

## Forms 990 / 990-EZ Return Summary

For calendar year 2016, or tax year beginning

, and ending

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## Florida's Children First, Inc.

Net Asset / Fund Balance at Beginning of Year 419,452

## Revenue

Contributions	<u>1,285,373</u>	
Program service revenue		
Investment income	<u>18,956</u>	
Capital gain / loss		
Fundraising / Gaming:		
Gross revenue		
Direct expenses		
Net income		
Other income	<u>0</u>	
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>1,304,329</u>

## Expenses

Program services	<u>1,172,482</u>	
Management and general	<u>74,843</u>	
Fundraising	<u>52,814</u>	
<b>Total expenses</b>		<u>1,300,139</u>

Excess / (deficit) 4,190Changes -5,155Net Asset / Fund Balance at End of Year 418,487

## Reconciliation of Revenue

Total revenue per financial statements	<u>1,304,329</u>
Less:	
Unrealized gains	
Donated services	
Recoveries	
Other	
Plus:	
Investment expenses	
Other	
<b>Total revenue per return</b>	<u>1,304,329</u>

## Reconciliation of Expenses

Total expenses per financial statements	<u>1,300,139</u>
Less:	
Donated services	
Prior year adjustments	
Losses	
Other	
Plus:	
Investment expenses	
Other	
<b>Total expenses per return</b>	<u>1,300,139</u>

## Balance Sheet

	Beginning	Ending	Differences
Assets	<u>440,915</u>	<u>455,834</u>	
Liabilities	<u>21,463</u>	<u>37,347</u>	
Net assets	<u>419,452</u>	<u>418,487</u>	<u>-965</u>

## Miscellaneous Information

Amended return	
Return / extended due date	<u>05/15/17</u>
Failure to file penalty	

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**  
Open to Public Inspection

**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , and ending

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
  - Name change
  - Initial return
  - Final return/terminated
  - Amended return
  - Application pending

**C** Name of organization: **Florida's Children First, Inc.**

Doing business as: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): **1401 University Drive #408** Room/suite: \_\_\_\_\_

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **Coral Springs FL 33071-8920**

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
**Howard Talenfeld**  
**1776 N Pine Island Rd**  
**Plantation FL 33322**

**D** Employer identification number: **\*\*-\*\*\*2998**

**E** Telephone number: **954-796-0860**

**G** Gross receipts \$: **1,304,329**

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No

**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**I** Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: **floridaschildrenfirst.org**

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Year of formation: **2002** **M** State of legal domicile: **FL**

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>See Schedule O</b>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>413</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>919,114</b>	<b>1,285,373</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		<b>0</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>18,096</b>	<b>18,956</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>937,210</b>	<b>1,304,329</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		<b>0</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		<b>0</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>412,530</b>	<b>409,106</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>52,814</b>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>575,391</b>	<b>891,033</b>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>987,921</b>	<b>1,300,139</b>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>-50,711</b>	<b>4,190</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>440,915</b>	<b>455,834</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>21,463</b>	<b>37,347</b>
		<b>419,452</b>	<b>418,487</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature of officer: **Howard Talenfeld** Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print name and title: **President**

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: **Maureen S. Fengler** Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: **05/24/17** Check  if self-employed  if PTIN: **\*\*\*\*\***

Firm's name: **Sullivan & Fengler** Firm's EIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
3031 NE 22nd Street  
Firm's address: **Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305-1825** Phone no: **954-561-2826**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

**See Schedule O**

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **503,440** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**Improving General Child Welfare**

Florida's Children First is the go-to organization when seeking solutions to problems in child welfare. FCF is actively involved in helping professionals across Florida join together to review proposed agency rules and to draft comments and suggestions, with the ability to appeal if the rule doesn't comport with the law. FCF takes the lead in presenting training materials during each step of the process of change, making sure that the children and youth, public and professionals are aware of the issues and progress. This results in a wealth of published materials, most of which can be easily and freely accessed on our website for use by all. Florida's Children First also makes the legal representation of children a

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **669,042** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**Improving Outcomes for Older Youth:**

FCF gives a voice to the youth, teaching children in care and those who have left care to become the face for all issues, this is the most effective tool in improving outcomes for older youth. Youth teach us the way to make the system better. Florida's Children First provides the support, structure, guidance and education to empower children and youth to become effective advocates through its youth advocacy organization, Florida Youth SHINE (FYS). FYS, with 12 Chapters across the state, have become a strong, credible and effective voice to represent the difficulties facing the older youth in the foster care system. Florida Youth SHINE has succeeded in influencing positive change on a

