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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Beam Furr [\(Link To Bio\)](#)



As Chair of the Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) for the past two years, and Mayor of Broward County this past year, I have had the privilege to help shape policies and guide resources toward areas that can have both immediate and long-term effects on the children and families we serve.

At the CSC, our outstanding board of Council Members and committed staff began the fiscal year trying to more deeply understand issues like Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stresses that affect many communities, particularly those who continue to be affected by a history of racial inequality.

As an organization, we instituted innovative programs, such as Learning Together, and ensured all took into account the history of inequalities in Broward County and the many challenges still to be solved. We expected this year to be one in which we could focus squarely on expanding preventive services for our children and our collective future. Then our collective hearts were shattered by the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Included in this report are the ways in which the CSC has taken on a leadership role in providing support to those directly and indirectly affected by the tragedy and our plans for providing resources for long term recovery and healing.

As experts on the long-term effects of ACEs on children, we also took a public stand against the Federal Government's separation policies affecting immigrant families. Many of the children and youth are being held in South Florida facilities, and many among them could become children in our schools and our neighbors. We cannot ignore the long-term traumatic effects of forced separations.

There are few things I am more passionate about than ensuring every child in Broward County has equal opportunity to succeed. That is why, both as Chair of the CSC and as Broward County Mayor, I have been a strong advocate of Broward Reads: Campaign for Grade Level Reading. Knowing how to read at grade level by the time children complete the third grade is a gateway to success in life at every level. I am proud to say that our work in this area has been recognized locally and nationally with a Community Pacesetters award. Because of our leading role, national leaders from the Campaign for Grade Level Reading and JumpStart's Read for the Record visited us to learn more.

Our commitment to preventive services has not wavered, even while we had to focus much of our attention on two crises: one at the heart of our community, and the other at the heart of our mission. In both instances, the role of the CSC has been as leaders and trusted partners, and I am proud of that.

Thank You,

Beam Furr
Chair

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer [\(Link To Bio\)](#)



The first four months of FY 17-18 began like so many of the fiscal years since the Children's Services Council of Broward County began in 2001: excitement about new initiatives taking root in the community; pride over the outcomes we were seeing as we reviewed the program performance of the 100+ agencies serving over 150,000 children last year; and in February, we were convening partners, building networks and identifying opportunities for innovation in the coming fiscal year. But all of that came to a screeching halt on February 14th. Like the rest of the community, the tragedy at MSD shocked us to our core.

As the agency created by the voters to provide the leadership, advocacy and resources necessary to enhance children's lives and empower them to become productive adults, we knew we needed to support our children and families. We watched in amazement as our youth sprang into action. Their eloquence, skill and passion were inspiring.

At CSC, we tapped into our strengths as bridge builders and dot connectors to maximize the effectiveness of local resources. As a member of League of Cities task force on School and Community Safety created to address the tragedy, I provided insight on local mental health and youth programming available and pointed out major gaps. We helped identify trauma trained therapists and grief counselors and connected them with those in need. We brought in trainers on new trauma treatments. As Parkland parents and youth have identified local needs or developed responses, we have connected them with people or agencies who could support them. And when state funding for trauma therapy ran out, we provided funding so free services could continue. We are working with the School District, the cities of Parkland and Coral Springs and United Way on long-term recovery, which will be a marathon not a sprint.

This work also brought to the surface gaps in services and disparities in access all along the continuum of care of which the CSC is an integral part. We are also addressing the fact that violence and bloodshed happen every day in areas are, largely urban and comprising communities of color, with little persistent outrage and media focus but with just as much need for trauma treatment.

I am proud to lead an organization that embodies the notion of "government that works." We are flexible to react when called upon to do so and not afraid to take positions that may be difficult but are congruent with our mission, as when it became known that thousands of children were being separated from their parents at the border.

