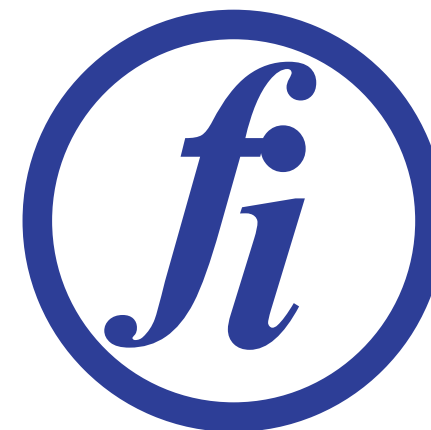




The founders of Family Initiative, Inc. at one of our partner sites, Christ Community Church in Fort Myers.

About Us...

Family Initiative, Inc. is a local nonprofit committed to supporting families in our community. We offer a variety of programs, including our comprehensive caregiver support programs to assist in strengthening foster, adoptive, and relative families across Florida.



David Brown, MSW

David Brown, MSW is President of the Family Initiative, Incorporated. David is a master's level social worker with almost two decades of experience working with children and families involved with the child welfare system, both in Florida and nationally. David has served in numerous leadership positions for child centered, family focused organizations throughout the state and is a dedicated advocate for families in need.

Anjali Van Drie, MA, MSW, BCBA

Anjali Van Drie, MA, MSW, BCBA is Vice President of the Family Initiative, Incorporated. Anjali is both a master's level social worker and Board Certified Behavior Analyst who has many years working in various settings with families involved in the child welfare system, children with disabilities, and many other families. Anjali enjoys providing trainings throughout the state and advocating for the families served by Family Initiative.

Eileen Webster, MS

Eileen Webster, MS is Treasurer of Family Initiative, Incorporated. Eileen has spent over 15 years serving in leadership positions for the Fiscal Departments in Lee and Collier County. Eileen is actively involved in a variety of philanthropic organizations, including the American Cancer Society and Gulf Coast Humane Society.

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Who We Are...

The founders of Family Initiative, Inc. have lived, worked, and enjoyed Southwest Florida for many years. While serving in leadership positions in human service agencies, they realized they had a calling to do more for the families in our community.

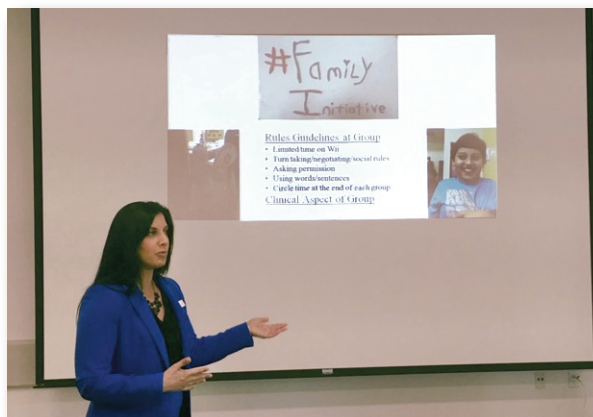
Social workers, both in training, and in heart, knew they wanted to create something different. They wanted build an organization which challenges traditional thinking in an effort to support those seeking support across South-west Florida. Thus, Family Initiative Incorporated was born to strengthen families across Florida.

One of the greatest advantages of FI is that the founders and managers are actively involved in the day to day operation of our programs. We value your feedback and do our best to incorporate your input into our programs to better serve you!

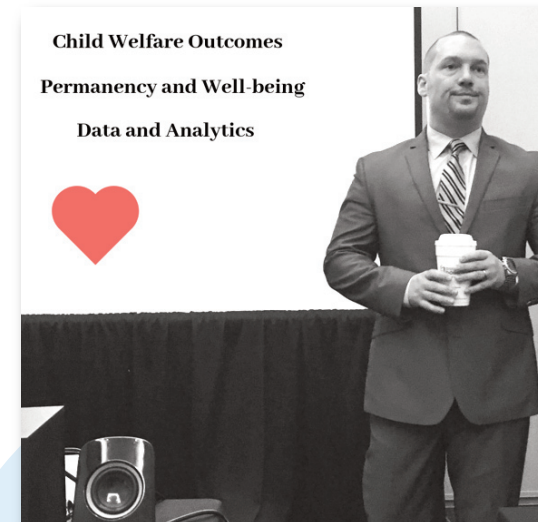
Our Three Tier Model of Support

Family Initiative, Inc. uses a blend of Applied Behavior Analysis and Trust Based Relational Intervention to provide three different levels of support to caregivers*:

- 1. Pre-Service Training Class:**
Family Initiative staff partners with licensing agencies to enhance the training regarding behavior management and discipline during the initial licensing process. Our staff will co-train a class during the initial licensing training.
- 2. In-Service Training Course:**
Our clinicians provide a 9 hour course to provide hands on, real time behavioral tools and recommendations for licensed families to use with the children in their home. It's recommended caregivers enroll in this class soon after their first placement.
- 3. In Home Intensive Support:**
Our high quality clinicians are available to come to into the home to provide individualized, intensive support to families having difficulty managing behaviors of a child in the home. We provide tailored recommendations to each home to assist in stabilizing the placement.



* Participation in Tier 1 and 2 training is not required for in home support.



Our trainings feature tools and techniques for families to begin using when they walk out the door!

How to Get Involved:

Pre-Service Training:

No additional requirements are necessary to take part in the Tier 1 training. This will be provided as part of the training every licensed caregiver completes.

In-Service Training:

Families interested in participating in the 9 hours course should contact their placement worker or licensing specialist. Class size is limited to 16 participants but will be provided at various locations across the Circuit.

In-Home Intensive Support:

Caregivers interested in receiving in-home support should contact Amanda Cooper at acooper@sarasotaymca.org to register.