



# Adoption Network Newsletter

Oct. 2025



## Sunshine Health Updates

It's that time of year again – flu shot time! Young children have a higher risk of health problems from the flu. Most providers recommend that children get their first flu shot starting at six months of age.

Talk to your child's doctor about keeping them safe from the flu.

## 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](#)!"

## Updated PSF Address

Starting in October, Partnership for Strong Families Gainesville case management office will be moving to a new location at 5719 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32653. The phone number to PSF remains the same at (352) 244-1500. However, there are changes to employee's direct office numbers.

Important numbers you might need are:

Tricia Braitsch (for post-adoption questions):  
(352) 244-1500 ext. 2106

Cheryl Williams (for Medicaid questions):  
(352) 244-1500 ext. 2039

Lisa Vickery (for financial questions):  
(352) 244-1500 ext. 2065

Our email addresses are NOT changing and are often the quickest way to reach us. Our email addresses are [patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org](mailto:patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org), [cheryl.williams@pfsf.org](mailto:cheryl.williams@pfsf.org), and [lisa.vickery@pfsf.org](mailto:lisa.vickery@pfsf.org).

## National Adoption Month Celebration

November is National Adoption month, a time to celebrate you – our wonderful adoptive parents! This year's PSF event will take place at Kirby Family Farm (19630 NE 30 St, Williston, FL 32696) on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 11 am to 2 pm. Kirby Farm will have the train running and there will also be other family friendly activities to enjoy. Food and drinks will also be provided, so come enjoy a fun, family day with other adoptive families! Be on the lookout for a subsequent email with RSVP information!

## Join Our Facebook 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.

If you needed another reason to join our PSF Facebook group, each November during National Adoption Month we do daily giveaways in the Facebook group. In the past, the giveaways have ranged from restaurant gift cards to Escapology games to free pizza coupons to Visa and Mastercard gift cards. Make sure you join the Facebook group to be included in the upcoming giveaways!

## Children Looking for their Forever Families:

### *Robert, age 8*

Robert is a bright, imaginative, and caring young boy who thrives when he's given the chance to express himself creatively. Whether he's building intricate Lego masterpieces, sketching his favorite characters, or diving into an art project, Robert's love for creating is as inspiring as it is impressive. He's especially talented in ELA and math, and his intelligence shines through in the way he thinks, solves problems, and notices the little details others may miss.

One thing you'll quickly notice about Robert is his constant companion — a cuddly red panda that he lovingly totes around wherever he goes. It's a sweet reflection of his nurturing nature and the comfort he finds in familiar, cherished things.

Robert thrives in a structured, predictable environment where he knows what to expect. Routine helps him feel safe and supported, and he does best with patient guidance throughout the day. He benefits from some additional assistance with daily living skills and continues to make progress with gentle, consistent encouragement.

Although Robert may be quiet when meeting new people, once he feels comfortable, his personality begins to shine. He has a calm and thoughtful nature, and those who take the time to get to know him are quickly drawn in by his sweet spirit, gentle heart, and wonderful sense of humor. Like many children, Robert loves adventures! From the excitement of amusement parks to the fun of ball games, water parks, and movie nights, he enjoys being active and making joyful memories.

Robert's adoption ID is 107130752. To inquiry about Robert, please contact Brittani Bagwell at [Brittani.bagwell@pfsf.org](mailto:Brittani.bagwell@pfsf.org).

### Helpful Info

For post adoption services, tuition waivers, or tax documents please contact

Tricia Braitsch, Post Adoption Liaison, at (352) 244-1500 ext. 2106 or [Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org](mailto:Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org).

For Medicaid needs, change of address (in or out of state), and subsidy payment questions please contact

Cheryl Williams, Eligibility Specialist I-ICAMA, at (352) 244-1500 ext. 2039 or [Cheryl.Williams@pfsf.org](mailto:Cheryl.Williams@pfsf.org)