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Stephen Pennypacker, Esq. has been the President and CEO of Partnership for Strong Families, Inc. (PSF) since April of 2014. PSF is the lead agency providing case management supervision, foster care, and adoption services for all dependency matters through a contract with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for thirteen counties in North Central Florida. PSF also manages five community resource centers in Alachua, Columbia, and Levy Counties (Library Partnership, SWAG, Cone Park, TriCounty, and Northstar).

Mr. Pennypacker is a graduate of Duke University (B.A. '78) and the University of Florida College of Law (J.D. '83). Following fifteen years in the private practice of law, in 1998 he became the Managing Attorney for the Eighth Circuit State Attorney's Office pilot project for representation of DCF in dependency matters in the Third and Eighth Circuits. In 2003, Mr. Pennypacker was appointed as a General Magistrate in the Eighth Circuit and was assigned the dependency dockets in Alachua, Levy, and Gilchrist Counties.

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