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*John Milledge
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DATE: October 15, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO

SUBJECT: Information for the November 21st Council Meeting

Enclosed is the information packet for the CSC monthly meeting on Thursday, November 21st, from 9:30am-Noon, at the CSC Office. But **Members should arrive at 9:00am** for photos for the Annual Report and CSC's media platforms. As a cost-saving measure, the meeting packet tabs are M-W and 21-31. If you usually receive a hard copy packet via courier, it should arrive Friday afternoon.

This month's meeting agenda is large and substantive, with numerous action items, including several related to the Promise Neighborhood Grant. This month's Roundtable will feature a presentation on the upcoming Legal Supports RFP, where Members will have the opportunity to learn more about CSC's history in this area and shape its future direction.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the items on consent, please feel free to email (cseltzer@cscbroward.org) or call me (954-649-8420) prior to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on the 21st!

Children's Services Council of Broward County Monthly Meeting
6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319 (with Zoom access)

Thursday, November 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

[Members to Arrive @ 9:00 a.m. for Annual Report Photo]

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order** Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*
- II. Roll Call** Amy Jacques, *Special Assistant*
- III. Chair's Report** Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*
 - a. Moment to Arrive
 - b. Approve Oct 2024 Council Minutes **(Tab M)**
 - c. Reminder – December Meeting Cancelled
 - d. Farewell to Beam
- IV. President's Report** Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, *President/CEO*
 - a. Good of the Order
 - b. Approve the Community Collaborative Agreement Between CSC and Legal Aid Services of Broward County **(Tab N)**
 - c. Promise Neighborhood (PN) Grant
 - i. Approve Broward PN Administrative Grant Budget for Oct – Dec 2024 and Calendar Year 2025, Pending Receipt of Funds from USDOE **(Tab O)**
 - ii. Approve PN Subcontracts, Pending FAU Receipt of Funds from U. S. Department of Education **(Tab P)**
 - iii. Approve the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Components of the PN Grant **(Tab Q)**
 - d. Approve CSC FY 24/25 Policy Priorities and Recommendations **(Tab R)**
 - e. FYI -- Live Local Tax Affordable Housing Tax Exemption Update
 - f. FYI – December Office Schedule
- V. Chief Innovation Officer Report** Sue Gallagher, *CIO*
 - a. Approve Revenue and Related Expenditures from the Community Foundation of Broward for Asset Based **(Tab S)**

Community Development (ABCD) for
FY 24/25

- b. Approve Partnership on Participatory Governance with the Annie E. Casey Foundation **(Tab T)**

VI. Chief Public Affairs Officer Report

Sharetta Remikie, *CPAO*

- a. Approve Extension of Trainer Cadre RFQ until May 2025 **(Tab U)**
- b. Approve Adjustment to Harvest Drive Contract **(Tab V)**
- c. Approve Public Awareness Media & Collateral Purchase Plan FY 24/25 **(Tab W)**
- d. Approve Reallocation of The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Funding **(Tab 21)**
- e. Approve Acceptance of Subaru Love to Help Socks & Shoe Donation **(Tab 22)**
- f. FYI – 2nd Biannual Media, Communication and Community Engagement Report **(Tab 23)**

VII. Chief Operating Officer Report

David H. Kenton, *COO*

- a. Approve Budget Carryforward from FY 23/24 into FY 24/25 **(Tab 24)**
- b. Approve Emergency Provider Billing Policy **(Tab 25)**
- c. Approve Budget Amendments and Preliminary Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending September 30th **(Tab 26)**
- d. Accept Managed Fund Monthly Statements **(Tab 27)**
- e. Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases **(Tab 28)**

VIII. Agency Capacity Building Committee Rpt

(Tab 29) Jeffrey S. Wood, *Committee Co-Chair*

IX. Funders Forum Report

(Tab 30) Maria Juarez, *CPO*

X. Public Comment

Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*

XI. Council Members' Roundtable

Legal Supports RFP Visioning

Madeline Jones,
Assistant Director of Program Services

Natalie Gomes,
Programs Manager

Marissa Greif-Hackett,
Director of Research & Evaluation

Shira Fowlkes,
Sr. Planning & Research Manager

XII. Farewell to Monti Larsen

Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*

XIII. For Your Information

(Tab 31)

- a. Broward Reads Coalition Mtg Minutes
- b. CSB Minutes
- c. Community Impact
- d. Attendance Report

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TAB M

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

Held @ 6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale, FL 33319
and by Zoom Webinar with public access by computer or phone

October 17, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr, School Board Member Debra Hixon, DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

Council Members Virtual:

Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Council Members Absent:

School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Judge Francis Viamontes

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), Sharetta Remikie, Maria Juarez, Michelle Hamilton, Sue Gallagher, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Kenneth King, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Carl Dasse, Amy Jacques, Angie Buchter, Marissa Aquino, Tracy Graham, Andria Dewson, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Diego Alvarez, Jessica Rincon, Meg Wallace, Nelson Giraldo, Akil Edwards, Liza Khan, Jennifer Fletcher, Julie Toscano, Shawanda Spencer, Camila Mathieson, Keyonia Lawson, Latora Steel, Radoika Pilarte, Zinajen De Oliveira, Michelle Hagues, Melissa Soza, Trisha Dowell, Ileana Blanco, Carlos Campos, Erin Byrne, Erica Ansley, Jocelin Eubanks, Nancy Adjohan, Yolanda Meadows, Lynn Kalmes, Brooke Sherman, Fern Phillip, Cristina Castellanos, S. Lorenzo Benaine, Roxanne Smith, Natalie Gomes, Madeline Jones, Alexia Bridges, Gaby Carbonell, Cynthia Reynoso, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Shaquoia Wilson, Priscilla Cole, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Nicolette Picardi, A. Brooks; Diane Choi; Betty Dominguez; Alexandra Lemoine, Mina Razavi, Karen Franceschini, Clarice Horton, Gabi Tabib, Kim Reid, Astrid Cantos, Trisha Hines, Cecil Arbiza-Rivera, Shantigra "Shae" Williams, Shira Fowlkes

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

III. Chair's Report

a) Moment to Arrive

Council Members took a moment to allow their bodies and minds to settle and focus before considering the meeting agenda items.

b) TRIM Minutes, September 26, 2024

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the TRIM Hearing minutes from September 26, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Council Minutes, September 26, 2024

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from September 26, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

d) Cancelling December 2024 Meeting

Chair Wood noted that if approved, staff will ensure all items needing approval before the January 16th Council meeting are brought to the November 21st meeting.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to cancel the December 2024 monthly Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

e) 2025 Meeting Schedule

Chair Wood noted that the proposed meeting schedule maintains the traditional third Thursday morning of each month, except for the June and September dates. The proposed June date is Wednesday, June 18th, so as to avoid the Juneteenth Holiday, and the September dates are in the late afternoon on Thursday, September 4th at 5:01 pm for the first TRIM Hearing and September 18th at 4:00 pm for the monthly meeting and 5:01 pm for the

final TRIM Hearing. He asked all Members to please cross-check all dates with their calendars and let Ms. Jacques know as soon as possible if there are any conflicts so that a quorum can be ensured for all meetings. Ms. Jacques will send calendar appointments to Council members for the 2025 dates.

ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the monthly meeting dates for 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

f) November Annual Report Photo

Chair Wood shared that the photographer will be present before the start of the November Council meeting to take Council member photos for the Annual Report and CSC website/social media. He requested that Members arrive at 9:00 am on November 21st for photos, with the Council meeting starting promptly at 9:30 am. Ms. Jacques will send a calendar appointment to Members for 9:00 am on November 21st.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that individual headshots would be used for the various reports that would be issued covering FY 23-24 to allow for acknowledgment of the partial-year terms of several members.

IV. President's Report

Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted National Kinship Care Month activities in September, noting that CSC's Kinship providers celebrated by accepting proclamations at various city commission meetings. KID accepted a proclamation from Wilton Manors on September 12th, Harmony Development Center accepted one from Cooper City on September 17th, Memorial Healthcare System accepted one from the City of Hollywood on September 18th, and CSC accepted a proclamation from Broward County at the CSC monthly meeting on September 26th. CSC Kinship providers also hosted the 2024 Kinship Care Conference at the Mt. Herman AME Church in Fort Lauderdale on September 28th. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer described it as a special day that was well-planned and well-attended. The families were grateful for the resources and support they received, with the caregivers being able to focus on the presentations and information while the children were participating in activities on the 2nd floor. The families then came together for lunch and joint activities in the afternoon.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the Special Needs Advisory Coalition's (SNAC) support of the Guardianship Alternative Pro Bono Workshop, which was offered by

the NSU Shepard Broad School of Law. Ninety-five families participated in the workshop to learn more about guardianship opportunities.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that she recently taped an episode of Future First: Focus on Broward's Children, celebrating the 10th anniversary of Broward: Read for the Record and the 40,000 books distributed to children to take home.

In preparation for this year's Broward: Read for the Record, approximately 50 volunteers came together on September 28th to pack the books for all Broward County public schools, private schools, and early learning centers.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the successful Lights On Afterschool celebration as part of the national campaign. This year, Broward elementary students were hosted in the morning and middle and high school students in the afternoon. She commended Karen Franceschini (CSC Programs Manager), Cristina Castellanos (CSC Programs Manager), and Val Wolberg (Senior Parks Manager, Broward County Park and Recreation Division) for leading an outstanding event.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer updated the Members on the Promise Neighborhoods Grant, noting that the Grant has officially transferred from Broward College to Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and that FAU has approved the agreement with CSC. She shared that CSC has begun negotiating the subcontracts and has started the hiring process, which has created exciting opportunities internally, even if only for the remaining two years of the Grant. She explained that these temporary promotions will be initially available to CSC staff through an internal job fair. If any staff are hired for Promise Neighborhood Grant positions, their current positions will be backfilled for the two remaining years of the Grant. She added that when the Grant ends, staff will resume their original positions. She announced that subcontracts will come to the Council for consideration at the monthly meeting in November if there is a signed agreement with FAU. She shared that staff are really excited about this community work and that Dr. Carl Dasse (CSC Director of Community Research & Partnering) has been amazing and committed to making this happen. She added that he and Mr. Dion Smith (CSC Director of Program Services) will take the lead on this Grant.

The community retirement party for CSC's Founding Chief Operating Officer, Monti Larsen, will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Plantation on December 20th at 3:00 pm. Details will be finalized soon, and Ms. Jacques will send Members a calendar appointment with the details.

V. Chief Innovation Officer Report

- a) Urban League of Broward County as Fiscal Sponsor for A Little Help Never Hurt

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Urban League of Broward County as the Fiscal Sponsor for A Little Help Never Hurt Triparty Agreement, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Community Participatory Action Research Arts Exhibition Recap

Dr. Gallagher provided a summary of the month-long Echoes of Empathy interactive arts exhibit, which she explained as an amazing opportunity to engage art to communicate the findings of the Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR); bring family and community together to support those who are healing from a Baker Act experience; and improve policies, systems, and partnerships. Members viewed a video clip, which will be part of a larger video, regarding the experience. Dr. Gallagher thanked the Council for its support of this innovative approach.

c) Broward Consent Management Initiative

Dr. Gallagher highlighted the CPAR-created consent form for the care coordination process of the We Are Supported Integrated Data System. She pointed out this CPAR work has been recognized as a best practice and has informed communities and states as to how to design a consent management process. It highlights the collaboration to create the form, the inclusion of young people and parents who experience these systems and the need to provide consent, and all of the regulatory requirements that must be included in a consent form when you include social and educational services. Vice Mayor Furr requested and received a hard copy of the report.

VI. Chief Public Affairs Officer Report

Dr. Remikie briefly highlighted the items under her Report.

a) Back-to-School Extravaganza FY 23/24

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the acceptance of revenue and reconciliation of expenditures for the Back-to-School Extravaganza FY 23/24, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Purchase of Local Author Books for Family Literacy Event

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve funding to purchase local author books for the Family Literacy Event, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

VII. Chief Operating Officer Report

Dr. Kenton briefly highlighted the items under his Report.

a) Budget Carryforward for Selected POs and Initiatives

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the Budget Carry-Forward for selected POs and initiatives, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hixon and passed with no opposing votes.

b) Disposal of Fully Depreciated or Non-Capitalized Items for FY 23/24

ACTION: Vice Mayor Furr made a motion to approve the disposal of the fully depreciated fixed assets and non-capitalized items for FY 23-24, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

c) Managed Fund Monthly Statements

ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to accept the monthly statement for the Managed Fund from US Bank for September 30, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

d) Monthly Purchases

ACTION: Ms. Hixon made a motion to approve the CSC monthly purchases, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Furr and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Broward Reads Coalition Meeting Report

Vice Mayor Furr briefly highlighted the recent meeting of the Broward Reads Coalition and referred Members to the minutes in the meeting information packet.

IX. Funders Forum Report

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the recent meeting of the Funders Forum and referred Members to the minutes in the meeting information packet.

X. Public Comment

None

XI. Council Members' Roundtable

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted CSC's Request For Proposals (RFP) process which includes a "visioning" session with senior CSC staff and a Council "visioning" session. She explained that the Council visioning session gives staff the opportunity to provide Members with CSC's funding history in the area, research and best practices, any lessons learned during the previous funding cycle, and gives the Members an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to be incorporated into the RFP. After visioning, Members receive a draft and have 5 days to review and provide feedback before the RFP is released to the public. Upon release, Members and staff are under a cone of silence. She explained that Members are permitted to sit on rating panels, and she encouraged new Members to do so.

Ms. Lisa Bayne (CSC Director of Program Services) introduced the HEAL Trauma RFP Team. She noted that this RFP falls under Goal 2.1 (Trauma), which aims to reduce the incidence of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. The desired outcome for Goal 2.1 is for children to live with safe and nurturing families. She shared that staff consistently gathers information during the year and will change/pivot when necessary.

Ms. Brooke Sherman (CSC Sr. Programs Manager) summarized the history of the program, which began after the MSD tragedy with conversations in three communities that have experienced ongoing gun violence, followed by a partnership with Dr. West-Olatunji to host community discussions and focus groups. The initial RFP was released in 2021 and re-released in 2022 to include a Central East region. The initial funding was \$1,744, 905 and is now up to \$2,835,001. Currently, five programs are funded, serving approximately 1,250 youth/families annually.

Ms. Shira Fowlkes (CSC Sr. Planning & Research Manager) explained the Community Mental Health Worker (CMHW) Research and Service Models, noting that CSC's model focuses on reducing the stress of under-resourced communities and utilizes a combination of elements from different CMHW models.

Ms. Tabitha Bush (CSC Sr. Programs Manager) further highlighted CSC's Community Mental Health Worker Model (CMHW), noting that one of the core benefits of the model is that CMHWs live in, and identify as being a part of, the communities they serve. She further explained that they receive 30 hours of content-specific training that aligns with requirements from the Florida Certification Board, and they take part in monthly group reflective practice and partnership meetings to self-reflect, discuss shared experiences, and provide feedback on system gaps and challenges.

Ms. Kandyss Torrence highlighted the HEAL Program's performance consultation services, where a consultant provides support to providers to strengthen their organizational capacity, support their implementation structure, provide them with operational tools & resources, support their professional development, and support their contractual compliance.

Ms. Fowlkes and Ms. Bush discussed the service areas for HEAL, which are determined by the Broward County Social Vulnerability Index (SVI). The Index uses 16 variables to identify communities that may be in greater need before, during, or after a disaster. The areas in which services are provided are the Northeast Region of Deerfield and Pompano Beach, the Central East Region of Lauderhill, and the Southeast Region of West Park and Dania Beach. The families must live in Broward County, with youth between birth and the age of 17, and must be experiencing trauma or suffering from chronic trauma.

Ms. Fowlkes highlighted community conversations with service providers and participants where program strengths and opportunities were identified. Strengths were identified as the service delivery model, relationships between CMHWs and participants, access to emergency funding, and the CMHW 30-hour training. Opportunities were identified as more support for housing/rental assistance, barriers to resources, referral wait time, communication with referral/agencies, and the short length of HEAL services.

Ms. Florence Ukpai (CSC Research & Evaluation Manager) outlined the current performance measures for the HEAL Trauma programs. She noted that an average of 345 individuals were reached at community events, 68% of HEAL participants reported that their needs were met, and 78% of HEAL families reported successful linkages to desired services.

She also outlined future outcomes for the next iteration of HEAL, including the number of community events attended, the number of HEAL provider events hosted, the percentage of families linked to desired services, the percentage of families who indicated that case management and wellness services improved their well-being, the percentage of families who are more knowledgeable about how to access community resources, and creating a space for providers and families to share system barriers and discuss opportunities.

Ms. Hixon inquired as to what services the community was requesting and how the services were provided. Ms. Ukpai responded that they were requesting financial assistance (rental), food assistance, mental health services, and transportation services. Ms. Bush explained that once a family is referred to the program, an assessment is conducted and the family is then linked to the appropriate services that can either be provided in their home, in the community, or in the HEAL Program offices, wherever the family feels most comfortable. Ms. Hixon inquired as to any

plans to expand Eagles Haven, pointing out that it takes the stigma out of asking for help and that some families can't easily make it to Eagles Haven from other parts of the County. She also appreciated the in-home component, noting that it had been of value to her son following the MSD tragedy.

Discussion ensued on food/housing resources available in the County.

Mr. Paul Jacquith, Mental Health America, introduced Shajuana Taylor as the Director of their HEAL Program and expressed gratitude for the HEAL program they have operated in Pompano and Deerfield Beach for about three years now. He stressed that the economic challenges are real and they appreciate the opportunity to work in a very fluid manner. He pointed out that of their five CMHWs, all are from that area and two were former HEAL clients who now have full-time employment working in their community providing these services. He added that they are working with the library, which has become an informal drop-in center for kids after school, to bring services to those kids hanging out there, as well as working with local churches because that's where people go and who they trust. He said they utilize all of those resources, which is part of the training the CMHWs receive. He described the program as a forward-thinking project and shared that they were honored to work with CSC to bring these services to the community. He added that the CSC Team is fantastic to work with and very responsive.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Dr. Christine Thompson, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDEES (*denotes speaker)

Name	Organization
Alison Rodriguez	YMCA of South Florida
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children and Families
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Paul Jaquith*	Mental Health America
Shajuana Taylor	Mental Health America/HEAL Program
Gabe Ochoa	YMCA of South Florida
Denissa Facey	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Teves Bush	Department of Juvenile Justice
Mark Reyes	Urban League of Broward County
Ana Valladares	Mujeres Latinas Empowering Women

TAB N

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Service Goal	2.2 Children live in financially stable environments.
Objective:	027 Assist families to achieve financial stability through promoting EITC, workforce development, providing financial coaching, basic needs, and support for the homeless continuum of care.
Issue:	Expanding Availability of Eviction and Homelessness Prevention Services.
Action:	Approve Community Collaborative Agreement between CSC and Legal Aid Services of Broward County.
Budget Impact:	\$500,000 Of \$500,000 Available in Unallocated in Goal 027 for FY 24/25.

Background: Broward County has been experiencing a housing crisis, with inflated home prices, increased rental costs, a shortage of affordable housing, and a growing number of children and families facing homelessness. The Council has funded homelessness prevention support for children and families by using emergency flex funds available in many Council-funded programs to help families overcome unexpected temporary financial hardships.

The Broward County Human Services Department (BCHD) has been funding a rental assistance program operated by the Family Success Centers. Recently, it increased funding from \$210,000 to \$360,000, recognizing the growing need to support children and families and prevent homelessness.

Beginning in 2022, The Manne Foundation committed \$1 million dollars to Legal Aid to support the Manne Homelessness Prevention Program at Legal Aid. This program employs a dedicated attorney and paralegal to work directly with people facing eviction and landlords to prevent homelessness. According to the Manne Homeless Prevention Program, since the program began over 1.5 years ago, 472 individuals have received assistance, including 200 adults and 272 children.

At the May budget retreat, the Council set aside \$500,000 to address homeless prevention and staff have been exploring how best to deploy those funds.

Current Status: As discussed during the Council Roundtable on the HEAL RFP, the overwhelming biggest stressor on families is housing insecurity. As housing prices have skyrocketed, families have found themselves falling behind and not knowing where to turn. While, CSC has allowed the HEAL programs to use flex funds to assist families, we have recognized this solution is being deployed with no legal safeguards. However, it is also clear that homeless prevention efforts are more cost-beneficial compared to supporting an individual once they begin experiencing homelessness. The average cost per individual to prevent homelessness is \$1,068.94, as opposed to a cost of \$47,000 for the County to support one homeless individual per year.

Recognizing the enormous Return on Investment (ROI) both when looked at through an economic lens and through a societal lens, in FY 24/25, in addition to increasing funding to the Family Success Centers, BCHD increased its investment in homelessness prevention through its partnerships with Legal Aid Services of Broward County and Coast to Coast Legal Aid Services. BCHD allocated \$1 million dollars to be split between these two organizations. One of those contracts will focus on seniors and the other on children and families and adults under 60 years old.

To build on the success of the Manne Foundation and BCHD, staff recommends entering into a community collaborative partnership with Legal Aid Services of Broward County, Broward County Human Services Department, and the Manne Foundation to expand Legal Aid's homeless prevention program by an additional \$500,000. With the additional funds, Legal Aid can hire another dedicated attorney, paralegal, and legal assistant to prevent more children and families from becoming homeless. The CSC funds will be allocated to referrals made by designated CSC-funded programs and families referred by ChildNet who have been reunified or are eligible to be reunified and are experiencing a temporary financial challenge. We will also encourage Legal Aid to make referrals to CSC funded programs for case management or other support as appropriate.

Recommended Action: Approve Community Collaborative Agreement between CSC and Legal Aid Services of Broward County.

TAB O

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue:	Broward Promise Neighborhood (Broward PN) Grant
Action(s):	Approve Broward PN Administrative Grant Budget
Budget Impact:	Allocate Total Budget for PN Grant in Special Revenue Funds for FY 24/25 and Calendar Year 2025.

Background: In October 2021, Broward College, with 12 community partners, was awarded \$30 million for a 5-year US Department of Education (USDOE) Promise Neighborhood Grant (i.e., \$6 million each year with a dollar for dollar cost share) to fund interconnected, two-generational, local cradle to career pipelines in the following zip codes: 33309, 33311, 33313, 33319, 33023, 33069. The pipelines include: (1) Early Care and Education/Kindergarten Readiness; (2) K-12 Success; (3) High School to Postsecondary Transition and Completion; (4) 21st Century Workforce and Talent Development; and (5) Mobilizing Broward Up Community.

In April 2022, the Council approved (1) CSC's participation in the Broward College Promise Neighborhood grant, (2) receipt of \$500,000 to serve an additional 115 middle school youth in the designated zip codes from three CSC Youth Force Providers (i.e., Firewall, Urban League of Broward, YMCA), and (3) use of \$500,000 of CSC's Youth Force investment to satisfy the required cost share.

In May 2024, Broward College indicated they would no longer serve as the Lead Agency administering the Promise Neighborhood Grant. Working directly with the USDOE, Broward College selected Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to be the Lead Agency/Principal Investigator for the Broward PN grant. In June 2024, the Council approved staff to Engage in Negotiations with FAU and Westat (USDOE's consultant) to determine the feasibility of CSC collaboratively taking over many of the grant responsibilities for the Promise Neighborhood Grant that align with CSC's mission and subject to approval by USDOE.

Current Status: On September 26, 2024, the Council approved the acceptance of the PN Grant revenue and related expenditures of \$354,750 for calendar year 2024 (which can rollover into calendar year 2025) and \$3.39 million a year for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026 contingent upon FAU's receipt of funds from USDOE. The Council also approved entering into the contract with FAU pending final legal approval.

On October 15, Florida Atlantic University (FAU) provided CSC with a Pre-Award Authorization Prior to Subaward Issuance which authorized CSC to begin spending on the project starting October 1, 2024. This agreement officially allowed CSC to commence work on the contract. Thus, staff has begun hiring to support this grant – starting by offering opportunities to existing staff with the intention of backfilling any staff moved into these positions so our work can continue at its current high quality. Everyone is clearly aware of the time limited nature of grant funded positions.

The subaward also allowed us to begin negotiations with the 13 subcontractors who will be continuing the services they were performing under contract with Broward College but now with more clarity around who they should be serving and how they should be measuring impact. This will be further addressed in the Issue Paper behind Tab P.

FAU and CSC are now in the midst of finalizing the subaward agreement for \$354,750 for a term which goes through December 31, 2026, with the understanding that the agreement will be amended with the new dollar amounts as FAU receives the money from USDOE. CSC is expected to receive a total of \$7,134,750 over the life of the grant period - with all other terms remaining the same. Legal Counsel is reviewing the agreement.

Since FAU will likely receive the additional funds which will allow them to amend the subaward to CSC with the additional funds prior to the next CSC meeting in January, staff is providing the Council with three Issue Papers containing action items that will give staff the budget authority to be able to allocate the Administrative Budget (see below), enter into contracts with our subcontractors (see Tab P) and contracts with the subcontractor for Asset Based Community Development (see Tab Q). No subcontracts beyond \$354,750 will be executed until our agreement with FAU for the \$3.39 million has been executed.

The administrative budget below details the costs associated with starting this project and is broken out by the calendar year. Staff are accounting for the PN grant using a Special Revenue Fund so that it can be reported exclusively. This new fund will be reflected in future financial statements, which will show both a General Fund and a Special Revenue Fund, ensuring clear and transparent financial management. The PN Administrative budget includes expenses for hiring staff, entering data into the system, acquiring necessary supplies, leasing office space, and purchasing hardware and software. These resources are essential for setting up the infrastructure needed to manage the grant effectively.

Budget: October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024	Dollars
Salaries & Fringe	\$192,460
Lease Space & Build-Out	\$23,000
Materials & Supplies	\$3,000
New Hardware & Software	\$27,063
Travel & Mileage	\$3,509
Telecommunications & Installation	\$7,243
Furniture	\$39,500
Indirect Costs	\$32,250
Programmatic Costs	\$26,725
Total	\$354,750

The budget detailed below is based on a calendar year per the PN Grant requirements. However, CSC operates on a fiscal year. The budget will be accounted for in the financial statements using a fiscal year ending 2025, and the remaining budget will be accounted for in FY 25/26.

Budget: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025	Dollars
Salaries & Fringe	\$923,810
Lease Space	\$162,000
Materials & Supplies	\$10,000
Software	\$14,250
Travel & Mileage	\$7,750
Telecommunication	\$11,016
Indirect Costs (include UW Admin \$8,700)	\$308,182
Programmatic Costs – Sub Recipient	\$1,752,992
Programmatic Costs - ABCD	\$200,000
Total	\$3,390,000

As mentioned above, this grant requires a dollar-for-dollar cost share. This requirement created a lot of issues for Broward College, many of the subrecipients (other than CSC) and now for FAU since they have limited access to unrestricted dollars. As discussed at previous Council Meetings, a large percentage of CSC's funding is currently allocated to serving children and families in these zip codes with services that are addressing precisely the same goals as the Promise Neighborhood grant. Therefore, it will be relatively easy for CSC to account for the money spent on those services and provide

that to FAU as proof that the cost share is being met locally. This may amount to \$20-\$25 million over the life of the grant. While this is a lot of money, staff has done an analysis of CSC funding over the past year that proves this will not be a difficult hurdle to overcome especially since we can count funding expensed over the life of the grant.

