

**Placement of Children in Licensed
Residential Group Care Report
Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update to the Legislature on the status of the Licensed Residential Group Care Program. Specific areas addressed in this report include the number of children who are eligible to be assessed for placement into residential group care, the number who are assessed and placed into care, and the number who are assessed but not placed into care. In addition, this report provides information about challenges experienced by lead agencies attempting to place children in appropriate residential group care settings and the expenditures for enhanced residential group care services by the districts receiving specialized funding (632/1214 funding), for these services. The data used in the present report were collected through a collaborative partnership between staff from the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute and Florida's Department of Children and Families (DCF), as required by the Florida Legislature.

Overall, both the findings for FY2005-06 and the ongoing challenges in obtaining sufficient data were consistent with previous years. Although most (85%) of the lead agencies responded to the data request, only nine (53%) of the responding agencies were able to provide complete data, and several of them had to estimate some of the data they submitted. A total of 1461 children were estimated to have met the criteria for assessment using HomeSafenet data. This number represents a slight decrease in eligible children compared to Fiscal Year 2004-05, but is very close to the previous year's number of eligible children.

One area in which there was a notable difference from last year was expenditures reported. The average cost per child per month in specialized residential group care (\$1,125.24) was considerably less than in previous years (\$4,112 for FY04-05 and \$7,805 for FY03-04). This may be due to a dramatic increase in the number of children served in specialized residential care in the two districts for which sufficient data were available to calculate this figure. Specifically, District 12 served 460 children in FY05-06 (compared to 114 in FY04-05) and District 11 served 39 children in FY05-06 (compared to 17 in FY04-05).

As in previous years, lead agencies described several challenges they experience when trying to find appropriate licensed residential placements for children in their communities. Some counties continue to lack local residential beds and need to send children to other counties for treatment. Lead agencies specifically noted difficulty finding placements for children with sexually reactive behavior and other behavior problems, those with juvenile justice backgrounds, those with developmental delays, and pregnant or parenting teenagers.

It is apparent from lead agency reports that the Legislature's concern for dependent children with extraordinary needs was not unfounded. The issues of placement appropriateness and stability for these children continue to pose a challenge to lead agencies.

As of July 2006, the funding mechanism for comprehensive residential group care (632/1214 funding) has changed, such that dollars are no longer delivered and monitored by the Department as a separate funding stream outside of the regular residential care dollars provided to all lead agencies. Therefore, in the upcoming fiscal year (FY06-07), the responsibility for addressing the placement challenges that have been identified in this and previous reports will shift from the Department to the lead agencies.

This elimination of a specialized funding stream for comprehensive residential group care services is expected to result in a parallel elimination of the specialized monitoring requirements for youth with extraordinary needs (s. 409.1676, F.S.), although the welfare of these youth and all youth in the care of lead agencies will continue to be monitored as part of the yearly Community-Based Care evaluation. Therefore, policy recommendations focus on lead agency development of strategies and resources to serve children with extraordinary needs within their communities.

Introduction

This report is part of a larger annual evaluation of the Comprehensive Residential Services Program. The first part of the evaluation, which is presented in this report, focuses on statewide efforts to assess and place dependent children in licensed residential group care appropriately during fiscal year 2005-06. The second part of the evaluation, which addresses the performance monitoring of the Comprehensive Residential Services (a specialized subgroup of licensed residential group care), will be presented in a separate report¹. The data used in the present report were collected through a collaborative partnership between staff from the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute and Florida's Department of Children and Families (DCF), as required by the Florida Legislature. Section 39.523(5)(a) of Florida Statute specifies that:

By December 1 of each year, the department shall report to the Legislature on the placement of children in licensed residential group care during the year, including the criteria used to determine the placement of children, the number of children who were evaluated for placement, the number of children who were placed based upon the evaluation, and the number of children who were not placed. The department shall maintain data specifying the number of children who were referred to licensed residential child care for whom placement was unavailable and the counties in which such placement was unavailable.

