

FY 2018 Directory of Funded Programs:
Organizational Profiles and Project Summaries
Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency
Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse
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Project Title:
Preserving Families and Protecting
Children

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Project Period:
36 Months

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Target Population:
Children, age birth to five, and their
families

Geographic Area(s) Served:
Duval County, centered on the banks
of the St. Johns River in the First
Coast region of northeast Florida.

Agency Region:
ACF Region 4

Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc.

Organizational Description

Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc. (FSSNF) is the lead agency for child welfare services in Duval and Nassau Counties of Northeast Florida. FSSNF implements an array of Family Preservation programs: (1) Strengthening Ties and Empowering Parents (STEPS); (2) The Family Assessment Support Team (FAST) Voluntary Non-Judicial Program; and (3) The High Risk Newborn Program.

Use of Program Funds

FSSNF will serve as the lead for the *Preserving Families and Protecting Children* program, augmenting the Family Assessment Support Team (FAST) Voluntary Non-Judicial program, by integrating Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Child Welfare services to maximize efficiencies and improve outcomes for children, age birth to five, and their families, resulting in enhanced safety, well-being and permanency of children; increased family functioning and stability, and; increased adult recovery from substance abuse disorders. The FAST service array includes: home visiting/case management provided by certified child welfare staff; parenting and behavior modification; in-home counseling; Family Team Conferencing; Anger Management; monitoring the development of participating infants/children utilizing standardized developmental screening tools; substance abuse education and treatment; domestic violence advocacy/counseling, and; concrete services. Enhanced services/interventions offered through this program include: health care coordination to ensure the health needs of children and families are being met in a timely fashion and Parent Educator/Advocates to increase parent engagement/retention in services, strengthen parent-child relationships and increase family functioning.

Expected Outcomes

The project will augment FSSNF's voluntary, non-judicial Family Assessment Support Team (FAST), integrating Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Child Preserving Families & Protecting Children Welfare Services to maximize efficiencies and improve outcomes for children and families in Northeast Florida, resulting in enhanced safety, well-being and permanency of children; increased family functioning and stability, and; increased adult recovery from substance abuse disorders.