Recommended Action(s): Approve Broward PN Administrative Budget

TAB P

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Service Goal	Various Service Goals.
Issue:	Broward Promise Neighborhood (Broward PN) Grant.
Action:	(1) Approval of Promise Neighborhood (PN) subcontracts, contingent upon receipt of the 12-month grant, pending FAU receipt of funds from USDOE. (2) Approve the removal of \$500,000 in revenue and related expenditures from the General Fund.
Budget Impact:	\$1,752,992 Of \$1,752,992 anticipated to be available in Special Revenue Funds for Calendar Year 2025.

Background: In October, Florida Atlantic University (FAU) provided the Children's Services Council (CSC) with an award letter. This letter outlines a budget period starting from October 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2026. The initial funding amount is \$354,750, with an estimated total funding of \$7,134,750 expected over the grant period. This award letter officially allows CSC to commence work on the contract.

The revised Broward PN proposal includes CSC's oversight for 13 sub-award service provision contracts beginning January 1, 2025 (many of whom are existing CSC providers), new CSC grant-funded positions for two years, community hubs with CSC offices in the desired neighborhoods, and an opportunity to leverage Asset-Based Community Development to support Community Leadership/governing of the PN processes and outcomes.

Current Status: CSC staff are negotiating the subcontract agreements with the service providers to gain a full understanding of each program's service parameters. The current list of PN contracts includes a collection of services that either enhance an existing program or expand a program beyond its current parameters. As such, the cost per participant varies from program to program. Prior to contract execution, staff will ensure that each program has the necessary resources to provide services that meet the contract's deliverables. The revised agreements will be implemented on January 1, 2025, pending receipt of the 12-month contract between CSC, FAU, and USDOE.

Current CSC-funded contracts are being rolled into the Promise Neighborhood grant, and therefore, staff is also requesting approval to remove \$500,000 in revenue and related expenditure from the General Fund.

The award amounts below are estimated amounts that may vary up to 10% among the providers without exceeding the \$1,952,992 cap. The request for approval of the subcontract agreements includes the following:

Provider	Proposed Number to Be Served	Proposed 2025 Award
Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (033)	200 youth	\$100,000.00
Firewall Centers (031)	35 youth	\$143,780.00
Helping Advance and Nurture Development of Youth (HANDY) (033)	100 youth	\$100,000.00
Urban League of Broward County (031)	25 youth	\$111,000.00
YMCA (031)	50 youth	\$245,220.00
YMCA (072)	100 children	\$200,000.00
Hispanic Unity of Florida (033)	35 youth	\$70,326.00
PACE Center for Girls (033)	50 youth	\$100,000.00
OIC of South Florida (034)	100 youth & adults	\$100,000.00
United Way of Broward County (Broward Partnership for the Homeless) (027); (Admin Fees of \$8,700 will come from indirect rate, reflected in the Admin Budget)	250 adults 70 youth	\$87,000.00
Fort Lauderdale Independence, Training & Education Center (FLITE Center) (041) – Providers	100 youth	\$100,000.00
Urban League of Broward County (027)	200 families	\$379,713.00
Unallocated	TBD	\$15,953.00
Totals		\$1,752,992.00

Recommended Action: (1) Approval of Promise Neighborhood (PN) subcontracts, contingent upon receipt of the 12-month grant, pending FAU receipt of funds from USDOE.

(2) Approve the removal of \$500,000 in revenue and related expenditures from the General Fund.

TAB Q

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

System Goal	SYS 1.2 Research and Evaluate Systems of Care.
Objective:	SYS 923 Collaborate with community partnerships to promote child and family research initiatives.
Issue:	A Little Help Never Hurt (ALHNNH) Promise Neighborhood Contracts, Fiscal Sponsor Fees, and Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Procurement Extension.
Action(s):	<p>(1) Approve 2 month Promise Neighborhood (PN) Grant funding and contract for ALHNNH Facilitation & Coaching Services for November 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.</p> <p>(2) Approve Annual PN contract for ALHNNH for January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025 contingent upon receipt of the 12-month grant, pending FAU receipt of funds from USDOE.</p> <p>(3) Approve Fiscal Sponsor Fees for ALHNNH Promise Neighborhood contract for January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, contingent upon receipt of the 12-month grant, pending FAU receipt of funds from USDOE.</p> <p>(4) Approve Extension per Grant Procurement Exemption Policy for the ABCD Facilitation and Coaching Procurement.</p>
Budget Impact:	<p>\$26,725 of \$26,725 Available in Special Revenue Funds in Goal 923 for FY 24/25</p> <p>\$200,000 of \$200,000 anticipated to be Available in Special Revenue Funds for Calendar Year 25.</p> <p>\$10,500 of \$16,225 Available in General Fund in Goal 013 for FY 24/25.</p>

Background: In January 2023, A Little Help Never Hurt, LLC (ALHNNH) was awarded the Facilitation and Coaching Services RFP and was then funded by the Council to provide the administrative services necessary to support the Asset Based Community Development civic design teams. ALHNNH has been successfully providing Facilitation and Coaching services along with providing administrative support services (i.e., stipend payments to the Community Connectors and supporting the Community Grants) to three Civic Design Teams (Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Hollywood). In September 2024, the Council approved the receipt of FAU PN funding for three months of staffing and startup costs and services, including ALHNNH.

Current Status: The Promise Neighborhood grant funding for ABCD facilitation and coaching services is to begin in November 2024 in the cities of West Park and Lauderdale Lakes. The PN grant funding for the calendar year January 2025 to December 2025 supports the five Civic Design Teams that will participate in the PN Participatory Governance processes (West Park, Lauderhill, Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Pompano Beach/Collier City).

The Council approved a fiscal sponsor for ALHNNH in October 2024. The Fiscal sponsor fee is \$10,500 for the Promise Neighborhood 2025 agreement through September 30, 2025. While the fee may be more for the calendar year, CSC can only appropriate that amount up to the end of the fiscal year to align with our policies.

Additionally, the last year of the Facilitation and Coaching RFP is 2025. Utilizing CSC's Grant Procurement Exemption policy, staff recommend extending the procurement through January 2027 to ensure continuity of services for the Promise Neighborhood Grant.

Recommended Action(s): (1) Approve 2 month Promise Neighborhood (PN) Grant funding and contract for ALHNNH Facilitation & Coaching Services for November 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

(2) Approve Annual PN contract for ALHNNH for January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, contingent upon receipt of the 12-month grant, pending FAU receipt of funds from USDOE.

(3) Approve Fiscal Sponsor Fees for ALHNNH Promise Neighborhood contract for January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, contingent upon receipt of the 12-month grant, pending FAU receipt of funds from USDOE.

(4) Approve Extension per Grant Procurement Exemption Policy for the ABCD Facilitation and Coaching Procurement.

TAB R

Children's Services Council of Broward County 2025

Policy Priorities & Recommendations

1. Support appropriation requests by Children's Services Council-funded providers. The following are requests that we are aware of at this time.
 - Hispanic Unity
 - Workforce Education
 - FLITE Center
 - JAFCO
 - Eagle's Haven
 - Ability Center
 - Junior Achievement
 - David Posnack JCC
 - Sunrise Day Camp Fort Lauderdale and Sunrise on Wheels
2. Maintain Title IV-E federal funding and the scope of practice for Legal Aide services.
3. Advocate for funding to design and build a new Juvenile Detention Center in Broward County.
 - The Department of Juvenile Justice has put forth a two-part request for the new Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center in the FY25/26 budget: \$2,375,727 for the pre-construction Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services of a new residential program and \$10,000,000 to begin construction. They intend to request \$10,000,000 / year for three additional years to cover the construction costs projected to total \$39.590,500.
4. Support the designation of the Blanche Ely and Sanders Park neighborhoods as a Florida Children's Initiative zone and endorse the identification of Blanche Ely High School as the community hub for the Pompano RYZE Exit 36 Initiative. This designation will advance educational outcomes, and youth and family development.
 - The FCI designation and respective funding will be layered with the Federal Promise Neighborhood Grant.
5. Continue improving the youth Baker Act process in Broward County by promoting policy to coordinate and expedite communication among providers of youth who have undergone an involuntary Baker Act.
 - The Broward Data Collective and Children's Services Council of Broward County created *We Are Supported*, a governance, legal, technology, and service delivery structure to improve outcomes and reduce costs for youth experiencing a Baker Act admission due to a mental health crisis.
6. Support legislation to expand School Readiness eligibility for children with special needs and to provide inclusive education training for School Readiness program providers.
7. Champion policy priorities led by the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts.

TAB S

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

System Goal	SYS 1.2 Research and Evaluate Systems of Care.
Objective:	SYS 923 Collaborate with community partnerships to promote child and family research initiatives.
Issue:	Grant from Community Foundation of Broward to support an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) project in Pompano.
Action:	Approve Revenue from Community Foundation of Broward and Contract with A Little Help Never Hurt for ABCD for FY 24/25.
Budget Impact:	\$ 40,000 New Revenue and Related Expenditures in Goal 923 for FY 24/25.

Background: The Council has been funding and expanding their commitment to Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) since 2021 and is currently providing funding for Civic Design Teams (CDT) in four neighborhoods (Lauderhill, Fort Lauderdale District 3, Hollywood, and Pompano Beach/Collier City). In October 2024, the Council approved the Urban League to be A Little Help Never Hurt (ALHNNH)'s Fiscal Sponsor for FY 24/25 to provide technical assistance and fiscal support.

In 2008, the Florida Legislature assigned The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida to administer the Florida Children's Initiative (FCI) (Florida Statute 409.147). FCI assists disadvantaged areas to create a network of services that "develops, coordinates, and provides quality education, accessible health care, youth development programs, opportunities for employment, and safe and affordable housing for children and families living within its boundaries" (<https://www.ounce.org/fci.html>).

Current Status: In the summer of 2024, staff worked with the Community Foundation of Broward (CFB) and residents living in the Blanche Ely and Saunders Park neighborhood to write a proposal to add this neighborhood to the Florida Children's Initiative (FCI) placed based family cradle to career programming. Recognizing the value of employing the ABCD process in the creation of the Florida Children's Initiative proposal, the Community Foundation of Broward would like to support a Civic Design Team in the Blanche Ely and Saunders Parks neighborhood in Pompano Beach.

With the addition of this funding and the Promise Neighborhood grant to the existing CSC projects, ALHNNH will be supporting a total of seven Civic Design Teams, including the five that will participate in the PN Participatory Governance processes (West Park, Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Pompano Beach/Collier City), Hollywood, and Pompano Beach/Ely Neighborhood. In order to ensure consistency in managing ALHNNH and the multiple projects, CFB has awarded \$40,000 to CSC to execute and manage a passthrough contract with ALHNNH. CSC is retaining none of the money.

Once approved, this CFB contract will not have a Fiscal Sponsor Fee, as the provider has reached the maximum fee cap of \$25,000 with the CSC and Promise Neighborhood contracts.

Recommended Action: Approve Revenue from Community Foundation of Broward and Contract with A Little Help Never Hurt for ABCD for FY 24/25.

TAB T

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

System Goal	SYS 1.2 Research and Evaluate Systems of Care.
Objective:	SYS 923 Collaborate with community partnerships to promote child and family research initiatives.
Issue:	Potential Partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Support of Participatory Governance.
Action:	Approve Staff to Submit a Proposal to Partner with Annie E. Casey Foundation on Promise Neighborhood Participatory Governance.
Budget Impact:	Not Applicable.

The Background: The Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) is a national philanthropic organization that has funded programs, research, and communities to improve the lives and outcomes of children and families. Since 1948, AECF has invested in juvenile detention alternatives, child welfare system improvements, and community development to create conditions where children and families can thrive. Specifically, AECF has funded the University of Pennsylvania's Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP) to support the promulgation of state and local integrated data systems using an inclusion lens. Over the years, the Council has received AISP funding provided by AECF, including the 2023 community participatory action research project with youth and parents who experienced the Baker Act system.

Current Status: At the October 2024 AISP convening, CSC staff met with AECF staff to discuss the Council's participatory research, participatory budgeting through the Asset Based Community Development initiative, and the upcoming participatory governing process through the Broward Promise Neighborhood grant. AECF is very interested in partnering with CSC to support the participatory governance work, be a thought partner, and learn together what is working and what is not. Upon Council approval, staff will submit a proposal to AECF to fund activities to enhance the Promise Neighborhood participatory governing work including expertise related community engagement, data literacy, inclusion accountability, artists to work with Promise Neighborhood Civic Design Teams. Once finalized, staff will bring AECF's funding and scope of work to the Council for approval.

Recommended Action: Approve Staff to Submit a Proposal to Partner with Annie E. Casey Foundation on Promise Neighborhood Participatory Governance.

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Service Goal	1 Support provider agency efforts to enhance their infrastructure and service delivery effectiveness.
Objective:	011 Provide training, coaching, and technical assistance to improve organizational effectiveness.
Issue:	Extend CSC Trainer Cadre RFQ to allow for development of a new automated application process
Action:	Approve Extension of Trainer Cadre RFQ until May 2025
Budget Impact:	Expenditures will be brought forward in Purchases as trainings are scheduled throughout the Fiscal Year.

Background: To enhance and support the quality of programs and services funded by the Children's Services Council (CSC) for over 20 years, CSC staff have made high-quality training opportunities accessible and affordable to more than 30,000 professionals working with children and families in Broward County. These comprehensive training programs aim to increase knowledge and skills while promoting professional development. In June 2015, CSC successfully issued its first Trainer Cadre Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Since then, two additional RFQs have been released, expanding the cadre to include a broader range of subject matter experts.

Current Status: Trainers approved through the RFQ are considered "qualified vendors". They are not awarded any money through the procurement rather when trainings are needed which match their qualifications, contract approval is sought through the monthly purchases which are brought to the Council for approval. After each training satisfaction surveys are administered, and each trainer is subsequently deployed based on the need for that training and the success of prior training provided.

The latest RFQ cycle expired September 30, 2024. As part of ongoing efforts to improve and modernize CSC's training program administration, staff has been exploring developing an online, rolling application process. Unfortunately, this process has gotten bogged down due to competing priorities. Therefore, staff plans to release another version of the regular process as soon as possible to provide time for the digital process to be carefully developed.

In order to be sure there is no break in the training being offered, staff is seeking approval to extend the current RFQ cycle through May 2025.

Recommended Action: Approve Extension of Trainer Cadre RFQ until May 2025.

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Service Goal	2.2 Children live in financially stable environments.
Objective:	026 Promote food security for families.
Issue:	Harvest Drive Contract Adjustment
Action:	Approve contract adjustment for Harvest Drive to reinstate the COLA Adjustment.
Budget Impact:	\$4,205 Of \$87,576 Available in Unallocated in Goal 026 for FY 24/25.

Background: Approximately 20% of children in Broward County experience food insecurity. In response, the Children's Services Council (CSC) has supported childhood hunger relief initiatives since 2006. Various community organizations are working to address this issue and are striving to reach children and families who depend on hunger relief programs to remain healthy and thrive. One such organization, Harvest Drive, provides non-perishable food, toiletries, and new and gently used essential clothing and household items to children and families who struggle to meet their basic needs.

Current Status: Each November, the Harvest Drive organization partners with more than 180 Broward County public schools, as well as many private schools, civic organizations, and businesses to provide a week's worth of groceries and a gift card or perishable food items to complete a Thanksgiving meal to more than 2,250 families. For the FY 24/25 CSC offered its providers a 5% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment). In the initial 24/25 FY contract discussion, Harvest Drive turned down the 5% COLA because of a perceived audit requirement. After a deeper review of their fiscal infrastructure, Harvest Drive contacted CSC to reclaim the COLA amount of \$4,205. This request was made after the CSC budget had been approved and the contract initiated.

Recommended Action: Approve contract adjustment for Harvest Drive to reinstate the COLA Adjustment.

TAB W

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

System Goal	SYS 2 Educate the public about the availability of community resources and advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families.
Objective:	SYS 932 Educate Broward's taxpayers about issues, resources, and services available for Broward's children and families using the full spectrum of media and community outreach tools to improve the community's awareness of available resources.
Issue:	Public Awareness Media and Collateral Purchase Plan.
Action:	Approve Public Awareness Media and Collateral Purchase Plan FY 24/25.
Budget Impact:	\$148,800 Of \$600,000 Available in Goal 932 for FY 24/25.

Background: Over the years, the Children's Services Council (CSC) has made concerted efforts to educate the community about the resources available through CSC funding, as well as to highlight the value and impact of the organization. These efforts have included utilizing a wide range of media platforms and organizing or participating in hundreds of community events annually. This outreach is conducted with the understanding that Broward County is a diverse community, where individuals access and engage with information through various channels.

Current Status: At the May Budget Retreat, the Council approved a \$1 million budget for both mainstream and niche media to support a variety of CSC-led public awareness campaigns and to promote CSC-funded services. CSC staff, in collaboration with the communications and public affairs consultant, continuously assess the effectiveness of the organization's media strategy. They evaluate engagement with media partners and vendors based on the needs of diverse audiences and the scope of events. This process will occur periodically throughout the fiscal year.

In addition, the CSC Purchasing Department has provided bid information for vendors to supply collateral and translation services. At this time, staff is recommending the following vendors and proposed budget allocations for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

VENDOR	AREA	AMOUNT
Corporate Graffiti	Collateral	\$75,000
Biltmore	Collateral	\$10,000
Langworld	Translation Services	\$5,000
Point! Publishing	Print Ads; Blog; E-blasts; Camp Fairs	\$15,000
KBK Group	Quarterly Print & On-Line	\$15,000
Mediaworks Advertising Solutions	Marketing Displays	\$28,800
	Total	\$148,800

Recommended Action: Approve Public Awareness Media and Collateral Purchase Plan FY 24/25

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Issue:	Frederick A. DeLuca Funding Reallocation
Action:	Approve Reallocation of Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation funding
Budget Impact:	\$31,500 Added to Back to School in Goal 072. \$25,538 Added to Read for the Record in Goal 053 <u>\$5,368</u> Added to Unallocated in Goal 022 \$62,406 Frederick A. DeLuca Revenue Reappropriated for FY 24/25

Background: In June 2020, the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation provided funding to CSC to expand Positive Youth Development (PYD) programs. As a result of under-enrollment, PYD programs underutilized for fiscal year 23/24 in the amount of \$62,407. In lieu of returning the remaining funds, the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation approved reallocating the funds to other CSC initiatives.

Current Status: CSC submitted a proposal to the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation requesting to re-allocate underutilized funding to:

- **\$31,500 to GOAL 072** for the 15th annual Back-to-School Extravaganza to provide the capacity to outfit and equip students with the essential supplies and resources needed to enable students to thrive in their academics.
- **\$25,538 to GOAL 053** to expand literacy efforts in Broward County through our annual Read for the Record Campaign, Broward Reads literacy initiatives, and an event bringing awareness to illiteracy in American communities.
- **\$5,368 to GOAL 022** for the Broward Kinship Conference. The goal of the conference is to engage and educate kinship families, develop their social connections and supports, and celebrate their invaluable contributions to the care and protection of Broward's children.

The Foundation granted the funding reallocation, and the staff is requesting approval to appropriate the funds as specified above.

Recommended Action: Approve Reallocation of Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation funding.

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Service Goal	7 Improve the availability and quality of out-of-school time programs to promote school success of children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.
Objective:	072 Provide quality out-of-school programs to support school success for children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.
Issue:	Subaru Love to Help Socks and Shoes Donation.
Action:	Approve Acceptance of the Subaru Love to Help Socks and Shoes Donation.
Budget Impact:	None.

Background: The Children's Services Council (CSC) of Broward County is dedicated to supporting children from economically disadvantaged families, ensuring they have the resources needed for a successful school year. As part of this commitment, CSC provides free school supplies and other essentials to equip children for academic success. CSC continues to build partnerships with local businesses to enhance the quality of life for children and families in Broward County.

Current Status: CSC has recently partnered with "Operation Warm", a national nonprofit organization that provides basic needs to foster warmth, confidence, and hope among children. Through "Operation Warm", CSC Broward was connected with Subaru of Pembroke Pines "Loves to Help" program, which aims to assist families experiencing homelessness by providing essential items such as coats, shoes, and socks. As part of this collaboration, Subaru of Pembroke Pines has generously agreed to donate shoes and socks for approximately 192 children in Broward County. CSC staff, in coordination with Subaru representatives, will organize a gifting event scheduled for February 2025 to distribute these items to children in need.

Recommended Action: Approve Acceptance of the Subaru Love to Help Socks and Shoes Donation.

TAB 23

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

System Goal	SYS 2 Educate the public about the availability of community resources and advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families.
Objective:	SYS 932 Educate Broward's taxpayers about issues, resources and services available for Broward's children and families using the full spectrum of media and community outreach tools to improve community's awareness of available resources.
Issue:	2 nd Biannual Media, Communication, and Community Engagement Report
Action:	FYI
Budget Impact:	None.

Background: Since its establishment, the Children Services Council (CSC) has proactively sought to educate the community about the resources and programs available through CSC funding and partnerships. Through a comprehensive media strategy and participation in hundreds of community events across the county, CSC staff strive 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. CSC's communication strategy emphasizes inclusion and strives to reach every community member, regardless of their preferred way of interacting with the Council.

Current Status: The second bi-annual report for FY23/24 captures the CSC's media, communication, and community engagement activities from April 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024. During this period, CSC's efforts were directed toward building community dialogue, raising awareness on child-serving issues, and gathering feedback. Key metrics from this period include:

- **Events & Participation:** CSC staff participated in 54 events across the county, drawing a cumulative attendance of 21,120 individuals.
- **Collaterals Distributed:** Approximately 17,120 pieces of CSC-branded materials were distributed at these events.
- **Location Distribution:** 32% of these events took place in the City of Fort Lauderdale, highlighting the need to expand CSC's presence in other cities.
- **Social Media Growth:** CSC's digital footprint continues to grow, with followership across platforms reaching 9,691 on Facebook, 3,157 on Instagram, and 2,829 on Twitter.

The CSC's Outreach Team will leverage this data to refine its outreach plan and identify areas requiring increased presence. The creative strategies employed by CSC have proven effective in fostering genuine interactions with community members and collecting valuable feedback that will guide future engagement initiatives.

Recommended Action: FYI.

TAB 24

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue: Budget Carry Forward for FY Ended September 30, 2024.

Action: Approve Budget Carry Forward from FY 23/24 into FY 24/25.

Budget Impact: \$1,346,359 Additional Budget in Various Line Items for FY 24/25.

Background: Each year, there are Purchase Orders (“PO”) and contracts where the work may not have been completed during the fiscal year or the contract spans fiscal years. These POs and related budget amounts are “carried forward” into the new fiscal year. Additionally, there may be underutilized budget that is carried forward into the subsequent year for continuation of various initiatives, start-up, or one-time expenses.

Current Status: Attached is a schedule detailing the requested carry forward items from FY 23/24. These items include programmatic contracts, technology projects, and facility related items that span fiscal years. These POs and contracts were presented to the Council and approved at various times during fiscal year 23/24. As is CSC’s practice, when the Provider is TBD or Unallocated, the expenditures will be brought back to the Council for approval as the providers and proposed budgets are determined.

Administrative budget carryforward includes unused facilities and technology budgets are carried forward to build reserves for future major projects such as replacement and/or repairs for the building and maintenance and improvement of our technologies/network. Of course, any proposals using this funding will be submitted for the Council’s approval.

Recommended Action: Approve Budget Carry Forward from FY 23/24 into FY 24/25.

**Children's Services Council of Broward
Budget Carry Forward from FY 23/24 to FY 24/25
General Revenue Fund**

			NOV 24 for FY 25
GOAL NAME	PROVIDER	DESCRIPTION	Requested CF Amount
<u>Service Goals:</u>			
Fiscal Support	TBD	Fiscal Sponsor Fees	\$47,182
Kinship	Broward Kinship Conference	Frederick A. Deluca Revenue Reappropriated for FY 24/25	\$5,368
Supervised Visitation	Children's Home Society, The		\$101,937
Youth Force	Firewall	Promise Up Grant-Crosses FY's	\$40,245
	Urban League	Promise Up Grant-Crosses FY's	\$35,893
	YMCA	Promise Up Grant-Crosses FY's	\$76,535
	Boys and Girls	StartUp	\$4,894
	Community Based Connection	StartUp	\$5,425
	Crockett Foundation	StartUp	\$6,994
	Firewall Center	StartUp	\$16,593
	Hispanic Unity	StartUp	\$1,487
	Memorial	StartUp	\$3,086
	Smith Mental Health Foundation	StartUp	\$681
	West Park	StartUp	\$30,446
	YMCA	StartUp	\$4,226
LEAP High	Community Based Connections	StartUp	\$12,546
	YMCA	StartUp	\$19,439
Grade Level Reading	Read for the Record Campaign	Frederick A. Deluca Revenue Reappropriated for FY 24/25	\$25,538
MOST Inclusion	Back to School Extravaganza	Frederick A. Deluca Revenue Reappropriated for FY 24/25	\$31,500
School Health	FL Dept of Health	To purchase privacy screens, emergency “go-bags,” emergency “med-bags,” rolling carts, medicine cabinets, and refrigerated medicine boxes.	\$199,992
Water Safety/Drowning Prevention	FL Dept of Health	To provide additional advertisements for the Water Watchers Campaign.	\$66,804
STEP	Ann Storck Center	StartUp	\$4,961
	Arc Broward	StartUp	\$1,810
	Center for Hearing & Communication	StartUp	\$743
	Goodwill Industries	StartUp	\$11,089
	Smith Community Mental Health	StartUp	\$502
	United Community Options	StartUp	\$9,565
	YMCA	StartUp	\$14,355
	Total Goals		\$779,836
<u>Capital Outlay:</u>			
		Reserve for future Technology projects (Possible projects :Application software, Financial system; Equipment)	\$379,318
			\$379,318
<u>Facilities Related:</u>			
	TBD	Facilities Reserves (Accumulation of unspent Facilities Budget from 12 past years)	\$187,205
			\$187,205
	Total Administration, Capital Outlay & Facility Related		\$566,523
	Total Carry Forwards		\$1,346,359

TAB 25

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue: Establish an Emergency Provider Billing Policy to Empower Staff to Act Quickly when Necessary.

Action: Approve Emergency Provider Billing Policy.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: The Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) is dedicated to supporting its Providers, especially in times of crisis. That has been proven time and time again in response to multiple crises – whether hurricane or pandemic or mass casualty event. In each of these cases, staff has brought forth a proposal for how billing practices or unit flexibility could be addressed.