The original legislation providing for this mandatory assessment arose out of concern by the Legislature that certain subgroups of children were experiencing extraordinarily high numbers of foster care placements (up to 10 per year for some children), which compromised the academic performance, interpersonal relationships, and mental health of these children. Licensed residential group care was envisioned as an under-utilized avenue for introducing stability into the children's lives. These licensed programs, including residential treatment centers, specialized therapeutic group homes, behavioral health overlay services beds, and comprehensive (also referred to as enhanced) residential group care (632/1214 funding), are intended to provide an array of supportive services to these children. This service array may include case management, transportation, behavioral health services, recreational services, educational services, and/or independent living services. Lead agencies in the districts

¹ Report on the Model Comprehensive Residential Services Programs (MCRSP) and Comprehensive Residential Group Care Services (CRGCS): Fiscal Year 2005-2006. to be prepared by the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida and expected to be submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families, January 12, 2007.

providing comprehensive residential group care services are required to meet additional statutorily-defined performance monitoring requirements (s. 409.1676(4), F.S.).

Comprehensive Residential Services Program

In the 2001 Florida legislative session, Senate Bill 1214 added statutory requirements for the Department to institute comprehensive residential care pilot projects for children who have extraordinary needs as defined in s. 409.1676, F.S. Under this service category, providers were funded to provide food, shelter, medical services not covered by Medicaid, clothing, allowances, and respite while the children are in out of home placements. These services were to be provided, at a minimum, to children in Districts 4, 11, 12, and the SunCoast Region. In addition, model comprehensive residential services programs were established in Dade and Manatee Counties, although the model status of the Dade program, CHARLEE, was subsequently discontinued as of July 1, 2005.

Specific Aims of This Report

In accordance with the legislative reporting requirements of the residential group care programs, the specific aims of this evaluation are:

- 1) To report the number of children served in Florida's foster care system during Fiscal Year 2005-06 who were eligible for assessment for placement in residential group care.
- 2) To report the number of children who were assessed for placement in residential group care program.
- 3) To report the number of children who were placed based on these assessments as well as the number who were not placed.
- 4) To describe challenges experienced by lead agencies attempting to place eligible children in residential group care.
- 5) To present the expenditures for Specialized Residential Group Care by district for Fiscal Year 2005-06 and to report the average cost per child per month for this type of care.

Methods

The information included in this report was obtained through three primary sources:

1) HomeSafeNet Data

To estimate the number of children eligible for residential group care assessment by county, HomeSafenet data were analyzed by evaluation staff at FMHI. Specifically, these analyses identified children served during Fiscal Year 2005-06 who were 1) 11 years or older, 2) placed in family foster care (Type of placement/provider = Foster Home NonRelative) for six or more months, and 3) moved more than once (3 or more placements). This information was calculated at the county level (see Appendix A). County level data were aggregated by lead agency and are included in Table 1, Item A. A limitation of using the HomeSafenet database is there is no mechanism for determining the number of children who have extraordinary needs, as per s. 409.1676. Therefore, in instances when HomeSafenet and lead agency-generated estimates of eligibility numbers did not match, lead agency-generated estimates were reported over HomeSafenet estimates.

2) Lead Agency Respondents

FMHI evaluation staff contacted lead agency staff regarding residential group care assessment (see Appendix B for the data collection tool). An initial email was sent to the respondents who had provided the data for the previous year's report on residential group care services. These respondents were usually lead agency personnel, but in a few cases were DCF contract managers or other DCF administrators. If these attempts were unsuccessful, email and telephone contacts were initiated with contract managers and administrators for both DCF and the lead agencies, as needed (see Appendix D for contacts). Data were collected at the lead agency level for items A through E (Table 1) using a data collection tool adapted from the 2005 report for the Legislature².

