ABOUT PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG FAMILIES

Partnership for Strong Families (PSF) is the lead community-based care agency for child welfare services in Alachua County and the surrounding counties in Circuits 3 & 8. PSF works with more than 40 community, government and faith-based organizations as part of our resource center model. Through the Cone Park Library Resource Center we work to help families access the services and support they need to strengthen their families and community.

Our Mission is to enhance the community’s ability to protect and nurture children by building, maintaining and constantly improving a network of family support services.

Our Vision is to be a recognized leader in protecting children and strengthening families through innovative, evidence-based practices and highly effective, engaged employees and community partners.

In Collaboration With:

Visit us at pfsf.org/resource-centers
OUR HISTORY
The Cone Park Library Resource Center opened in December 2013 to serve the Southeast Gainesville community. Cone Park is a collaborative effort between Partnership for Strong Families (PSF) and the Alachua County Library District. It is located within Fred Cone Park, a City of Gainesville park that offers ample indoor and outdoor recreational facilities including the Eastside Recreation Center, a competition-grade track, playground, basketball court and green space.

OUR PURPOSE
Our purpose at the Cone Park Library Resource Center is to empower and strengthen individuals and families by helping them find answers to their questions and connecting them to community resources to meet their needs. Cone Park aligns itself with PSF’s mission by providing services and programs to strengthen families and protect children through a system of community supports.

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OUR GOALS
To develop a resource center that:

Values Children
We will offer services and programs to support the physical and emotional safety and health of children from conception to graduation and beyond. We will promote the well-being of every child through the support of their family by providing programs such as early learning and enrichment activities, skill building and prevention programs. We will partner with schools to provide educational supports and opportunities for children to connect with others in a supportive environment.

Strengthens Families
We will support the health and well-being of families by providing programs and services that build on their strengths and address their needs. We will offer opportunities for families to learn and engage with one another. Our family-centered services and programs will address self-sufficiency, basic needs, healthy relationships, family resiliency and community supports to avoid and respond to family crises.

Engages the Community
We will partner with agencies, organizations and members of the Southeast Gainesville community to assess community needs, connect individuals throughout the community and provide services that will build on community strengths and needs.

SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
Employment Assistance (including a job board with current job opportunities, one-on-one resume assistance and referrals to job training programs)
Free Faxing Services
Emergency Supplies for Families (i.e., food, clothing and school supplies)
Self-Sufficiency Services (assistance with employment, budgeting/resource management and educational supports)
Information and Referrals for Community and Family Resources
Activities for Kids and Teens (early learning, enrichment and prevention programs, game days, movies, book clubs and outside recreation areas)
Activities for Adults (health and wellness activities, community-focused classes, seminars and events)
Activities for Families (play groups, story-time and family-centered events and programs)
Computers and Internet (including E-Government Stations)
Community Meeting Rooms
Outside Recreation Areas for All Ages