



# THE FLORIDA CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

*Building Strong Families ... One Child at a Time*

*Helping children & families since 1979*



Prevention  
& Intervention

Developmental  
Therapies



Mental Health  
Therapy

Early Childhood  
Education



Early Childhood  
Training Institute

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*Serving Sarasota, Charlotte, Hardee, Desoto and Manatee counties*

## Prevention & Intervention

**HEALTHY FAMILIES** is an award-winning evidence-based program that prevents child abuse and neglect among Florida's highest-risk families by promoting healthy child development and increasing family stability and self-sufficiency. Annually, more than 95% of children in the program have no verified findings of abuse or neglect. The Florida Center is the lead agency for Healthy Families Sarasota, DeSoto/Hardee and Charlotte counties.

**FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS CLINIC** is Florida's only clinic focused on the statewide prevention and diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** behavior specialists provide professional consultation, mentoring and training to local preschools.

## Developmental Therapies

The Florida Center offers a full array of diagnostic and developmental services such as speech and occupational therapy to children birth through age eight. Developmental services are provided by infant-toddler developmental specialists, speech-language pathologists and occupational therapists.

## Mental Health Therapy

The Florida Center offers a number of programs and services focused on the healthy social and emotional development of children birth through age eight.

**CIRCLE OF SECURITY** is a relationship based parenting program designed to enhance attachment security between children under five and their parents.

**THE FUSSY BABY NETWORK** helps parents who have concerns about their baby's temperament and behavior during the first year of life. Please call 1-855-62-FUSSY (36779).

**CHILD-PARENT PSYCHOTHERAPY** an intervention for children who have experienced at least one traumatic event and, as a result, are experiencing problems related to behavior, attachment and/or mental health.

## Early Childhood Education

**STARFISH ACADEMY AT THE FLORIDA CENTER (PRE-K & VPK)** is a highly-rated, nationally accredited, inclusion program serving children 18 months through age five. The Starfish Academy offers onsite developmental, behavioral and mental health therapies. The Academy's primary focus is on language and early literacy, self-regulation, social-emotional learning, cognitive and physical development.

## Early Childhood Training Institute

**THE FLORIDA CENTER'S EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING INSTITUTE** champions the expansion of evidenced-based practices for young children's social-emotional development and school readiness. Trainers are experts in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Challenging Behaviors, Early Childhood Development, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Parenting and Early Childhood Systems of Care Development.