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**Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families,
and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.**



Overview

- Florida's Priorities (During Round 2 CFSSR)
- Factors Driving Priorities
- Leveraging Existing Efforts/Situations
- Building the PIP



Florida's Priorities (at time of Round 2 CFSSR)

- Strategic Direction from Secretary
- SACWIS
- Adoptions
- 2012 Strategy: Safe Reduction of Children in Foster Care
- Sustaining Successes from Round 1:
Timeliness of Investigations; Monthly Visits with Children



Factors Driving Priorities

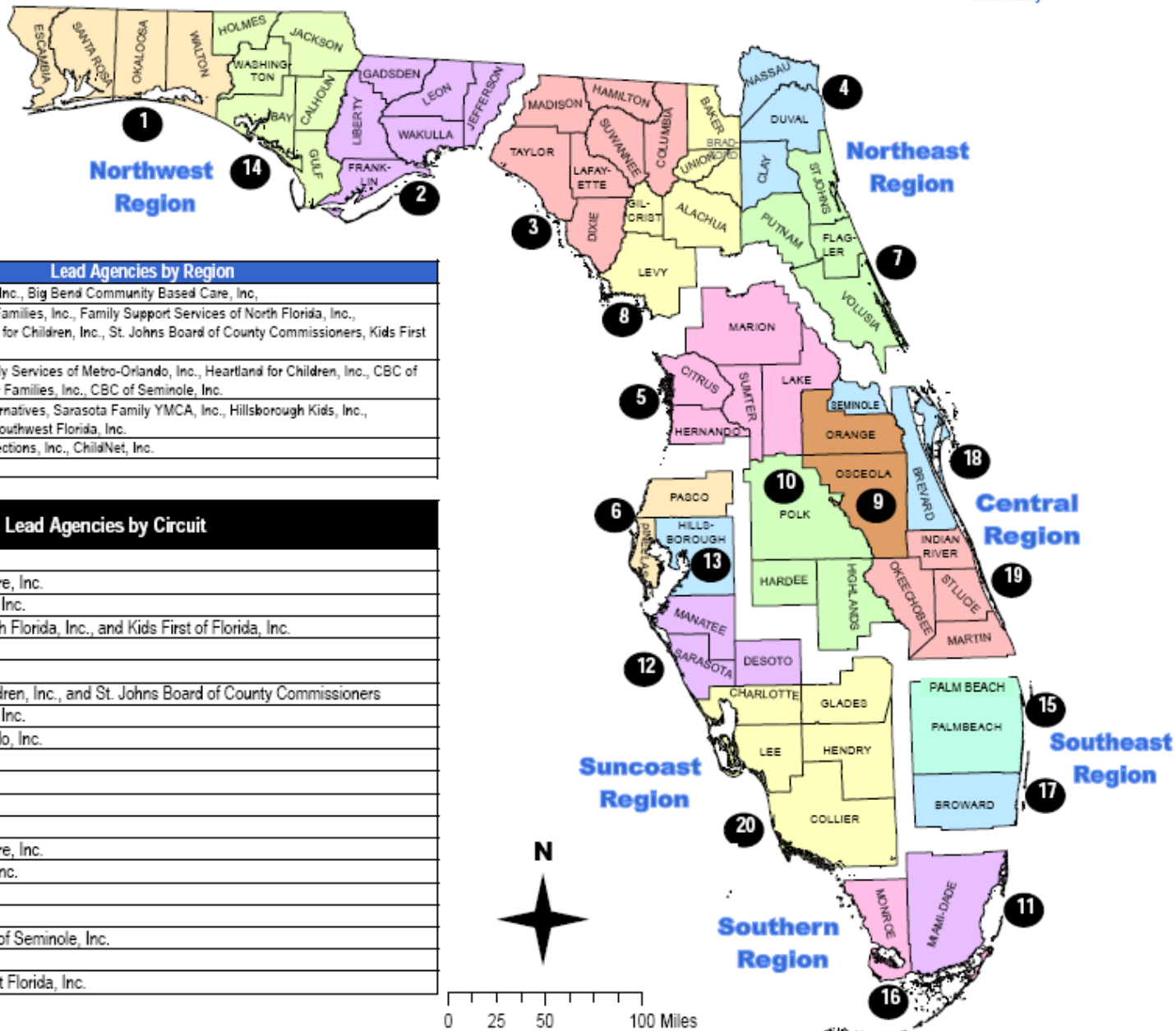
- Community-Based Care
- Lessons learned from CFSR Round One and Round Two
- Findings from CFSR
 - Caseworkers needs to better engage families
 - Assessments and case plans not well connected



Community Based Care Lead Agencies

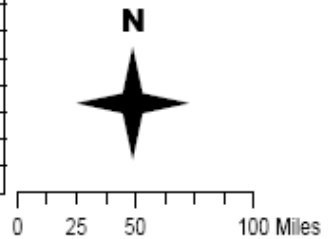
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Region	Lead Agencies by Region
Northwest Region	Families First Network, Inc., Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc.
Northeast Region	Partnership for Strong Families, Inc., Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc., Community Partnership for Children, Inc., St. Johns Board of County Commissioners, Kids First of Florida, Inc.
Central Region	Kids Central, Inc., Family Services of Metro-Orlando, Inc., Heartland for Children, Inc., CBC of Brevard, Inc., United for Families, Inc., CBC of Seminole, Inc.
SunCoast Region	Eckerd Community Alternatives, Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc., Hillsborough Kids, Inc., Children's Network of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Southeast Region	Child and Family Connections, Inc., ChildNet, Inc.
Southern Region	Our Kids, Inc.

DCF Circuit	Lead Agencies by Circuit
1	Families First Network, Inc.
2	Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc.
3	Partnership for Strong Families, Inc.
4	Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc., and Kids First of Florida, Inc.
5	Kids Central, Inc.
6	Eckerd Community Alternatives
7	Community Partnership for Children, Inc., and St. Johns Board of County Commissioners
8	Partnership for Strong Families, Inc.
9	Family Services of Metro-Orlando, Inc.
10	Heartland for Children, Inc.
11	Our Kids, Inc.
12	Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.
13	Hillsborough Kids, Inc.
14	Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc.
15	Child and Family Connections, Inc.
16	Our Kids, Inc.
17	ChildNet, Inc.
18	CBC of Brevard, Inc., and CBC of Seminole, Inc.
19	United for Families, Inc.
20	Children's Network of Southwest Florida, Inc.





Leveraging Existing Efforts/Situations

- Task Force on Fostering Success
- IV-E Foster Care Waiver
- QA Redesign and Performance Measurement
- Children’s Legal Services and Court Improvement
- Interagency Agreements
- ICPC Modernization
- Placement Stability



Building the PIP

- Collaboration with leadership, partners, stakeholders, youth, supervisors,
- Core Advisory Group; NRCOI, Children's Bureau, National Consultants
- Meaningful systemic change



Resources

- **Strategic Plan**
<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/opengov/docs/strategicIntent.pdf>
- **Child and Family Services Plan 2009-2014**
<http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/kb/resource/Child%20and%20Family%20Services%205%20Year%20Plan%202010%20-%202014.pdf>
- **Florida's Quality Improvement Plan**
http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/kb/dataper/QIP_revised06-09.pdf
- **Center for the Advancement of Child Welfare Practice**
www.centerforchildwelfare.org