



In our communities, people just like you are helping our children build brighter futures by serving as partner families and adoptive parents. No matter how little time you may have to offer, there is something you can do to make a child's life story a better one.

Still not sure how to help one of these deserving children? Please contact us at 352-244-1500 to discuss other available options.

PSF's 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.



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**Become a Partner Family.
Change a Life.**



IF YOU HAVE JUST A FEW MINUTES

- Make a financial contribution to support personal enrichment or education of a young person in out-of-home care (summer camp, field trips and sports leagues).
- Donate goods such as baby items (diapers, wipes, strollers, cribs, etc.), gently used clothing, hygiene products or school supplies.
- Help spread the word of the need for quality partner families especially for teens and sibling groups.

IF YOU HAVE JUST A FEW HOURS

- Volunteer with local partner family and adoption programs or activities.
- Host a partner family or adoption event (Christmas Party or Celebrate Adoption).
- Participate in Partnership for Strong Families (PSF) "Wish Upon A Star" Holiday Toy Drive.

IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME

- Become a partner family or adoptive parent. Partner families are changing out-of-home care by preserving a sense of connection and permanency in the life of every child, even during the most challenging times. This is done by promoting reunification with the natural family; but if this cannot be achieved, then by parenting the child through the adoption process. Caring families are especially needed for older youth, siblings and children with special needs.

Older youth are in urgent need of your attention as a large percentage of the foster care population is over the age of 10. Every year, many children age-out of the system without the appropriate resources or life skills needed to live independently. We are seeking more and more everyday people to come forward for our community's most vulnerable children...so they may realize their full potential.

PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG FAMILIES

Is the lead agency for community-based care in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties.

In Florida each year, there are 18,000 to 20,000 children who are not able to live at home or sleep in their own beds. An adult in their family abused or neglected them. It is no longer safe to live at home. These children are newborns. They are middle school-aged. They are teenagers. They are all races and nationalities. A few have serious medical problems and handicaps – most have hidden wounds on their souls.

Where do these children go when they can no longer remain safely in their homes?

PSF is charged with management of the organization, enhancement, coordination and oversight of out-of-home care and related services to ensure the safety, well-being and security of its children and families.

PARTNER FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:

- Willingness to work with birth families
- Be 21 years of age
- Steady income (enough for your family)
- Stable housing (rented or owned)
- Attend new partner family orientation
- Complete P.R.I.D.E. course
- Submit all requested documentation

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **How long will children stay in my home?**
Children may remain in your home for a few days, months or as long as a year.
- **Do I have to be married to become a partner family?**
You do not need to be married to be a partner family.
- **Is there financial help?**
Partner families receive a monthly board rate. Medical care is covered by Medicaid and daycare referrals are available for working partner parents.

For additional information, please contact 352-244-1500 and ask to speak to a member of our recruitment team, or visit partnerfamily.org.