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses **1,172,482**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<b>X</b>	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	<b>X</b>	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		<b>X</b>
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<b>X</b>	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<b>X</b>
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		<b>X</b>
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		<b>X</b>
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		<b>X</b>
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		<b>X</b>
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		<b>X</b>
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<b>X</b>	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		<b>X</b>
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		<b>X</b>
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		<b>X</b>
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<b>X</b>	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		<b>X</b>
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	<b>X</b>	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		<b>X</b>
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<b>X</b>
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<b>X</b>
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		<b>X</b>
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		<b>X</b>
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		<b>X</b>
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		<b>X</b>
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		<b>X</b>
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		<b>X</b>

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> <i>If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?</i>		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> <i>If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.		<b>X</b>

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>7g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>13a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
<b>13b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
<b>13c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
<b>14b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.  
 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	<b>24</b>		
<b>1b</b>	<b>23</b>		
<b>2</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>3</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>6</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>7b</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>8a</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>8b</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b>			<b>X</b>

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>10b</b>			
<b>11a</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>12a</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>12b</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>12c</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>14</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>15a</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>15b</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>16a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>16b</b>			

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **FL**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►  
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**Coral Springs** **FL 33071** **954-796-0860**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
  - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
  - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(1) <b>Rosemary Armstrong</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(2) <b>Theodore Babbitt</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(3) <b>Dick Batchelor</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(4) <b>Richard Filson</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(5) <b>Nathan Cook</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(6) <b>Carlos Martinez</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(7) <b>Bernard Perlmutter</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(8) <b>Julie Talenfeld</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(9) <b>Jesse Diner</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(10) <b>Richard Slawson</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0
(11) <b>Alan S. Levine</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0



**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(12) <b>Todd McPharlin</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
(13) <b>Edith Osman</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
(14) <b>Angelica Palank</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
(15) <b>John Schickel</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
(16) <b>Joseph Stanton</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
(17) <b>Miles McGrane</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
(18) <b>Bruce Maxwell</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
(19) <b>Laura Reich</b>	2.00								
Director	0.00	X					0	0	
<b>1b Sub-total</b>									
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>							<b>110,193</b>	<b>3,300</b>	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>							<b>110,193</b>	<b>3,300</b>	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **▶ 1**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **▶ 0**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	1,285,373			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		659,391			
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		1,285,373			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>Busn. Code</b>				
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		18,956	18,956		
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Busn. Code</b>				
<b>11a</b>						
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d						
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.		1,304,329	18,956	0	0	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	345,558	268,112	37,779	39,667
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	3,587	3,049	179	359
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	59,961	45,619	7,009	7,333
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	650,241	648,973	1,268	
c Accounting	15,615	2,000	11,615	2,000
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	18,334	18,334		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	26,360	23,991	1,184	1,185
14 Information technology	16,955	15,261	847	847
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	21,757	19,581	1,088	1,088
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,007		3,007	
20 Interest	910		910	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,662	2,396	133	133
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Training and education	71,142	71,142		
b Public awareness/educat	57,602	52,508	5,094	
c Investment fees	3,900		3,900	
d Dues/fees/licenses	2,548	1,516	830	202
e All other expenses				
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>1,300,139</b>	<b>1,172,482</b>	<b>74,843</b>	<b>52,814</b>
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest bearing	204	1	784
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments	53,332	2	27,959
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	18,750
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net		4	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L			6
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net			7
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use			8
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,577	9	6,674
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	12,867		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	4,059		
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities	2,839	10c	8,808
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	381,142	11	391,038
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets		13	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,821	14	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	440,915	15	1,821	
<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,463	16	455,834	
<b>18</b> Grants payable		17	30,203	
<b>19</b> Deferred revenue		18		
<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities		19		
<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20		
<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		21		
<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		22		
<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		23		
<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		24		
<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	7,144	25		
	21,463	26	37,347	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets	267,477	27	257,238
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets	151,975	28	161,249
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances	419,452	33	418,487	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	440,915	34	455,834	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	<b>1,304,329</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>1,300,139</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>4,190</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	<b>419,452</b>
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	<b>-5,155</b>
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	<b>418,487</b>

