



CIRCUIT 20

Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties



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

Highlights and Accomplishments

Families First is a prevention program located in child care centers in Lee and Hendry counties. A family support worker is collocated at the child care centers to provide services requested by the parents. The goal is to reduce violence by alleviating family stressors. In 2014 the program added a third family support worker to expand the program to two additional centers.

Diversion program through Boys Town to provide case management and crisis services to families at risk of abuse and neglect was added for all five counties.

The family centered services program in Lee and Charlotte counties, which provides services to families at risk of abuse and neglect has added a Certified Addictions Professional to work with clients with substance abuse issues.

In order to expand and strengthen pregnancy prevention services to teens, the Children's Network is currently partnering with the Wyman TOP program and is working in Southwest Florida communities to open up programs. The Children's Network is providing community education about the benefits of the program and developing additional sites. We are expanding to the local school systems as part of the educational curriculum. In Charlotte County, the program has expanded to the on-site school at a residential group home. The club locations are expanding as new partners come on board. We now have a presence in all five counties.

About half the children in out of home care are placed with relatives and non-relatives. The Children's Network has hired a consultant to expand services to these families in order to stabilize placements and keep these children out of the foster care system. The lead agency is continuing to modify the PRIDE curriculum for relative caregivers and implemented that training to meet local needs.

The Children's Network has received a grant from DCF to provide integrated services (IFS) to families in the child welfare system with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. Clients served by this program are in-home cases who work with a team of professionals from the child welfare and mental health/substance abuse systems.

The IFS program is specifically designed to provide a wrap-around substance abuse, mental health, or co-occurring in-home service intervention for at-risk families in both Lee or Charlotte counties. This pilot project has shown the significance of integrating substance abuse/mental health services with child welfare system of care. The program is a newly formed initiative, but is already showing efficacy for reducing the number of children entering out-of-home care by pairing clinicians and child welfare case management staff. By June, 44 children and 32 families had received services.

Relative Search-CNSWFL is committed to ensuring a robust and comprehensive effort is made to identify and place children with kin when at all possible. Our team which works from the onset of every out-of-home case in Lee county to pursue every possible kinship placement and to conduct an assessment if there is either the potential to place or facilitate contact between the children involved with our dependency system and their kin within our community.



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Faith-Based Licensing Agencies-Our foster care program ranks as one of the top performing agencies statewide with recruiting new foster families, this is in large part due to our strong relationship with our faith-based community. Our faith-based community partners serve as a point of support, awareness, and advocacy on behalf of foster families across Circuit 20. Our partners working within Circuit 20 are Florida Baptist Children's Home, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Community Services, and Lutheran Services of Florida. Due to these efforts our foster care program is integrated within our local community and has experienced a significant enhancement through these faith-based partners.

Redlands Migrant Christian Association (RCMA)-In an effort to meet the needs of all of the children served through our very diverse Circuit, CNSWFL has recently partnered with RCMA to expand our foster care program. An ever increasing number of Spanish speaking children have entered out-of-home care and we are working to increase our number of Spanish speaking foster families to support both linguistic and cultural connections for the children in our system. RCMA will be offering Spanish PRIDE training across Collier, Hendry, and Glades counties to assist us in addressing this issue. CNSWFL is committed to assessing our ever evolving community and taking the appropriate steps to develop the services structure to support children and families.

ABC visitation:

In the first years of life, young children are dependent on their parents not only for meeting their basic needs and safety, but also for help regulating their physiology, attention, behavior and emotions. When infants and young children experience caregiving failures through adverse conditions such as neglect, maltreatment, and exposure to violence, they are at risk for many problems, including challenges with self-regulation and disorganized attachment. Dr. Dozier and her lab have followed several populations of at-risk children, studying the effects of early adversity on development in early childhood.

Attachment and Bio-behavioral Catch-up (ABC), which is a 10-week intervention that specifically targets several key issues with parents of very young children. The intervention has been shown to be effective in improving young children's attachment status, biology (cortisol levels), executive functioning, and emotion regulation compared to a control intervention. The goal of ABC is to enhance parents' capacities for interacting with their children in nurturing, synchronous, and non-frightening ways.

