



Family Matters

News and Information from **Family Resource Center of South Florida, Inc.**

A Non-profit Organization Dedicated to the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect

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FRC in the News

During April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, FRC was recognized in the media for our work to prevent and treat child abuse. FRC's licensing manager discussed the warning signs of child abuse and what to do when you suspect abuse on Radio Caracol. FRC's executive director was featured on the CBS show *Focus on South Florida* speaking about the need for quality foster parents in the region and how to make an abuse report if you suspect maltreatment. To check out these clips, visit FRC's press page at frcflorida.org/family-resource-center/press-room.



Back-to-School Volunteer Day

Yearly, in preparation for back-to-school, FRC provides backpacks filled with school supplies to children in foster care. This year, FRC anticipates assembling approximately 400 backpacks for children in grades K-12.

Join us for FRC's **Back-to-School Volunteer Day** on **Saturday, July 19**, as volunteers, staff and families come together to stuff backpacks with essential school supplies to help a foster child in need. For this and other volunteering opportunities, please contact [Liza Hernandez](mailto:lhernandez@frcflorida.org) at lhernandez@frcflorida.org or 305.789.4489.

Donate Today! frcflorida.org/backpacks



Dear Friends,

Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to recognize our unsung heroes, foster parents, for everything they do to make life better for our children. On a daily basis, Foster Parents provide the needed love, guidance, and support to children who have come into care due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

With their ongoing commitment and dedication, Foster Parents help bring about the needed permanency for our children by working in partnership with biological parents so that they can safely return home, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted. Although being a Foster Parent is challenging, it is also very rewarding as you are provided with an opportunity of helping out a child.

Currently, the State of Florida is in dire need of quality foster homes given the influx of children coming into care needing placements. Family Resource Center is committed to being a part of the driving force for recruiting foster homes. We are in need of Foster Parents to care for large sibling groups, teen moms with babies and adolescents. Each year approximately 30,000 foster youth are aging out of the system without a permanent home, making it harder for them to get a good education, find a job, and build a better life. They need the support of caring adults who will give them love so that they can build long-term relationships that will help them transition into adulthood. They need FOSTER PARENTS like you!

Foster Parents can make a difference in the life of a child. Family Resource Center invites you to join us in becoming a member of the partnership that can help to make that difference. If you would like to learn more information about how to become a Foster Parent, please call us today at 305-960-5596.

Sincerely,

Yanila Llompert
Family Resource Center Licensing Manager



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FRC Appoints Newest Board Member

Archie L. Bouie, II is Director of Campus Administration for Miami Dade College InterAmerican Campus and President/CEO of The 20/20 Consulting Group. Formerly he was Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services for Florida Memorial University and held several positions in the Banking and Telecommunication industries. He holds degrees from University of Phoenix and American Intercontinental University with a concentration on Leadership of Educational Organizations. He also serves in the community as a member of his local Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Mr. Bouie is an avid golfer and swimmer, and resides in Broward with his wife **Nicole** and four children, **Brandon** (8 years), **Camryn** (7 years), **Daniel** (3 years), and **Hannah** (20 months).

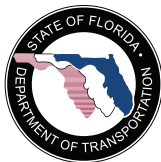


Join our Board of Directors

We are seeking individuals with a passion for child welfare to join FRC's board of directors and help continue to spearhead the strategic direction and leadership of the organization. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating on our board, please contact [Dorit Matthews](mailto:dmattews@frcflorida.org) at dmattews@frcflorida.org or 305. 960.5536.

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STRIKE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendar! The countdown has officially begun for our 18th annual charity bowling tournament to be held on **Saturday, June 7th at Bird Bowl**. The annual extravaganza gathers close to 300 attendees and benefits FRC's services for children who have suffered abuse or neglect. This fun-filled day featuring a silent auction and great raffles is selling out fast, so reserve your lane today!

There are many ways you can support this event.

Register a Team: Sign up your team of four bowlers today. The top three scoring teams take home a trophy!

Donate a Lane: Buy a bowling lane to be used by foster children during the event.

Become a Sponsor: Reach thousands of South Florida professionals with your brand and message.

Auction Donation: Get the word out about your local business by contributing to the Silent Auction or Restaurant Raffle.



For more information or to get involved visit frcflorida.org/bowl or call [Dorit Matthews](mailto:Dorit.Matthews@frcflorida.org) at 305.960.5536.

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Saturday, June 7, 2014



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