3) DCF Central Office Staff. Cost and expenditure data were obtained from staff at the DCF Central Office, who provided FMHI evaluation staff with data collected at the district level using

² Report on the Residential Group Care Program: Fiscal Year 2004-2005; prepared by the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida and submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families, November 28, 2005.

budget categories and OCAs, as reflected in a recent IDS/FLAIR run for Fiscal Year 2005-06 (See Table 1, Item F).

Findings

Table 1 (Appendix C) summarizes the Fiscal Year 2005-06 data collected for this report. Of 20 lead agencies, 17 (85%) responded to the data request. Of these 17, nine (53%) were able to provide complete data, although several noted that some of their numbers were estimates. As in previous years, several lead agencies reported that they do not systematically track some of the requested data, while others simply left questions blank.

Eligibility for Residential Group Care Services Assessment

The criteria for determining eligibility for assessment for placement in licensed residential group care are delineated in F.S. 39.523(1), which reads, in part:

Except as provided in s. 39.407, any dependent child 11 years of age or older who has been in licensed family foster care for 6 months or longer and who is then moved more than once and who is a child with extraordinary needs as defined in s. 409.1676 must be assessed for placement in licensed residential group care.

When asked to report the number of children served during Fiscal Year 2005-06 who met these criteria, 12 (71%) of the 17 responding lead agencies were able to provide this information, although five of them estimated the number by using HomeSafenet data or other methods. Analysis of HomeSafenet data for Fiscal Year 2005-06 identified a total of 1461 children who were 11 years of age or older, spent six months or more in non-relative foster home placement, and were moved more than once. This number represents a decrease of 63 (4%) eligible children compared to Fiscal Year 2004-05 (n=1524), but is similar to the previous year's number (Fiscal Year 2003-04 n=1445). These numbers were calculated by county (see Appendix A) and then aggregated by lead agency (see Table 1 in Appendix C).

It is important to note that HomeSafenet data cannot be used to identify reliably the subset of these children with extraordinary needs. Therefore, the estimates of eligible children generated using these data are likely overestimates of the true number of children eligible for assessment.

Assessment for Placement in Licensed Residential Group Care

Lead agencies were asked to report the number of children assessed for RGC placement in FY05-06. Eleven (65%) of the 17 lead agencies that responded to the data request were able to provide these numbers, which are presented in Row B of Table 1 (Appendix C). The remaining five lead agencies indicated that they did not systematically track these data.

As in previous years, in some cases the number of children assessed for residential group care during FY05-06 exceeded the number of children meeting the eligibility criteria. However, Section 39.523(4) of the Florida Statutes addresses this issue: "This section does not prohibit the department [or its designated agent] from assessing and placing children who do not meet the criteria in subsection (1) in residential group care if such placement is the most appropriate placement for such children." Thus, the statute specifies the minimum criteria needed for mandatory assessments for placement but does not hinder efforts to assess additional children when appropriate.

Placement in Licensed Residential Group Care

Fifteen (88%) of the 17 responding lead agencies reported the number of children placed in licensed residential group care based on placement assessments, while only 12 (71%) were able to report the number of children not placed based on these assessments. These findings are presented in Rows C and D in Table 1 (Appendix C).

Placement Challenges

As in previous years, lead agencies were forthcoming about the challenges they experience in trying to find appropriate licensed residential placements for children in their communities. Some counties continue to lack local residential beds and need to send children to other counties for treatment. Even counties with local residential services report having to place children out of county when local resources are overwhelmed by increasing numbers of children needing residential placement. Other challenges include constraints placed on the type of children that facilities will admit. For example, one county reported having two RGC facilities, but one is a maternity home and the other does not admit children with behavior problems. These constraints exclude the majority of children with extraordinary needs.