The proposed research project is an extension of this work to an especially vulnerable population, young children (ages 6 months to 5 years) who have recently been placed in foster care. After foster care placement, birth parents are often limited to supervised visitation at an office or "visitation center". Foster parents, now the child's primary caregiver, are only sporadically present at these visits. Such visits can go poorly; children and parents are upset; there is little structure or preparation for the visit; parents have unrealistic expectations and children may feel anxiety in the absence of their caregiver, causing feelings of rejection by the birth parent. As a result parents often miss visits in the beginning of a placement period causing further distance between parent and child, distrust between foster and birth parent, and delays in reunification. This research will test an adaptation of ABC to be used as a method for improving visitation visits between children, foster parents, and birth parents.



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The goals of the proposed study are:

- 1) Strengthen the relationship between the foster parent and birth parent
- 2) Help the birth parent to have a successful visit, feel less rejected by their child, and so encourage repeated visitation
- 3) Increase foster and birth parent use of synchrony (also known as “following the lead”) and delight with her child

One Church, One Child: This program sponsored an event in Fort Myers in June 2014 to introduce the program and to raise awareness of the need for children to be adopted. Focus was on how the church could help with permanency for children and for the need for foster and adoptive parents.

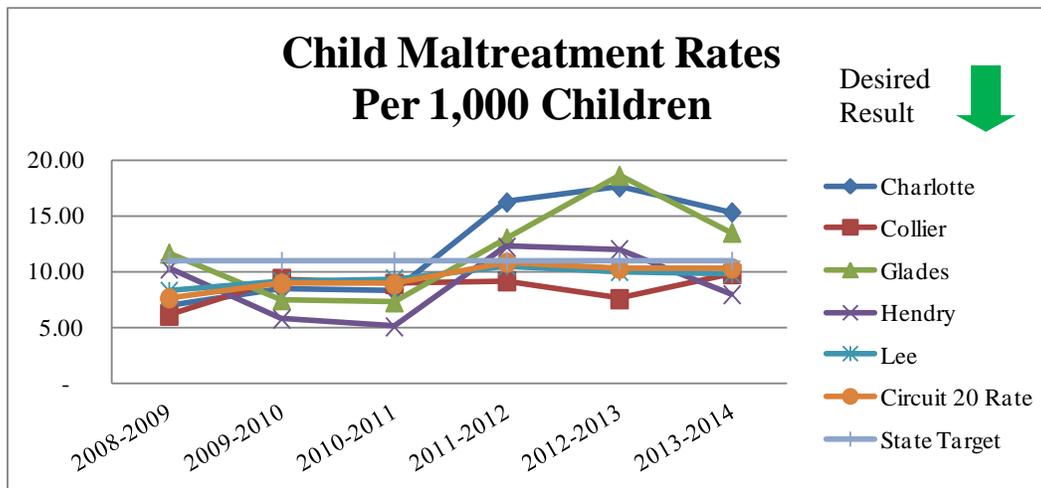
The Shelter for Abused Women and Children has developed as Domestic Violence Course at Florida Gulf Coast University. The Course is taught by Jaime Crossan DeBres with guest speakers from collaborating agencies represented in the Domestic Violence Task Force.

Child Maltreatment Prevention 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
Charlotte	7.01	8.44	8.29	16.20	17.56	15.31
Collier	6.06	9.35	8.90	9.14	7.53	9.78
Glades	11.62	7.45	7.26	12.98	18.59	13.50
Hendry	10.24	5.74	5.05	12.19	11.98	7.94
Lee	8.24	9.11	9.35	10.50	10.01	9.80
Circuit Rate	7.61	8.92	8.86	10.80	10.26	10.29
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

Strategy 1: Domestic Violence

Circuit 20 will heighten awareness and increase social change to reduce the incidents of child abuse and neglect when domestic violence is a factor.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Provide primary prevention activities to the general population, designed to actively promote healthy, non-violent relationships.	Ongoing	<p>The Shelter's Primary Prevention programming is designed to stop domestic violence before it begins by changing attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that allow domestic violence to occur.</p> <p>During 2013-2014 The Shelter facilitated the following primary prevention activities designed to actively promote healthy, non-violent relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated 219 Hands are for Helping, not for Hitting sessions for 5563 children (pre-school and kindergarten) in Naples and Immokalee Facilitated 70 Expect Respect sessions for 824 teens in Immokalee Facilitated 77 Gentle'men Against Domestic Violence sessions for 2115 boys/young men in Naples and