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	<b>X</b>	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	<b>X</b>	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(20) Jennifer Voss	2.00									
Director	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(21) Howard Talenfeld	2.00									
President	0.00			X			0	0	0	
(22) Gerald Reiss	2.00									
Treasurer	0.00			X			0	0	0	
(23) Janice LeClainche	2.00									
Secretary	0.00			X			0	0	0	
(24) Wendy Cox	2.00									
Vice President	0.00			X			0	0	0	
(25) Christina Spudeas	40.00									
Executive Director	0.00				X		110,193	0	3,300	
<b>1b Sub-total</b>							<b>110,193</b>		<b>3,300</b>	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>										

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**2016**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

**Florida's Children First, Inc.**

Employer identification number

**\*\*-\*\*\*2998**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations
  - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	760,095	915,062	962,553	919,114	1,285,373	4,842,197
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	760,095	915,062	962,553	919,114	1,285,373	4,842,197
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						4,842,197

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	760,095	915,062	962,553	919,114	1,285,373	4,842,197
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						4,842,197
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	18,956
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	100.00 %
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	100.00 %
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2016.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b <b>33 1/3% support test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	



**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2016.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

- 1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
  - a  The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
  - b  The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
  - c  The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.

		Yes	No
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4).	8	

<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	

7  Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)**

Section D - Distributions		Current Year		
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes			
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity			
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations			
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets			
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)			
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.			
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.			
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.			
9	Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount			
Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1	Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required-explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:			
a				
b				
c	From 2013			
d	From 2014			
e	From 2015			
f	<b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2016. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7	<b>Excess distributions carryover to 2017.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a				
b	Excess from 2013			
c	Excess from 2014			
d	Excess from 2015			
e	Excess from 2016			

**Part VI Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

**Schedule B**  
**(Form 990, 990-EZ,**  
**or 990-PF)**  
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## Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

# 2016

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

**Florida's Children First, Inc.**

**\*\* - \*\*\*2998**

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( **3** ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

### General Rule

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

### Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

Name of organization <b>Florida's Children First, Inc.</b>	Employer identification number <b>**-***2998</b>
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**Part I Contributors** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Boardroom Communications 1775 N Pine Island Rd  Plantation FL 33322	\$ 30,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Florida Bar Foundation 250 South Orange Ave Suite 600P  Orlando FL 32801	\$ 175,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Talenfeld Law 1776 N Pine Island Road  Ft Lauderdale FL 33322	\$ 45,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	Baker and Mckeezie 111 Bickell Avenue  Miami FL 33131	\$ 445,351	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	Brannock & Humphries 1111 W Cass Street Suite 200  Tampa FL 33606	\$ 68,781	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)



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**Part II Noncash Property** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
1	Public relations work	\$ 30,000	12/31/16
3	Legal services	\$ 45,000	12/31/16
4	Legal Sevices	\$ 445,351	12/31/16
5	Legal services	\$ 68,781	12/31/16
		\$	
		\$	

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

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**2016**

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▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

**If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

**If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

**If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions)

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2016

**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).  
**B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**  
**(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)**

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures		
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.

Yes  No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?	<b>X</b>		
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	<b>X</b>		
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?		<b>X</b>	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		<b>X</b>	
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		<b>X</b>	
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		<b>X</b>	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		<b>X</b>	
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		<b>X</b>	
<b>i</b> Other activities?		<b>X</b>	
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	<b>3</b>	

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

**Schedule C, Part II-B, Line 1**

Florida's Children First, Inc. (FCF) hired a consultant the duties of which included in some part the attempt to influence legislation that in the opinion of the organization would improve child welfare services by contacting individual legislators. FCF staff and Florida Youth Shine members are sometimes asked questions, provide information, testify at

**Part IV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

hearings and educate on the subject of a bill.

**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**

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**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  %
  - b Permanent endowment  %
  - c Temporarily restricted endowment  %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		12,867	4,059	8,808
e Other				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)  **8,808**

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) <b>Capital Lease</b>	<b>7,144</b>
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	<b>7,144</b>

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII







**SCHEDULE M  
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**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art — Works of art				
2 Art — Historical treasures				
3 Art — Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded				
10 Securities — Closely held stock				
11 Securities — Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities — Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution — Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution — Other				
15 Real estate — Residential				
16 Real estate — Commercial				
17 Real estate — Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ( )	<b>X</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>659,391</b>	
26 Other ▶ ( )				
27 Other ▶ ( )				
28 Other ▶ ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

**29**

- 30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?
- b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.
- 31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?
- 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?
- b If "Yes," describe in Part II.
- 33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		<b>X</b>
31		<b>X</b>
32a		<b>X</b>
33		



