



## ABOUT US

### Our Vision

To be the model of excellence for collaboration and efficiency, resulting in stronger families and communities.

### Our Mission

Meeting the needs of children and families through a network of care founded on family and community partnerships.

### Partner Organizations

- A Brighter Community, Inc.
- Achieve Family Support
- Achieve Tampa Bay, Inc.
- Bolesta Center, Inc.
- Children's Home, Inc.
- Cornerstone Family Ministries
- Easter Seals Florida, Inc.
- Early Childhood Council
- Federation for Families for Children's Mental Health of Hillsborough County, Inc.
- Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.
- Hillsborough County Public Library
- Hillsborough County Public Schools
- Hispanic Services Council, Inc.
- Jewish Community Center Preschool North
- Mental Health Care, Inc.
- Mental Health Care, Inc. (Early Childhood FASST)
- Mental Health Care, Inc. (Plant City)
- Northside Mental Health, Inc.
- St. Francis Children's Day Care, Inc.
- University of South Florida

### Why was Children's Future Hillsborough established?

Children's Future Hillsborough was created with the purpose of developing an integrated and comprehensive system of care for young children and their families in Hillsborough County. CFH is striving to build stronger families and communities by being a model of excellence, setting the standard for collaboration and efficiency.

### Who We Are and What We Do

**Leadership Council** – Directors meet to provide governance oversight for the CFH project.

**Partnership** – Managers meet to review operational aspects of the collaborative.

### **Family Leadership Council**

*Mission:* The Children's Future Hillsborough *Family Leadership Council* is dedicated to empowering families and promoting parental ownership through a collective voice and support system that allows for families to become self-sufficient partners in the community.

*Purpose:* To give parents a voice. Empower parents and families to work more effectively with the county and other agencies. To develop a support system, community involvement, gaining more access to services and treating parents as partners.

### **Management Services Organization:**

Management, Finance, Human Resource Management, Information Management, Quality Assurance



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## Guiding Principles

- ❖ Early identification of developmental delays and/or behavioral difficulties is crucial.
- ❖ School plays a vital role in developing a child's social and emotional well being in addition to facilitating the academic/learning process.
- ❖ Home/School/Community-based support, prevention and intervention must be provided in order to provide maximum benefits.
- ❖ A strength-based, family centered approach to support, prevention and intervention is the most effective in the long run.
- ❖ Individualized, flexible services that "wrap around" the strengths and needs of the family are the most effective.
- ❖ Families are valuable partners in the helping process; they must be empowered to improve the quality of their lives and those of their children.
- ❖ Cultural sensitivity and competence facilitate the partnership with families we serve and enhance our ability to be successful.
- ❖ Strong collaborative relationships with our partners and seamless integration of systems allow us to create positive outcomes.
- ❖ It is critical to be able to collect, analyze and report measurable outcomes which gauge our effectiveness over time.

## CFH System of Care

Integrated data management system – "Humanizing IT Services" including Software Development

- Tracks Children Screened through Follow-up
- Provides training and support to front line employees to understand processes.

Delivery of Programs and Services

Professional and Leadership Development

- Cross disciplinary training programs
- Networking
- Career laddering

Promote Healthy Births: At risk pregnant women experience positive birth outcomes through pregnancy, labor and postpartum interventions.

- Doulas
- HUG – Help You Grow - NICU Screening and Support

Promote School Readiness and Early School Success  
FASST-Family and School Support Teams

- Early Childhood
- School-Based

CDC-Child Development Centers

- Child Care
- Clinical Supervision of Family Support Coordinators
- Therapeutic Interventions-Speech, Occupational, Physical Therapy, Family Support

Case Management

Community Events

- *Family Day Picnic*
- *Celebrating the Art of Parenting* during CFH's "Positive Parenting Month"
- Literacy Event

Developmental Screening and Referrals

- Hearing Screening
- Literacy Kits for Parents
- Care Options – Training and Technical Assistance for child care providers with special needs children

Education

- Monthly Sibshops – Peer Support for siblings of children with special health and developmental needs
- PBS – Parent Behavioral Support Training
- Literacy and the Arts Training

## CFH Awards – September, 2008

**Luanne Panacek Award for Professional Leadership**...Carolyn Bricklemeyer  
**Leadership in the Family**.....Elsa Ellis  
**Leadership in Volunteerism**.....Hands On Tampa  
**Media Presentation of the Year**.....Steve Otto  
**Business Partner of the Family**.....McDonalds - Caspers Company G3  
**Philanthropic Leadership**.....Glazer Family Foundation  
**Public Officials of the Year**.....Florida Rep. Betty Reed and State Sen. Arthenia Joyner

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