



CIRCUIT 2

Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Leon, and Wakulla Counties



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

Highlights and Accomplishments

The Easter Egg Hunt at the Governor's Mansion was held April 12th. There were over 75 foster/adoptive children who attended. The Easter Bunny of course was big hit along with Phil Meyer - the magician! Picture below is of a recently adopted little girl! Monford Middle School and Chiles High School students volunteered during the event - from setting up, to hiding eggs, to help cleaning up. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time!



The Fourth Annual Corey's Kids Camp for Champs was held in July. We had 41 youth participate in the one night, two day camp, along with 45 mentors/volunteers. One mentor, who also served as a mentor last year, came from Georgia again to mentor his youth from the previous year! Our mentors/volunteers were staff from the Northwest Region (Circuits 2 and 14), Office of the Governor, Children's Home Society, Big Bend Community Based Care, FAMU, FSU, Boystown, Inspire, local high schools etc. This year we went to Palmer Munroe Teen Center and the youth had a blast! They played basketball, had a team kick ball game, girls were able to get a makeover including hair and makeup, some youth created songs in their sound booth, played ping pong, pool and video games! That night they went to see Godzilla at the IMAX! Saturday was a great day at Beau Turner, fishing was the favorite! Miss Katrina caught the largest catfish of the day! Archery was also available for the youth; for many, it was their first time!



Fish and Wildlife Commission Camp - Fish and Wildlife hosted a one day Camp for Champions on Aug 12. Thirty-seven youth from Boystown, Florida Baptist and Inspire enjoyed a day of outdoor activity! Activities provided were kayaking, hiking, fishing, archery and a ride on a "shocker" boat. The officers also grilled

hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch! The Joe Budd area is a beautiful area and the weather was perfect. The Florida Channel came out and interviewed two youth and an officer, as well as filmed the youth enjoying the activities.

Leon County EMS taught DCF and community providers the recommendations the American Heart Association developed in 2010 of C-A-B (Compressions-Airway-Breathing) along with the new emphasis on “Hands-Only CPR” as well as AED use and choking techniques - for infants, children and adults. This training was free of charge and in support of the second phase of the DCF Water Safety Initiative. The American Heart Association recommends chest compressions only - 100 per minute for an average of 8 minutes - the length of time it would take EMS to arrive. It was suggested if there is more than one person, trade off every two minutes.

The One Simple Wish team stopped in Tallahassee on their 6,000 mile journey across the United States to meet 100 children in foster care who are legally free for adoption to grant them the Ultimate Wish - They want to find them a forever family! Five special youth had a private celebration and later that evening a huge party with numerous other foster children and families. They were all given games as a take away!



DCF hosted Bridges Out of Poverty - Strategies for Professionals and Communities workshop, over 90 attended. The trainer, Michael Dames, from Charlotte, North Carolina, was dynamic and well-liked by the attendees. All DCF staff that attended received a copy of the book.

AT&T Skills to Go Camp - Twenty teens and young adults, ages 13 to 21, took part in a technology showcase with AT&T in Tallahassee. The event was made possible through the AT&T Aspire program which invests \$350 million, nationwide into college and career readiness for students who are considered at-risk. The camp was held at TCC for the morning session and the afternoon session was at the AT&T Tennessee Street location. The morning session included training on decision making, how to prepare a resume, how to complete an application and how to interview. Equawn Burrows, FAF Coordinator, gave the group a tour of the campus as well. At the store, the store manager gave an inspirational story on how he had substance issues when he was younger and how he found support to help him through his troubled times and is now a store manager of a million dollar store. At the store, they also were able to be hands on with all of the technology in the store. Florida Channel was there as well, working on a story to highlight AT&T's service to education youth through their Aspire Program.

Three local child advocates donated more than 60 bags of supplies gathered through Project Night Night to a local DCF Child Protective Investigations Unit for children who have been removed from their homes. Lauren Byrd, Kelly Bench, and Lindsay Elliott learned about Project Night Night and partnered with DCF to share this project with our DCF Child Abuse Investigators. Each package contained a blanket, a book, and a stuffed animal. Each package is age and gender appropriate, and is designed to give children comfort and something they can call their own. These items were chosen to meet the education and emotional needs during a time of crisis for a child. Finding comfort is important for children in order to feel secure, loved and valued, even in the midst of the uncertainty. This is the first project in the Northwest part of Florida - there are 13 other projects statewide. “When I discovered the Project Night Night program I knew it was something I wanted to bring to

our community,” said Lauren Byrd. “I reached out to couple of friends and we began gathering items with hopes to one day donate them to children in need. Being able to bring comfort to children, even in the slightest sense, who are emotionally vulnerable brings us a lot of joy.”



