

The MANicure Movement[®] Polishing Off Child Abuse

Let's Talk About Child Abuse

Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences is a new way of seeing and talking about experiences that support children's growth into healthy, resilient adults. Learn more about it at www.positiveexperience.org.

Our goal for MANicure Movement[®] is to inspire a HOPE-informed movement that educates the community about child abuse prevention efforts and prompts action.

In addition to painting your nail blue to spark a conversation, consider taking things a step further by learning about the important work being done in our communities.

Things You Can Do to Help

Safe, loving relationships between children and their parents, caregivers and other supportive adults help children grow up healthier and more resilient. Research shows that kids mentored by a caring adult at an early age more successfully maneuver through life's obstacles. Want to be that caring adult? Consider becoming a mentor for one or more of our kids by contacting Amber Barrett, assistant director of Youth Services, at Amber.Barrett@fpocf.org.

Safe, equitable and stable environments — at home, at school and in the community — meet children's needs, enable them to feel secure and foster a sense of belonging. Programs like the following help families build these positive environments:

- CARES (www.brevardcares.org/)
- Child Abuse Prevention Task Force:
 (www.facebook.com/ChildAbusePreventionTaskForceBrevard/)
- Pathways to Home (www.pathwaystohome.org)
- Bethany Christian Services (www.bethany.org)
- Heart, Hands and Hope (www.hearts-hands-hope.org)
- United Against Poverty (www.unitedagainstpoverty.org)
- Girls on the Run (www.girlsontherun.org)
- Children's Advocacy Center: Brevard (www.cacbrevard.org) | Osceola (www.risecs.org/cac-osceola)

The HOPE Framework

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We all need to know we matter to other people and our communities. That starts by lending a helping hand to a neighbor in need. Know where to help families in your area turn for support.

- Hope Florida A Pathway to Prosperity Service (www.myflfamilies.com)
- United Way's 211 Service (www.211unitedway.org)
- 211 Brevard Community Helpline & Crisis Lifeline (www.211brevard.org/help-me-grow)

Volunteers play a critical role in fulfilling the mission of local nonprofit organizations like Family Partnerships of Central Florida. Without your support, we could not meet the needs of children and families. Take a pledge against child abuse by signing up to volunteer (https://fpocf.org/volunteer/).

If you suspect a child is experiencing abuse in any setting, for immediate help call:

- 9-1-1 to alert local law enforcement.
- To contact the National Child Abuse Hotline, call **1-800-422-4453**.
- In Florida, call 1-800-962-2873.



Protecting Children, Strengthening Families, Changing Lives.

Family Partnerships of Central Florida is committed to protecting children, strengthening families and changing lives through a comprehensive, integrated, community-based system of care that provides adoption, foster care and independent living services for children and families in Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties.

Contracted with the Florida Department of Children and Families as the lead child welfare agency in the four-county area, Family Partnerships of Central Florida's mission is to ensure that the children it serves thrive in safe, healthy and loving families.

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