

## *Wish List*

In order to protect children, provide for permanence and assure well-being, the Children's Network needs help from the community to get children what they need. You can make a vital difference in a child's life by contributing. These are samples of the needs our children and families have that we want to provide for the children.

### **SAFETY**

- Providing car seats, cribs, plug protectors, cabinet locks, pool fences and alarms
- Child care for children aged 9 – 12
- Mentoring for parents whose children are returning home
- Nurturing Dads program expansion
- Swimming lessons, water safety
- Emergency food

### **PERMANENCY**

- Emergency help for families taking in abused, neglected children
  - Beds
  - Diapers
  - Clothing
  - Food
- Mentoring for teens in foster care
- Adoption recruitment activities
  - Media
  - Heart Gallery
  - Adoptive parent education
- Relative search enhancements
- Transportation to classes, visits
  - Bus passes
  - Cab rides
- Educational opportunities for birth parents
  - GED classes
  - Scholarships to technical schools
- Help with housing costs
- Kinship care group and support
- Behavior analysis in reunification cases
- Reunification families support groups

### **WELL BEING**

- Pregnancy prevention programs
- Equipment, household items for
  - Teens aging out of care and getting a first apartment
  - Teens headed to college
  - Families in diversion programs (include a component for how to use the items)
  - Outings
- Grad nights for high school seniors
- College campus tour for 8th graders
- Clothing closets in CMOs
- Recruitment campaigns for foster, adoptive and mentor families
- Graduation pictures
- Cap and gowns for graduation
- Prom dresses
- FGCU Student mentor program expansion

**All proceeds are used for children and families in the child welfare system**