CHILD FRIENDLY CITY

WHAT IS A CHILD FRIENDLY CITY?

A Child Friendly city is a framework to assist cities to become more child-friendly in all aspects of governance, environment, and services. Child Friendly Cities implement systemic procedures to encourage meaningful involvment from children.

BUILDING A CHILD FRIENDLY CITY

- **Children's Participation:** Promoting children's active involvement in issues that affect them; listening to their views and taking them into consideration in decision making processes.
- **Child-Friendly Legal Framework:** Ensuring legislation, regulatory frameworks and procedures which consistently promote and protect the rights of all children.
- **City-wide Children's Rights Strategy:** Developing a detailed, comprehensive strategy or agenda for building a Child Friendly City, based on the Convention.
- **Children's Rights Unit:** Developing permanent structures in local government to ensure priority consideration of children's perspectives.
- **Child Impact Assessment and Evaluation:** Ensuring that there is a systematic process to assess the impact of law, policy and practice on children – in advance, during and after implementation.
- **Children's Budget:** Ensuring adequate resource commitment and budget analysis for children.
- **Regular State of the City's Children Report:** Ensuring sufficient monitoring and data collection on the state of children and their rights.
- **Making Children's Rights Known:** Ensuring awareness of children's rights among adults and children.
- **Independent Advocacy for Children:** Supporting non-governmental organizations and developing independent human rights institutions – children's ombudspeople or commissioners for children to promote children's rights.

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CHILD FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

WHAT IS A CHILD FRIENDLY SCHOOL?

A Child Friendly School uses the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child as a framework for educational improvement that aims to transform the whole learning environment with a consistent, rights-based approach. Through the consideration of the UNCRC, students are engaged in the process of democratic learning and participation. Children's rights are not only taught but recognized, modeled, and respected.

STRATEGIES TO BECOMING A CHILD FRIENDLY SCHOOL

- Facilitate conversations between all stakeholders concurrently
- Educate faculty and staff around the foundations of rights
- Provide workshops to all faculty around strategies to improve school culture from a rights respecting lens
- Facilitate audits of student and faculty perceptions and develop a plan of action

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A CHILD FRIENDLY FRAMEWORK

LEADERSHIP
Leadership & management are established under rights-respecting values

AWARENESS
Students, parents, faculty, and community members have an awareness of the Convention

TEACHING & LEARNING
A rights respecting ethos has been adopted into learning, content, and pedagogy in the school environment

STUDENT PARTICIPATION
Children are empowered to become active citizens and learners

BABY FRIENDLY HOSPITALS

WHAT IS BABY FRIENDLY HOSPITALS?

i. A Baby Friendly Hospital promotes healthy infant feeding and mother/baby bonding through the framework provided by the World Health Organization and UNICEF. Hospital staff assist women with breastfeeding to promote the practice and provide education on its benefits so that mothers can make informed choices about their child's nutrition.

STRATEGIES TO BECOMING A BABY FRIENDLY HOSPITAL

- Institution wide commitment to breastfeeding awareness and education.
- Follow a 10-step framework provided by UNICEF that promotes the policy of breastfeeding.
- Facilitate training for all employees so that they can in turn educate new mothers.
- Effort is made to identify societal and political systems that hinder a mother's ability to breastfeed.

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A CHILD FRIENDLY FRAMEWORK

FIDELITY
All hospital staff have a clear vision of what it means to be baby friendly and contribute to the mission

EDUCATION
Mothers are given the proper training and support to breastfeed for a time period that they themselves determine

CULTURE
Examination and elimination of barriers that prevent women from breastfeeding

COMMUNITY & SOCIETAL PEDIATRICS

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WHAT IS COMMUNITY & SOCIETAL PEDIATRICS?

Community & Societal Pediatrics in Javksonville provides cutting-edge, family-centerd, and culturally sensitive care to ensure all children in the community reach their full health and developmental potential. Physicians provide access to care for all children in the region through a network of practices, including those with special healthcare needs.

