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Children's Services Council

of Broward County
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR DR. DAVID H. KENTON



It is with great pride and deep gratitude that I reflect on the work of the Children's Services Council of Broward County over the past year. As Chair of this incredible organization, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact we have on the lives of children and families in our community. **A Light for Families. Resources for Hope** encapsulates our mission to serve as both a guide and a source of support for those who need it most.

Broward is home to a diverse and resilient population, but many of our families face significant challenges—from economic instability and food insecurity to mental health crises and the need for quality childcare and education. At CSC, we understand that no family should navigate these challenges alone. Through innovative programs, strategic partnerships, a dedicated staff, and a steadfast commitment to inclusivity, we aim to be a beacon of hope and a bridge to opportunity for every child and family. By funding programs that provide essential resources like affordable childcare, parenting education, and housing support, we help stabilize families and create nurturing environments where children can thrive. Through initiatives like Broward Reads, we are preparing our youngest learners for a lifetime of success. From water safety programs to mental

health advocacy, we are addressing the unique needs of our community's children with a focus on prevention and early intervention. With food insecurity affecting one in five children in Broward, our programs are ensuring families have access to nutritious meals. CSC's capacity building program ensures children and family organizations are well-positioned to meet present and future challenges, delivering impactful and sustainable solutions for the county's children and families.

Behind every statistic and success story is a child whose future is brighter because of our collective efforts. Yet, the light we provide is not ours alone, it is a reflection of the incredible collaboration among community partners, dedicated staff, volunteers, and you, the citizens of Broward County. Together, we are creating pathways to hope and opportunity, ensuring that every family has the resources they need to flourish.

As we look ahead, let us renew our commitment to being a light for families and a resource for hope. Thank you for your continued support, trust, and partnership in this journey. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, healthier, and brighter Broward County for generations to come.

The CSC council has seen many members turnover this year, due to changes in people serving in statutorily designated positions and the new Gubernatorial appointments made in August. As a board member, I am grateful to all who have served. Each of the members has contributed so much of their time and talent to the organization.

Warm regards,

Dr. David H. Kenton
Chair, Children's Services Council
of Broward County

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO CINDY ARENBERG SELTZER



As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the progress we've made together as a community. At CSC, we work every day to be a light for our children and families. Throughout this report, you will see how we work with our partners to create a brighter future for children and families by addressing the challenges they face and ensuring access to the resources they need to thrive. We have deepened our work with communities by building on our pilot Asset Based Community Development projects that organize community members into Civic Design Teams which work with their neighbors to acknowledge and strengthen their community assets and gifts.

CSC funded programs that provided critical mental health services and trauma-informed care to ensure that children can heal and thrive. We also employed the Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) approach to understanding the impact of the Baker Act process on children and their families. This research was then translated into the **Echoes of Empathy** art initiative, which raised awareness, reduced stigma, and created safe spaces for families to process their experiences and move forward with hope. The availability of Family Strengthening programs was expanded. This array of programs provides parent training programs, as well as programs specifically designed to serve parents and children with special needs. CSC continues to champion early literacy through the Broward Reads Campaign for Grade-Level. These initiatives engaged thousands of volunteers, distributed books to students, and built excitement around the transformative power of reading.

CSC took action to greatly expand food insecurity programs that reach families in need. Recognizing the link between economic stability and family well-being, CSC invested in workforce development programs that empower youth with the skills and opportunities needed to achieve long-term success. By partnering with local agencies, we are building pathways to economic independence and helping families create a foundation for a brighter future.

Our success would not be possible without the collaboration of Broward's nonprofits, community organizations, and government partners. Together, we have addressed pressing challenges, amplified resources, and strengthened the safety net for families in Broward. The CSC was named again a Sun-Sentinel Top Workplace for 2024. This recognition underscores the organization's commitment to fostering a positive and nurturing work environment for its employees while working tirelessly on behalf of Broward's children and families. Thank you for your trust, partnership, and unwavering commitment to the children and families of Broward County. Together, we will continue to shine a light on the path to a brighter future.

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
President/CEO, Children's Services Council of
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MISSION

To provide the leadership, advocacy and resources necessary to enhance children's lives and empower them to become responsible, productive adults through collaborative planning and funding of a continuum of care.

VISION

The children of Broward County shall have the opportunity to realize their full potential, their hopes and their dreams, supported by a nurturing family and community.

A LIGHT FOR FAMILIES. RESOURCES FOR HOPE.

The Children's Services Council of Broward County is not just an organization—it is a movement. A movement that empowers families, inspires children and uplifts partners to achieve their full potential. Residents of Broward, Policymakers, community leaders, and nonprofit organizations, we invite you to join us in this movement. By partnering with CSC, you are helping to build a stronger, safer, and brighter Broward County.

"A Light for Families" represents guidance, simplicity, and a beacon of support for families navigating difficult times. Whether facing economic hardships, mental health struggles, or educational challenges, CSC illuminates the path forward by supporting a range of impactful programs and resources. CSC works every day to ensure that families never feel alone on their journey. **"Resources for Hope"** highlights the tangible support CSC provides to help families realize their potential and overcome obstacles. These resources empower families to thrive, offering hope for a future where every child has the opportunity to succeed. Our theme this year symbolizes the Council's unwavering commitment to guiding families through life's challenges and providing the tools needed to build brighter futures. Below you can read about some of our major community collaboratives.

Back to School Extravaganza

This is the 14th year that CSC has led The Back-to-School Extravaganza (BTSE) which remains a key initiative in supporting students across Broward County. This year's events were successful thanks in large part to the contributions of various partner organizations. This year distributions were hosted at the following locations: Dillard 6-12 School in collaboration with the YMCA, Miramar High School along with Hispanic Unity, and Blanche Ely High School in partnership with the Crockett Foundation. During these events, over 8,000 participants received backpacks and school supplies, over 2800 pairs of shoes were distributed, as well as 16,000 school uniforms along with access to a variety of other community resources. In 2024, CSC introduced new "Boutique" BTSE events to meet the needs of specific student populations. The Deerfield Beach High School Freshman Orientation Boutique event was designed to support incoming freshmen by providing school supplies and connecting them with resources tailored to High school youth. Another Boutique was in collaboration with Broward County Public Schools New Family Welcome Center. Here we were able to provide a specialized resource fair for families new to the country. This event provided students and families with essential services. Thanks to HandsOn South Florida, this year over 600 volunteers engaged in the Back-to-School Extravaganza, serving more than 3,500 volunteer hours. CSC will continue to meet the unique needs of Broward's diverse community. This initiative highlights the power of partnerships and volunteerism.

