



# Adoption Network Newsletter

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**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 in-person monthly meetings. If you are interested in joining the group on Facebook search "[North Florida FAPA!](#)"

## Adoption Subsidy

Earlier this year DCF put out the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) memo regarding foster care board rates for children currently in foster care. There is mention in the memo that adoptive parents can request the current foster care board rate amount as their child's adoption subsidy amount. The current rate for 0-5 year olds is **\$586.90**, 6-12 year olds is **\$601.94**, and ages thirteen and up is **\$704.56**. If you are interested in receiving the current foster care board rate amount as your child's adoption subsidy amount, please send an email to [patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org](mailto:patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org) requesting the COLA rate. Per the state, all requests must be in writing and phone call requests will not be accepted.



*Thank you for adopting*



# Sunshine Health Updates

- Sunshine Health's Child Welfare Specialty Plan has changed names to Pathway to Shine Specialty Plan.
- Did you know a benefit that Sunshine Health offers is swim lessons? This year not only do all children on the Pathway to Shine plan get up to 8 free swimming lessons, 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:

### 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 number is 100562113. For more information about Joey, please contact Keisha Battles at [Keisha.Battles@pfsf.org](mailto:Keisha.Battles@pfsf.org).

### Amaziyah, 10 years old

Amaziyah is a 10-year-old, African American female child who is described as a "firecracker" and is very determined. She is a total sweetheart and will stick by your side through thick and thin. She enjoys coloring, crafts, and anything art related. Amaziyah will proudly tell you that the bows in her hair were styled herself! Amaziyah is open to a family of any background. Amaziyah is looking for their forever family who can provide patience and guidance as she builds trust in her new home.

Amaziyah's Adoption ID is 104992830. For more information on Amaziyah, please contact Keisha Battles at [Keisha.Battles@pfsf.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Cheryl.Williams@pfsf.org).