SERVICES OFFERED BY COMMUNITY & SOCIETAL PEDIATRICS IN JACKSONVILLE

- Well-child primary care, periodic check-ups, and physical exams for school and sports
- Diagnosis and treatment for developmental, behavioral and psychiatric conditions
- Care for those with special healthcare needs, including children with chronic illnesses, disabling conditions, in rehabilitation and those with life-limiting conditions, as well as children in foster care, homeless children and young people in transition from pediatric to adult care

CHILD INVOLVEMENT

Children receiving care are consulted and included as active decision makers in their own health choices

INDIVIDUALIZATION

Consideration is made to best meet the needs of children who are traditionally underserved such as those who have special needs, are in the foster care system, or experience homelessness

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CHILDREN'S OMBUDSPERSON

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CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION

Children are heard and consulted as standing members of advisory groups and during times of local decision-making

EDUCATION

Workshops and trainings on children's rights are offered free of charge to organizations

POLICY REFORM

Policy statements and best practices are shared with organizations and stakeholders within the city

WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S OMBUDSPERSON?

The Children's Ombudsperson is a position that advocates for the full, equal, developmentally-appropriate treatment and participation of children and youth, as contemplated by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The office bolsters youth voice and participation all around Jacksonville in matters concerning them. The Ombudsperson ensures that when our leaders and officials make decisions that they consider the best interests of children.

SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CHILDREN'S OMBUDSPERSON

- Working with an expanding capacity of youth groups and organizations
- Facilitating Child rights and youth engagement trainings and workshops
- Consult and work with the school system, juvenile justice and foster care systems, non-profits, and other agencies, organizations and governing bodies to improve youth services and increase youth participation

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PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILD HEALTH

A CHILD FRIENDLY FRAMEWORK

POLICY REFORM
Serving as a catalyst for broad-based, sustainable systemic change inclusive of policy reform and infrastructure development

CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION
Building capacity for youth to develop and evaluate systems and programs

COORDINATION
Developing a public health framework to ensure access to services for children and youth

WHAT IS THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILD HEALTH?

The Partnership for Child Health, has evolved to advocate for and develop and implement services, programs and systems of care to advance the child health priorities of our community. It has done so by leveraging regional and national knowledge, experience and resources, collaborating with the State, participating with and learning from national professional organizations, and pursuing funding.

SERVICES OFFERED BY THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILD HEALTH

- Sustainable and systemic change of policy reform and infrastructure development
- Professional training for clinicians to provide evidence-based trauma treatment
- Engage families and youth in the development, evaluation, and sustainability of local services
- Physical and behavioral health integration through the Collaborative Care model

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CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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WHAT IS THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS?

An entity comprised of legal professionals and advocates working to ensure the health and well-being of children by advancing child rights-based programs, systems, policies, advocacy, and legal representation.

GOALS OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

- To educate the community on the principles of child rights and the translation of these principles and provisions into practice.
- To address discrimination against children, ensure consideration of their best interests in decisions affecting them, and provide a voice for children in all spaces.
- To ensure all children have access to child-centered, rights-based legal representation and advocacy.
- To ensure that all children have access to education, health care, leisure and recreation and a standard of living required for optimal survival and development.

POLICY REFORM
Institutions and systems are evaluated to ensure children's rights are not impeded

COUNCIL
Children can access legal assistance and information on their rights

CHLIDREN'S PARTICIPATION
Children are given the opportunity to contribute to policy and decision making that affects them

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FRAMEWORKS MESSAGING

HELPING JACKSONVILLE CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

WHAT IS FRAMEWORKS MESSAGING?

FrameWorks Institute partnered with the Partnership for Child Health/Jacksonville System of Care Initiative to research, develop and implement a community-wide multidisciplinary train-the-trainer toolkit of values and metaphors to help those working in the child and family services sectors communicate more effectively about child mental.

By communicating more effectively and consistently using the FrameWorks tools, child-serving organizations can help people better understand how children's health and well-being can be best supported by everyone.

MESSAGING

Evidence-based approach to the training program and framing strategies developed for community-wide implementation will help unite and amplify the message for all citizens.

VALUES

Utilizing the framing strategies fosters a greater sense of unity in the areas of Civic Potential, Human Potential, and Civic Responsibility.

POLICY

The goal is to build a common message platform that community and child welfare advocates can use to build public support for programs and policies that promote child well-being and tap into the shared aspirations for the city's capacity to be a more united community in which all children can thrive.

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