Staff is proposing the creation of a general Emergency Provider Billing Policy to address the urgent needs of our community during such events, ensuring that critical services for children and families remain accessible and uninterrupted during challenging times. Emergencies, whether due to natural events, public health crises, or other unforeseen circumstances, often create barriers that disrupt normal operations. These can include damaged infrastructure, temporary service closures, or a sudden spike in demand for services.

This proposed policy will allow for a more flexible approach to billing and reimbursement, enabling Providers to continue offering essential services without facing immediate financial strain or delays in payment. The goal of the Emergency Provider Billing Policy is to create processes that can quickly adapt to the demands of emergencies, helping to ensure that support for vulnerable populations remains steady, even under difficult conditions.

Current Status: The proposed Emergency Provider Billing Policy has been designed to provide clear guidelines for billing during emergencies, ensuring that the process remains fair, transparent, and responsive to the unique challenges these situations present. By establishing this policy, CSC aims to empower Providers to respond more effectively in times of crisis, prioritizing the needs of children and families.

The policy would also give CSC staff the flexibility to quickly adjust protocols based on the nature of the emergency, ensuring that decisions can be made swiftly to support Providers and those they serve. At the same time, the policy ensures transparency and accountability by requiring CSC staff, where appropriate to report to the Council on the actions taken in response to an emergency, along with a summary of the response and any lessons learned.

Recommended Action: Approve Emergency Provider Billing Policy

Emergency Provider Billing Policy

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Purpose

In times of disaster, ensuring continuity of services and addressing the urgent needs of our community becomes a top priority. While recognizing that each emergency event brings about its own unique situations to meet the needs of the community, the Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) must have a clear and adaptable billing policy that allows for flexibility and responsiveness during emergencies. This Provider Emergency Billing Policy is designed to outline the guidelines that will be followed during emergency situations, ensuring that billing practices remain fair, transparent, and responsive to the unique challenges faced by the providers and the children and families we serve.

This policy will help manage financial processes in a way that supports uninterrupted service delivery while considering the difficulties experienced by those affected by the emergency. CSC is committed to operating with integrity, providing relief, and ensuring that our practices align with the immediate needs of all our Provider agencies.

Policy

The Council is granting the CSC staff the ability to take immediate action on an emergency event with the intent of minimizing disruption of services to children and families. CSC will contact all service providers and partner organizations to assess their level of impact by the emergency. The communication to Providers will include guidance on the next steps, timelines for updates, and a point of contact for ongoing support. Providers will also be encouraged to communicate their own operational challenges.

Where applicable, CSC will issue specific billing protocols tailored to the nature of the emergency to ensure Providers are clear on how to receive payment for services during the event. CSC staff will have the ability to modify the billing mechanism (units of services, cost reimbursement, or the most appropriate strategy) without exceeding the maximum amounts allowed by the contract terms. Billing modifications for school-based and after-school programs will also be reviewed and considered in relation to BCPS closure and make-up days procedures/guidelines. These directives will also address any modifications to documentation requirements, deadlines, or approval processes that may be necessary during the emergency. Providers will be given instructions to ensure compliance while minimizing disruption to service delivery.

Where applicable, after the immediate emergency response, CSC staff will provide an Issue Paper (IP) to the Council. This IP will outline the steps taken during the emergency, including the response strategy, actions implemented, communication with providers, and any challenges encountered. Where applicable, staff will also request

Emergency Provider Billing Policy

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ratifications or changes to provider services, funding allocations, or operational needs that arose during the emergency. The Council will review these recommendations, providing approvals or adjustments to ensure that any necessary modifications to service delivery are supported and that CSC is better prepared for future incidents.

TAB 26

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue: Budget Amendments and Preliminary Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024.

Action: Approve Budget Amendments and Preliminary Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024.

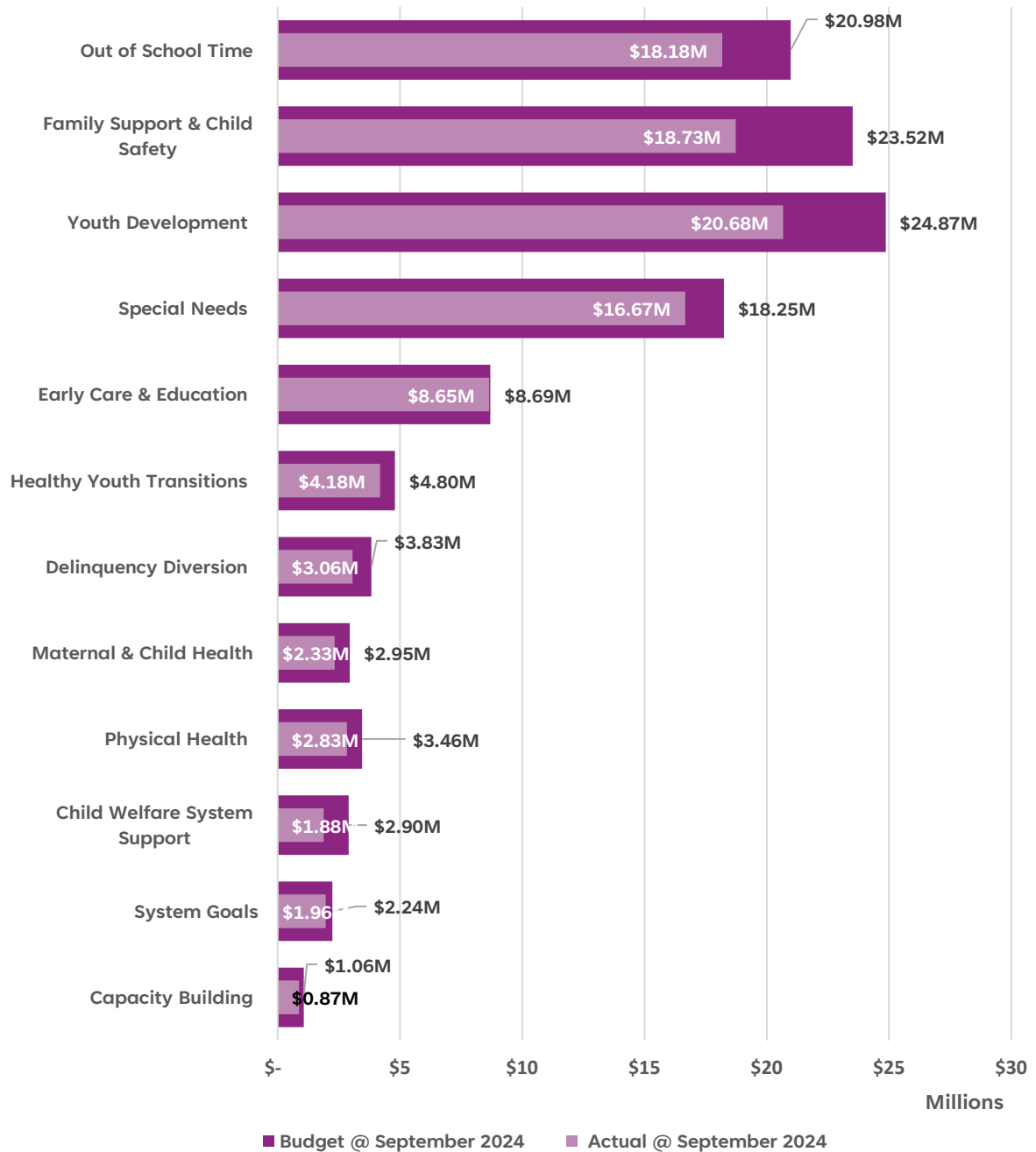
Budget Impact: None.

Background: The Preliminary Financial Statements for the fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2024, are attached for review and approval. There should be no changes (and if any, only minor changes) during the audit and preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. (ACFR).

Current Status: The major financial highlights of the period include:

- **Tax Revenue—100.10% of Budget Collected:** CSC collected \$117.2 million in tax revenue, exceeding the annual budget of \$117 million by a variance of 0.10%. Of the total collected, \$91,173 is for prior-year taxes.
- **Investments Earnings.** Interest earned on funds held at SBA (FL Prime), FL Palm, and Wells Fargo totaled \$5,482,408, significantly exceeding the amount earned in the previous year by 25% or \$1,098,623. Additionally, the Managed Fund Investments reported an unrealized gain of \$1,783,209 as of September 30, 2024, which is an increase of \$1,036,299 when compared to the prior fiscal year.
- **Program Services Expenditures were Under Budget:** The total Program Services/Support budget was \$120.1 million, while the related expenditures were \$100.1 million, resulting in a budget variance (underutilization) of \$20 million. Many programs were underutilized due to issues such as difficulties in hiring staff, obtaining referrals, regular attendance, and lower enrollment. This was the first year of the Family Supports RFP which included several new models that did not fully operationalize during the year. Staff have made changes to the scope of these contracts in FY25, which will help the provider to serve more clients and utilize their contracts accordingly. The Program Services Expenditures Budget to Actual Report (beginning on page 7) compares the budgeted and actual program expenditures. Overall program utilization was 83.36% for the fiscal year, which is 2% more than the previous year. The chart below provides a visual display of the program services budgeted to actual expenses by program goal area.

**Program Services Budget to Actual Expenditures
at 09.30.2024**



General Administration: General Administration came in under budget with a total actual administrative rate of 3.7%.

Fund Balance Increased By \$9.6 million: CSC ended the year with \$88.96 million in fund balance, an increase of \$9.6 million over the prior year. While programmatic underutilization contributed to the increase of Fund Balance, it is important to note that the substantial amount of \$7 million of unbudgeted interest earnings and unrealized gains also significantly contributed to the increase of Fund Balance. With the uncertainty of interest rates, it has been CSC's practice not to fully budget interest earnings and to move these funds into a reserve for a possible new building in the future.

While Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) limits the way Fund Balance can be categorized in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), the Fund Balance may be categorized in specific classifications in the Interim Financial Statements as detailed below for the FY 23-24.

Fund Balance Fiscal Year 23-24	
Ending Fund Balance 9/30/2024	\$88,964,703
Nonspendable Fund Balance (Prepays)	(200,128)
Minimum Fund Balance	(23,594,565)
Committed for Building	(10,000,000)
Budgeted for FY24-25 programs approved in May 2024	(23,600,000)
Budget Carry Forward approved in October 2024	(203,394)
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance	\$31,366,616
Proposed Appropriations:	
FY24-25 Carry Forward for Contracts and POs	(1,346,359)
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance at 09/30/2024	\$30,020,257

Recommended Action: Approve Budget Amendments and Preliminary Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024.



**BUDGET AMENDMENTS and
PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Period Ended
September 30, 2024**

Submitted to Council Meeting November 21, 2024



Children's Services
Council of Broward County
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Children's Services Council of Broward County
Budget Amendments
for Period Ended September 30, 2024.

Description	Beginning Budget	Total Amendments	Ending Budget	Comments
	Annualized		Annualized	
Budget Amendments reflected in the financial statements subject to Council approval:				
<u>Revenue:</u>				
Promise Neighborhoods	685,772.00	(84,456.00)	601,316.00	To align the PN grant 2023 calendar year budget
Local Foundation Grants	1,473,150.00	(62,406.00)	1,410,744.00	To realign the Deluca Budget
Local Collaborative Events and Resources	143,421.00	7,150.00	150,571.00	Back to School donations CA 10.17.24
<u>Service Goals:</u>				
Youth FORCE, Goal 031	12,155,418.00	(62,038.00)	12,093,380.00	Delucca Funds CFWD in FY25 (see issue paper)
Youth FORCE, Goal 031	12,093,380.00	(84,456.00)	12,008,924.00	To align PN grant 2023 calendar year budget
Special Item Loss- Title IVE Goal 062	2,616,676.00	36,129.00	2,652,805.00	Moved from Unallocated -Title IVE Special Item Loss - CA 9.26.2024
Unallocated	1,618,187.00	(36,129.00)	1,582,058.00	Moved budget to Title IVE Special item Loss- CA 9.26.2024
Unallocated	1,582,058.00	(368.00)	1,581,690.00	Delucca Funds CFWD in FY25 (see issue paper)

Children's Services Council of Broward County
Balance Sheet
at September 30, 2024

	General Fund	Prior Year General Fund
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 4,691,824.10	\$ 4,556,459.46
Investments (Note #3)	70,313,658.29	57,800,277.63
Taxes Receivable	6,480.13	-
Investments -Managed Funds (Note #3)	27,082,512.24	25,299,302.72
Accounts and Interest Receivable	50,647.05	67,117.15
Due From Other Governments	919,272.01	720,074.29
Prepaid Items	200,128.19	179,980.63
Total Assets	<u>\$ 103,264,522.01</u>	<u>\$ 88,623,211.88</u>
LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	12,959,031.55	8,831,365.15
Salaries and Fringe Benefits Payable	488,240.53	454,455.36
Unearned Revenue	852,547.20	57,350.00
Total Liabilities	<u>14,299,819.28</u>	<u>9,343,170.51</u>
Fund Balance: (Note #4)		
Nonspendable	200,128.19	179,980.63
Committed for Building Fund	10,000,000.00	6,000,000.00
Committed for Carryforward FY24-25	1,549,753.00	1,235,194.00
Committed for Programs in FY24-25	23,600,000.00	19,000,000.00
Unassigned - Minimum Fund Balance	23,594,565.00	21,457,084.00
Unassigned Fund Balance	30,020,256.54	31,407,782.74
Total Fund Balance	<u>88,964,702.73</u>	<u>79,280,041.37</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 103,264,522.01</u>	<u>\$ 88,623,211.88</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Children's Services Council of Broward County
Budget to Actual (Budgetary Basis)
Annualized - Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	% of Actual to Budget
Revenues:				
Tax Revenue	\$ 117,085,410.00	\$ 117,207,208.38	\$ (121,798.38)	100.10%
Federal & State Grant Funding:				
Title IVE Legal Supports	425,000.00	361,599.57	63,400.43	85.08%
Title IVE Adoption	105,000.00	110,654.19	(5,654.19)	105.38%
Promise Neighborhood	601,316.00	389,679.03	211,636.97	64.80%
Interest Earnings (Note #3)	250,000.00	5,482,408.53	(5,232,408.53)	2192.96%
Investment-Gain(Loss)Managed Funds (Note #3)	-	1,783,209.52	(1,783,209.52)	
Local Foundation Grants	1,410,744.00	1,410,742.80	1.20	100.00%
Local Collaborative Events & Resources	180,571.00	214,410.82	(33,839.82)	118.74%
Training	10,000.00	10,010.00	(10.00)	100.10%
Budgeted Fund Balance & Carry Forward	20,027,185.00	-	20,027,185.00	0.00%
Total Revenues	\$ 140,095,226.00	\$ 126,969,922.84	\$ 13,125,303.16	90.63%
Expenditures:				
Program Services and Support:				
Program Services	119,975,445.00	100,013,349.40	19,962,095.60	83.36%
Monitoring	140,000.00	54,395.50	85,604.50	38.85%
Outcome/ Training Materials	57,650.00	42,216.42	15,433.58	73.23%
Total Program Services	120,173,095.00	100,109,961.32	20,063,133.68	
Employee Salaries	6,466,612.00	6,037,841.93	428,770.07	93.37%
Employee Benefits	2,946,350.00	2,404,220.17	542,129.83	81.60%
Consulting	17,800.00	2,800.00	15,000.00	15.73%
Material and Supplies	9,200.00	258.64	8,941.36	2.81%
Printing and Advertising	14,500.00	9,570.40	4,929.60	66.00%
Software Maintenance	160,520.00	104,157.14	56,362.86	64.89%
Telecommunications	26,700.00	17,790.19	8,909.81	66.63%
Travel / Dues & Fees	107,655.00	47,645.57	60,009.43	44.26%
Other Expenditures	36,633.00	19,747.04	16,885.96	53.91%
Total Program Support	9,785,970.00	8,644,031.08	1,141,938.92	
Total Program Services and Support	129,959,065.00	108,753,992.40	21,205,072.60	83.68%

Children's Services Council of Broward County
Budget to Actual (Budgetary Basis)- continued

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	% of Actual to Budget
General Administration:				
Employee Salaries	2,835,600.00	2,550,731.92	284,868.08	89.95%
Employee Benefits	1,226,757.00	1,015,368.60	211,388.40	82.77%
Legal Fees	40,000.00	36,519.00	3,481.00	91.30%
Auditors	40,000.00	36,000.00	4,000.00	90.00%
Other Consultants	73,500.00	19,068.50	54,431.50	25.94%
Insurance	98,252.00	90,021.08	8,230.92	91.62%
Materials and Supplies	143,788.00	55,903.01	87,884.99	38.88%
Printing and Advertising	16,500.00	8,510.75	7,989.25	51.58%
Facilities Management & Bldg Operations (incl. reserves)	500,219.00	233,025.04	267,193.96	46.58%
Software Maintenance	225,240.00	110,189.28	115,050.72	48.92%
Telecommunications	49,866.00	23,106.10	26,759.90	46.34%
Travel / Dues & Fees	55,835.00	25,859.57	29,975.43	46.31%
Other Expenditures	179,987.00	121,745.96	58,241.04	67.64%
Total General Administration	5,485,544.00	4,326,048.81	1,159,495.19	
Non-Operating:				
Tax Collection Fees	701,094.00	671,531.31	29,562.69	95.78%
Community Redevelopment Area Fees	3,393,701.00	3,372,806.01	20,894.99	99.38%
Total Non-Operating	4,094,795.00	4,044,337.32	50,457.68	
Total General Administration & Non-Operating	9,580,339.00	8,370,386.13	1,209,952.87	87.37%
Capital Outlay:				
Computer Hardware/Software	329,298.00	-	329,298.00	0.00%
Furniture/ Equipment	12,524.00	-	12,524.00	0.00%
Remodeling/Renovations	89,000.00	51,503.75	37,496.25	57.87%
Total Capital Outlay	430,822.00	51,503.75	379,318.25	11.95%
Lease & Subscription Software Expenditures: (Note #5)				
Lease Principal	34,929.00	19,369.72	15,559.28	55.45%
Lease Interest	871.00	809.48	61.52	92.94%
Subscription Software Principal	83,416.00	83,415.77	0.23	100.00%
Subscription Software Interest	5,784.00	5,784.23	(0.23)	100.00%
Total Lease & Software Subscription Expenditures	125,000.00	109,379.20	15,620.80	87.50%
Total Expenditures	\$ 140,095,226.00	\$ 117,285,261.48	\$ 22,809,964.52	83.72%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures		\$ 9,684,661.36		
Beginning Fund Balance		79,280,041.37		
Ending Fund Balance		\$ 88,964,702.73		



Children's Services Council of Broward County
 Program Expenditures By Goals
 Budget to Actual (Budgetary Basis)
 For the 12 Months Ended September 30, 2024

Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Goal & Objective	Agency/ Program Name	Annual Budget	YTD Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% of Budget	Ideal @ Sept.	Reimb. Type (Note #6)	Comments
Service Goals:								
Capacity Building & Training								
Training/Technical Assistance								
	Training	95,467.00	80,312.00	\$ 15,155.00	84.13%			
	Unallocated - Training/Technical Assistance	4,533.00	-	4,533.00	0.00%			
	Total Training/Technical Assistance	100,000.00	80,312.00	19,688.00	80.31%			
Organization & Capacity Building								
	Program Performance Consultants	72,000.00	56,750.00	15,250.00	78.82%			
	Equity Initiatives	183,469.00	25,101.00	158,368.00	13.68%			
	Leadership Initiatives	44,500.00	44,500.00	-	100.00%			
	Consulting and Capacity Building Grants	246,130.00	246,129.25	0.75	100.00%			
	Organizational Development Training	43,022.00	37,757.73	5,264.27	87.76%			
	Total Organization & Capacity Building	589,121.00	410,237.98	178,883.02	69.64%			
Fiscal Support								
	FLITE-FS KIDS CWSYOP	2,954.00	2,954.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✓	CR
	FLITE-FS KIDS TIL Support	22,046.00	22,046.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✓	CR
	Healing Art Inst/FS KIDS	25,000.00	24,999.96	0.04	100.00%	100.00%	✓	CR
	Center for Hearing/FS KIDS	2,818.00	2,818.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✓	CR
	Unallocated-Fiscal Support	47,182.00	-	47,182.00	0.00%			
	Total Fiscal Support	100,000.00	52,817.96	47,182.04	52.82%			
Volunteers								
	Volunteer Broward	326,159.00	325,589.30	569.70	99.83%	100.00%	✓	CR
	Total Volunteers	326,159.00	325,589.30	569.70	99.83%			
Total Capacity Building & Training		1,115,280.00	868,957.24	246,322.76	77.91%			

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Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Goal & Objective	Agency/ Program Name	Annual Budget	YTD Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% of Budget	Ideal @ Sept.	Reimb. Type (Note #6)	Comments
Family Supports								
Family Strengthening								
	Advocacy Network Disabilities	365,503.00	326,788.97	38,714.03	89.41%	100.00%	UOS	
	Ann Storck Center	354,116.00	198,079.07	156,036.93	55.94%	100.00%	UOS	New program. Extensive training delayed program start.
	ARC Inc.	829,569.00	742,111.85	87,457.15	89.46%	100.00%	UOS	
	Be Strong International	405,335.00	143,825.00	261,510.00	35.48%	100.00%	UOS	New provider. Significant staffing challenges.
	Boys & Girls Club	332,424.00	239,989.59	92,434.41	72.19%	100.00%	UOS	Lower group participation.
	Boys Town So Florida	460,471.00	336,077.17	124,393.83	72.99%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy & low referrals.
	Broward Children's Center	315,840.00	186,133.31	129,706.69	58.93%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Children's Harbor Inc.	546,500.00	281,963.76	264,536.24	51.59%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancies.
	Community Based Connections	425,632.00	413,014.34	12,617.66	97.04%	100.00%	UOS	
	Ctr for Hearing	166,162.00	87,176.75	78,985.25	52.46%	100.00%	UOS	Contract sunseting 9/30 due to low referrals.
	Family Central - NPP	610,060.00	520,372.58	89,687.42	85.30%	100.00%	UOS	
	Family Central - PAT	498,291.00	250,886.25	247,404.75	50.35%	100.00%	UOS	New program. Extensive training delayed program start.
	Gulf Coast CC	1,199,578.00	1,066,177.47	133,400.53	88.88%	100.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Beh Hlth-MST	887,012.00	876,048.63	10,963.37	98.76%	100.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Beh Hlth-PACT	554,849.00	436,132.22	118,716.78	78.60%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Hispanic Unity of Florida	956,120.00	856,684.51	99,435.49	89.60%	100.00%	UOS	
	Jack and Jill	30,000.00	26,924.02	3,075.98	89.75%	100.00%	UOS	
	JAFCO-MST	736,777.00	723,946.33	12,830.67	98.26%	100.00%	UOS	
	Juliana Gerena	379,991.00	161,519.10	218,471.90	42.51%	100.00%	UOS	Contract sunseting 9/30 due to low referrals.
	KIDS in Distress HOMEBUILDER	608,837.00	358,023.88	250,813.12	58.80%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancies.
	KIDS in Distress-KID First	1,604,373.00	1,071,287.09	533,085.91	66.77%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy. Program rightsized FY 24-25.
	Memorial Healthcare-Family Tie	1,089,447.00	852,101.37	237,345.63	78.21%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Memorial Healthcare-Teen Reach	559,985.00	559,185.14	799.86	99.86%	100.00%	UOS	
	Mount Bethel Human Services	327,537.00	100,115.71	227,421.29	30.57%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancies. New program.
	Pace Center for Girls	315,574.00	187,069.01	128,504.99	59.28%	100.00%	UOS	Program staff on extended leave.
	Smith Mental Health Associates	1,020,623.00	984,228.68	36,394.32	96.43%	100.00%	UOS	
	Unallocated - Family Strengthening	64,128.00	-	64,128.00	0.00%			
	Total Family Strengthening	15,644,734.00	11,985,861.80	3,658,872.20	76.61%			
Kinship								
	Harmony Development Center	222,944.00	217,038.19	5,905.81	97.35%	100.00%	UOS	
	KIDS in Distress-KISS	730,580.00	595,169.93	135,410.07	81.47%	100.00%	UOS	
	Legal Aid Service-KISS	514,122.00	506,076.05	8,045.95	98.44%	100.00%	UOS	
	Unallocated-Kinship Care/Non-Relative Care	2,460.00	-	2,460.00	0.00%			
	Total Kinship	1,470,106.00	1,318,284.17	151,821.83	89.67%			

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Program Expenditures By Goals
Budget to Actual (Budgetary Basis)
For the 12 Months Ended September 30, 2024
Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Goal & Objective	Agency/ Program Name	Annual Budget	YTD Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% of Budget	Ideal @ Sept.	Reimb. Type (Note #6)	Comments
Trauma	Broward Behavioral Health Coalition	500,000.00	473,949.67	26,050.33	94.79%	100.00%	UOS	
	Center For Mind Body Medicine	45,000.00	37,450.00	7,550.00	83.22%			
	Community Based Connections /HEAL	570,600.00	373,154.61	197,445.39	65.40%	100.00%	CR	Staff vacancy.
	Healing Arts Inst of South FL FS KIDS	488,250.00	372,466.90	115,783.10	76.29%	100.00%	CR	Staff vacancy.
	JAFCO-Community Wellness Center	479,798.00	432,243.68	47,554.32	90.09%	100.00%	CR	
	Junior Achievement of South FI- Trauma	100,000.00	98,022.79	1,977.21	98.02%	100.00%	CR	
	Memorial Healthcare System / HEAL	638,400.00	603,383.51	35,016.49	94.51%	100.00%	CR	
	Mental Health America of SE FL / HEAL	488,250.00	396,737.04	91,512.96	81.26%	100.00%	CR	
	Smith Mental Health Associates / HEAL	514,500.00	410,480.81	104,019.19	79.78%	100.00%	CR	Staff vacancy.
	Unallocated-Mindfulness Group Facilitation	127,000.00	-	127,000.00	0.00%			
	Total Trauma	3,951,798.00	3,197,889.01	753,908.99	80.92%			
Supervised Visitation	Children's Home Society of Florida	346,191.00	244,253.22	101,937.78	70.55%	100.00%	CR	Late start. Contract Extn- Jan25
	Total Supervise Visitation	346,191.00	244,253.22	101,937.78	70.55%			
Hunger	Community Enhancement Collaboration	176,518.00	176,350.32	167.68	99.91%	100.00%	CR	
	FLIPANY, Inc.	267,852.00	266,433.78	1,418.22	99.47%	100.00%	CR	
	FLIPANY, Inc.	87,576.00	-	87,576.00	0.00%			Contract discontinued.
	Harvest Drive	84,096.00	84,096.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	LifeNet4Families	313,099.00	309,713.21	3,385.79	98.92%	100.00%	CR	
	SFL Hunger Coal-Break Spot	171,619.00	146,444.67	25,174.33	85.33%	100.00%	CR	
	SFL Hunger Coal-Markets Pantry	282,882.00	282,879.60	2.40	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	Total Hunger	1,383,642.00	1,265,917.58	117,724.42	91.49%			
Financial Stability	BEF Senior Send Off	17,250.00	17,250.00	-	100.00%		CR	
	Hispanic Unity-EITC	397,005.00	386,125.25	10,879.75	97.26%	100.00%	CR	
	HOPE S FL - Day Respite	92,500.00	90,973.38	1,526.62	98.35%	100.00%	CR	
	HOPE S FL - Navigation Services	323,300.00	148,973.71	174,326.29	46.08%	100.00%	UOS	Contract sunseting 9/30 due to County Procurement.
	4EveryKid	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	100.00%		CR	
	Unallocated-Financial Stability	106,700.00	-	106,700.00	0.00%			
	Total Financial Stability	961,755.00	668,322.34	293,432.66	69.49%			
Total Family Supports		23,758,226.00	18,680,528.12	5,077,697.88	78.63%			