**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Department of the Treasury  
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Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**Form 990 - Organization's Mission****Organization's Mission or Most Significant Activities**

We are change-agents. We are Florida's child-caring systems' watchdogs. Florida's Children First, Inc. (FCF) is the only organization in Florida that works to give the most vulnerable children a voice and a presence in determining their destiny, as well as to insure that each child in Florida's systems of care have adequate representation to make their lives enriched and full, like any other child. These vulnerable children are those who have been abused or neglected, have mental health problems, are disabled, or have a troubled life and problems with the law. FCF is Florida's premiere, statewide child advocacy organization that makes substantial improvements in the lives of these children by using many means to change the systems of care. FCF also empowers individual children and youth to organize, learn leadership and advocacy skills and to become the voice for all children in care by its support and promotion of Florida Youth SHINE, its youth advocacy organization comprised of 13 statewide Chapters of approximately 300 children and youth, ages 13-24.

There is no single, correct way, to change the system. Sometimes, all it takes is to sit at the table with the heads of the state agencies who deal in children issues to share concerns and offer viable solutions. Or it can mean to work with agencies when they write their policies, procedures or rules.

Changing the system of care for Florida's children requires that we educate a variety of stakeholders. Sometimes we make the general public aware of a problem concerning our children, in order to motivate their help and

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support in making improvements. Often we achieve change by training professionals across the state on the new procedures or law - or educating them on the issues so that they are aware of the need for change. We also make systemic changes by educating the state legislature on the issues that these children face on a daily basis and helping them understand the systems of care and the difficulties surrounding maneuvering in those systems - especially for children. We educate by writing materials, brochures, pamphlets that give information on various topics in child welfare, delinquency and disabilities.

FCF also takes on the equally important role of educating children and youth about their rights, the processes that they are facing, and their supports. We work hard to help them understand the power they can have over their own destiny when they learn to effectively advocate on behalf of themselves - and we empower them to advocate for themselves and on behalf of all other children in care.

We engage in public education via media advocacy, when necessary. We give interviews on TV, Radio, Newspapers, live presentations in other forums - all effective tools when used in the right way to effectively get the message out quickly and to the largest audience.

Sometimes making the system better for our children requires us to argue in the appellate courts in "Amicus Briefs" designed to support or oppose a position taken in a case that affect the lives of children in care. Or, when all else fails, sometimes the only way to try to change the system means filing a law suit. Thankfully, Florida's Children First has never had to resort to filing a suit, although it does have sufficient ability to do so if the need arose.

Florida's Children First does all of these things and much more, to make

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positive changes in the system to help our children. FCF is operated, amazingly, by a small but mighty staff of 5, who, with the help of hundreds of volunteer attorneys and other professionals across the state, work tirelessly to make substantial, positive changes to better the lives of children. FCF's accomplishments include working with volunteer professionals who help in a variety of ways and whose hard work has equaled almost \$5,000,000 in professional services. FCF has trained over 18,052 people people across Florida on important issues concerning our children. Florida's Children First has received over 10,600hours of pro bono (free) hours from lawyers across the state. We have also provided over 62,834hours of youth advocacy and training, provided 22 educational publications on children's rights, and filed 32 amicus briefs. But the most successful and impactful work done by FCF is in its ability to educate the legislature as well as to empower the youth, by presenting children and youth to speak with legislators and share their stories to give a voice and put a face on the issues, resulting in the ability to help get 24 bills drafted, supported or passed.

All of this has made positive changes in the lives of thousands of children in Florida, which continues to have a ripple effect impacting even more and more each year, as well as educating thousands of professionals and countless citizens about issues and solutions for children in care.

Examples of our most recent accomplishments include:

"FCF engaged in multi-year advocacy to establish a statutory right to counsel for children in dependency proceedings. In 2013 we were able to get a legislative appropriation and proviso language providing for counsel for dependent children in, or facing placement in nursing homes. In 2014 we secured passage of HB 561, Counsel for Dependent Children with Special

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Needs which provides the right to appointment of counsel for dependent children in 5 categories. In 2016 we secured continued legislative funding. We continue our work on implementation of the law.