We convene, lead and are nationally recognized on efforts related to creating racial equity; improving early literacy skills as well as maternal and infant health; providing alternatives to youth incarceration when appropriate; and establishing inclusive opportunities for all children and youth, regardless of perceived abilities, to grow, thrive and work.

As you will see as you read this report, we have so much to be proud of and yet there is still so much more to do.

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
President/CEO

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MISSION

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

VISION

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

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Standing L-R: Tom Powers, Hon. Kenneth L. Gillespie, Vern Melvin

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STRENGTH THROUGH COLLABORATION

COMMUNITY BUILDERS: SUPPORTING CHILDREN FROM PLANNING TO ACTION

Community collaboration is the cornerstone of great results. That is why the CSC leads the **Broward County Children's Strategic Plan** which harnesses the power of collective action and provides ample opportunities for stakeholders to improve the lives of children and families. Whether it be through participating in a committee, attending a community event, or sharing insightful feedback and data, there are many ways Community Builders can contribute to improving our community. The CSC provides backbone to support the work of the more than 40 committees that work to turn the curve on a range of issues and toward five shared goals: **Children Live in Stable and Nurturing Families; Children are Mentally and Physically Healthy; Children are Ready to Succeed in School; Young People Successfully Transition to Adulthood; and Children Live in Safe and Supportive Communities.**

The work of the committees of the Strategic Plan informs funding decisions. Just as importantly, the Strategic Plan and the CSC's role as its convener, allow for an infrastructure that is flexible and reflective of the community's resilience, even in the face of the most tragic adversities.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL, USING THE RACIAL EQUITY LENS

If we are to effectively address racial inequity, we need to have a shared understanding of both its causes and potential solutions. That requires working together to create environments where difficult conversations can be had – conversations that acknowledge the past, examine present conditions and focus on implementing solutions that benefit the entire community.

In FY 2017/18 the CSC continued to provide co-leadership with the Broward County Human Services Department to build racial equity in health, education, social services and economic conditions in Broward caused by the historical and structural racism that continues to exist. CSC staff and other community partners have also been trained on the history of racism and implicit bias in Broward and how that legacy still affects the lives of many of our neighbors.

In addition to partnering with Broward County Human Services Department to provide 11 two-day Racial Equity Institute, Inc. trainings, the CSC has been an active partner in the Urban League's Task Force on Racial Disparity in Child Welfare and we, along with other community funders, have procured a vendor to complete an evaluation of the Special Needs System of Care using a racial equity lens.

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This work and the resulting organizational self-reflection has sparked changes in business practices and opened new funding opportunities, with other governmental and private organizations joining in the effort. Requests for Proposals for all new funding from the CSC have since included a racial equity lens. A new program, Learning Together (see p16), was created to specifically engage communities of color in programmatic solutions for disengaged youth that will ultimately benefit the entire community.

In recognition of this leading role in racial equity work, CSC staff were asked to serve on the Southern Education Foundation's Policy and Practice Network for Florida to represent the Florida Children's Council at the Florida Office of Early Learning Equity Taskforce and to attend the Aspen Institute Summit on Inequality & Opportunity, held in Washington, DC.

In FY 2017/18, Racial Equity trainings co-funded by the CSC graduated 1048 individuals, including 200 youth participating in CSC funded programs. Staff from 114 agencies have completed the training.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES' ACCESS TO PROSPERITY AND HEALTHY NUTRITION

The cost of living in Broward County is among the highest in the nation. For many families, meeting basic financial obligations like housing and transportation creates challenges when it comes to affording nutritious food and meeting other daily living expenses. The CSC has supported programs that help develop prosperity and relieve chronic childhood hunger. In FY 2017/18, the CSC funded Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provided free filing services to almost 8,000 lower and middle-income Broward County residents, bringing over \$6 million in refunds in Broward County. Over the same year, the CSC also funded an array of child and family hunger relief programs, including, most recently, the Mobile School Pantry, a program designed to help alleviate child hunger in Broward County by bringing fresh, nutritious food directly to children and their families in select Title I schools every month. Over 1,700 families benefitted from this newly funded program set to expand in FY 2018/19.

