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Every Child Has a Stable and Nurturing Family – Headline Indicator - Child Maltreatment

A Presentation to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet
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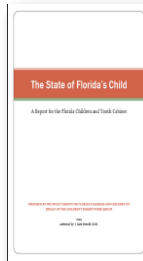
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The State of Florida's Child

- Report prepared for the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet in 2009.
- Provided recommendations for improving outcomes for Florida's children and families.
- Identified four goal areas aligned with the Cabinet's strategic plan:
 - Healthy children.
 - Quality early learning experiences.
 - Stable and nurturing families.
 - Safe and supportive communities.
- Recommended a results-based accountability approach to quantify outcomes.



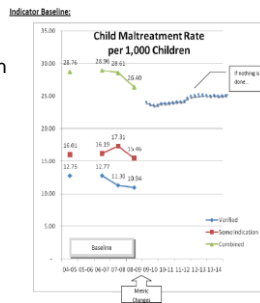
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Turn the Curve

- Headline Indicator:
 - Every Florida child lives in a stable and nurturing family.
 - Children who are maltreated.



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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study

- Increased Rates of:
 - Developmental Delay and Low Academic Achievement
 - Conduct Disorders
 - Teen Pregnancy and Promiscuity
 - Juvenile Delinquency and Adult Criminology
 - Substance Abuse
 - Depression and Hallucinations
 - Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
 - Disease: Liver, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary, etc.

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What Will Turn the Curve?

- **Five Protective Factors**
 - Concrete Support for Parents
 - Knowledge of Parenting and of Child and Youth Development
 - Nurturing and Attachment
 - Parental Resilience
 - Social Connections
- **Areas of Concentration**
 - Infuse the protective factors into Florida systems that serve parents and children.
 - Strengthen systems to better serve the needs of Florida's families.
 - Provide information to families on ways to increase protective capacities.

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Created in July 2007 in Florida Statute 39.001

- Administer and Staff:
 - Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Advisory Council (\$39,001, FS.)
 - Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (\$402.56, FS.)
 - Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council (\$14.31, FS.)
- Develop Public Awareness Campaigns.
- Oversee Preparation, Implementation and Monitoring of State Plan for:
 - Promotion of Adoption
 - Support of Adoptive Families
 - Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect

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Florida Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan: July 2010 – June 2015

- Empower Communities and Strengthen Families to Better Care for their Children:
 - Prevent Child Abuse Before it Ever Occurs
 - Promote Adoption and Support Adoptive Families

- Collaborative Effort:
 - Over 800 Planning Partners Across Florida
 - 200+ Agencies and Organizations

- Low-Cost, No-Cost, & Attainable Strategies and Objectives

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Florida Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan: July 2010 – June 2015

Vision:

Florida's highest priority – children are raised in healthy, safe, stable and nurturing families.

Mission:

To serve as a blueprint that will be implemented for the care, safety, and protection of all of Florida's children in an environment that fosters healthy social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development.

Overarching Goal:

All families and communities ensure that children are safe and nurtured and live in stable environments that promote well-being.

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Four Desired Results of Plan Implementation

Prevention – Reduce child maltreatment rate (1 goal)

Adoption Promotion – Decrease wait time and increase timeliness (2 goals)

Adoption Support – Decrease number of dissolutions (1 goal)

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Plan for Prevention and Permanency

Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment & Neglect

- Plan of Action for Primary and Secondary Prevention +
 - *Cooperative Education Plan*
 - *Cooperative Law Enforcement Plan*

Promotion of Adoption

- Plan of Action for the Promotion of Adoption

Support of Adoptive Families

- Plan of Action for the Support of Adoptive Families

In addition:

- 20 Circuit Plans for Prevention and Permanency

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Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect

Six State Prevention Plan Strategies with 24 Objectives:

- Infuse the *Five Protective Factors*.
- Strengthen Florida's Family Support Systems.
- Provide Information to Ensure that Children are Safe and Nurtured.
- Inform and Instruct Education Communities.
- Inform and Instruct Law Enforcement Communities.
- Monitor and Evaluate Plan Implementation.

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Promotion of Adoption

Three Strategies with Eight Objectives:

- Infuse the *Five Protective Factors* into Florida systems that recruit adoptive parents.
- Recruit families to meet children's needs.
- Monitor and evaluate plan implementation.

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Support of Adoptive Families

Three Strategies with Nine Objectives:

- Strengthen Florida service systems to better support adoptive families.
- Provide information and supports to adoptive families.
- Monitor and evaluate plan implementation.

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Plan Implementation and Monitoring

- Plan launched on July 1, 2010.
- First year of reports:
 - Quarter 1, Quarters 2 & 3, and an Annual Report.
- Conducting analysis of annual reports.
- Submit an annual report to Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate President.

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Prevention Treasures

- CAN 1.2 - Home Visiting Program
- CAN 4.1 - Education Cooperative Child Abuse Prevention Planning Team
- CAN 5.1 – Law Enforcement Cooperative Planning Team

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Adoption Promotion and Support of Adoptive Families Treasures

- SA 1.2 – Adoption Competent Professionals
- SA 1.3 – Post Adoption Services Counselors
- SA 2.1 – Support of Adoptive Families

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Thank You!

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