"FCF created FLORIDA (Florida's Legal Online Resource, Information Driven Access) For Children and Families ([www.F4CF](http://www.F4CF)) an Children's Registry, FCF invited them to join its resource, FLORIDA for Children and Families a one-stop resource for all attorneys and judges in the dependency system that provides a private communications tool, access to applicable case law, resources and much more. All lawyers who do high quality work need up-to-date access to information, resources and the advice of colleagues. Only a small percent of the lawyers who currently represent children in Florida do that work full time in organizations that can provide them ongoing support. Most of the children's lawyers in Florida are solo practitioners, or pro bono lawyers whose primary practice is not children's law. We provide them the resources and support they need through our online center ([www.F4CF.org](http://www.F4CF.org)).

"Medicaid to Age 26 for Former Foster Youth: Florida's Children First partnered with another organization to advocate to the relevant state agencies to ensure that all young adults who became automatically eligible for Medicaid under the former foster youth provision of the Affordable Care Act were provided access to Medicaid. We worked to make sure the state would take the broadest possible view of eligibility, worked to ensure that the eligible population and the entities that serve them were aware of the new law, and prompted the state to undertake significant measures to enroll eligible young adults. Based on our efforts, Florida leads the nation in the number of former foster youth who have applied for Medicaid.



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top priority. Sadly, Florida is one of only 10 states that do not provide for paid counsel for children whose lives are being disrupted and decided in a court of law. To help rectify this problem, FCF works diligently to recruit and train lawyers across the state to provide free legal services for our children. FCF has provided live and videotaped training and training materials on the various aspects of dependency proceedings in Florida, mentors attorneys who handle individual cases and link lawyers together who have a common issue.

FCF has helped train hundreds of lawyers who volunteer their time. We developed outstanding training videos and materials, with continuing legal credit given to the participant lawyers from the Florida Bar. The topics include, but are not limited to disability rights, the overuse of psychotropic medication on topics.

Most important is the ability of FCF to be extremely flexible - ready and able to tackle an immediate problem or issue by access to its hundreds of resources of people and materials. When the lives of children are at stake, a quick response and immediate action are necessary. Florida's Children First is the one and only organization in Florida that can motivate many youth as well as knowledgeable professionals at a moment's notice, and has the ability to work within and outside the system to get the desired results, often in a very quick time with extensive, positive outcomes.

This work continues daily and the good results that help children continue to be achieved.

Examples of the training opportunities/presentations by Florida's Children First include:

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"Dependency Training for Children's Attorneys

"How to be an Effective Advocate

"Arrest and Conviction of Dependent Youth

"Child on Child Sexual Abuse

"Human Trafficking and Children in Care

"Medical and Educational Rights of Foster Youth

"Making the Most out of Medicaid, Mid-Decade

Examples of training opportunities/presentations by Florida Youth SHINE:

"We Are Family - Even If I don't Have All My Brothers & Sisters With Me!  
(Sibling Separation)

"The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly - How Group Home Living Impacts Child  
Safety, Well-Being and Normalcy.

"We Can Talk, But Will You Listen? How Youth Can Be Empowered to Advocate  
for Themselves and Others in Care.

"So, You Came To Take Us Away: Now What? Trauma of Removal from Family,  
Friends, School

"From Babysitting to Parenting: How to Recruit and Train the Next  
Generation of Foster Parents.

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number of issues through its existence; including bills that require all  
children leaving care to obtain their own, personal records, and in  
improving educational stability.

Landmark legislation was enacted in Florida that immediately became the  
basis for new national legislation to help children live more normal lives.

Under the traditional system of foster care, children in care are very  
restricted in participating in normal childhood activities. Caregivers

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were concerned that a child might get injured, or administrators of state agencies were concerned about liability issues. These reactions caused many unfair procedures requiring foster parents to obtain court orders to allow the child to travel with the family on vacation, or to attend a school event in another county, or to travel with a church group to a sleep-away camp. Fingerprinting and background screening was required whenever a child wanted to sleep over at a class-mate's home, or a foster parent wanted to have their relative watch the children so the foster parent could go grocery shopping.

Florida Youth SHINE put a face on this issue as they spoke with the majority of Florida's legislators, and testified extensively at legislative committee meetings, to help lawmakers understand the need for our children to have normal childhood related activities. This caused a law change that allowed caregivers to make decisions like any reasonable and prudent parent, without state interference or approval. No longer do caregivers have to ask a judge to allow the child to attend a church outing, or get neighbors fingerprinted and law enforcement background screenings to allow their children to have sleep-overs. Caregivers, like parents, can decide what is in the best interests of the children in their care.