Broward Reads: The Campaign for Grade Level Reading

Research is clear that reading proficiency by the end of 3rd grade is predictive of long-term school and life success; 74% of students who fail to read proficiently by that time falter in later grades and often drop out before earning a high school diploma. **CSC provides the backbone support for this**

community collaborative focused on ensuring that all children can read on grade level by third grade. Go-Chaired by County Commissioner and CSC Member Beam Furr, CSC President Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, ED of FACE at BCPS Lori Canning and ELC CEO Renee Jaffee. While there is still a long way to go, these efforts are yielding results as Broward is now leading the state's large counties in kindergarten readiness. By providing essential resources to incoming kindergarteners, CSC will continue to demonstrate that small investments can yield transformative **results. Read about some of the key initiatives below**

Broward Read for the Record

JumpStart Read for the Record is a Worldwide event that inspires adults to read with children, spurring policymakers and organizations to act towards transformative change in early education. In Broward County, this event serves as the annual kick-off our Broward Reads Campaign for Grade Level Reading. This year's chosen book was "With Lots of Love" by Jenny Torres Sanchez and illustrated by André Ceolin. A beautiful story about a girl who moves from her home in Central America to the United States and everything she leaves behind, especially her Abuela. CSC distributed a copy of the book to 40,000 four and five-year-old children in the county. Broward Read for the Record in partnership with HandsOn South Florida recruited over 1,200 volunteers to read in classrooms. Over 200 Public Schools, more than 300 Private Schools, Community Early Childhood Providers, and some 40 Library Programs participated in this day of reading. The Museum of Discovery and Science hosted a special event, which included a book reading, a fiesta dance party, and arts & crafts. Univision covered the event in the Spanish Dual Language Classes at Boulevard Heights Elementary in Hollywood and aired the recap in Spanish for its viewers. To involve older kids, students from CSC-funded LEAP High School programs read to younger students at three separate locations. This initiative not only fosters early education but also underscores the power of collective action in nurturing the next generation and encourages people to volunteer to support literacy year-round.

Countdown to Kindergarten

The Broward Reads: Campaign for Grade-Level Reading school readiness subcommittee launched the "Broward Reads Countdown to Kindergarten" campaign in 2017 to ease the transition to kindergarten for preschoolers for families. Every April, partners throughout Broward converge to host children with their families at Parker Playhouse. After attending a play, families visit providers focused on kindergarten readiness, including information about K registration, library summer-reading programs, storytelling, and a petting zoo with live pigs. Expanding this continued effort, CSC purchased 14,000 copies of the book **Miss Kindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten**. These books were given to incoming kindergarten students to get them ready for the 1st day of school. This Countdown to Kindergarten event was widened this year to include events at The Museum of Discovery and Science, in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition, that assisted families with resources and information about schools.

Echoes of Empathy - Navigating the Baker Act Experience Through Art

CSC and partners completed a Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) project consisting of parents and older youth with lived experience with the Baker Act system in Broward and professionals from the behavioral health care system to gain an understanding of the way youth and families experience the system to inform changes. In February 2024, Niki Lopez was funded by CSC to create an interactive art installment around the Baker Act experience and the information collected from the project. Lopez's organization, What's Your Elephant, is a non-profit dedicated to catalyzing awareness and fostering dialogue on under-addressed topics through art to create inclusive spaces for sharing stories and initiating healing. The resulting **Echoes of Empathy exhibit** was designed to spotlight the Baker Act experiences in Broward, promote awareness, and advocate for system improvements. The month-long interactive art exhibition successfully engaged hundreds of community members and partners at the Hollywood Arts Park Gallery and online. The art installment included art from youth and families who have lived experience being Baker Acted. Approximately, 200 people attended the opening. Youth, parents, and families who participated in the exhibit shared how the experience reduced the stigma associated with mental illness, helped them feel less alone, and educated them on opportunities for improving the experience and outcomes of individuals experiencing mental health crises. Mental health is a pressing issue, and the **Echoes of Empathy** exhibit demonstrated how through art and storytelling, CSC and its partners created a safe space for dialogue and healing, fostering community awareness and reducing stigma around mental health. Our innovative approach to advocacy ensured that voices often overlooked are heard and valued in hopes of driving systemic change.

CSC in the Community

Since its establishment, the Children's Services Council has proactively sought to educate the community about the resources and programs available through CSC funding and partnerships, so families know where to turn for resources and taxpayers know how their tax dollars are being spent. Through a comprehensive media strategy and participation in hundreds of community events across the county, our staff strives to showcase the organization's impactful work. These efforts are rooted in a commitment to serving a diverse community that accesses and consumes information in various formats. In this way the work and impact value of the CSC mission to provide leadership, advocacy, and resources necessary to enhance the lives of the children is made evident each year. This year CSC participated in over 100 events around the county including resource fairs, parades, and partner-sponsored events. These events yielded over 40,000 attendees' interaction. Additionally, an estimated 38,000 pieces of CSC-branded materials were distributed at these events. CSC's involvement in events this year reflects our commitment to connecting with every corner of Broward County. By distributing materials and engaging attendees, we ensure our mission is not just heard but felt. These events bring the community together, foster genuine interactions, and provide feedback to shape future initiatives.

Visit www.CSCbroward.org to learn more about how you can support, collaborate, and advocate for our children.



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

Maternal health is a cornerstone of a thriving community. It impacts not only the health and well-being of women but also shapes the future of our children and our collective prosperity. In Broward, prioritizing maternal health means investing in babies mothers and babies' well-being, ensuring a healthier, more equitable, and vibrant future for all. CSC is dedicated to supporting programs strengthening the critical bond between mothers and their newborns. These initiatives foster healthy early connections that are essential for a baby's development and overall well-being. CSC also funds vital programs designed to keep children safe during the most vulnerable months of their lives, offering families the support they need during this crucial time. CSC is working to create a brighter and healthier Broward County—one mother, one baby, one family at a time.



