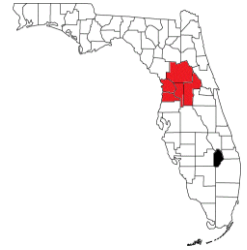




CIRCUIT 5

Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties

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



Highlights and Accomplishments

Lake County

- **Be Free Lake** (formerly known as the Safe Climate Coalition, part of the Community Coalition Alliance)
 - Mental Health First Aid Trainings for Certificate – offered 3 sessions – trained 60 individuals
 - Published annual 2014 Quality of Life Report: A Snapshot of Lake County – 800 printed copies distributed (24,923 visits to website)
 - Published Lake County Community Resource Guide in English and Spanish; monthly – 11,129 visits to website
 - Publish monthly newsletter– distributed throughout county – between 500 to 800 monthly
 - Taught Social Problems Class at Lake-Sumter State College every semester
 - Offered monthly educational meetings in the community
 - Coordinator of Circuit 5 Department of Juvenile Justice Conference for 183 attendees
 - Assisted in planning and participated in (3) community baby shower fairs
 - Provided Licensed Premise Inspection training for law enforcement – 44 Leesburg Police Department

- **Lake County Shared Services Network** (Community Alliance)
 - Hosted the 11th Annual Child Protection Conference with a focus on Gender Violence, Cyber-bullying, and Human Trafficking with presentations by Dr. Monica Mendez and Dr. Sameer Hinduja and the Lake County Human Trafficking Taskforce members.
 - Established Converge Teen Center to address concerns of unsupervised youth between the ages of 12 yrs old to 17 years old on weekends and after school hours
 - Assisted in promoting foster parenting and with Kids Central Inc. in Open Your Heart – foster parent recruitment event
 - Homeless/ Unaccompanied Youth Project – helped to establish points of contact at Lake Sumter State College to assist with college entrance and providing for emergency needs of these youth
 - Assists with coordination of resources for the Lake County Human Trafficking Taskforce and building awareness and education in the community
 - Currently collaborating with DCF to promote child fatality prevention campaigns and awareness
 - Child Abuse Awareness Rally Event at the historic courthouse (April 25, 2014)

- **Lake County Children's Services Council**
 - Provides resource and referral assistance to families needing services
 - Promotes resource sharing with Lake County's service providers
 - Provided \$150, 761.01 in Children's Services Council grant funding to the following community programs: Boys & Girls Club of Lake & Sumter Counties – Project Learn; Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. – Children's Bereavement Services; E3 Family Solutions, Inc.; Early Learning Coalition of Lake County; Easter Seals Florida, Inc.; Education Foundation of Lake County – Take Stock in Children; Father's House – Converge Teen Center; Florida Department of Health Lake County – Preventative Dental Care; Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties; Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center – Forensic Interview Program; Lake-Sumter State College – Kids Scholarship Program; Lifestreams Behavioral Centers, Inc. – Parent Child Interaction Therapy.
 - Provided \$47,500 in Health & Human Services grant funding to the following community programs: Building Blocks Ministries, Inc. – Transportation Program; Catholic Charities of Central Florida – Emergency Family Assistance Program; Deaf Service Center of Lake County, Hear Again Program; FAITH Neighborhood Center – Utility Assistance; Lake Cares Inc. – Feeding the Need in Lake Co.; New Vision for Independence; Society of St. Vincent DePaul – Client Utilities Program.

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➤ County, City and Misc. Activities

- Lake County Board of Commissioners - January 2014 Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation & April 2014 Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation & Water Safety Awareness Proclamation – June 2014
- City of Leesburg – April 2014 Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation
- City of Eustis – April 2014 Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation & pinwheel garden
- City of Clermont – April 2014 Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation
- Pinwheel Gardens - Bates Avenue Community Center, Lake Co. Schools, Early Learning Coalition, Boys and Girls Club locations in Lake and Sumter

Sumter County

➤ Sumter County Children's Alliance

- Participated in the Bushnell Fall Festival to promote outreach and awareness (over 10,000 attendees) and at the Oxford Fall Festival Outreach (hundreds of participants)
- Subcommittees – Provider Expo; GAP in Services; Nominating Committee; DJJ Committee
- Provided a forum for McKinney-Vento Florida Homeless Education Pre-audit requisite (Sumter Co. Schools Homeless Liaisons)
- Provided Legislative Wrap Up Session to community providers
- Sumter County School Board and Sumter County Health Department partnership in Swim Safe Sumter, provided swim lessons to over 300 children in Sumter County
- Strategic Planning - goal sessions with University of Central Florida Masters Program students
- Sumter Co. Healthy Start hosted a Community Baby Shower in May 2014

➤ County, City and Misc. Activities

- Sumter County Board of Commissioners – January 2014 Human Trafficking Awareness & April 2014 Child Abuse Awareness proclamations & Water Safety Awareness Proclamation – July 2014

Citrus County

➤ Community Alliance of Citrus County

- Monthly attendance at Alliance membership meetings with an average of 50 attendees each month
- The Executive Board has established two subcommittees to help drive Alliance missions that include Communication and Mental Health/Substance Abuse.
- In November 2013, the Citrus Alliance teamed with Kids Central Inc. to host a public recruitment event for Foster Care and Adoption entitled “Open Your Heart.” The event was held at the Crystal River Mall and featured speakers both youth and adult who spoke with potential foster families
- A Membership Appreciation Breakfast was held in January 2014 and the Executive Board served the breakfast to the membership group. Approximately 80 people attended the first-annual event.
- For April 2014 Children's Week—the Citrus Alliance established April as Children's Month in Citrus County and initiated a Children's Council, and more activities than ever before. Highlighting Children's Month included:
 1. **Kick-off Event** – “One Voice at the Steps” was held on April 1st with special guest speakers to bring awareness to Children's Month. Proclamations from the County were read at the event, and over 80 attended, including the local Boys/Girls club. The event featured 3 youth speakers and special guest, Zackary Gibson.
 2. **Family Fun Day in the Park**—The 2nd Annual Family Fun Day (kicked off Children's Week) held on April 5th 2014 went from 400 the previous year to 700 this year due to a partnership with the City of Crystal River.
 3. **“Music and Magic”** and featured live music, free food, and a magician for kids. Wal-Mart of Inverness donated all the food, and the event had 350 in attendance.