Some of our other amazing recent accomplishments in the area of improving outcomes for older children has been FCF and FYS's several years of work in educating the public and the legislature to finally extend foster care from age 18 to age 21. Florida Youth SHINE was the driving force behind this landmark policy change. And the public and the legislature listened. The law was passed, effective January, 2014, that allows children to choose to remain in foster care until they are ready to be on their own. Getting these major changes does not end our work. In fact, the real work is about to

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begin. FCF and FYS must be involved in the rulemaking process, continue to carefully scrutinize the system to see that the law is properly implemented, train professionals across the state on the new law and policies and procedures, draft publications, make appearances, be the watchdog and drive the system to continue to do better for our children.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Related Party Information Among Officers

Howard Talenfeld

Julie Talenfeld

President

Director

Married

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

The board is provided with a copy of the 990 prior to being filed.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

Annual review of policies by operations committee and the full Board.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

Annual review by the operations committee and the full board.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

Annual review by the operations committee and the full board.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

No documents available to the public

Form <b>990</b>	<b>Two Year Comparison Report</b>	<b>2015 &amp; 2016</b>
For calendar year 2016, or tax year beginning _____, ending _____		

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		2015	2016	Differences
<b>Revenue</b>	1. Contributions, gifts, grants	919,114	1,285,373	366,259
	2. Membership dues and assessments			
	3. Government contributions and grants			
	4. Program service revenue			
	5. Investment income	18,096	18,956	860
	6. Proceeds from tax exempt bonds			
	7. Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory			
	8. Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			
	9. Net income or (loss) from gaming			
	10. Net gain or (loss) on sales of inventory			
	11. Other revenue			
	<b>12. Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	<b>937,210</b>	<b>1,304,329</b>	<b>367,119</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	13. Grants and similar amounts paid			
	14. Benefits paid to or for members			
	15. Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.			
	16. Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	412,530	409,106	-3,424
	17. Professional fundraising fees			
	18. Other professional fees	333,292	684,190	350,898
	19. Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	22,022	21,757	-265
	20. Depreciation and Depletion	1,066	2,662	1,596
	21. Other expenses	219,011	182,424	-36,587
	<b>22. Total expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 21	<b>987,921</b>	<b>1,300,139</b>	<b>312,218</b>
	<b>23. Excess or (Deficit).</b> Subtract line 22 from line 12	<b>-50,711</b>	<b>4,190</b>	<b>54,901</b>
<b>Other Information</b>	24. Total exempt revenue	937,210	1,304,329	367,119
	25. Total unrelated revenue			
	26. Total excludable revenue	18,096	18,956	860
	27. Total assets	440,915	455,834	14,919
	28. Total liabilities	21,463	37,347	15,884
	29. Retained earnings	419,452	418,487	-965
	30. Number of voting members of governing body	29	24	
	31. Number of independent voting members of governing body	28	23	
	32. Number of employees	5	6	
	33. Number of volunteers	600	413	

**Form 990** | **Tax Return History** | **2016**

Name: **Florida's Children First, Inc.** | Employer Identification Number: **\*\*-\*\*\*2998**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Contributions, gifts, grants	760,095	915,062	962,553	919,114	1,285,373	
Membership dues						
Program service revenue		41,000				
Capital gain or loss						
Investment income	36,796	11,728	14,278	18,096	18,956	
Fundraising revenue (income/loss)						
Gaming revenue (income/loss)						
Other revenue						
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>796,891</b>	<b>967,790</b>	<b>976,831</b>	<b>937,210</b>	<b>1,304,329</b>	
Grants and similar amounts paid						
Benefits paid to or for members						
Compensation of officers, etc.						
Other compensation	401,440	432,110	437,481	412,530	409,106	
Professional fees		396,592	319,056	333,292	684,190	
Occupancy costs	19,227	19,573	19,385	22,022	21,757	
Depreciation and depletion	678	795	897	1,066	2,662	
Other expenses	439,901	141,285	191,737	219,011	182,424	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>861,246</b>	<b>990,355</b>	<b>968,556</b>	<b>987,921</b>	<b>1,300,139</b>	
<b>Excess or (Deficit)</b>	<b>-64,355</b>	<b>-22,565</b>	<b>8,275</b>	<b>-50,711</b>	<b>4,190</b>	
Total exempt revenue	796,891	967,790	976,831	937,210	1,304,329	
Total unrelated revenue						
Total excludable revenue	796,891	52,728	14,278	18,096	18,956	
Total Assets	526,728	495,256	504,871	440,915	455,834	
Total Liabilities	25,049	16,142	17,482	21,463	37,347	
Net Fund Balances	501,679	479,114	487,389	419,452	418,487	

