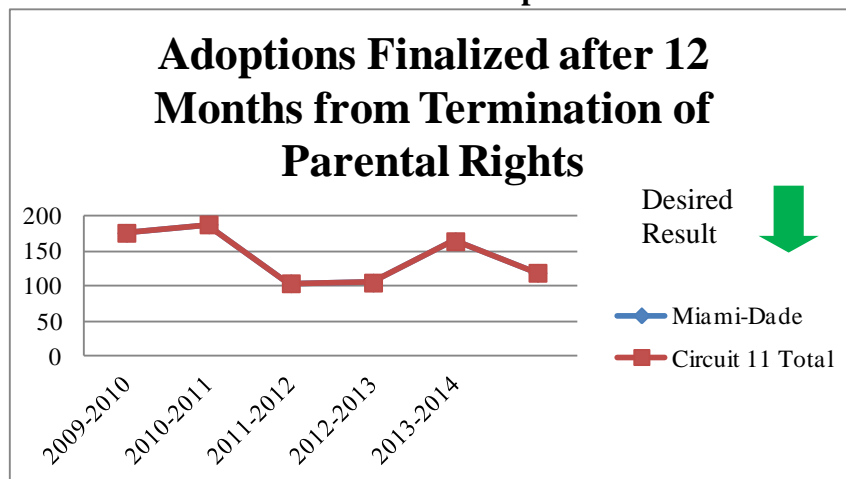


- b. By June 30, 2015, the percent of children legally free for adoption who have been waiting for adoption since the date of termination of parental rights (TPR) for **more than 12 months** will be reduced from the State Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 rate of 53.19 percent.

Children Adopted after 12 months of Termination of Parental Rights							
County	Numbers and Percentages	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Miami-Dade	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	176	188	104	105	164	125
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	46%	50%	49%	50%	58%	46%
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Promotion of Adoption



Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: *Information not provided*

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
<i>Information not provided</i>		

Additional Activities

Interagency Collaboration

Our Kids of Miami Dade County
 Florida Department of Children and Families
 Florida Faith Based and Community Base Advisory Council
 Victory for Youth/Share Your Heart
 The Children's Trust

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Promotion of Adoption

On We Believe Day at Zoo Miami on November 29, 2014. Community leaders, private businesses, artists and the media will come together to unify efforts to help children by adopting, fostering and or becoming a “foster family friend.”

This year National Adoption Day celebration will be held on November 21, 2014 at The Miami Children’s Museum. Approximately 40 children are projected to have their adoption finalized that day.

In an effort to provide extra recruitment for children that are “hard to place” Our Kids of Miami-Dade and Monroe, Inc. partnering with The Children’s Trust launched a new Miami Heart Gallery photo shoot on November 4, 2014 at the Arsht Center.....Approximately 20 additional .children will be featured on the Miami Heart Gallery by December 2014.