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4. **Awareness Efforts** - Flyers and other materials were widely distributed throughout the county and in the elementary schools promoting April as Children's Month.

- The Citrus Alliance held their 2nd Annual Vendor Fair – (an internal networking event not open to the public) in June 2014. The event had around 95 in attendance from various agencies and organizations, and included lunch and participation from the Executive Board.
- In August 2014, the Citrus Alliance held a first-time event called a Back-to-School Bash with two locations (churches) on the opposite ends of the county. These back-to-school events featured free food, entertainment, backpack and school supply giveaways, and more. One event had over 350 in attendance and the other event had over 400. Both were a huge success.
- Citrus County Healthy Start hosted a Community Baby Shower in May 2014

➤ County, City and Misc. Activities

- Citrus County – Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation --January 2014 and Children's Month & Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation– April 2014 & Water Safety Awareness Proclamation – June 2014

Hernando County

➤ Hernando County Community Alliance

- Serves as a forum for agency collaboration and joint planning
- Children's Week Subcommittee – April 2014 at the Jerome Brown Center, the Alliance hosted a large-scale community event to raise awareness about child abuse
- Homeless Subcommittee – works with the Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition
- Juvenile Justice Subcommittee - Terri Cooper, SEDNET hosted a service mapping exercise. Additionally, group members met with the Alternative School and will look at five (5) to six (6) low risk students with high needs and also DJJ will refer some kids as well. They will put together a group for the Life Skills Training Course, which is a ten (10) to twelve (12) week course.
- Outreach and Awareness Subcommittee - working to increase Alliance membership. The Alliance has a new logo and an updated website.

➤ Hernando County Community Anti Drug Coalition

- Friday Night Done Right - A social norming campaign; 9 schools are participating and includes drug free events for youth
- TeenNS Social Norming Survey – completed in 8 schools
- Too Good For Drugs Materials – curriculum books provided to schools
- Know the Law Campaign – all 8th graders, 10th graders at Hernando High School, all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at Fox Chapel, and Winding Waters K-8.
- SWAT Clubs – 9 active clubs in schools
- Parents who host, lose the most Campaign -4 schools have implemented this campaign – teaching youth and parents the penalties of having open house parties
- Marc Nero/ Champion of Choice Presentation – 6 presentation in schools on bullying, peer pressure, substance abuse and suicide
- The Doris J. Bedell Chill Smart- Don't Start Art Contest – contest for youth that focused on the prevention of underage drinking, drug and tobacco use, and is open to Hernando Co. students. 100 – 200 youth entries annually.
- Intoxillizers – purchased 8 intoxicillizers to test youth for alcohol on school property

➤ County, City Misc.

- Hernando County – Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation in April 2014 and Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation in January 2014 & Water Safety Awareness Proclamation – June 2014
- City of Brooksville – Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation in April 2014

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Marion County

➤ Marion County Children's Alliance

- Identifies needs, gathers resources and coordinates efforts among children's organizations, parents, and caregivers to ensure a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for the children in Marion County.
 - Back to School Bash – over 1,800 backpacks
 - Gift of Christmas Toy Drive – served 923 children
- Workgroups:
 - Safe Kids Marion – works to reduce the number of preventable accidents to young people 17 years old or younger. Provided swim lessons for 80 children; 122 car seat checks and 50 children and parents participated in the annual Walk to School Day.
 - Family Violence Prevention- works to reduce family violence in our community by increasing awareness and providing education. Provided education, resources and emergency assistance to 110 families in the amount of \$15, 183.00
 - Generation Fit – works to reduce childhood obesity in our community. Provided Fit Kid services to 2, 300 students in our extended day program and 800 children and families participated in Family Fun Day.
 - Community Council Against Substance Abuse – works to reduce the impact of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and other drugs on our youth. Provided drug prevention education to 550 families who attend Red Ribbon Kick off and SADD Clubs (Students Against Destructive Decisions) has 150 members.
 - Behavioral Health in Schools – works to identify collaborative opportunities to serve children in schools with mental health issues

➤ County, City and Misc. Activities

- Marion County Board of Commissioners – Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation– January 2015 and Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation– April 2015 & Water Safety Awareness – July 2014
- City of Ocala – Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation– January 2015
- Pinwheel Gardens – Marion Co. – Devereux Neighborhood Project and Paddock Mall

Circuit Wide – Kids Central Inc. (CBC)

➤ Primary Prevention Programming at Kids Central

- Kids Central believes investing in families up front, before a call to the abuse hotline, reduces the likelihood the children will be abused or neglected and need help later. Prevention programs include:
 - Neighborhood Projects
 - Family Team Coaching
 - Kinship Care
 - After School Funding
 - Healthy Start
 - End Kids Tears
 - Resource Center
 - Baby Sleep Basics
 - Family Team Conferencing.
- Inmate Diversion Program at Kids Central - Kids Central continued its partnership with Lowell Correctional Institution and Munroe Regional Medical Center in Marion County to divert children born to inmates keeping them out of foster care. Lowell identifies expectant inmates and a Kids Central Family Preservation Specialist assists the mother with identifying temporary or permanent caregivers available to safely care for

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the infant. From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 there were 168 documented visits with the inmates. There were 74 women who received services during the time period. Of the 90 babies born, 64 were successfully diverted. There were six inmates released prior to their scheduled delivery. There were 12 infants sheltered and two born stillborn.

➤ Diversion Evidenced Based Programming funded by Kids Central, Inc.

