FLORIDA NETWORK
of youth and family services

2014 ANNUAL REPORT
OUR MISSION
The Florida Network values young people and therefore creates safe pathways to their future by building strong families and communities.

OUR VISION
Florida will be a safe place where all young people reach their full potential.

OUR CORE VALUES

FAMILY: We are committed to keeping youth and families together and to strengthening family systems.

QUALITY: We are dedicated to ensuring the highest standards of practice within our programs and our organization.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: We value young people as vital resources and partners in finding solutions. We cultivate a young person’s strengths and assets in all of our programs and services.

SAFETY AND SUPPORT: We believe prevention and early intervention services are powerful, not only in keeping young people from committing crimes and families from being unsafe, but as catalysts for youth to realize their full potential and make a successful transition to adulthood.

We value the collective wisdom, energy and expertise that working together as member agencies affords us in striving toward our vision, adhering to our mission and reaching our common goals.

We believe the whole is always greater than the sum of the parts in making Florida a safer place for children and their families.
Dear Friends,

2014 marked the 40th anniversary of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act which brought the plight of homeless and troubled youth into our national conversation. The Florida Network of Youth and Family Services has grown tremendously since it first started providing services to Florida’s families in need, but our commitment to strengthening our programs, expanding our services, and “stepping up our game” has remained unchanged. It is our pleasure to present you the 2014 Annual Report where we celebrate the accomplishments of our growing Network and the commitment of our member agencies to build healthy families.

Some of the accomplishments that we are most proud of this past year include:

• The Florida Network was successful in responding to the DJJ ITN for CINS/FINS services and entered into a new 5 year contract on July 1, 2014.
• Executive and Legislative advocacy leading to an increase in funding to CINS/FINS for a total of $3.4 Million for expansion into underserved areas and support for the medical and health needs of shelter residents.
• The growth of the Domestic Violence Respite Program has offered nearly 1000 youth an alternative to juvenile detention providing more time for family intervention.
• The Florida Network established an internship program in partnership with the Florida State University’s Master of Public Administration and Master of Social Work programs.
• We were honored to serve on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse and support Florida Missing Children’s Day.
• In partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Florida Network sponsored the 2013 Human Trafficking Summit and hosted the Speaker Reception.
• We participated in the Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Children and Families working group to create new protocols for minor victims of human trafficking.
• We were successful in getting numerous editorials published covering such issues as human trafficking, truancy, LGBT homeless youth, and domestic violence.
• 2013-14 also saw the retirement of 3 incredible leaders in the Florida Network. Jane Harper, George Magrill and Kathy Tuell each had a vision for services to runaways and youth in crisis. They saw that vision through and thus have been largely responsible for the development of the Network. Their work will continue to inspire and inform all of us as we embark on our next journey to provide a safety net for Florida’s children and families when life’s circumstances overwhelm them.

The success of the Florida Network and its member agencies would not be possible without the support of elected officials, state decision makers, leadership teams at each of the programs, and the tireless devotion of the individuals that provide direct services. We dedicate this report to all those that work to create safe pathways for Florida’s youth and families.

Chris Dudley, Chairman of the Board

Stacy J. Gromatski, President and CEO
Juvenile Justice Respite Programs
Domestic Violence Respite:
This program serves as an alternative to secure detention for youth who are arrested and charged with a Domestic Violence Offense on a household member. This gives youth the ability to be placed in one of the 29 respite shelters and work together with their families on developing tools that will help in preventing violence in future situations. The Network office coordinates statewide oversight, assistance and training to the member agencies to better support this population of youth.

Probation Respite:
This program provides a respite to youth who are at-risk of violating their probation due to instability in their home life, by encouraging them to make positive choices through the services offered at the member agencies.

CINS/FINS counseling programs are provided in communities where some of Florida's most marginalized youth and families live. Individual, Family, and Group sessions are available to young people, parents, and guardians, free of charge. Programs utilize evidence-based approaches like Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Trauma-informed Care to help youth and families survive crisis and thrive beyond it.

Many of the Network's CINS/FINS community counseling partners are minority operated and faith-based programs that are long-invested in the communities they serve, providing a trusted and welcoming culture of care.

Staff Secure:
Sometimes a higher level of supervision is necessary to help a youth stay safe and stable during a shelter stay. In these instances member agencies implement this Staff Secure model which provides for a one-to-one staff to youth ratio.

Physically Secure:
In rare circumstances, utilization of a physically secure program environment may be necessary. The Florida Network provides for this through contracted agreements with specialized Adolescent Mental Health Treatment Centers.

We support all of our local providers through a quality improvement review process that evaluates organizational resilience and readiness to respond to the present and future needs of Florida’s families. On-going training and technical assistance reflects our shared commitment to successful strategies grounded in results.

