Adoption Network Mewsletter





Don't forget to join our PSF Facebook group! This closed group is another way for parents to reach out to us and an easy way to post helpful information or upcoming trainings/activities that you might want to participate in, as well as lend support to one another if needed. To join, please search for "PSF's Post Adoption Network" on Facebook.

Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA)

Did you know there is a Foster and Adoptive Parent Association run by a foster/adoptive parent in the area? The North Florida FAPA is run by Jerrod Pfeffer and offers helpful information on their Facebook page, as well as in-person monthly meetings. If you are interested in joining the group on Facebook search "North Florida FAPA!"

Annual DCF Adoption Survey

The Office of Child and Family Well-Being is pleased to announce that the 2025 Annual Adoption Survey is now available. This is an opportunity for local communities who are committed to improving the outcome for Florida's adoptive families to share their thoughts regarding the adoption process in their area. The results of this survey will be used to assess the current delivery of adoption services and ways in which statewide improvements in the area of adoption can be made. The survey will be available until August 31, 2025.

Please complete this survey located at the link below: https://floridadcf.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV eDuqsdXP3QpENTg

Tuition Waiver Form for Recent High School Graduates

If your child has graduated high school and is getting ready to start college classes in the Fall, please contact Tricia Braitsch at patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org for an updated version of your child's tuition waiver.

Well Child Checks

Don't forget, make sure your child receives their yearly physical before school starts in August. Even if your child is not school aged, it is important that they receive their scheduled Well Child Checks. Annual Well Child Checks allow you to talk with your child's pediatrician about their growth and development and to ensure your child is current on their immunizations. As an added incentive, Well Child Checks can also help earn money on your child's Health Rewards card if they have Sunshine Health Medicaid. Please contact your child's pediatrician to schedule an appointment.

Sunshine Health Updates

KidzDocNow is a new service for Sunshine Health members that allows you and your child to video visit with a pediatric clinician on demand, with no appointment necessary. This service allows you and your child to stay home and for the doctor to help with children's common conditions such as coughs and colds, pink eye, skin irritations, allergies, stomach issues, and more. They can also help with prescription refills. Download the KidzDocNow mobile app or visit SunshineHealth.com/CW-KidzDocNow from your home using your smartphone, tablet or computer for more information

Children Looking for their Forever Families:

Avan, 12 years old

Avan is a very intelligent and insightful child; to know Avan is to love Avan. He has a tough exterior but a sweetheart. You'll have to be able to keep up with Avan's quick wit and funny sense of humor. He loves teaching others new games and can spend hours outside exploring. Maintaining sibling communication is important to Avan. He would thrive in a structured environment where expectations are clear, but he would also benefit from a loving maternal figure in his life. Avan has been through so much in his young life and would benefit from a family that has the guidance and patience to work through big feelings as he processes his past.

Avan's Adoption ID is 103347392. For more information on Avan, please contact Keisha Battles at **Keisha.Battles@pfsf.org**.

Ne'Brain, 16 years old

Ne' Brain is a shy young man with a kind heart. You can catch him practicing his basketball skills or playing video games during his down time, but he is always up for a new adventure. He will keep you laughing with his silly jokes and great sense of humor. Ne' Brain prefers a two-parent household of any background, but maintaining biological connections is a must. With a solid support system and guidance, Ne' Brain has a very bright future ahead of him.

Ne'Brain's Adoption ID is 101753357. For more information on Ne'Brain, please reach out to Keisha Battles at **Keisha.Battles@pfsf.org**.

Helpful Information

For post adoption services, tuition waivers, or tax documents:

Tricia Braitsch, Post Adoption Liaison, at (352) 244-1604 or Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org.

For Medicaid needs, changes of address (in or out of state), or subsidy payment questions:

Cheryl Williams, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at (352) 244-1562 or Cheryl-Williams@pfsf.org.