King Arthur's Tools provided a tour to foster youth on March 20. Boystown brought 12 youth to tour their shops. King Arthur's Tools® offers a unique range of chain saw products developed to cut and shape a variety of different materials. Their company specializes in power tools and accessories – named after medieval Knights of the Round Table and ship products all over the world. They have various shops at their site named after Knights and brought in their local craftsman to show the youth how they use their tools to make bowls and other products. The youth also got to dress in some traditional medieval costumes and hold traditional swords from that time period. The shop also has a gallery of wood works from artists all over the world, items that were given to the owners as gifts. The youth had a great time and the owners are willing to provide slots to two of the older boys in their next wood working workshop.



Developmental Screening Days

Whole Child Leon is in its 5th year of hosting early childhood screenings in our community. Whole Child Leon coordinates and collaborates with over 25 agencies/businesses and 100 plus volunteers to provide twice annual comprehensive developmental screening to infants, toddlers and preschoolers in areas that include speech, social –emotional development, vision, hearing and dental. Children are screened and when issues are detected, their families are connected to appropriate agencies for early intervention assistance. The process used in the Free Community Wide Developmental Screening connects 100% of families immediately at the screening site with early intervention programs. To date, **624 children have been screened**. In 2013, Whole Child Leon's community screening initiative was highlighted by Florida's Statewide Screening Task Force as a best practice community initiative. The screening team has offered assistance and support to help surrounding counties coordinate screening events.

Food on the Move- Whole Child Leon partnered with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County Schools to provide the community with a mobile feeding bus to offer meals and nutrition education information and other resources to children (and their families) to food insecure neighborhoods as part of Florida's Summer Breakspot feeding program. The effort launched in summer 2014 and is one of only 10 mobile feeding units in the state. The bus stopped in 12 hard to reach neighborhoods and served children ages 2 to 18. The initiative was a coordinated effort and ran for 12 weeks during the summer. As a result of this initiative:

- **1400 meals served**
- **140 families participated**
- **12 stops in hard to reach neighborhoods**
- **17 volunteers**
- **835 hours logged**

Brehon held an Inaugural Walk for Prevention that was held to launch April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. It was a success and they look forward to their next one in April 2015.



WFSU through the American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen community service grant from The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is addressing educational challenges facing rural communities and in particular Jefferson County where the graduation rate is 35.1%. WFSU is aligning American Graduate resources with their CPB funded Ready To Learn (RTL) services allowing the station to have a PreK through 12th grade education focus. The RTL service uses multiplatform media and other learning tools - including television programs, interactive games, mobile apps, as well as hands-on activities – to engage and strengthen early learning experiences for children ages 2-8 at home, in preschool, and in other out of school settings. This past summer, WFSU hosted a six week Super Why! Summer Reading Camp at Jefferson County Elementary School. WFSU recently launched a multi-part radio series examining the challenges rural communities face in providing a quality education for its students. Local education and community leaders were recently featured in the American Graduate Day program that aired on September 27th. WFSU will be launching a series of videos featuring American Graduate Champions, individuals that have a significant impact on student success. The goal of this project is to raise awareness of the educational needs in local communities, highlight what is working, link to researched based resources of PBS and facilitate partnerships within the community to sustain successful strategies. For more information about the WFSU American Graduate project log onto <http://blog.wfsu.org/americangraduate/>