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Youth Development								
Youth FORCE								
	Community Access Ctr, Inc	194,689.00	176,956.96	17,732.04	90.89%	100.00%	UOS	
	Community Reconstruct Inc	489,691.00	263,574.93	226,116.07	53.82%	100.00%	UOS	Low average daily attendance. Reduced # served for FY25
	Crockett Foundation, Inc	586,546.00	532,344.00	54,202.00	90.76%	100.00%	UOS	
	Crockett Foundation, Inc - DeLuca	214,291.00	214,290.43	0.57	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	Ctr for Hearing	173,949.00	116,016.90	57,932.10	66.70%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment and attendance. Program sunsets FY25
	Firewall Center	244,298.00	243,689.38	608.62	99.75%	100.00%	UOS	
	Firewall Center-Promise Neighborhood	113,971.00	105,423.73	8,547.27	92.50%	100.00%	CR	
	Firewall Ctr-DeLuca at Bair Middle	205,380.00	205,380.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	Firewall Ctr - CSC at Bair Middle	76,357.00	76,314.52	42.48	99.94%	100.00%	UOS	
	Firewall Ctr - Leverage @ Plantation Middle	151,674.00	140,359.60	11,314.40	92.54%	100.00%	UOS	
	HANDY	482,441.00	457,586.10	24,854.90	94.85%	100.00%	UOS	
	Hanley Ctr Foundation	30,545.00	30,545.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	Harmony Development Ctr, Inc	542,931.00	542,381.51	549.49	99.90%	100.00%	UOS	
	Hispanic Unity	1,787,760.00	1,754,947.25	32,812.75	98.16%	100.00%	UOS	
	Memorial Healthcare	587,133.00	441,574.78	145,558.22	75.21%	100.00%	UOS	Consistent low enrollment and attendance
	Memorial Healthcare - DeLuca	201,073.00	201,072.37	0.63	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	Opportunities Ind Ctrs/OIC	647,316.00	540,805.84	106,510.16	83.55%	100.00%	UOS	
	Our Children Our Future	199,723.00	196,681.93	3,041.07	98.48%	100.00%	UOS	
	Urban League of BC	454,635.00	406,147.35	48,487.65	89.33%	100.00%	UOS	
	Urban League of BC -Promise Neighborhood	94,297.00	91,874.14	2,422.86	97.43%	100.00%	CR	
	West Park, City of	251,044.00	107,596.82	143,447.18	42.86%	100.00%	UOS	Consistent low enrollment. Reduced # served for FY25
	Wyman TOP Training	16,500.00	7,500.00	9,000.00	45.45%		CR	
	YMCA of South FL	854,781.00	639,654.61	215,126.39	74.83%	100.00%	UOS	Consistent low enrollment and attendance.
	YMCA of South FL -Promise Neighborhood	186,326.00	138,353.02	47,972.98	74.25%	100.00%	CR	Staff vacancies impacted utilization.
	Miramar Leverage	80,000.00	51,094.56	28,905.44	63.87%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment & attendance. Contract sunsets July 2024.
	Subtotal	8,867,351.00	7,682,165.73	1,185,185.27	86.63%			
2024 PYD RFP								
								New RFP Aug-Sep expenditures.
	Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, Inc.	102,979.00	52,854.09	50,124.91	51.33%	100.00%	UOS	New program.
	City of West Park	60,924.00	27,211.17	33,712.83	44.66%	100.00%	UOS	New contract reduced. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Community Access Ctr, Inc	53,192.00	49,954.33	3,237.67	93.91%	100.00%	UOS	
	Community Based Connections, Inc.	120,843.00	60,217.76	60,625.24	49.83%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Community Reconstruction, Inc.	63,832.00	48,371.36	15,460.64	75.78%	100.00%	UOS	New contract reduced.
	Crockett Foundation	195,518.00	174,126.86	21,391.14	89.06%	100.00%	UOS	
	Firewall Centers, Inc	601,457.00	479,373.35	122,083.65	79.70%	100.00%	UOS	New sites. Slow recruitment.
	Firewall Center-Promise Neighborhood	59,908.00	19,662.43	40,245.57	32.82%	60.00%	UOS	Promise Neighborhoods grant, contract spans thru 12/31/2024
	Harmony Development Center, Inc.	191,438.00	191,433.95	4.05	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	HANDY	96,350.00	84,600.99	11,749.01	87.81%	100.00%	UOS	
	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	476,241.00	373,498.93	102,742.07	78.43%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.

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	Memorial Healthcare System	161,920.00	158,692.46	3,227.54	98.01%	100.00%	UOS	
	OIC of South Florida	192,209.00	-	192,209.00	0.00%		UOS	Contract declined for FY23-24 & FY24-25.
	Our Children Our Future, Inc.	52,407.00	13,796.94	38,610.06	26.33%	100.00%	UOS	Contract declined for FY24-25.
	Smith Mental Health Found	116,063.00	114,827.38	1,235.62	98.94%	100.00%	UOS	
	Urban League of B.C.	74,253.00	57,659.15	16,593.85	77.65%	100.00%	UOS	New contract reduced. Low enrollment.
	Urban League of BC -Promise Neighborhood	44,639.00	8,745.53	35,893.47	19.59%	60.00%	UOS	Promise Neighborhoods grant, contract spans thru 12/31/2024
	YMCA of South FL -Promise Neighborhood	102,175.00	25,639.77	76,535.23	25.09%	60.00%	UOS	Promise Neighborhoods grant, contract spans thru 12/31/2024
	YMCA of South Florida	350,225.00	199,328.30	150,896.70	56.91%	100.00%	UOS	New site. Low enrollment. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Training	25,000.00	9,975.00	15,025.00	39.90%		CR	PATHS and PBL training.
	Subtotal 2024 RFP	3,141,573.00	2,149,969.75	991,603.25	68.44%			
	Total Youth FORCE	12,008,924.00	9,832,135.48	2,176,788.52	81.87%			
LEAP High School	Community Based Connections	155,781.00	148,739.44	7,041.56	95.48%	100.00%	UOS	
	Firewall Ctr	499,007.00	435,488.70	63,518.30	87.27%	100.00%	UOS	
	Hispanic Unity	959,790.00	823,569.11	136,220.89	85.81%	100.00%	UOS	
	Museum of Discovery/Science	202,622.00	202,006.05	615.95	99.70%	100.00%	UOS	
	Museum of Discovery/Science	125,564.00	125,340.37	223.63	99.82%	100.00%	UOS	
	YMCA of S FL	2,638,855.00	2,510,525.00	128,330.00	95.14%	100.00%	UOS	
	Subtotal	4,581,619.00	4,245,668.67	335,950.33	92.67%			
2024 PYD RFP								New RFP Aug-Sep expenditures.
	Community Based Connections, Inc.	310,970.00	123,706.83	187,263.17	39.78%	100.00%	UOS	New sites. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Firewall Centers, Inc	144,417.00	112,128.24	32,288.76	77.64%	100.00%	UOS	BCPS transportation impacted attendance.
	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	274,022.00	152,724.64	121,297.36	55.73%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment.
	YMCA of South Florida	697,716.00	456,087.04	241,628.96	65.37%	100.00%	UOS	Contract reduced. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Subtotal 2024 RFP	1,427,125.00	844,646.75	582,478.25	59.19%			
	Total LEAP High School	6,008,744.00	5,090,315.42	918,428.58	84.72%			
Youth Employment								
	CareerSource Broward	4,215,656.00	3,768,817.40	446,838.60	89.40%	100.00%	UOS	
	Junior Achievement Leverage	977,253.00	518,550.48	458,702.52	53.06%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment.
	Total Youth Employment	5,192,909.00	4,287,367.88	905,541.12	82.56%			
PEACE								
	Community Based Connections	430,331.00	337,105.63	93,225.37	78.34%	100.00%	UOS	Will be part of Youth Force for FY24-25.
	Crockett Foundation, Inc	242,768.00	192,720.08	50,047.92	79.38%	100.00%	UOS	Will be part of Youth Force for FY24-25.
	Harmony Development Ctr, Inc	199,030.00	198,540.00	490.00	99.75%	100.00%	UOS	
	Smith Community MH	561,654.00	537,550.78	24,103.22	95.71%	100.00%	UOS	
	U-Turn Youth Consulting	20,000.00	4,160.34	15,839.66	20.80%		CR	
	Deerfield CR W/YMCA	63,822.00	63,822.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	Total PEACE	1,517,605.00	1,333,898.83	183,706.17	87.89%			

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Youth Leadership Development								
	Brwd Ed Found-B2L	52,000.00	52,000.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	FL Children's 1st	7,164.00	7,164.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	FLITE-FS KIDS CWSYOP	78,750.00	72,187.03	6,562.97	91.67%	100.00%	CR	
	Total Youth Leadership Development	137,914.00	131,351.03	6,562.97	95.24%			
	Subtotal Youth Development	24,866,096.00	20,675,068.64	4,191,027.36	83.15%			
Juvenile Diversion								
New DAY								
	Broward Sheriff's Office	704,131.00	422,947.93	281,183.07	60.07%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy. Program right- sized for FY25.
	Camelot CC	329,394.00	254,909.32	74,484.68	77.39%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Community Reconstruction	262,536.00	193,029.88	69,506.12	73.53%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Harmony Development Ctr, Inc	338,477.00	328,777.50	9,699.50	97.13%	100.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Behavioral Health	219,350.00	210,318.74	9,031.26	95.88%	100.00%	UOS	
	Juliana Gerena & Assoc. Program	388,175.00	383,645.30	4,529.70	98.83%	100.00%	UOS	
	Memorial Healthcare Sys	726,949.00	569,802.04	157,146.96	78.38%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	PACE Center for Girls	172,045.00	125,568.52	46,476.48	72.99%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Smith Mental Health Assoc	392,286.00	392,198.21	87.79	99.98%	100.00%	UOS	
	Urban League of BC	275,222.00	155,102.11	120,119.89	56.36%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Training	25,000.00	23,733.32	1,266.68	94.93%			
	Total New DAY	3,833,565.00	3,060,032.87	773,532.13	79.82%			
Total Youth Development & Juvenile Diversion		28,699,661.00	23,735,101.51	4,964,559.49	82.70%			
Independent Living								
Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT)								
	Camelot CC	468,702.00	370,594.76	98,107.24	79.07%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	FLITE-FS KIDS	532,818.00	480,413.71	52,404.29	90.16%	100.00%	CR	
	Gulf Coast CC	555,946.00	365,805.18	190,140.82	65.80%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	HANDY	864,455.00	851,449.60	13,005.40	98.50%	100.00%	UOS	
	Harmony Development Ctr, Inc	454,741.00	454,631.39	109.61	99.98%	100.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Beh Hlth -Wilson Grd	230,246.00	229,776.23	469.77	99.80%	100.00%	UOS	
	HOMES	180,886.00	179,890.88	995.12	99.45%	100.00%	CR	
	Memorial Healthcare Sys	750,157.00	750,157.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	PACE Center for Girls	290,677.00	214,894.56	75,782.44	73.93%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	SunServe	469,924.00	283,949.42	185,974.58	60.42%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Total Healthy Youth Transitions	4,798,552.00	4,181,562.73	616,989.27	87.14%			
Total Independent Living		4,798,552.00	4,181,562.73	616,989.27	87.14%			



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Literacy and Early Education								
Subsidized Childcare								
	Early Learning Coalition (ELC)	3,592,850.00	3,592,850.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	ELC - Vulnerable Population	4,258,171.00	4,258,171.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	Total Subsidized Childcare	7,851,021.00	7,851,021.00	-	100.00%			
Grade Level Reading								
	Broward Reads for Record	193,092.00	159,500.00	33,592.00	82.60%	100.00%	CR	Event held in the summer.
	Campaign for Grade Level Reading	21,922.00	10,000.00	11,922.00	45.62%		CR	
	Volunteer Broward	119,097.00	118,582.59	514.41	99.57%	100.00%	CR	
	Kidvision	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	Reading & Math	300,000.00	296,386.89	3,613.11	98.80%	100.00%	CR	
	Countdown to Kindergarten	59,634.00	59,634.00	-	100.00%			
	Unallocated - Grade Level Reading	102,350.00	-	102,350.00	0.00%			
	Total Grade Level Reading	946,095.00	794,103.48	151,991.52	83.93%			
Total Literacy & Early Education		8,797,116.00	8,645,124.48	151,991.52	98.27%			
Child Welfare Supports								
Adoptive/Foster Parent Recruit								
	Forever Families/Gialogic	189,263.00	189,262.92	0.08	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	Heart Gallery of Broward	57,094.00	57,093.60	0.40	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	Total Adoptive/Foster Parent Recruit	246,357.00	246,356.52	0.48	100.00%			
Legal Supports								
	Legal Aid of Broward County	2,652,805.00	1,633,268.37	1,019,536.63	61.57%	100.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Total Legal Supports	2,652,805.00	1,633,268.37	1,019,536.63	61.57%			
Total Child Welfare Support		2,899,162.00	1,879,624.89	1,019,537.11	64.83%			

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Out of School Time								
Leadership/Quality								
	FACCT /MOTT	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	100.00%			One time payment.
	Total Leadership/Quality	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	100.00%			
Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST)								
	Advocacy Network on Disabilities	124,092.00	120,598.57	3,493.43	97.18%	100.00%	✓	CR
	After School Program	2,691,450.00	2,306,422.62	385,027.38	85.69%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	Broward County Parks - LOA	13,200.00	13,199.08	0.92	99.99%	100.00%	✓	CR
	City of Hallandale	265,600.00	265,600.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✓	UOS
	City of Hollywood	931,040.00	888,050.24	42,989.76	95.38%	100.00%	✓	UOS
	City of Miramar	181,480.00	152,065.78	29,414.22	83.79%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	City of Oakland Park	517,950.00	490,632.08	27,317.92	94.73%	100.00%	✓	UOS
	Comm After School w/Margate CRA	504,946.00	438,094.98	66,851.02	86.76%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	Community After School	951,444.00	823,469.29	127,974.71	86.55%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	Community Based Connections	362,150.00	247,030.12	115,119.88	68.21%	100.00%	✗	UOS Low summer attendance.
	Firewall	2,276,490.00	1,927,711.28	348,778.72	84.68%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	FL International University	907,247.00	806,523.37	100,723.63	88.90%	100.00%	⚠	CR
	FLIPANY	50,000.00	49,907.90	92.10	99.82%	100.00%	✓	CR
	Hallandale CRA	784,026.00	784,025.36	0.64	100.00%	100.00%	✓	CRA one time payment.
	Hollywood Beach CRA	228,665.00	228,665.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✓	CRA one time payment.
	Jack and Jill	242,250.00	121,726.88	120,523.12	50.25%	100.00%	✗	UOS Low enrollment/attendance.
	Kids In Distress	225,036.00	211,279.16	13,756.84	93.89%	100.00%	✓	UOS
	Soref JCC	719,434.00	712,444.36	6,989.64	99.03%	100.00%	✓	UOS
	Sunshine Aftercare Program	2,148,269.00	1,732,835.55	415,433.45	80.66%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	United Community Options	165,750.00	116,396.39	49,353.61	70.22%	100.00%	✗	UOS Low enrollment due to staff vacancies.
	Volta Music Foundation	150,000.00	149,944.79	55.21	99.96%	100.00%	✓	CR
	YMCA	4,860,036.00	4,110,697.44	749,338.56	84.58%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	YMCA w/Deerfield CRA	233,529.00	134,196.34	99,332.66	57.46%	100.00%	✗	UOS Low attendance.
	Back to School Supplies	458,582.00	419,266.59	39,315.41	91.43%			
	Consultant	81,200.00	64,475.00	16,725.00	79.40%			PATHS and PBL training .
	Unallocated MOST GP	3,135.00	-	3,135.00	0.00%			
	Total Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST)	20,077,001.00	17,315,258.17	2,761,742.83	86.24%			
Summer Programs								
	Boys & Girls Club	639,189.00	629,294.68	9,894.32	98.45%	100.00%	✓	UOS
	Lauderdale Lakes, City of	113,788.00	89,330.48	24,457.52	78.51%	100.00%	✗	UOS Low summer enrollment.
	Urban League of BC	64,337.00	51,620.38	12,716.62	80.23%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	West Park, City of	80,633.00	80,633.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✓	UOS
	Unallocated Summer Programs	139,213.00	-	139,213.00	0.00%			
	Total Summer Programs	1,037,160.00	850,878.54	186,281.46	82.04%			
Total Out-of-School Time		21,124,161.00	18,176,136.71	2,948,024.29	86.04%			

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Physical Health								
School Health								
	FLDOH/w Coral Spring CRA	545,361.00	545,361.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✔	CR
	Florida Department of Health	1,272,509.00	987,637.20	284,871.80	77.61%	100.00%	✖	CR
	Miami Lighthouse for the Blind	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	✔	CR
	Total School Health	1,877,870.00	1,592,998.20	284,871.80	84.83%			
Water Safety/Drowning Prevention								
	Florida Department Of Health	366,239.00	299,258.55	66,980.45	81.71%	100.00%	⚠	CR
	Broward County-Swim Central	687,782.00	444,970.40	242,811.60	64.70%	100.00%	✖	CR
	Total Water Safety/Drowning Prevention	1,054,021.00	744,228.95	309,792.05	70.61%			Pool staff shortages. Low coupon redemption.
Kid Care Insurance Outreach								
	Florida Department Of Health	524,530.00	492,644.95	31,885.05	93.92%	100.00%	✔	CR
	Total Kid Care Insurance Outreach	524,530.00	492,644.95	31,885.05	93.92%			
Total Physical Health		3,456,421.00	2,829,872.10	626,548.90	81.87%			
Maternal & Child Health								
Screening/Assessment/Support								
	BHS - Healthy Families Broward	1,328,600.00	1,127,787.15	200,812.85	84.89%	100.00%	⚠	CR
	Total Screening/Assessment/Support	1,328,600.00	1,127,787.15	200,812.85	84.89%			
Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS)								
	Memorial Healthcare System - MOMS	1,365,630.00	957,926.70	407,703.30	70.15%	100.00%	✖	UOS
	Total Mothers w/Maternal Dep	1,365,630.00	957,926.70	407,703.30	70.15%			Staff vacancy.
Fetal Infant Mortality								
	Broward Hlthy Start-SAFE SLEEP	252,768.00	243,244.97	9,523.03	96.23%	100.00%	✔	CR
	Total Fetal Infant Mortality	252,768.00	243,244.97	9,523.03	96.23%			
Total Maternal & Child Health		2,946,998.00	2,328,958.82	618,039.18	79.03%			
Physical, Developmental, & Behavioral Needs								
MOST/Special Needs								
	After School Programs	362,543.00	302,525.67	60,017.33	83.45%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	Ann Storck Center	548,555.00	547,814.23	740.77	99.86%	100.00%	✔	UOS
	ARC Broward	2,021,190.00	1,982,434.08	38,755.92	98.08%	100.00%	✔	UOS
	Broward Children's Center	800,047.00	680,959.30	119,087.70	85.11%	100.00%	⚠	UOS
	Center for Hearing and Communication	335,200.00	229,701.18	105,498.82	68.53%	100.00%	✖	UOS
	Jewish Comm Cntr of S Broward	186,766.00	51,685.21	135,080.79	27.67%	100.00%	✖	UOS
	Smith Community MH	1,063,812.00	1,030,196.23	33,615.77	96.84%	100.00%	✔	UOS
	United Cerebral Palsy	1,030,081.00	761,200.57	268,880.43	73.90%	100.00%	✖	UOS
	YMCA of S FL	5,591,737.00	5,437,838.13	153,898.87	97.25%	100.00%	✔	UOS
	Unallocated MOST/Special Needs	33,888.00	-	33,888.00	0.00%			
	Total MOST/Special Needs	11,973,819.00	11,024,354.60	949,464.40	92.07%			Low summer enrollment. Program implementation challenges. Program sunsetted. Low enrollment due to staff vacancies.

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MOST Summer Program/Special Needs								
	Memorial Healthcare System	93,915.00	93,838.08	76.92	99.92%	100.00%	UOS	
	JAFCA Children's Ability Center	356,913.00	247,645.26	109,267.74	69.39%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment due to staff vacancies.
	Pembroke Pines, City of	154,092.00	136,398.83	17,693.17	88.52%	100.00%	UOS	
	Total MOST Summer Program/Special Needs	604,920.00	477,882.17	127,037.83	79.00%			
	Subtotal MOST Special Needs	12,578,739.00	11,502,236.77	1,076,502.23	91.44%			
STEP								
	ARC, INC	499,137.00	497,400.70	1,736.30	99.65%	100.00%	UOS	
	Ctr for Hearing	275,367.00	233,179.17	42,187.83	84.68%	100.00%	UOS	
	Smith Community MH	351,616.00	343,261.96	8,354.04	97.62%	100.00%	UOS	
	United Community Options	803,336.00	770,087.73	33,248.27	95.86%	100.00%	UOS	
	YMCA of S FL	776,619.00	769,909.40	6,709.60	99.14%	100.00%	UOS	
	Subtotal	2,706,075.00	2,613,838.96	92,236.04	96.59%			
2024 PYD RFP								
	Ann Storck Center, Inc.	162,256.00	102,578.02	59,677.98	63.22%	100.00%	UOS	New RFP Aug-Sep expenditures. New program. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Arc Broward, Inc.	152,843.00	146,299.37	6,543.63	95.72%	100.00%	UOS	
	CCDH, Inc. d/b/a The Advocacy Network on Disabilities	22,428.00	19,980.01	2,447.99	89.09%	100.00%	UOS	
	Center for Hearing & Communication, Inc.	40,260.00	30,381.23	9,878.77	75.46%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment.Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Goodwill Industries of SF, Inc.	45,303.00	12,308.49	32,994.51	27.17%	100.00%	UOS	New program. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	Smith Mental Health Found	104,616.00	70,447.48	34,168.52	67.34%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	United Community Options	214,247.00	80,097.31	134,149.69	37.39%	100.00%	UOS	Program reduced. Startup balance cfwd to FY25.
	YMCA of South Florida	277,291.00	246,909.03	30,381.97	89.04%	100.00%	UOS	
	Subtotal 2024 RFP	1,019,244.00	709,000.94	310,243.06	69.56%			
	Total STEP	3,725,319.00	3,322,839.90	402,479.10	89.20%			
Information/Referral Network								
	First Call for Help BH	710,687.00	675,892.41	34,794.59	95.10%	100.00%	UOS	
	First Call for Help SN	1,010,802.00	967,912.64	42,889.36	95.76%	100.00%	UOS	
	Total Information/Referral Network	1,721,489.00	1,643,805.05	77,683.95	95.49%			
Respite Services-BREAK								
	Memorial Healthcare System	123,090.00	123,090.00	-	100.00%	100.00%	UOS	
	Smith Community MH	102,237.00	78,554.02	23,682.98	76.84%	100.00%	UOS	Low enrollment.
	Total Respite Services-BREAK	225,327.00	201,644.02	23,682.98	89.49%			
Total Physical, Developmental, & Behavioral Needs		18,250,874.00	16,670,525.74	1,580,348.26	91.34%			
Child & Youth Safety								
Eliminate Bullying and Choose								
	United Way - Choose Peace	61,760.00	52,994.99	8,765.01	85.81%	100.00%	CR	Pending invoice.
	Total Eliminate Bullying and Choose	61,760.00	52,994.99	8,765.01	85.81%			
Total Child & Youth Safety		61,760.00	52,994.99	8,765.01	85.81%			
Grand Total Service Goals		115,908,211.00	98,049,387.33	17,858,823.67	84.59%			



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System Goals:								
Seamless System of Care								
Single Point of Entry								
	First Call for Help GP	599,728.00	583,791.15	15,936.85	97.34%	100.00%	CR	
	Total Single Point of Entry	599,728.00	583,791.15	15,936.85	97.34%			
Research & Evaluate Systems of Care								
Leadership/Resources-Strategic								
	CCB	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	100.00%			
	Children Strategic Plan Initiatives	67,562.00	46,228.39	21,333.61	68.42%			
	Unallocated-Strategic Plan	32,438.00	-	32,438.00	0.00%			
	Total Leadership/Resources-Strategic	110,000.00	56,228.39	53,771.61	51.12%			
Improve Provider Reporting								
	Data Systems	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	45.73%			
	Software maintenance	27,500.00	10,235.94	17,264.06	37.22%			
	Web hosting Fee	102,995.00	102,995.00	-	100.00%			
	Unallocated-Improve Provider Reporting	64,614.00	-	64,614.00	0.00%			
	Total Improve Provider Reporting	255,109.00	173,230.94	81,878.06	67.90%			
Promote Research Initiatives								
	Consultant	57,206.00	15,831.00	41,375.00	27.67%			
	UPENN - AISP	22,237.00	22,237.00	-	100.00%			
	A Little Help Never Hurt LLC	147,420.00	126,953.77	20,466.23	86.12%	100.00%	CR	
	Unallocated-Promote Research Initiatives	31,544.00	-	31,544.00	0.00%			
	Total Promote Research Initiatives	258,407.00	165,021.77	93,385.23	63.86%			
Integrated Data System								
	IDS -We Are Supported- CPAR Initiative	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	0.00%			Carryfwd \$50K for BCSP Website.
	Unallocated - Integrated data system	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	0.00%			
	Total Integrated Data System	70,000.00	-	70,000.00	0.00%			
Total Research, Evaluate & Seamless Systems of Care		1,293,244.00	978,272.25	314,971.75	75.64%			



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Public Awareness & Advocacy								
Sponsorships								
	Sponsorship-High Impact	51,250.00	42,050.00	9,200.00	82.05%			
	Sponsorship	48,750.00	48,750.00	-	100.00%			
	Total Sponsorships	100,000.00	90,800.00	9,200.00	90.80%			
Educate Taxpayers								
	Broward Education Comm Network	31,600.00	5,560.00	26,040.00	17.59%			
	MNetwork	110,000.00	107,802.50	2,197.50	98.00%			
	Marketing	463,000.00	455,940.24	7,059.76	98.48%			
	Other Purchased Services	7,500.00	3,087.52	4,412.48	41.17%			
	Printing	6,100.00	2,854.90	3,245.10	46.80%			
	Resource Guide	140,700.00	140,700.00	-	100.00%			
	Outreach Materials	70,185.00	68,564.76	1,620.24	97.69%			
	Unallocated - Public Awareness	89,215.00	-	89,215.00	0.00%			
	Total Educate Taxpayers	918,300.00	784,509.92	133,790.08	85.43%			
Advocacy/Outreach								
	FACCT Dues	80,200.00	80,000.00	200.00	99.75%			
	Registration	2,500.00	150.00	2,350.00	6.00%			
	Local/Day Trip	2,500.00	1,168.88	1,331.12	46.76%			
	Travel	14,800.00	3,083.52	11,716.48	20.83%			
	Total Advocacy/Outreach	100,000.00	84,402.40	15,597.60	84.40%			
Pub Communication w/ Special Population								
	ADA remediation	12,500.00	4,900.00	7,600.00	39.20%			
	Special Needs Communications	3,150.00	3,150.00	-	100.00%			
	Other Purchased Services	19,000.00	17,927.50	1,072.50	94.36%			
	Unallocated - Public Comm w/ Spec. Pop	9,350.00	-	9,350.00	0.00%			
	Total Pub Communication w/ Spec Pop	44,000.00	25,977.50	18,022.50	59.04%			
Total Public Awareness & Advocacy		1,162,300.00	985,689.82	176,610.18	84.81%			
Leveraging Resources								
	Consultant	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	0.00%			To be used as needed.
	Total Maximize Leveraged Funds	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	0.00%			
Total Leveraging Resources		30,000.00	-	30,000.00	0.00%			
Grand Total System Goals		2,485,544.00	1,963,962.07	521,581.93	79.02%			
	Unallocated General	1,581,690.00	-	1,581,690.00	0.00%			
Total All Goals		\$119,975,445.00	\$100,013,349.40	\$19,962,095.60	83.36%			

Children's Services Council of Broward County
Notes to the Preliminary Financial Statements
September 30, 2024

- (1) The Children's Services Council of Broward County ("CSC") budgets, as revenue, 95% of the property taxes levied, as allowed by state statute.
- (2) The modified accrual basis of accounting is utilized by CSC. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable.
- (3) Funds invested in the SBA, and the Florida PALM accommodate pool participants with readily available cash. The pool follows GASB Statement No. 31 which outlines two options for accounting and reporting for money market investment pools as either "2a-7 like fund" or fluctuation of the net asset value ("NAV"). CSC accounts for investments funds using the first method.