PROVIDING NON-PROFITS WITH THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED

It has always been our mantra at the CSC that we don't succeed unless our funded providers succeed and that they don't succeed unless the children and families in their care succeed. In addition, even as the CSC has strict funding requirements, we believe in the importance of supporting, through other means, organizations created by individuals committed to improving the lives of children and families in their community. That is why through our Agency Capacity Building (ACB) efforts, we have long been committed to providing training, networking opportunities and resources to help enhance the operational abilities of agencies big and small so they can best deliver on their mission. In FY 2017/18, through ACB Committee initiatives, 760 nonprofit organization professionals attended 61 trainings related to organizational development and sustainability, grant writing and

leadership. Quarterly meetings included presentations from local nonprofit resources. In June 2018, over 100 attendees took part in the inaugural Capacity Building Boot Camp with surveys reflecting a 98% satisfaction rate with event content and execution.

As part of the broader capacity building efforts, the CSC also funds HandsOn Broward to assist with volunteer recruitment, deployment and management for ongoing or special projects. Among them, HandsOn Broward recruited over 1,200 volunteers for the Broward: Read for Record campaign and recruited and coordinated the efforts of over 400 volunteers for the Back to School Extravaganza. Additional events included supporting four Broward AWARE Protecting OUR Children community fairs, the countywide MLK Day of Service projects, and the HOB Kids Club's Spread Kindness Day. In the aftermath of the MSD tragedy, HandsOn Broward also developed and coordinates the Parkland Hearts projects, which include 17 individual service projects honoring the passions of each of the victims killed in the shooting.



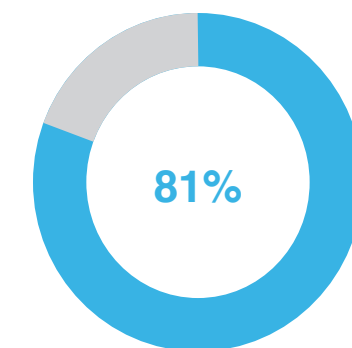
SUPPORTING STRONG BODIES AND MINDS

SCHOOL HEALTH, KIDCARE, AND 2-1-1

Helping to keep children healthy and safe has always been an important part of the CSC's work. After the tragedy at MSD, the CSC joined efforts to help the community heal and to help prevent future tragedies. To strengthen the early identification and support of students in need, the CSC allotted additional dollars to ensure that Health Service Technicians and Registered Nurses located in Broward County Schools receive trainings about the impact of trauma and how to screen for trauma to ensure that all children coming through the clinics are referred for services, if needed. We also increased funding to support nursing services at 10 additional schools beginning in August 2018. With the increase, CSC funds nursing services at a total of 64 Broward School clinics.

In FY 2017/18, 127,746 School Clinic visits at 52 high need schools allowed the vast majority of students to return to class. In addition, individual Health Care Plans were developed for 1,419 students with chronic health conditions.

Also, In FY 2017/18, the CSC expanded funding for KidCare outreach efforts to ensure that every eligible child in Broward County has access to affordable, quality healthcare in support of a new law that expanded eligibility to legally residing immigrant families. KidCare Outreach staff provided over 30,000 pieces of marketing material, applications and multi-language brochures and completed and submitted 1,129 on-line applications for eligibility determination.



81% of students were sent back to class after receiving School Health Services per semester

In addition, they attended 43 Back to School events during the summer of 2018, and established a Rapid Response Team in partnership with 2-1-1 Broward and Consolidated Credit Counseling to provide information to families regarding enrollment options, primary care centers and free clinics. This and other application efforts resulted in a total number of 1,717 children enrolled in health insurance of which 427 were newly eligible.

A simple way to find and access services has always been important to the CSC. Therefore, one of our earliest commitments was funding 2-1-1 Broward, the 24-7 social

services hotline, with specialized behavioral health and special needs hotlines. A few years ago, a partnership with JAFCO was added to provide case management for families with children with special needs.

