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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.

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!

5TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K

Our 5th annual Superhero 5K at Westside Park on November 17 raised over \$3,500 for recruitment efforts for children awaiting their forever families. Over 200 participants ran or walked around Westside Park and enjoyed bagels and fruit after the race. Everyone had a great time and we are already looking forward to next year! Thank you to all of our sponsors who made this year a success.



TRUST BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION WORKSHOP

Genesis Family Enrichment Center is offering a three day TBRI workshop every month from January to May. They also offer nurture groups for elementary age children. If you are interested in registering or receiving more information please contact Connie at genesis31fec@gmail.com or check out their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/GenesisFEC/](https://www.facebook.com/GenesisFEC/).

WEEKEND ADVENTURE CAMP

Do you have a child between the ages of 9 and 12 who would enjoy camping and making new friends for the weekend? Well then, look no further than the Weekend Adventure Camp at Camp Suwannee! 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 p.m. and concludes on Sunday at 2 p.m. Please contact Tricia Braitsch at patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org for more information.

UPDATES

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

Adoption Spotlights

ROBERT - 16 YEARS OLD

Robert is a tender and sweet young man. He enjoys the outdoors, and his idea of a good day is being able to enjoy nature and go fishing and hunting. Robert is an independent teen who is curious to explore the world. He could best be described as an innovative introvert. Robert has an imaginative mind, longing to “take charge” of his future. Robert is in need of a family who can redirect him and be patient with him. He hopes to find a family who is active and adventurous and will be committed to him and supportive of his future goals.

Please contact Sarah Aikin at Sarah.Aikin@pfsf.org or 352-244-1655 for more information on this youth.



CODDY - 15 YEARS OLD

Coddy is a laid-back and easygoing teen who wishes to be part of a close family unit. Coddy describes himself as adventurous, funny and athletic. In his free time, he enjoys swimming, playing basketball, football, board games, interactive video games and listening to a variety of music. Coddy is a typical teen, and he enjoys helping others and considers himself hard working. He enjoys building things with his hands and desires to learn to cook as he is considering being a chef or police officer when he grows up.

Coddy desires to be adopted by a traditional family in Florida that is active, enjoys family time together and celebrates traditional holidays. He desires a family that is kind, loving and family-oriented who are willing to help guide him into adulthood. Coddy would love to have family pets such as cats and dogs as he enjoys animals. Coddy appreciates nature and the rustic scenery a county setting offers and desires to live in this type of environment.

Please contact Seanetta Robinson at Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org or 386-243-8812 for more information on this youth.



LASHANTI - 17 YEARS OLD

Lashanti is a free spirited teen. She has expressed great interest in fashion and loves to go shopping and get her hair done. Lashanti enjoys attending church, going to the movies and hanging out with friends. Lashanti describes herself as smart and sassy. Although she can be shy at first, once she develops a bond with someone, she is quite funny and vocal. Lashanti has been through a lot in life and continues to believe in herself! Lashanti believes she deserves love from a family who is caring, supporting, fun and understanding.

Please contact Sarah Aikin at Sarah.Aikin@pfsf.org or 352-244-1655 for more information.



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.