

JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

# IMPACT REPORT

**Heartland for Children's Mission is improving safety, permanency and well-being for all children in Polk, Highlands & Hardee Counties.**

**557**  
CHILDREN**Number of Removals**

There were 557 children that were removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment.

**581**  
CHILDREN**Permanency for Children**

581 children exited out-of-home care through reunification, closed permanent guardianship or adoption.

**36**  
FOSTER  
HOMES**Licensed Foster Homes**

Heartland for Children had 36 new foster homes licensed during this year.

**243**  
CHILDREN**Reunifications**

243 children were reunified with their families! This was the result for 41.8% of children who exited out-of-home care.

**58**  
NEW CASE  
MANAGERS**New Case Managers**

There were 58 new case managers hired and completed training this year and there was a higher retention rate of case managers than in recent years.

**146**  
CHILDREN**Permanent Guardianship**

146 children's cases closed under Permanent Guardianship. This was the result for 25.1% of children who exited out-of-home care.

**17**  
GRADUATES**Youth Graduating**

15 youth graduated high school and 2 youth earned their Associate's Degree.

**192**  
ADOPTIONS**Adoptions**

192 children were adopted, surpassing our target of finalized adoptions. This was the result for 33% of children who exited out-of-home care.

**20.26%**  
REDUCTION  
IN YOUTH  
RUNAWAYS**Reduction in Runaways**

there was a 20.26% reduction in runaways over the fiscal year since last year meaning children are feeling more safe and nurtured in their placements.