The Managed Investment Fund consists of longer-term securities for the core investments. This fund is managed by PFM in accordance with CSC's Investment Policy. US Bank provides the custodial cash services. The investments are reported at Market Value. This longer-term portfolio maintains safety while adding additional yield to the overall investments. The Finance committee receives quarterly updates on this portfolio. The gain or loss on the Managed Investment Fund is reported separately in the monthly statements for ease of reference. As of September 30, 2024 the reported year-to-date gain on said funds is \$1,783,209.52

- (4) Fund Balance is broken out into the following categories:

Nonspendable-Represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in a spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to remain intact. Balance includes Prepaid expenses and FSA deposits.

Committed for Building Fund- represents Fund Balance committed for Building Fund to prepare for future growth.

Committed for Carryforward-Includes proposed Carryforward budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 commitment, and budget extending into Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Committed for Programs-Represents the Fund Balance committed at TRIM to Fiscal Year 2024-2025 programs.

Unassigned Fund Balance includes Minimum Fund Balance of 17% or two months of the annual operating budget. GASB recognizes this as a Best Practice model for governments. The Council approved the increase in Minimum Fund Balance from 10% to 17% in June 2022. The remaining unassigned fund balance represents the residual fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds, and is not restricted, committed or assigned for specific purposes within the General Fund. Unassigned fund balance changes as revenue is received and actual expenditures are incurred.

- (5) Lease & Subscription Software Expenditures: The financial statements include the adoption of GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and GASB 96-*Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Both statements require the establishment of a right-to-use asset and the corresponding liability. The statements require the reporting of the related debt service expenditures in the fund financial statements. The Council is prohibited by statute from having debt. Therefore, lease and subscription software principal and interest payments are reported in the financials as lease & subscription software expenditures and not debt service expenditures.
- (6) Reimbursement Type: The general consensus is that CSC pays for services rendered on a unit of service basis (UOS). While certain services do not lend themselves to be paid on a UOS basis, CSC reserves the right to implement unit of service or cost reimbursement as applicable to the situation. Therefore, CSC pays on a cost reimbursement (CR) and UOS method as defined below.

UOS -Payment is made when a unit of service is provided. The unit price is determined at the time of contract negotiation. Supporting documents for units provided is the Unit of Service Detail Report generated from data entered by the Provider in the Delivery Module of SAMIS. Additional supporting documentation is not required to be submitted at the time of payment. Unit of service contracts also include flex funds, value added, space and utilities, out of school time fees, start-up expenses etc., which are paid as cost reimbursement and require supporting documentation.

CR -All items presented for payment must be supported by detailed documentation to be reimbursed. This includes all salaries, flex funds, value added, space and utilities, out of school time fees, start-up expenses etc.

TAB 27

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue: Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund.

Action: Accept Monthly Statement for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for October 31, 2024.

Budget Impact: N/A.

Background: At the November 18, 2021, Council Meeting, the Council approved establishing a Managed Investment Fund consisting of longer-term securities for the core investments. PFM Asset Management LLC manages this fund in accordance with CSC's Investment Policy, with US Bank providing custodial cash services. This longer-term portfolio maintains safety while adding additional yield to the overall investments. Together, PFM and US Bank manage the funds which will be measured against several highly respected industry performance indexes to ensure the portfolio remains on track.

In accordance with the Investment policy, the Council approved at the June 2022 meeting, that staff would bring forth a summary of the monthly statements from both PFM and US Bank to the Council; however, if any Council Member has questions or wants additional information, the entire statement is available for review. PFM will present a fund performance report to the Finance Committee at the end of each quarter which any Council Member is welcome to attend.

Current Status: As of October 31, 2024, the balance of the Managed Fund is \$26,949,839, which includes a net loss (decrease) of \$132,673 from the prior month. It is important to clarify that these two statements reflect the activities of the overall portfolio and do not indicate the performance of the fund. The amount shown in the financial statements reflects the balance of the Custodian (US Bank), which slightly differs from the balance reflected in the PFM statements. This is due to timing differences related to the various security trades.

Recommended Action: Accept Monthly Statement for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for October 31, 2024.

Managed Account Summary Statement

For the Month Ending **October 31, 2024**

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Transaction Summary - Managed Account

Opening Market Value	\$26,715,592.50
Maturities/Calls	(96,166.09)
Principal Dispositions	(1,263,785.55)
Principal Acquisitions	1,485,382.13
Unsettled Trades	30,308.57
Change in Current Value	(239,988.40)
Closing Market Value	\$26,631,343.16

Cash Transactions Summary - Managed Account

Maturities/Calls	0.00
Sale Proceeds	1,275,043.42
Coupon/Interest/Dividend Income	75,093.51
Principal Payments	96,166.09
Security Purchases	(1,487,971.56)
Net Cash Contribution	17,369.36
Reconciling Transactions	0.00

Earnings Reconciliation (Cash Basis) - Managed Account

Interest/Dividends/Coupons Received	86,351.38
Less Purchased Interest Related to Interest/Coupons	(2,589.43)
Plus Net Realized Gains/Losses	9,952.01
Total Cash Basis Earnings	\$93,713.96

Cash Balance

Closing Cash Balance **\$84,582.75**

Earnings Reconciliation (Accrual Basis)

	Total
Ending Amortized Value of Securities	26,591,089.58
Ending Accrued Interest	246,953.83
Plus Proceeds from Sales	2,455,920.79
Plus Proceeds of Maturities/Calls/Principal Payments	96,166.09
Plus Coupons/Dividends Received	75,093.51
Less Cost of New Purchases	(2,682,465.03)
Less Beginning Amortized Value of Securities	(26,425,472.41)
Less Beginning Accrued Interest	(254,426.87)
Total Accrual Basis Earnings	\$102,859.49

Portfolio Summary and Statistics

For the Month Ending **October 31, 2024**

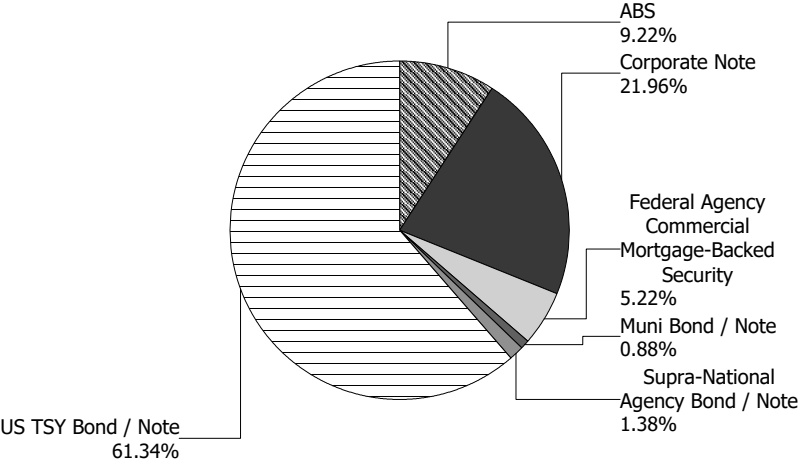
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Account Summary

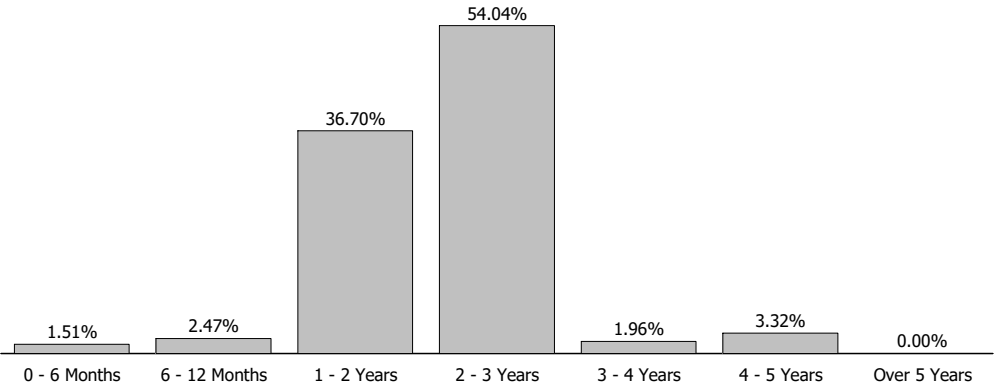
Description	Par Value	Market Value	Percent
U.S. Treasury Bond / Note	16,365,000.00	16,334,172.24	61.34
Supra-National Agency Bond / Note	365,000.00	367,679.10	1.38
Municipal Bond / Note	235,000.00	234,079.01	0.88
Federal Agency Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security	1,434,945.95	1,390,149.28	5.22
Corporate Note	5,840,000.00	5,849,145.79	21.96
Asset-Backed Security	2,464,974.00	2,456,117.74	9.22
Managed Account Sub-Total	26,704,919.95	26,631,343.16	100.00%
Accrued Interest		246,953.83	
Total Portfolio	26,704,919.95	26,878,296.99	

Unsettled Trades	1,220,000.00	1,192,130.56
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Sector Allocation



Maturity Distribution



Characteristics

Yield to Maturity at Cost	4.33%
Yield to Maturity at Market	4.33%
Weighted Average Days to Maturity	786

Managed Account Issuer Summary

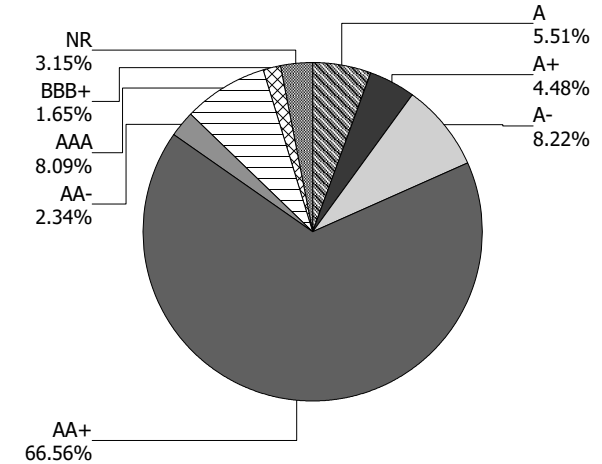
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Issuer Summary

Issuer	Market Value of Holdings	Percent
Accenture PLC	34,561.21	0.13
Adobe Inc	80,882.32	0.30
African Development Bank	367,679.10	1.38
Ally Auto Receivables Trust	127,834.05	0.48
American Express Co	223,885.70	0.84
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	276,744.88	1.04
AstraZeneca PLC	90,720.90	0.34
BA Credit Card Trust	59,565.42	0.22
Bank of America Corp	387,005.67	1.45
Bank of Montreal	201,776.85	0.76
Bank of New York Mellon Corp	193,595.40	0.73
Bank of Nova Scotia	190,210.14	0.71
BlackRock Inc	125,612.25	0.47
BMW Vehicle Lease Trust	29,267.56	0.11
BP PLC	152,071.80	0.57
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	40,416.04	0.15
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	136,940.76	0.51
Capital One Financial Corp	105,808.80	0.40
CarMax Inc	333,563.99	1.25
Caterpillar Inc	202,086.85	0.76
Cisco Systems Inc	121,018.56	0.45
CNH Equipment Trust	71,236.65	0.27
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	169,582.82	0.64
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA	259,808.90	0.98
Deere & Co	196,945.91	0.74
Diageo PLC	203,030.00	0.76
Discover Card Execution Note Trust	332,374.75	1.25
Eli Lilly & Co	125,359.75	0.47
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	1,259,771.15	4.74
Federal National Mortgage Association	130,378.13	0.49
Ford Credit Auto Owner Trust	32,825.57	0.12
GM Financial Consumer Automobile Receiv	106,252.23	0.40

Credit Quality (S&P Ratings)



Managed Account Issuer Summary

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Issuer	Market Value of Holdings	Percent
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	175,705.56	0.66
Harley-Davidson Inc	36,921.49	0.14
Home Depot Inc	111,259.23	0.42
Honda Auto Receivables Owner Trust	185,409.58	0.70
Honda Motor Co Ltd	146,101.28	0.55
Honeywell International Inc	115,738.53	0.43
Hormel Foods Corp	60,447.06	0.23
Hyundai Auto Receivables Trust	67,593.81	0.25
John Deere Owner Trust	201,950.66	0.76
JPMorgan Chase & Co	272,146.15	1.02
Mastercard Inc	59,516.52	0.22
Morgan Stanley	114,671.25	0.43
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Fi	115,431.28	0.43
PACCAR Inc	71,143.80	0.27
PNC Financial Services Group Inc	135,783.55	0.51
Royal Bank of Canada	202,405.00	0.76
State of Connecticut	64,496.19	0.24
State Street Corp	405,884.54	1.53
Texas Instruments Inc	120,704.40	0.45
Toronto-Dominion Bank	202,689.40	0.76
Toyota Auto Receivables Owner Trust	121,181.73	0.46
Toyota Motor Corp	189,738.80	0.71
Truist Financial Corp	99,606.10	0.37
United States Treasury	16,334,172.24	61.34
UnitedHealth Group Inc	196,148.55	0.74
WF Card Issuance Trust	291,156.45	1.09
World Omni Auto Trust	164,525.90	0.62
Total	\$26,631,343.16	100.00%

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MARKET AND COST RECONCILIATION

	10/31/2024 MARKET	10/31/2024 FEDERAL TAX COST
Beginning Market And Cost	27,082,512.24	26,732,928.96
Investment Activity		
Interest	83,793.19	83,793.19
Realized Gain/Loss	12,089.04	12,089.04
Change In Unrealized Gain/Loss	- 253,927.78	.00
Net Accrued Income (Current-Prior)	8,003.17	8,003.17
Total Investment Activity	- 150,042.38	103,885.40
Plan Expenses		
Trust Fees	- 415.57	- 415.57
Total Plan Expenses	- 415.57	- 415.57
Other Activity		
Miscellaneous Receipts	17,784.93	17,784.93
Free Deliveries	- .01	- .01
Total Other Activity	17,784.92	17,784.92
Net Change In Market And Cost	- 132,673.03	121,254.75
Ending Market And Cost	26,949,839.21	26,854,183.71

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CASH RECONCILIATION

Beginning Cash		.00
Investment Activity		
Interest	83,793.19	
Cash Equivalent Purchases	- 287,968.58	
Purchases	- 2,678,126.27	
Cash Equivalent Sales	312,358.77	
Sales/Maturities	2,522,264.96	
Total Investment Activity	- 47,677.93	
Plan Expenses		
Trust Fees	- 415.57	
Total Plan Expenses	- 415.57	
Other Activity		
Miscellaneous Receipts	17,784.93	
Total Other Activity	17,784.93	
Net Change In Cash	- 30,308.57	
Ending Cash	- 30,308.57	

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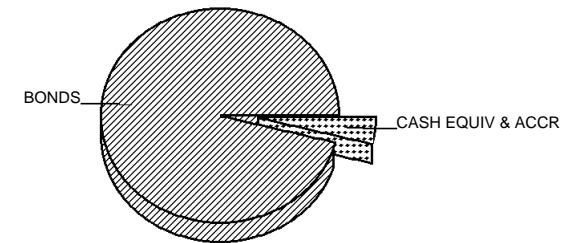
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ASSET SUMMARY

ASSETS	10/31/2024 MARKET	10/31/2024 FEDERAL TAX COST	% OF MARKET
Cash And Equivalents	54,151.10	54,151.10	0.20
U.S. Government Issues	17,725,790.21	17,692,492.28	65.78
Corporate Issues	6,632,207.94	6,589,704.47	24.61
Foreign Issues	2,041,393.45	2,020,619.10	7.57
Municipal Issues	234,079.75	235,000.00	0.87
Total Assets	26,687,622.45	26,591,966.95	99.03
Accrued Income	262,216.76	262,216.76	0.97
Grand Total	26,949,839.21	26,854,183.71	100.00

Estimated Annual Income 1,084,192.76



ASSET SUMMARY MESSAGES

Estimated Annual Income is an estimate provided for informational purposes only and should not be relied on for making investment, trading, or tax decisions. The estimates may not represent the actual value earned by your investments and they provide no guarantee of what your investments may earn in the future.

TAB 28

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue: CSC Monthly Purchases for Administrative Operations

Action: Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases

Budget Impact: See attached Report

Background: The State Statute creating and governing the CSC, Chapter 2000-461, as amended, states:

Section 6: No funds of the council shall be expended except by check as aforesaid, except the expenditure of petty cash or the issuance of checks made payable for sums no greater than \$5,000, shall be expended without prior approval of the council, in addition to the budgeting thereof.

The Council's procurement policies and procedures stipulate that expenditures are approved by the Council prior to being expended. As such, the financial system requires a Council Approval (CA) date at multiple points throughout the system including all processed payments. Internal controls for tracking expenditures in accordance with the statute are validated by auditors every year and there have been no significant deviations since the inception of the Council.

Since 2004 at the Council's direction, staff was instructed to only provide back-up material for purchases when the item is over \$10,000. As always, back-up for purchases below \$10,000 are available upon request.

Current Status: In accordance with policy, please find attached the Invoices, Travel, Purchase Orders, Sponsorships, etc., for the month of November 2024 that are under the CEO's approval authority but have yet to be Council approved. The staff has segregated the items into various categories to facilitate reviewing the various purchases. All purchases listed are within the budget approved by the Council at TRIM as amended from time to time.

Please note that items over \$10,000 have a specific Issue Paper or copy of the related back-up attached to further explain the expenditure. Additional information for any expenditure is available upon request.

Recommended Action: Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases

Budget Impact: See attached Report



**List of Invoices, Travel, Purchase Orders, Sponsorships, etc.
Submitted to the Children's Services Council
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Vendor	Description	Amount	Comment (Back-up documentation is available upon request.)
Purchase Orders (Greater than \$10,000):			
Innuvo	Council Chambers Access Control Upgrade	\$ 54,768	See Issue Paper for Details
United Health Care, Guardian, and Unum	Employee Health Insurance, Dental, Vision, Life & LTD Insurance for FY 24/25	\$ 1,012,000	See Issue Paper for Details
Community Redevelopment Tax:			
Coral Springs	CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 78,619	
Davie	Est. CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 381,602	
Fort Lauderdale	Est. CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 1,170,410	
Hallendale Beach	Est. CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 871,467	
Hollywood Beach	CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 1,300,222	
Hollywood, Downtown	CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 528,175	
Lauderdale Lakes	Est. CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 155,275	
Plantation	CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 161,139	
Pompano NW	Est. CRA Tax Increment 24/25	\$ 300,000	
Purchase Orders (less than \$10,000):			
CivicPlus	Archive Social Media	\$ 4,902	Vendor Name Change
Verizon Business	POT Lines	\$ 1,624	
Corporate Grafiti	CSC Staff Shirts	\$ 4,000	PN Staff Shirts will be charged to the PN Grant
Facilities Operations:			
Facilities Building Services	Stone and paving maintenance on building exterior	\$ 6,275	
Alonso Window Series LLC	Caulk 5 windows on north and east side of building	\$ 2,000	
Employee Travel and Training:			
Kathleen Campbell	GFOA Virtual Training	\$ 70	
Marissa Aquino	Google Analytics; 10/5/24; Virtual	\$ 13	
Cindy Arenberg Setzer	Parkland Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum 2024; 10/9/24; Virtual	\$ 25	
Nicholas Hessing	Associate Member Night Exhibit Hall; 10/17/24; Dania Beach	\$ 57	
Cindy Arenberg Seltzer	Celebrate Babies; 10/22/24; Virtual	\$ 25	
Alicia Williams	GFOA Rethinking Budget in Action; 11/15/24 & 12/16/24; Virtual	\$ 100	
Kathleen Campbell; Monti Larsen	GFOA Annual Governmental GAAP Update; 12/5/24; Virtual	\$ 270	
Carl Dasse/Michelle Hagues	2024 Promise Neighborhood & Full-Service Community Schools National Conference; 12/9/24 - 12/12/24; Arlington, VA	\$ 5,000	
Alicia Williams	Fundamentals of Local Government Budgeting 12/2/24-12/11/24; Virtual	\$ 490	
Trainers :			
Melanie Acosta	Creating & Maintaining Literacy Rich Environments in Youth Programming	\$ 2,625	Vendor Name Change
Melanie Acosta	Effective Family & Community Engagement Approaches	\$ 1,750	Vendor Name Change
Melanie Acosta	Maintaining Inclusion in Organizations Serving Youth, Families & Communities	\$ 1,750	Vendor Name Change
Melanie Acosta	Understanding, Demonstrating, & Evaluating Cultural Competence	\$ 2,625	Vendor Name Change
Pontis Goup, The	Time Management	\$ 175	Additional Amount Requested
Wole Hearted Parenting	Creative Tools to Lead Groups	\$ 1,576	
Whole Hearted Parenting	Effective Teams	\$ 788	
Whole Hearted Parenting	Power Struggles	\$ 788	



List of Invoices, Travel, Purchase Orders, Sponsorships, etc.
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Vendor	Description	Amount	Comment (Back-up documentation is available upon request.)
Sponsorship:			
HANDY (SPNR-24-64)	Tiny Tots Holiday Party; 12/12/2024; Fort Lauderdale	\$ 2,000	This heartwarming event is dedicated to creating a joyful and festive atmosphere for children 0-10, many of whom are navigating the challenges of the foster care system. It will offer fun activities, engaging games, and holiday surprises aiming to bring joy, security, and a sense of belonging to children who may not have experienced the warmth and stability every child deserves.
HOMES (SPNR-24-59)	Holiday Fest; 12/20/2024; Fort Lauderdale	\$ 2,000	This event is designed to bring warmth and joy to foster care youth who may not have the comfort of a traditional family gathering during the season. A special dinner will be held in the garden, featuring music and a social gathering, where youth can relax, connect, and enjoy the spirit of the season.
Preggo Organization for Women, The (SPNR-24-62)	7th Annual Holiday Community Baby Shower; 12/14/2024; Lauderhill	\$ 2,000	This event will honor expectant mothers and parents with babies (newborn to 4 months of age). This year's focus will be to engage the at-risk and underserved community in living a healthy lifestyle while educating participants on how to access crucial community resources and services.
South Florida Caribbean Conference (SPNR-24-63)	SFCC Christmas Cheers for the Kids; 12/8/2024; Lauderhill	\$ 2,000	This heartwarming initiative aims to bring holiday joy to underprivileged children and their families within our community. The event seeks to create a memorable experience through gift distribution, festive meals, and engaging activities for those who may otherwise face a challenging holiday season.
West Park, City of (SPNR-24-63)	Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway Event; 12/19/2024; West Park	\$ 2,000	This year's event will be free and open to all Broward County residents regardless of race, age, gender, disability or income level. This year's theme will focus on unity and cultural diversity, while promoting family fun on the front lawn of City Hall.
CSC Strategic Plan Committee Events			
Broward Human Trafficking Coalition	Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Community Awareness Event; 1/25/2025; Dania Beach	\$ 5,000	This event promotes awareness of the lures and strategies traffickers use to bait victims in real life and aims to celebrate the successful transition and empowerment of those who are victims of sex trafficking and labor.
ISEE Group	Rise Up - Making Waves of Change: A Journey to Wellness; 11/16/2024; Dania Beach	\$ 5,000	This event is designed to create a safe space for boys, men, and fathers to express their challenges, strategize for change, raise awareness of men's well-being and celebrate their resiliency. It will also focus on addressing historical barriers and the present-day impact on drowning rates in South Florida.
Our Cultural Legacy	5th Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Summit; 1/11/2024; Deerfield Beach	\$ 5,000	This event will support STARS 5th annual anti-human trafficking youth summit by providing education and awareness to Broward County High School students. The participants will engage in interactive workshops to help identify the precursors and pathways of human trafficking.

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue: Contract Award for CCTV and Door Access Control System Upgrades

Action: Approve Innuvo to Upgrade CCTV and Door Access Control Systems.

Budget Impact: \$54,768 of 379,318 available in Capital Outlay for FY 24/25.

Background: The Children's Services Council (CSC) currently operates with a legacy CCTV Security Camera and door access control system that is more than 10 years old. The existing system is outdated and unable to support necessary updates or upgrades. Additionally, several CCTV cameras are inoperable, and the overall image quality is substandard. This leaves security gaps in the facilities, compromising both safety and operational efficiency.

Current Status: In response to the need for an upgraded security solution, CSC reviewed proposals from both Johnson Controls and Innuvo. After a thorough evaluation, Innuvo's proposal was selected as the most cost-effective and technically sound solution. Innuvo's solution addresses all these issues by providing:

CCTV Upgrade: New, high-quality cameras to replace broken or obsolete units, offering improved coverage and high-definition resolution. CCTV System Upgrade: *\$31,144

Door Access Control Upgrade: Modern access control systems that are scalable and capable of integrating with future security technologies. Door Access Control System Upgrade: *\$23,624

*These costs cover the purchase of new equipment, installation, and any necessary infrastructure upgrades to support the new systems.

