

FLORIDA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET:

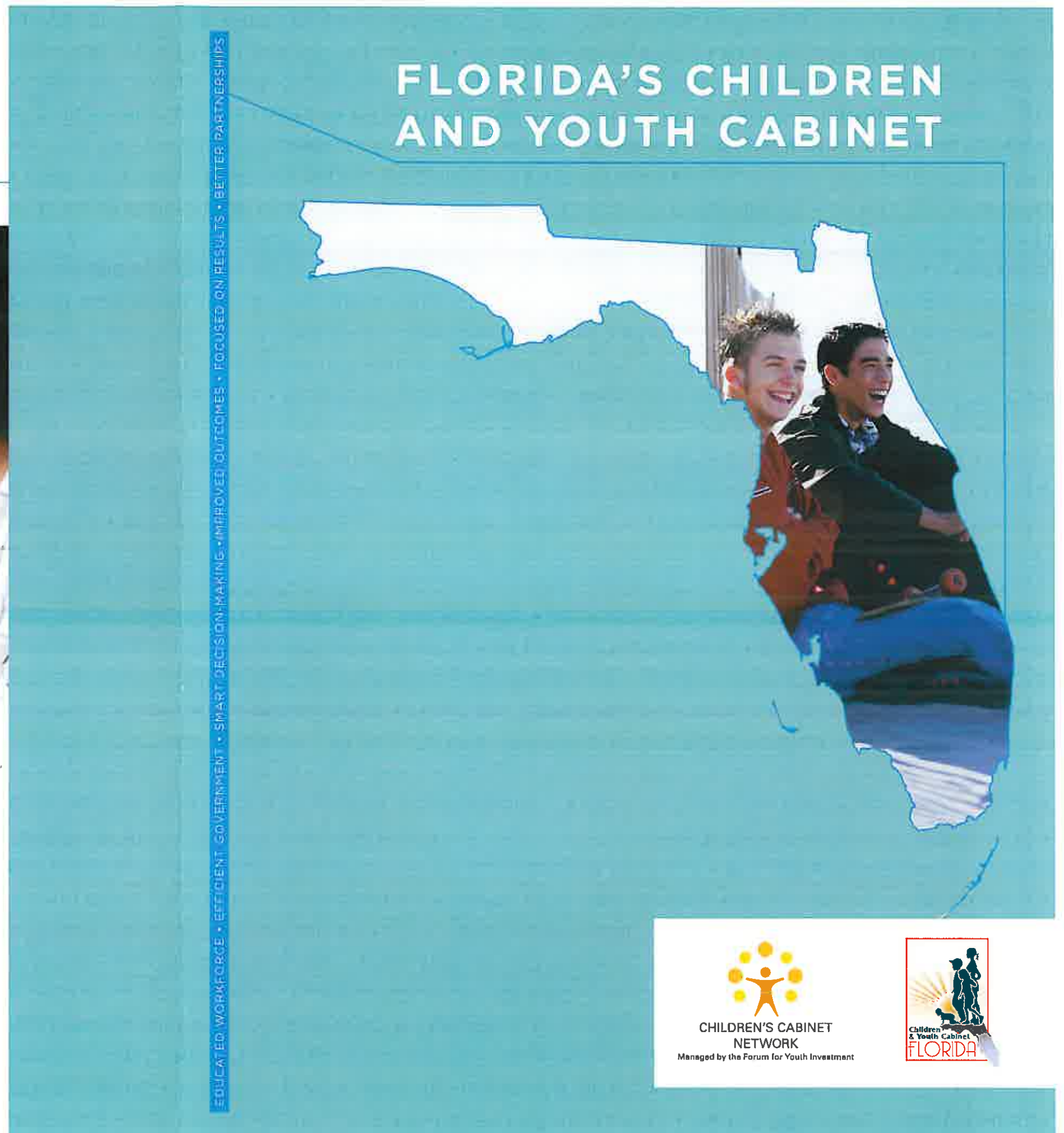
smart decisions for kids



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The Children's Cabinet Network is managed by the Forum for Youth Investment. Across the country, Children's Cabinets are systematically changing the fragmented and ineffective ways that states typically do business for children and youth. The Forum for Youth Investment is a nonprofit, nonpartisan "action tank" dedicated to helping states and communities make sure all young people are Ready by 21[®]: ready for college, work and life. **For more information contact Elizabeth Gaines, Director of the Children's Cabinet Network, at elizabeth@forumfyi.org.**

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When budgets are tight, families count on leaders to make smart decisions that are more efficient while also improving outcomes for kids. Using a business-minded approach, Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet streamlines and integrates government programs that serve children and youth. This improves efficiency, saves the state money and creates better results for the state and for our kids.

About the Children's Cabinet:

- Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet represents all state agencies that serve kids, from the Department of Health Care Administration to the Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Innovation. It is charged with promoting collaboration between these agencies to work more efficiently and effectively for kids in Florida.
- Our vision is to ensure that all children in Florida grow up safe, healthy, educated and prepared to join the workforce.



"A strong and effective Children's Cabinet can improve coordination and efficiency across state departments and local levels of government; mobilize resources around the governor's priorities for children; facilitate a holistic approach to serving children; and strengthen partnerships with the non profit and private sectors."

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Since beginning its work in 2007, Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet has:

- Created a Children's Budget to examine how much and in which areas the various state agencies spend money on kids to make more informed decisions about how to improve child and youth outcomes.
- Developed a Children and Youth Cabinet Information Sharing System (CYCISS) so state agencies can work together in a more informed way to serve kids.
- Established measures to track child well-being to be used by all child and youth serving state agencies. These measures, called headline indicators, allow government to track how well Florida is doing for kids.

Data Sharing Helps Florida Focus on Kids, Not on Paperwork

Because of the Children and Youth Cabinet Information Sharing System (CYCISS), caseworkers can spend more time with the children and youth they serve and less time on paperwork. The Children and Youth Cabinet put this system in place because caseworkers would often have to drive across the state to obtain a child's records from former schools and service providers. This wastes time and public resources. CYCISS enables caseworkers to obtain necessary information from multiple agencies with a single point of entry.

Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet is a member of the Children's Cabinet Network, which represents a bi-partisan group of over twenty states.

Learn more about the Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet at [HTTP://FLCYC.CYCISS.ORG](http://FLCYC.CYCISS.ORG)