



Join the
Group

Connect with parents, share helpful information, learn about upcoming events, and support each other. Search "PSF's Partner Family Support Network" on Facebook!

Reminder

Providers can look up the last 12 months of payments in the PSF Payment Lookup Portal.

To locate the link, visit www.pfsf.org. Under the Foster Care tab, select "Partner Family Resources."

Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA)

Virtual FAPA Meetings take place the fourth Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. Contact alachuacountyfapa@gmail.com for a meeting link. Columbia County FAPA also meets in person monthly. Email Jerrod@thenestlakecity.com for more information. Join the FAPA Facebook Groups by searching for the Alachua County FAPA and Columbia County FAPA.

A Day at the Zoo May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month

As many of you are aware, May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month. Each year Partnership for Strong Families hosts an event to celebrate our Partner Families for their tireless work and sacrifice in caring for the community's most vulnerable youth. This year we invite you to join us for "A Day at the Zoo" on Saturday, May 20, at the Santa Fe Zoo in Gainesville, Florida. Our Partner Families will have exclusive zoo access from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Partner Families are encouraged to take advantage of this one-time free entry into the zoo to be surrounded by beautiful landscape, captivating live music, delicious lunch, door prizes, and games. If you have been to our event before, as always, we welcome you to come back! To register for this event, please send the attached registration form with all required information completed by May 12, 2023. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the Licensing Administrative Assistant, Lakeysha Allen, at Lakeysha.Allen@pfsf.org or call (352) 646-9045.

Trust Based Relational Intervention Training



Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. TBRI® uses Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors. Beginning the first week of June, PSF will offer weekly TBRI® Caregiver training classes on Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Thursdays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Trainings will run for four consecutive weeks. To register, contact Christy.Conner@pfsf.org.

Meet the Caregiver Support Team



PSF's Caregiver Support Team

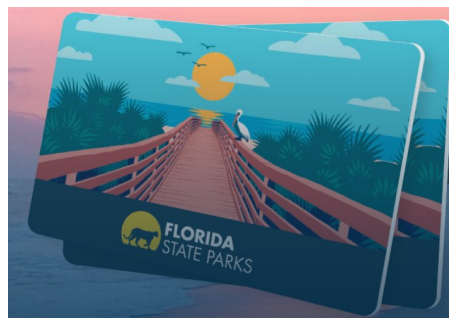
The Caregiver Support Team are the connection for Partner Families in need of assistance navigating the child welfare system. Your Caregiver Support Specialist can answer general questions, help connect you to specific departments or people to assist you, and connect you with the Case Management staff for case specific questions. The team can assist with things like referrals for childcare, accessing various funding sources for specific needs your foster children may have and help you access Child Resource Record documents. Additionally, your Caregiver Support Specialist can connect you with access to training needed for the annual re-licensing requirements as they will serve as your point of contact for all annual re-licensing activities. You can reach your Caregiver Support Specialist via phone or email the team at Licensing@pfsf.org.

Travel Reimbursement

Licensed foster parents (Levels 2-5) are eligible to receive travel reimbursement for providing transportation for children placed in their care. Reimbursable categories include transportation for visitation with parents and siblings, medical and mental health appointments, vocational training programs, attendance to court proceedings and staffings, and participation of in-service trainings. Travel reimbursement requests should be submitted to your Caregiver Support Specialist monthly. To learn more, contact your Caregiver Support Specialist.

Did you know...

Licensed foster parents are eligible for a free Florida State Park Annual Pass. You'll need to present a copy of your current Foster Care License at a state park ranger station. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy Florida's beautiful State Parks. For more information visit, <https://www.floridastateparks.org/>.



Refer a Friend

Do you know someone interested in becoming a foster parent? Please have them email HopePartner@pfsf.org and ask them to let the Recruitment Team know you referred them. Partner Families can receive a referral incentive of \$125 when your referral becomes licensed and accepts placement.


Need help changing your foster child's Primary Care Provider?
Email PCPChange@pfsf.org

PSF Network of Community Resource Centers

PSF's Family Resource Centers offer free services to local families, including emergency food pantries, clothing closets, financial literacy, employability workshops, afterschool programs, referrals to other social service agencies, and more! Services vary by location and no referral. PSF encourages caregivers to utilize the network of community resource centers to access concrete and community services.


**LIBRARY
PARTNERSHIP**
912 N E 16th Ave
Gainesville, FL 32601
352-334-0161


SWAG
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
807 SW 64th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32607
352-505-6823


**CONE PARK LIBRARY
RESOURCE CENTER**
2801 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32641
352-334-0456


**TRI-COUNTY
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER**
15 North Main Street
Chiefland, FL 32626
352-507-4000


NORTHSTAR
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
255 NE Coach Anders Lane
Lake City, FL 32055
386-758-3319

UNDERSTANDING THE ORGANIZATION

Partnership for Strong Families is the Lead Community Based Care agency serving North Central Florida. PSF contracts with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide foster care, adoption and related services for Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union Counties.

PSF provides Foster Home licensing, Placement, and Adoption Services in house. Case Management services are provided through contracts with Lutheran Services Florida and Camelot Community Care. Case management agencies are assigned by the child's home county of jurisdiction.

Case Management On Call

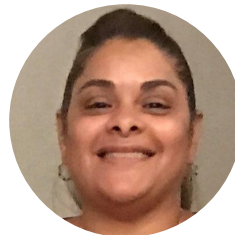
Alachua 352-226-4675
Camelot Community Care

Dixie, Levy & Gilchrist 352-664-8969
Lutheran Services Florida

Columbia 352-664-8968
Lutheran Services Florida

Baker, Bradford & Union 352-401-2129
Camelot Community Care

**Suwannee, Lafayette, Hamilton
Madison & Taylor 850-570-9716**
Camelot Community Care



Yolanda Nogueras Placement Director

PSF welcomes Yolanda Nogueras in the role of Placement Director.

with children and families in the community. She has served as an advocate and leader for children and families in the child welfare system. In this new role as Placement Director, she will have the opportunity to share her firsthand experience as a foster/adoptive parent. One of the most important components of placements for children who are facing uncertainties is ensuring that each child is matched to the most appropriate temporary home. Children are often scared when leaving their home, family, friends, and school, which is why the goal of the placement team is to ensure each child has a safe, loving, and supportive home that meets their specific needs. Yolanda is passionate about making placements that are right for both the child and prospective caretaker. She works tirelessly in partnership with our courageous foster parents who open their homes and hearts to children in our community.



Placement On-Call

352-244-1520

Placement@pfsf.org



Caregivers like you make an incredible
difference in the lives of children every day.
We appreciate all you do!



Partnership for Strong Families is a community-based care lead agency contracted with the Department of Children and Families.