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Southeast Mental Health State Fact Sheet: Florida

State Mental Health Agency: Department of Children and Families (DCF)

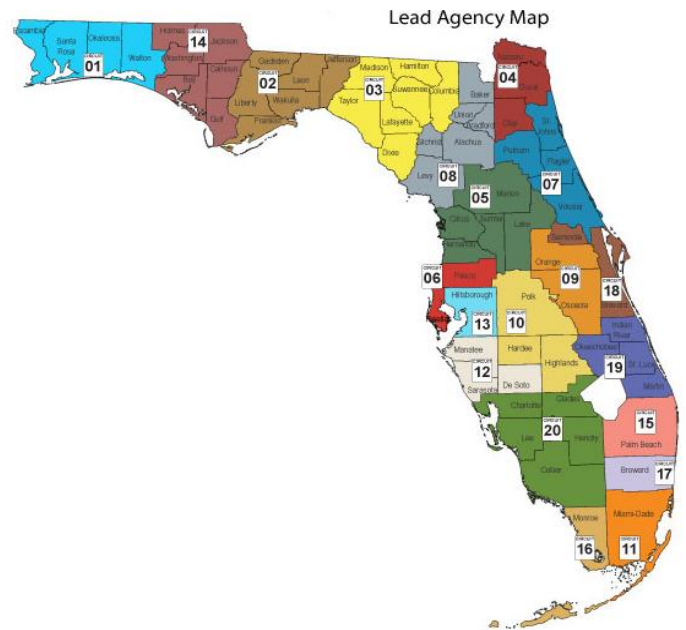
State Mental Health System

DCF works to:

- Fund community based agencies and local authorities
- Raise public awareness to assist communities with resources to help struggling families
- Promote strong and economically self-sufficient families and personal and family recovery

Key Florida Initiatives

- [Suicide Prevention Plan](#)
- [Automated Community Connection to Economic Self Sufficiency \(ACCESS\)](#)
- [Florida Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education \(AWARE\) Program](#)
- [Florida Project Launch](#)



Map Source: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/community-based-care/lead-agency-map.shtm>

Training Opportunities in Florida

- [The Mental Health Institute](#) at the University of South Florida provides training and technical assistance on topics related to mental illness, substance use, and developmental disabilities
- The Florida AWARE program provides mental health first aid training to youth serving adults
- DCF also hosts an annual [Child Protection Summit](#) that offers training on child welfare

Florida Mental Health Demographics

Total Population	21 million
Black or African American	17.4%
Hispanic or Latino	24.7%
Rural	8.9%
Living below the Federal Poverty Level	15.5%
Percent with any mental illness	17.3%
Percent with serious mental illness	3.6%
Individuals served by DCF per year	231.8 thousand

Data sources: US Census Bureau, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



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