



**Family Intervention Specialist
Symposium
May 20, 2009**

FIS Mission

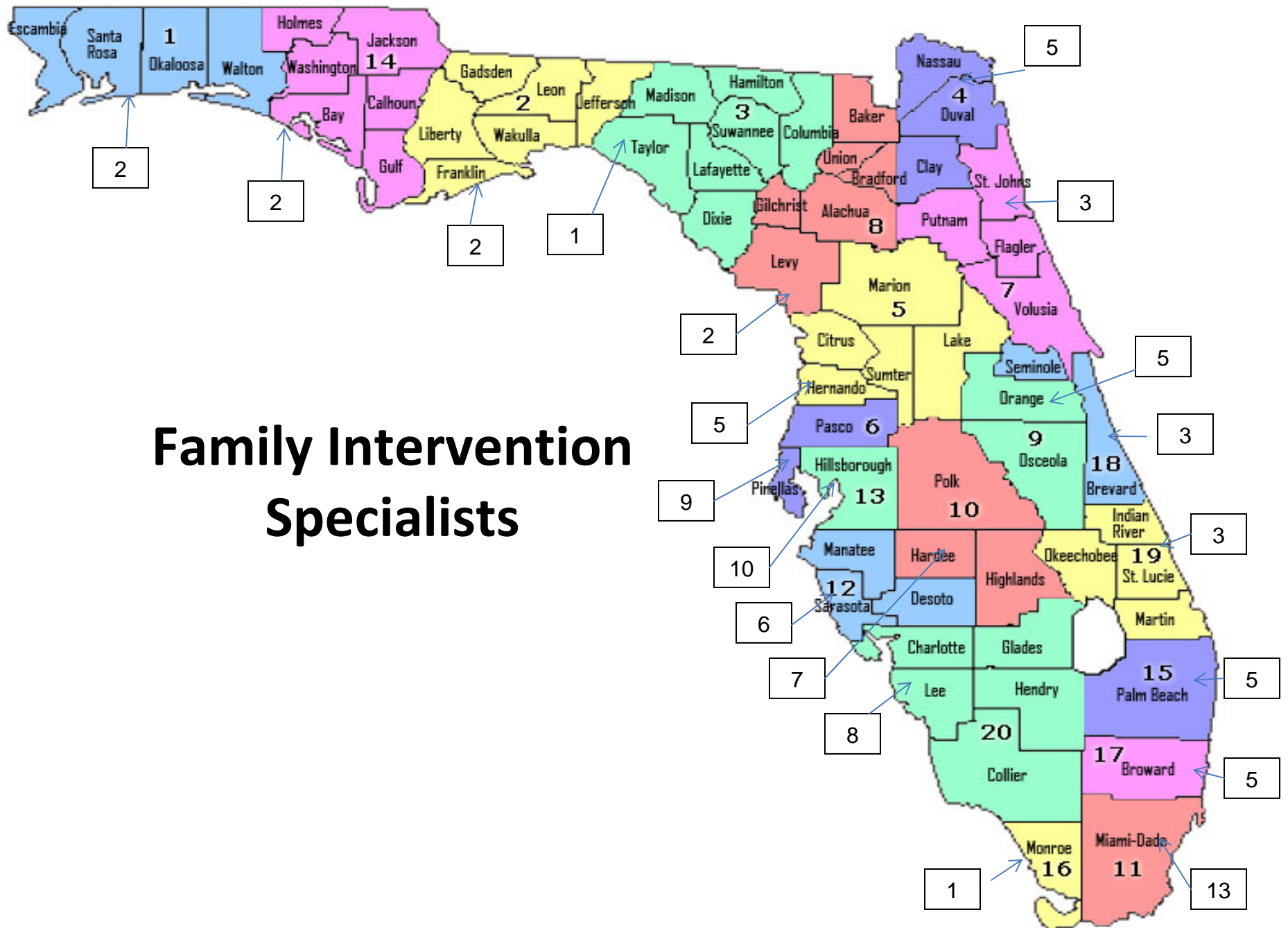
To reduce or eliminate child abuse and neglect associated with substance abusing parents/caretakers by providing outreach and enhanced support and motivation to clients, serving as the link between substance abuse treatment providers and child protection services on behalf of mutual clients.

FIS Goals

1. Protect and ensure the safety of children
2. Prevent and remediate the consequences of substance abuse on families involved in protective supervision, or at risk of being involved in protective supervision, by reducing alcohol and drug abuse
3. Plan for permanency and reunify healthy, intact families
4. Support families in recovery

FIS History

- 1998-99 DCF Families' Substance Abuse and Family Safety Programs statewide workgroup formed
- Florida Legislature first funded 35 FIS in Fiscal Year 2000-2001
- An additional 35 FIS funded in Fiscal Year 2002-2003



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HOW WE DO IT