Following the events of 2/14, 2-1-1 has actively engaged in supporting the MSD community by providing information tables at local events, participating in planning meetings, providing mental health first aid training to summer program counselors and providing support to suicide prevention efforts.

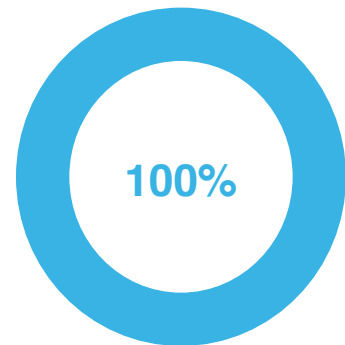
KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN AND AROUND WATER

Is anything as heartwarming as a toddler proudly taking its first, tentative steps, wobbling around in cheerful laughter? In South Florida, where bodies of water from pools, to lakes and canals and the ocean are readily accessible, it should also be a cause of concern. Fatal drownings remain the number one cause of accidental death for children under five-years-old in Broward. For every child that dies, three more are permanently injured. To avoid these preventable deaths and injuries, the CSC funds the Broward County Swim Central program to manage coupons distribution for water safety lessons for children under five-years-old as well as provide swim lessons for children enrolled in kindergarten and first-grade, in partnership with Broward County and Broward County Public Schools. The CSC also funds staff support for the Drowning Prevention Taskforce with the Florida Department of Health

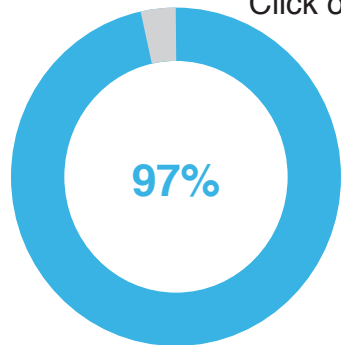
in Broward to engage the aquatic community in drowning prevention efforts and education. In FY 2017/18, 2,487 coupons were redeemed for swim lessons for children under five-years-old and 25,119 children received CSC funded swim lessons.



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



of train the trainer participants reported increased knowledge of drowning risks and prevention strategies



GIVING FAMILIES THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT

SUPPORTING MOMS AND KEEPING BABIES SAFE

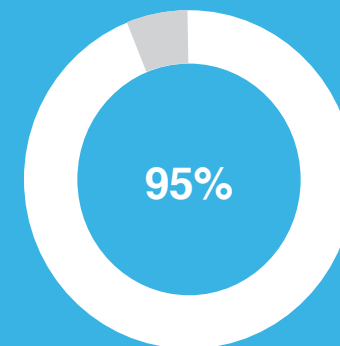
Bonding between infant and mother helps promote the healthy development of the baby through its key stages of life. Likewise, a healthy environment protects the baby during its most vulnerable initial weeks and months of life. That is why the CSC funds **Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS) and Cribs** for Kids. In FY 2017/18, MOMS programs helped 288 mothers and their families overcome the effects of post-partum

depression, maternal stress and anxiety, so as to strengthen the natural bond between infant and parents and create the conditions by which the child can develop according to healthy developmental milestones.

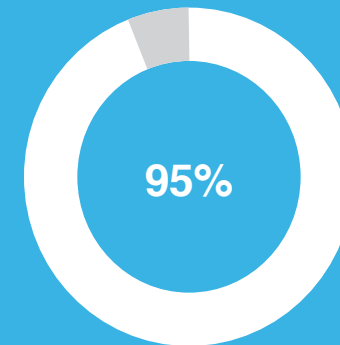
Because the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has long determined that **babies sleep safest “Alone, on their Back, in a Crib,”** the CSC has long supported local safe sleep initiatives, including Cribs for Kids which provides training on safe sleep practices to families with newborns and hospitals. More than 500 free Graco Pak-n-Play and tight-fitting sheets were distributed to families in need to ensure a safe sleep environment for their infant. Recently, the CSC joined a list of advocates in supporting a county ordinance which passed in January 2018, establishing that all child care centers and homes are required to have a written safe sleep policy and to have all child care staff trained in safe sleep.

