



**CHANGE A LIFE  
FOR GOOD.**

**HOW WE HELP**



**CHILDREN'S  
NETWORK**

OF HILLSBOROUGH, LLC

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## CARING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**C**hildren’s Network of Hillsborough (CNHC) is the nonprofit lead agency contracted by the State of Florida to manage the child welfare system in Hillsborough County (Circuit 13). Together with our partners, we administer a comprehensive system of care for abused and neglected children.

CNHC strives to strengthen families to stop abuse and neglect before they start. We utilize innovative programs — such as our Intensive Family Services Team — to provide resources and support to at-risk families, keeping children out of the foster care system. When prevention is not possible and children are removed by court order, they receive loving, temporary foster care, plus therapeutic services as required. Meanwhile, their parents complete case plans to heal and work toward reunification, which is always our objective.

CNHC became the local lead agency on July 1, 2022. From day one, we have sought to change local child welfare for the better – one child and family at a time. Thank you for being part of our community as we continue to change lives!

## FOSTERING LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**F**ostering is an incredibly important part of CNHC’s system of care. Foster parents provide safe, loving, and temporary homes for children. Youth enter the foster care system through no fault of their own, but because they have experienced abuse and neglect. Children remain in foster care until they can safely reunite with their biological parents or transition to another permanent living arrangement such as adoption.

Foster parents are everyday heroes who can make a difference for a lifetime in a relatively short time. Contrary to some common myths, foster parents do not have to be rich, married, or a homeowner to foster. They also come from a variety of religious backgrounds, ages, and career fields. Most foster parents feel that it is their calling to care for children.

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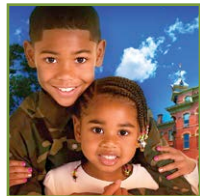
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## Adopting A Forever Family

Children’s Network of Hillsborough strives to reunite families whenever possible. However, this cannot happen in some cases, and children become eligible for adoption after their parental rights are terminated. Our team works diligently to find adoptive placements for youth who need a second chance at a forever family. For many children, adoption is the “final piece of the puzzle” — and a source of joy for them and their adoptive parents.



## Kinship Care In Our Community

Kinship care allows children who have been removed from their parents to live with relatives (or other caregivers who have a prior relationship with the child). CNHC’s Kinship Program supports these important caregivers, and children benefit by having a greater sense of stability and maintaining these vital family connections. Some kinship caregivers also become Level 1 (child-specific) foster parents, allowing them to receive the foster care board rate and additional benefits.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Children’s Network of Hillsborough is a community-based agency, and we rely on the active involvement of community members to help create the best possible outcomes for the children and families we are privileged to serve. Everyone can do something to help achieve a happier tomorrow for children, including:

- **FOSTERING:** Opening your heart and home to children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment;
- **ADOPTING:** Giving a forever family to a child or group of siblings whose parental rights have been terminated;
- **VOLUNTEERING:** Serving as a mentor or assisting CNHC with your time and talents;
- **DONATING:** Contributing to CNHC to make a direct impact in the community; and
- **ADVOCATING:** Becoming a voice for vulnerable children and families.

To learn more about Children’s Network of Hillsborough and how you can help, please visit us online at [ChildrensNetworkHillsborough.org](https://www.ChildrensNetworkHillsborough.org), or call **844-933-KIDS (5437)**. Join us and help change a life for good!



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