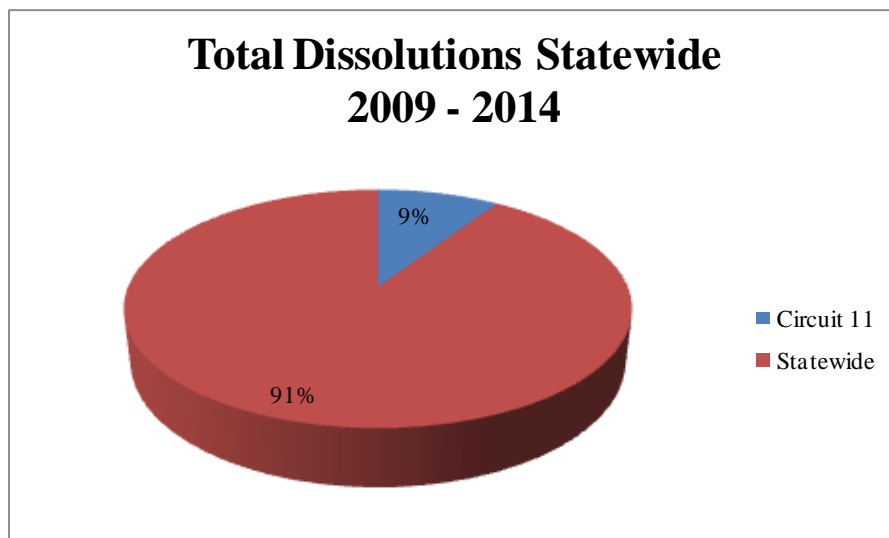
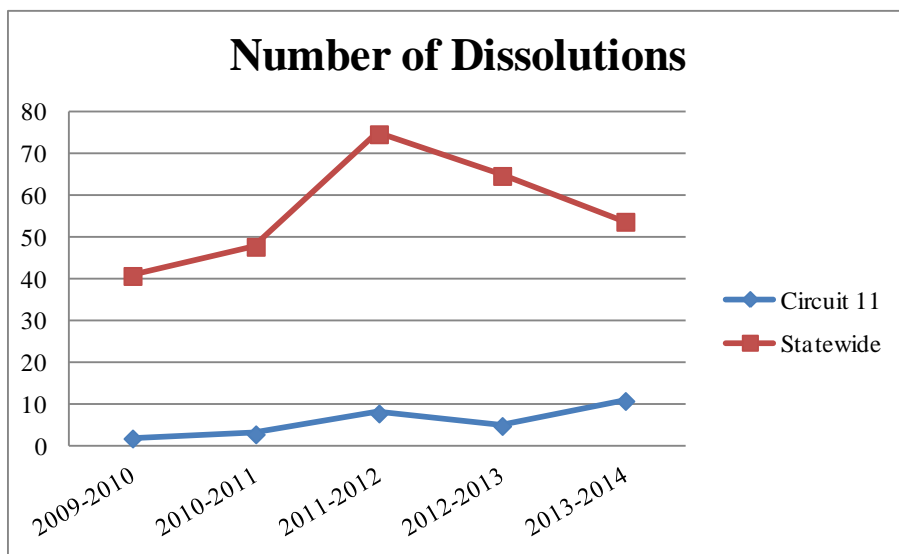
Our Kids is WILD about Our Heroes celebrated our amazing community members who support children in foster care, including foster and adoptive parents, who are the true heroes for our kids in Miami-Dade and the Florida Keys on September 20, 2014.

Support of Adoptive Families Desired Population Level Results

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

Number of Dissolutions					
	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Circuit Total	2	3	8	5	11
State Total	41	48	75	65	54

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Support of Adoptive Families
Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: Currently there are no adoption competent therapists that provide services under Medicaid, to meet the needs of the Miami Dade adoption community. By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will have an adequate number of adoption competent therapists that are covered by Medicaid, to meet the needs of the Miami-Dade adoption community.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1 Insure adequate participation from the Miami-Dade therapeutic community to develop this expertise for our adoptive families.	Currently working with Florida Mentor Inc. to provide adoption training to their therapists. Plan to contact other mental health providers such as Psych Solutions to offer the same.	This objective continues to be challenging due to the lack of enough adoption competent trainers to provide training to our mental health professions. In addition to a lack of adoption competent trainers there is also the need for more Our Kids adoption staff to help achieve objective.

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will have an adequate number of adoption support groups throughout the community to meet the needs of adoptive parents and children.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1 Increase availability of adoption support groups for parents and youth.	Achieved...ongoing	Will continue to encourage pre and post adoptive families to take full advantage of the existing support groups. Awareness of adoption support group is carried out through Quarterly Newsletter distributed by email blast, Annual Awareness Picnic in November to celebrate National Adoption Month and Pre and Post Adoption Information that case managers provide to prospective adoptive families before the adoption is finalized.

Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will have a program of adoption training provided throughout our community to meet the needs of adoptive parents and their prospective children.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1 Provide adoption training for parents who have a child placed with them for adoption.	Achieved...ongoing. Our Kids has brought Licensing in house. PRIDE training includes adoption training. Families that are only interested in adoption are given one on one adoption training/ information before the Adoption Home Study is completed. Our Kids also provide adoption training via its Annual Foster	Our Kids will continue to provide adoption training.

Support of Adoptive Families

	<p>and Adoptive Conference. Our Kids its community partners encourage and assist adoptive families in attending State and National Conference (e.g. Daniel Memorial Conference, Annual DCF Summit, FSFAPA Conference, North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)</p>	
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Strategy 4: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will have a program of post-adoption training provided throughout our community to meet the needs of post-adoptive parents and their children.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1 Provide post-adoption training for parents who have a child placed with them for adoption.	Active ongoing.	Same as Objective 2 and 3.

