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Adoption Network Newsletter

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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.

Tuition Waivers

If you have a child who is a senior this year and graduating high school, please contact Tricia Braitsch once they have graduated for an updated tuition waiver form for college.



POST ADOPTION SUBSIDY QUESTIONS

Do you wonder whether your child's adoption subsidy rate continues to be appropriate for their age and level of need or do you have any other post adoption subsidy questions? If so, please email Tricia at patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org with any questions you may have! Please remember that adoption subsidy is processed anywhere from the 5th to the 15th of the month, and is not considered late until after the 15th of the month. We also recommend, whenever possible, to have your subsidy direct deposited for ease of payment. Please contact Lisa Vickery in the finance department, lisa.vickery@pfsf.org, with any questions regarding direct deposits.

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!

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUPS

In-person adoption support groups are still not occurring, however, there are still opportunities to attend support groups via Zoom and other electronic platforms.

Alachua County FAPA is hoping to increase enrollment of adoptive parents in the group. They are currently utilizing online meetings, as well as many beneficial 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, which can be found by searching Alachua County FAPA

Did you know that Columbia County FAPA has started a Facebook group? To become a member of their group, please visit their Facebook page by searching Columbia County FAPA (Foster/Adoptive Parent Association) on Facebook.

UPDATE ON ADOPTION SUBSIDY/ICAMA SPECIALIST

Dorothy McKinzie, who previously dealt with post adoption Medicaid issues, retired in January 2022. Carrying these duties now is Laura Waxman, who started with Partnership at the end of 2021. Laura can be reached at laura.waxman@pfsf.org or by phone at 352-244-1580. Please contact Laura with any post adoption Medicaid issues that arise.

HEADQUARTERS CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Although the headquarters office in Gainesville has not changed locations, the USPS has changed our address slightly. The new address is 5950 NW 1st Place, Suite 300, Gainesville, FL 32607.

Please update our address accordingly in your records.

WELL CHILD CHECKS

Please ensure that your child receives their yearly Well Child Check. This is important for your child's health and development. Please contact your child's Primary Care Physician to schedule the yearly appointment and contact your child's Medicaid plan with any other questions.

Adoption Spotlights:



CHASITY, 12 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.

For additional information on this youth, please contact Andrea Adams at andrea.adams@pfsf.org or 386-243-8814. Chasity's adoption ID is 104868292.



ANTONIO, 15 YEARS OLD

Antonio has an easy-going personality with adults. He likes making friends, using social media, playing video and computer games, skating, and running in his free time. He also enjoys serving in his community as a volunteer. Antonio desires to be adopted and looks forward to life with his forever family. He desires a loving traditional two-parent home. Antonio would best thrive in a home with older children and a family that has the time to provide him with consistent one-on-one attention, especially when it comes to his educational needs. Antonio currently has a close relationship with his sibling and uncle; thus, it is essential that any family that adopts Antonio has the willingness to continue to foster these important family relationships.

For additional information on this youth, please contact Andrea Adams at andrea.adams@pfsf.org or 386-243-8814. Antonio's adoption ID is 12382697.



COYOETE, 17 YEARS OLD

Coyoete is a special teen with unique experiences, and her heart's desire is to be a part of a special family. She is very easy to engage and has a likeable personality. Coyoete is friendly and outgoing and makes friends easily. As most teen girls, she enjoys listening to music and interacting with friends. She also enjoys moderate physical activities outdoors, animals and drawing and coloring. Due to Coyoete's unique experiences and needs, it is important that her forever family also have experience with teen girls. Coyoete would thrive best in a single female or two parent family that can offer her safety, structure and unconditional love. She is also in need of a forever family that can advocate for her educational needs and help her transition successfully into adulthood.

For additional information on this youth, please contact Andrea Adams at andrea.adams@pfsf.org or 386-243-8814. Coyoete's adoption ID is 100298733.

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.