Lead agencies also report difficulty placing certain types of children. Below are the populations most commonly reported to be difficult to place appropriately. The number of lead agencies reporting each population is included in parentheses:

- Children with sexually reactive behavior / sexual offenders (6)
- Children with behavioral problems (6)
- Children with juvenile justice backgrounds (4)
- Children with developmental delays (4)
- Females, pregnant teenagers, and teenage parents (2)

ChildNet, Inc. summarized the challenge of finding appropriate placements for children with extraordinary needs as follows:

...[This lead agency] continues to see the provision of appropriate and effective group care to children with extraordinary needs as among our most pressing challenges. We generally can place these children in a program offered by our excellent local network of contracted group and shelter care providers. Unfortunately, these placements are almost always temporary, ending either with the youth running away to the streets and the resumption of unsafe, high-risk behaviors or continuing their cycling between the local delinquency and dependency systems when they are taken into custody by local law enforcement following another outburst of violent and aggressive behavior against program staff or clients....The legislature's recognition of this population in 2001 was undeniably laudable. The failure to effectively implement and expand the initiative by fully funding, comprehensively developing and carefully monitoring needed programs remains, however, especially regrettable.

Funding

Expenditures for Enhanced Residential Group Care services included IDS queries on category 104076, Specialized Residential Group Care, for expenditures during Fiscal Year 2005-06. The amounts presented in Table 1 include certified forward expenditures as of September 30, 2006. As of this date, \$1,100,491.99 had been certified forward in the OCAs that include all 632/1214 funds. This amount is assumed to be valid and was used in calculations for monthly child expenditures. This calculation was available for Districts 11 and 12, which is consistent with last year's data availability. The average cost per child per month in specialized residential group care (\$1,125.24) is considerably less than in recent years (\$4,112 for FY04-05 and \$7,805 for FY03-04). A dramatic increase in the number of children served in specialized residential care in these two districts since last year may have contributed to this notable decrease in the

average cost per child per month. District 12 served 460 children in FY05-06 (compared to 114 in FY 04-05) and District 11 served 39 children in FY05-06 (compared to 17 in FY04-05).

Conclusion

In accordance with legislative mandate, the current report focused on five aspects of licensed residential group care in Florida: the number of children eligible for assessment, the number assessed and placed, the number assessed but not placed, placement challenges, and expenditures for specialized residential group care. Overall, lead agencies were very responsive to the data request. However, as in previous years, approximately half of responding lead agencies were unable to provide complete data because they do not systematically track all of the requested data. HomeSafenet data were analyzed to provide an estimate of the number of dependent children with extraordinary needs, but that system was not designed to track these characteristics.

The placement challenges reported by lead agencies were similar to those reported last year. Specifically, lead agencies reported that they had difficulty placing children with behavior problems, particularly sexually reactive behaviors, developmental delays, and/or juvenile justice involvement. In addition, eight of the responding 17 lead agencies (47%) reported instances of having to place children out of their home counties due to a paucity of appropriate and available local resources.

It is apparent from lead agency reports that the Legislature's concern for dependent children with extraordinary needs was not unfounded. The issues of placement appropriateness and stability for these children continue to pose a challenge to lead agencies.

Recommendations

As of July 2006, the funding mechanism for comprehensive residential group care (632/1214 funding) has changed, such that dollars are no longer delivered and monitored by the Department as a separate funding stream outside of the regular residential care dollars provided to all lead agencies. Therefore, in the upcoming fiscal year (FY06-07), the responsibility for addressing the placement challenges that have been identified in this and previous reports will shift from the Department to the lead agencies.

This elimination of a specialized funding stream for comprehensive residential group care services is expected to result in a parallel elimination of the specialized monitoring requirements for youth with extraordinary needs (s. 409.1676, F.S.), although the welfare of these youth and all youth in the care of lead agencies will continue to be monitored as part of the legislatively-mandated Community-Based Care evaluation. Therefore, policy recommendations focus on lead agency development of strategies and resources to serve children with extraordinary needs within their communities:

A recent study focusing on one of Florida's model comprehensive residential group care programs (Yampolskaya, Kershaw, & Banks, 2006) confirmed lead agency reports that certain child and family risk factors (e.g., child health problems or disabilities) are associated with increased difficulty in finding permanent living arrangements for these children. Research from a statewide examination of three Medicaid-funded out-of-home care alternatives (Armstrong, Dollard, et al, 2006) also confirmed that there is a sizable minority of children in residential care who cycle between treatment facilities and Juvenile Justice placements, underscoring the difficulty of finding and maintaining appropriate living arrangements. This research also found that factors associated with child transitions from one living arrangement to another were critically important in determining the success or failure of the child's next placement.