National Adoption Month

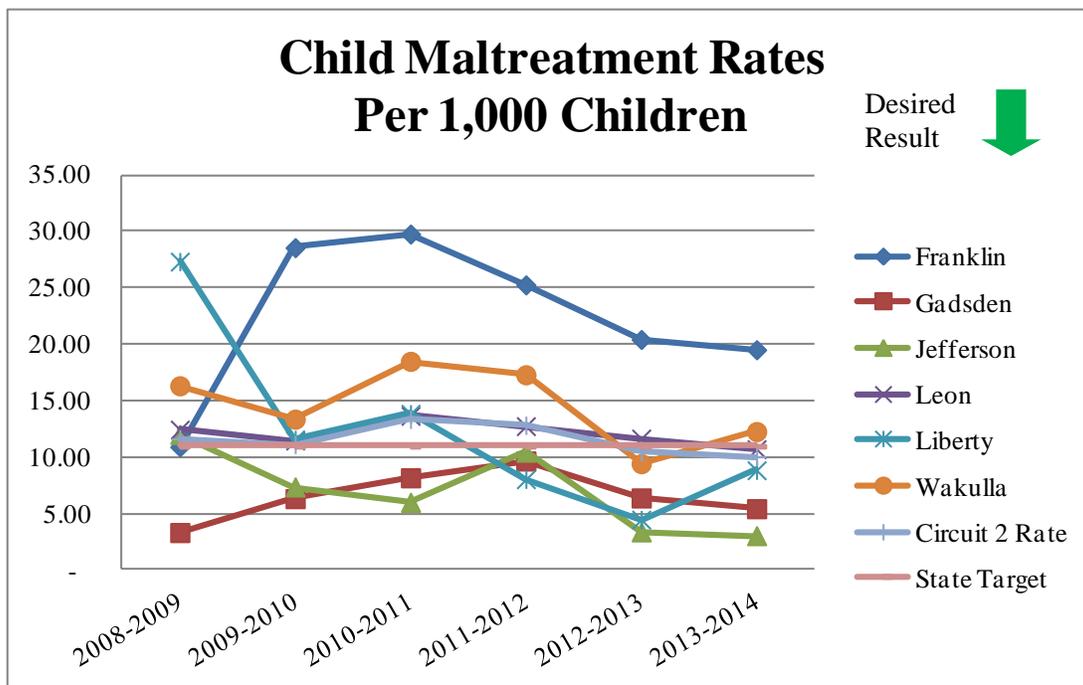
National Adoption Month was celebrated in Leon County on November 19, 2014. There were 6 adoptions at the courthouse and then a celebration program held at the Women's Club of Tallahassee. The celebration consistent of agency representatives providing a welcome/congratulations to the families as well as lunch for all attendees.

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
Franklin	10.90	28.54	29.75	25.24	20.41	19.5
Gadsden	3.30	6.30	8.15	9.64	6.36	5.41
Jefferson	11.99	7.34	5.98	10.42	3.36	3.02
Leon	12.42	11.45	13.64	12.73	11.63	10.69
Liberty	27.31	11.55	13.82	8.02	4.45	8.82
Wakulla	16.31	13.34	18.47	17.28	9.40	12.25
Circuit Rate	11.61	11.10	13.33	12.81	10.45	10.03
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: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 2 will fully implement a family strengthening initiative throughout all counties in Circuit 2.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Expand strengthen the interconnectivity of local team-based systems for information and data sharing and early recognition and response activities in order to promote the Protective Factors.	ongoing	Information and data sharing occurs at the following community meetings: Community Alliance, local community coalitions, While Child Professional Networking Meeting, Big Bend/DCF Partnership meeting, Joint C2 and C14 BBCBC Contract Providers meeting, Circuit 2 Interagency Team, Jefferson Shared Services, Interagency Transition Meetings for Children with Disabilities, Collaborative Management Team - 5 and under Gadsden Services, PACT – System of Care, Healthy Start Coalitions