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		<p>Immokalee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated 152 Teen Healthy Relationships sessions for 7783 teens in Naples and Immokalee • Held 8 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meetings. In the YAC teens are ambassadors for The Shelter to inspire social change by providing education, empowerment, advocacy, and support to the community to broaden awareness and increase prevention of unhealthy relationships and break the cycle of violence.
<p>Objective 1.2 Development of a collaborative effort to prevent domestic violence.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held 6 Domestic Violence Taskforce meetings. The DV Taskforce is comprised of community members working together to end and prevent violence in Collier County. • Held 4 SART (sexual abuse response team) meetings comprised of partner agencies in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

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Strategy 2: Domestic Violence

Circuit 20 will heighten awareness and increase social change to reduce the incidents of domestic violence among those who have risk factors for violence.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Provide education activities to at risk populations, designed to promote healthy and non-violent relationships.	Ongoing	<p>During the 2013-2014 The Shelter provided the following education to the community to promote healthy and non-violent relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 171 domestic violence community education presentations to 3281 members of the community • 55 domestic violence professional trainings to 885 professionals (law enforcement, healthcare professionals, social service agencies, etc.) • 43 domestic violence educational booths at local community fairs and events • 15 media presentations on local radio and TV (including the local Haitian radio)

Strategy 1: Substance Abuse

Circuit 20 will provide year round substance abuse prevention efforts with an emphasis on those who are at high risk for early development of substance use.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Increase enhancement of protective factors that reduce risk to youth that are identified for developing substance abuse issues through outreach and services.	Ongoing	Continue actions/events in all five Circuit 20 counties. Teen substance abuse continues to focus on education and building supportive relationships. 13'-14' continued growth on building collaborative coalitions and work through community schools and afterschool programs.

Strategy 2: Substance Abuse

Circuit 20 will provide community education and teach healthy living skills regarding the use of substances.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Increase the knowledge to prevent substance use by targeting the major social and psychological factors that promote the initiation of substance use and other risky behaviors.	Ongoing	<p>Be the Wall is a home-grown social marketing campaign that asks parents to be clear, firm and consistent when it comes to their teens and alcohol.</p> <p>Verify Truth encourages parents to utilize an at-home drug test as a way for their teens to have one more reason to say no to marijuana.</p> <p>"Friday Night Done Right" has become the common mantra among high school teens. More importantly, it's become a community of teens who know they aren't the only ones who choose to spend their Friday nights without alcohol and marijuana.</p> <p>DFCC's annual school-based social norms campaigns expose middle and high school students to 13 messages over a 36-week period that provide the healthy norm.</p> <p>Continued collaboration with students working against tobacco. As a national model, SWAT provides a framework for students to engage in tobacco prevention and policy advocacy. Since tobacco is a gateway substance. Drug Free Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Collier and Glades hosts SWAT clubs in area public schools.</p>

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Strategy 1: Healthy Families Florida.

By June 30, 2015, the State of Florida will have funded Healthy Families Florida at levels necessary to sustain the quality of services, expand the availability of services statewide, and enhance the program's capacity to better serve families at risk of child maltreatment, especially those experiencing domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse issues.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Healthy Families Florida. By June 30, 2015, the State of Florida will have funded Healthy Families Florida at levels necessary to sustain the quality of services, expand the availability of services statewide, and enhance the program's capacity to better serve families at risk of child maltreatment, especially those experiencing domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse issues.	Ongoing	Continued efforts through County Health Departments, Department of Children and Families and additional community partnerships allow for increased ability to provide services for at risk families. Continue efforts to communicate between all agencies to improve service delivery and outcomes. DOH staff are involved in interagency staffings involving families served by one or more community agencies.

