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Adoption Network Newsletter

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Adoption Support Group

Alachua County FAPA has recently had a revamping, and is hoping to increase enrollment in the group. They are currently utilizing online meetings, as well as online training opportunities. For more information on the Alachua County FAPA and how to join, please email Christy Conner, FAPA president, at alachuacountyfapa@gmail.com. They also have an updated Facebook group.


Columbia County FAPA recently started a Facebook group! To become a member of their group, please search Columbia County FAPA (Foster/Adoptive Parent Association) on Facebook.

In-person adoption support groups are cancelled until further notice. For the time being, please visit the Florida FAPA (Foster Adoptive Parent Association) website at floridafapa.org for more information and for possible virtual conferences in the future.


NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH GIVEAWAYS

We are planning giveaways for our awesome adoptive parents for National Adoption Month in November! These giveaways will be conducted through our Facebook group, so make sure you join. To join the group, please search for PSF's Post Adoption Network on Facebook, it's that easy!

SUPERHERO 5K 2021

We are pleased to announce that this year's Superhero 5K will be back again IN PERSON! Last year's race was virtual for the health and safety of all participants. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the race this year on Sunday, November 7th at Westside Park in Gainesville. Stay tuned to future newsletters for more information and be sure to save the date! 

CELEBRATE YOU (OUR SUPERSTARS)!

Between July 2020 and July 2021, Partnership for Strong Families finalized the adoptions of more than 160 children! We are ecstatic that so many children achieved permanency with their forever families. Congratulations to all the new adoptive families from this year. On November 19th, we will celebrate National Adoption Month and our 2021 forever families with a red-carpet drive through. We invite all our adoptive families to come and cheer for this year's celebrities and take part of the fun. Be on the lookout for further information on our Adoption Superstars 2021 event. Save the Date! 

REMINDERS

- Don't forget, make sure your child receives their yearly physical before school starts in August.
- If you have any questions regarding your child's Medicaid, please contact Dorothy McKinzie at 352-244-1580 or by email at Dorothy.Mckinzie@pfsf.org.
- Subsidy benefits are processed on the 5th of the month, payments are generated after that date.
- Adoption subsidy and Medicaid end when the child turns 18 (unless the child is in the EMAS program), regardless of the child's enrollment in high school.
- Subsidy benefits also end in the unlikely event of the child passing away, or if the adoptive parent(s) pass away. Subsidy benefits are not transferable to alternate caregivers.

Adoption Spotlights

CAITLIN- 17 YEARS OLD

Caitlin is an artistic teen who greatly desires a family or individual that will love her unconditionally, accept her uniqueness, and offer her a special place in a forever family. Caitlyn describes herself as caring, nurturing, funny, and outgoing. She has a vast amount of interests such as gardening, hiking, swimming, fishing, and hunting. She also loves to participate in outdoor activities such as volleyball, football, and taking a walk through nature trails. Caitlyn is creative and enjoys doing all kinds of art, especially painting. At this time, she desires to attend college and become a registered nurse.

Caitlin states, "love is love" and she is open to loving her forever family regardless of their sexual orientation, ethnicity, or race. She desires to have younger siblings and pets if possible, in her forever home. Caitlyn would like an active family that enjoys family activities and exploring different places.

For more information on Caitlyn, please contact Seanetta Robinson at Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org or 386-243-8812. Caitlin's adoption ID is 104856213.



MATTIE- 15 YEARS OLD

Mattie is a lively and easy to engage teen who desires to be part of an active family. Mattie enjoys making new friends and considers herself to be kind, caring and funny. In her free time, Mattie enjoys playing basketball, running, and exercising. Mattie also enjoys playing video games, shopping, and talking on the phone to her friends and family. Mattie loves animals, especially horses, and desires to be a veterinarian.

Mattie wishes to belong to a family unit and is open to having additional children in the home. She desires to be adopted by a single female that is kind, loving, and stable. Mattie would do well with a family willing and able to make a loving and long-term commitment to Mattie's transition into adulthood.

Please contact Seanetta Robinson at Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org or 386-243-8812 for additional information on this youth. Mattie's adoption ID is 102979249.



WILLIAM- 13 YEARS OLD

William is an insightful easy-going teen who desires to have a meaningful connection with his forever family. William describes himself as kind, helpful, and having a great sense of humor. He is easy to engage and has a positive perspective on life. William is an active teen and he enjoys a variety of outdoor sports such as soccer and baseball, but basketball is his favorite sport. William also enjoys playing virtual games with friends and reading DC comics. William desires to be adopted by an active and traditional family who can engage in activities he enjoys as well as introduce him to new adventures and help transition him into adulthood. William would flourish in a family with no younger children in the home and the ability to offer him safety, stability, boundaries, and unconditional love.

For more information on William, please contact Seanetta Robinson at Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org or 386-243-8812. William's adoption ID is 100432714



I've got a question, who do I contact?

Post adoption services, tuition waivers, or tax documents? Please contact Tricia Braitsch, Post Adoption Liaison, at 352-244-1604 or Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org

Medicaid needs, changes of address (in or out of state) or subsidy payment questions? Dorothy Mckinzie, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at 352-244-1580 or Dorothy.Mckinzie@pfsf.org