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.2 Strengthen partnerships with prevention services providers through enhanced coordination and integration of services to build upon the Protective Factors.	ongoing	Through meetings, collaboration and networking partnerships are strengthened.
Objective 1.3 Provide access to and knowledge of various resources, including community supports and social connections, available in the communities to community residents.	ongoing	Participation by agencies in each county in the following: health fairs, resource fairs, back to school events, all agencies promote 2-1-1, ELC educate customers who apply for benefits or anyone who needs a service through their resource and referral program, information is shared at the Community Wide Developmental Screening event, Rouse Packets are provided to all individuals who are assessed for Healthy Families Services, Whole Child Leon
Objective 1.4 Increase community outreach and media activities to raise public awareness of child abuse and child abuse prevention.	ongoing	Public Service Announcements via Lamar Advertising (billboards), press releases to television and newspapers, newsletter articles, information posted on agency websites, brochures in lobby's, specialized training to community volunteers
Objective 1.5 Support and enhance activities related to the Whole Child communities within Circuit 2.	ongoing	Whole Child Leon participates in community events, hosts and facilitates the Professional Network Meeting monthly and Whole Child Leon coordinates and collaborates with over 25 agencies/businesses and 100 plus volunteers to provide twice annual comprehensive developmental screening to infants, toddlers and preschoolers in areas that include speech, social – emotional development vision, hearing and dental. Whole Child Leon partnered with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County Schools to provide the community with a mobile feeding bus to offer meals and nutrition education information and other resources to children (and their families) to food insecure neighborhoods as part of Florida's Summer Breakspot feeding program.
Objective 1.6 Support Child Abuse Prevention activities during the nationally recognized month and year-round.	ongoing	Hold an annual services bazaar in April, distribute pinwheels and child abuse prevention information to the community, provide articles to the newspaper and television, Healthy Families Leon/Gadsden Child Abuse Walk, participate in the Ounce of Prevention activities

Strategy 2: Circuit 2 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 1.1 Continue, enhance, and expand Healthy Families Florida.	ongoing	<p>Circuit 2 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.</p> <p>January 2011 Big Bend Community Based Care has provided funding for: one home visitor position in Wakulla, Leon and Gadsden and travel for Healthy Families Franklin Wakulla. For FY 2013/2014, they provided funding for one in home LCSW in Leon/Gadsden. This helped to replace some of the funding Healthy Families lost in 2010. In FY 2013/2014 Healthy Families Franklin Wakulla expanded to serve Gulf with an existing home visitor split between Franklin and Gulf and funds to serve five additional families in either Franklin or Gulf county.</p>

Additional Activities

Early Intervention Court was initiated in Circuit 2. Teaches parents how to have a healthy relationship with their child for families who are involved in Dependency Court.

Interagency Collaboration

- Farm Share Distributions – DCF helps facilitate at least two provider fairs and Farm Share distributions a year. DCF and many community partners help in additional Farm Share distributions throughout the year.
- PACT (Parents and Providers Advocating for Children Together) **PACT** is a consortium of early childhood providers, parents and community leaders who focus on a community level investment in the social, emotional, developmental and behavioral well-being of young children and their families in the Gadsden and Leon County area. They are working with Family Café, youth organizations and MyFest.
- GAL volunteers are appointed to 100% of dependency cases. A GAL Volunteer is assigned within 48 hours of a case coming into court. They use a team model – a volunteer, coordinator and attorney are assigned to one case.
- Because of the positive results of the well-being 0-5 pilot by Big Bend Community Based Care, ELC decided to take on the initiative of having the early care and education team at ELC track the protective services kids with Teaching Strategies GOLD no matter what childcare setting they are in/childcare provider they have. This way we have a monitoring tool on one of our most at risk populations so as to better prevent the children from being missed and ensure they get the developmental services they need.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

- Honey's House - To address the issue of children of families who are homeless, the Comprehensive Emergency Services Center/Renaissance Community Center Child Development Workgroup was formed this summer. This small group of dedicated people, represents education, social services, the faith-based community, government and concerned citizens are proceeding to develop a nurturing environment for the youngest of these children. This comprehensive center, Honey's House, will offer a continuum of services to supplement the housing and other social services provided by RCC. All young children aged 0 - 6 will be welcome. Services will vary from a quality early childhood education program, extended care in the evening for parents who work, to developmental screening and therapeutic services. Parents can participate fully in the program through volunteering, parent education and job training. Through a partnership with Goodwill Industries, Honey's House will be located in what is currently the Dick Howser Center for Childhood Services. Plans are for an additional classroom building to be constructed. The proximity to The Prosperity Center at Goodwill will give parents the opportunity for job search and training, knowing their child has a safe place with an educationally enriched child care experience. The future goal is to expand services to all children including after school care and youth activities. Honey's House should be ready to begin serving the children of families experiencing homelessness the summer of 2015.
- Super Saturday is going to two ½ day events – this event provides training to foster parents for free and provides free child care for their children

- ELC will be providing I-Pads to Hope Homeless Community for parents to complete ASQ/D/SE (in English and Spanish) on their children. This information will funnel directly to the ELC and they will assess and ensure the child get appropriate services more quickly.
- PACT – System of Care will expand to other counties in Circuit 2.
- Developmental Screenings will continue.
- In Wakulla and Franklin, a Domestic Violence Advocate will be co-located with CPI Staff.
- Need to identify service providers for youth victims of human trafficking and continue to develop expertise in case management and CPI staff.

