

## VISION

All Seminole County children and families are equipped with tools and opportunities to develop into well balanced, healthy productive members of our community.



## MISSION

Developing and integrating services and effectively utilizing resources to address the physical, social, emotional, vocational, transitional and educational needs of all children and families to produce measurable, positive outcomes for the Seminole County Community.

## VALUES

Everyone has the right to be safe, healthy, educated and employable. Therefore, children and family service agencies and advocates must:

- ◆ Work in partnership
- ◆ Work and interact with integrity
- ◆ Integrate services; interagency & community
- ◆ Effectively use resources
- ◆ Be prevention focused and outcome driven
- ◆ Be culturally aware and sensitive
- ◆ Adopt a “no wrong door” policy
- ◆ Promote family focused intervention options
- ◆ Encourage parents and children to express their needs and desires in shaping policy. Be sure that they are heard.

## PARTNERS

Adapt Behavioral Services  
Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
Behavioral Support Services  
Boys Town of Central Florida  
CBC of Seminole  
Charlee Family Care Services  
Children's Home Society  
City of Lake Mary Commissioner  
Community Coordinated Child Care (4C)  
Community Counseling Center  
DCF/SAMH  
Department of Children & Families  
Devereux  
Early Learning Coalition of Seminole  
Elizabeth House  
Health Council of East Central Florida  
Heart of Florida United Way-211  
Intervention Services  
Jewish Family Services  
Kids House of Seminole  
KidsPeace  
Lakeside Behavioral Health  
NAMI Greater Orlando  
Office of Attorney General  
Open Door International  
Parents/Foster Parents  
Quest  
Safehouse of Seminole  
SEDNET 7A  
Seminole Co. Sheriff  
Seminole Co. Child Abuse Prevention Task Force  
Seminole Community Mental Health  
Seminole County Friends of Abused Children  
Seminole Co. Healthy Start Coalition  
Seminole County Mental Health Network  
The Grove Counseling Center  
Seminole County Public Schools  
Seminole Co School Board  
University Behavioral Center  
Value Options

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Or Check out  
Children's Cabinet at:

[www.thechildrenscabinet.org](http://www.thechildrenscabinet.org)



# The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County

Strong Mission + Commitment =

Better information to our community and

more quality services to our children

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## HISTORY

- ◆ Began as The Children's Service Committee, a group of community providers who met to network and share ideas since 2003.
- ◆ Supported the work of the Community Alliance.
- ◆ Influenced the implementation of CBC and completed a community needs assessment.
- ◆ Assisted in the establishment of The Village; transitional housing for youth aging out of foster care.
- ◆ Fostered partnerships and cooperation that led to the establishment of The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County.

## WHAT IS A "CHILDREN'S CABINET"?

- ◆ It is a National Governors Association (NGA) backed model for innovation and policy change in children's services.
- ◆ Designed to promote coordination and improve efficiency and strengthen partnerships.
- ◆ Allows for local community-driven construction.
- ◆ Engages community funding partners and creates a bridge to government funders.



## COMMUNITY OPTIONS

- Represents all children in the county and the strengths, needs and challenges they face.
- Aimed at improving our community as a whole by ensuring that all children have the opportunity to develop into well balanced, healthy productive members of society.
- All children have needs; regardless of family structure, socio-economic factors, health or other factors.
- As a community we have a responsibility to all of our children.

## FAMILY OPTIONS

- This group represents those children and families that have a direct service need.
- Children's needs are a direct challenge to one or more of our key childhood aspects.
- It is our responsibility to respond to the challenges our children and families face by providing them the opportunity to overcome challenges.
- Family Options are services and strategies targeted at those children and families in our community that are in need.

## SERVICE OPTIONS

- Represents children and families that have penetrated one or more of the service delivery systems and have significant needs and challenges.
- Children are substantially at risk and the child and/or family requires assistance.
- Our community has a responsibility to provide a firm safety net to ensure every opportunity for success extends to those most in need.
- Service Options is specific and targeted to those in our community that are most vulnerable, in need and in crisis.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP CHILDREN AND SECURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL SEMINOLE COUNTY CITIZENS:

- ◆ Be informed on issues children face and what is being done to meet their needs.
- ◆ Determine how you as an individual or as part of a group can support programs that are addressing the issues and are meeting the needs.
- ◆ Participate with the Children's Cabinet as a partner or a member to share data and ideas.
- ◆ Educate community leaders on Children's Issues and what the Cabinet is doing to address those issues.
- ◆ Represent your county with the most current, viable information when making decisions that affect our daily lives.

**Children's Cabinet Meetings are open to  
all who are interested in attending.**

**Date:** The 2nd Wednesday of the month

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Location:** Seminole Co. Sheriff's Office  
100 Bush Blvd.  
Sanford, FL 32773

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