



CIRCUIT 18
Brevard and Seminole Counties
Florida's Five Year Prevention and Permanency Plan
State Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 Progress



Highlights and Accomplishments

Brevard –

The Child Abuse Prevention Task Force (CAPTF) of Brevard hosted many April events. CAPTF hosted a kick-off event at a local restaurant to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Brevard Child Abuse Prevention Task Force members created pinwheel gardens throughout the county. The gardens were hosted at Community Credit Unions, Starbucks, and the Children's Center. In addition to the pinwheel gardens, 10 schools in high risk areas received a vase for display with pinwheels in it, as well as literature about CAPTF and child abuse prevention. CAPTF also hosted proclamations at the court house, with the county commissioners and at the kick-off event. CAPTF distributed 300 bags of resource materials in local neighborhoods as well as 30 bags to local pediatric offices. CAPTF also hosted a recognition banquet that honored businesses, faith community and organizations that support child abuse prevention activities.

In October 2013, the Brevard Child Abuse Prevention Task Force and Brevard Public Schools hosted a free Parenting in Today's World Workshop featuring information regarding the importance of nurturing and bonding and community resource tables offering concrete supports and social connection opportunities. This workshop was attended by approximately 250 parents who received both the pinwheels for prevention book and a parenting book following the event as well as community resource cards.

The REAL Church hosted a free all day summer camp for 75 children from the community. The camp included lunch and structured reading time. The City of Cocoa agreed to allow REAL to use the local community center every Friday evening from 7 – 11pm free of charge. During this time REAL hosted a free teen night, provided dinner and activities for the teens to keep them off the streets. In July 2013, Healthy Families Brevard (HFB) received increased funding to support three new positions - 1 Family Support Worker Supervisor and 2 Family Support Workers. In July 2014, the data clerk position was reorganized to a part-time Family Assessment worker/part time data entry position, thus increasing the ability for HFB to increase the goal of 20 assessments per month to 30 assessments per month.

DCF assisted with a campaign to address the dangers of leaving children in hot cars in Florida. DCF reached out to businesses and organizations in Rockledge to request their assistance in sharing parent and caregiver heatstroke safety tips, following a child death in the community. The following agreed to share provided safety tips: Rockledge City Hall, Nana's Christian Academy, Place in The Garden Café, Rockledge Barber Shop, Dance Gear, Bonita Hair & Beyond, Bianco's Big League Family Eatery, Classic Ink Tattoos, Space Coast Iceplex, First Baptist Church of Rockledge, and McLarty Park Community Center.

The Brevard Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (BYSAP) presented to several elementary schools last year and trained 2nd through 6th graders on Anti-Bullying techniques and Parents on the "Talk! They Hear You" campaign from SAMHSA. BYSAP Utilized and trained elementary schools on the "Above The Influence" social marketing campaign from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. BYSAP also distributed 200 "Know the Law" handbooks which educates families and youths on the commonly broken laws leading to youth arrests and parent arrests.

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BYSAP distributed 1,000 prescription take-back magnets to central Brevard pharmacies and via CAPTF's gift bags during April. During the National Prescription drug take back initiative in April Brevard collected 2,329 lbs of medications that are now off the streets. This was the most successful Take Back in Brevard's history.

Individual Brevard breakdown for the April 26, 2014 take-back day by participating agencies/precincts compared to last year:

	2013	2014
Brevard County Sheriff's Office	70	826
City of Cocoa P.D.	0	136
Cocoa Beach Police Department	40	139
Indianalantic Police Department	0	195
Melbourne Police Department	123	488
Palm Bay Police Department	157	331
Rockledge P.D. (not a designated location this year)	425	0
Satellite Beach Police Department	60	214
TOTAL POUNDS	875	2329

Healthy Start Coalition of Brevard received funding through the Bonnie Shuster Fund to provide pack n plays to families in need. Healthy Start also passes out resource information to families regarding safe sleep. Brevard CARES also had received a \$5000 ABC mini grant from Cribs for Kids to continue to provide pack n plays in the community and are now also offering an additional safe sleep workshop at the Beta Club in Titusville once a month. During this fiscal year, Brevard CARES provided 246 families with pack n plays after completing a safe sleep class.

Space Coast Drowning Prevention Task Force provided the DCF created safe swim materials, along with pool safety materials, at outreach events and community trainings. The Task Force partnered with Health First to provide CEU's to nurses and physicians learning more about drowning prevention. The materials will be distributed at trainings such as this.

Seminole –

Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Seminole focused on community outreach and education

- 5,000 Resource Directories are updated and published
- Community Walks were held 8/9/2013, 11/15/2013 & 4/11/2014 to provide over 200 resource bags during each walk to at risk communities.
- Hosted a Child Protection Investigation Appreciation breakfast to recognize the efforts of the investigators to connect families to services.
- Pinwheel Gardens were placed at ten locations throughout the county, including a first time partnership with Northland, A Church Distributed. Northland kicked off Child Abuse Prevention month activities for the County by hosting a pinwheel garden planting with its middle school fellowship. Seminole County School Board member Dede Shaffner read the Seminole County School Board's proclamation of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The middle school fellowship group was joined by Circuit 18 CDA Phebe Powell, who shared with the students the meaning of the pinwheels. Youth were encouraged to be ambassadors and educate their peers about pinwheel gardens throughout the community.

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In March 2014, Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) in an effort to recognize that the first five years are the most important time for children to learn language and because research indicates that children who are introduced to books and early literacy skills from birth are more likely to become successful readers, launch of a new initiative, “Great Start...Pathways to Success.” Parents are their baby’s first and most important teacher. To celebrate parents as teachers and to let parents know that SCPS cares about their newborn and future Class of 2032 high school graduate, every parent of a newborn baby with a Seminole County address will receive a “Great Start” gift bag. Inside each bag is a:

- Welcome letter from Dr. Welcome letter from Dr. Walt Griffin, Superintendent, and Mrs. Karen Almond, School Board Chair
- Graduating Class of 2032 bib
- Resource Directory for Parents
- Quick reference card to the United Way’s “211” number
- Bookmark with tips for parents
- Developmental Milestones “calendar”
- “Read to Your Bunny” and “Hug You, Kiss You, Love You” books
- Pacifier clip from the Seminole Early Learning Coalition with Helpful hints on selecting quality child care
- DCF child fatality prevention and awareness materials

Bags are being distributed through local Central Florida hospitals, birthing and pregnancy centers, the Florida Health Department, and other community locations. In addition, parents interested in an extra system of support may be referred for structured play groups or assistance from the Great Start social worker.