- As a key component of Family Preservation, Kids Central utilizes internal and contracted diversion programs to divert families from the formal child welfare system. This community approach allows Kids Central and its partners to put family support services in place without separating the family. A total of 1,701 cases were diverted to contracted and community-based service providers for the 2013-14 fiscal year. During 2013-14 Kids Central implemented three evidenced-based programs:
 - Nurturing Parenting Program
 - Family Behavior Therapy
 - Family Connections and
 - Parenting Journey will be implemented during August 2014.

Nurturing Parent Program - The Nurturing Parenting Program began accepting referrals through Circuit 5's Community-Based Staffing process as of July 2013. This was a new evidenced-based in home parenting program. Initially the program only accepted referrals from Child Protective Investigators for cases deemed low risk. During the course of the year, the program began accepting referrals for intermediate risk families and from Kinship Care and Dependency case managers through Kids Central's Utilization Management Department.

99% of the Nuturing Parent cases which have closed successfully showing an increase in at least two of the five constructs on the AAPI assessment tool and 100% of the successful closures occurring within the 120 day program guideline.

Parenting Journey will enhance the quality of care for families in our community facing challenges relating to the occurrence of abuse, neglect and abandonment of their children which brought them to the attention of the child welfare system. The program helps parents explore the connection between how they were parented and how they are raising their own children. The Parenting Journey helps parents identify negative patterns and replace them with healthy, strength-based parenting approaches.

Dependency: Parenting Journey will primarily serve unsafe families receiving formal case management services whose children are in out of home placements.

- The program structure calls for twelve (12) weeks of two (2) hours per week, group-based parenting skill building.
- Its emphasis is on adult development and the parent as a person.
- Focuses on identifying and building on a parent's strengths.
- The program develops emotional skills critical to healthy parenting.
- Parents gain insight into the connections between their parents' behavior and their own behavior as parents.

Program Goals: Strengthen and educate parents exhibiting risks of abuse, neglect and abandonment of their children by providing a group-based approach to working with parents to reduce parent isolation, building healthy social connections, fostering parent resilience, providing a model for creating a strong family foundation, improving parenting skills, and providing healthy social and emotional support.

- A total of 1,701 cases were diverted to contracted and community-based service providers for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Each of the identified cases was diverted to at least one diversionary service. The diversion of families from the dependency system relies on community-based services that offer timely, appropriate and flexible services that ensure the safety of the child within the family's home. The following diversion services

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are offered by Kids Central's contracted providers to prevent children from being removed from their home after a call was received at the Florida abuse hotline:

1. **Family Group Decision Making** - Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is an effective model of practice which addresses the needs and incorporates the strengths of families in relation to child safety, permanency and wellbeing. The FGDM approach considers family strengths, family engagement, and informed family decision-making as core values when working with children and families. FGDM empowers families to take an active and leadership role in developing plans and making decisions to promote the safety, permanency, and wellbeing of their children. The FGDM service models are considered best practice approaches to serving the needs of families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system. Utilizing a model that supports family involvement over the entire course of the case, as opposed to a one-time event, truly demonstrates actualization of a family-centered, empowerment-focused paradigm. **Findings:**
 - Total families referred to FGDM this fiscal year for all maltreatments was two hundred twenty-six (226).
 - Fidelity to the FGDM Model was at 91% as of March 2014.
 - 100% of participants completing FGDM would recommend the process to another family
 - 100% of participants report satisfaction with the process
 - There was no recidivism for cases closed successfully to FGDM within 6 months.
 - FGDM has had a 85% successful engagement rate and a 72% successful closure rate with cases receiving facilitation and coordination this fiscal year.

2. **Family Connections:** Wraparound services continue to receive a great deal of attention, but I often explain Family Connections (FC) as wraparound on steroids. FC is a multi-faceted, community-based service program that works with families in their homes and in the context of their neighborhoods. FC offers linkage and referral, case management, in-home intervention, and service plans using an evidenced-based family assessment. The goal of FC is to help these families meet the basic needs of their children and reduce the risk of child neglect. Nine practice principles guide FC interventions: community outreach; individualized family assessment; tailored interventions; helping alliance; empowerment approaches; strengths perspective; cultural competence; developmental appropriateness; and outcome-driven service plans. Individualized family intervention is geared to increase protective factors, decrease risk factors, and target child safety and wellbeing outcomes. FC is based on several core components including:
 - Extensive outreach and engagement
 - Emergency and concrete service provision
 - Utilization of a comprehensive family assessment
 - Development of outcome-driven service plans
 - Change focused interventions
 - Advocacy/service facilitation
 - Multi-family activities
 - Service plan evaluation

3. **Family Behavior Therapy (FBT):** FBT is an evidence-based practice model for the treatment of substance abuse. Kids Central is working closely with the model developer to institute FBT. It has demonstrated effectiveness in achieving outcomes related to drug and alcohol use, depression, family relationship problems, employment and/or school problems, and conduct disorder symptoms. The California Evidenced-based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare rated the program "High" for child welfare system relevance. FBT includes up to 20 intensive treatment sessions and lasts 4 – 6 months. A single therapist usually implements FBT in the home, or when substance abuse is severe and children are involved two therapists provide the intervention. One therapist assumes