98% of infants and children met developmental milestones for communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem-solving, and social skills.



98% of mothers demonstrated an acceptable level or improvement of attachment/bonding with their infant.



96% of mothers reported fewer symptoms of depression and/or anxiety.

MOMS

The **Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS)** program is a vital initiative that focuses on addressing the challenges of maternal emotional distress experienced pre and post-natal. By targeting key risk factors, MOMS works to enhance the bond between mother and child, fostering healthy attachment that is crucial for a child's development. This program goes beyond addressing immediate emotional needs by utilizing best practices both in the home and in community settings. MOMS empowers new mothers to build stronger connections with their children and improve overall family functioning, creating a foundation for healthier, more resilient families.

Safe Sleep

Each year, approximately 3,500 infants in the United States die suddenly and unexpectedly while sleeping - tragedies that are often preventable through safe sleep practices. CSC is committed

to reducing these heartbreaking losses by promoting the mantra: **“Alone, on their Back, in a Crib, Develop a Plan.”** Through CSC funding, pack-n-plays and cribs are distributed to families in need, ensuring safe sleep environments for their babies. Additionally, we support programs designed to educate parents, caregivers, practitioners, and community members about the importance of safe sleep practices.



100% of parents/caregivers who received a crib increased their knowledge of safe infant sleep practices.

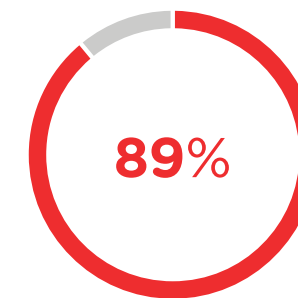


FAMILY SUPPORTS

The Children's Services Council of Broward County is dedicated to supporting families by funding Family Supports programs that aim to reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. These programs ensure families have access to a continuum of health services, offering vital resources to promote stability and well-being. Through family strengthening initiatives, CSC implements evidence-based and best-practice interventions that address the complex socio-environmental factors impacting families. These programs are designed to stabilize families in crisis, support families who want to learn better parenting strategies for different stages of their child's development, prevent out-of-home placements, and reduce involvement in the dependency system.



90% of families improved family functioning.



89% of families participated in all program requirements.



99% of families completing the program had no findings of verified child maltreatment within 12 months of completion

Family Strengthening

- The CSC invests in parent education programs designed to strengthen family support and keep children safely out of the child welfare system. These programs recognize that children grow and thrive best in safe, nurturing family environments. By providing evidence-based and best-practice interventions, CSC helps stabilize families in crisis, models parenting strategies and reduces the risk of child abuse and neglect. These proactive efforts empower parents with the tools and knowledge they need to create a secure and loving home, ensuring brighter futures for all children.

Healthy Families

- This program provides pre/post-natal screening, assessment, and in-home intervention to improve infant and toddler outcomes and reduce abuse and neglect. This program is collaboratively funded between CSC and the Office of Prevention.

Kinship

- When parents are unable to provide a safe and nurturing home, relatives or non-family caregivers often step in to offer temporary care. CSC funds programs that support these dedicated caregivers, ensuring they have the resources needed to create a stable, nurturing environment. CSC funds dedicated attorneys to support caregivers navigating the court system for the legal custody of the children in their care. By enabling children to remain in familiar surroundings, these efforts help preserve a sense of security and continuity during challenging times.

Trauma Supports

Healing and Empowering All Living with Trauma (HEAL Trauma)

This initiative known as HEAL Trauma (Healing and Empowering All Living with Trauma) provides services to children and families experiencing trauma in the Northeast, Central East, and Southeast regions of Broward County.



of families completing the program had no findings of verified child maltreatment within 12 months of



of caregivers reported satisfaction with Kinship services.

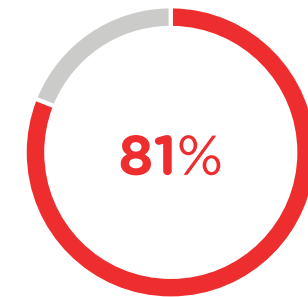


DEPENDENCY AND DELINQUENCY

Adoption

- Adoption offers children in need the chance to thrive in a stable, loving environment, while giving families the opportunity to grow and make a lasting impact. For children in foster care, adoption can provide the stability and opportunities they deserve. The CSC supports programs dedicated to helping children in the foster care system find permanent, nurturing homes. These initiatives ensure that every child has the chance to experience the security and love of a forever family.

CSC partners with organizations like Forever Families and The Heart Gallery to promote adoption and foster care initiatives. Forever Families shares stories of children in foster care waiting to be adopted, often working with local media, including TV segments, to highlight individual children and sibling groups. The program emphasizes finding permanent, loving homes for children and supporting them post-adoption. The Heart Gallery is a powerful initiative designed to use professional photography and storytelling to showcase children in foster care awaiting adoption. Professional portraits and biographies of the children are displayed in public spaces, online galleries, and at events to connect potential adoptive families with children.



of youth did not obtain any new law violations during the program.



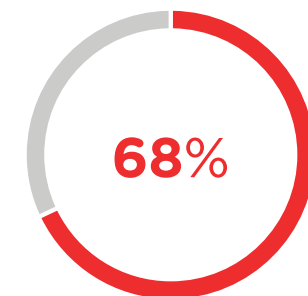
of youth did not obtain new law violations 12 months after successful program completion.

Legal Representation - Child Welfare

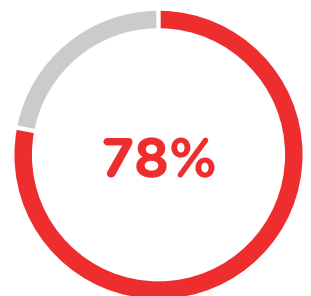
- To reduce the time a child spends in the welfare system, the CSC funds legal representation for the child to provide advocacy and supports that will help improve that child's outcomes.

Legal Advocacy Works (LAW)/LAW Line

- Youth who are at risk for involvement in the delinquency and/or dependency systems can get diversion education and Failure to Appear supports through the CSC funded LAW and LAW-Line programs.



of youth reduced delinquency risk.



