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Adoption Network Newsletter

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Adoption Support Group

Gainesville:

Meets the third Saturday every other month from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Email the FAPA Association at acfapa@gmail.com for meeting location.

Tri County:

Please contact the Gainesville FAPA. See above.

Lake City/ Live Oak:

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at PSF's Lake City Service Center, 1211 SW Bascom Norris Drive, Suite 101. Contact Beverly Pope at popebeva@aol.com

Starke:

Please contact the Gainesville or Lake City FAPA.

Madison/ Taylor:

Meets every quarter. Contact Tricia Braitsch at patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org for more information.

SUNSHINE HEALTH MEDICAID PLAN OVER THE COUNTER BENEFIT

We would like to share a reminder for everyone who is enrolled in the Sunshine Health Medicaid Plan about their Over the Counter (OTC) benefit. Children/households who are enrolled in the plan are entitled to \$25 per month in mail order OTC items. These items are ordered over the telephone and delivered to your door, with no need to leave the house! There is a whole catalog of available items including, but not limited to, Ibuprofen, multivitamins, baby wipes, electrolyte packets, sore throat lozenges, cold and flu medicine, cough drops and syrup, digital thermometers and others. For more information, please contact Tricia Braitsch.

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.

WEEKEND ADVENTURE CAMP

While the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) may be keeping us at home now, plans are still underway to host future Weekend Adventure Camps when it is safe to do so. This overnight camp is offered several times a year and children enjoy everything the camp has to offer, including swimming, hiking, arts and crafts and much more! Children are transported to and from the camp, with pickup locations in Gainesville, Lake City, and Live Oak. Camp begins on Friday at 5 pm and concludes on Sunday at 2 pm. Please contact Tricia Braitsch for more information and to sign up your child!

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!

UPDATES

Just a reminder, once an adopted child turns 18, unless they were adopted at 16 or 17 and are in the EMAS program, the adoption subsidy and adoption Medicaid ends.

Adoption Spotlights

TYLER - 13 YEARS OLD

Tyler is a super sweet and polite youth! He has a laid-back and friendly personality. Tyler enjoys being outside and staying active. Tyler does best with people who are patient and structured yet can be flexible towards his needs. Tyler likes to play video games and participate in activities where he can keep his hands busy and his mind active. Tyler will thrive in a family who is physically active and can provide him with outlets to channel his energy in a positive way. He will do well with people who will offer to let him try again after making mistakes or engaging in negative behaviors, rather than immediately resorting to consequences. Tyler needs a family who will support contact with his biological siblings.

Please contact Sarah Aikin at Sarah.Aikin@pfsf.org or 352-244-1655 for additional information on this youth. Tyler's adoption ID is 105425838.



JAVAUN - 16 YEARS OLD

Javaun is a teen who is optimistic about his future and strongly desires a forever family. He is active and enjoys a variety of outdoor sports especially basketball. He also enjoys music and playing the drums. Javaun has an easygoing personality and is described as funny and playful by friends.

Javaun desires to be adopted by a traditional and active family who will be able to share new experiences and his life with. Javaun would benefit from a family with a positive male figure who can be a helpful role model for him. He would do well in a family that can offer him stability, guidance, and unconditional love, as he transitions into the journey of adulthood.

Please contact Seanetta Robinson at Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org or 386-243-8812 for additional information on this youth. Javaun's adoption ID is 12664157.



PENNY - 9 YEARS OLD

Penny is a beautiful, energetic young girl. She loves playing outdoors, swimming, and dancing. Penny would benefit from a structured, supportive family that will embrace her and provide her with opportunities to expand her interests in the arts. Penny is very bonded with her sister, whom she desires to continue to visit with, thus she desires a family that will be supportive of this relationship and assist in facilitating visits between the siblings.

Please contact Lauren Brown at Lauren.Brown@pfsf.org or 386-243-8811 for additional information on this youth. Penny's adoption ID is 101827447.



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? Dorothy Mckinzie, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at 352-244-1580 or Dorothy.Mckinzie@pfsf.org.