

The Florida State Department of Children and Families (DCF)

DCF contracts with 19 different agencies to provide child welfare to Florida's children. Community Partnership for Children is the agency handling Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties. Each time an abuse call is made to the 1-800-96-ABUSE hotline, DCF serves as the first response to the report. A DCF Protective Investigator is sent to the home to investigate the abuse call. If the abuse is substantiated, DCF turns the case over to Community Partnership for Children. There are an average of 750 abuse calls received each month in our community.

Community Partnership for Children

Community Partnership for Children finds a safe placement for the child while working to reunify the family. If at all possible, we try to keep children at home. When we must remove a child from their home, we first turn to their relatives, and then to foster homes, group homes or Independent Living.

Our Diversion Program

Community Partnership for Children partners with Neighbor to Family to provide intensive services in the home in order to prevent the removal of children and keep them from having to enter the dependency system.

Our Case Management Team

Community Partnership for Children employs a team of case managers and pairs a case manager with each child. The case manager develops a plan of care and puts services into the home in an effort to reunify the family. We also contract with Neighbor to Family to provide case management for sibling groups.

Our Adoption Team

Community Partnership for Children employs an adoption team to find homes for those children who become eligible for adoption. Services also include post-adoption services and support. Since 2005, we have adopted 1039 children.

Our Foster Care Partners

Community Partnership for Children partners with the following agencies to provide foster care homes for children in our care.

- Children's Home Society
- Devereux Florida
- Devereux Family Care - Dev. Disabilities
- Florida United Methodist Children's Home
- Neighbor to Family

Our Group Home Partners

Community Partnership for Children partners with the following agencies to provide residential group homes for children in our care.

- Children's Home Society (Destiny's House, Brian's House and Sunshine House)
- Florida United Methodist Children's Home
- CHOICES Program Organization
- Abundant Life/Hope House
- For Kidz Sake
- Rose's Academy
- Unity House Group Home
- Vision Ministries Outreach, Inc.

Prevention Services

Community Partnership for Children partners with the following agencies to provide services for families and children. We use these services based on each individual family's needs.

- House Next Door
 - ◆ Family Coach Services
 - ◆ Conflict Resolution Program
- Children's Home Society
 - ◆ Family Transition Services
 - ◆ In Home Family Support Services

Family Visitation

While children are in care, they need a safe place to visit their parents. We partner with the Children's Home Society to provide visitation services.

Children's Mental Health Services

Children who have been sexually abused need special mental health services. We partner with the Children's Advocacy Center to provide this service.

Independent Living

For children who will age out of foster care, we provide Independent Living services. We partner with the Children's Home Society to provide these services.