Recommended Action: Approve Innuvo to Upgrade CCTV Security Camera and Door access control system.

For Council Meeting November 21, 2024

Issue:	Health Insurance and Related Benefits for All Employees.
Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve Health Insurance with United Healthcare (UHC) and Neighborhood Health Partnerships (NHP), a subsidiary of United Health Group (UHG).2. Approve Dental, Life, Vision and Long-Term Disability Insurance with Guardian.3. Approve Long-term Care with Unum.
Budget Impact:	<p>\$1,012,000 of \$1,589,500 Available within Fringe Benefits for the remaining 9 months of FY 24/25.</p> <p>\$350,000 Commitment for 3 months through 12/31/25 to be included in the Budget for FY 25/26. CSC is on a calendar year for benefits.</p>

Background: Employee benefits include a base plan health insurance for the employee and children (if applicable) paid for by CSC as well as an \$90.00 per month Cafeteria allowance for employees to use towards Dental, Life and Long-term Disability insurance. Staff contributes 3% towards their health insurance premiums. Furthermore, CSC pays for a basic Long-term Care insurance policy for employees only. Any premiums in excess of the Cafeteria Plan allowance are borne by the employee. The insurance renewal period is on a calendar period effective January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025.

Current Status: Staff worked closely with our brokers Brown and Brown, to review the health insurance options for the upcoming year. CSC's current health carrier, United Healthcare (UHC) initially came in with a 14% renewal rate increase, but after several negotiating sessions, CSC was afforded a rate pass. The rates for staff will remain the same as they were for the past year.

After reviewing the available information and exploring the various options, staff is recommending the following insurance carriers/products:

- Continue with United Healthcare and Neighborhood Health Partnerships. Continuing these plans allows staff to have a choice of three health plans,

maintains a relatively high level of benefits, as well as reasonable co-payments for all medical services, which are to be borne by the employee.

- CSC provides a base plan HMO plan through NHP (a subsidiary of United Health Group) with employees contributing 3% of the premium.
- For those employees who wish to have access to a national provider network, they would pay 3% of the HMO premium plus the additional premium to “buy-up” to a United Healthcare POS plan.
- For those employees who wish to participate in the High Deductible Plan, because the premium is less than the HMO, CSC would contribute the difference in the premium of the HMO plan through NHP (with employees contributing 3% of the premium) to a Health Saving Account (HSA). Employees may make additional contributions to their HSAs up to the maximum allowed per the IRS.
- Vision insurance plan remained level from the prior year and is offered through Guardian.
- Other ancillary Guardian insurance products include Dental and Long-term Disability. There has not been an increase in the dental rates under Guardian over the last seven years, and for this next year, they came in flat with no increase for the Long-term Disability either. These ancillary insurance products are deducted from the Cafeteria allowance and any additional premium is borne by the employee.
- The Long-term Care policy is through Unum and those premiums remain flat for this next year.

Recommended Action:

1. Approve Health Insurance with United Healthcare (UHC) and Neighborhood Health Partnerships (NHP), a subsidiary of UHG.
2. Approve Dental, Life, Vision and Long-Term Disability Insurance with Guardian.
3. Approve Long-term Care with Unum.

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**Agency Capacity Building (ACB) Committee Meeting
Minutes, November 6, 2024
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Participants in Attendance: Audrey Ljung, Janelle Floyd, Edward Williams, Saturnie Antoine, Dione Bomtempo, Diana Gomez, Jarvis Brunson, Shaena Wan Lockhart, Angela German, Sarah Hjort, Audrey Evans, Traci Schweitzer, Tiffany Csonka, Christina Romero, Shardy Sobers, Fran Glover, Alquavia Brown, Christine Thompson, Rosalind Osgood, Dr. Harleen Hutchinson, Antoinette Bailey, Sheena Sewell, Maui Goodbeer, Claudia Welsh, Sheldon McLean, Ronni Isenberg, Walter Aguilera-Valdes, Jolene Mullins, Karina Arceo, Allyson Vault, Erikka Williams, Greg Musser, Edward Winter, Alissa Bosworth, Kristine Perez-Carrion, Judy Patterson, Zeina Zein, April Young, Hanna Brethower, Tiffany Garcia, Lynne Kunins, Kim Newhouse, Brian Johnson, Kathleen Docteur, Alexandria Persad, Rodrigo Sotelo, Gernald Hawkins, Roni Tanenbaum, Jakari Lucas, Edward Williams, Kymrae Hill

Trainer: Ken King, CSC

CSC Staff in Attendance: Ken King, Nicolette Picardi, Kimberly Goulbourne

CSC Council Member: Jeffrey Wood (Board Chair)

Agenda

Welcome:

Mr. Kenneth King, Director of Public Affairs and Organizational Development, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The August ACB meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Introduction: The new Director of PAOD, Training and Capacity Enhancements, Kimberly Adams Goulbourne was introduced.

Mr. King then discussed “Get to Know CSC” which provided an overview of CSC and the resources available.

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Highlights:

- (Slides 2-4) History of CSC provides an overview of the Children's Services Council (CSC), covering its establishment, evolution, and purpose of serving child and family needs in Broward County.
- (Slides 5-6) CSC Values and Mission were highlighted, focusing on CSC's commitment to children's welfare, equity, and innovation in serving the community.
- (Slide 7) Broward Children's Strategic Plan. Goals and objectives were discussed, underlining the long-term vision and key priorities for children and families in Broward County.
- (Slides 8-10) CSC Leadership and Advocacy were presented, including CSC's role in shaping policy and supporting children's issues at local and state levels.
- (Slides 11-12) The CSC Sponsorship Policy, which encompasses sponsorship guidelines and criteria, was reviewed. It details the process for community event sponsorships and partnership alignments with CSC's goals.
- (Slide 13) Requesting CSC resource tables at events was discussed, which allows CSC to distribute informational materials and resources at community events to increase visibility and engagement.
- (Slide 14) CSC Capacity Building Website was presented, showcasing resources, training materials, and tools available to community partners for organizational support.
- (Slides 15-17) CSC Funding Types were outlined, including general funding, targeted grants, and special project funding that address specific community needs.
- (Slides 18-20) An overview of CSC Publications, including reports, guides, and research publications designed to inform the community and stakeholders on key issues and CSC's impact, was provided.

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- (Slide 21) CSC Branding was discussed, including guidelines for representing CSC in the community and ensuring consistent messaging across initiatives.
- An ACB Future Meeting Topic Discussion occurred, and a QR code was created to capture the participants' suggestions. This survey will gather information about topics to be discussed at 2025 ACB meetings. Participants were also shown where they could see topics already covered at previous meetings. The survey results will be shared with the capacity-building team and Council Members to build the future calendar of ACB events.
- Questions were received from the audience which will subsequently be utilized in a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

Closing: The training ended at 3:40 p.m.

Get to KNOW CSC




November, 2024 ACB Meeting

The Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) is an independent taxing authority established by a voter referendum in 2000 and reauthorized in 2014.



Broward Community Conditions 1999-2000



Broward Youth & Families in Crisis

- Crisis in Child Welfare System
- High rates of youth referrals for crime
- Lower educational achievements
- High rates of risky youth behavior(substance use/delinquency)
- High Teen Pregnancy and Repeat Teen Birth rates
- High Infant Mortality

- 2000 Population 1.5 Million
- Children 353k
- Birth to 4 was 78,440

Council Members



Jeffrey S. Wood



Beam Furr



Robert Shea



Dr. Paula Thaqi



Debra Hixon



Dr. Howard Hepburn



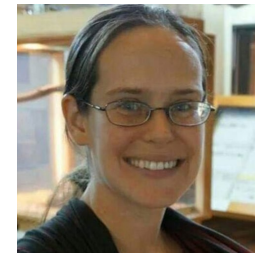
**The Honorable Francis
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Alyssa Foganholi



Julia Musella



Dr. Christine Thompson

Vacant

Governor Appointee



**Children's
Services
Council**
of Broward County
Our Focus is Our Children.

Fundamental Values & Commitments



CSC Design
Elements for
Building
Government
from Nothing

- Our Focus is Our Children – What is in the best interest of Children & Families and how do we reduce barriers
- Transparency & Accountability & Integrity & Collaboration/Avoid Duplication
- We don't succeed unless the children and families succeed and the providers succeed when the children & families succeed
- Results Based Accountability
- Listening & Responding to Community & Service System Needs
- Lead or follow or get out of the way

Mission

The CSC's mission is to provide leadership, advocacy, and resources necessary to enhance the lives of the children of Broward County and empower them to become responsible, productive adults through collaborative planning and funding of a continuum of quality care.





BROWARD CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PLAN

"PARTNERING FOR CHILD & FAMILY WELL-BEING"



Leadership & Advocacy



Broward AWARE



Back to School Extravaganza

Countdown to Kindergarten



Broward Read for the Record



Leadership & Advocacy





Our Providers



Sponsorships



Sponsorship Policy



CSC Resource Table at a Community



Capacity Building Resources



CSC Funding

How CSC Funds

Funding from CSC is typically offered through our competitive procurement process. A County-wide assessment determines community needs in children's services. Based on these needs and public hearings, the Council establishes annual goals and a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The goals and budget determine the need for procurement(s) to identify providers able to meet the local service needs.

Emergency Funding Requests

The intent of a the Emergency Procurement Exemption is to provide a Safety Net for CSC-funded agencies, where possible, when crisis situations arise that clearly jeopardize services to clients served in currently-funded CSC programs.

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Requests for Funds to Maximize Revenue / Leveraged Funds

The intent of the Procurement Exemption to maximize Federal, State, and Private Revenue opportunities is to ensure the ability to bring new resources to Broward County that benefit the children and families in our community.

[View More →](#)

Sponsorships

The Children's Services Council supports a wide range of charitable groups. Sponsorship is one of the support tools available to CSC. Sponsorships dollars are limited and denial of any request shall in no way be construed as a reflection on the project submitted or the agency involved.

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CSC Funding Continues

Joint Funding and/or Community Collaborative Funding

The intent of this Procurement Exemption is to participate in joint funding efforts or in support of community collaborative projects to address significant community issues at the discretion of the Council.

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Tentative Procurement Release Schedule (subject to change)*

*Please note this schedule is tentative and subject to Council approval. Additional procurement opportunities may be added at any time or opportunities listed below amended. In addition, funds are subject to budget availability and CSC continuation of stated goal priorities. In the event that property tax collections decline, the CSC reserves the right to reduce or eliminate funding allocated for services.

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Procurements and Funding Opportunities

Procurements are available through CSC's web-based Contract Administration and Procurement System (CAPS).

Please click the link below to access a list of all available procurements and funding opportunities.

[View More](#) →

Programs CSC Funds in Broward County:

The CSC funds over a hundred programs serving children and families throughout the county. Our programs are prevention programs that help keep children and families safe and together.

Family Supports: Programs that provide families at risk of child abuse or neglect, families at risk for out-of-home placement, and families in crisis. These programs offer parenting classes and counseling and linkages to resources in the community.

Early Childhood Programs: Childcare centers throughout the county are available to families with children under the age of 5. CSC funds scholarships for families.

Afterschool & Summer Programs: These year-round and summer programs provide a safe, positive environment for elementary school children, and for children and youth ages 3-22 with behavioral health and other special needs. A sliding fee scale is used to determine program fees.

Teen Programs: Afterschool/Summer programs for middle and high school aged youth.

Youth FORCE	Afterschool and summer programs for middle-school-age children.
Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT)	Life coaching and counseling for dependent youth aging out of formal or informal foster care and high school-aged youth who are at high risk of not graduating or are disengaged.
LEAP High	Afterschool and summer programs in High Schools focused on high school graduation and post-secondary opportunities.
Supported Training & Employment Program (STEP)	An afterschool program geared to youth with disabilities with a summer-supported work experience.
Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)	Summer employment for youth between the ages of 16-18.

HEAL Programs: The programs provide mental health services to children and families experiencing trauma in Northeast, Central East, and Southeast regions of Broward County.

Prosperity & Hunger Programs: Hunger programs support families experiencing food insecurity. CSC-funded VITA program assists families complete their tax returns.

Health & Safety Initiatives: Programs and initiatives that keep children safe and healthy.

KidCare Outreach	KidCare staff will help complete the application process for affordable healthcare for children.
Safe Sleep	The Safe Sleep Initiative teaches parents how to keep children safe while they sleep.
Water Safety Initiatives	Water safety initiatives provide education on how to be water-safe and provide coupons for swimming lessons for children 6 months up to 8 years of age.



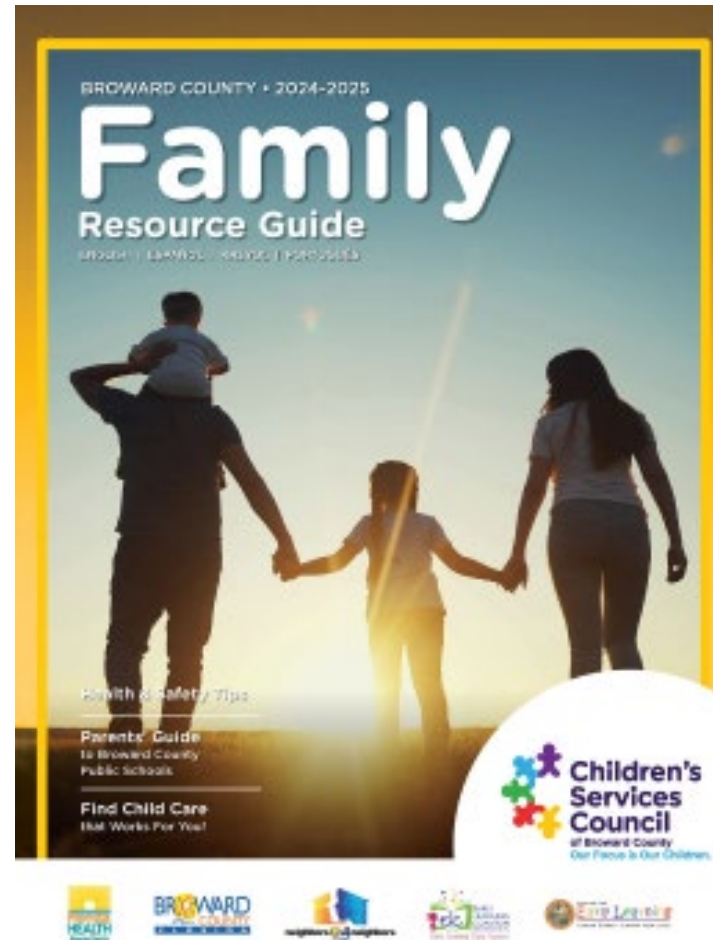
What CSC Funds?



CSC Publication



CSC Publication



The CSC Weekly Blast

FEATURE YOUR RESOURCES

CSC Broward is pleased to share child and family-related information, including funding opportunities. Please get in touch with the sponsoring organizations directly for more info. Resources/events in the **blast** are listed free of charge and, unless sponsored by the CSC, should not be considered endorsements.

To have your resource/event included, please e-mail Alexia Bridges at abridges@cscbroward.org **two weeks in advance**, a high-resolution PDF file ONLY (no JPEG or PNG), or a link to the landing page.

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Branding Guide



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ACB Topics for 2025



TAB 30

Funders Forum Meeting Summary November 1, 2024

Members Present:

Angelica Rosas, Community Foundation; **Carl Dasse**, Children's Services Council (CSC); **Cassandra Burell**, Community Foundation; **Cassandra Evans**, Broward County Human Services Department; **Dion Smith**, CSC; **Fern Phillip**, CSC; **Jessica Ricon**, CSC; **Jill Denis-Lay**, CSC; **Jodi Washington**, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS); **Judith Fletcher**, Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation; **Keyonia Lawson**, CSC; **Kristen Stevens**, Carl Angus DeSantis Foundation; **Lori Canning**, Broward County Public Schools; **Priscilla Cole**, CSC; **Radoika (Rady) Pilarte**, CSC; **Renee Podolsky**, Florida Department of Health; **Sheri Brown Grosvenor**, Community Foundation; **Sue Gallagher**, CSC; **Suzette Fleischman** for Maria Hernandez, United Way; **Susan Cantrick**, BCPS; **Teves Bush**, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ); **Tiffany Lawrence** for Silvia Quintana, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC)

Welcome and Introductions:

Dion S. welcomed members and introductions were completed.

Approval of the October 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

Cassandra E. moved to approve the minutes as presented. Judith F. seconded the motion, which passed with no opposing votes.

Data Collaboration Work and Challenges

Sue Gallagher, CSC's Chief Innovation Officer, spoke to members about the lessons learned with the development of a comprehensive data system and the history of community partners' efforts and challenges to come together to collect and share data.

In 2016, CSC received a grant to do a performance partnership pilot that provided funding to build an integrated data system. In 2017 the Broward Data Collaborative was established, and bylaws were created with values for equity and transparency. Grant funding was used to build out technology where they could share data, that could be utilized for research, questions, and evaluation.

After years of trying, the agency attorneys would not agree to the integration due to the risk and liability of a data breach impacting the agencies that they represent, even though Florida legislation provides authorization to serve and integrate data across agencies.

Three years ago, they partnered with Amazon Web Services and a public benefit corporation called Velantura to design and build out a care coordination system for young people who are being Baker Acted, which included test data integration technology and a

consent management system. However, additional funding is needed. Sue G. is hopeful that they will be able to move these efforts forward in the future.

Judith F. asked about Unite Us and their partnership with 2-1-1 First Call For Help in Palm Beach. Sue G. clarified that she has met with Unite Us and found that they work with smaller adult agencies that can provide consent to share data versus CSC, which serves a larger volume of only children. Unite Us will present during the next Funders Forum meeting in December.

Funders Focus Area: Youth Employment Programs

During the October meeting, members were asked if they were interested in restoring a subcommittee where they could share information about the services they fund and provider performance, discuss challenges, and develop solutions to address the challenges.

Dion S. thanked members for their input regarding navigation services during the October meeting and notified members that Keyonia L. would email them a spreadsheet to populate their data.

The focus area of youth employment was discussed. The following information was captured from members regarding the youth employment programs that they fund:

Children's Services Council

Dion S. discussed youth employment services and introduced his team that leads CSC's youth employment services. Jill Denis-Lay, Assistant Director, provided an overview of the following CSC-funded youth employment programs.

- CareerSource was awarded \$4.3 million to serve 913 youth ages 16-18 for a Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) program, which provides opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth to participate in employability skills training and work experience during the summer break and offers youth an hourly wage of \$14 per hour for their work participation.
- Junior Achievement of South Florida was awarded leverage funding in the amount of \$995,050 to serve 300 youth ages 15-18 for their Junior Achievement Career Bound (JACB) 10-month program. This program is a youth employability skills program that provides soft skill training, 80 hours of comprehensive skills training, career awareness, and work experience. CSC supports the summer youth experience for youth that successfully have completed the school year component. This program is in partnership with The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation and the Community Foundation of Broward. As a result of this additional funding, youth are paid an hourly wage of \$15 per hour for their participation.
- The Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) was awarded leverage funding in the amount of \$218K to serve 80 youth in grades 10-12 for its Everglades EcoExplorers

Program, which provides part-time employment year-round and summer environmental education and workforce development training and offers youth an hourly wage of \$14 per hour for their work experience.

- MODS was also awarded leverage funding in the amount of \$132K to serve 25 youth grades 10-12 for their Aviation Academy Program. This museum-based program combines workforce development and aviation education during the school and summer months and offers youth an hourly wage of \$14 per hour for their work experience.
- HOMES Inc., and H.A.N.D.Y, Inc. was awarded \$189,930 to serve a minimum of 19 youth in their Transitional Independent Living (TIL) Internship Program that provides paid internships giving youth valuable employment experience and job placement. There is an assessment, employability skills training, and job placement coordination services for the TIL population and offers youth an hourly wage of \$14 per hour for their work experience.
- CSC's Positive Youth Development (PYD) STEP Program is in its new RFP cycle. The program expands the availability of afterschool and summer programs that provide youth with developmental, physical, and behavioral health disabilities with instruction and community-based experiences to increase future employment and post-secondary educational opportunities, training, and gainful employment. All agencies that are contracted serve youth with special needs ages 15-21 during the school and summer months, and youths are paid \$14 per hour during their summer work experience. The RFP amount of \$4.5 million was awarded to:
 - Ann Storck Center, Inc., was awarded \$702,640 to serve 40 youth.
 - Arc Broward, Inc., was awarded \$999,531 to serve 48 youth.
 - Center for Hearing & Communication, Inc., was awarded \$276,820 to serve 16 youth.
 - Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., was awarded \$176,735 to serve 8 youth.
 - Smith Mental Health Foundation, Inc., was awarded \$687,310 to serve 36 youth.
 - United Community Options, was awarded \$1,354,563 to serve 80 youth.
 - YMCA of South Florida was awarded \$1,609,837 to serve 88 youth.

Broward County

Cassandra E. reported that, under the Community Partnership Division, the Children's Services Administration has funded CareerSource with \$385K to serve 83 youths for their Supported Employment Program.

They have also awarded H.A.N.D.Y, Inc., YWCA, and the Center for Independent Living in the amount of \$282,132 for their Youth Economic and Stability (ECOSTA) Program. H.A.N.D.Y Inc. focuses on the delinquent population; the YMCA of South Florida focuses on

the female population. Independent Living of Broward County focuses on the special needs population. The programmatic required components are financial education/literacy training, supported employment to include career counseling and pre-employment assessment and pre-employment preparation, work experience of paid and unpaid job internships and apprenticeships. Optional services provided are job coaching, life coaching, and financial assistance. Broward County contracts also include payments of \$14 per hour for their youth.

Community Foundation

Angelica R. reported that the Community Foundation funds nine youth employment programs that serve 400 youths for approximately \$400K.

Community Foundation currently funds the following providers:

- CareerSource serves 10 youths.
- Center for Independent Living serves 40 youths with disabilities.
- Community Reconstruction at Cypress Run Education Center serves 30 at-risk youths.
- Fruitful Field, located in Pompano Beach and at the Patch in Dania Beach, serves 18-20 youths ages 14-17, where they learn how to farm, grow, and sell produce.
- PACE Center for Girls serves 140 youths to participate in different job opportunities with their community partners.
- OIC of South Florida serves 20-30 youths for their summer paid 6-week internship program.
- Junior Achievement serves 50 youths for their 10-month Junior Achievement Center Bound (JACB) Program.
- MODS Everglades EcoExplorers and Aviation Academy Program serves 50 youths from grades K-12.
- FLITE Center places youth in part-time and full-time jobs.

Currently, the Community Foundation does pay some stipends. They also encourage employers to get involved since they benefit from the youth's work.

Community Foundation's new RFP focus area is not geared toward internships or job placement. Their main focus is geared to serving children and youth in grades K-12 by supporting enhanced academic achievement. However, youth employment could be considered as an added focus in their application.

Broward Behavioral Health Coalition

Tiffany L. reported that the BBHC Independent Placement and Support (IPS) Program has four providers (South Florida Wellness Network, Footprint to Success Clubhouse,

Archways, and Care Resource Community Health Centers) who serve youth from age 14 to adulthood. The program is geared toward assisting individuals with mental health and substance abuse diagnoses. Employment Specialists find jobs in the clients' field of choice. The Employment Specialist then notifies the employer about the client's diagnosis and treatment, with consent. If the employer finds that the client may be experiencing symptoms during work, they notify BBHC, and the specialist steps in to assist and provide support.

BBHC also requires their providers to contract with Vocational Rehabilitation so they can connect or assist their clients with their interests, such as college or training for career advancement.

BBHC's funding currently goes towards salaries for the Employment Specialists and Supervisors. The job site pays the workers' stipends.

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation

Judith F. reported that they funded Junior Achievement with a 3-year contract in the amount of \$500K per year to serve 170 youth who were employed through the Career bound program. DeLuca funds the staff, Career Coaches, Career Program Managers, and stipends for the program. Their Board is interested in investing more funding toward employment programs. Judith F. would like to meet with Dion S. and Maria J.S. to discuss this further.

United Way

Suzette F. reported that United Way funds the FLITE Center's Let's Get Ready to Work Program, which serves 125 youths in the amount of \$94,500.

Next Steps

Sue G. spoke to members about how CSC is working towards creating an avenue to bring funded program information into a useful framework that will help funders see what is being funded and make better funding decisions. Members would be requested to report their funding data when a new procurement is released, or new programs are funded.

Sue G. shared a slide called Broward Funders Forum DRAFT System Analysis Components (attached) that included the elements to be captured to create a more robust data repository. Sue G. suggested that we begin with the two service areas of navigation services and youth employment. CSC staff will assist with maintaining the data repository, but member participation will be critical to the success of this initiative. Members approved.

Keyonia L. will email both spreadsheets to members so they can begin populating their information. The data will then be reviewed and discussed with members in a few months at the February 7, 2025, meeting. Funders Forum does not meet in January and the December meeting doesn't provide enough time to complete project.

Funders Forum Member Updates:

Children's Services Council

Sue G. spoke about community partners' efforts to engage with Place-Based Multiservice Centers that have two or more service agencies by finding out how these service centers engage with the community, how they receive feedback from their clients, and if there are Advisory Boards. This will help avoid duplicating services and maximize efforts when implementing the Promise Neighborhood Programs. Meetings have begun to gather this information from the centers that identify as a Place-Based center (see maps attached).

Broward County

Cassandra E. announced that on October 29th the Human Services Department hosted a Provider Orientation and Training as part of their provider engagement series. The orientation included multiple components to help them build better relationships with their providers in hopes that, in return, would improve outcomes and support better quality services for the community. Cassandra E. reported that there were over 200 staff attendees that were surveyed and found that it was well received and valuable.

