

WHO IS KIDS FIRST OF FLORIDA, INC.?

Kids First of Florida, Inc., (KFF) a non-profit corporation, is one of two Lead Agencies for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. KFF was founded in 2003 in response to Florida's Legislature and the Department of Children and Families', (DCF), initiative to privatize child welfare services. KFF joins the collective expertise and resources of local organizations to focus on the task of building a child protection system that is firmly rooted in the community.

Our focus is reflected in our **Mission Statement: "to ensure the safety of children through a holistic approach designed to support the health and well-being of families."**

KFF is committed to making sure that no child or family is overlooked.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY-BASED CARE?

Community-Based Care is Florida's initiative to privatize many of Florida's child welfare services. In 1996, the Florida Legislature mandated that the Department of Children and Families establish pilot programs to privatize child welfare services through contracts with community-based agencies. The purpose of Community-Based Care is to strengthen the support and commitment of communities, to achieve permanency for children and families, and to increase the efficiency and accountability of the service delivery system.



SERVICES PROVIDED...

As the Lead Agency for Clay County, KFF manages the provision of the following services to children and families:

- ❖ Protective Supervision
- ❖ Foster Care
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Adoptions
- ❖ Independent Living
- ❖ Placement
- ❖ Recruitment, Training and Licensing of Foster/Adoptive Parents
- ❖ Development of a comprehensive network of service providers and resources
- ❖ Detailed tracking and analysis of service utilization and effectiveness

KFF will continue to develop systems that efficiently and effectively care for vulnerable children and families by focusing on early intervention, assessment and coordinated services in order to assure family stabilization, reunification, and permanency for the children.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The responsibility of providing care for dependent children and families is an enormous task. KFF recognizes the monumental challenge that the Florida Department of Children and Families has faced for many years. KFF is dedicated to continued partnerships with community members, agencies, and resources. You can help by volunteering your time and services or by becoming a foster or an adoptive parent. Donations for children and families are always needed and welcomed.



For information about becoming a foster parent, volunteering, or other ways of contributing to our organization, please contact:

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