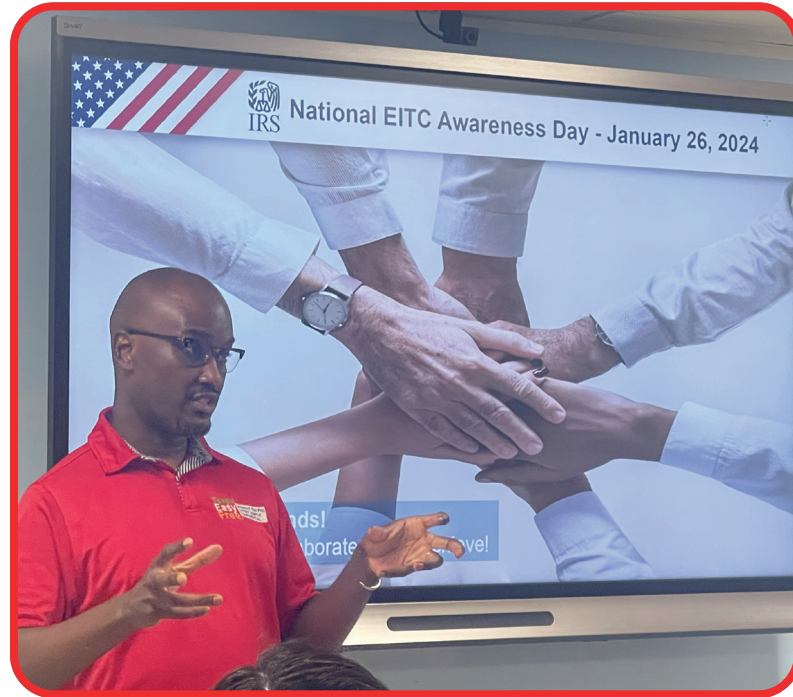
of youth improved housing stability.



FINANCIAL STABILITY

VITA

Tax revenue plays a vital role in funding essential public services, with a significant portion coming from individual income taxpayers. The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** initiative fosters economic prosperity by educating low- and moderate-income communities about the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**—the nation’s most effective federal anti-poverty tax program. Through VITA, trusted IRS-trained volunteers provide no-cost tax preparation services and financial literacy coaching, helping families maximize their refunds and make informed financial decisions. CSC has funded public awareness, volunteer recruitment and supports for over 20 years. By ensuring equitable access to these resources, VITA supports economic stability and uplifts Broward County’s most vulnerable communities - putting millions of dollars back into the hands of those who need it most.



4,636
Clients Served

3,397
Tax Returns Completed

\$2.9 million
Refunds Received

Food Insecurity Mitigation

Good nutrition is crucial for physical and mental health, academic success, and economic productivity. Unfortunately, food insecurity threatens this foundation for far too many children in our community— affecting approximately one in five children in Broward County. Recognizing this critical challenge, the CSC deepened its commitment to combating childhood hunger by greatly expanding funding for food mitigation providers in 2022. Five agencies are contracted to implement six innovative programs, each tailored to meet the unique needs of children and families across Broward County. By employing diverse approaches, these programs ensure that food support reaches the communities most in need, helping to combat hunger and strengthen the foundation for Broward County’s future generations.

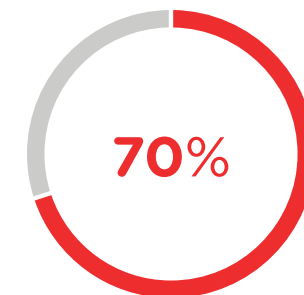


SWIM Central and Drowning Prevention Taskforce

- Drowning remains a leading cause of death in children, particularly those aged 1 to 4 years. As children grow, drowning risks evolve, but one constant remains: the need for multiple layers of prevention at every age. Recognizing the urgency of this issue, CSC in collaboration with the Broward County Government, the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, and Broward County Public Schools, actively funds and supports drowning prevention and water safety initiatives. Through **SWIM Central**, CSC provides low- or no-cost swim lesson vouchers for children aged 6 months to 8 years, equipping them with vital water safety skills. Additionally, thousands of elementary school students participate in hands-on water safety lessons at aquatic parks each year. To further strengthen prevention efforts, CSC funds a dedicated Drowning Prevention Coordinator within the Florida Department of Health. This coordinator leads a taskforce of stakeholders focused on protecting Broward County’s most vulnerable populations from drowning risks. These collaborative efforts underscore CSC’s commitment to safeguarding children and ensuring water safety remains a top priority in Broward County.



of children who participated in the swim program have not drowned 3 years after program completion.



of participants completing 7 or more classes, with a maximum of 10 classes, demonstrated an improvement of one or more levels on the Water Safety Skills Checklist.



KIDCARE AND SCHOOL HEALTH

The Children’s Services Council of Broward County proudly funds the **Florida Department of Health in Broward County’s KidCare Outreach program**, which connects families to affordable health and dental insurance through **Florida KidCare**. This program provides coverage for uninsured children who meet income eligibility requirements and are not eligible for fully subsidized Medicaid. Through this collaboration, CSC ensures that all eligible children have the opportunity to enroll in affordable health insurance, giving them access to the essential medical and dental care they need to thrive.

The CSC has provided school healthcare services since 2002 to BCPS. CSC continues to fund School Health Services at Broward schools staffed by RNs, LPNs, and HSTs. These initiatives reflect CSC’s commitment to promoting the health and well-being of every child.

70%
of students were sent back to class after receiving School Health Services per semester.

32,301
Duplicated students received First Aid, Emergency Services, and services for prevention, acute and chronic health care needs.

183,290
Broward County KidCare and Medicaid average monthly enrollment average in FY 23-24.



LITERACY & EARLY LEARNING

Reading proficiently by the end of third grade is a critical milestone in a child’s educational journey, as it significantly influences future academic success and reduces the risk of school dropout. The CSC plays a vital role in addressing this challenge by providing backbone support to the **Broward Reads: Campaign for Grade-Level Reading**, a key initiative of the Broward Children’s Strategic Plan discussed on page x of this report. In addition to its leadership role, CSC funds programs designed to help children achieve early developmental milestones, laying the groundwork for lifelong learning and success. These efforts reflect CSC’s unwavering commitment to ensuring every child in Broward County has the tools and opportunities to thrive.