Based on these findings, the following are recommendations for lead agencies in providing residential care for children with extraordinary needs. Specifically, lead agencies can improve outcomes for these children by:

1) Ensuring that children are discharged from one placement onto an appropriate next placement (e.g., never allowing a child to leave the highest level of care and go into a shelter, requiring the providers of the child's next placement to participate in the child's therapy and discharge planning)

2) Facilitating the transition process for the child (e.g., giving children sufficient prior notification about transitions, finding ways for dependent youth who earn passes while in residential care to use these rewards even if they have no family).

3) Preparing families to care for these children (e.g., making proactive efforts to improve family engagement through provision of family support and mentors, increasing family/caregiver supports and services post-discharge)

4) Making efforts to improve communication among the multiple systems serving children with extraordinary needs. Specifically:

- Strengthening cross-county/cross-lead agency placement coordination for children who are placed in residential programs outside of their community
- Forming strong links with the school system because positive school support can enhance a child's chance of academic success and provide social support
- Forming strong links with the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide focused attention and identify specialized treatment interventions for youth with a history or active involvement with the justice system.

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Appendix A

Children eligible for Licensed RGC Placement Assessment

An analysis was conducted using data from the HomeSafenet database. The table below and Table 1 in the report reflect numbers of children served during Fiscal Year 2005-06 who met the following criteria:

- 1) Were 11 years of age or older,
- 2) Were placed in non-relative foster home(s) for six months or longer, and
- 3) Were moved more than once.

Children Eligible for Assessment in Fiscal Year 2005-06 (By County)

County	Number of Children Eligible for Placement Assessment	County	Number of Children Eligible for Placement Assessment	County	Number of Children Eligible for Placement Assessment
Alachua	44	Highlands	29	Osceola	15
Baker	1	Hillsborough	26	Palm Beach	22
Bay	20	Holmes	11	Pasco	76
Bradford	1	Indian River	4	Pinellas	198
Brevard	13	Jackson	101	Polk	52
Broward	37	Jefferson	1	Putnam	5
Charlotte	6	Lafayette	7	Santa Rosa	10
Citrus	27	Lake	1	Sarasota	14
Clay	4	Lee	1	Seminole	10
Collier	14	Levy	2	St Johns	4
Columbia	9	Madison	34	St Lucie	25
DeSoto	6	Manatee	29	Sumter	15
Dixie	10	Marion	1	Suwannee	9
Duval	162	Martin	10	Taylor	1
Escambia	41	Miami-Dade	84	Union	1
Gadsden	5	Monroe	9	Volusia	73
Gilchrist	4	Nassau	122	Wakulla	2
Hardee	1	Okaloosa	1	Walton	3
Hendry	1	Okeechobee	9	Washington	2
Hernando	17	Orange	12	Other	3
				Total	1464

Appendix B
Data Collection Tool
RGC – October 2006

Annually, the Department of Children and Families is required to report to the legislature on the placement of children in licensed residential group care during the year (s. 39.523(5)(a), F.S.). This report is to include the criteria used to determine the placement of children, the number of children who were evaluated for placement, the number of children who were placed based upon the evaluation, and the number of children who were not placed. This information is used when developing the future year's General Appropriations. This information is to be collected at the county level (if possible) to allow compilation at the lead agency, district (during the transition to zones), and zone level.

