



Adoption Network Newsletter

May 2026

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!**"

Post Adoption Family Fun Day



SELFLESS LOVE FOUNDATION
FOSTERING DREAMS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

PSF has received a generous grant from Selfless Love Foundation that will allow for a post adoption connection family fun day. We will be having our family fun day at Skate Station Funworks (1311 NW 76th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606) on Monday, May 18, 2026 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Several activities at Skate Station will be available, such as roller skating, go karts, and mini golf! Food and drinks will also be provided! We will also have representatives from various local community providers answering questions.

The family fun day will be limited to 200 participants. **At this time, we have reached 200 registered participants and have families on the waitlist.** We will be reaching out to everyone who has RSVP'd, and any families on the waitlist who will be able to attend, for confirmation of the event. If you do not receive a confirmation email from us, please do not just show up, as we will unfortunately have to turn you away.

Sunshine Health Pathway to Shine Information

Sunshine Health Plan offers group (not private) swim lessons at a member's local YMCA to eligible Sunshine Health Plan members. Members can go to their local YMCA with their Medicaid ID to identify themselves as a Sunshine Health Plan member. The YMCA will look up the members in their system to confirm eligibility and allow the member to register for swim lessons. Members who do not have a YMCA location within 20 miles of their home, can use an alternative location for lessons and receive reimbursement, up to \$200 per year.

Also, Sunshine Health will reimburse caregivers (parents, foster parents, relative/non-relative caregivers, group home staff, etc.) 18 and older up to \$200 per year for swimming lessons to prevent deaths by drowning.

Questions about Sunshine Health Pathway to Shine Medicaid plan, contact Member Services at 1-855-463-4100 or visit

<https://www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan.html>

Children Looking for their Forever Families:

Rycki, 15 years old

Rycki is a vibrant and personable teen who truly enjoys connecting with others. She loves to chat, share stories, and be part of the action, and her warm, sociable nature makes it easy to see how much she values relationships. She's always up for some quality time with the people she's close to, whether that's an arts and crafts night at home or an adventurous day at the beach. Rycki enjoys all things girly-especially getting her nails done-and she takes pride in her hard work at school, where her effort is paying off with consistently good grades.

Rycki is eager to find a loving forever family to call her own. She thrives with clear structure, guidance, and supportive supervision, which help her feel safe and confident as she continues to grow. She would do best as the only child in her home, where she can receive the focused attention and care she needs. She is open-minded about what her forever family might look like-what matters most to her is feeling loved, accepted, and secure. With a committed family by her side, Rycki is ready to build a bright and hopeful future.

Rycki's adoption ID is 102725064. For more information on Rycki, please contact Judy King at Judith.King@pfsf.org.

Jaden, 12 years old

Jayden is a bright and imaginative young boy who loves expressing himself through arts and crafts. He enjoys creating new things and letting his creativity shine. One of his favorite places to be is the beach, where he finds joy in the water, the sand, and the calming sound of the waves.

Jayden has a love for music and enjoys spending time outdoors, exploring and staying active. He would thrive in a forever family that values togetherness—whether that's celebrating traditional holidays or sharing cozy movie nights at home.

Jayden would do best with a family who understands the needs of children who have experienced trauma and can provide clear, consistent boundaries along with patience, structure, and care. With the right support, Jayden has so much potential to grow, connect, and flourish.

Jayden's adoption ID is #106301897. For more information on Jayden, please contact Keisha Battles at Keisha.Battles@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.

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.