



Adoption Network Newsletter

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**Join the
Group**

Don't forget to join our PSF Facebook group! This closed group is another way for parents to reach out to us and an easy way to post helpful information or upcoming trainings/activities that you might want to participate in, as well as lend support to one another if needed. To join, please search for "[PSF's Post Adoption Network](#)" on Facebook.

Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA)

Did you know there is a Foster and Adoptive Parent Association run by a foster/adoptive parent in the area? The North Florida FAPA is run by Jerrod Pfeffer and offers helpful information on their Facebook page, as well as in-person monthly meetings. If you are interested in joining the group on Facebook search "[North Florida FAPA!](#)"

Adoption Subsidy

Earlier this year DCF put out the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) memo regarding foster care board rates for children currently in foster care. There is mention in the memo that adoptive parents can request the current foster care board rate amount as their child's adoption subsidy amount. The current rate for 0-5 year olds is **\$586.90**, 6-12 year olds is **\$601.94**, and ages thirteen and up is **\$704.56**. If you are interested in receiving the current foster care board rate amount as your child's adoption subsidy amount, please send an email to patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org requesting the COLA rate. Per the state, all requests must be in writing and phone call requests will not be accepted.



Thank you for adopting



Sunshine Health Updates

1. Sunshine Health's Child Welfare Specialty Plan has changed names to Pathway to Shine Specialty Plan.
2. Just a friendly reminder to ensure your child(ren) are current on their immunizations.
3. There are new benefits being offered through the Pathway to Shine Specialty Plan. One important new benefit is the Joy for All battery-operated companion pet (dog or cat). The pet is designed to bring comfort, companionship, and fun to individuals experiencing social isolation, loneliness, or any type of cognitive decline. Every child on the Pathway to Shine plan, including post adoption children, qualify for one pet per member. If your child is interested in receiving a companion pet, contact member services at **1-855-463-4100** for additional information.

Children looking for their Forever Families:

Jaden, 11 years old

Imagine a bright 11-year-old who is not just funny and smart, but also has a knack for making every day an exciting adventure! This is Jaden. From his big dreams of working at NASA and serving in the army, Jaden is on a mission to explore the stars and make a difference. And until then, he has a ton of fun hobbies to keep him busy! What makes Jaden so special is his love for science. He is already building and programming robots and learning how to code and program on single board computers. Jaden is an outdoor explorer that enjoys scoring goals in soccer, finding a good fishing spot, and growing lavender and rosemary in the garden. Jaden is also highly creative! He is great at crochet, martial arts, and meditation.

Jaden would love to be placed with a family that is supportive, involved in his interests, and ready to embrace all kinds of fun, Especially, if it involves family adventures and learning new things together! Jaden prefers to be placed in a home with two mothers but is also open to a mother-father household. He prefers to have siblings, both older and younger. If you have pets or are open to having them, Jaden will be over the moon. He loves animals, especially dogs, cats, turtles, and lizards! Above all, Jaden needs a family that is all about love and support. He will thrive in a safe and nurturing home where he feels valued and encouraged to shine his brightest.

With Jaden's boundless energy and wide range of interests, he is looking for a family that is ready to join in the fun, support his dreams, and make every day an adventure. If you are ready to embark on this exciting journey with him, you are in for a blast!

Jaden's Adoption ID number is 105524942. For more information on Jaden, please contact Cecelia Buckley at Cecelia.Buckley@pfsf.org.

Helpful Information

For post adoption services, tuition waivers, or tax documents:

Tricia Braitsch, Post Adoption Liaison, at (352) 244-1604 or Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org.

For Medicaid needs, changes of address (in or out of state), or subsidy payment questions:

Cheryl Williams, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at (352) 244-1562 or Cheryl.Williams@pfsf.org.