Strategy 1: Developmental Assets

Circuit 20 will support local efforts to connect additional young people, from birth to age 20, to all five fundamental resources (Ongoing relationships with caring adults, safe places and structured activities during non-school hours, a healthy start for a healthy structure, marketable skills through effective education, and opportunities to serve).

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Continue, enhance and expand the knowledge of 40 Developmental Assets.	Ongoing	TOP program has been instituted in Circuit. This evidence-based after school program reaches out to teens and helps to build self-esteem and prevent pregnancy. The Children's Network has worked with Wyman Center Inc. to use their their program. In the spring of 2014, the Legislature appropriated money to expand the program. Next year the Children's Network plans to be certified as a replication program. Families First provides primary prevention services in subsidized child care centers in order to prevent violence.

Strategy 1: Involve the Faith-Based Community

By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will have implemented a faith-based prevention initiative that would provide for either 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 1.1 Develop county-level strategies to engage faith-based and community-based systems in Circuit 20 (Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Collier) in the promotion of child abuse prevention by June 30, 2011. Achieve implementation and support of the faith-based initiatives in Circuit 20 (Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Collier) by June 30, 2015	Ongoing	Circuit 20 has forged a strong connection with Grace Church in Cape Coral, Lee County. The church is sponsoring the parent visitation initiative by offering space and use of the facility. The church has provided services for families in need. Supervised visitation is on-going at the church between parents and the children who are not placed in their care. The CNSWFL has partnered with the University of Delaware to contribute to a research project and is supervising and videotaping sessions between parent and child. Our partners working within Circuit 20 for foster care recruitment are Florida Baptist Children's Home, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Community Services, Lutheran Services of Florida, and Redlands Christian Migrant Association.

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Strategy 2: *Involve the Faith-Based Community*

By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will have implemented a faith-based prevention initiative that would provide for either 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 who are identified as high risk (secondary prevention).

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Development of faith oriented services that strengthens families at risk using the Protective Factors for Circuit 20 (Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Collier) by June 30, 2015.	Ongoing	The Faith Based Partners, working within Circuit 20 for foster care recruitment, are Florida Baptist Children's Home, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Community Services, Lutheran Services of Florida, and Redlands Christian Migrant Association.

Strategy 1: *Pinwheels for Prevention™ Public Awareness Campaign*

By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will have year round public awareness efforts with an emphasis in April that provides information to the general population on child development, positive parenting practices and community action.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Ensure high level of awareness of Pinwheels for Prevention™ Campaign.	Ongoing	Continue to share with circuit 20 communities Department prevention efforts. Discuss with community leaders, Pinwheels for Prevention , Prevent Child Abuse Florida, April is child abuse prevention month.
Objective 1.2 Increase knowledge of child development to members in our community.	Ongoing	Partner with community agencies, to include NCH and the Golisano Children's Hospital, to continue to address child development needs to communities.
Objective 1.3 Increase knowledge of positive parenting practices.	Ongoing	Continue to partner with faith based and additional community partners to address positive parenting. Support ongoing efforts to increase evidence based parenting education within the Circuit.
Objective 1.4 Increase knowledge of community supports and social connections.	Ongoing	211 continues to support efforts of addressing available community supports.
Objective 1.5 Increase knowledge of child disciplinary techniques that promote nurturing and attachment between child and caregiver.	Ongoing	Support ongoing efforts to increase evidence based parenting education within the Circuit.
Objective 1.6 Increase public perception that child abuse and neglect can be prevented before it ever occurs.	Ongoing	Continue to focus community discussions/presentation on Department prevention efforts.

Additional Activities

Abuse Counseling and Treatment and The Shelter for Abused Women and Children launched the Medical Responder program were the Shelter responds 24/7 to local emergency rooms if a victim is identified and willing to meet with an advocate.

Both shelters continue to work with community providers to include doctor's offices, to promote early detection of potential Domestic Violence and to share avenues for victims to receive support needed.

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Circuit 20, The Children's Network of Southwest Florida and additional community partners continue to raise awareness about the issues of child abuse and neglect through various outreach activities. In October 2013, the Children's Network sponsored its 8th annual Walk to Prevent Child Abuse which had nearly 500 walkers and local agencies participating. The walk raised about \$50,000.00 to support child abuse prevention activities in southwest Florida.

