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Just a Reminder

Once an adopted child turns 18, unless they were adopted at ages 16 or 17 and are in the EMAS program, the adoption subsidy and adoption Medicaid end.

Adoption Celebration

We celebrated our 2021 adoption superstars for National Adoption Month!



7TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K

After having a virtual 5K last year, we were so excited that our 7th annual Superhero 5K was back in person for 2021! We had a successful turnout with over 125 participants and it raised nearly \$2,800 that will go towards recruitment efforts for our children awaiting their forever families. Thank you to all of our sponsors and participants who made this year a success!



ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUPS

At this time, in-person adoption support groups are still canceled until further notice. We are hopeful that we will be able to go back to in person support groups soon. 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.

Alachua County FAPA is 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. There is also an updated Facebook group, which can be found by searching Alachua County FAPA on Facebook. Columbia County FAPA started a Facebook group this year as well, to become a member of their group, please search Columbia County FAPA on Facebook.

STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FORMS

If you are a state employee who finalized their adoption within the last year, then you might qualify for the state employee benefit for adopting special needs children. Please contact your employer for the form and send it to Tricia Braitsch for completion of section 3. The benefit is awarded on a first come, first serve basis with applications being accepted from the first business day in January until the last business day in March. For further questions or assistance, please email Tricia Braitsch at patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org.



SUNSHINE HEALTHCARE OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION APP

Sunshine Healthcare recently started an Over the Counter (OTC) medication app called Envolve OTC. The app offers all the same benefits as before, but instead of calling to order over the phone, everything can be completed in the app! Search for Envolve OTC in the App Store or on Google Play. Additional information can be found by searching Envolve on the Sunshine Health website. Similar benefits might be available to children who are not on the Sunshine Healthcare Medicaid plan, please check your plan for available benefits.

Adoption Spotlights:



CHASITY, 11 YEARS OLD

Chasity is an adorable child who is ready to be part of a loving and active family. Chasity is a “girly-girl” who loves pink and describes herself as being pretty and funny. She enjoys playing with slime and dolls, going to the park and riding on her electric scooter. Chasity also enjoys music, singing and dancing. Chasity generally likes to interact with a small group of devoted friends. Chasity is full of energy and is looking forward to being part of a family who shares her active lifestyle and spirited humor. Chasity needs a patient family – one who has the capability to assist her daily and work closely with her professional team to guide her in being able to reach her full potential in life.

Chasity has a bright future ahead of her! If you desire additional joy, laughter and excitement in your life, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Brown at lauren.brown@pfsf.org or 386-243-8811. Chasity’s adoption ID is 104868292.



DAKOTA, 14 YEARS OLD

Dakota is a friendly and funny teen who has an outgoing personality. He enjoys riding his bike, watching action movies and funny videos on YouTube, and playing video games in his free time. He also enjoys a variety of music, and he especially loves the song “Eye of the Tiger.” Dakota is a special teen who has a lot of joy and laughter to offer a committed and loving forever family. His needs would be best met by an individual or family who will give him love and structure, while understanding his educational and therapeutic needs.

To learn more, please contact Lauren Brown at lauren.brown@pfsf.org or call 386-243-8811. Dakota’s adoption ID is 107096551.



HARLEY, 11 YEARS OLD

Are you desiring to adopt a creative, playful, and loveable son? If so, Harley fits the profile. Harley enjoys a variety of creative activities such as drawing, coloring, and building things with Legos. He also enjoys playing computer games, riding his bike, and watching television in his free time. Harley is described as a child who likes to give and receive affection in the form of hugs but may thrive best in a family with older children. Harley desires to be adopted and feels it is important for his adoptive family to know that he is loveable and that he cares about people. Harley wishes to be adopted by an individual or family who is patient and has the ability to offer him stability, guidance, a lifetime of unconditional love.

For more information on Harley, please contact Lauren Brown at Lauren.Brown@pfsf.org or 386-365-1127. Harley’s adoption ID is 102233374.

I’ve got a question, who do I contact for:

Post adoption services, tuition waivers or tax documents? 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? Laura Waxman, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at 352-244-1580 or Laura.Waxman@pfsf.org.