



ADOPTION NETWORK

Newsletter

JANUARY - MARCH
2023



Join our Facebook Group

Connect with parents, share helpful information, learn about upcoming events, and support each other. Just search "PSF's Post Adoption Network" on Facebook!

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 Support Group

At this time, all support groups continue to be offered virtually.

For more information on the support groups and the Foster/Adoptive Parent Association, please email Christy Conner, FAPA president at alachuacountyfapa@gmail.com or join the FAPAs by searching for the Alachua County FAPA and Columbia County FAPA on Facebook.

8TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K UPDATE

Our 8th annual Superhero 5K in November 2022 had a successful turnout with over 110 participants and raised \$2,300 for recruitment efforts for our children awaiting their forever families. Thank you to all of our sponsors and participants who made this year a success!

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Don't forget to join our 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. It's that easy!

SUNSHINE HEALTH CHILD WELFARE SPECIALTY PLAN NEW BENEFITS

Children on Sunshine Health's Child Welfare Specialty Plan have a new benefit: SWIM LESSONS!! The swim lessons are in the form of a voucher for up to \$200 towards swim lessons at the local YMCA. If there isn't a local YMCA, member services will assist in finding another swim provider. All that you need to do to get the voucher is contact Sunshine Health Member Services at 1-866-796-0530. PSF does not provide the vouchers, and will not be able to answer any questions regarding the voucher, as it is a benefit through Sunshine Health. If there are any questions, please contact Sunshine Health Member Services at the number above.

Also, the Envolve App to order over the counter medications is not longer in service. Instead, over the counter medications can now be ordered through CVS. In order to use the \$25 over the counter medication benefit you can request the medications via mail-order, where medications will be delivered to your home at no cost. To request medications via mail-order, please call 1-888-624-1139 and have your child's member ID number ready when calling. Another option is to order over the counter medications directly through CVS in the store. For more information on this benefit, please refer to www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/benefits-services/Pharmacy.html.

STAFF UPDATE

Laura Waxman, who deals with post adoption Medicaid issues, will be transitioning to another position within Partnership. Cheryl Williams will now be the point person for any post adoption Medicaid issues. Cheryl can be reached via email at cheryl.williams@pfsf.org or by telephone at 352-244-1562.

STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FORMS

If you are a state employee who finalized your adoption within the last year, then you might qualify for the state employee benefit for adopting special needs children. The benefit was also recently made available to veterans and law enforcement officers. For state employees, 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.

Adoption Spotlight:

RANIYAH (12 YEARS OLD), "CHLOE" (10 YEARS OLD), RASHA (6 YEARS OLD), AND RAQUEL (2 YEARS OLD)

The more the better with this sibling group of 4. The oldest is 12 year old Raniyah, then Rayanna who goes by "Chloe" who is 10, and then Rasha who is 6 years old and the baby of the group is Raquel who is 2 years old. Raniyah and "Chloe" are true teens who are loving and caring. The older siblings especially Raniyah have often helped care for the younger siblings and needs a family who will let her enjoy the joys of being a teenager. They also love to listen to music and dance. Rasha and Raquel love arts and crafts. These siblings need a family who is committed in allowing them time to bond and feel safe. Parents who can put their own needs for affection aside are best as they will need time to show affection and trust. Due to no fault of their own they have experienced multiple moves over the past year, they need a family that is committed to them long term. It is very true for these four that their sibling bond is strong and impenetrable. They have truly leaned and depended on one another through everything. Placing these siblings together is required due to their bond with each other.

Their sibling ID is 76207. Please contact and send your approved adoption home study to Sarah Aikin at sarah.aikin@pfsf.org if you are interested in this sibling group.



I have a question, who do I contact?

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? Cheryl Williams, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at 352-244-1562 or cheryl.williams@pfsf.org.