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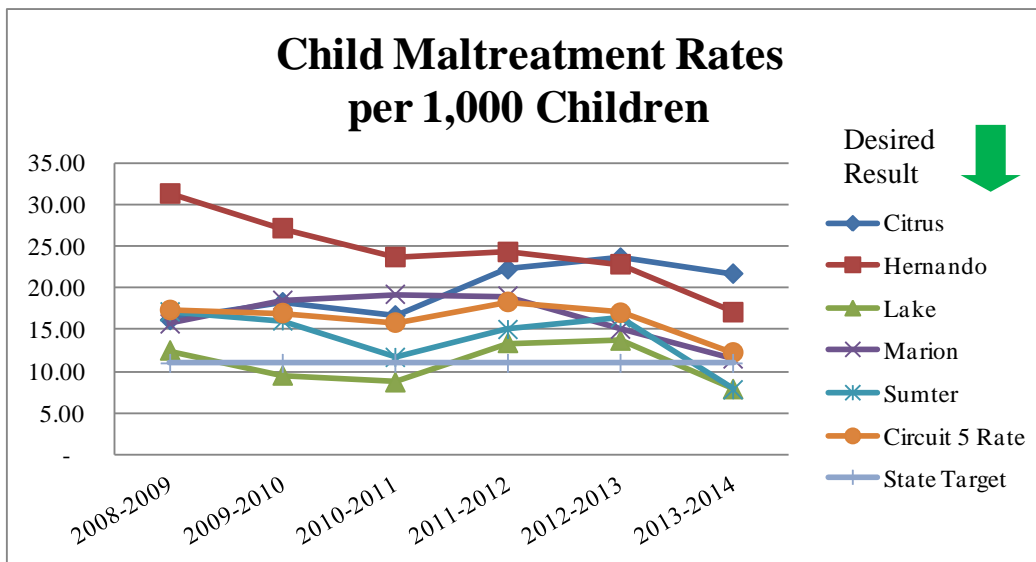
primary responsibility with the adults and the other treats the children. The child-focused treatments are designed to increase the reinforcement value of children, thereby decreasing their risk of child neglect and increasing the desire of parents to spend more time in activities with the children. Several positive parenting treatments are included to teach parents how to differentially reinforce desired behaviors and manage noncompliant behaviors.

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
Citrus	16.15	18.28	16.70	22.24	23.64	21.72
Hernando	31.34	27.18	23.71	24.32	22.85	17.09
Lake	12.50	9.49	8.68	13.40	13.69	7.86
Marion	15.68	18.52	19.23	19.03	15.05	11.47
Sumter	17.13	16.04	11.66	15.01	16.40	7.77
Circuit Rate	17.35	16.98	15.84	18.32	17.02	12.25
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.*



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Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will have a network of neighborhood focused prevention efforts with the purpose of strengthening families, promoting the development of protective factors and addressing the comprehensive needs of families, especially those that research has demonstrated increase the risk of maltreatment.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 To continue to develop and expand the neighborhood project model in Circuit 5.	Kids Central has taken over the management and oversight of the Neighborhood Projects as of July 12, 2014.	Kids Central is working on aligning projects to have outcomes tied to child welfare permanency, safety, and well-being. Kids Central is working on lowering incidence of domestic violence and substance abuse in 4 projects. This will be accomplished through education and employment of residence in the neighborhood. They will expand their vision once projects are aligned.
Objective 1.2 To increase parental and community protective factors to positively impact the well being of children.	Kids Central is working on other models to impact the community	Kids Central is in the beginning phases of restructuring previous neighborhood project.

Neighborhood Projects

Kids Central is transitioning the Neighborhood Projects from Devereux to Kids Central in July 2014. Project specific highlights for the Neighborhood Projects funded by Kids Central and managed by Devereux in 2013-2014 include:

- The West Ocala Resource Center implemented a women's support group that has been very successful. LIFE (Ladies Inspiring Feminine Empowerment) Support was developed for women, in hopes to foster an environment conducive to change. The women are actively involved in community activities and educational programs that restore and strengthen their lives from the inner spirit to the confident woman by addressing social conditions, emotional barriers, financial hurdles and skill deficiencies that hinder progression in one's life journey.
- Crystal River Neighborhood Project facilitated with the Children's Alliance an "Open Your Heart" event in November at the Crystal River Mall to build awareness of foster care and adoption, as well as provide information on community resources.
- In Spring Hill in January 2014 reported that the neighborhood residents continue to organize activities among themselves to support the mission of Devereux and the community to keep parents informed and children safe. The Family Night Fundraiser is completely being organized by residents and will hopefully be successful so that the committees can purchase family night crafts to share fun ideas to involve parents with their children.

Strategy 2: Circuit 5 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 2.1 Continue, enhance and expand Healthy Families Florida.	Ongoing	Healthy Families exist in all 5 counties of Circuit 5. Healthy Families is promoting the Who's Watching Your Child campaign and published a brochure http://www.healthyfamiliesfla.org/pdfs/watching_child.pdf

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Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will have year-round events, public education opportunities and campaigns to build awareness of child well being, positive parenting and civic responsibility to ensure the well being of all children.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 3.1 Ensure high level of awareness of Pinwheels for Prevention™ Campaign.	Kids Central has the year round End the Tears Campaign. The End the Tears Campaign can be accessed via website or Face book.	Kids Central is going to hold meeting in each county to coordinate Child Abuse Prevention month and ongoing campaign. The meetings will be held in an effort to not duplicate services or events and to increase our collective impact of prevention in Circuit 5. This will take place in January of 2014.
Objective 3.2 Increase knowledge of child development, positive parenting and discipline techniques to members in our community.	Kids Central has a contract with Devereux Kids for two parenting programs. In addition, the Neighborhood Projects will over ongoing training.	Neighborhood Projects will collaborate with existing parent programs within the community. Internally, Kids Central offers parenting in-home to Healthy Start Clients in Lake County for eligible clients. In addition, Kids Central contracts with Devereux Kids to provide evidenced based parenting programs called Nurturing Parent and Parenting Journey.
Objective 3.3 Increase knowledge of community supports and social connections.	Kids Central's business plan goal is to increase the number of partnerships in the community.	Kids Central will utilize their Board of Directors and other partners to increase our mission of Protecting Children, Supporting Families and Engaging Families. Kids Central continues to partner with the various community alliances in Circuit 5.
Objective 3.4 Increase public perception that child abuse and neglect can be prevented before it ever occurs.	Kids Central utilizes social media, media, community presentations, and collaborative partnerships for child abuse awareness. In addition, Kids Central offers a number of programs to prevent child abuse before it happens such as after school funding, neighborhood projects, kinship, and safe sleeping program.	Kids Central will continue working on public awareness through social media, media, community presentations and collaborations with partners. Kids Central will continue their focus on preventing abuse before it happens through specific prevention programming.