Human Trafficking Activities

Summary of Human Trafficking Activities

There were several training opportunities provided to our staff and community regarding Human Trafficking. See the summary below.

March 25, 2014- Diversity Dialogue: Human Trafficking and Social Justice

Feb 26, 2014 Wendi Adelson, "Human Trafficking Awareness" sponsored by the Salvation Army

Feb 26, 2014 "Saving our Youth: Human Trafficking Panel" Sponsored by the GAL 2nd Judicial Circuit

March 25, 2014 FSU School of Social Work sponsored Diversity Dialogue: Human Trafficking and Social Justice - presented by Graciela Marquina and Jane McPherson

April 26, 2014 the Delta Kappa Omega Chapter of AKA Sorority, Inc. held an awareness seminar on human trafficking "Human Trafficking: It's A Serious Matter," presented by Investigator Sonya Bush and Special Agent Ralph T. Bradley

Aug 4, 2014 "Human Trafficking 101" sponsored by the Big Bend Victim Assistance Coalition

September 10, 2014 Terry Coonan "Human Trafficking: A Strategic Plan for Florida" sponsored by Tallahassee Women Lawyers

September 21 Robin Thompson, Senior Program Director for the Center's Victims of Human Trafficking Project presented an overview of Human Trafficking at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Other Human Trafficking activities in Circuit 2 include:

The Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking meets quarterly.

Extensive training gained through attendance at several conferences including: Florida 2014 Human Trafficking Summit, CJIS Conference, Dependency Summit, and Human Trafficking/Legislation Update Training.

DCF Regional Criminal Justice Coordinator received training by Kimberly Grabert, Statewide Director of Human Trafficking on HB 7141 and other legislation that impacts how human trafficking victims are identified, placements that are available for them, and treatment modalities needed.

DCF Regional Criminal Justice Coordinator participated in Multidisciplinary Staffings for cases involving human trafficking victims and/or children identified as Commercially Sexually Exploited Children.

DCF Regional Criminal Justice Coordinator and Big Bend Community Based Care staff attended the Porch Light presentation to increase awareness of the new CSEC treatment program in Central Florida.

Facilitated Region-wide training by Shared Hope International and Kimberly Grabert to increase the number of staff in the Northwest Region that are qualified to handle Human Trafficking cases.

DCF Regional Criminal Justice Coordinator attends quarterly CJIS meetings with local law enforcement agencies and FDLE staff.

DCF Regional Criminal Justice Coordinator attended the annual Central Florida Anti-Human Trafficking Joint Conference to gain expertise in establishing and strengthening local task forces and coalitions.

DCF Regional Criminal Justice Coordinator attended the annual Central Florida Anti-Human Trafficking Joint Conference November 19.

Proposed Human Trafficking Activities for 2014-2015

Continue participation in the Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking, encourage staff to attend trainings and our DCF Regional Criminal Justice Coordinator will also facilitate local training for our staff as well.

Human Trafficking Training to be provided to local therapists to specialize in human trafficking treatment in 2015.

