

List of Resources

Partnership for Strong Families

- Normalcy
 - Request through your FCC (case manager), received by Stevie Doyle (stevie.doyle@pfsf.org), pre-approval required, \$150 per child
 - Examples: summer camps, theme parks, clothes (growth spurts/weather change), birthdays, etc.
- Education Incentive Program
 - reward system for children who receive A and B grades or any letter grade improvements. Provides checks or gift cards.
 - Submit through FCC, received by Jenna Rowland (jenna.rowland@pfsf.org)
- Back to School/Wish Upon a Star
 - submit through your FCC, received by Jacob Clore (jacob.clore@pfsf.org)
 - School supplies & Holiday gifts
- Facebook support groups
 - PSF's Partner Family Network- closed group for partner families, to provide an opportunity for PSF to meet the tangible needs and share successes and to foster a community for our partner families
 - [PSF's Partner Family Network | Facebook](#)
- Partner Family Advocate
 - Caregiver education, support, and advocacy
 - Christy Conner (352-681-6954)
- CarePortal
 - Caseworkers can submit requests through CarePortal and churches can meet these needs
 - Questions? Contact Christy Conner at 352-681-6954
- Educational Scholarships
 - contact 1-877-735-7837 or www.stepupforstudents.org/scholarships/logins/ These scholarships provide financial assistance for private school tuition and related costs or for public school transportation.
 - Step Up for Student's Scholarship (*any child in out of home care or foster care is eligible*)
 - The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) and the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO)
- Your Licensing Specialist
- Your Placement Specialist
- Your child's FCC (Family Care Counselor/Case Manager)
- Your child's Guardian ad litem
- Suitcases and toiletries are available at Partnership Headquarters for immediate needs
 - Contact your FCC or email Jenna Rowland (jenna.rowland@pfsf.org)

Community

- FAPA (Foster and Adoptive Parent Association)- Provides supports and advocates for foster and adoptive families
 - Alachua County contact - Christy Conner (352-681-6954)
 - Columbia County contact - Jared Pfeffer (321-230-3903)
 - FAPA storage unit (in Alachua, but available to anyone)
- Kid 2 Kid Closet
- free clothing, toys, and other items located at The Family Church. You can have 1 bag of items per child per month.
 - [Kid 2 Kid Closet at The Family Church | Facebook](#) TUES- 10 AM-1 PM, THURS- 12 PM-3 PM
- Unity Foster Ministries
- Supports foster families and the children in their care through empowerment, placement support, mentoring, and more.
 - Contact 352-231-2424 or fosterunited.org
- Foster Florida
- Helps provide wrap around supports for foster families through churches and community members. Meals, babysitting, prayer, and donations.
 - fosterflorida.org
 - Contact Corey Messer at corey@fosterflorida.org
- The Nest (Lake City)
 - works to meet tangible needs and social connections for foster and adoptive families
 - [The Nest Lake City - Home | Facebook](#)
 - Contact 386-243-9354 or Email office@thenestlakecity.com

Other

- Childcare vouchers (Early Learning Coalition)- FCC submits referral
 - [Early Learning Family Portal: Home](#) (floridaearlylearning.com)
 - Contact info for each county- [Locate Your Early Learning Coalition | DEL](#) (floridaearlylearning.com)
- Childcare subsidy questions, Email kinship@pfsf.org
- WIC (0-4 years old)
 - Contact local WIC office- [WIC Contact Information | Florida Department of Health](#) (floridahealth.gov)
- Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan (Medicaid) Resources:
 - Care Grant: Up to \$150 per calendar year per child for services or supplies for social use or physical activities. For children in Out of Home Care, FCC will complete the referral and send with supporting documentation to Melinda.Sczepanski@pfsf.org
 - Over the Counter Benefit: up to \$25 per household, per month for select items
- MyHealthPays Benefit
 - Monetary benefits for completing a range of healthy activities
 - [Rewards Program | Sunshine Health](#) (sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/benefits-services/rewards-program.html)
- Teen Pregnancy
 - Teens who become pregnant can access additional benefits
 - [Healthy Teen Pregnancy Program | Sunshine Health](#) (sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/benefits-services/pregnancy-and-newborn-services/healthy-teen-pregnancy-program.html)

- Youth transitioning out of care
 - 1 time benefit for up to \$500 in services and items such as rental deposits, utilities, or household supplies.
 - [Transitioning Youth | Sunshine Health](http://www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/benefits-services/transitioning-Youth.html) (www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/benefits-services/transitioning-Youth.html)
- Medicaid questions Email PCPChange@pfsf.org
- Travel reimbursement
 - (doctor appointments and parent visits)
 - Email Lisa Vickery at lisa.vickery@pfsf.org
- Resource Centers
 - free services available to all families, services vary by location.
 - www.pfsf.org/resourcecenters/
 - Clothing closet, food distributions, enrichment programs for kids, diapers and infant care items, homework help, referrals, budgeting, and more
 - Cone Park Library Resource Center (Alachua County)
 - 352-334-0456
 - Library Partnership Resource Center (Alachua County)
 - 352-334-0160
 - SWAG Family Resource Center (Alachua County)
 - 352-505-6823
 - Tri-County Community Resource Center (Levy, Dixie, Gilchrist Counties)
 - 352-507-4000
 - NorthStar Family Resource Center (Columbia County)
 - 386-758-3319