To support smaller childcare homes in adhering with the ordinance, the CSC provided additional funding to Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County to purchase 350 additional cribs to be distributed to family childcare homes to ensure they had a safe place for the infants in their care.

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of mothers demonstrated acceptable level or improvement of attachment/bonding with infant



of mothers reported fewer symptoms of depression and/or anxiety

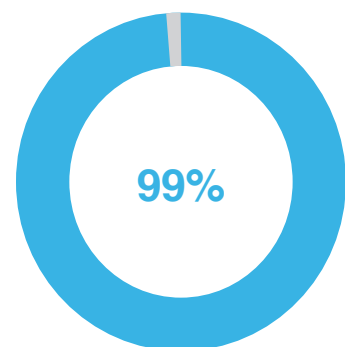
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PROGRAMS, TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER

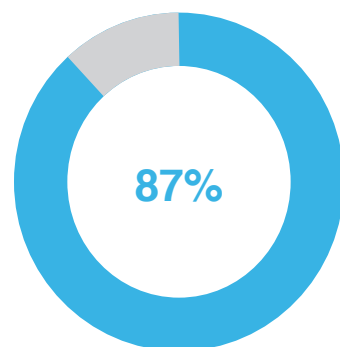


The best place to raise a child is in a safe home, nurtured by family and cared for by loved ones. Sometimes, circumstances don't allow for these conditions. When that happens, it is possible to address these challenges in ways that let the family work through their difficulties and prevent the removal of the child from the home into the foster care system. That is why the **CSC funds Family Strengthening programs** that are designed to bring stability to families in crisis, families at high risk for child removal, and families where children are at a high risk of child abuse and neglect due to a variety of social and environmental factors. In FY 2017/18 over 2,700 families were served through an array of programs aimed at strengthening families and improving family functioning.

Efforts to educate the community about resources that can help prevent child abuse and neglect include the **Broward AWARE! Protecting OUR Children** four-months public awareness campaign, led by the CSC and part of the statewide Ounce of Prevention/Pinwheels for Prevention effort. Broward AWARE! engages families through five major community events and through messaging using the full spectrum of media.



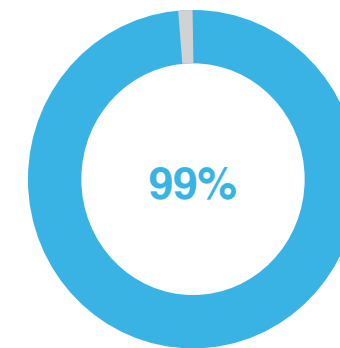
99% of families had no verified abuse findings 12 months post program completion



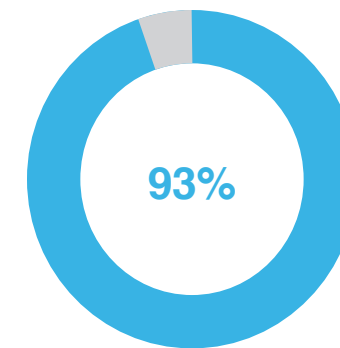
87% of families improved family functioning

PROVIDING CARE IN KINSHIP ENVIRONMENTS

Children and youth thrive best when they are raised in safe, stable and nurturing environments. For children whose primary homes are unsafe and where family strengthening programs are not viable, the best thing is often to live with grandparents, relatives or close family friends who can provide a personal, nurturing connection, rather than being placed with strangers through the foster care system. These relatives often step in without court involvement and with little or no formal support or understanding of how their circumstances might affect their legal rights and obligations with respect to the children in their care. That is why, since 2005, **the CSC has funded Kinship Relative Care Support programs**. In FY 2017/18, with additional funding from The Jim Moran Foundation, 483 children and their relative caregivers benefitted from case management support through this program. Through comprehensive services delivered in-home or other convenient community locations, these programs keep children in caring, familiar environments with access for the entire family to mental-health services, respite care, assistance navigating the school system and information on public benefits. In addition, CSC funded Legal Aid of Broward County to provide legal support to 289 of these families.