Subsidized Childcare

- Childcare is often one of the most significant expenses families face, creating barriers for many parents seeking quality care for their children. To address this challenge, many states, including Florida, offer subsidy programs to make childcare more accessible and affordable. In Broward, CSC helps bridge this gap by funding childcare slots for underserved, income-eligible families. This support ensures that more children have access to safe, enriching environments while enabling parents to pursue work, education, or other opportunities to strengthen their family’s future.



Vulnerable Populations Childcare

- Funds the immediate placement in quality childcare for children of Transitional Independent Living (TIL) youth and Kinship families and parents of young children receiving substance abuse treatment.



Parents/caregivers reporting benefits by receiving child care services (e.g., respite, pursue/maintain opportunities for employment, therapeutic treatment, etc.)



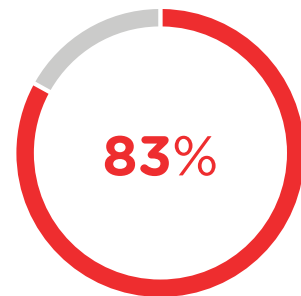
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR TYPICALLY DEVELOPING CHILDREN AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Maximizing out of School Time (MOST)

• Our most precious resource is our children. Working families want to ensure their children are safe, healthy, and nurtured when enrolled in pre and afterschool time programs. The CSC funds Maximizing Out of School Time (MOST) programs throughout the county, where Elementary school children enjoy fun academically enriching, and engaging activities. These programs are at nearly all Elementary schools where over 86% of the students are on free or reduced lunch. Homework assistance, physical fitness, project-based, and social-emotional learning activities are at the core of these inclusive programs which run throughout the school year and summer. There are also specialized programs for children with special needs in settings most appropriate for their needs.



Inclusion **95%** of children improved reading and language development.



Special Needs - **83%** of children improved reading and language development



Inclusion and Special Needs - **100%** of children remained safe.

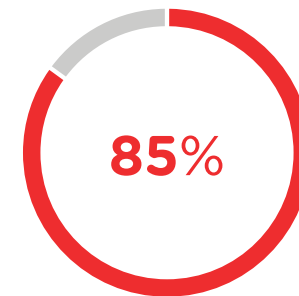


MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Most parents are likely to identify the middle school years as among the most challenging in raising a child. These pre-teen and early teen years are a time when navigating peer pressure and pushing the limits of authority create opportunities for long term, negative consequences. The CSC funds middle-school initiatives that increase protective/resiliency factors and reduce risk factors associated with delinquency, teen pregnancy, and other risky behaviors. These include:

Youth FORCE

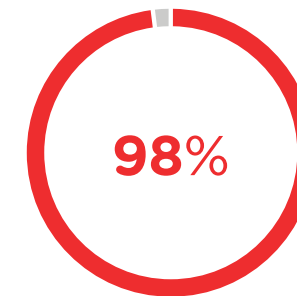
- Providing year-round programming at high need middle-schools to promote positive youth development and school and community attachment. Programming includes counseling, academic supports, community service learning, career exploration and the nationally recognized Teen Outreach Program (TOP).



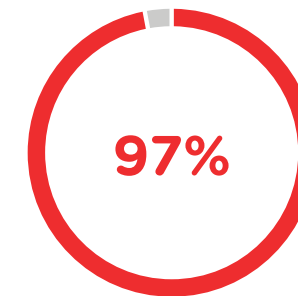
of youth demonstrated gains or low risk in Youth Development Competencies



of female youth did not become pregnant and male youth did not cause a pregnancy



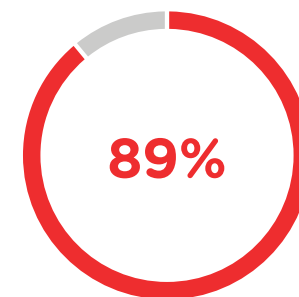
of youth did not obtain new law violations during the program.



of youth did not experience bullying.

PEACE

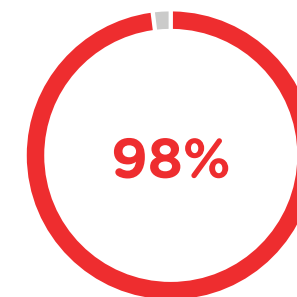
- Supports middle-school youth with year-round, culturally responsive, holistic services that assist them with academics, social-emotional learning through the arts, and exposure to potential career and technical occupations.



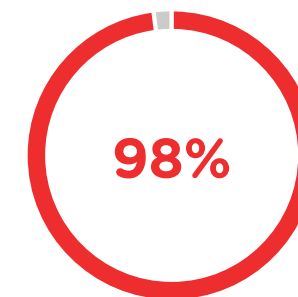
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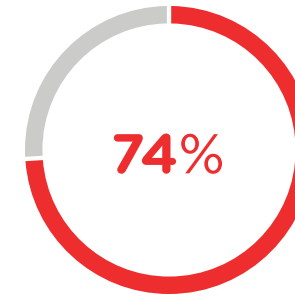
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Choose Peace/Stop Violence

- Educates, engages, inspires, and empowers elementary, middle, and high school youth to act and bring about positive change that prevents bullying, youth crime and violence.



of youth participating in STEP demonstrated improvement in employable skills.

Supported Training and Employment Programs (STEP)

- Supports youth with special needs in their ability to integrate productive society by providing them with opportunities for training and employment. This leading-edge initiative offers teens with disabilities career exploration activities and social skills development in afterschool programming, and employment opportunities during the summer.

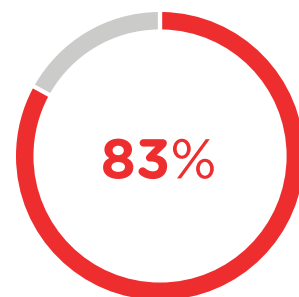


HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR TYPICALLY DEVELOPING YOUTH & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

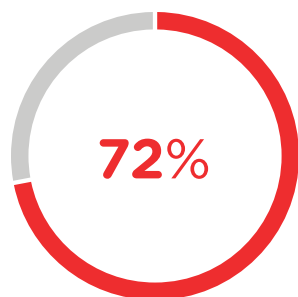
When high school youth participate in safe, enriching programs that prepare them to enter adulthood, they are less susceptible to engage in activities that result in delinquency, teen pregnancy and other risky behaviors. The CSC funds an array of such programs.