Strategy 5: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will provide post adoption case management services.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1 Provide post-adoption case management services for adoptive parents and children.	Not achieved	<p>It is quite evident that the need for post adoption case management exists; however, there is not enough staff to fulfill this need. We provide very limited post adoption case management. E.g. our adoption advocate works closely with DCF Protective Investigator whenever there is an abuse allegation against an adoptive parent. If appropriate, parent and/or child (ren) is referred for services.</p> <p>This objective can only be achieved if additional adoption staff is hired.</p>

Strategy 6: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will have developed and distributed an adoptive parent handbook to all current and prospective adoptive parents.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1 Develop and provide an adoptive parent handbook.	Active ongoing.... Handbook was last updated in 2011. Second update will be done by June 2015.	Adoptive Parent Handbook is available. Last update was done in 2011. Efforts to update and distribute will be completed by June 2015.

Strategy 7: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 11 will have operational an evening and weekend hotline to specifically meet the needs of adoptive parents in Miami-Dade County.

Support of Adoptive Families

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1 Develop an evening and weekend hotline for adoptive parents.	Achieved	Adoptive parents can call after hours and on weekends for assistance.

Additional Activities

Interagency Collaboration

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Promotion of Adoption

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

Organization Name	Contact Name	Type(s) of Support Provided
Christ Fellowship Church	Rey Vega – Foster and adoption ministry lead (adoptive parent). & Giselle Delgado – Missions Director	Our Kids has established a long term relationship with Christ Fellowship. We have developed a partnership with the church’s foster and adoption ministry and provide monthly information sessions to individuals and families that the ministry has recruited internally. We have also supported drives that the church has had to support children in foster care.
Life for Life Church	Rosa Alvarez & Beatriz Guimarães – Church Congregant and 3 Uni Official	Our Kids is establishing a long term relationship with Life for Life Church. We have done presentations to this church’s weekend services and have recruited individuals through this activity that have been scheduled to attend a follow up information session at the church. This follow up information session will serve as a forum to detail aspects of foster and adoption and how leads of varying interest can become more involved. 3 Uni is also an organization that strives to establish the message of fostering among numerous churches and we are working with this organization to network our message with their developing partners.
Temple Beth Am	Rabbi Rachael Greengrass	We have established a long term working relationship with Temple Beth Am that started with a presentation to their senior board. Our Kids staff along with Judge Fine of the 11 th circuit gave an overview to the board of the dependency system. In turn the church has embraced our messaging and is helping us recruit foster parents and foster friendly business within their internal congregation.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Foster Parent - Maria Granada	The church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has partnered with us and has offered us support in the form of facility use. They have over three locations across Miami Dade and they have allowed us to utilize these locations to house foster care support meetings as well as Pride classes.
Covenant Baptist Church	DeVenya Armstrong-Our Kids Partner and Heart Gallery Representative	Our Kids has done presentations to Covenant Baptist Church and we are working towards presentations and event participation in upcoming months
Alpha and Omega Church	Foster Parent Grace Gonzales and Pastor Jonathan Griner	Our Kids has had initial meetings with Alpha and Omega Church. We are working towards a events catered towards recruitment as well as foster parent support in the form of a ‘night out’ initiative where foster parents and adoptive parents can be given free child care for one day in the month.
Good Samaritan Baptist Church	Wilbur Urgelles – Pastor at church	Had initial meeting that has established periodic workshops for internal congregation that caters to the support, inquires and needs of current and

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		prospective foster and adoptive parents.
Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ	Foster Parent Denise Sasian	We have had presentations with this church that has led to foster parent participation, the church also supports our messaging and initiatives with flier distribution, we are also developing repeat presentations and event participation.