On March 20th, the Healthy Start Coalition brought several agencies together to throw 100 mothers and moms-to-be a baby shower. There were health experts on hand, access to important services and even prizes. Health officials said much of what was offered at the baby shower is available to moms by going to the county's health department in Sanford.

During the National Prescription drug take back initiative in April Seminole collected 1,589 lbs of medications that are now off the streets.

Individual Brevard breakdown for the April 26, 2014 take-back day by participating agencies/precincts compared to last year:

Rx Drug Take-Back Day	Oct-2013	Apr-2014
Weights		
Altamonte Springs Police Dept.	136	201
Casselberry Police Dept.	407	335
Lake Mary Police Dept.	93	194
Longwood Police Dept.	159	230
Oviedo Police Dept.	234	260
Sanford Police Dept.	24	35
Seminole County Sheriff	67	172
Winter Springs Police Dept.	117	162
TOTAL POUNDS	1,237	1,589

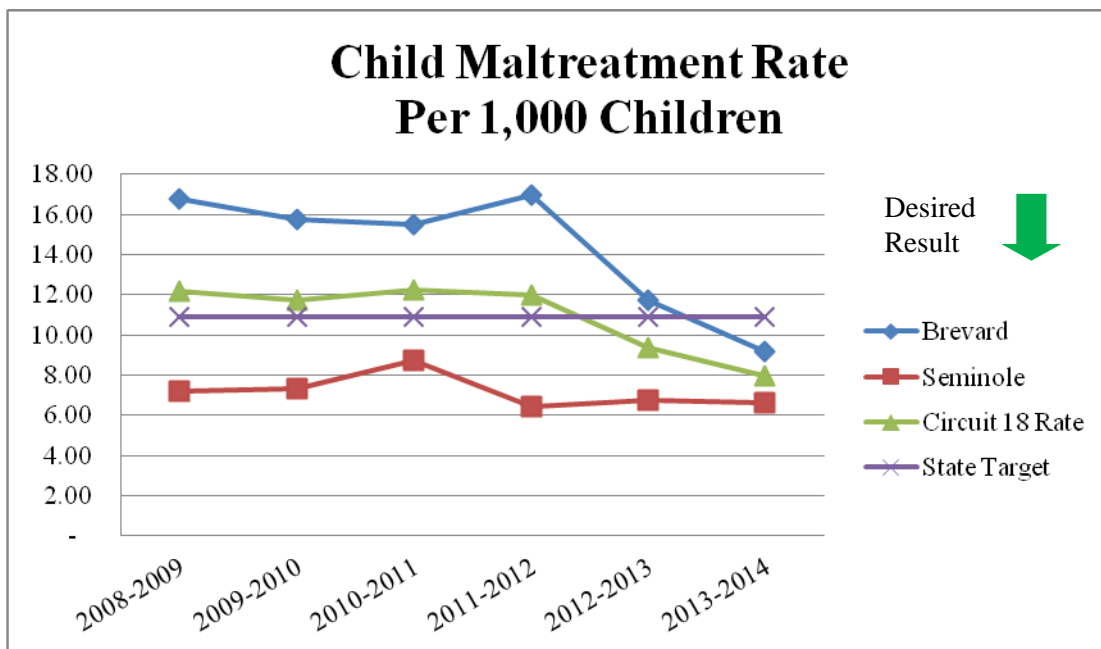
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Desired Population Level Result

- 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
Brevard	16.79	15.73	15.48	16.98	11.71	9.16
Seminole	7.21	7.33	8.71	6.47	6.77	6.65
Circuit Rate	12.22	11.74	12.25	11.97	9.35	7.95
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

**The current Five-Year Prevention and Permanency Plan started on July 1, 2010.*



Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will have implemented the Family Strengthening Initiative within the current provider community and continued with public and provider awareness campaigns.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Implement the Family Strengthening Initiative in the Substance Abuse provider network.	Completed	Progress towards completion – Completed 100%. Key identifications for target audience, training materials, and funding were completed in 2010. Training of substance abuse providers was completed in 2011. Additional training is provided upon request.
Objective 1.2 Implement the Family Strengthening Initiative in the Domestic Violence provider	Completed	Progress towards completion – Completed 100% Key identifications for target audience, training

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Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
network.		<p>materials, and funding were completed in 2010. Training of domestic violence providers was to be completed in 2011. Additional training is being provided upon request.</p> <p>The Domestic Violence Task Force completed one round of primary prevention education at Cambridge Elementary and a second at Emma Jewel Charter School. Serene Harbor also reported that they will be opening a kennel at their shelter in Feb so DV victims do not have to leave their pets behind.</p>
Objective 1.3 Implement the Family Strengthening Initiative in the Mental Health provider network.	Completed	<p>Progress towards completion – Completed 100%. Key identifications for target audience, training materials, and funding were completed in 2010. Training of mental health providers was completed in 2011. Additional training is being provided upon request.</p> <p>In Brevard County, the Mobile Response Team (MRT) responds to children in crisis and focuses on promoting social & emotional competency as well as increasing positive social connections. During this year, MRT served 235 families, 228 of which were successfully stabilized for a total success rate of 98%.</p>
Objective 1.4 Implement the Family Strengthening Initiative in the Early Education provider network.	Completed	<p>Progress towards completion – Completed 100%. Key identifications for target audience, training materials, and funding were completed in 2010. Training of early education providers was completed in 2011. Additional training is being provided upon request.</p> <p>During this fiscal year, protective Factors trainings have been offered to Eastern Florida State College Education majors, Head Start, Early Headstart programs, Impower, and Brevard CARES staff.</p> <p>The Early Learning Coalition of Brevard offers monthly educational topics related to the protective factors which are made available to all families across the county as well as to partnering agencies via social media.</p>
Objective 1.5 Year round public	On Target	Progress towards completion – On target 80%.

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Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
awareness efforts with an emphasis in April that provides information to the general population and provider network on child development, positive parenting practices and community resources.		Presentations by different providers at monthly meetings highlighting resources available to families, on going Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, and the annual Brevard Parent resource workshop. The Seminole Safety fair was discontinued and replaced with community walks. They did 3 last year, 200 bags.

