

Eckerd Connects and Foster Parent Recruitment

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Service Areas

Judicial Circuit 6

Pinellas & Pasco

Judicial Circuit 13

Hillsborough



Children and Families in Need

▶ **Children Actively in Service** (given point in time)

- ▶ Hillsborough 3,346
- ▶ Pinellas/Pasco 3,214

▶ **In-Home services** (Not removed but active, Reunified)

- ▶ Hillsborough 733
- ▶ Pinellas/Pasco 685

▶ **Relative and Non-Relative Care**

- ▶ Hillsborough 1,368
- ▶ Pinellas/Pasco 1,317

▶ **Children in Foster Homes**

- ▶ Hillsborough 749
- ▶ Pinellas/Pasco 707

▶ **Children in Residential**

- ▶ Hillsborough 235
- ▶ Pinellas/Pasco 266

▶ **Adoption Placement, Runaway, Other**

▶ **Young Adult Services**

- ▶ Hillsborough 174
- ▶ Pinellas/Pasco 159

Foster Home Recruitment

▶ Hillsborough - Circuit 13

- ▶ Children's Home Network (*Regular*)
- ▶ Camelot Community Care (*Regular and Therapeutic*)
- ▶ A Door of Hope (*Faith Based*)
- ▶ West Florida Foster Care Services (*Faith Based*)
- ▶ Families First of Florida (*Therapeutic*)
- ▶ HEADS (Healing and Educational Alternatives for Deserving Students) (*Therapeutic*)
- ▶ Lifeshare (*Therapeutic*)

Foster Home Recruitment

▶ **Pinellas/Pasco - Circuit 6**

- ▶ Eckerd Community Alternatives (*Regular*)
- ▶ A Door of Hope (*Faith Based*)
- ▶ Sequel Care (*Therapeutic*)
- ▶ Carlton Manor (*Enhanced*)
- ▶ Camelot Community Care (*Therapeutic*)
- ▶ One More Child (*Faith Based*)

Faith Based Initiatives

- ▶ **Florida 127** - contract to build support systems for active foster and adoptive families.
 - ▶ *Developed 26 support teams at various churches.*
 - ▶ *100% of foster homes remain active.*
 - ▶ *100% of children in homes remained in place and stable.*
- ▶ **One Prayer, One Child, One Champion**
 - ▶ *Partnership with the Pasco/Pinellas Heart Gallery and churches throughout the community.*
 - ▶ *Over 35 faith-based institutions displaying Eckerd Foster Care materials and Heart Gallery portraits of children available for adoption.*

Faith Based Initiatives

▶ **Calvary Church**

- ▶ *Conducted a strategic planning meeting to identify recruitment strategies with a faith-based component.*

▶ **Quarterly Breakfast Convenings**

- ▶ *Collaborative between Eckerd, the Advisory Council and Man Up and Go to target communities with high removals.*
- ▶ *Identify needs, resources, and recruit foster parents and mentors.*

▶ **Ministerial Alliances in Dade City and Tarpon Springs**

- ▶ *Building relationships to address needs through faith and support.*

Faith Based Initiatives

▶ Professional Parenting Training Classes

- ▶ *Partnering with faith institutions to utilize space for new foster parent orientations.*

▶ Faith Forums

- ▶ *Collaborative between Eckerd, the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Florida Dream Center.*
- ▶ *Focus on the child welfare system, domestic violence, opioid crisis, mental health and other community issues.*
- ▶ *Occurs twice per year at different locations in the community.*
- ▶ *Next Forum: Congregation B’Nai Israel in St. Petersburg*

Eckerd Connects' Community Alternatives

Pasco - Pinellas

Dade City

36739 State Road 52
Suite 201
Dade City, FL 33525
(352) 521-1266

Trinity

7916 Evolutions Way
Suite 102
Trinity, FL 34655
(727) 569-1740

Largo

8550 Ulmerton Road
Suite 130
Largo, FL 33771
(727) 456-0600

Hillsborough

The Family Place

9391 North Florida Avenue
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 225-1105

Fostering Education Initiative

405 East Palm Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 228-0731