In Collier County, the Children's Advocacy Center took the lead to raise awareness. To kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month, the CAC participated in Lauren Book's "Walk in my Shoes" event. CAC staff, partnering agencies, and CAC supporters walked across Collier in order to bring awareness to child sexual abuse and to empower survivors of abuse. Following the event, CAC submitted a newspaper article to Naples Daily News, which discussed the importance of prevention and identification of child abuse. This was CAC's first year to participate in the event, but we plan to make it an annual activity.

In order to bring awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month, the CAC initiated a proclamation in Collier County with the county commissioners, declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

During the month of April, our staff reached out to local schools to give presentations on personal safety to students. Education was provided at the Community School of Naples for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The focus was to teach children how to keep themselves safe and to educate them about abuse.

Finally, CAC held the eighth annual Golf Classic at the Country Club of Naples. Participants included members of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Department of Children and Families, and other local leaders of the

community. There were over 100 people in attendance. This event helped people in the community understand the programs CAC provides and to increase understanding of child abuse.

In conclusion, during the April campaign, the CAC has increased community awareness of child abuse in key areas of our community. The CAC Parenting Education Program staff is proud to have participated in this valuable and necessary campaign. The CAC expects that these endeavors in the areas of education, training, and development

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

The 9th annual walk to prevent child abuse is already scheduled for October, 25, 2014.

Human Trafficking Activities

Summary of Human Trafficking Activities

The Circuit 20, Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte Human Trafficking Task Force held local community events to raise awareness. Leaders of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, along with community leaders from Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties, traveled to a number of nonprofit agencies in the Southwest Florida region the week of November 4, 2013, to present and celebrate \$440,000 in funds during the inaugural visits. Fifteen agencies in the five-county area were the recipients of funds totaling \$439,812 in Community Impact Grants provided by the SWFLCF. The foundation administers more than 330

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endowed funds that are created through the generosity of local donors today and those who plan for the future through the power of endowed funds. Turning the unemployed into entrepreneurs, improving conditions for homeless animals and protecting people from human traffickers are just a few of the ways the recipient nonprofits are helping to strengthen our region.

Proposed Human Trafficking Activities for 2014-2015

The Southwest Florida Regional Resource Center on Human Trafficking (the Center), established in 2014, operates through a joint partnership with The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University. The Center serves the Southwest Florida Human Trafficking Task Force which is led by the region's U.S. Attorney's Office located in Fort Myers, Florida. Through its involvement, the Center ensures that human trafficking is addressed in a coordinated manner throughout Southwest Florida.

The Resource Center at Florida Gulf Coast University is now live, <http://www.fgcu.edu/HTRC/index.html>. The event calendar will be updated regularly as notification of new events are received.