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will build a Whole Child Community by having at least one Whole Child Project in the judicial circuit that has attained a Level 2 status as outlined in the Recognition Criteria in the Whole Child Tool Kit.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Develop and support the Whole Child Community in Brevard County.	Abandoned	Progress towards completion – Abandoned. No community administrator could be identified to provide ongoing administrative services. The Planning Team in Brevard is now exploring. During the exploration period 211 is serving as the on-line resource tool for the community.
Objective 2.2 Explore implementing the Whole Child Connection in Seminole County.	Completed	Progress towards completion – Completed 100%. The Planning Team chose to support Resource Point after exploring Whole Child.

Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will have implemented prevention initiatives in conjunction with the faith-based community that will provide for universal or targeted efforts in which the faith community is engaged to provide family and community supports that would build the protective factors identified in the family strengthening initiative.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 3.1 Develop strategies to engage the Brevard County Interfaith coalition in the promotion of child abuse prevention using the protective factors with emphasis on social connections, concrete supports, and knowledge of parenting and child development.	On Target	Progress towards completion – On Target 80%. The Brevard Interfaith Coalition (BIC) has created a training manual for the faith community to educate their staff and volunteers on how to build protective factors in families. During the past year, BIC has continued with meetings where agencies shared information. In addition the BIC newsletter has been shared with over 500 recipients and included information on changes in SNAP, Medicare, foster care. BIC has also provided assistance to prevent homelessness in the community.

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Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 3.2 Develop strategies to engage Resource point in the promotion of child abuse prevention with emphasis on social connections and concrete supports in times of need. (Resource Point provides access to resources and service provided by local agencies through an online platform.)	On-Target	Progress towards completion – On Target 90%. Resource Point is established within the community as the “go to” for locating resources. They serve as the primary community link for student homelessness and services available in the community. Information from the CAPTF resource directory is uploaded into Resource Point. Resource Point now has app for mobile use. During this past year they have also added a resource guide to assist victims of human trafficking to find resources and support statewide.
Objective 3.3 Develop strategies to engage Pathways to Home in the promotion of child abuse prevention through provision of concrete supports to families facing homelessness and case management services to increase parental resilience in Seminole County.	Delayed	Progress towards completion – Delayed 60%. In 2011 Pathways had created a one-stop location with a broad range of services available. They continue to provide services to appropriate families, however the community need is beyond the current resources available. In 2013 they began taking on more of a community homeless prevention effort. In September 2013 Pathways co-located services with CBC CF. Their current program service array includes: Case Management/Family Team Conferences, Housing/utility assistance for those in the program, Financial education in partnership with CredAbility, Employment Assistance, GED prep classes with Adult Literacy League and Legal Consultation/advocacy services provided by Legal Aid. For families that they are unable to assist Pathways is making referrals for resources and services.

Strategy 4: Circuit 18 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.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 4.1 Continue, enhance and expand Healthy Families Florida.	On-Target	Progress towards completion – On Target 80%. Healthy Families Brevard uses the Growing Great Kids Curriculum which is designed to strengthen the following protective factors: Nurturing and attachment, Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development, Parental resilience, Social

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		<p>connections, Concrete supports for parents.</p> <p>During FY 2013-2014 HFB has completed 2,955 home visits with 119 families, including 206 children, enrolled in HFB. In addition, there were 253 face-to-face assessments completed.</p> <p>Since 2010 HFB has served 692 participants and almost 1000 children since 2010. HFB has provided 11,649 home visits and an additional 960 face to face assessments. They have also provided 5667 referrals to families in need.</p>
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Additional Activities

During the 2013-2014 reporting year our communities expanded our focus to look beyond child safety and to look at the whole child, in an effort to support well-being. The below activities high light our efforts to embrace our values of being: family driven, youth guided, community based, trauma informed and culturally and linguistically competent.

Family Driven

The Federation of Families of Central Florida, Inc. (FFCFL) is a family support organization. They are dedicated to supporting families, educating caregivers, reducing stigma within our communities and advocating for children and youth with emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges in Central Florida. During this reporting period they worked very closely with our Children’s Cabinet to give families a voice in our planning process. They expanded their support network to include a Grandparents Group and provide family fun “stigma free” events and activities. FFCFL hosted numerous trainings and speakers to provide support for parents/caregivers. These trainings included: Family Recovery Peer Specialist Training, Verbal De-escalation Training, Overcoming Life’s Stressors, Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

Youth Guided

Youth THRIVE- In October, 2012 Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) began the development of a system transformation project which entailed establishing a framework for the incorporation of trauma informed care (TIC) across the community of practice. The goal of the transformation initiative was to develop and foster broad community awareness and knowledge regarding the impact of trauma on children and families; and upon those who serve and care for them. BFP has since held two Trauma Informed Care /Positive Youth Development Summit’s. These included a Youth Café’ where current and former foster youth disused their needs, goals and challenges. That feedback was then presented to key community leaders and stakeholders to develop strategies for success. In July of this year, BFP partnered with the Center for the Study of Social Policy to provide train the trainer on their Youth Thrive curriculum to twenty professionals from the system of care. This curriculum is now being incorporated into practices, policy and procedures throughout BFP. Additional training is scheduled to occur in the coming year.

Youth MOVE Seminole is a youth led organization that advocates for young people with mental illness, or who are in the juvenile justice system or the foster care system. They received became an official chapter in the fall of 2012. Youth MOVE uses there voices to stand up for other youth in eliminating the stigma associated with mental health, as well as advocating to adults with legislative power to better the systems. During this past year that took on several initiatives: hosting creative writing classes to assist youth in telling their own stories, Lets

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MOVE community walk and resource fair to raise awareness about mental health and available services, and the creation of a subchapter Youth MOVE Kids to give younger children the same opportunities they are having.

Trauma Informed

During this reporting period we have been able to host an array of trainings to our community to help us become more trauma informed.

