**FLORIDA INVENTORY OF STATEWIDE, STATE-LEVEL, MULTIAGENCY GROUPS HANDLING CHILDREN’S ISSUES**

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**Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)**

**Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)**

**Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

* Office of Child Welfare (OCW)
* Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH)
* Children’s Legal Services (CLS)
* Economic Self Sufficiency (ESS)

**Department of Education (DOE)**

* Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
* Division of K-12 Public Schools
* Exceptional Student Education (ESE), within Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS)
* Student Services (SS), within Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS)
* Homeless Education (HE)
* Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET)

**Department of Health (DOH)**

* Early Steps (ES)
* Children’s Medical Services (CMS)
* Child Protection Team (CPT)

**Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)**

* Prevention
* Probation
* Detention
* Residential
* Education
* Office of Health Services

**Executive Office of the Governor (EOG)**

**Guardian ad Litem Statewide Program (GAL)**

**Office of Early Learning (OEL)**

**Supreme Court/Office of the State Courts Administrator (SC/OSCA)**

**NOTE: Many of these workgroups also include other community providers, parents, and youth. This inventory primarily captures state agencies involved.**

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|  | **Name of Group** | **Purpose/Primary Goals** | **Agencies Involved** | **Primary Contact(s)** | **Statutory Authority** |
| 1 | Center for Coordinated Assistance to States Grant Team | Reviews all current, statewide, state level multiagency children’s workgroups to align and streamline them for maximum efficiency and collective impact. Begins to identify dedicated funding for children involved in multiple series/systems and children who “fall through the cracks” of the multiple systems and services. | APD, DCF, DJJ, EOG, SC/OSCA | [Jennifer.Prather@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Jennifer.Prather@myflfamilies.com)  [Nicole.Stookey@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Nicole.Stookey@myflfamilies.com) |  |
| 2 | Child Abuse Death Review Committee | Reviews child fatality cases to:  (a) Achieve a greater understanding of the causes and contributing factors of deaths resulting from child abuse.  (b) Whenever possible, develop a communitywide approach to address such cases and contributing factors.  (c) Identify any gaps, deficiencies, or problems in the delivery of services to children and their families by public and private agencies which may be related to deaths that are the result of child abuse.  (d) Make and implement recommendations for changes in law, rules, and policies, as well as develop practice standards that support the safe and healthy development of children and reduce preventable child abuse deaths. | DCF(OCW), DOH(CMS, CPT), EOG, DOE (SS), SC/OSCA, Office of the Attorney General, Florida Department of Law Enforcement | [Peggy.Scheuermann@flhealth.gov](mailto:Peggy.Scheuermann@flhealth.gov) | 383.402 F.S. |
| 3 | Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Advisory Council  (includes 20 Circuit Task Forces) | Works for the prevention of child maltreatment, and the promotion of adoption and support for adoptive families. In addition to the Advisory Council, there are 20 Circuit Task Forces in each judicial circuit that mirrors the membership of the Advisory Council to identify local priorities and needs toward the prevention of child maltreatment, promotion of adoption and support for adoptive families. | APD, DCF, DJJ, DOE, DOH, DOC, EOG, FDLE | [Zackary.Gibson@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Zackary.Gibson@eog.myflorida.com) | 39.001F.S. |
| 4 | Children and Youth Cabinet | Develops and implements: a shared vision; a strategic plan; measurable outcomes; efficiencies in information sharing and service delivery; ways to foster public awareness on children’s issues; a child and youth impact statement for evaluating proposed legislation; ways to identify potential funding streams and resources; and, a children-and-youth-based budget structure. | AHCA, APD, DCF, DJJ, DOE, DOH, EOG, GAL, OEL, SC/OSCA | [Nicole.Stookey@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Nicole.Stookey@myflfamilies.com) | 402.56 F.S. |
| 5 | Children’s Multidisciplinary Assessment Team | Assesses all Medicaid eligible and Managed Care clients under 21 years of age who are referred for medically necessary long-term care services. Also conducts staffings for these clients and determines if clients meet the minimum threshold of care required for long-term care clinical services. The long-term care services funded by Medicaid includes: the determination of Level of Care for Nursing Facilities; determination of Level of Reimbursement for Medical Foster Care; and the determination of Level of Care for Model Waiver applicants. | AHCA, APD, DCF, DOH(CMS) | [Ariel.McPherson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Ariel.McPherson@flhealth.gov)  [Linda.Long-Miller@flhealth.gov](mailto:Linda.Long-Miller@flhealth.gov) | 39.303 F.S. |