Next Funders Forum Meeting

The next meeting will be held virtually on Friday, December 6, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members should contact Radoika Pilarte at rpilarte@cscbroward.org to include any additional agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



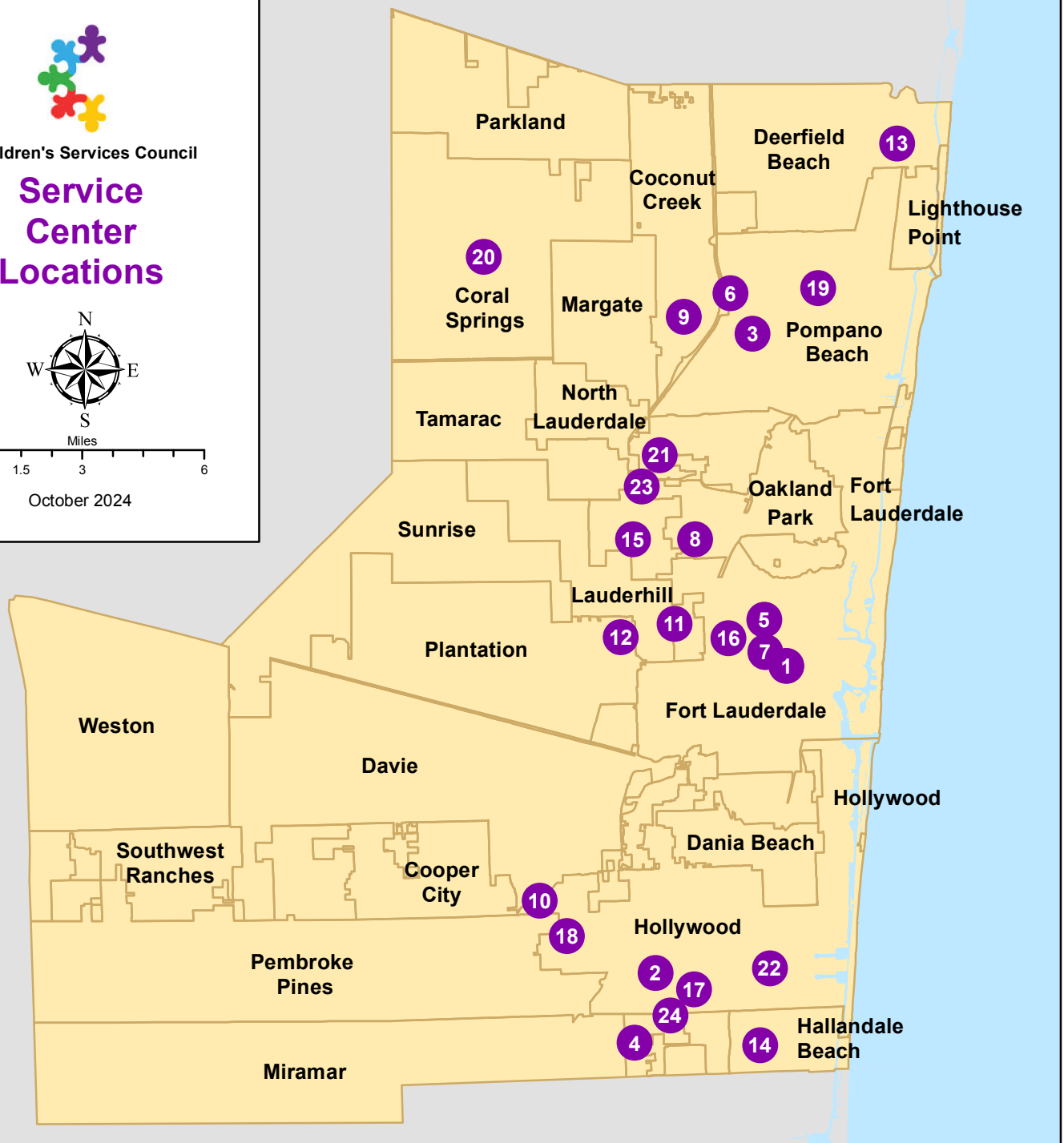
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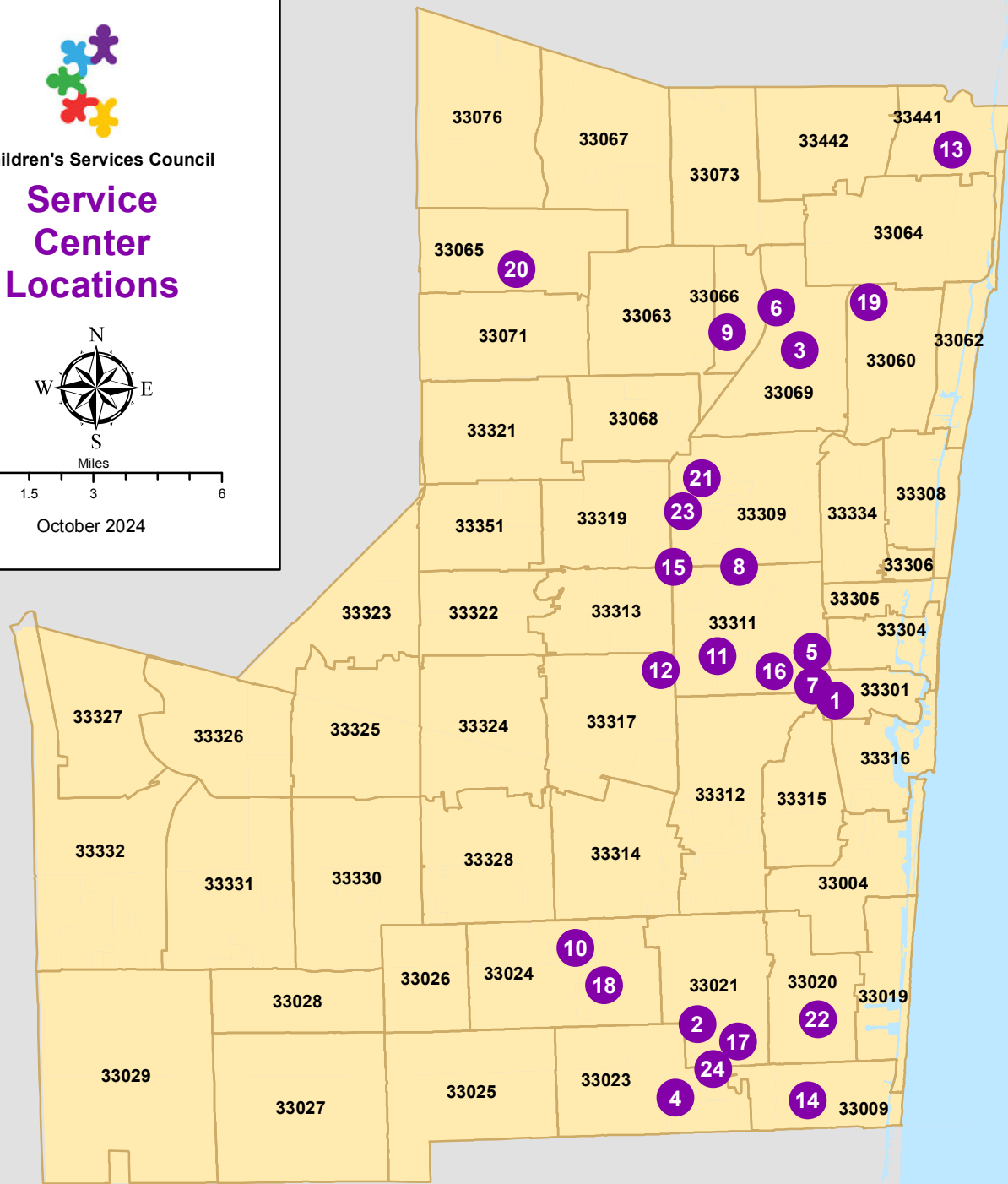
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Broward Funders Forum

DRAFT System Analysis Components

- Service System Area
- Number & Names of Providers
- Types of Services – Program Description
- Number and Populations Served
- Locations of persons served (city/zip code)
- Program Performance Measures
- Fiscal Mapping/Funding
- Identified Gaps
- Opportunities for improvement/enhancement
- Community Voice & Agency
- Broward Children's Strategic Plan Committee Input
- Community Indicator Data
- Research
- Funding Time Frame
- Available Contract Renewals
- Staff Credentials
- Populations served by multiple programs for prevention & intervention
- Budget
- Taxonomy

The Broward Reads Coalition - Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2024
9:30 am

The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Participants: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (Co-Chair), Dr. Sharetta Remikie, Kim Reid, Liza Khan, and Yolanda Meadows (CSC of Broward County); Commissioner Beam Furr (Co-Chair) & CSC Council Member; Dr. Lori Canning (Co-Chair (BCPS); Jenny Del Valle, Bari Goldberg (HandsOn Broward); Randall Deich (Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance); Roni Tanenbaum (University of Florida -New Worlds Reading); Karen Smith (Friends of the Broward County Library); Richard Kaufman (Friends of the Library Davie/Cooper City); CJ Yancy, Emilia Vilare-Monchery (United Way of Broward); Lisa Maraj [Sporillo] (City of Pembroke Pines); Bob Mayersohn (Broward Legislative Delegation)

I. Welcome

Commissioner Beam Furr convened the meeting at 9:35 and extended a warm welcome to the attendees.

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer moved to approve the August meeting minutes, and Lori Canning seconded. The motion passed without any objections.

II. Partner Updates

a) Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) (Dr. Lori Canning)

Dr. Lori Canning announced that Read for the Record Day is approaching and demonstrated how interested parties can sign up to read. She shared the BCPS Broward Reads Canvas page (<https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/449656>)(<https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/449656>)), which houses various activities, events, and resources, including how to sign up for a library card. Lori also pointed out where to find the author reading this year's book.

Lori highlighted that many community leaders, such as police officers, commissioners, and mayors, will be reading to children on this day. However, she emphasized that this event is not just a one-day occurrence. The initiative has expanded to a year-round effort called "Broward Reads Throughout the Year," with monthly themes and activities spotlighting local authors.

Dr. Canning also shared that November is Family Engagement Month. Their 4th annual Family Fun Day will be held on November 10 at Delevoe Park.

Additionally, they will host an online read-aloud event in which Dr. Hepburn will read **No Grades, No Play** by local author Ray Shipman. 200 randomly selected participants will receive a signed copy of the book.

Lori formed an on-the-spot Broward Reads subcommittee for anyone interested in helping. Monthly Broward Reads events will also provide additional books to children.

b) CSC of Broward County (Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, Dr. Sharetta Remikie, Liza Khan)

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer informed the committee that staff has recommended that the Council approve funding books for the Broward County Public School's November Family Literacy event. She reminded attendees that the district is always in need of books, and if anyone has access to funding or can help in any way, it would be appreciated. Cindy also noted that individuals can register to become a reader for Read for the Record by clicking on the banner on the Broward Reads website.

Cindy emphasized that CSC acts as the backbone of the initiative but does not "own" it. The effort involves four co-chairs, representing the county commission, the school district, the early learning coalition, and CSC, along with all committee members. She reiterated that this initiative is not about giving to CSC, but about aligning efforts to ensure that all children can read at grade level by third grade.

Dr. Sharetta Remikie reminded the group that the Broward Reads committee is part of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (FGLR), a national, statewide, and local initiative, representing Broward County. The Florida Grade-Level Reading campaign focuses on ensuring that every child in Florida is prepared for academic success by promoting school readiness, improving teacher quality, and addressing chronic absenteeism. Dr. Remikie also noted that Broward is part of Jumpstart's **Read for the Record** initiative and shared that Broward is ranked number one in the nation for volunteer involvement, though more efforts are needed to increase volunteer numbers.

Dr. Remikie also shared that the FGLR campaign requires bi-annual reports, and Broward's report was one of the few turned in on time.

Dr. Remikie shared FGLR's activities at the state and national levels.

- At the state level, the **Book Smart** initiative has been running for over a year, recruiting over 4,000 digital library users. This initiative offers free

digital access to a variety of children's books to help foster a love of reading. A webinar on learning ages and key information for 2025 will take place on October 29.

- At the national level, Dr. Remikie encouraged everyone to follow FGLR on Facebook, LinkedIn, and other social media platforms to stay updated on initiatives at the state and national levels.
- FGLR released a documentary titled "Sentenced," currently streaming on Peacock. The documentary addresses the painful reality of how illiteracy passes through generations. Dr. Remikie informed the group that CSC plans to hold a local public viewing discussion around this film early next year.

c) HandsOn South Florida (Jenny Del Valle)

Jenny Del Valle reported that HandsOn South Florida is actively recruiting volunteers for Read for the Record. They have reached out to partners and past participants, and close to 300 volunteers have signed up. Jenny is confident that the needed volunteer number will be met. She also noted that this year's summer program was a success, as the program days were expanded from one day (Monday only) to Monday through Friday. Based on the positive outcomes, the site coordinator has been given approval to continue the literacy program year-round. The program will meet once a week with guest readers, though the schedule has not yet been finalized.

Open Mic

United Way of Broward (Emilia Vilaire-Monchery & CJ Yancey)

Emilia shared that the United Way of Broward is adopting a global initiative called "Born Learning Trails", part of the larger "Born Learning Academies" program. This awareness campaign involves installing ten signs with teachable moments for children up to age five along walking trails in neighborhood parks to promote early childhood education. The first trail has been completed at Adler Park in Dania Beach, and a video showcasing the park's trail and ribbon-cutting ceremony was shown. The next trail will be installed at Renaissance Park in Lauderhill on October 18 and 19.

CJ Yancey provided an update on the *Reading Pals* program, which is currently operating at 26 sites with 115 active volunteers. Each participating child receives 17 books to help build their home library. CJ also noted that they are working with schools to promote literacy nights. Anyone interested can reach out to CJ at cyancy@unitedwaybroward.org or on the website

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1umciV8bRwe0jqlzUL01Fg6G4I5EVLBE&usp=sharing>.

Friends of the Broward County Library Explorers (Karen Smith)

Karen announced that National Friends of the Library Week will be celebrated this month. Commissioner Furr will present a proclamation at their upcoming meeting. Karen also expressed interest in getting the Divine Nine (a group of historically Black fraternities and sororities) involved in this initiative and mentioned she would share more information with them. She also proposed the idea of offering incentives to groups who participate in book drives.

Meeting Schedule for FY 23-24:

The next meeting will occur on **December 4, 2024, at 9:30 am.**

Subsequent meeting dates: TBA

III. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.



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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Children's Services Board
Draft Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2024
9:00 am – 11:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members.

2. Roll Call

Jarvis Brunson called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman, Monica King, Jarvis Brunson, Joel Smith, Daniel Schevis, Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Traci Schweitzer, and Maria Juarez Stouffer present. Teves Bush, Elida Segrera, Cassandra Burrell, and Commissioner Michael Udine via TEAMS.

Members absent: Brenda Fam, Cara Malave, and Malena Mendez.

Staff Members in attendance: Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, Children's Services Administrator (CSA), Sterling Parrish, Contract Grant Administrator Sr. (CSA), and Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney present.

Motion: To approve the CSB August 16 minutes.

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Maria Juarez Stouffer

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

Motion: To approve the revised CSB July minutes.

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Maria Juarez Stouffer

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

3. Chair Report

Chairman provided an update that there are vacancies on the CSB for District 2 and 8.

Broward County Board of County Commissioners

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The Needs Assessment Committee met to discuss the strategic plan and in the future the NAC will look at utilization and outcomes by provider to have a better understanding of each agency's impact and use of funds.

Motion: To approve the Strategic Plan.

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Unanimously passed

4. Section Report

Presentation

Dr. Hill-Howard introduced Areeba Johnson to the floor to present an overview of the OCP4 grant.

5. Committee Chair Reports

None

6. Liaison Reports

DCF: A new hotline number now exists for hospital specific reports The new numbers are 866-532-2873 for police and 866-972-2876 for hospital.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 17: An update that their virtual platform, Ourcab, is back online and working. Liaison also reported that the next meeting is November 13 with an emphasis on data-driven decision making and trends in the community. There has also been an uptick in kids who are threatening schools and conversations are being had about charges and solutions to reduce these incidences.

Special Needs: A food truck will be launched called The Square Bowl, through a grant secured by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, in which skill-building is emphasized for young people with special needs.

System of Care: BBHC is working with their staff to adjust to budget cuts. Additionally, the update to the Children's System of Care Plan is a little delayed, but the current monthly meeting is being used to identify needs and solutions to address those gaps in the community.

7. New Business

None.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Public Comment

A public comment was made about the county's efforts for facilitating a workshop on Anti-Semitism but a disappointment that there is a mandatory training on a Jewish holiday in which agencies will be closed.

10. Good of the Order

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the CSB meeting at 10:32 A.M.

First: Monica King

Second: Dan Schevis

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is October 18, 2024.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated September 20, 2024, as certified by:

Jarvis Brunson
Children's Services Board Secretary



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October 4th, 2024

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
President/CEO, Children's Services Council
6600 West Commercial Boulevard
Lauderhill, FL 33319

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Dear Cindy,

On behalf of The Pantry of Broward (TPOB), we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support of HandsOn South Florida. Your contributions help them continue their vital work in our community.

Recently, through the DIY "Hunger Action Tote Project," we received 280 tote bags filled with nonperishable food items from HandsOn South Florida. This generous donation, totaling over 3,400 pounds of food, is essential for feeding our 600+ clients each month, comprised of low-income seniors and grandparents raising grandchildren.

Alexandria Persad from HandsOn South Florida expertly coordinated this project, managing all logistics and maintaining regular communication with us. She also demonstrated flexibility by adjusting the pickup date in response to concerns about Hurricane Helene.

The Children's Services Council's generous support of HandsOn South Florida is making a significant impact in our community.

Thank you once again for your kindness during a time when many are in need. We encourage you to follow us on social media to see the positive results of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Maureen Esposito Luna, CEO
The Pantry of Broward

Cc: Alexandria Persad

*Cindy,
It was a pleasure to see your name regarding this project. I'm not sure if you remember me, but I was on the Board for The Pantry of Broward and the Event Chair for Dancing with the Stars when you participated Time Flies! I've been CEO since 2015. We sadly lost Penny to cancer a few months ago - she will be greatly missed. The Pantry is thriving, and I hope you are doing well.
Warmest regards,
Maureen*

Kinship Family Conference 2024

October 9, 2024 [Carma Henry](#) [Local News](#) 0



Legal Aid Service of Broward County, panel of presenters -- L to R: Luz Maria-Montero, Attorney, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Elisaveta Alexieva, Lead Attorney, Kinship Project, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Walter Honaman, Program Director, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Sarah Baker, Attorney, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Ivan Parra, Attorney, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; and Elizabeth Adorno, Legal Aid Service of Broward County.

By Sonia and Sylvester Robinson

On Saturday, September 28, the Kinship Family Conference and the Children's Service Council held a community event at the Mt. Hermon AME Church Life Center in Fort Lauderdale. You knew it was a community-driven event because it was structured to accommodate the clients and community served with benefits available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Phyllis Harris from Kinship Cares Initiatives standing in front of Broward Health Mobile Van.

As we entered the edifice and having no preconceived notions or expectations, I was immediately captivated by the ambiance of the setting, easily characterized as warm,

inviting, compassionate and loving. The table decor and aroma of a much anticipated lunch were perfect; however, the delightful overwhelming, tranquil atmosphere I soon realized emanated from the awesome employees and caregivers associated with these benevolent organizations. I felt it and saw it in the eyes and facial expressions of each that I observed or came in contact with as they went about their individual responsibilities.



Standing left Sarah Barker.

You understand immediately or in a very short period of time the love, dedication and commitment for their clients, children victimized by unfortunate circumstances not of their own doing, innocent and vulnerable. I observed personally a young girl who broke away from her caregiver, ran on stage where agency representatives were discussing legal aid services they provide, then proceeded to run unrestrained throughout the assembly, oblivious to surroundings. The caregivers, aware of the young girl's challenges, resolved the issue with patience and sensitivity, confirming my initial impression.

Cindy, President and CEO of Children Services Council, graciously answered some important questions posed by **Westside Gazette** staffer, Sonia Henry-Robinson.

WG: As the President/CEO, what personal connection do you have to the kinship family community?

Cindy: I was very close to my grandparents and my extended family. When the late Carole Andrews (School Board Member and Founding CSC Council Member) brought this issue to my attention early in CSC's existence, I was amazed at how prevalent Kinship care was. Hearing the stories of the families was very moving and we knew we needed to do something to help these overlooked families. It has been very gratifying to see the impact these programs have had.

WG: What do you believe is the most critical issue facing kinship families today?

Cindy: One of the most pressing issues for Broward's kinship families is the rapidly rising cost of living in South Florida, with housing as the largest expense.

WG: How do you envision the conference impacting the broader community?

Cindy: If a child cannot live with their parents, they benefit from remaining with family who keep them connected to their culture and community. Kinship caregivers are those family members or close family friends who are part of that child's village. The conference is an opportunity for Broward's Kinship Village to gather and build social connections while Kinship Support agencies pour into their cups with information, resources, and appreciation. When the Kinship Village is supported, Broward's children thrive. We also hope to inform all Broward's families about the wonderful Kinship Support Programs available through KID Inc., Harmony Development Center, Memorial Health Systems, Legal Aid of Broward County, and Broward Health's Kinship Cares Initiative, so they know where to get help if they ever need it.



WG: How can attendees stay connected with the kinship family community after the conference?

Cindy: For more information about Kinship Support and Services, contact any of the CSC funded programs:

KID Inc. Kinship program, (954) 390-7654 ext.1283;

Memorial Healthcare System Kinship Program, (954) 276-0866; and

Harmony Development Center, (954) 766-4483.

These agencies offer supportive services, parent education and counseling and can connect families who need legal advocacy or Healthcare.

WG: What's the story behind the paintings? From whom or where did they originate?

President/CEO Arenberg-Seltzer: The paintings on display at the conference were created by the children and teens who were in attendance; their masterpieces were the answer to the question, 'what family means to me.'

The Legal Aid Service of Broward County, panel of presenters included

Luz Maria-Montero, Attorney, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Elisaveta Alexieva, Lead Attorney, Kinship Project, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Walter Honaman, Program Director, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Sarah Baker, Attorney, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Ivan Parra, Attorney, Legal Aid Service of Broward County; and

Elizabeth Adorno, Legal Aid Service of Broward County. Other love partners ensuring continued program success and sustainability in addition to Legal Aid Services are Kids In Distress, Kinship Cares Initiatives, Harmony Development Center, Memorial Health Services and CSC among others.



Fortunately, Attorney Walter Honaman, Supervising Attorney for the Children's Unit, selflessly gave his perspective on the vitally important work confronting his agency and clients which is providing legal services for Kinship, specifically adoption and temporary custody. Having legal authority to represent clients in lieu of parents ensures the viability of school related issues, medical concerns- mental and physical – and the legal authority to take care of the child while in the system. Attorney Hanneman was also familiar with one of my former church members Phyllis Harris, who began working at kinship with him years ago. The work they are committed to is under appreciated and really needed. We still have grandparents, aunts and uncles and we were part of the team that lobbied legislators to expand programs. It used to be three steps of continuity. Now we have expanded to include close friend.

The licensure type is designed for relatives and nonrelatives who have an existing relationship with the child from whom they are seeking licensure. If the child is not able to safely remain at home with their parents, and there are many reasons leading to that circumstance, including incarceration, divorce, death, and abuse, a family member who is willing and able to provide care for the child is the next best alternate. When ask where most of the clients come from Mr.Honaman explained thusly: the kids in kinship are not involved with DCF. Their intended purpose is to match them with close relatives,

godparents or friends and placed them in loving homes, avoiding DCF entirely. His inspiration is to continue engaging the communities most impacted, let parents, caregivers and relatives know that they are not alone and assistance is available. Though he professes no bias, he's proud of legal assistance that Legal Aid of Broward offers because it is so fundamental to the needs of children who would be denied access to services if not for their authority to act on behalf of clients, i.e., school enrollment, medical appointments and even mental health services.



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We next spoke to Phyllis Harris of Kindred Cares Initiatives as we were leaving the center. When asked how the organization came up with the name Kindred, Ms. Harris explained that it was symbolic of actual relatives, desiring that clients feel and experience those connections as if in a home of blood relatives. She also stated that the primary focus of her agency and most others was to keep the children out of the state welfare program. Frankly speaking, studies have shown that children do much better in a supportive, nurturing environment. Ms. Harris agrees with Attorney Honaman that state legislators have vastly improved benefits for kinship clients, recognizing the important work that all of these agencies perform to improve the lives of young children dealt a challenging hand early in life. Also, the caregivers – grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends – are being recognized for the impact that they have when providing a safe, nurturing home environment for children.

Finally, the organizations and agencies do wonderful, important work on behalf of children, but it's people like those we observe interacting with the children, the sponsors and organizers and people like Cindy Arenberg-Selter, President/CEO Children Services Council. Broward Attorney Honaman, and Ms. Harris who are the real heroes giving hope and inspiration to so many.



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October 17, 2024

Grant Program Office
401 West Peachtree Street Stop 420-D
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RE: Letter of Support-VITA/ETC Grant Program (FAIN: 25VITA0251)
To Whom It May Concern:

Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) is proud to support Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. (HUF) for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - Broward TaxPro Program. The mission of the Council is 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. The CSC believes that providing the entire continuum of care for children and families produces greater outcomes consistent with our mission. CSC believes that a large part of accomplishing self-sufficiency is to increase the economic security for a family. Due to this, the Council supports the following cash description for the VITA Program in Broward County for FY24/25:

Personnel Salaries and Fringe Benefits: CSC will provide matching funds to pay the VITA personnel salaries and Fringe Benefits for Program Manager, Program Assistant, 12 Site Coordinators (range approx. \$22.34 per hour X 13 weeks), and 15 Quality Reviewers (range approx. \$20.78 per hour x 13 weeks). The pro-rated share to the IRS required match is based on the number of hours worked. (Total matching funds contribution: \$74,691)

Travel: CSC will provide matching funds to pay mileage for the VITA personnel traveling to the VITA Sites based on the 2024-25 VITA Program expenses. (Total matching funds at approximately 780 miles x 0.67 per mile= \$523)

Office Supplies: CSC will provide matching funds for the purchase of general supplies for the program. (Total matching funds \$2,305)

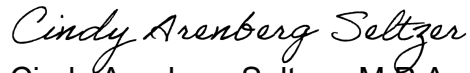
Equipment: CSC will provide matching funds for the purchase of IT Equipment upgrades for laptop/printer with related IT labor for support for VITA direct program. (Total Matching funds \$1,000)

Contractual Services: CSC will provide matching funds for My True Prosperity, LLC's Volunteer Training. (Total Matching funds \$500).

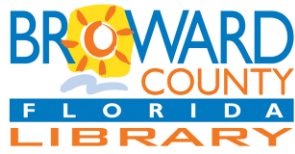
Other expenses: CSC will provide matching funds to cover: Communication, Phone lines & Internet Services (\$542), Occupancy (Space and Utilities) (\$8,052), Cellphones (\$4,512), Hotspots and routers (\$475), Marketing (\$26,700) and VITA volunteer awards (\$700). (Total matching funds \$40,981)

CSC's Total commitment is a \$120,000 cash match for the VITA program, which will be utilized between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, M.P.A., J.D.
President/CEO



Conference on Children's Literature

African American Research Library and Cultural Center

The Broward County Library's 2024 Conference on Children's Literature is an all-day event full of excellent and engaging creators. Register now, lunch will be served while supplies last.

The 2024 Conference is free to attend and open to educators of all kinds - librarians, teachers, and parents. The Conference will provide professional development, research and innovation in children's literature and support networking, collaboration and contribute to a national dialogue. Please register- a complimentary light lunch is included and you may win signed copies of some the featured titles!

[If you can't make it in person JOIN US ONLINE!](#)

8:30- 9:00 AM Attendee Check-In and Complimentary Coffee

9:00 AM Conference Begins

9:05 AM - Creating Community Around Early Literacy in Broward County: Celebrating 10 Years of Broward Read for the Record

This panel presentation will discuss how Broward County works across agencies and departments to bring a large scale reading and distribution event to over 40,000 children each year. Our conversation will include information about the featured 2024 Jumpstart Read for the Record book, *Piper Chen Sings*. Panel members include: Maris Pasquale Doran, co-author of *Piper Chen Sings*, Crystal Rountree, CEO of Jumpstart, Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, CEO of Children's Services Council of Broward County and Dr. Lori Canning, Family and Community Engagement (FACE) from Broward County Public Schools.