- De-escalation Techniques Training – Conflict is caused by actual or perceived differences or misunderstandings. Escalation occurs when one person responds to the conflict in a manner that threatens or angers another person. To support those working with youth on a regular basis the training was facilitated by a licensed mental health therapist and provided to 173 individual Seminole County Transportation Department staff members throughout November and December 2013, and January 2014.
- Trauma-Informed Care Training – Award winning author, speaker, and educator Jonathan Friesen was our special guest presenter who talked with our community about how pain carried by youth is buried deep and is often hidden from view. Wounded hearts and minds are surrounded by an invisible pain grid through which the world is seen as a confusing place. Friesen spoke of the barriers that prevent youth from understanding and connecting with others and provided hope to professionals by giving tools for working through the pain grid to touch the heart of hurting youth. The training was held in August 2013 and attended by 79 individuals representing mental health provider agencies, substance abuse agencies, child welfare, advocacy organizations, the education system, law enforcement, and the faith community.
- Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) Training – WRAP is a personal tool to assist individuals with managing their wellness, their feelings, and their lives. This training provides participants with wellness tools and teaches them how to develop and implement a plan for dealing with difficult times before they escalate. Using a WRAP training manual and certified facilitators, participants are guided through a process of identifying how they feel when they are well, triggers of negative reactions, early warning signs of getting worse, when things are breaking down, and how to deal with a crisis. This training was held in December 2013 and in May 2014 and helped 24 professionals, family members, and youth to ensure that self-care receives the priority it deserves.
- Wraparound Process Training – Children and youth with intensive emotional, behavioral, and mental health challenges typically have multiple needs. They are served by a variety of agencies in the system of care which may include juvenile justice, mental health, substance abuse, education, and/or child welfare. Wraparound is an approach that brings everyone together as one collaborative with the family and youth at the heart of it all, driving every decision. Training on this innovative process was held in December 2013 and May 2014, and prepared 18 attendees for active involvement.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – Youth Mental Health First Aid introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge (www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org). Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care. A total of 11 trainings were held throughout the 2013-14 fiscal year and a total of 211 individuals participated.

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Culturally and Linguistically Competent

Brevard was selected as one of two pilot sites in the state for the Peace of Mind Florida Project, which collocates a disabilities advocate on site at the domestic violence safe house. Peace of Mind Florida is a collaboration between the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) and the Brain Injury Association of Florida (BIAF). It is the intention of FCADV and BIAF, through this project, to collaboratively create sustainable system changes and provide training and technical assistance to support Certified Domestic Violence Center Advocates and Resource Facilitation Coordinators; to address the unique needs of survivors of domestic violence living with a disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury.

After identifying a service gap in the delivery of treatment for youth who are charged with committing a sexual offense, we were able to bring *Best Practices for Addressing Sexual Harm by Youth Training* to our community – The training was taught by Joann Schladale, M.S., L.M.F.T. from Resources for Resolving Violence, Inc.. This academic certification course provided an intensive didactic and experiential approach for addressing sexual harm by youth. The content included a comprehensive overview of a full continuum of care highlighting a clearly defined treatment process. The training held over a one week span in December 2013 was attended by 15 therapists from Brevard, Hillsborough, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties.

A Cultural Competence LGBT workshop was held in April 2014. We felt it important to offer this workshop because exposure to violence can have negative effects on the education and health of LGBT youth. In a national study of middle and high school students, LGBT students (61.1%) were more likely than their non-LGBT peers to feel unsafe or uncomfortable as a result of their sexual orientation. LGBT students (over 25%) reported missing classes or days of school because of feeling unsafe in their school environment. Overall, the stresses experienced by LGBT youth also put them at greater risk for mental health problems, substance use, and physical health problems. The workshop was facilitated by Kathryn L. Norsworthy, Ph.D..

Interagency Collaboration

In April 2014 Circuit 18 was chosen as a Georgetown Crossover Youth Practice Model site by the Department of Juvenile Justice. Georgetown University has been providing technical assistance to a number of Florida counties over the last 5 years on innovative ways to address the youth population that crosses over from the dependency system to the delinquency system and vice versa. This population of youth has specific needs that require the support of both delinquency and dependency case management. With the assistance of Georgetown staff, Circuit 18 began working on prevention plans and protocols to increase collaboration between child welfare and delinquency and better serve dually adjudicated youth and their families.

Local Review Teams composed of leaders from the Department of Children and Families, Department of Juvenile Justice, Children's Medical Services, Agency for Health Care Administration, the Managing Entity, Community Based Care Partners, SEDNET, Guardian ad Litem, Diversion Programs and others providing services to children come together monthly to complete what has historically been known as a Champions Staffing. These staffings are held in compliance with the statewide interagency agreement for shared clients and capture the essences of the intent behind our original Champion's Agreement, that every child needs at least one person who will stand up and be their Champion. This team of dedicated professionals came together 23 times during this reporting period and was successful at keeping a number of children out of deeper end services and providing services to the child and family.

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Brevard

Early Head Start and the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard partnered together to provide 600 pinwheels books and 600 CAPTF Community resource cards to Early Head Start Families during home visits.

Seminole

In an effort to be more trauma informed and coordinate services for children across child serving systems our Circuit, in coordination with Circuit 9, embraced the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment as a common tool. The CANS was already being used as the foundation for the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment in child welfare, and through this effort it was aligned with the TASC in the Juvenile Justice Assessment Centers in Seminole, Orange, Osceola and Brevard. The CANS is a multi-purpose tool developed for children's services to support decision-making including levels of care and service planning, to facilitate quality improvement initiatives, and to allow for the monitoring of outcomes of services. The goal of this effort is to not only prevent youth from having to tell their story over and over again. But to give providers a common language and assessment tool to measure treatment progress. To support these efforts we have been hosting *Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Certification Training*. A total of 11 certification trainings were held throughout the 2013-14 fiscal year and a total of 197 individuals from 50 agencies participated.

Families and Communities Together in Seminole (FACTS), Community Based Care of Central Florida and The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County, along with community partners, hosted and participated in presentations and events for Children's Mental Health Awareness Month in May 2014.