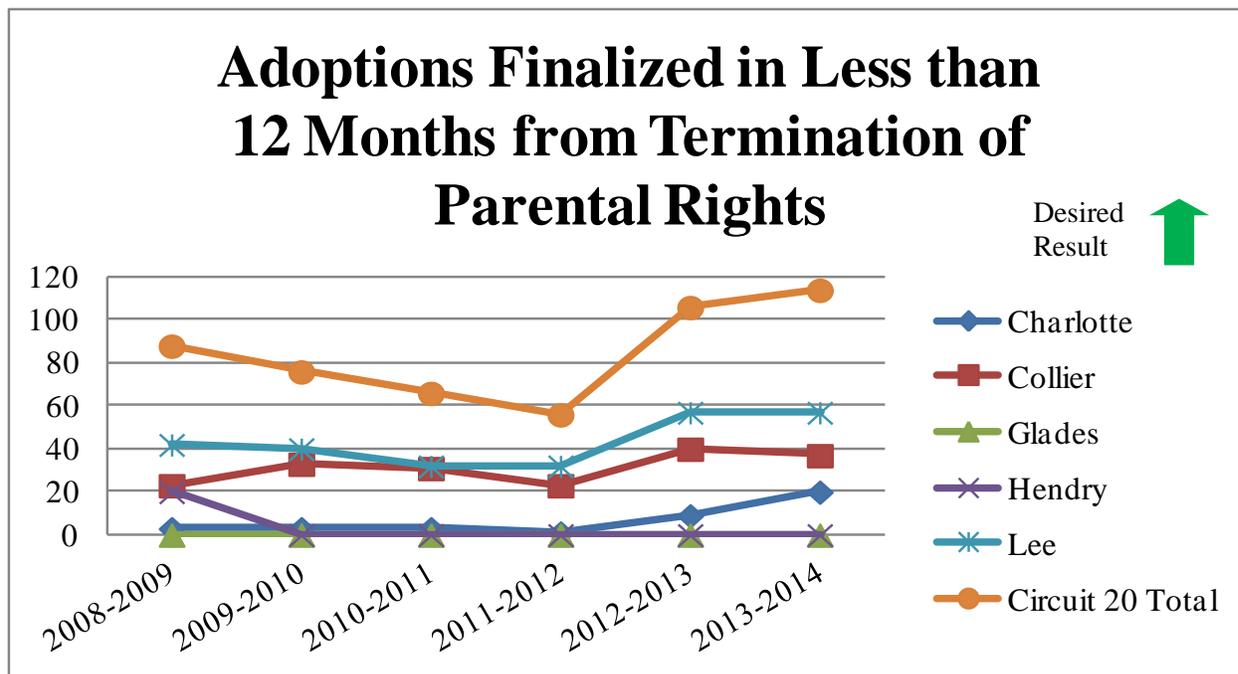
**Promotion of Adoption
Desired Population Level Results**

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	Number and Percentages	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Charlotte	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	3	3	3	1	9	20
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	50%	43%	60%	50%	56%	77%
Collier	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	23	33	31	23	40	37
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	62%	85%	67%	58%	82%	79%
Glades	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hendry	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	20	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lee	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	42	40	32	32	57	57
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	68%	63%	40%	39%	68%	75%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	88	76	66	56	106	114
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	70%	70%	50%	45%	71%	77%

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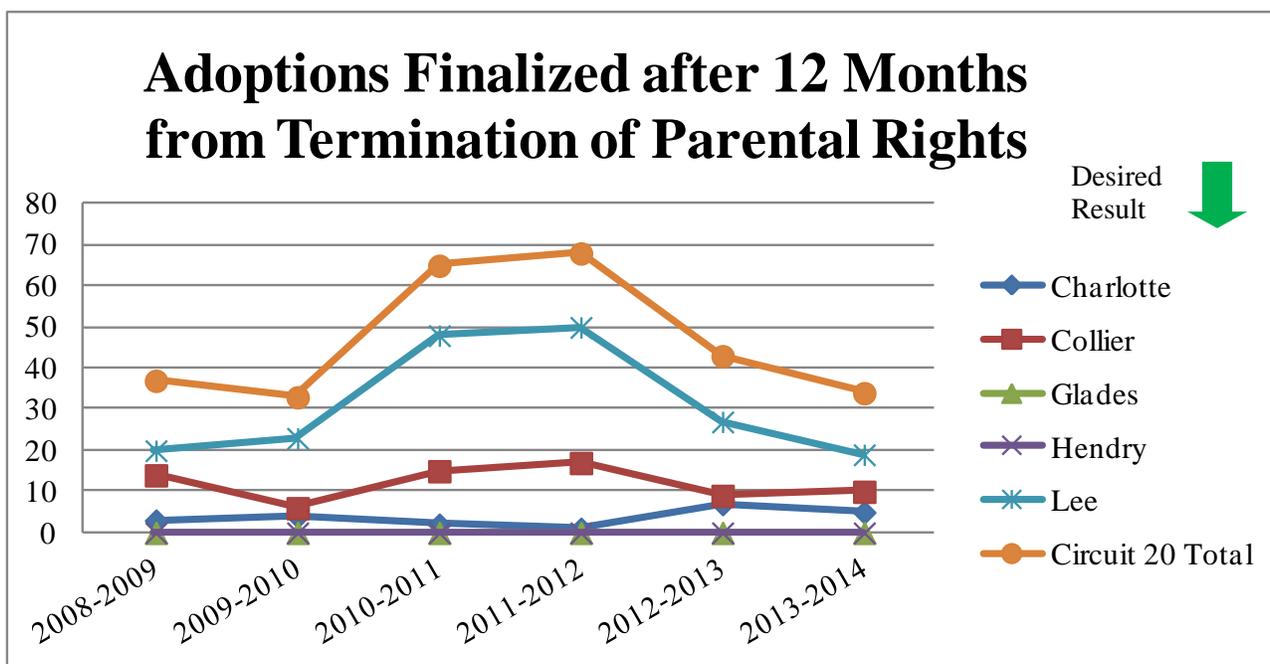