District/Zone Contact Person

Name:
Telephone:

Provider Contact Person

Name:
Address:

Telephone:
Provider and Contract #:

Assessment for Residential Group Care (RGC)

1. During FY05-06, how many children were there who were 11 years or older in family foster care for six months or longer who had been moved more than once and have extraordinary needs per 409.1676? _____
2. How many children were evaluated for placement in residential group care (RGC)? _____
3. How many children were placed in RGC based on the placement evaluation? _____
4. How many children were not placed? _____
5. How many children were referred to licensed RGC for whom placement was unavailable? ____
6. Are there any challenges to finding RGC placements for children in your area? Specific to county or other geographic location?

Number of children served [Ask questions in each category that is appropriate for lead agency location.]

1. During FY05-06, how many children benefited from Model Residential Services? [District 11 and SunCoast Region only] _____
2. During FY05-06, how many children benefited from Comprehensive Residential Group Care services? [Districts 4, 11, 12, and the SunCoast Region only] _____

This information will be analyzed in conjunction with expenditure information in the related DCF district level budget categories and OCAs, as reflected in a recent IDS/FLAIR run for FY 05-06. If you do not believe this will give an accurate picture of the costs of the specialized residential care program, please email Frank_Platt@dcf.state.fl.us or call him at 850-922-2860 to discuss.

Appendix C:

Table 1. Details by Lead Agency

	Panhandle Zone			Northeast Zone						Central Zone				
	Families First Network	Big Bend CBC, Inc. (District 2A)	Big Bend CBC, Inc. (District 2B)	Pships for Strong Families	Family Support Services of North Florida	Nassau County B of CC	St. Johns Co. B of CC	Clay & Baker Kids Net, Inc.	CBC of Volusia & Flagler	Kids Central, Inc.	Heartland for Children	CBC of Seminole, Inc.	CBC of Brevard, Inc.	Family Services of Metro-Orlando Inc.
A.	Number of children 11 years or older in family foster care for 6 months or longer with more than two placements and have extraordinary needs per s. 409.1676, F.S.													
	124	14	22	39	46*	1	4*	5*	73*	361	74	17	21	133
B.	Number of children assessed for placement in RGC													
	124	61	79	39	NA	27	NA	NA	101	NA	49	130	49	118
C.	Number of children placed in RGC based on the placement assessment													
	108	26	48	39	NA	5	NA	NA	101	8	49	106	5	110
D.	Number of children not placed in RGC based on the placement assessment													
	16	35	31	5	NA	22	NA	NA	0	0	NA	24	2	2
E.	Number of children served in Specialized Residential Group Care													
	NF	NF	NF	NF	NA	5	NA	NA	39	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
F.	Average cost per child per month in Specialized RGC ("SB 1214/632")													
	NF	NF	NF	NF	NA (calculated for former D4)				\$1306.20	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
G.	Total Expenditures for Specialized RGC ("SB 1214/632")													
	NF	NF	NF	NF	\$1,628,936.62 (D4 Expenditures)				\$611,301.40 (D12)	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF

NF = Not Funded; NA = Information Not Available

*Estimated from HomeSafenet (extraordinary needs per 409.1676, F.S. not included).

Table 1. Details by Lead Agency (continued)

	SunCoast Zone			Southern Zone				Miami Zone
	Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. (Sarasota, Manatee, Desoto)	Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc. (Pasco & Pinellas)	Hillsborough Kids, Inc.	Children's Network of SW Florida	Child & Family Connections, Inc.	ChildNet, Inc.	United for Families, Inc.	Our Kids of Miami-Dade / Monroe, Inc.
A.	Number of children 11 years or older in family foster care for 6 months or longer with more than two placements and have extraordinary needs per s. 409.1676, F.S.							
	30*	274*	101*	50*	145	37*	25	272
B.	Number of children assessed for placement in RGC							
	NA	NA	NA	36	143	0	16	NA
C.	Number of children placed in RGC based on the placement assessment							
	NA	NA	NA	28	90	NA	11	460
D.	Number of children not placed in RGC based on placement assessment							
	NA	NA	NA	8	53	NA	5	NA
E.	Number of children served in Specialized Residential Group Care							
	63	93	NA	NF	NF	NF	NF	460
F.	Average cost per child per month in Specialized Residential Group Care ("SB 1214/632")							
	NA (calculated for SunCoast Region)			NF	NF	NF	NF	\$1109.90
G.	Total Expenditures for Specialized Residential Group Care ("SB 1214/632")							
	\$5,101,273.11 (SunCoast Expenditures)			NF	NF	NF	NF	\$6,126,674.41 (D11)