- Seminole County, its seven cities and the Seminole County School Board all proclaimed May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month and May 8 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day during commission and school board meetings in April. Brief presentations were made at the county, five cities and the school board sharing news that children's mental health issues are common and treatment is readily available in the community. The presentation at the Seminole County Commission was live on Seminole County TV.
- Youth MOVE Seminole, hosted Let's Move: A Walk for Children's Mental Health Awareness at Winter Springs High School on April 26. The free event included a kids' zone, resources bags and a resource fair with booths to help youth and families with information on education, employment, housing and access to healthcare.
- On Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, May 8, two booths were hosted at Alive After 5, a monthly street party featuring local businesses, groups and organizations and attended by hundreds of local residents. Volunteers from FACTS, Federation of Families of Central Florida, Youth M.O.V.E. Seminole and local partnering agencies provided mental health information, distributed giveaways with links to more info and answered questions from the community.
- On May 9, more than 100 people attended the award-winning documentary *Hear Our Voices* at the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in Downtown Sanford. The film told the inspiring stories of nine children and young adults who are fighting to overcome their mental health issues. A local panel with representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice, the school system and child welfare, as well as a mental health counselor, a participant in the documentary and local youth and family members with mental health challenges held a question and answer session after the movie.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Child Maltreatment Prevention

During the upcoming year our Circuit will continue our efforts to raise awareness throughout the community regarding child abuse, promote the protective factors and our core values. To achieve these efforts we will:

- Conduct community resource walks and participate in community events
- Plant Pin Wheel Gardens
- Promote prevention campaigns related to child fatalities
- Host a Protective Factors Train the Trainer session
- Support prescription drug take back events
- Support Healthy Families

In addition to the above each county will welcome new services/programs:

Brevard

Serene Harbor and Salvation Army Women Center are partnering with the Department of Children and Families to collocate a domestic violence advocate with the Child Protective Investigators. They will provide consultation on cases, assist victims with receiving needed services, as well as provide training for Child Protective Investigators. Serene Harbor will also be opening a kennel at their shelter in February so domestic violence victims do not have to leave their pets behind.

Seminole

Children's Home Society has received funding to operate the Healthy Families Program in Seminole County beginning July 1, 2014. They will be able to serve 140 families,

Human Trafficking Activities

Summary of Human Trafficking Activities

Our County Level Planning teams have elected to support their local human trafficking task force rather than replicate efforts. The below provides a sampling of activities of each task force

Brevard – East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force

In an effort to increase awareness regarding Human Trafficking the East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force taped two twelve minute Brevard Notes pieces on Human Trafficking. Brevard Notes is a noncommercial television show that gives free television time to non-profit organizations working toward the greater good of the community.

Symposium on Combating Human Trafficking hosted by Congressman Bill Posey. Support for the symposium was provided by Children Home Society, Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Brevard Family Partnership, Crosswinds, Department of Children and Families, Department of Homeland Security, Devereux, East Coast Human Trafficking Task force, Metropolitan Bureau of Investigations, Palm Bay Police Department, State Attorney's Office, and Zonta Club of Melbourne. The symposium was well attended with standing room only and received media coverage from several different media outlets including Florida Today.

Seminole – Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force

Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force hosted the 6th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day. There were a vast variety of organizations attending the event including: the Victim Service Center of Central Florida, the United Nations Association of Greater Orlando, Amnesty International USA – Orlando Chapter and many more. This is the largest anti-human trafficking awareness event in Central Florida and is a community-wide effort to address modern-day slavery and the exploitation of children.

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Since its inception on January 11, 2009 thousands of Central Florida citizens have been educated about the crime of human trafficking in 'our own backyard'. Activities at the event included:

- FREE finger printing & picture I.D. for children
- Educational games and activities for children
- Anti-Human Trafficking booths – Domestic & International agencies
- Memory Exhibit – ‘Where are all the missing children & adults’?
- Guest Speakers & Abolitionist sharing their stories & experiences.
- PRIZE DRAWING – Win prizes...
- CALL TO ACTION – Stand with those ending slavery!
- Art Stroll and Silent Auction
- Live entertainment, food vendors, Fair Trade vendors, and MUCH more!

In October 2013 the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force (GOHTTF), the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI), and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Orlando Regional Operations Center, (FDLE OROC) hosted the first law enforcement and victim service providers ‘Victim Centered Approach’ Conference. This conference focused on providing additional human trafficking investigative training and victim centered approach (trauma informed care model). The goal was to develop a draft for the Human Trafficking Response Team protocol. Several anti-human trafficking non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) attend to provide information about their services to survivors of human trafficking and their partnerships with law enforcement.

Proposed Human Trafficking Activities for 2014-2015

In the upcoming year we will continue to support the Greater Orlando and East Coast Human Trafficking Task Forces efforts to raise awareness, strengthen their faith alliances, and increase coordination among law enforcement agencies and NGO’s.

Promotion of Adoption

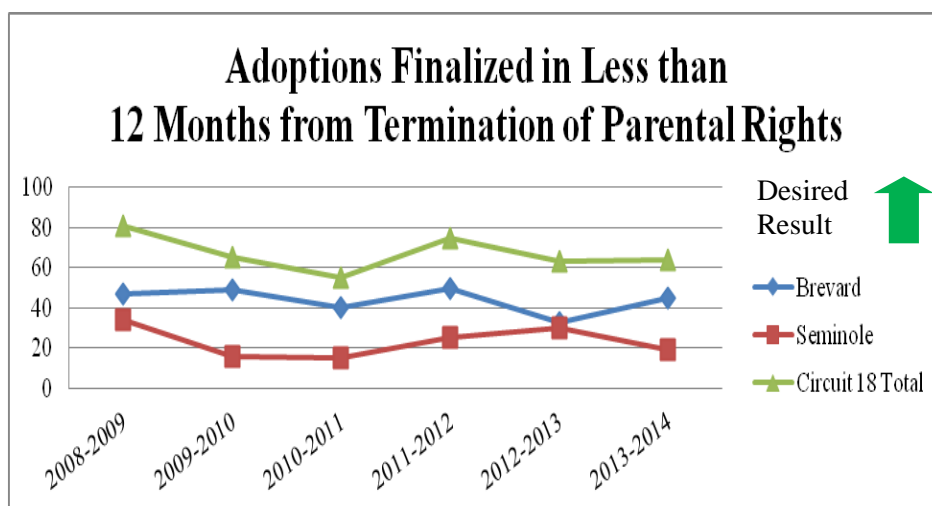
Desired Population Level Results

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
Brevard	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	47	49	40	50	33	45
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	66%	65%	75%	70%	58%	63%
Seminole	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	34	16	15	25	30	19
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	63%	76%	63%	83%	75%	86%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	81	65	55	75	63	64
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	65	68%	71%	74%	65%	68%