Strategy 4: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will continue to build upon and provide a variety of support services to improve access to resources, keep families stable and support young parents and relative caregivers in times of need.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 4.1 To enhance early childhood prevention services to build upon strengths and improve resiliency of young parents and young children.	Kids Central provides assistance to the ELC's throughout Circuit 5 to assist with childcare. Kids Central also holds the contract for Healthy Start in Lake County. Kids Central employs two educational liaisons who assist with educational outcomes of children in prevention,	Since 2008, the Baby Sleep Basics Program is offered to families that reside in Marion, Lake, Sumter, Citrus or Hernando counties. Through this program families are able to receive SIDS and safe sleep education for their children that are under one year of age; if income requirements are met

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Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
	diversion, and dependency system. Kids Central Baby Sleep Basics provided safe sleeping education and pack-n-plays to almost 300 people in Circuit 5.	the family may qualify for a free crib. Educational sessions are provided once monthly in each of the counties, or as needed on a case by case basis.
Objective 4.2 To continue to support and expand services to relative caregivers.	Kids Central has the only program of its kind in the state of Florida focusing on relative caregivers providing support groups, case management, resource and direction, legal services, family finding, and Kids Central provides support groups in all five counties to kinship families on an ongoing basis. KCI provides: monthly support groups with free childcare, educational support groups, family finding, legal services, intergenerational activities, case management, family team conferencing, an annual kinship conference for caregivers and for teens 13 years and older, in-home services, community navigators/ peer mentors, resources, holiday assistance.	Kids Central’s Kinship Program provided case management services to 315 families, which totals 417 relative caregivers and 562 children. 259 relative caregivers graduated and completed 8-10 weeks of Kinship Support Groups. 0% of the families provided Kinship case management services ended up in the formalized child welfare system after 6 months of case closure. Kids Central assisted 356 families from our Resource Center with clothing, household items, and food. Kids Central’s Kinship Program assisted 369 kinship families with ACCESS Florida Benefits and assisted a family with receiving over \$3400 in retro ACCESS FL benefits.
Objective 4.3 To support parents in providing safe and responsive care for children during out of school hours.	Kids Central provides a request for proposal in the community to fund programs that provide care for youth after school hours. Kids Central looks for these programs in areas with high volumes of calls to the Florida Child Abuse Hotline. In 2013-2014, Kids Central funded 7 programs in Circuit 5 to serve almost 200 children outside of the formalized child welfare system.	
Objective 4.4 To expand sustain programs that provide shelter/homes for parents and caregivers.	Kids Central created partnerships with the Domestic Violence Shelters to offer services to diversion cases involving domestic violence.	Kids Central Inc., maintains a Resource Center. The center is filled with new and gently-used donated items, including house wares, furniture, linens, clothing and food pantry. All of the items

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Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
	A new partnership was established with Castro Convertibles. The company donated 38 new beds to families during the 13/14 fiscal year. Also, three local quilting clubs and sewing groups made and donated 319 handmade items. Furthermore, several civic and faith-based organizations held donation drives and helped stock the resource center with diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies, toiletries and baby shower items.	are passed on to clients at no charge. The Resource Center is not open to the public; all requests must be made by staff. In fiscal year 2013-2014, there were 356 families assisted out of the Resource Center.

Strategy 5: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will continue to work with Safe Kids Coalitions, Early Learning Coalitions, Health Department, and Healthy Start/Healthy Families to implement public awareness initiatives to reduce incidences of avoidable death within the circuit.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 5.1 Ensure that each county has a public awareness initiative related to the issues that result in preventable deaths in children.	<i>End Kids Tears</i> End Kids' Tears 2014, Kids Central's child abuse prevention and awareness campaign. As a community-inclusive project, specific events and projects were tailored to each county and its participants. The community alliances took a strong lead across the Circuit and Kids Central made sure to play a strong role in every area.	Kids Central partnered with Safe Kids Coalition in Marion County and provided funding for drowning prevention. This funding will allow them to provide free swim lessons to at-risk children.

Additional Activities

Kid's Central works with all of the school systems in Circuit 5. Kids Central facilitates a quarterly meeting with all school districts to share information and work through any issues that may arise. This partnership allows the schools to have single points of contacts within Kids Central if issues arise with children under our supervision or if they need any type of assistance for children and families in their schools. An electronic data exchange agreement was signed for Hernando, Lake, Sumter, and Citrus County.

Interagency Collaboration

Circuit 5 Local Review Team

In accordance with the Interagency Agreement, Circuit 5 DCF Community Development Administrator, Joelle Aboytes, facilitates regular, monthly Circuit 5 Local Review Team calls, on the 2nd Fridays of each month. The call serves as a forum for agencies to come together to discuss issues and topics that affect children in common.

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	Interagency Team Members											Topics Discussed	
	AHCA	APD	DCF CW	DCF SA MH	DJJ	DOE	DOH	GAL	FOEL	CBC	ME	Presenter	Notes
Agencies Represented at Meeting:													
January	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	Joelle Aboytes	Discussed establishing formal county level review teams and referring cases to those teams
February	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Dorothy Pohleven – Medipass Coordinator AHCA	AHCA Changes by Region 3 AHCA & MMA Specialty Plans
March	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	Roundtable Discussions	AHCA updates, DJJ updates, Easter Seals Camp Challenge - interagency collaboration, ME updates
April	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	Kywa Hammond, Esq. for DJJ	Overview of CINS/FINS
May	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	Randy Reynolds, DJJ Reform Specialist	DJJ – FDLE Florida Requirements for Sex Offenders, Disposition Orders & Orders to Register (Adam Walsh law)
June	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sandra Woodard, Program Manager, Early Learning Center of the Nature Coast	OEL - Special Needs Eligibility Criteria
July												N/A	No Meeting in July
August												N/A	No Meeting in August
September		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	Ellen Curtis, Kids Central Inc. (KCI)	Sunshine Health for Foster Care Kids
October		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	Terri Cooper, SEDNET	Overview of SEDNET & Youth Mental Health First Aid
November		X		X			X	X			X	Roundtable Discussions	Discussed annual reporting to the Governor's Office
December													

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County Level Review Teams

Due to the geographic nature of Circuit 5, the Department of Children & Families established “County Level Review Teams” to staff interagency children and community children needing collaborative interventions. County teams are available to meet on an emergency basis. During this reporting period, the Community Development Administrator for the Department of Children and Families facilitated “emergency staffings”. The Department of Juvenile Justice was the largest referral sources of children for staffings at the County Level Review Teams.