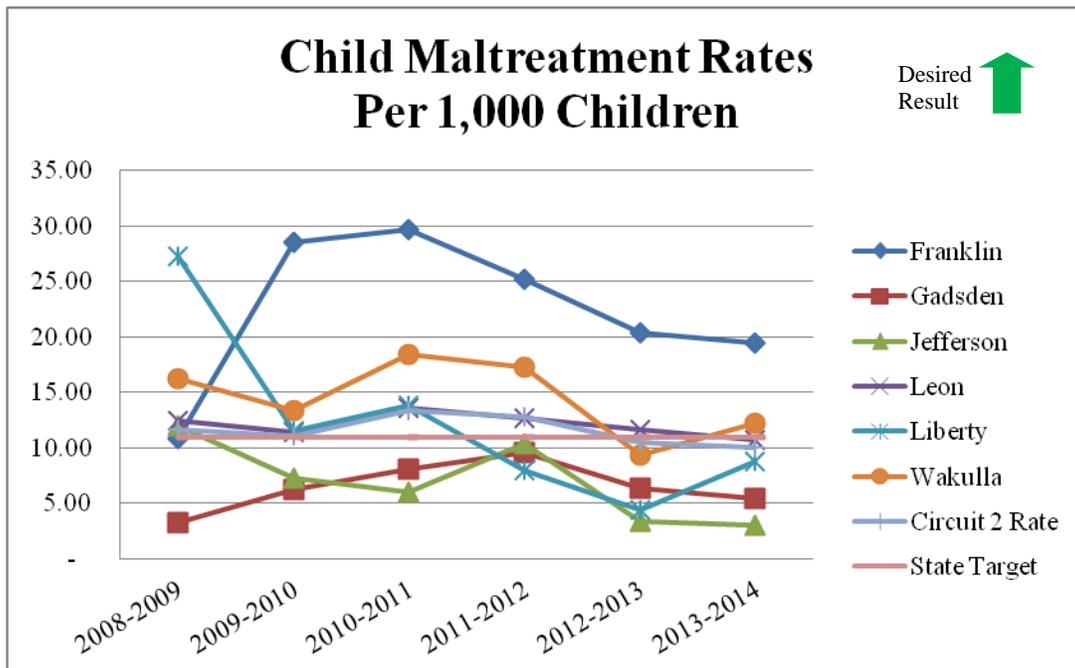
Promotion of Adoption
Desired Population Level Results

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
Franklin	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	0	0	3	0	1	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%
Gadsden	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	1	0	4	4	4	2
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	17%	0%	67%	100%	80%	100%
Jefferson	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	0	0	2	0	2	2
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	0%	0%	100%	0%	22%	100%
Leon	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	31	29	28	39	43	36
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	60%	67%	54%	76%	84%	78%
Liberty	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	2	1	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	100%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Wakulla	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	6	1	2	1	2	6
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	100%	25%	40%	100%	100%	67%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	40	31	39	44	52	46
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	60%	56%	57%	79%	76%	77%

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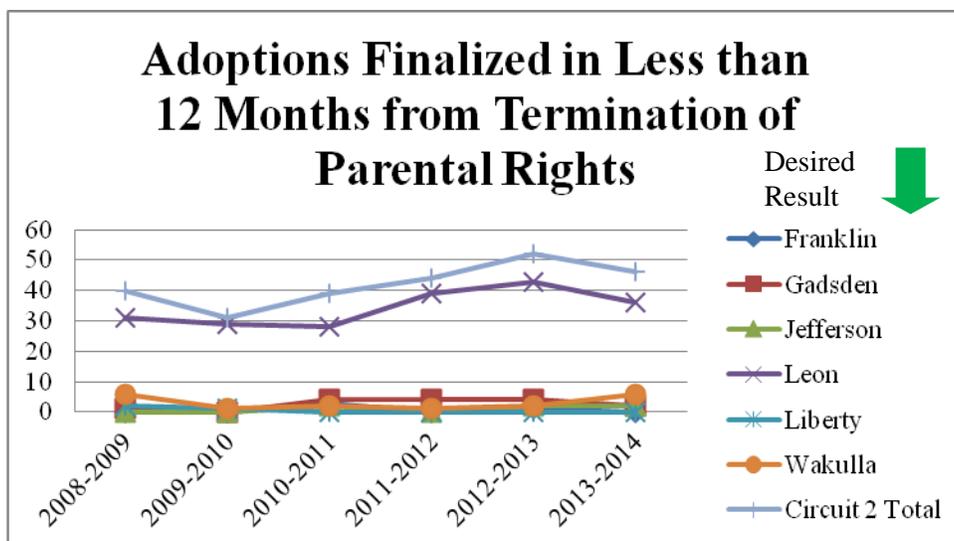


Promotion of Adoption

- b. By June 30, 2015, the percent of children legally free for adoption that 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 within 12 months of Termination of Parental Rights							
County	Number and Percentages	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Franklin	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	1	1	0	0	0	1
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Gadsden	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	5	1	2	0	1	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	83%	100%	33%	0%	20%	0%
Jefferson	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0	4	0	0	7	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0%	100%	0%	0%	78%	0%
Liberty	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Leon	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	21	14	24	12	8	10
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	40%	33%	46%	14%	16%	22%
Wakulla	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0	3	3	0	0	3
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0%	75%	60%	0%	0%	33%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	27	24	29	12	16	14
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	40%	44%	43%	21%	24%	23%