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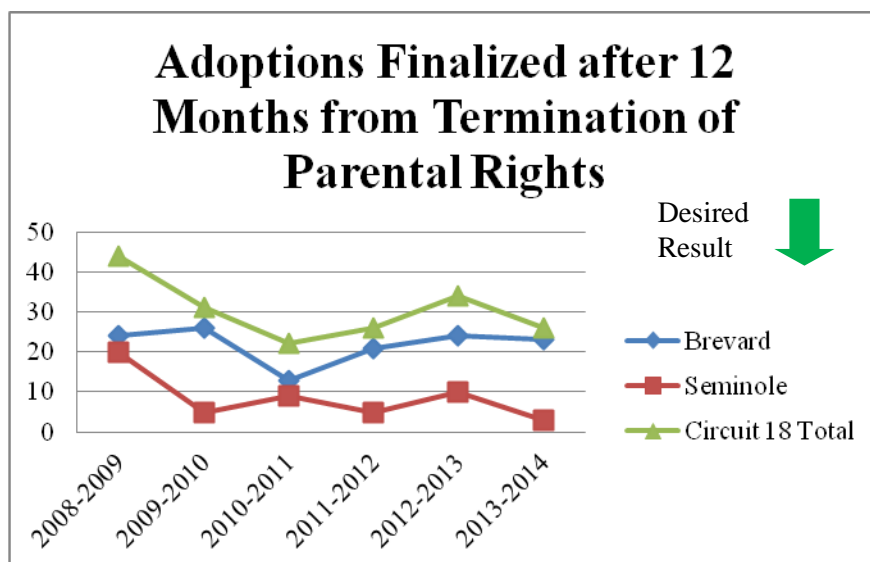


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- b. By June 30, 2015, the percent of children legally free for adoption who have been waiting for adoption since the date of termination of parental rights (TPR) for **more than 12 months** will be reduced from the State Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 rate 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
Brevard	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	24	26	13	21	24	27
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	34%	35%	25%	30%	42%	38%
Seminole	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	20	5	9	5	10	3
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	37%	24%	38%	17%	25%	14%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	44	31	22	26	34	30
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	35%	32%	29%	26%	35%	32%

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Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: Targeted recruitment for teens, sibling groups and medically complex children

By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will increase the number of families that are willing and able to adopt the type of children that are currently in care.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 To increase the number of families who are interested in adopting teens & sibling groups by engaging the	On Target	Progress towards completion – On target 70%. BFP has participated in several recruitment events to target teens, sibling groups and medically complex

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<p>faith & educational community.</p>		<p>children. Adoption recruitment events in Brevard have included: 8/23/13 Rockledge Night Out, 9/21/13 Kid Fest , 9/28/13 Center Point Church Matching Event, 10/5/13 Vieira High School Board Parenting Workshop, 10/25/13-10/27/13 Boo At the Zoo, 11/3/13 Radio Show Appearance to promote both foster care and adoption program in Brevard., 11/16 /13 Walk For Love, 11/21/13 Interfaith Coalition Meeting, 1/23/14 Interfaith Coalition Meeting, 2/27/14 Interfaith Coalition Meeting , 3/30/14 Radio Show to promote foster care and adoption, 4/18/14 Breakfast Event at Suntree Country Club, 4/27/14 Radio Show, 6/14/14 Matching Event at New Venture Church in Titusville.</p> <p>BFP has completed Quarterly matching events for families with approved home studies at local bowling alleys, The Point Church, New Venture Church in Titusville, and Happy Hooves Farm.</p> <p>CBC of Central Florida (CBC) has partnered with Children’s Home Society and Embraced By Grace to put on recruitment events to target teens, sibling groups and medically complex children. CBC of Central Florida hosts a monthly meeting with all of the CMO’s from Circuit 18 and Circuit 9 where all of the adoption specialists meet to discuss the unmatched children as well as newly approved PRIDE families. This meeting has yielded several matches for both circuits. Additionally, there is an annual recruitment event at SeaWorld where Circuit 9 and 18 bring their unmatched children and families for an event and then an afternoon in the park.</p>
<p>Objective 1.2 To increase the number of families who are interested in adopting medically complex children by engaging the medical community.</p>	<p>On Target</p>	<p>Progress towards completion – On target 80%.</p> <p>BFP participated at a Holmes Regional Employee Health fair.</p> <p>CBC of Central Florida (CBC) has partnered with Children’s Home Society and Embraced By Grace to put on recruitment events to target teens, sibling groups and medically complex children. CBC of Central Florida hosts a monthly meeting with all of</p>

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Objective 1.3 To increase the number of families who become engaged in the adoption process accessed through the Heart Gallery.	On Target	<p>Progress towards completion – On target 80%.</p> <p>BFP hosted a Heart Gallery shoot every quarter. BFP has seen an increase in inquires through the Heart Gallery.</p> <p>CBC CF has an annual Heart Gallery photo shoot. The last Heart Gallery shoot. They have created a digital Heart Gallery that can be viewed via the internet or on monitors in various places in the community</p>

Strategy 2: Update and improve curriculum used to prepare families for adoption

By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will implement new curriculum in the mandated training for families wishing to become adoptive parents.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 To implement updated curriculum that better prepares families to adopt children out of foster care.	On Target	<p>Progress towards completion – On target 80%.</p> <p>BFP and CBC CF teaches the PRIDE curriculum for adoption and foster care.</p>

Strategy 3: Implement a Customer Service Protocol

By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will continue full implementation of a Customer Service Protocol.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 3.1 To retain adoptive and prospective adoptive parents through excellent customer service.	On Target	<p>Progress towards completion – On target 80%.</p> <p>BFP continues to utilize its customer service protocol. Impower has taken over these functions from BFP and has a protocol in place.</p> <p>CBC CF does not have a formal customer service protocol; however all calls and/or correspondence are returned within 24 hours. CBC will move forward with creating a formal protocol.</p>

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Additional Activities

Brevard

Walk/Run for Love had approximately 300 participants who promoted adoption by walking from the Church at Viera to the Courthouse to celebrate forever families in Brevard County.

Celebration of Adoption events by BFP are being held twice a year, one in June and one in November. During the past year, 12 were adopted in June and 15 in November.

Space Coast Living also features articles in November speaking about adoption.

Local movie theaters host ads at the beginning of the movies featuring information about Brevard Family Partnership and how to request information about adoption.

The Brevard Family Partnership newsletter features an adoptive family in the Month of November for National adoption month.

Seminole

Community Based Care of Central Florida celebrated National Adoption Day on November 22nd. On that day 30 children in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties, joined their forever families . Ranging from infants to teens, they were among nearly 4,500 youth adopted in ceremonies across the country. Florida's First Lady, Ann Scott, attended the ceremonies in Osceola County and was among many dignitaries and community leaders who shared their support. Judge Nancy Alley, presiding over the ceremony in Seminole County said “Since my very first experience with National Adoption Day, it has always been close to my heart. If you see a judge cry, this is the time. There’s nothing more powerful than witnessing the creation of a new family.” The adoption ceremonies were covered by local news and print media, helping to share our message in central Florida.