Ideally, each county will have its own team. Both Citrus County and Lake County have regular, monthly calls on interagency, foster care children. These staffings are facilitated by the Department of Children and Families – Children’s Legal Services Attorney Supervisors. The Hernando County team was established in April 2014 and has been also meeting regularly.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Emergency Staffings	2	1	2	0	2	3	1	1	3	9			Total Staffings
Regular Staffings	10	12	17	25	24	25	27	10	13	16			203
Community Children**	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	3	5			Over 63 Different Children Served
Foster Care Children**	10	12	13	24	23	23	26	10	12	17			

****note a child may be staffed more than 1 time per month or over several months**

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

- Establish a regular, monthly Marion County Level Review Team
- Work with the Managing Entity on local recruitment strategies to recruit mental health service providers (including but not limited to pediatric psychiatrist, juvenile sexual offender treatment programs, building capacity for intensive, in-home substance abuse/ mental health services)
- Assist in coordinating mental health first aid training opportunities for Hernando, Marion, Citrus and Sumter counties.

Suggestions to the Cabinet:

1. Establish an “Interagency” Authorization for Release of Records Template
2. Provide a guidance memo to sub-sub contracting agencies to encourage participation in the Local Review Team and County Teams or Champion Staffings
3. Provide a guidance memo pertaining to HIPPA and FERPA as it pertains to the interagency agreement

Child Maltreatment Prevention

Human Trafficking Activities

Summary of Human Trafficking Activities

There are (3) three human trafficking taskforces/ response teams in Circuit 5:

- Lake County Human Trafficking Taskforce
- Tri-County (Citrus, Hernando, Sumter) Human Trafficking Response Team
- Marion County Human Trafficking Taskforce

All taskforces meet regularly and have integrated representatives from the Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Investigations and Child Protective Investigations; Lutheran Services, Managing Entity; Community Mental Health Centers; Kids Central Inc. and their sub-contracted case management organizations.

Additionally, local Child Advocacy Centers/ Child Protection Teams set multi-disciplinary case staffings on all Department of Children and Families abuse hotline cases coded with a human trafficking maltreatment code to promote interagency intervention and collaboration. Currently, the main focus in all of the taskforces is to promote awareness and cultivate resources.

Gaps in CSEC Services include:

- (1) Assessment for mental and substance abuse disorders should be an essential component of care for survivors of human trafficking
- (2) Specialized CSEC Victim Advocates
- (3) Community Mental Health Providers – build capacity of treatment/ service providers
- (4) Interpreters
- (5) Housing

Proposed Human Trafficking Activities for 2014-2015

- Promote Human Trafficking Awareness in all five school districts and integrate school personnel from each school district into their respective taskforces/ team
- Provide Human Trafficking Awareness to mental health and substance abuse providers
- Working, in collaboration, with AHCA regarding payment and treatment for services
- Develop a response protocol to address mental health and substance abuse issues

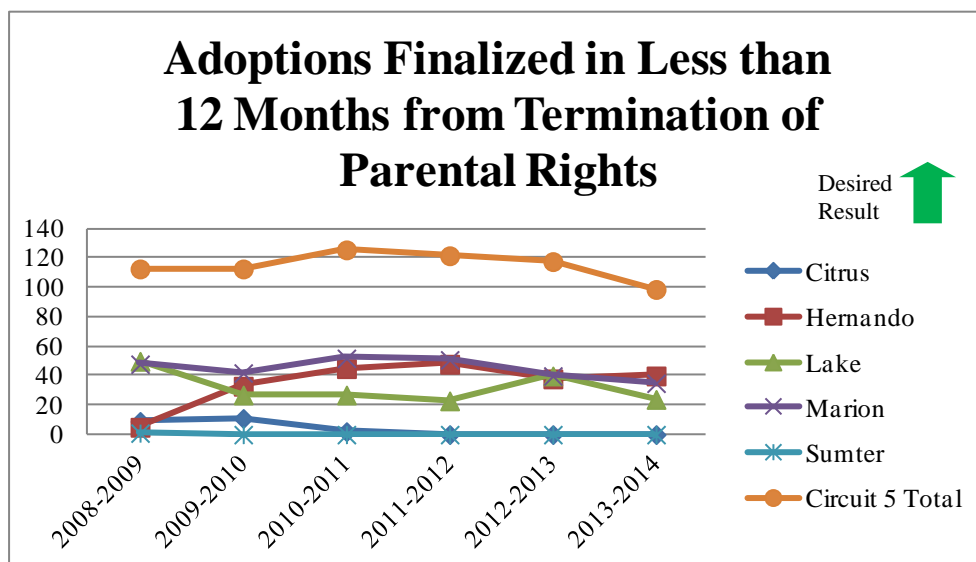
**Support of Adoptive Families
Desired Population Level Results**

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
Citrus	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	9	11	2	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	45%	65%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Hernando	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	5	33	45	48	38	40
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	25%	57%	58%	73%	70%	63%
Lake	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	50	27	27	23	40	24
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	63%	75%	61%	61%	73%	47%
Marion	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	48	42	52	51	40	35
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	71%	58%	63%	70%	71%	76%
Sumter	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	113	113	126	122	118	99
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized within 12 Months	60%	62%	61%	69%	72%	62%