LEAP High

- Supports youth at Title 1 schools with programs and personal enrichment services that help them graduate on time, as well as achieve their post-secondary aspirations.



of youth participating in LEAP High improved Language Arts/Reading grades.



of youth participating in LEAP High improved day school attendance.



Bridge to Life (B2L)

- The fundamental goal of B2L is to close the equity gap for post-secondary attainment at a systems level, while exploring and piloting interventions to help students in the here and now. Students work as co-equals with dozens of partnering agencies including the school district, institutions of higher education, employers, and youth-serving agencies to explore career opportunities and promote completion of the FAFSA to make post-secondary education more affordable.



PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH TRANSITIONING TO INDEPENDENT LIVING

The CSC funds programs for youth who face formidable challenges that can hamper their ability to successfully become independent adults. Among them, are youth who are aging out of foster care, who are living in kinship or other relative and on-relative care, and who are involved in the juvenile justice system.

Healthy Youth Transition (HYT)

- Supports youth in protective supervision, in relative or non-relative care, involved in the juvenile justice system as they transfer to adulthood.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

- The CSC plays a significant role in promoting youth employment as part of its mission through employment programs for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16-18 through contracts with CareerSource, HOMES, Inc. the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS), and Junior Achievement (JA). Through this experience, students collaborate with their peers in business challenges with host partners, meet industry leaders, build strong workforce skills, and have paid summer internship opportunities. These programs not only benefit the youth participants but also contribute to the overall economic and social well-being of the Broward County community by preparing the next generation of skilled and empowered workers.



Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

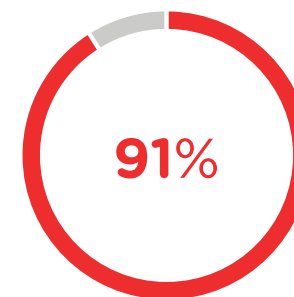
- SYEP provides economically disadvantaged youth ages 16-18 the opportunity to gain employability skills and paid work experience. Youth are paid competitive wages and may be able to receive support services including transportation to work. The work-based learning activities orient youth to the world of work, helps develop an understanding of employer expectations, and promotes positive relationships. For FY 23/24, 917 youth were provided with summer employment experiences with 92% of these youth completing the program.



of youth ages 15-19 had no new pregnancies or caused a pregnancy during the program.



of youth had no new law violations during the program.



of youth demonstrated proficiency in employability and job retention skills.

Fort Lauderdale Independent Training & Education (FLITE) Center

- Provides coordination, resources, and direct services to TIL youth, and supports the work of the Youth System Organizing (YSO) program, providing a platform for youth and system professionals to co-identify and co-create solutions to the challenges facing the child welfare system.

Housing Opportunities Mortgage Assistance & Effective Neighborhood Solutions (HOMES)

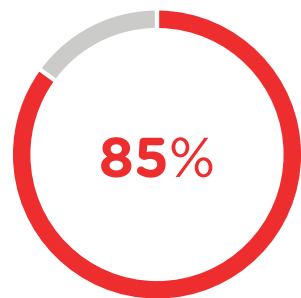
- Provides paid internships and housing to TIL youth.
- Provides paid internships and career paths to young adults, ages 16-22-years-old, who are transitioning out of the foster care system, as well as for young adults.



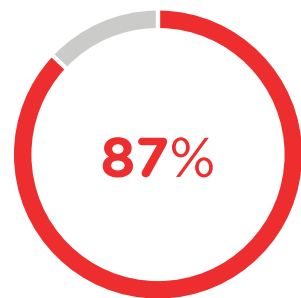
DELINQUENCY DIVERSION

New DAY

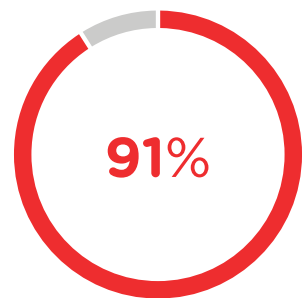
For some youth, one ill-advised decision can result in incarceration and negative, life-long consequences. Data shows a clear racial disparity in how the criminal justice system deal with youth incarceration, with young people of color disproportionately affected. To help provide a second chance to many of these youth to get their lives back on track, and positively affect recidivism rates, the CSC funds New Diversion Alternatives for Youth (New DAY). The program includes Restorative Justice Conferencing, bringing together the wrongdoer, the impacted party, community representatives and others impacted directly or indirectly by the offense to foster healing and address the harm caused by the offense.



85% of youth successfully completed diversion program.



87% of youth increased their level of protective factors and decreased risk factors.



91% of youth had no re-offenses 12 months after program completion.

Legal Advocacy Works (LAW)/LAW Line

Youth who are at risk for involvement in the delinquency and/or dependency systems can get diversion education and Failure to Appear supports through the CSC-funded LAW and LAW-Line programs.

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2-1-1 First Call for Help

Families Seeking Information or needed resources by phone rely on 2-1-1 First Call for Help as a simplified first point of entry, operating on a 24/7, multilingual basis. The CSC funds information and referral services and crisis support; a Special Needs and Behavioral Health Unit for families with children who have disabilities; a Special Needs and Behavioral Needs Health hotline that provides a warm transfer to dedicated case management services provided by Jewish Adoption & Foster Care Options (JAFCO) and Henderson Behavioral Health; as well as a Teen Suicide Prevention Crisis Line.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

A thriving community depends on the ability of service organizations to deliver on their mission effectively. When agencies and nonprofits are equipped to provide vital services with efficiency and sustainability, the entire community benefits. This is where capacity building comes into play—a transformative process that enhances the skills, abilities, resources, and systems organizations need to not only survive but also thrive in an ever-evolving world. By investing in the development of these organizations, capacity building strengthens the very foundation of support systems that families and children rely on. CSC plays a pivotal role in supporting family- and child-serving nonprofits through its Capacity Building Program. This initiative provides funding, training, and technical assistance to enhance the effectiveness of dozens of local organizations. By equipping nonprofits with the tools they need to fulfill their missions, CSC ensures that essential services reach those who need them most.