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Promotion of Adoption
Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 2 will increase the pool of prospective adoptive families that are best matched to the needs of our waiting children.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Facilitate the coordination of adoption promotion activities.	ongoing	Children’s Home Society receives funding for Wendy’s Wonderful Kids (WWK). WWK has a child-focused recruitment model that we follow and those seven components are diligent search, recruitment plan, assessment of adoption readiness, relationship with child, adoption preparation, case record review, and network building. The main focus is to get the child connected to any individual that they have had a positive relationship with. The coordinator participated in the What Women Want event, where over 500 adoption brochures were handed out and attended the 2014 Quincy School Church Convention where she spoke about the need for adoptive parents. The agency will engage in community events to promote the adoption and recruitment activities. There is a local Super Saturday event held twice a year with local foster parents where we can promote recruitment. The agency will recruit through the media such as facebook, newspaper, and television. We will promote recruitment through our Quality Parenting Training classes
Objective 1.2 Increase adoption promotion and recruitment activities and services.	ongoing	Continue to share information through Heart Gallery, highlight adoption via media etc. Continue outreach to increase adoption.
Objective 1.3 Engage faith and community-based organizations in adoption promotion efforts.	ongoing	Continue to work with One Church One Child and Florida Baptist Children’s Home to promote adoption, and continue to have events through the local church school conventions which we attended last fiscal year.
Objective 1.4 Increase training and educational opportunities for prospective adoptive parents.	ongoing	Scholarships for adoptive parents to attend the statewide Dependency summit. Adoptive parents are also advised of opportunities to attend local training as available. There are quarterly newsletters that are distributed for additional supports and trainings. There are also additional training courses listed on the Big Bend website. Continue to engage in the foster parent support groups locally, and have support groups via social media

Additional Activities

Interagency Collaboration

Heart Gallery, Heart Gallery Fashion Show/Fundraiser, National Adoption Month, Super Saturday and Foster Parent Appreciation for foster parents, Starbucks displayed Heart Gallery photos in six of their coffee shops in Tallahassee during November/National Adoption Month Celebration.

Heart Gallery now has their own app that can be downloaded through the Apple store, and they are working on getting into the Play Store for Android phones. On each Heart Gallery photograph, there is an individual QR code that if it is scanned, it will take them to the Heart Gallery website and to that specific child to learn more about them.

There will be a match day held the 3rd Monday of each month to review our home studies without identified children and review the list of children that we have not identified homes. We will also

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discuss families without identified families without children with Circuit 14 to increase matches. The agency will engaged in community events to recruit prospective adoptive families with teenagers.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Adoption Competency Training/Certification will be held in January for Circuits 2 and 14.