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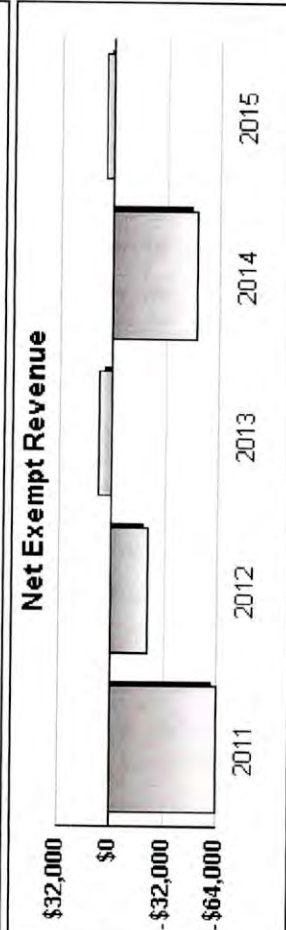
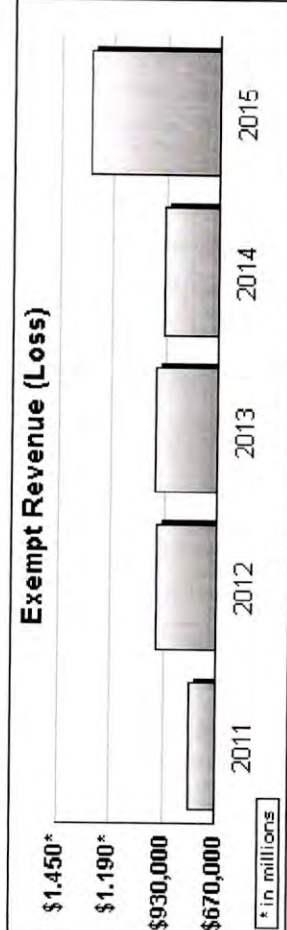
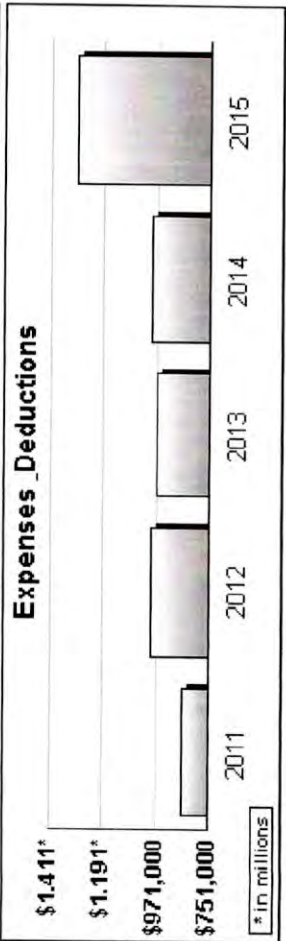
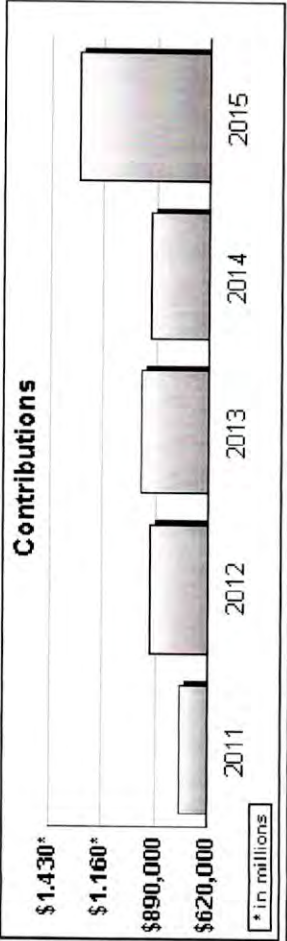
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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Business activity profit/loss						
Capital gains/losses						
Partner and S Corp gain/loss						
Rental income*						
Debt-financed income*						
Controlled organizations income/interest*						
Investment income, specific organizations*						
Exploited exempt activity income*						
Other income						
<b>Total trade or business income.</b>						
Compensation of officers, ect.						
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Depreciation and Depletion						
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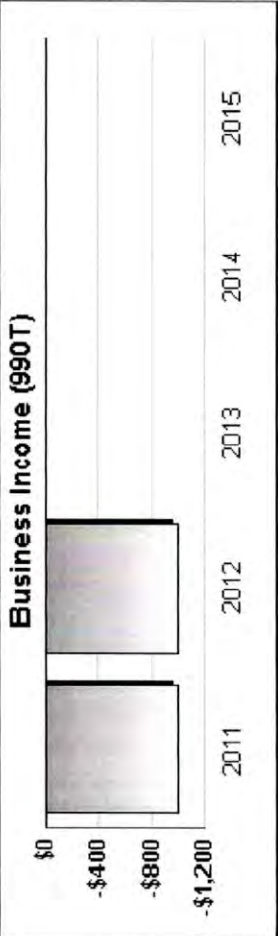
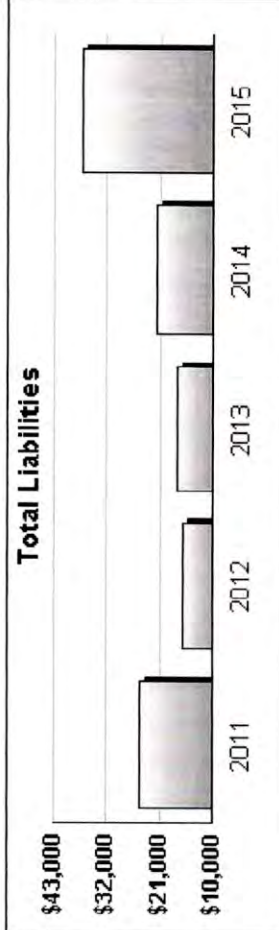
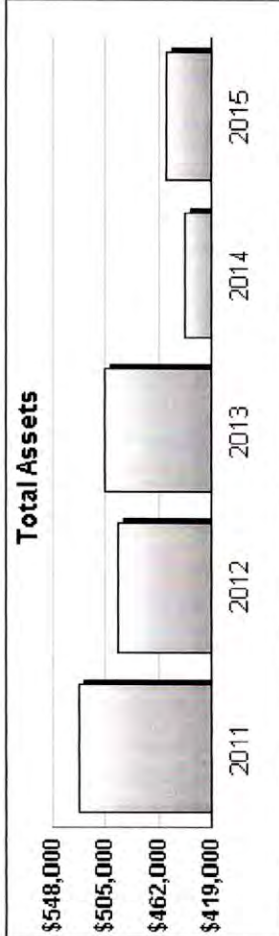