16 organizations were awarded Capacity Building Grants

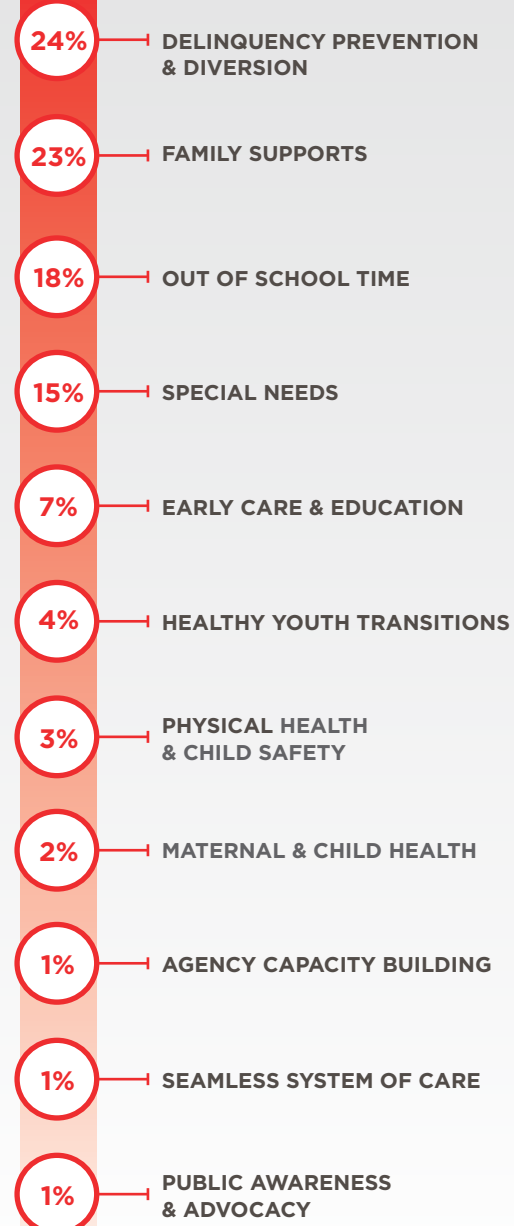
\$170,148 was invested in non-profit organizational capacity building through grants.

570 hours of professional coaching and consulting from SBDC was provided.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

BUDGET FOR PROGRAM SERVICES BY GOAL



Total Program Budget
\$118,393,755

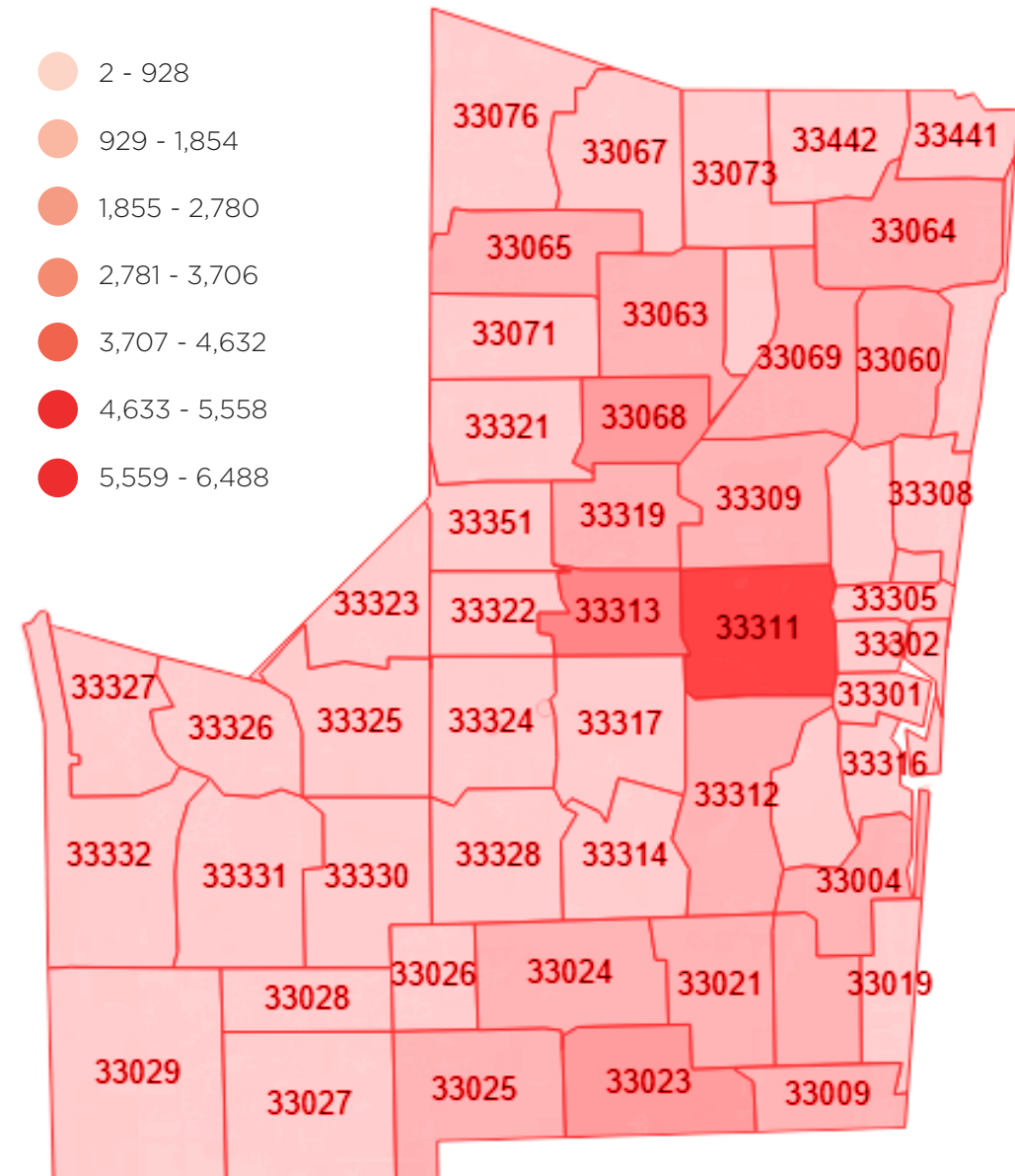
GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual
Property Taxes	\$ 117,207,208	\$105,403,582
Federal Grant Income	\$ 861,933	\$ 888,148
Local Foundations/ Miscellaneous	\$ 8,900,782	\$ 6,847,386
Total Revenues	\$126,969,923	\$ 113,139,116