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

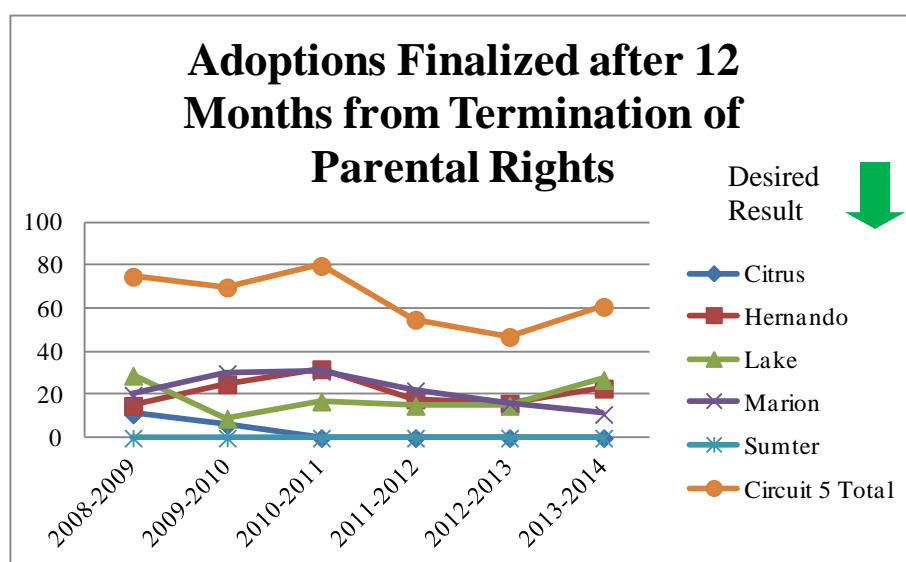


Support of Adoptive Families

- 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 after 12 months of Termination of Parental Rights							
County	Number and Percentages	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Citrus	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	11	6	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	55%	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hernando	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	15	25	32	18	16	23
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	75%	43%	42%	27%	30%	37%
Lake	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	29	9	17	15	15	27
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	37%	25%	39%	39%	27%	53%
Marion	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	20	30	31	22	16	11
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	29%	42%	37%	30%	29%	24%
Sumter	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Circuit Total	Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	75	70	80	55	47	61
	Percentage of Adoptions Finalized over 12 Months	40%	38%	39%	31%	28%	38%

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



Support of Adoptive Families

Youth and Family Alternatives is the contracted provider of Kids Central charged with providing adoption services for all five counties of Circuit 5. YFA recruits, trains and licenses adoptive homes to adopt children from the child welfare system. YFA is also responsible for case management services to children available for adoption.

Each year, the Department of Children and Families sets a goal of adoption finalizations for each lead agency. For the 2013-14 fiscal year, Kids Central and YFA's goal for adoption finalizations was 150. Excitingly, YFA exceeded the measure by 11 children resulting in 161 children finding forever homes. There were 91 children adopted with relatives, 18 with non-relatives and 52 children adopted through foster/ recruit efforts. Also met by YFA includes the goal of placing 40% of children with high-level needs in a permanent adoptive homes. YFA achieved 52.3%.

Kids Central continues to provide oversight and final approval for all the Adoption Subsidy files, Separation of Sibling Staffing and the Adoption Applicant Review Committee Meetings held throughout Circuit 5. Programmatic changes for YFA include the creation and implementation of Post-Placement Staffing, which requires a staffing be held within 30 to 45 days after a child is placed in an adoptive home in order to assess the placement both from the adoptive family's view and the child's view. This helps to ensure everything is in place prior to moving towards an adoption finalization.

Support of Adoptive Families
Status of Strategies and Objectives

Strategy 1: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will have an on-going recruitment process that finds appropriate homes for older children legally free for adoption.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Utilize Adoption Chronicles™, Heart Galleries and agency website for general awareness and recruitment efforts.	On-going	Adoption Chronicles and websites are utilized for those children awaiting adoption. Focus needs to be towards making the connection with Heart Gallery of America for broader recruitment possibilities.
Objective 1.2 Utilize the Family Finding model for child specific recruitment for older children.	On-going	Case managers and recruiters continue to make every effort to establish family or friend life connections for older children awaiting adoption.

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will have in place an effective system for recruiting and supporting families interested in adopting older children from the foster care system.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Implementation of “Customer Service” Protocol for YFA Adoptions Services	On-going	Intake forms are completed over the phone for all callers interested in adoption. The average time of response is 24 hours for a recruiter to return the call if they were not in the office the time the call was received.
Objective 2.2 Recruitment among faith base organizations	On-going	Partnerships have been established with United Methodist of Inverness, Liberty Baptist Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, First Methodist Church of Tavares, Christian Church of the Wildwood, and Eagles Nest Baptist Church. The Christian Church of the Wildwood has hosted the National Adoption Month Event and sponsors children for Christmas. Churches have offered spaces for MAPP and support groups and the opportunity to discuss adoption with their congregation.
Objective 2.3 (Also included Objectives 1.1, 1.2 under this strategy).		

Additional Activities

Interagency Collaboration

There has been increased communication and cooperation between YFA and other provider agencies.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

YFA is planning to replace the older, outdated Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting adoption family pre-training to a more informative, adoption specific pre-training such as Adoption 101.

