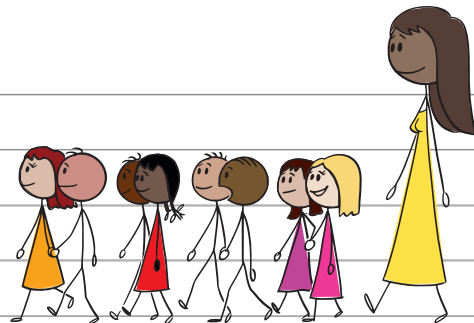




FAQ



What is SOS Children's Villages Florida?

SOS is a foster care neighborhood in Coconut Creek, Florida. Our tree-lined street has thirteen homes, housing up to seventy-two foster children.

How is SOS unique from other foster care organizations?

SOS allows siblings, who are typically separated while in foster care, to stay together and maintain their family connection. SOS also provides services through our Next Steps program to help our young adults transition out of foster care after they turn eighteen.

How is SOS funded?

The State of Florida provides approximately 50% of the total cost to raise a child at the Village. The remaining costs comes through fundraising.

How do the children come to SOS?

ChildNet, the agency managing local child welfare on behalf of the Florida Department of Children and Families, places children at SOS.

What are the primary reasons a child enters foster care?

The top reasons a child enters foster care is due to domestic violence in the home, parental substance abuse, physical abuse, and/or hazardous conditions in the home.

How long does a child stay at SOS?

The average length of stay is between 11 to 13 months. The goal is for a child to be reunified with their parents, followed by placement with a relative, or adoption.

What happens when a child enters foster care?

Parents have a 12-month court ordered plan requiring measures such as substance abuse evaluation, random drug screening, parenting classes, individual counseling, and provision of stable housing, to be taken to ensure conditions are met for a child to return home.

Where do the children go to school?

SOS children attend local public schools in the community.

What happens when the children turn eighteen?

The SOS Next Steps program helps our young adults, as well as other young adults from the community who have aged out of foster care, create a plan for transitioning to full independence. This includes assistance with finding affordable housing, employment, financial literacy, and further education.

How can I help?

You can be a part of our SOS family by donating or volunteering your time.

