

Make a Difference

FLORIDA FOSTER
CARE REVIEW



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Since 1989, Florida Foster Care Review (FFCR) has engaged community volunteers to advance the safety, stability and success of children in foster care by connecting them to essential services, supportive relationships and permanent families.

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Florida Foster Care Review's Citizen Review Panel (CRP) Program works with trained volunteers who **facilitate** comprehensive review hearings of children in foster care and identify unmet needs. Through the CRP's recommended orders, FFCR **advocates** for abused children to receive critical services that promote stability and well-being. Our Permanency Roundtable (PRT) Program engages community partners in strategic action planning for youth lingering in foster care, creating lifelong families and healthy adult connections. FFCR's team of experienced professionals educate and support our dedicated volunteers, **evaluate** the effectiveness of our work and **innovate** new approaches to increase our positive impact on children's lives.



*Meet Rodrigo**

With almost no medical care and often locked in his room for hours with no access to the bathroom or food, Rodrigo, age 10, was removed from his parents' care. After living with relatives who could not support his needs, Rodrigo moved to a foster home. During his first Citizen Review Panel hearing, FFCR volunteers became greatly concerned about the severe neglect of his dental needs. Rodrigo required dental procedures and braces to alleviate tooth overcrowding that interfered with his speech. Medicaid refused to pay. The CRP ordered the case management agency to secure an appointment for Rodrigo and identify resources to cover costs. With FFCR's advocacy, Rodrigo finally had his needs addressed, improving the prospects for his overall health and well-being.

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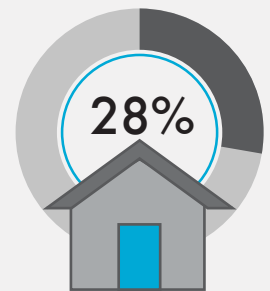


Meet Isabella*

When she was 3, Isabella's mother passed away. With no relatives able or willing to care for her and her brother, they were placed in a foster home. At age 10, an adoptive family began meeting with her; however, after months of visiting, the family backed out of the adoption. Isabella was devastated. She became depressed, acted out and bounced between foster homes. The FFCR PRT team connected with Isabella's now adult brother, Darin*, facilitated completion of required background checks and helped initiate family therapy. With regular visits, Isabella's behavior and school performance improved, and Darin was ready to take custody of his sister. With the guidance, support and assistance of the PRT team, he obtained suitable housing. Thanks to the team's efforts and Darin's devotion to his sister, Isabella, now 12, was adopted by her brother.

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Our entire community suffers when the foster care system fails children.



"Aged out" Florida youth experience homelessness



Foster care youth drop out of high school



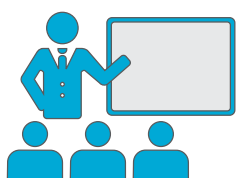
Adults formerly in foster care, earn a college degree

WE BELIEVE

- ✓ Children deserve lifelong, stable families and relationships
- ✓ Accountability promotes positive outcomes
- ✓ Youth perspectives should inform decision making
- ✓ Community and volunteer engagement are essential



WAYS TO HELP



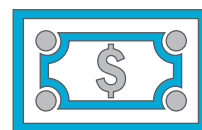
VOLUNTEER

- Serve on a monthly Citizen Review Panel or Permanency Roundtable
- Join a group of dedicated volunteers
- Receive training and ongoing support



SUPPORT

- Become a sponsor of our annual fundraising event at Joe's Stone Crab
- Host a fundraiser at your home or business
- Sponsor a child and underwrite their Citizen Review Panel hearing



DONATE

- Invest in the success and stability of children in foster care
- Expand services for foster children in Miami and across the state
- Ensure high-quality programs that create a positive impact



ADVOCATE

- Help raise awareness about the needs of children in foster care
- Connect with us on social media and follow, share, like and retweet our posts
- Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

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Florida Foster Care Review gathers a group of highly talented individuals with unique skills and experiences who provide fresh perspectives and potential solutions to many of the difficult and intractable problems faced by children in foster care. It has been extremely rewarding to have had the privilege to safeguard and improve the lives of South Florida's foster children.

— Thomas O., FFCR Volunteer



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