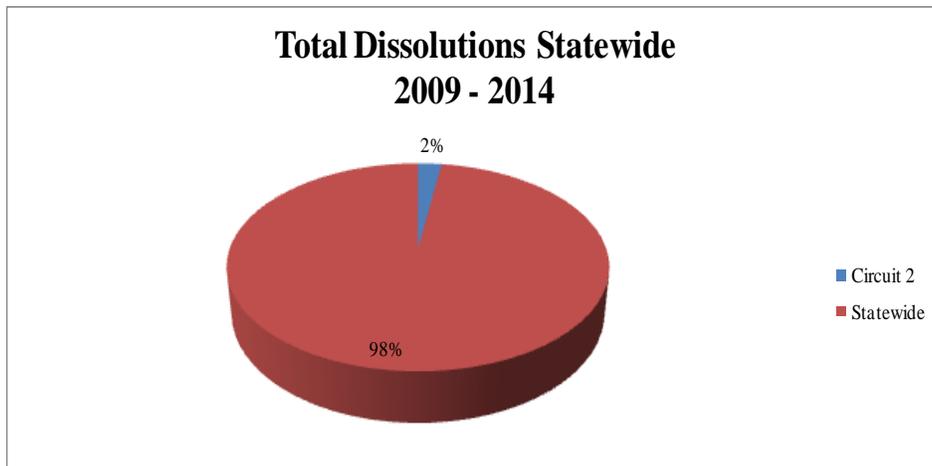
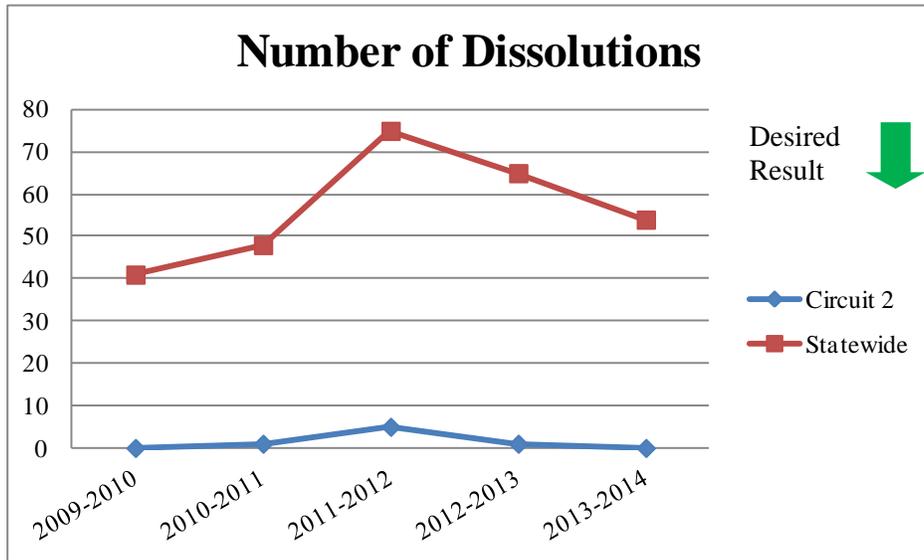
National Adoption Day activities and National Adoption Month awareness.

**Support of Adoptive Families
Desired Population Level Results**

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

Number of Dissolutions					
	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Circuit Total	0	1	5	1	0
State Total	41	48	75	65	54

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Support of Adoptive Families
Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 2 adoptive families will have the enhanced capacity to provide a safe, stable, nurturing environment for children who have obtained permanency through adoption.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Facilitate the coordination of support activities.	ongoing	Children’s Home Society case manager to provide post-adoption services – they work with CPIs too if an investigation comes in on a family that can be there right away, they make referrals for counseling and behavior services
Objective 1.2 Increase adoptive parent resources and distribution of information	ongoing	QPI meetings, information posted on websites, email information
Objective 1.3 Increase training and educational opportunities for adoptive families	ongoing	There are also quarterly newsletters that go out for additional supports and trainings. There is also additional training courses on the Big Bend CBC website Continue to engage in the foster parent support groups locally, and have support groups via social media
Objective 1.4 Explore establishing adoptive parent and teen support groups	ongoing	Teen Group meets once a month and the Foster Adoptive Association meets once a month. There are also quarterly newsletters that go out for additional supports and trainings.
Objective 1.5 Plan for the provision of in-home behavioral and therapeutic services.	ongoing	Boystown has a 6-8 weeks intensive in home program available if adoptive parents need this training. Behavioral training was also added to MAPP training to provide information during their training.
Objective 1.6 Establish a network of adoption competent providers, professionals, and parents.	ongoing	There are (BT has 2) adoption competent certified therapists in Circuit 2. There will be another adoption certification training early 2015.

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
DJJ Faith Advisory	Gary Montgomery	Shared information at meetings
Genesis Church	Scott Hunter	Provided emergency bags for children in care – for case managers and CPIs, provided support to Boystown
Wakulla One		Shared information at meetings about child welfare
Living Stones	Gary Montgomery	Children of inmates program
James 215	Sheryl Driggers	Promoted DCF Child Fatality Initiative information on social media
		Local participation at the Faith Symposium as well as several breakout sessions were by local providers
Young Lives and Youth Life		Faith based mentoring program for young moms
Bethel Missionary Baptist	Rev Holmes	Counseling, family life center
Celebration Church		Hosted Foster Parent events – Super Saturday and Foster Parent Appreciation
Thomasville Road Baptist Church		Hosted Foster Parent events – Super Saturday and Foster Parent Appreciation
Catholic Charities		Adoption services, Bridges to Circles in Franklin County, Refugee Services and an ACCESS Partner
First Baptist Church of Bristol		Hosted a Farm Share event for Liberty/Calhoun residents
There are many churches in our community that provide food and clothing and will assist our clients.		
There are many churches that are ACCESS Partners		