EXPENDITURES:	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual
Program Services/ Support	\$108,753,992	\$ 97,198,032
General Administration	\$ 4,326,049	\$ 4,085,428
Capital Outlay	\$ 160,883	\$ 142,738
Non-Operating Expenditures	\$ 4,044,337	\$ 3,648,749
Total Expenditures	\$ 117,285,261	\$ 105,074,947

WHERE WE INVEST

CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVED BY CSC BY ZIP CODE



4,274 children and youth served through School Health Services funded by CSC are not represented on this map. Calls to 2-1-1 Special Needs and Behavioral hotlines are also not included in numbers served by Zip data.

OUR FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

2-1-1 BROWARD
Bridge to Life; General Hotline; Special Needs & Behavioral Health Hotline

ARC BROWARD
MOST SN; STEP; Family Strengthening

ADVOCACY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES
MOST GP; Family Strengthening

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, INC.
MOST; MOST SN

ANN STORCK CENTER, INC.
MOST SN

BECON TV
Public Awareness

BE STRONG INTERNATIONAL
Family Strengthening

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
MOST; Family Strengthening

BOYS TOWN SFL, INC.
Family Strengthening

BROWARD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COALITION
Trauma

BROWARD CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC.
MOST SN; Family Strengthening

BROWARD COUNTY
Drowning Prevention; MOST

BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Bridge 2 Life; Senior Send-off

BROWARD HEALTHY START COALITION
Healthy Families; Safe Sleep

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE
New DAY

CAMELOT COMMUNITY CENTERS
New DAY; Healthy Youth Transition (HYT)

CAREERSOURCE BROWARD
Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

CENTER FOR HEARING & COMMUNICATION
STEP; Family Strengthening; Youth FORCE; MOST SN

CHILDREN'S HARBOR
Family Strengthening

COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER, INC.
Youth FORCE

COMMUNITY AFTER SCHOOL
MOST; Margate CRA

COMMUNITY BASED CONNECTIONS
LEAP; HEAL; MOST

COMMUNITY EHNANCEMENT COLLABORATION
Hunger

COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION HOUSING, INC.
Youth FORCE

CROCKETT FOUNDATION
Youth FORCE

EAGLES HAVEN
Trauma

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF BROWARD COUNTY
Subsidized Childcare; Vulnerable Population Slots

FAMILY CENTRAL
Family Strengthening;

FIREWALL CENTERS, INC.
Youth FORCE; LEAP; MOST

FLIPANY
Hunger -MOST

FLITE - FORT LAUDERDALE INDEPENDENCE TRAINING & EDUCATION CENTER
HYT; (CWSYOP) Child Welfare System Youth Organizers Pilot;

FLORIDA DEPT. OF HEALTH - BROWARD COUNTY
Drowning Prevention; KidCare Outreach

FLORIDA YOUTH SHINE
Legal Supports

FOREVER FAMILY
Adoption Promotion

GULF COAST COMMUNITY CARE
Family Strengthening; HYT

HALLANDALE BEACH-CRA
MOST

HANDS ON SOUTH FLORIDA
Volunteer Management; Grade Level Reading

HANDY
HYT; Youth FORCE

HANLEY FOUNDATION
Substance Abuse Prevention Training

HARMONY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.
New DAY; Youth FORCE; Kinship; PEACE; HYT

HARVEST DRIVE
Hunger Relief

HEART GALLERY OF BROWARD
Adoption Promotion

HEALING ARTS
Trauma

HENDERSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
New DAY; Family Strengthening; HYT

HISPANIC UNITY OF FLORIDA
Youth FORCE; EITC; LEAP High; Family Strengthening

HOLLYWOOD, CITY OF
MOST

H.O.M.E.S. INC. - Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, and Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc.
HYT

HONEY SHINE MENTORING PROGRAM
Mentoring

JACK & JILL
Family Strengthening

JEWISH ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE OPTIONS, INC.
Family Strengthening; Trauma; MOST SN

JULIANA GERENA & ASSOCIATES
Family Strengthening; New DAY

KIDVISION/WPBT
Early Childhood Education

KIDS IN DISTRESS, INC.
MOST; Kinship; Family Strengthening

LAUDERDALE LAKES, CITY OF
MOST

LEGAL AID SERVICES OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
Kinship; Legal Representation of Youth in Child Welfare System

LIFENET4FAMILIES
Hunger

MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
BREAK; New DAY; Family Strengthening; MOMS; Youth FORCE; HYT; Youth FORCE-DeLuca Foundation; HEAL

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA
Trauma

MIRAMAR, CITY OF
MOST

MOUNT BETHEL-PREVENTION CENTRAL
Family Strengthening

M NETWORK
Public Awareness

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE
HYT; LEAP

NEIGHBORS 4 NEIGHBORS
ShapePublic Awareness

OPPORTUNITIES IND. CTR. (OIC) OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Youth FORCE

OAKLAND PARK, CITY OF.
MOST

OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE, INC.
Youth FORCE

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS
New DAY; HYT; Family Strengthening

PEMBROKE PINES, CITY OF
MOST

READING AND MATH
Literacy

SMITH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
MOST SN; BREAK; Youth FORCE; STEP; PEACE

SMITH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES
Family Strengthening; New DAY

SOREF JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
MOST

SOUTH FLORIDA HUNGER COALITION
Mobile School Pantry; Summer BreakSpot

SUNSERVE
HYT

SUNSHINE AFTERSCHOOL CHILD CARE, INC.
MOST

UNITED COMMUNITY OPTIONS
MOST SN; STEP

UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY
Choose Peace Stop Violence; Economic Self Sufficiency

URBAN LEAGUE OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
New DAY; MOST; Youth FORCE; HYT

WEST PARK, CITY OF
MOST; Youth FORCE

YMCA OF BROWARD COUNTY
LEAP; Youth FORCE; STEP; MOST and MOST SN; Deerfield CRA; Peace

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