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One Church One Child, Department of Children and Families, Community Based Care of Central Florida hosted a breakfast at St Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford that brought together church leaders in the Sanford area. WESH News anchor Greg Fox donated his time and talent as the MC for the event designed to inspire church leaders to begin an orphan ministry in their congregations

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In the upcoming year we will continue to promote adoption in our community through celebrations of adoptions and awareness events like the Walk for Love. In addition, will be adding a collaborative effort between the Department of Children and Families and Community Based Care of Central Florida in partnership with Northland, A Church Distributed to recognize and promote Orphan Sunday.

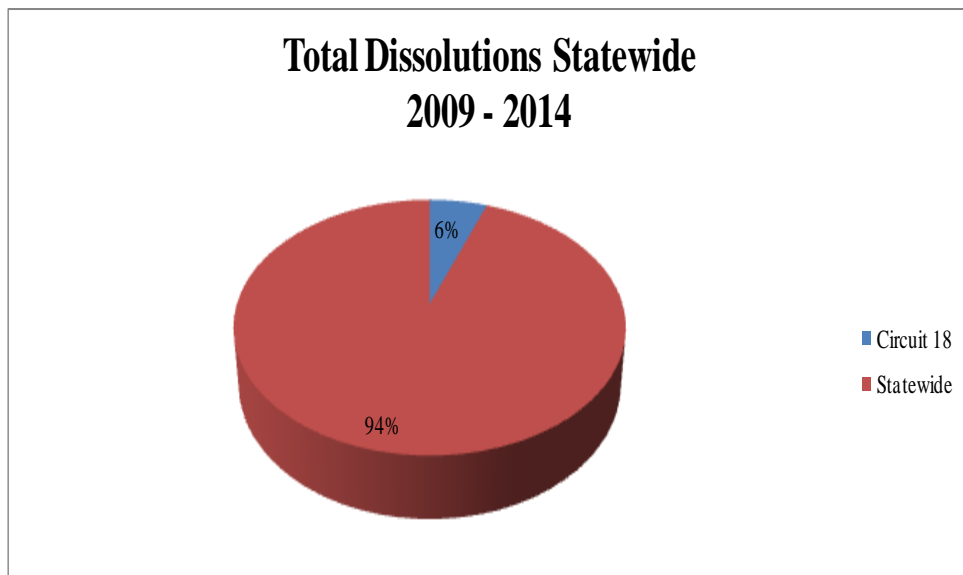
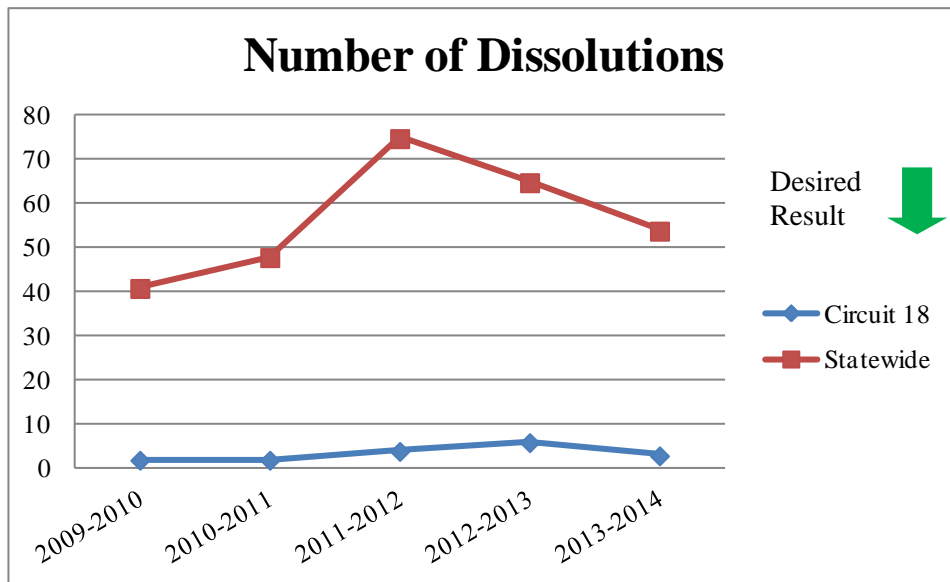
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Desired Population Level Results

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					
Year	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Circuit Total	2	2	4	6	3
State Total	41	48	75	65	54

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Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will have developed a pool of adoption competent mental health professionals.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Increase the number of adoption competent trainers.	Stalled	<p>Progress towards completion – Stalled 50%.</p> <p>Currently, BFP does not have an adoption competent trainer and has not trained any adoption competency local mental health professionals in the last year. However, staff from the Florida Adoption Center have recently been trained in Adoption competency and will be partnering with Brevard CARES to provide training in the upcoming year.</p> <p>Currently, CBC has 1 adoption competent trainer and has trained approximately 25 adoption competency local mental health professionals. CBC of Central Florida refers to approximately 14 adoption competent mental health professionals. Additionally, when funding is available, they have an adoption competent mental health professional at the support groups that are facilitated on a monthly basis.</p>
Objective 1.2 Train adoption competency to local mental health professionals.	Stalled	<p>Progress towards completion – Stalled 50%.</p> <p>Currently, BFP does not have an adoption competent trainer and has not trained any adoption competency local mental health professionals in the last year. However, local providers have attended training in Orange and Hillsborough Counties in the past year. In addition, Brevard CARES has an adoption competent trained Care Coordinator on staff who assists with the new Adoption Support Group. Brevard Family Partnership has recently added a contract with a local provider who is trained in adoption competency.</p> <p>Currently, CBC has 1 adoption competent trainer and she has trained approximately 25 adoption competency local mental health professionals in the last year with 2 other facilitators. CBC of Central Florida refers to approximately 14 adoption competent mental health professionals. Additionally, when funding is available, they have an adoption</p>

