



Community of Note

PSF attends All Pro Dad's Father and Kids Experience

All Pro Dad hosted the Gainesville Father and Kids Experience with Danny Wuerffel on April 8. The event allowed a few of Partnership for Strong Families' (PSF) Partner Families and local dads to spend some quality time with their children, play a little football on the UF Practice Field and learn some practical fatherhood tips they could implement at home.

PSF was able to share our need for local partner and adoptive families. We even got to meet Danny Wuerffel who was happy to pose with a pinwheel with us and our friends at DCF! Thank you to All Pro Dad for hosting an incredible event and allowing us to be a part of it.



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News of Note

[With Gov. Scott Approval, Pilot Helping Foster Kids Get Driver's Licenses Now Permanent](#)

WFSU - May 3, 2017

Governor Rick Scott has signed the “Keys To Independence” Act into law again. Years ago, he signed the measure into law creating the pilot program. Now, Scott’s approval this week now makes the program permanent to make it easier for Florida’s foster kids obtain driver’s license.

[Centerstone To Exit Florida Child Welfare Case Management Contract](#)

Open Minds - April 30, 2017

On May 15, 2017, Centerstone of Florida is exiting its child welfare case management contract in Manatee County with the Sarasota YMCA Safe Children’s Coalition, which is the regional community-based child welfare lead agency for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). The Sarasota YMCA Safe Children’s Coalition will continue to work with Centerstone of Florida to provide behavioral health services to children and families in the child welfare system.

[As number of adoptions drops, many U.S. agencies face strains](#)

The Day - April 28, 2017

For legions of Americans craving a chance to adopt children, a confluence of daunting trends makes this an especially distressing time.

The overall number of U.S. adoptions has dropped significantly in recent years, straining the viability of many adoption agencies and drawing some into conduct that authorities describe as unethical. Would-be adoptive parents confront the specter of long waiting times and high fees. And many face pressure to spend lavishly on self-promotional advertising if they want to compete for a chance to adopt an infant.

[Florida Bill Would Give Foster Parents Free Park Passes](#)

US News - April 28, 2017

Florida foster parents would get free annual state park passes under a bill going to Gov. Rick Scott. The Senate unanimously passed the bill Thursday. It would also give foster families half price discounts on camp sites.

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