

# What is CDS?

*CDS is a lifeline for families.  
CDS is a resource for the community.  
CDS is a place to get help.*

While CDS's many individual programs serve a wide variety of community needs, they all fall under the umbrella of our mission statement:

## Strengthening Communities by Building Strong Families

Be it parents or guardians struggling with troubled youth or children at high risk for dangerous behaviors, CDS has programs that can help.

CDS has been serving the communities of North Central Florida for over 50 years. Our services now cover a fourteen county area:

Alachua	Dixie	Levy	Suwannee
Gilchrist	Bradford	Hamilton	Putnam
Union	Columbia	Lafayette	

CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit social services agency. At CDS, we constantly monitor our programs and results in order to better serve participants.

We welcome your feedback!

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

## Quality Improvement

We want to continue to seek your feedback regarding the services received in order to improve the process. Find us on Facebook and like our page: CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc.



# Contact Information

## CDS Administration

Gainesville.....(352) 244-0628

## Youth Shelters

24 Hour, Toll Free.....(800) 854-5377  
Interface Central, Gainesville.....(352) 244-0618  
Interface East, Palatka.....(386) 385-0405  
Interface Northwest, Lake City.....(386) 487-0190  
Safe Place.....(352) 244-0618

## Counseling Offices

Gainesville.....(352) 244-0628 x 3822  
Palatka.....(386) 385-0405  
Lake City.....(386) 487-0190  
Williston.....(352) 328-3540  
Prevention.....(352) 244-0628  
SNAP.....(352) 244-0628x3804

## Online

[www.cdsfl.org](http://www.cdsfl.org)  
[www.facebook.com/CDSFamily](http://www.facebook.com/CDSFamily)



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## Family Action

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# Family Action Counseling



Family Action Counseling provides short-term counseling to families with youth ages 6 to 17 who are having trouble following rules, are truant from school, have runaway, or who are threatening to runaway. We work to provide youth and their families with the tools necessary to meet the challenges they face. We are dedicated to promoting healthy communities by serving youth and families.

All families and youth experience crisis. Sometimes one or more crises may be going on at the same time in a family. Families may be able to handle and resolve most of these things quickly. But sometimes they have problems that push them to the limit. These problems might include a teenager or younger child who: skips school, runs away from home (or threatens to), will not follow directions, etc. Family Action can help you find ways to reduce or stop these kinds of behaviors.



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## How it works



Family Action provides short-term counseling to individual youths and families. This program is available **24-hours a day, every day, and is free of charge** for all basic services.

Family Action usually takes 12 weeks to complete.

To qualify, youth must be under 18 and cannot be involved with foster care or adjudicated delinquent or under the supervision of the

Department of Juvenile Justice at the time of services.

Family Action begins with a simple screening process. The information gathered is used to determine what services the family is eligible for and what programs would best help the child.

Family Action works to repair broken communications between parents and children, and helps them find a better path. The program is available to residents of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union counties.



## Remember

CDS coordinates the Safe Place program in North Central Florida  
Call (352) 244-0628 x 3865 to find out more!



# Conflict Resolution: Tips For Parents \*



Before resorting to screaming and yelling, think about all your options for how to deal with a family conflict. You have several options: Suggest an alternative to what's being proposed; **com-**

**promise; resolve** the problem as a family; "sleep on it" so that everyone has a chance to cool down; use humor or surprise to lighten the mood; Order the necessary action, but do so clearly, calmly, and respectfully.

Children are also more likely to fight if they feel powerless, so give your child a voice in family discussions and decisions. Encourage your children to express all their feelings, even if they are angry or sad, and express yours too. You can also help matters by spending more time with your children, and taking every opportunity to bolster their self-esteem.

Lastly, be a good role model. Children learn general approaches to resolving conflict by watching *you*. How do you negotiate? Do you try to see the other person's point of view? Can you admit when you are wrong?

*\* From The National PTA Parenting Guide*

## Support Our Work!

CDS needs your help in order to continue providing valuable services to the community. Contributions are tax deductible and vital to our ongoing success. Both monetary and in-kind donations are very much appreciated! For more information or to find out how you can volunteer, please visit CDS's website or contact the Resource Development Coordinator at: [giving@cdfsfl.org](mailto:giving@cdfsfl.org) or at (352) 244-0628 x3865.