



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](#)!"

Are you a parent or caregiver of a child ages 0 to 8?

Help Me Grow Alachua is here to support your journey - with free expert guidance, developmental screenings, and connections to local resources that help your child thrive.

Whether your little one is adjusting to new routines, showing signs of emotional or behavioral needs, or you're simply looking for tools to support your family's growth, we've got your back.

What we offer - at no cost to you:

1. Developmental screenings to track milestones
2. Access to helpful resources and parenting tools
3. Ongoing care coordination and support
4. Connections to trusted local services tailored to your child's needs

We believe every child deserves a strong start and every caregiver deserves a helping hand.

Ready to get started? Reach out today and let us help you unlock your child's full potential. Because when families grow, communities thrive. Click here to get started: www.pfsf.org/resourcecenters/alachuahelpmegrowflorida/

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Adoption Subsidy Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that adoption subsidy is processed from the 5th to the 15th of the month and is not considered late until the 16th of the month. Adoption subsidy checks also run a month behind. For example, the adoption subsidy check you receive in September was for the month of August.

Sunshine Health Updates

Did you know that the Sunshine Health Pathway to Shine Medicaid plan has an Over the Counter (OTC) medication benefit of \$50 per household? There are several ways to order OTC medications including ordering online, through the OTC Health Solutions mobile app, by phone, or by shopping at select CVS stores.

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/benefits-services/Pharmacy/otc-mobile-app.html>.

Children Looking for their Forever Families:

Jayden, age 13 and Aleah, age 9

Jayden is a bright, caring teenage boy with a quick wit and a mind that soaks up knowledge like a sponge. He's the kind of kid with a bright future. Jayden is currently in all honors classes and still maintaining straight As. He lights up when given the chance to learn and explore. Whether it's gaming, treasure-hunting at a flea market, or spontaneous family day trips to the Springs, Jayden is always up for a little adventure—especially when it involves quality time with the people he loves. Jayden said that “it does not matter what we do together as long as there is love and we are doing it as a family.” Jayden said that he would not mind fishing and hunting. He says that he will be happy with any new skill that he acquires. One of the best qualities of Jayden is his humor. He is so quick witted that sometimes you do not know if he is being serious or silly. Although he is a teenage boy, Jayden has honest respect for the rules and does what it right.

Jayden is incredibly close with his sister, Aleah, and that protective big-brother instinct is one of his most endearing traits. Like many teens, he can sometimes become overwhelmed and may need some extra support with his emotions. A calm, communicative parent who can gently guide him through those moments—and remind him that he's safe and understood—will help him continue to grow in confidence.

Aleah, is a sweet, reserved, and go-with-the-flow kind of girl. She's happiest with a cat in her lap or feeding treats to the horses. She is also very crafty! Recently, she's been learning how to crochet and is excited to eventually tackle knitting too! Aleah does love the water. Although she has never been on a boat, she would love to go on one day. She likes fishing as long as she can catch and release! She does enjoy an occasional video game but, her favorite down time is watching YouTube videos. Aleah's love for animals is on a deeper level. She does not mind if someone is outdoorsy and hunts, but she loves nurturing and tending to her family pets.

Aleah is shy, kindhearted, free spirited little girl. Aleah is academically on grade level. Due to her starting school later than the average child there is no concerns that she will reach grade level and be advanced in her education like her brother. With the brains and love for animals Aleah could be a future veterinarian one day! She connects easily with most people she meets and always finds a friend in a group. As mentioned earlier, she adores all small furry family members. Although she may be shy at first and takes a little time to open up, she remains cheerful, sociable, and has a goofy side to her. Although she can get silly, she also understands when it's time to settle down and regulate.

Though Jayden and Aleah have different interests, their bond is unshakable. What matters most to them is time spent together and with people who truly care. A family that's intentional about giving both kids equal attention and space to shine will help them feel valued and secure.

Ideal parents for this sibling group will be patient, nurturing, and mindful—ready to meet both children where they are. Jayden and Aleah are open to trying new things and growing in new directions—if they're doing it with people they trust and love.

Their sibling group Adoption ID is 96144. For more information on Jayden and Aleah, please contact Brittani Bagwell at brittani.bagwell@pfsf.org.

Helpful Information

For post adoption services, tuition waivers, or tax documents please contact *Tricia Braitsch, Post Adoption Liaison*, at (352) 244-1604 or 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) 244-1562 or Cheryl.williams@pfsf.org