

Adoption Network Mewsletter



Join the Group

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 inperson monthly meetings. If you are interested in joining the group on Facebook search "North Florida FAPA!"

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. Please contact their pediatrician to schedule an appointment.



This past fiscal year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025), Partnership for Strong Families finalized the adoptions of more than 175 children!! Congratulations to all the new adoptive families from this year!



Sunshine Health Updates

• Did you know Sunshine Health now offers camp scholarships?

• All kids, ages 4-18, on the Pathway to Shine plan (previously called the Child Welfare Specialty Plan) are eligible for a \$150 voucher to attend camp. An annual wellness exam/physical within the last year is the only requirement. To take advantage of this benefit you need to contact Member Services at 1-855-463-4100 to receive the voucher. Let's help our kids have an awesome summer!

Don't forget that Sunshine Health offers swim lessons!

• This year not only do all children on the Pathway to Shine plan get up to 8 free swimming lesson, so do their caregivers. To take advantage of this benefit call Member services at 1-855-463-4100 to be issued a swim voucher. The vouchers are good at your local YMCA for 8 free swimming lessons. If there is not a YMCA that offers swimming lessons in the community, a voucher can be issued for another swimming vendor. To use another swim vendor, you will need to have their contact information and approval from the vendor to use the voucher. Once you receive the voucher for the YMCA, go to the local YMCA to sign up for class and sign safety waivers.

Children Looking for their Forever Families:

Kanaye, 17 years old

Kanaye "KC" is a 17-year-old spunky teenager who is engaging and knows how to express what she wants. KC enjoys singing in the chorus at school and would like to play volleyball. Her favorite colors are purple and all shades of blue. Her favorite subjects are English and Reading. KC likes to listen to rap and country music. She likes dogs, cats, and horses. Some of her favorite foods and fruits include lasagna, mac & cheese, spinach pizza, cherries, grapes, and plums. KC would do well in a home with one other child, preferably older and in a two parent or supportive single parent household. KC will need additional support when navigating the nuances of modern-day social media. KC also wants to maintain contact with other biological relatives.

KC's Adoption ID is #102823523. For more information on KC, please contact Tina Buie at **Tina.Buie** apfsf.org.

Joey, 16 years old
Joey is a determined, thoughtful, caring teenager. She enjoys doing hair and keeping up with fashion trends. Joey wants to be an entrepreneur and would need support to help her meet her educational aspirations. Joey describes her ideal family as either a single female or two parent home. She would do well as the only child. Joey would like an active family that enjoys going on outings. Her family would also permit her to continue communication with her foster connections.

Joey's Adoption ID is #100562113. For more information about Joey, please contact 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.