



# FLATTEN THE CURVE OF FAMILIES IN CRISIS

and reduce an influx of children entering foster care after the national health crisis

As children and families continue to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, **a growing number find themselves burdened with overwhelming, seemingly insurmountable stress.**

Without immediate access to support, families in crisis are at a greater risk of experiencing abuse or neglect – **but the CHS Family Support Warm Line can meet families where they are and help kids stay safe.**

**WE MUST EXPAND HOW WE SERVE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED, OR WE RISK ANOTHER CRISIS: A DRAMATIC INFLUX OF SEEING MORE KIDS ENTERING FOSTER CARE.**

## IF WE DO NOTHING...



### EXPECT AN INCREASE IN CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

*Previous natural disasters indicate that* we can expect increases in child abuse and neglect and domestic violence.<sup>1</sup>

*Nearly 75% of children involved in the foster care system are there because of fixable family issues.*<sup>2</sup> Unemployment, inadequate housing, medical and food insecurity will contribute to more cases of neglect entering the State's foster care system.



### EXPECT LONGER LENGTHS OF STAY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

*The foster care system does not have capacity to properly care for more children.*

*As more kids enter foster care, caseloads will increase, leading to case manager turnover – and longer lengths of stay for kids in foster care.*<sup>4</sup>

**FAMILIES ARE IN CRISIS.  
CHILDREN ARE AT RISK.**

**THE CHS FAMILY SUPPORT WARM LINE CAN HELP.**



#### FREE, CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT & COUNSELING

Families have access to free confidential counseling sessions with qualified therapists via telehealth.



#### ANYONE CAN CALL OR TEXT TO TALK TO A TRAINED COUNSELOR

Call or text  
1-888-733-6303.



#### AVAILABLE TO ANYONE IN FLORIDA

Families have access to free confidential counseling sessions with qualified therapists via telehealth.



#### WE CONNECT FAMILIES WITH RESOURCES

Counselors can provide referrals to other services for parental support, ongoing counseling, substance abuse treatment, and/or domestic abuse support.

**To learn more or get involved today, please contact:**

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