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| 6 | Crossover Youth Workgroup | Makes informed recommendations to address service delivery barriers specific to the dually served youth population (served by both DCF and DJJ). (There are a number of subcommittees addressing specific issues pertaining to crossover youth including: Community Diversion, Behavior/Mental Health, Data Sharing, Lock Out/parental abandonment for children released from programs.) | AHCA, DCF, DJJ, GAL, SC/OSCA, State Attorney | [Zandra.Odom@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Zandra.Odom@myflfamilies.com) |  |
| 7 | Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers | Advises Florida's Early Steps Program in the performance of its responsibilities, as a required member representing children’s mental health, per 34 C.F.R., Part 303, Subpart G – State Interagency Coordinating Council. | AHCA, DCF(SAMH), DOE(HE), DOE(ESE), DOH, OEL | [Laurie.Blades@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Laurie.Blades@myflfamilies.com) |  |
| 8 | Florida – Learning Community and On-Site Technical Assistance for Youth and Young Adults with Co-Occurring Mental Illness/Developmental Disabilities | The Georgetown University National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health selected Florida’s cross-agency team to provide training and technical assistance focusing on planning and policy development for this population. Monthly webinars and coaching calls are being provided and a one to two day on-site visit. This learning community, coaching and on-site TA will be provided from June through September, 2015. | AHCA, APD, DCF(OCW), DCF(SAMH), DOE | [Laurie.Blades@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Laurie.Blades@myflfamilies.com) |  |
| 9 | Florida Reach Advisory Board | Improves post-secondary outcomes and career transitions for foster care youth and alumni through resources, support, networking, and determining collective impact. | DCF(OCW), DOE(SS) | [Becky.Pengelley@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Becky.Pengelley@myflfamilies.com) |  |
| 10 | Independent Living Services Advisory Council | Reviews and makes recommendations concerning the implementation and operation of the independent living transition services for young adults from foster care. Submits a report to the Florida Legislature on the status of the services being provided, including successes and barriers to these services. | DCF(CLS), DCF(OCW), DJJ, DOE(SS), GAL, SC/OSCA | [Becky.Pengelley@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Becky.Pengelley@myflfamilies.com) | 413.395 F.S. or 409.1451 |
| 11 | Missing Person Advisory Board | Develops policy around the functions of the Florida Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse and general practice around disseminating information and engaging the public regarding missing persons. | DCF(OCW), DJJ, Florida Department of Law Enforcement | [DeborahPayne@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:DeborahPayne@fdle.state.fl.us) |  |
| 12 | Multiagency Child Welfare Workgroup | Shares information among the partners related to legislation, data, initiatives, and the federal review (Child and Families Services Review). | APD, DCF, DJJ, DOE(SS), DOH(CPT), GAL, OEL, SC/OSCA | [langj@flcourts.org](mailto:langj@flcourts.org) |  |
| 13 | Multisystem State Review Team (also local and regional teams) | A State Review Team, twenty Local Review Teams (by circuit), and six Regional Review Teams (by DCF regions) meet to resolve difficult cases and other interagency issues. | AHCA, APD, DCF, DJJ, DOE (SEDNET), DOE (VR), DOH, GAL, OEL, SC/OSCA | [Jennifer.Prather@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Jennifer.Prather@myflfamilies.com) |  |
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| 14 | Project AWARE State Review Team | Develops a coordination and implementation plan to assist districts in developing safer schools, improving school climate, increasing awareness of mental health issues, and creating a continuum of care for Florida’s students. | APD, DCF, DOE (SEDNET)(VR)(SS), DOH, EOG, OEL | [Monica.Verra-Tirado@fldoe.org](mailto:Monica.Verra-Tirado@fldoe.org)  Natalie Romer- [romer@usf.edu](mailto:romer@usf.edu)  Donald Kincaid- [kincaid@usf.edu](mailto:kincaid@usf.edu) |  |
| 15 | Psychotropic Medication Process Workgroup | Reviews, revises, and revamps the current policies and procedures around psychotropic medication consultations and documentation. | DCF(OCW)(CLS)(SAMH), GAL | [Christine.Meyer@gal.fl.gov](mailto:Christine.Meyer@gal.fl.gov) |  |
| 16 | State Advisory Committee for the Education of Exceptional Students | Provides policy guidance with respect to the provision of exceptional education and related services for Florida’s children with disabilities. Operates under the auspices of the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education (BEESS/DOE). | APD, DCF, DOE(VR)(BEESS)(School Choice), DJJ(Education) Department of Corrections, DOH | [April.Katine@fldoe.org](mailto:April.Katine@fldoe.org) |  |
| 17 | State Agency Healthy Schools Interagency Collaborative | Shares information, resources, and data among the partners related to school health promotion in the 8 areas of the CDC Coordinated School Health Model to maximize resources, reduce duplication, and increase partnerships.  •Health Education  •Physical Education  •Health Services  •Nutrition Services and Education  •Counseling, Psychological and Social Services  •Healthy School Environment  •Health Promotion for Staff  •Parent and Community Involvement | DCF(ESS), DOE(Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support)(Bureau of Family and Community Outreach)(BEESS), DOH(Bureau of Chronic Disease and Prevention and Healthiest Weight), Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services | [Penny.Taylor@fldoe.org](mailto:Penny.Taylor@fldoe.org)  [Sade.Collins@flhealth.gov](mailto:Sade.Collins@flhealth.gov)  [Deborah.Bergstrom@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:Deborah.Bergstrom@freshfromflorida.com) |  |