99% of families did not require foster or institutional care 12 months post program completion



93% of caregivers reported satisfaction with Kinship services.

FINDING FOREVER FAMILIES

When relative care givers are not an option and parents' parental rights are terminated, the CSC and child serving stakeholders work tirelessly to find permanent home solutions through adoption. By funding Forever Family and The Heart Gallery, in **FY 2017/18 the CSC supported the adoption of 86 children from Broward County**. These children and youth are typically among the most difficult to place because they may have special needs, be older or in sibling groups.



Click on picture for more information.

LEGAL SUPPORT TO HELP YOUTH ACHIEVE PERMANENCY

If a child must enter state care, it is important that they are secure in a permanent placement as soon as possible, that is why the CSC also funds the Legal Representation for Youth Permanency Program, providing comprehensive legal services by court appointment to children in the child welfare system. The Permanency Program also provides legal services to ensure that youth in state care receive the benefits and protections afforded to them under State and Federal law. In addition, since January 2018 the CSC has also funded a staff person for Early Childhood Court to limit the amount of time children are in state care.

“I didn’t know people really cared about me like that. They were helpful. Services were beneficial; they gave good advice and she followed through with everything.”



AIMING FOR SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

READING AT GRADE LEVEL TO UNLOCK LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Reading is a skill that is essential to success in school and can also spur children’s imagination and critical thinking. Because early literacy skills lay the foundation for more advanced skills later, research has found a link between reading at grade level by third grade, and later success in school. That is why, together with the County, the School Board and the Early Learning Coalition, the CSC plays a leading role in supporting literacy through **Broward Reads: Campaign for Grade Level Reading** which includes four pillars: Quality Childcare, Promoting School Attendance, Preventing Summer Slide and Engaging Parents. The CSC invests nearly \$9 million to provide tools for childcare teachers to manage children with challenging behaviors to subsidize care for low income families. The Broward Reads campaign garnered national attention during FY 2017/18, as Broward was awarded Pacesetter status by the national Campaign for Grade Level Reading for the second year running in recognition of the community’s implementing the most proven and promising strategies, programs and practices. During the past year, three new Broward municipalities have committed to supporting the campaign by being part of Broward Reads in Your City, bringing the total to 21 cities.

A feature of the campaign is the annual Read for the Record launched by JumpStart, a national organization that leverages partnerships to create sustainable solutions to close the kindergarten readiness gap. In October 2017, for the 5th year in Broward, nearly 1,000 volunteer readers across the county read the book “Quackers” to over 40,000 students from 79 voluntary Pre-Kindergarten centers, 100 schools and 1,500 Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms. The students received their own copy of the book, purchased by the CSC and other community partners, to take home with a note encouraging parents to read to their children.