NF = Not Funded; NA = Information Not Available

*Estimated from HomeSafenet (extraordinary needs per 409.1676, F.S. not included)

Appendix D
Contact Information

District/Zone Contact Person(s)*

Zone	Name	Title	Telephone Number/ Email
Northeast	Linda Dalton Sheila McMillan Gayle Rosenkjar	CBC Contract Managers	904-723-2126 linda_dalton@dcf.state.fl.us 386-238-4943 gayle_rosenkjar@dcf.state.fl.us
Central	Nikaury Munoz	Children's MH Specialist, DCF, SAMH Program Office	407-245-0420 x104 nikaury_munoz@dcf.state.fl.us
Suncoast	Deborah Adams (Sarasota / Manatee / Desoto) Danette Slimmer (Pasco/Pinellas) Deborah McGinty (HKI)	CBC Contract Managers	813-558-5596 813-558-5740 813-558-5753
Southern	Nancy Wall	CBC Contract Managers	(772) 467-3182 nancy_wall@dcf.state.fl.us
Miami	Urania Vergara Genna Marx	CBC and Model Contract Manager Family Safety Program Office	(305) 377-5124 Urania_Vergara@dcf.state.fl.us (305) 377-5872 Genna_Marx@dcf.state.fl.us

Appendix D (cont'd)
 Contact Information

Lead Agency Contact Person *

Lead Agency/Contract Number	Name / Title	Address	Phone Number / Email
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Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc./ BJQ02 and BJP26	Tory Wilson Placement Director	3333 W. Pensacola Street, Suite #100 Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850) 410-1020 twilson@bigbendcbc.org
Partnerships for Strong Families/CJ409	Sharon Levine	515 North Main Street Gainesville, FL 32601	352-292-2740 x333
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners/DJ992	Judith Dey Executive Director	86004 Christian Way Yulee, Florida 32097	(904) 548-4850 X3510 jdoy@nassaucountyfl.com
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners/DJ993	Myra Henry Placement Specialist	1955 U.S. South Suite C-2 St. Augustine, FL 32086	904-209-6129
Clay & Baker Kids Net, Inc./DJ994	Tara L. Hornick, MSW Program Director	1726 Kingsley Avenue, Ste. 2 Orange Park, Florida 32073	(904) 278-5644 x2060
Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc./QJ4B5 and QJ6B6	Laura Gilbert Director of Contracts for 5 YMCA Counties	One South School Avenue Suite 301 Sarasota, FL 34237	941-951-2916 x 1034 LGilbert@sarasotaymca.org
Community Based Care of Seminole Inc./GJ245	Diane Greene Director of Operations	605 Crescent Executive Ct. Suite 428 Lake Mary, FL 32746	(407) 328-3812 diane.greene@cbcseminole.org

* Only actual contacts are included – some districts/lead agencies did not respond to requests

Appendix D (cont'd)
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Lead Agency/Contract Number	Name /Title	Address	Phone Number / Email
Family Services of Metro-Orlando Inc./GJ160	Joan Vermillion Vice President of Policy & Program Development	1300 West Citizens Blvd, Suite 200 Leesburg, FL 34748	(407) 398-7333 jvermillion@fsmetroorlando.org
Children's Network of SW Florida/HJM46	Ray Fischer, MSW Utilization Management Director	2232 Altamont Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901	(239) 226-1524 RFischer@camelotcare.com
Child and Family Connections, Inc./IJ673	Pamela Carbone, Ph.D Children's Mental Health Coordinator	Child and Family Connections 3333 Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach, Florida 33406	561-357-4800 ext 219 pcarbone@cfcpsc.org
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