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		competent mental health professional at the support groups that are facilitated on a monthly basis.
Objective 1.3 Develop a listing of adoption competent mental health professionals.	Stalled	<p>Progress towards completion – Stalled 50%.</p> <p>Currently, BFP does not have an adoption competent trainer and has not trained any adoption competency local mental health professionals in the last year. However, local providers have attended training in Orange and Hillsborough Counties in the past year. In addition, Brevard CARES has an adoption competent trained Care Coordinator on staff who assists with the new Adoption Support Group. Brevard Family Partnership has recently added a contract with a local provider who is trained in adoption competency.</p> <p>Currently, CBC has 1 adoption competent trainer and she has trained approximately 25 adoption competency local mental health professionals in the last year with 2 other facilitators. CBC of Central Florida refers to approximately 14 adoption competent mental health professionals. That listing of professionals is available on their website and has been distributed throughout the Children’s Cabinet distribution list.</p>

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will explore the possibility of creating and maintaining adoption support groups for parents and teenagers.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Increase attendance and awareness of current adoption support groups.	On Target	<p>Progress towards completion – On target 80%.</p> <p>BFP currently has two adoptive/foster parent support groups that meet once a month. The attendance and awareness has increased over the 2013 year. BFP/CARES also has a designated post adoption specialist to assist adoptive families.</p> <p>CBC of Central Florida currently has three adoptive/foster parent support groups that meet once a month. During this reporting year the Children’s Cabinet shared information with its members, including Seminole County Public Schools, to increase community awareness about this resource.</p>

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Objective 2.2 Explore funding options for creation of a Seminole County support group.	Completed	Progress towards completion – Completed. Seminole county facilitates a meeting each month; however if the family resides in Orange or Osceola County, they may attend those groups as well. Additionally, the Adoption Manager and post adoption support specialist assist adoptive families with issues.
Objective 2.3 Advertise & hire a facilitator position for a Seminole County support group.	Completed	Progress towards completion – Completed. Seminole county facilitates a meeting each month; however if the family resides in Orange or Osceola County, they may attend those groups as well. Additionally, the Adoption Manager and post adoption support specialist assist adoptive families with issues.
Objective 2.4 Identify meeting location and advertise the Seminole County support group.	Completed	Progress towards completion – Completed. Seminole county facilitates a meeting each month; however if the family resides in Orange or Osceola County, they may attend those groups as well. Additionally, the Adoption Manager and post adoption support specialist assist adoptive families with issues.

Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 18 will implement a procedure to assist adoptive parents with the Medicaid system.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 3.1 Ensure continuous Medicaid coverage for all children who are adopted out of foster care.	On Target	<p>Progress towards completion – On target 80%.</p> <p>BFP continues to have a staff person who assist adoptive parents with the Medicaid system.</p> <p>CBC CF has staff who assist the adoptive parents with the Medicaid system as well as contracts with an agency who also provides assistance.</p>

Additional Activities

During this reporting period the Children’s Cabinet reviewed the dissolution of adoption data and the factors that were attributed to those dissolutions. There was an emerging trend of dissolutions related to mental health/behavioral health needs of the child. As a result of this analysis the Cabinet invited Community Based

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Care of Central Florida to share with Cabinet members what resources were available to adoptive families in the community and where to find this information. The listing of adoption competent mental health professionals and adoption support groups were shared with the Cabinet's membership in an effort to raise awareness about resources in the community.

Interagency Collaboration

Families and Communities Together in Seminole (FACTS), Community Based Care of Central Florida and The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County, along with community partners, hosted and participated in presentations and events for Children's Mental Health Awareness Month in May 2014. While this was primarily listed as a prevention activity, due to the causes of dissolutions it also is considered a post adoption support activity.

- Seminole County, its seven cities and the Seminole County School Board all proclaimed May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month and May 8 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day during commission and school board meetings in April. Brief presentations were made at the county, five cities and the school board sharing news that children's mental health issues are common and treatment is readily available in the community. The presentation at the Seminole County Commission was live on Seminole County TV.
- Youth MOVE Seminole, hosted Let's Move: A Walk for Children's Mental Health Awareness at Winter Springs High School on April 26. The free event included a kids' zone, resources bags and a resource fair with booths to help youth and families with information on education, employment, housing and access to healthcare.
- On Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, May 8, two booths were hosted at Alive After 5, a monthly street party featuring local businesses, groups and organizations and attended by hundreds of local residents. Volunteers from FACTS, Federation of Families of Central Florida, Youth M.O.V.E. Seminole and local partnering agencies provided mental health information, distributed giveaways with links to more info and answered questions from the community.
- On May 9, more than 100 people attended the award-winning documentary *Hear Our Voices* at the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in Downtown Sanford. The film told the inspiring stories of nine children and young adults who are fighting to overcome their mental health issues. A local panel with representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice, the school system and child welfare, as well as a mental health counselor, a participant in the documentary and local youth and family members with mental health challenges held a question and answer session after the movie.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

During the upcoming year our Circuit will continue our efforts to raise awareness throughout the community to support adoptive families, promote the protective factors and our core values. Brevard CARES began sponsoring an Adoptive Families Support Group in August 2014. Attendance has grown at each monthly meeting since implementation. Through these types of efforts we hope to fulfill our five year plan goals.

Inventory of Faith-Based Partners

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
Northland, A Church Distributed	Gretchen Kerr	Resource Point, host foster/adoptive support groups, host PRIDE classes, pinwheel garden, Human Trafficking Awareness/Faith Alliance Leadership, provides case management services for homeless families
REAL Church, Rockledge	Pastor Jarvos Wash	Resource Fair, Single Parent Support Group, free summer camp, summer teen night, distribution of awareness materials. Following the tragic murder/suicide committed by one of their church members, who killed her four children then herself, REAL created S.M.I.L.E. (Single Mothers Intervening Lives Effectively) to support single parents in the community. This support group meets monthly at Emma Jewel Charter School.
Church at Viera	Kim	Location for the annual Walk for Love
The Pointe	Milton M	Hosted adoption matching events
New Venture Church Titusville		Hosted adoption matching event
Catholic Charities	Rosa R.	Facilitates the Brevard Interfaith Coalition meetings. Provides support services for at risk families
Brevard Interfaith Coalition	Rosa R.	Promotes child abuse prevention efforts by providing speaking time for plan initiatives on every meeting agenda and distributes information throughout its distribution list.
Safe Harbor Christian Church		Hosted foster/adoptive parent Q& A session
Nomad Community Church	Pastor Bill Stanley	Serves as the chair for our East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force Faith Alliance, has created the task force's web and Facebook pages.
One Church One Child	Sharon Patterson	Coordinator Pastor's Prayer Breakfast for foster/adoption recruitment.