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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Other deductions						
Net operating loss deduction						
Specific deduction	1,000	1,000				
<b>Income after expense and deductions</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-1,000</b>				
Income tax (corporate or trust)						
Other taxes						
<b>Total taxes</b>						
General business credit						
Other credits						
<b>Net tax after credits</b>						
Estimated tax payments						
Other payments						
<b>Balance due/Overpayment</b>						

\* Income shown net of expenses





### Federal Statements

#### Taxable Dividends from Securities

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>Acquired after 6/30/75</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
Dividends and interest	\$ 18,956					
Total	\$ <u>18,956</u>					

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**Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Service (Non-employee)**

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
Professional Other	\$ 5,599	5,599		
Professional other	12,735	12,735		
Total	\$ 18,334	\$ 18,334	\$ 0	\$ 0

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**Schedule A, Part II, Line 1(e)**

Description	Amount
Other contributed services	23,365
Contributions In-kind Legal	46,894
Contributions	368,482
Seitlin Law Firm	
Legal services	
Boardroom Communications	
Public relations work	
Holland & Knight	30,000
Legal services	
Florida Bar Foundation	
Cash Contribution	
Claire Law Offices	
Legal	175,000
Legal Assistance	
Legal	
Gerald Reiss	
Accounting	
Saunders Law Group	
Legal	
Jay Kassack	
Training	
Wendy Cox Law	
Legal	
Dennis McGlothlin	
Legal	
Paul Palank Memorial Foundation	
Cash Contribution	25,000
McGee Foundation	
Cash Contribution	25,000
Arthur Family Foundation	
Cash Contribution	12,500
Guardian Trust Foundation	
Cash Contribution	20,000
Talenfeld Law	
Legal services	45,000
Jerry Reiss	
Accounting services	
Maria Bates	

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#### Schedule A, Part II, Line 1(e) (continued)

Description	Amount
Legal services	
Baker and Mckeezie	
Legal Services	445,351
Brannock & Humphries	
Legal services	68,781
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,285,373</u></u>

#### Schedule A, Part II, Line 12 - Current year

Description	Amount
Dividends and interest	\$ 18,956
Total	<u><u>\$ 18,956</u></u>