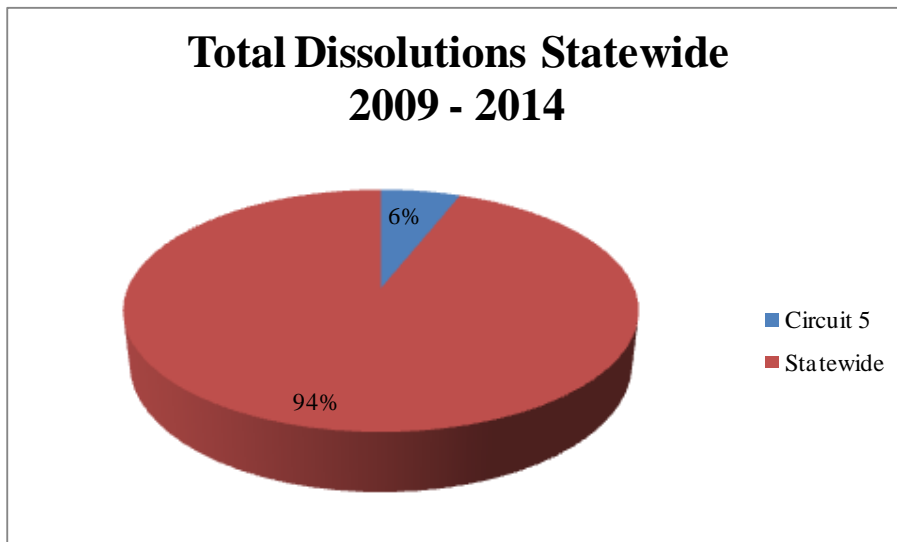
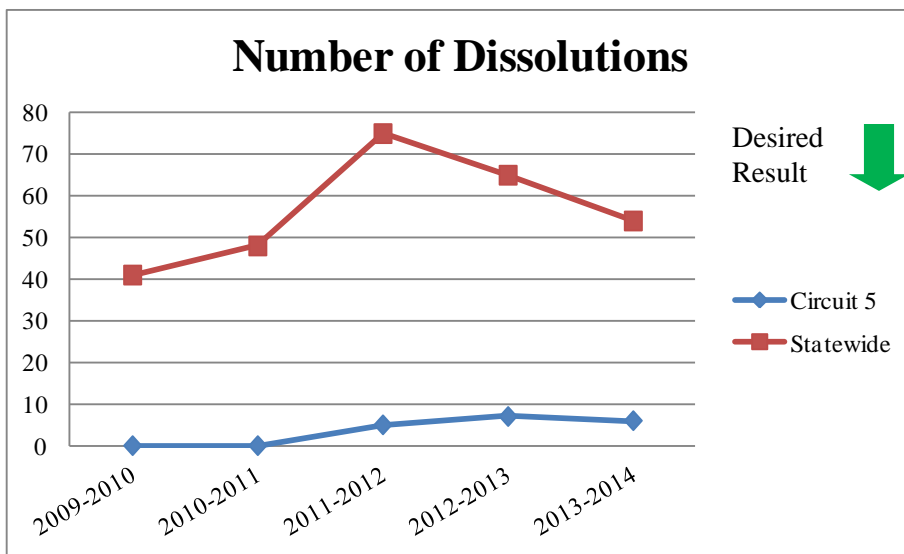
Support of Adoptive Families

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	0	5	7	6
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 5 will have a network of on-going support groups for adoptive parents and adopted youth to adequately meet the needs of interested adoptive parents and youth.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 1.1 Continue to expand the availability of support groups for adoptive parents.	On-going	Currently there are 3 support groups running successfully in Marion, Lake, and Citrus Counties. YFA will continue to advertise by passing out flyers at home visits and through mailings, as well as in the quarterly newsletter which is emailed on the YFA Adoptions Website.
Objective 1.2 Develop support groups for adopted youth.	NA	Adopted youth have not shown an interest in participating in this type of support group. YFA will continue to evaluate the need for youth support groups through the quarterly newsletter. Groups will be offered at the same time and location of the parent support groups.

Strategy 2: By June 30, 2015, practitioners in Circuit 5 will have strong skills in engaging families and utilizing Family Finders and Family Team Conferencing to assist extended family members who are adopting a child from foster care in developing effective support plans.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 2.1 Strengthen the skills of case managers and Family Team Conferencing Facilitators in effectively using Family Finding and Family Team Conferencing for these caregivers.	On-going	Adoption Case Managers and Clinical Support Coordinator continue to develop support plans for adoptive families. YFA Clinical Support Coordinator facilitates Family Team Conferences on an as needed basis following an adoption as part of post adoption services.

Strategy 3: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will have a more comprehensive array of post adoptive services for adopting families.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 3.1 Ensure the post adoptive services are readily available for all families who request them.	On-going	Clinical Support Coordinator will continue to work with KCI to enhance post adoption services. YFA has formed partnerships with faith based organizations that have agreed to provide support to adoptive families.

Strategy 4: By June 30, 2015, Circuit 5 will have increased opportunities for adoptive parents to obtain on-going training to help them meet the needs of their children.

Objective	Status	Summary/Action Needed
Objective 4.1 Create new and/or enhance current opportunities to specifically address needs identified by parents.	On-going	Clinical Support Coordinator evaluates the needs of families and provides training as needed at post adoption support group meetings.

Support of Adoptive Families
Additional Activities

Interagency Collaboration

Adoption Competent Therapist/Post Adoption Resources are needed within the circuit. YFA has used the County Level Review Teams to address children needing collaborative interagency interventions.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015

Continue to evaluate the interests of adopted youth to encourage participation in adopted youth support groups.

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
Druid Hills		Space for Kinship Families
Our Father's House	Mike Matheny	Promote Foster Home Needs
Faith Central		Provided After Care Programs for Kids
Liberty Baptist Church	Pastor Johnson	Promotes foster homes recruitment
United Methodist of Inverness		Offered spaces for MAPP and support groups
Liberty Baptist Church		Offered spaces for MAPP and support groups
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church		Offered spaces for MAPP and support groups
First Methodist Church of Tavares		Offered spaces for MAPP and support groups
Church of the Wildwood		Hosts National Adoption Month Event and sponsors children for Christmas
Real Life Church		Spaces for support groups
Eagles Nest Baptist		Spreading the word about the children in need of families and the needs of our children in care
Oxford Assembly of God		Offered space for trainings
Cornerstone Baptist Church		Caring Families church
Florida Baptist Children's Home		Caring Families training