| 18 | Statewide Council on Human Trafficking | Supports human trafficking victims by enhancing care options available. Council duties include:  •Develop recs for comp programs & services including recs for certification of safe houses & safe foster homes.  •Make recommendations for apprehending and prosecuting traffickers and enhancing coordination of responses.  •Hold annual statewide policy summit w/institution/higher learning.  •Work with DCF to create and maintain an inventory of human trafficking programs and services our state.  •Develop overall policy recommendations. | Attorney General’s Office, AHCA, APD, DCF, DJJ, DOE, DOH | [Jason.Rodriguez@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Jason.Rodriguez@myfloridalegal.com)  [Kimberly.Grabert@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Kimberly.Grabert@myflfamilies.com) | 16.617 F.S. |
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| 19 | Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review  Team | Looks at children's issues relating to domestic violence deaths and the traumatic impact on children who lose one or both parents, siblings, or other family or household members. | DCF, SC/OSCA | [Rubenstein\_Cynthia@fcadv.org](mailto:Rubenstein_Cynthia@fcadv.org) | 741.316 F.S. |
| 20 | Statewide Trauma Informed Care Workgroup | Focuses on a commitment to interrupt the trauma cycle and provide treatment services that promote healing in the children, youth, and adults entrusted in the state's care. Meets quarterly to educate one another about various aspects of trauma and trauma interventions. | DCF, DJJ, DOE (SEDNET)(VR)(SS), DOH, EOG, GAL, SC/OSCA | [Maureen.Honan@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:Maureen.Honan@djj.state.fl.us) |  |
| 21 | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Planning Council | Reviews the block grant plan and submits any recommendations for modification to the state. Advocates for adults with serious mental illnesses, children with severe emotional disturbances, and other individuals with mental illness or emotional problems. Monitors, reviews, and evaluates not less than once each year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the state. | DCF(SAMH), DOE(VR)(SS), DOH, Department of Corrections, AHCA, DJJ | [Dana.Foglesong@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Dana.Foglesong@myflfamilies.com) |  |
| 22 | Supreme Court Steering Committee on Children and Families in the Court | Encourages courts to work with local school boards to implement school-justice partnerships, examines court rules and statutes that impact family courts, monitors statewide progress in implementing the one family/one judge model, and develops a family court tool kit that addresses developmental needs of children and a trauma response. | DCF, DJJ, DOE, GAL, SC/OSCA | John Couch- [couchj@flcourts.org](mailto:couchj@flcourts.org) | (Florida Supreme Court Admin. Order) |
| 23 | Supreme Court Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Courts | Proposes a strategy for participating in a multi-branch effort to update and enhance the Baker Act and Marchman Act in light of current scientific studies, recommends a strategy for ensuring that drug courts, mental health courts, and veteran’s courts are operating with fidelity to the ten key components, and continues to promote the recommendations in Transforming Florida’s Mental Health System. | AHCA, DCF, SC/OSCA, Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Department of Corrections | Jennifer Grandal- [grandalj@flcourts.org](mailto:grandalj@flcourts.org) | (Florida Supreme Court Admin. Order) |
| 24 | System of Care Core Interagency Collaboration Subcommittee  (may be combined with LAUNCH) | Contacts existing systems of care sites to determine what issues they wish to raise to the various state level interagency workgroups and reports to the systems of care sites significant issues being addressed at the state level that effect childhood and family behavioral health issues. | DCF, DJJ, DOE(VR)(SEDNET)(SS), DOH | [Qasimah.Boston@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Qasimah.Boston@myflfamilies.com) |  |
| 25 | Young Child Wellness Council (statewide workgroup for Project LAUNCH) | Uses evaluation data to measure outcomes dealing with the prevention of emotional and behavioral issues (improving family functioning and the quality of the parent-child relationship). Expands success across the state. | AHCA, DCF, DJJ, DOE(SS)(SEDNET), DOH, EOG, GAL | [Phyllis.Wells@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Phyllis.Wells@myflfamilies.com) |  |

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| 26 | Council on Homelessness | To develop policy and make recommendations on how to reduce homelessness throughout the state. Pursuant to section 420.622(9), F.S., the Council submits an annual report summarizing actions to reduce homelessness plus data concerning those persons currently experiencing homelessness in Florida. | DCF, DEO, DOH, DOC, Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs, CareerSource FL, DOE, ACHA, and others | Shannon Nazworth- Chair  [snazworth@abilityhousing.org](mailto:snazworth@abilityhousing.org%20%20) | 420.622 F.S. |

NOTE: Interagency groups related; however, not focused on children’s issues.

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| Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee | Works to assess and improve Florida’s response to victims of sexual violence at the state and local level. | DOH, FDLE, and other related partners | mdenny@fcasv.org |  |