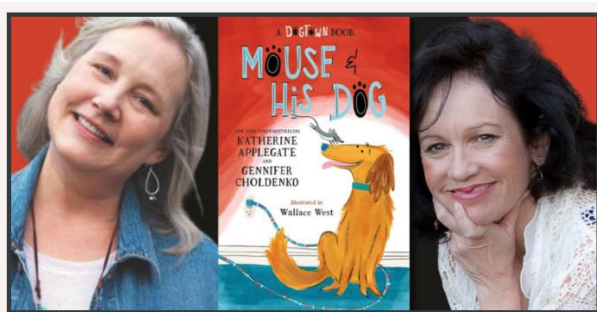
10:30 AM - Author Keynote with Johnnie Christmas, 2024 Ashley Bryan Art Series Featured Illustrator

Join acclaimed illustrator and graphic novelist Johnnie Christmas for an inspiring keynote talk. Known for his work on the award-winning graphic novel *Swim Team*, Johnnie will share his journey from aspiring artist to New York Times bestselling author. He will discuss the creative process behind his most celebrated works, including the challenges and triumphs of bringing diverse characters and stories to life.



12 PM - Lunchtime Author Chat with Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko

Join us for an engaging lunchtime chat with award-winning authors Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko as they discuss their collaborative series, *Dogtown*. They will discuss their creative process, the inspiration behind their heartwarming stories, and the real-life experiences that shaped their characters and plots. Authors Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko courtesy of Books & Books.



Books & Books

1:15 PM - Conversation with Sika Dagbovie Mullins and Raj Tawney

New York Times essayist, Raj Tawney, delivers a gripping story of a multi-ethnic American boy who forges a complex friendship with a Pakistani immigrant in the wake of 9/11. Based on the author's personal life experiences, an insightful middle-grade novel from a fresh voice in children's fiction that will be felt long after the last page.



2:15 PM - Creating a Culture of Reading through a discussion with 2024 Sunshine State Reader's Award Books Authors (In- Person and Online Panel)

This author panel will discuss reading motivation and reader's advisory through the use of state reading lists and the author's point of view.

In Person Moderator and Panel Authors: Diana Haneski, Library Media Specialist, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Kerry O'Malley Cerra, author of *Hear Me* (SSYRA Grades 6-8); Natalia Sylvester, author of *Breathe and Count Back from Ten* (Florida Teen Reads); and Betty Culley (presenting online), author of *The Name She Gave Me*.



Online Panel Authors: Mitali Banerjee Ruths (SSYRA Jr.- presenting online), co-author of *Awesome Orange Birthday*; Carmen Agra Deedy (SSYRA Jr.- presenting online), author of *Carina Felina* and Betty Culley (presenting online), author of *The Name She Gave Me*.



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READ FOR THE RECORD' KICKS OFF IN BROWARD COUNTY AT JOE DiMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Posted by [cfelixcpa](#) | Oct 22, 2024 | [SF STAT!](#) | [0](#) |



October 21, 2024 – [Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital](#) and [Children's Services Council of Broward County](#) (CSC) partnered on the first of a series of events in support of “Broward: Read for the Record,” an annual CSC event that promotes early literacy by bringing together thousands of children and adults across Broward County to read the same book on the same day.

At the children's hospital, United States Representative **Debbie Wasserman Schultz**, Broward County School Board Vice Chair **Debra Hixon**, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital CEO **Caitlin Stella**, and **Cindy Arenberg**, president/CEO of Children's Services



Cindy Arenberg, Debra Hixon, Freedom, Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Caitlin Stella

Council of Broward County, read [Piper Chen Sings](#) to kids undergoing treatment. The book, by Grammy winner and Tony-nominated actress **Phillipa Soo** and **Maris Pasquale Doran**, is a story about a young girl who loves to express herself through song. When asked to perform solo in front of an audience, Piper uses the nervous butterflies in her tummy to muster the courage to find her voice on stage.

This is the 10th year of Read for the Record in Broward County, but the first time an event was held to include kids from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. “We know that reading is an important part of a child's enrichment and development, and an event like this is a welcome respite for kids undergoing treatment,” said Stella. “It also brings the children's hospital to the center of the community and reinforces that we can use books to empower all kids.”

[Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital](#) is one of the nation's leading pediatric hospitals, offering a comprehensive scope of healthcare services and programs in a caring, compassionate setting designed specifically for children. A level one trauma center, the hospital, part of [Memorial Healthcare System](#), combines advanced technology, the expertise of one of the largest and most diverse groups of board-certified pediatric specialists in the region, and a focus on patient and family-centered care to heal the body, mind, and spirit.

To learn more, visit jdch.com and connect with @jdchospital on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

The [Children's Services Council of Broward County](#) (CSC) is an independent taxing authority that funds programs to support the well-being of children and families. Established by a public referendum in 2000 and reauthorized in 2014, CSC focuses on early childhood education, after-school care, and family support. By collaborating with community partners, the Council ensures children in Broward County grow up healthy, safe, and prepared for success in school and life. CSC provides leadership, advocacy, and resources through strategic planning and funding aimed at empowering children to become responsible and productive adults.

Follow on Twitter at @CSCBroward and on Facebook. For more information about the Children's Services Council of Broward County, visit www.cscbroward.org

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The Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) is proud to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its annual Broward: Read for the Record event on Thursday, October 24, 2024. This countywide initiative, in partnership with Broward schools, libraries, and local organizations, invites families, educators, community members, and volunteers to join Jumpstart's national campaign to promote early childhood literacy.

The 2024 Read for the Record book selection, *Piper Chen Sings* by Grammy Award winner and Tony-nominated actress Phillipa Soo and Maris Pasquale Doran, with illustrations by Qin Leng, highlights the importance of self-expression, resilience, and the power of community. This beautifully illustrated story encourages children to embrace their unique voices and passions.

“For the past decade, Broward: Read for the Record has brought the community together through the love of reading,” said Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO of CSC. “We are thrilled to mark this 10th anniversary with Piper Chen Sings and continue our mission to engage children, families, and educators in the joy and importance of literacy.”

In honor of the 10th anniversary, CSC and its community partners will host a series of special events leading up to the main celebration, including:

- October 23: Coconut Creek Elementary School Field Trip to Butterfly World and Courtyard Reading with Mayor Sandra Welch, City of Coconut Creek Location: Butterfly World, Tradewinds Park – South, 3600 W Sample Rd, Coconut Creek, FL 33073
Time: 10:30 am
- October 23: Family Evening Reading Event at Markham Park Butterfly Garden with Miss Penny (KidVision/PBS)
Location: 16001 W State Rd 84, Sunrise, FL 33326
Time: 5:30 pm
- October 24: Childcare Centers and Community Event at the Museum of Discovery & Science
Location: 401 SW 2nd St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- October 24: City of Coconut Creek
Location: Recreation Complex, 4455 Sol Press Boulevard
Time: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

CSC encourages community members to volunteer and share their passion for reading with Broward’s children. Volunteers can make a meaningful impact by participating as readers on October 24th, helping to spread the joy of literacy to thousands of children across the county.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Those who would like to participate as volunteer readers are encouraged to sign up at HandsOnSouthFlorida.org. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a record-breaking event, positively influencing the lives of young learners and supporting early literacy efforts in our community.

For more information on Broward: Read for the Record and how to get involved, visit CSCBroward.org or contact 954-377-1000.

More money, more problems: Loss of benefits can stop Floridians from seeking higher pay

BY MAX KLAVER

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*Ryan Hiott, right, poses with his son, Ryan Jr., left, and his wife, Erica, center, outside of their one-bedroom apartment on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in Miami. Hiott was laid off last year and, as he looks for jobs, is worried about losing benefits like free childcare and healthcare. Without that assistance, the family could not pay rent, which they can barely pay now. ALIE SKOWRONSKI
askowronski@miamiherald.com*

Ryan Hiott wants a job.

He's 54 and has a 3-year-old son, also named Ryan, with his wife, Erica, a hairstylist.

After working 24 years as a pilot and aviation operations manager, Ryan was unexpectedly let go last December. Without his \$80,000 annual income, his family's finances evaporated.

The Hiotts now live almost entirely off of government benefits, supplemented by whatever help they can get from friends and family.

Job offers aren't necessarily the issue. Having applied to more than 60 open positions in the last two months, Ryan received an offer that he might've taken: an airport job, loading bags into the bellies of planes.

But the pay, \$16.50 per hour, was unworkable. "We would've lost our childcare benefits," he said, glancing at Ryan Jr.

Peering over the edge of what's known as the "benefits cliff," Ryan, like many Florida parents, could not financially justify jumping.



Ryan Hiott, left, kisses his son, Ryan Jr., center, who is held by his wife, Erica, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in Miami. Alie Skowronski askowronski@miamiherald.com

A benefits cliff occurs when an income bump disqualifies someone from receiving state assistance but doesn't offset the cost of losing those benefits.

In other words: By making more, you end up with less. And while an individual person might be able to absorb those losses, someone with a child often cannot.

"Our suite of benefits is designed for a single person but not for families with children," said Michele Watson, CEO of the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts, a children and families advocacy group.

Making an extra \$34,000 a year, Ryan's household would have incurred astronomical expenses. Paying for daycare — which he currently gets for free but can run upward of \$700 monthly — and healthcare for Ryan Jr., monthly premiums for which can cost hundreds of dollars per month, would have been punishing enough. Factoring in the loss of his Social Security disability insurance and food stamps, the numbers just weren't there.

Ryan feels stuck in a benefits loop and "majorly discouraged" by having to reject a job he otherwise might've taken.



Ryan Hiott Jr. plays while throwing grass in the air outside of the apartment building where his family lives on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in Miami. Alie Skowronski askowronski@miamiherald.com

Caught between providing for their children and advancing their careers, many parents like Ryan choose the former.

According to Kyle Baltuch, executive vice president of the Florida Chamber Foundation, the Florida Chamber of Commerce's research arm, 33% of polled Florida businesses reported employees turning down jobs for fear of losing benefits.

Without state help, those workers wouldn't be able to afford the cost of having a family on the salary they'd be making.

Part of the problem is that income qualifications are low — as prices have risen, so have wages, excluding many financially struggling households from accessing benefits. The federal government underwrites many of the childcare benefits that Florida families receive.

As such, income qualifications depend on wages nationwide, not Florida wages. The federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour, compared to \$13 per hour in Florida, which has a relatively high cost of living. As such, many low-income Florida families are locked out of childcare benefits, like the federal School Readiness Program, which helps low-income families pay for early education and childcare for children up to 13 years old.

Households earning less than 150% of the federal poverty line qualify for the School Readiness Program. For a three-person household in 2024, that's \$38,730. A two-income Florida household with both parents earning the state's minimum wage would be shut out.

The Florida Legislature has made some moves to address the benefits cliff when it comes to childcare.

In June 2023, it raised eligibility for Florida KidCare, health insurance for children, from 200% to 300% of the federal poverty line. That means a three-person household can now earn as much as \$77,460 per year, up from \$51,640. As their earnings increase, parents pay a greater portion of their kids' insurance premiums.

Earlier this year, Florida introduced the School Readiness Plus Program. The state initiative lets families that are currently enrolled in the federal School Readiness Program earn beyond that program's income limit — \$38,730 for a family of three — while keeping some childcare benefits. The more those families earn, the more they contribute to their childcare costs. Benefits run out when a family hits the Florida median income — \$89,908 for a family of three.

But access remains an issue. The Plus initiative is only available to the roughly 20,000 children who are already enrolled in the federally funded School Readiness Program, for which nearly 5,000 kids are on the waitlist.

Expanding access to the federal School Readiness Program by raising the income threshold, which Florida has the ability to do, is a priority for state Sen. Alexis Calatayud, a Republican representing parts of Miami-Dade County, moving into the next legislative session, which begins in March.

Tying eligibility to state median income, rather than the federal poverty level, which is substantially lower, would increase accessibility, she said, enabling parents to return to the workforce or advance in their careers.

But the price tag of doing so — Calatayud estimates somewhere between \$100 million and \$150 million annually — was its legislative undoing last year. Lawmakers were unwilling to add that cost to the state's budget, she said.

"A perfect fix would be an enormous amount of money," she said, adding, "but there are so many competing interests."

Ultimately, noted Calatayud, any expenditure on the issue would be an investment in Florida's productivity and output.

For Ryan, it could be a badly needed ticket back to work.

As his son ran giggle-shrieking around the room, Ryan sighed and chuckled, "I gotta get out of the house."

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SPOTLIGHT

Children Services Council

24 Years of Changing Lives



The Children's Services Council (CSC) has been a committed supporter of KID since its inception, and we are honored to be one of the first organizations funded by CSC. The journey began in 2001 when KID FIRST was launched under the CSC's inaugural Request for Proposal (RFP), setting the stage for a longstanding partnership dedicated to strengthening families and children in our community.

Today, CSC funds multiple programs within the KID and Family Central, Inc. (FCI) continuum, including Family Strengthening, HOMEBUILDERS®, Aftercare and Summer Camp, Kinship Services, Nurturing Parenting Program, and Parents as Teachers®. This comprehensive support has allowed us to deliver critical services to families and children in need, reaching tens of thousands over the past two decades.



A Vibrant Month on Campus

Kid Preschool Plus Highlights

October was full of energy and excitement at Kid Preschool Plus (KPP)! We were thrilled to welcome Representative Lisa Dunkley and the Florida Panthers to campus, where they brought the iconic Stanley Cup to share with our students and staff—a memorable moment that certainly brought a spark of joy to everyone.

We also celebrated Football Friday with our students, and on another Friday, showed our support for Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing pink. Our young students honored Community Helpers with a visit from the Wilton Manors Police Department, a gesture that highlighted the important role law enforcement plays in our lives. We extend heartfelt thanks to Assistant Chief Darren Brodsky, SGT Pilewski, and Officer Sanchez for their inspiring visit.

Our “Reading Buddy” program debuted this month, pairing our eager VPK students with 4th and 5th-grade KID Aftercare students for weekly reading and play sessions. The excitement in the air is tangible each time these young reading buddies meet—a true testament to the joy of shared learning and friendship.

To celebrate our love of reading, several special guests joined us as “Guest Readers” for the national Read for the Record event, reading the book, *Piper Chen Sings* by Phillipa Soo. KID President/CEO Mark Dhooge, CSC Programs Manager Gaby Carbonell, and other valued community members brought the story to life, leaving our young readers inspired to express their voices and talents.

Parkland Honors Outgoing City Commissioners at Special Meeting



The City of Parkland Honored outgoing City Commissioners Mayersohn, Cutler. Photo Credit: TAPinto Parkland



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By Matt Pfingsten

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PARKLAND, FL- The City of Parkland recognized and honored outgoing City Commissioners Bob Mayersohn and Ken Cutler on Monday evening at a special ceremony held on Monday evening at

City Hall on Monday, October 28, 2024. Both commissioners are terming out, and not eligible for re-election in the City Commissioner role.

The event opened with a City-wide recognition of the contribution by both Mayersohn and Cutler to the City of Parkland, Broward County, and the State of Florida. Monday was recognized as Ken Cutler and Bob Mayersohn day in Broward County, and a flag is being flown over the State Capitol in Tallahassee recognizing them.

Parkland residents, past Mayors, and other dignitaries spoke as well, including current County Commissioner Michael Udine and State Representative Christine Hunschofsky. Mayersohn's consistent presence and commitment to Broward County and Cutler's development of historical understanding and perspective of the Parkland and Broward area were highlighted in the tribute.

“Never underestimate the significant responsibility you have,” Mayersohn summarized. “The importance of my service was clearly reinforced last night by commentary from so many residents, elected officials, agency partners such as the Children Services Council and Area Agency on Aging of Broward County, friends and family. I am confident that Parkland's future remains bright, and we will continue to build on our successes to create a lasting, positive impact for all residents.”

Near the end of the event, both Commissioners were presented with a special gift, along with a Key to the City of Parkland.

“Last night was a wonderful, touching, and meaningful meeting,” summarized Cutler. “I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am to everyone for coming out to see Bob and I off as we term out from the Parkland Commission. I was honored and humbled by the proclamations, accolades, and even a mention in the Congressional Record, but was even more honored by the personal statements and comments of the residents. I am honored to have served the City of Parkland our wonderful community and have nothing but gratitude for the residents who trusted me enough to elect me to the position. Thank you!!”

November 5, 2024

Ms. Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
President/CEO, Children's Services Council
6600 West Commercial Blvd
Lauderhill, FL 33319

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Dear Ms. Arenberg Seltzer:

We are so pleased to be the recipient of 180 Support Care Kits for our patients at the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) through the efforts of Alexandria Persad and her team from HandsOn Direct and HandsOn South Florida. I understand that these two wonderful programs are supported by the Children's Services Council of Broward County.

Many of the individuals who are brought to or arrive at the CSU come with the clothes on their backs and little else. These kits provide a personal caring touch and hopefully make their time with us a little more comfortable under stressful circumstances. Items included in the Kits are:

- 2 pairs of socks (unisex),
- underwear (male or female) various sizes
- flip flops
- antibacterial wipes
- lip balm
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- deodorant
- sunscreen
- water bottle
- 2 Snacks (new, unopened, snack-sized packaging) - Example: protein bars, raisins, Cheez-its, Goldfish, Cookies)
- Beef Jerky, Pepperoni, or similar dried meats (new, unopened)

The CSU is a 36-bed licensed psychiatric inpatient stabilization unit that provides screening, assessment, and treatment to those individuals experiencing a severe emotional or psychiatric crisis or a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder. Individuals participate in treatment and medication management to help them return to pre-crisis level of functioning. These services, funded by the Department of Children and Families and Broward County, allow Broward County Residents access to mental health assessments, psychiatric services, crisis resolution, brief-supportive therapy, community outreach, jail diversion and inpatient services We recognize that

psychiatric crises can occur in individuals of all populations and special accommodations are made to ensure individualized treatment.

Again, we are so grateful for this wonderful support and wanted to share the great news with you. Here are a couple of photos of the donated Kits.



Many thanks for all that you and the Children's Services Council of Broward County do for our community. We are truly grateful for your advocacy and support.

Respectfully,

Steven Ronik, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer

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3:30 PM - 2024 Miami Book Fair Featured Online Author: Robin



4:00 PM - 2024 Miami Book Fair Featured Online Author: Alexis Castellanos



Featured Authors and Presenters (In Order of Sessions)

[Maris Pasquale Doran](#), LCSW has always loved listening to and learning from people's personal narratives and has evolved her career in social work to include writing and creating her own characters and stories. She continues to work as a private psychotherapist and is an adjunct lecturer at Columbia University's School of Social Work. She lives in Maplewood, NJ with her husband and two young children. Reading to them is always her favorite part of the day.

[Crystal Rountree](#) joined Jumpstart as its new Chief Executive Officer in January 2024. She most recently served as the Chief Revenue and Development Officer at Teach For America (TFA) where she served on staff since 2005. As Chief Revenue and Development Officer Crystal was responsible for leading the team that grew, strengthened, and diversified TFA's philanthropic partnerships and revenue pathways to optimize and maximize contributions to TFA's impact.

[Cindy Arenberg Seltzer](#) has played a pivotal role as the inaugural President/CEO of the Children's Services Council of Broward County since the voters authorized it in September 2000 and reauthorized it in 2014. Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping the organization's mission and guiding its development toward substantially impacting the lives of children and families. She has been honored for her leadership and commitment to excellence on numerous occasions

throughout her career, including, most recently, induction into the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame, honored as a Neighborhood Hero by Neighbors 4 Neighbors, recognition of CSC as a Sun-Sentinel Top Workplace in 2023 and 2024, and receiving the Leadership Award in the Small Employer Group from the Sun-Sentinel Top Work Places 2024.

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[Johnnie Christmas](#) is a #1 New York Times Best Selling graphic novelist. His 2022 middle grade graphic novel debut *Swim Team* earned a spot on the National Book Awards longlist, a Coretta Scott King Award Illustrator Honor and a Harvey Awards nomination. A graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, earning a BFA in Communication Design/Illustration. Johnnie makes Vancouver, BC his home.

[Katherine Applegate](#) is the New York Times–bestselling author of *Wishtree*, *Crenshaw*, *Willodeen*, and *Home of the Brave*, as well as *The One and Only Ivan*, winner of the Newbery Medal, and its sequel *The One and Only Bob*. She lives in Southern California with her family.

[Gennifer Choldenko's](#) best known *Tales from Alcatraz* series, has been called “A cornerstone series in contemporary children’s literature.” *Al Capone Does My Shirts*—the first book in the series—was a Newbery Honor Book and the recipient of twenty other awards. All four books in the series were Junior Library Guild selections and garnered many starred reviews. Gennifer lives in the San Francisco Bay area with her loyal husband and naughty dog.

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[Raj Tawney](#) is a writer and journalist whose work largely reflects his mixed-race upbringing in suburban Long Island, NY. Born to an Indian, Puerto Rican, and Italian American family, Tawney has explored his identity through personal essays published in The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, and other outlets throughout the country. His debut memoir *Colorful Palate: A Flavorful Journey Through a Mixed American Experience* (Fordham University Press) was published in 2023 to much acclaim. His upcoming book *All Mixed Up* will release in October 2024. He is based in Miami, Florida.

[Diana Haneski](#), is known for her enthusiasm, energy, and willingness to help students and teachers find the books they want to read and the information and resources they need. As a library teacher for 26 years, Haneski holds National Board Certification in Library Media, a Master of Science in

Library Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Speech and Theatre. Diana Haneski has presented at conferences and has trained her colleagues in Broward for two decades. Most recently, Diana along with MSD therapy dog River, focus on mindfulness and self-care not only in Broward but throughout Florida and nationwide. Diana is a [I Love My Librarian Award 2024 Honoree](#).

[Kerry O'Malley Cerra](#) is an award-winning author of middle grade books. A deaf author herself (who now hears with the help of one cochlear implant), she's passionate about books that depict d/Deaf and/or hearing loss experiences for children. Kerry, a former high school media specialist and social studies teacher, lives in South Florida with her husband and two poorly behaved rescue dogs.

Born in Lima, Peru, [Natalia Sylvester](#) is an award-winning author of books for children, teens, and young adults, among them *Running* (2020) and *Everyone Knows You Go Home* (2018), which won the International Latino Book Award. Her latest YA novel, *Breathe and Count Back from Ten*, was named a Pura Belpré honor book and Schneider Family honor book in 2023 by the American Library Association, and is a 2024-2025 Florida Teens Read title. Natalia's first picture book, *A Maleta Full of Treasures* (illustrated by Juana Medina) is a Junior Library Guild Selection for both its English and Spanish versions.

[Mitali Banerjee Ruths](#) (presenting online), grew up in Houston, TX and dreamed of becoming an astronaut someday. She writes early in the morning on paper and types late at night on her computer. She loves telling stories, eating cookies, knitting sweaters, and going for walks in beautiful landscapes. She lives in Canada with her husband, three kids, and their dog Tux. One day, she would like to orbit the earth and knit in zero gravity with floating yarn while watching a sunrise every 90 minutes.

[Carmen Agra Deedy](#) (presenting online), is an award-winning author of fifteen books for young readers. Her personal stories first appeared on NPR's All Things Considered. Funny, insightful, and frequently irreverent, Deedy's narratives are culled from her childhood as a Cuban refugee in Decatur, GA. She is host of the Emmy-winning children's program, *Love That Book!*

[Betty Culley](#) (presenting online) is the award-winning author of young adult and middle grade novels. She's also an RN who worked as an obstetrics nurse and as a pediatric home hospice nurse. She lives in central Maine, where the rivers run through the small towns.

[Robin Ha](#) (presenting online) is the award-winning author/illustrator of the graphic novel memoir *Almost American Girl*. At fourteen she moved to the United States from Seoul, Korea. Her comics and illustrations have appeared in various publications, including the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, as well as in anthologies highlighting Asian American culture, including *Rise: A Pop History of Asian America from the Nineties to Now*, *New Frontiers: The Many Worlds of George Takei*, and *Shattered: The Asian American Comics Anthology (Secret Identities)*. She is also the author of the best-selling comic recipe book *Cook Korean!: A Comic Book With Recipes*. Her new graphic novel, *The Fox Maidens* is published by Balzer and Bray in February 2024.

[Alexis Castellanos](#) (presenting online) is the author of *Guava & Grudges* (Bloomsbury) and *Isla to Island* (Simon & Schuster), an Eisner-nominated and award-winning graphic novel. Born in Miami,

FL, she studied theatre design and technology in college and landed in New York City after graduation working as a scenic artist before transitioning into publishing as a graphic designer. When she's not working she can be found tackling a new sewing project, playing D&D, or cooking up a storm. For now she's calling Los Angeles home, where she lives with her partner and two spoiled cats.

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About the African American Research Library and Cultural Center

The Broward County African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) is located in the Sistrunk community, one of the oldest historically Black communities named for one of Fort Lauderdale's first Black physicians. Opening to the public on October 26, 2002, AARLCC became the third public library of its kind in the United States dedicated to the study of Black history and culture. The 60,000 square-foot Center serves as a repository of materials related to the local, national, and international voices of the African diaspora with more than 85,000 books,

manuscripts, artifacts, framed art, print, photography, audiovisual, and documents held in our Adult Services Section and Special Collections. The Youth Services Section features a special collection of Coretta Scott King Award books and the Ashley Bryan Art Collection from illustrators of African Descent. AARLCC also features a 5,000 sq. ft. museum, a 300-seat state-of-the-art theatre, and a Computer Training Center.

Parkland Chamber of Commerce Hosts “Networking for Good” Breakfast to Celebrate Local Nonprofits on World Kindness Day

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The Parkland Chamber of Commerce will host a special “Networking for Good” Breakfast on Wednesday, November 13, in honor of World Kindness Day.

The event takes place at the Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, at 11775 Heron Bay Blvd, Coral Springs. Breakfast and a program will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Attendees will have the chance to connect with various local nonprofits and gain insight into the invaluable work these organizations do in the community.

The breakfast will highlight several nonprofit organizations, including the Broward Sheriff’s Office, CareerSource Broward, the Children’s Services Council, Congregation Kol Tikvah, Eagles Haven, and Florida Atlantic University, as well as Fitwize4Kids and Florida Virtual School, which provide specialized services and support for youth in the area.

Food for the Poor, Indian Regional Cultural Center, and the Jewish Federation of Broward County, organizations dedicated to providing aid, cultural enrichment, and community support, will also be featured. Other local nonprofits, including Junior

Achievement of South Florida, Make Our Schools Safe, and Parkland Friends of the Library, will share their missions and initiatives.

Community members can engage with groups like the Rotary Club of Parkland, Iddeal/ScentsAbility, and SOS Children's Villages. Additional nonprofits include Somerset Parkland Academy, City of Parkland, and United Way of Broward County, rounding out a diverse lineup.

Registration is open at parklandchamber.org/events.

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