Being accountable to tax payers is always a priority of the Network. Both Florida Tax Watch and the Justice Research Center have found that these services save tax payers millions of dollars each year.
IMPACT

YOUTH SERVED
16,561

CINS/FINS: 15,637
Domestic Violence Respite: 924

RACE

37.9% Black
51.7% White
10.4% other

CINS/FINS

53% Black
37.4% White
9.6% other

Domestic Violence Respite

ETHNICITY

Program Type
Hispanic Non-Hispanic Other
CINS/FINS 21% 75% 4%
Domestic Violence Respite 16% 80% 4%

GENDER

Program Type Male Female
CINS/FINS 53% 47%
Domestic Violence Respite 55% 45%

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

Program Type Age (Yrs.)
Residential: 12.4 days
Non-Residential: 107.5 days
Domestic Violence Respite: 8 days

RISK FACTORS OF YOUTH SERVED

Face Challenges at School 87.0%
Experiencing Family Conflict and Instability 95.9%
Engaging in Risky Behaviors 74.1%
Have Peer Relationships Putting Them at Further Risk 83.8%

AVERAGE AGE AT INTAKE

Program Type Age (Yrs.)
CINS/FINS 14
Domestic Violence Respite 15

Source: Florida Network Nenmis
OUTCOME
Changing Lives—Everyday

23,475 CALLS FOR HELP
COUNSELING AND CASE MANAGEMENT
Delivered to 9,596 Youth and their Families
SAFE SHELTER & BRIEF RESPITE PROVIDED to 6,026 Teens and their Families

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COMPLETED SERVICES
Residential: 92%
Non-Residential: 95%
Domestic Violence Respite: 89%

CRIME-FREE SIX MONTHS AFTER SERVICES
Residential: 87% Non-Residential: 95%

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
DJJ Contract
State $31,627,774
Federal $750,018
Nongovernmental $311,222
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE $32,425,870

FINANCIALS

5% Revenue Spent on Training, Monitoring & Administration

95% Direct Services

FLORIDA NETWORK EXPENDITURES Compared to Justice System Costs Avoided

Source: Justice Research Center

NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED

$37 Million
$350 Million
$300 Million
$250 Million
$200 Million
$150 Million
$100 Million
$50 Million
$0

Florida Network Expenditure per Youth Served
Avoided DJJ Costs per Youth Served

$2 Million
$112 Million
$11 Million
$20 Million
$169 Million
$31 Million
$61 Million
$5 Million

1,000 10,000 15,000 30,000

$2 Million
$5 Million
$31 Million
$112 Million
$61 Million
$11 Million
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$169 Million
$0
The 2014 Annual Meeting in Sarasota, Florida featured the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services Awards recognizing outstanding programs and staff. Among the award recipients was Senator Rob Bradley who was recognized with the 2014 Presidents Award for his advocacy and support for Florida’s at-risk youth. The Florida Network was thrilled to award a number of incredible youth care staff, managers, and executives who have dedicated themselves to supporting and counseling youth in crisis.

Recipients received one of three pieces from artist Kelly Boehmer who developed the concept when making the original artwork for a shelter bedroom at Capital City Youth Services, as part of Project Art Reach.
FLORIDA NETWORK PROGRAMS

1. Lutheran Services of Florida, Currie House (Pensacola)
2. Lutheran Services of Florida, Hope House (Crestview)
3. Anchorage Children’s Home, Hidde House (Panama City)
4. Capital City Youth Services, Same Place Else (Tallahassee)
5. CDS Behavioral, Interface Northwest (Lake City)
6. Youth Crisis Center (Jacksonville)
7. CDS Behavioral, Interface Central (Gainesville)
8. CDS Behavioral, Interface East (Palatka)
9. Arnette House (Ocala)
10. Stewart Marchman Behavioral Healthcare, Beach House (Daytona Beach)
11. Boys Town Central Florida, Inc. (Oviedo)
12. Youth & Family Alternatives, New Beginnings (Brooksville)
13. Orange County Youth & Family Services (Orlando)
14. Youth & Family Alternatives, RAP House (New Port Richey)
15. Family Resources, SafePlace2B (St. Petersburg)
16. Family Resources, SafePlace2B (Clearwater)
17. Hillsborough County Children’s Services, Haven Poe (Tampa)
18. Youth & Family Alternatives, George W. Harris (Bartow)
19. Crosswinds Youth Services, Crosswinds (Cocoa)
21. Family Resources, SafePlace2B (Bradenton)
22. YMCA Children, Youth and Family Services, Sarasota YMCA (Sarasota)
23. Lutheran Services of Florida, Oasis Youth Shelter (Ft. Myers)
24. Children’s Home Society, Safe Harbor Runaway Shelter (West Palm Beach)
25. Lutheran Services of Florida, Lippman Youth Shelter (Oakland Park)
26. Chrysalis Health, Crescent House, Boys only, DV only (Broward)
27. Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services, Central Dade (Miami)
28. Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services, Homestead/South Dade (Miami)
29. Florida Keys Children’s Shelter (Tavernier)