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- b. By June 30, 2015, the percent of children legally free for adoption who have been waiting for adoption since the date of termination of parental rights (TPR) for **more than 12 months** will be reduced from the State Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 rate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

Children Adopted after 12 months of Termination of Parental Rights							
County	Number and Percentages	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Charlotte	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	3	4	2	1	7	5
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	50%	57%	40%	50%	44%	23%
Collier	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	14	6	15	17	9	7
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	38%	15%	33%	14%	18%	21%
Glades	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hendry	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lee	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	20	23	48	50	27	14
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	32%	37%	60%	61%	32%	25%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	37	33	65	68	43	23
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	30%	30%	50%	55%	29%	23%

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Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will significantly decrease the length of stay for children in out of home care and to identify strategies for accelerating permanency.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 The Circuit will achieve the contracted goal of adoption finalizations, as determined by the Department of Children and Families.	Ongoing/Surpassed	The FY 2013-2014 goal was 141 and the CNSWFL achieved 151, which surpassed the contracted goal by 7.09%
Objective 1.2 Raise community awareness of the need for adoption.	Ongoing	During November 2013, which is national adoption awareness month, several articles were published in the local media to include coverage of the 3 Mass Adoption Finalization Hearings. The Southwest Florida Heart Gallery has also been featured at various venues, to include local churches and libraries, throughout Circuit 20 to raise community awareness of the need for adoptive families and as child specific recruitment efforts. The CNSWFL also collaborated with One Church One Child to host a prayer breakfast on 6/1/2014. Lee Pitts, host and executive producer of the award-winning Lee Pitts Live, emceed the event and featured it on his television show and website.

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will provide a continuum of information, training and resources from PRIDE to match and to provide pre-adoptive families, including adopted children, with a full array of services, education and support prior to adoption finalization.

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Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will expand the circuit's options for placement therefore reducing the wait time for permanency.

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Additional Activities

Interagency Collaboration

The Children's Network is collaborating with Florida Baptist, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Redlands Christian Migrant Association and Lutheran Services Florida to recruit, train and support foster and adoptive families.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