Name	Contact 1 First Name	Contact 1 Last Name	Contact 1 Phone
Agape Youth Ministry Center	Myrlande	Phanord	7863560817
All Nations Presbyterian Church	Rev. Jonas	Georges	3055289333
Archbishop Mccarthy Residence Housing Management	Jean	Nacier	3056882700
Casa Esperanza Project, Inc.	Luis	Rengifo	3052349212
Catholic Charities - Pierre Toussaint Center	Tessa	Painson	3055733333
Catholic Hospice	leyda	miranda	3053517138
Centro Hispano Catolico	Margarita	Molina	3055761923
Christ Journey Church	Beatriz	Lesher	3054484425
Corpus Christi Catholic Church	Maria t	Valdes	3056351331
De Hostos Senior Center, Inc.	Said	Martinez	3055736220
Dios Con Nosotros	Isabel	Colavizza	7865872476

Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ Of Florida	Pastor Willie	Duckworth	9547367390
Family And Children Faith Coalition	YVONNE	sawyer	7863883000
Family In Distress Inc	Paster Maurice	Neille	9546092959
Famous Triplets & Bba's Ministry, Inc.	Zacharie	Desjardins	3057719097
First Assembly Of God	William	Howland	3052480794
Goulds Church Of Christ	Carol	Coleman	3052536122
Grace Center Church	Phillip	Servius	3054206448
Helping Hands With Your Heart	Carlo	Michel	7862904316
Hialeah Church Of The Nazarene/el Buen Pastor	Obed	Santiesteban	7864028771
Home Of The Nazarene	Obed	Santiesteban	7864028771
Hosanna Community Foundation Inc.	Rev. Charles	Lee Dinkin	3056104164
Iglesia La Vida Eterna	LIZBETH	MENDEZ	3055577725
Iglesia Mision Avivamiento & Fuego	Henry	Paul	7864163067

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church	Sarah	Poke	3052583569
New Revelation Church Of Cma	Florens	Julien	3057101876
New Way Fellowship Baptist Church	Pastor Wendell	Baskin	3056257246
Prince Of Peace Moravian Church	Rev joseph	Nicolas	3056282061
Second Baptist Church	Norma	Allen	3052320499
Tell The World Ministries Inc.	Dina	Michel-Wiggins	2394406730
Wesley Hispanic Umc	Cesar	Villafana	7865473544
World Relief	Guillermo	Luna	3055418320



Gilda Ferradaz, Regional Managing Director in the Southern Region, joined Kadie Black, External Affairs Manager at Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe Inc. on Wednesday for a taping of The Children's Trust periodic TV show "Our Children." Co-hosted by The Children's Trust President/CEO Charles Auslander and former WFOR anchor, Ileana Varela, now with the FIU School of Medicine, the show focused on the bill that proposed increased funding for CPIs and other programs to better protect children from abuse and neglect in Florida.

From left to right, Kadie Black from Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Gilda Ferradaz, Ileana Varela and Charles Auslander



Sonia de Escobar, Child Fatality Prevention Specialist at DCF's Southern Region, participated in Ahora en Nuestra Comunidad, a Saturday morning program on local Univision affiliate Univision 23. Sonia, along with Amigos for Kids president and CEO Rosa Maria Plasencia, spoke about ways to prevent child abuse and the legislative bill that could provide additional funding for child protective investigators.



the caring for kids event with Connect Familias that was held this past Saturday at the Miami Dade College Inter American campus



Community Medical Group, one of our regional Partners for Promise and ACCESS partners, on Thursday donated 50 duffel bags with toiletries, coloring books and other items for children in need. From left to right, Luis Izquierdo, Community Medical Group President and CEO and Silvia Lopez, Director of Webroom Operations at Community Medical Group, present the bags to Tony Wagner, DCF Southern Region Community Development Administrator.

Amigos for Kids' Blue Ribbon Awareness Event

Group photo: Regional Managing Director Gilda Ferradaz, Amigos for Kids' president and CEO Rosa Maria Plasencia, NBC 6 anchor Jackie Nespral, Amigos Board chairman Pedro Cap and others participated in Amigos for Kids' Blue Ribbon Awareness Event Monday at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium. Over 2,000 students from several Miami-Dade County schools attended.



Little lights: Over 2,000 Miami-Dade County schoolchildren were given electronic lights that were turned on all at once as they sang "This Little Light of Mine," honoring those children who died because they were abused or neglected.



Gilda award: Regional Managing Director Gilda Ferradaz accepts an award from a student during Amigos for Kids' Blue Ribbon Awareness Event on Monday at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.



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AmigosForKids.org

There's **NO** excuse for child abuse!



**Amigos For Kids invites you to support 10 years of
Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Awareness Events**

**May 12, 2014, 10:00 am
Miami-Dade County Auditorium
2901 W Flagler St
Miami, FL 33135**



Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
Miami Dade County
Board of County Commissioners