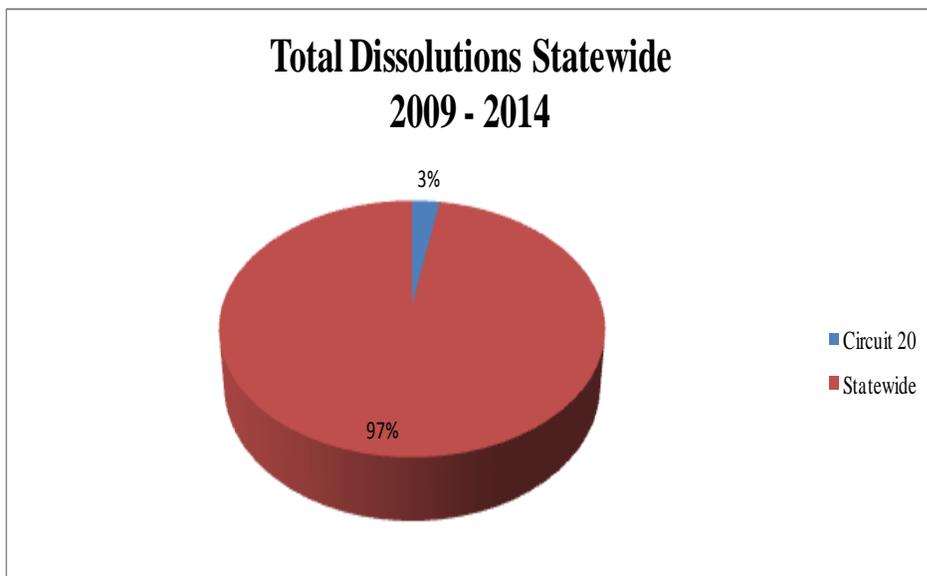
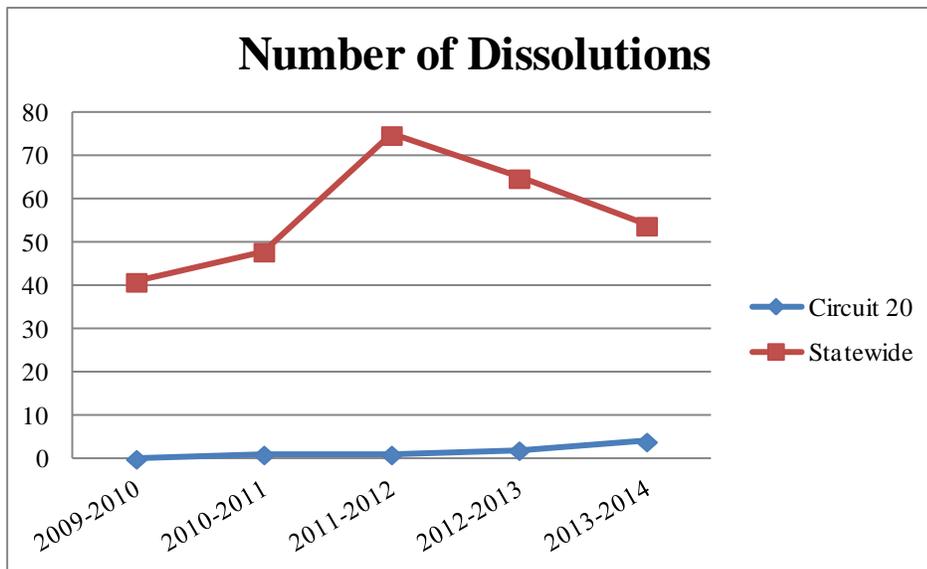
Circuit 20, along with all community partners, will continue all 13'-14' strategies. Continued efforts to grow faith based partnerships will continue to be a focus throughout the Circuit.

Support for 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	0	1	2	2	4
State Total	41	48	75	65	54

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Support for Adoptive Families

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will – Provide support and training to adoptive families.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
To increase the number of foster and adoptive families who are resources for the waiting children and to offer needed services to families whose adoptions are finalized.	Ongoing	The Children’s Network is monitoring its providers to assure they meet the goals set for number of families. All the providers are using the PRIDE curriculum to train families. In addition, a post-adopt case manager is placed in each Case Management Organization to provide services and support to children in subsidized adoption. They can refer families to needed services and provide limited case management as needed.

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will Increase Post-Adoption Support Groups, which provide Adoptive families with opportunities to network amongst each other, as well as receive training and educational materials specific to the needs of children who have experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
To have a Post Adoption Support Group available	Ongoing/Complete	The circuit has a foster and adoptive parent support group active in all five counties. The support group is active in different geographical areas in the Circuit. They facilitate relationships among families and help new families navigate the system.

Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 20 will - Increase community partners to provide enrichment opportunities for adoptive children.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Will increase availability of mentoring opportunities for adoptive children.	Ongoing	Partnerships with GAL and FGCU have provided opportunities for ongoing mentorship and growth for Circuit 20 adoptive children.

Additional Activities

All activities as identified will continue within Circuit 20.

Interagency Collaboration

The Children’s Network is collaborating with Florida Baptist, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Redlands Christian Migrant Association and Lutheran Services Florida to recruit, train and support foster and adoptive families.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

The Children’s Network plans to continue its outreach to the circuit to recruit and inform families about the needs of the children in care. Mass adoptions have become a tradition in the circuit.

Support for Adoptive Families

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
<u>Cape Christian Fellowship Church</u>	<u>Wes Furlong</u>	<u>Foster Care and ABC Visitation</u>
<u>McGregor Baptist Church</u>	<u>Kelly Treesh</u>	<u>Foster Care</u>