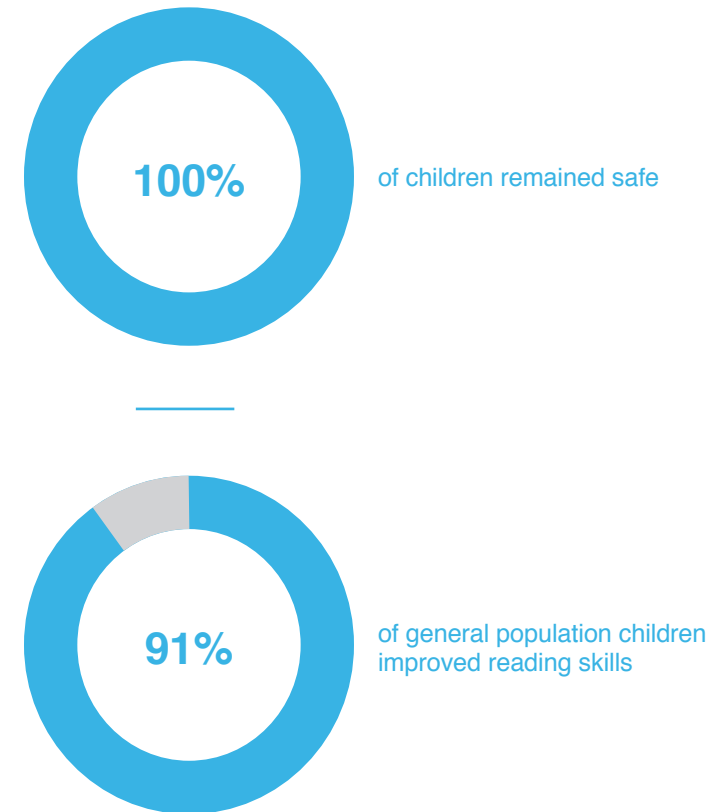
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The collaborative efforts of CSC, Broward County Public Schools, HandsOn Broward, The Jim Moran Foundation, A.D. Henderson Foundation, United Way, and many other community partners contributed to making this another successful year. The event was promoted on billboards and in print, radio and television ads in four languages. Media coverage was excellent, with news stories on CBS 4, NBC, WSFL, in the Sun-Sentinel, and on social media platforms. Feedback from the volunteer readers, schools and childcare centers was also very positive. The related promotional video, featuring CSC Chair Beam Furr, community partners and children was recognized with a National Telly Award.

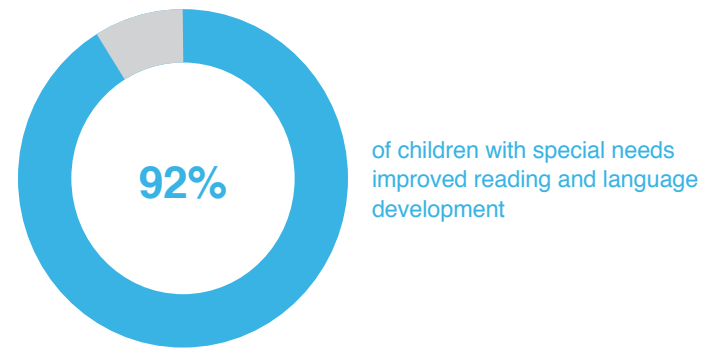


KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND ENGAGED DURING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

Children are our most precious resource and we know we want them safe, healthy and in nurturing environments, always. Working parents rest easy when their children attend programs that are academically enriching and culturally and socially engaging. Children who participate in the **CSC funded Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST)** programs get to enjoy a fun, safe and supportive environment provided by 24 agencies at 107 locations throughout the County (with 75 of those locations serving general populations and 32 serving children with special needs). During the school year, 4,637 general population children and 723 children with special needs participated in MOST. During the summer, 5,211 general population and 801 children with special needs participated. Many of these children take part in programs both in summer and during the school year. The schedule includes a focus on homework completion, project-based learning, social, emotional and physical development, and educational field trips and cultural arts opportunities.

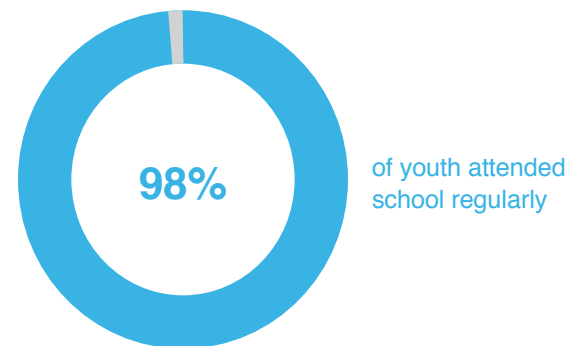
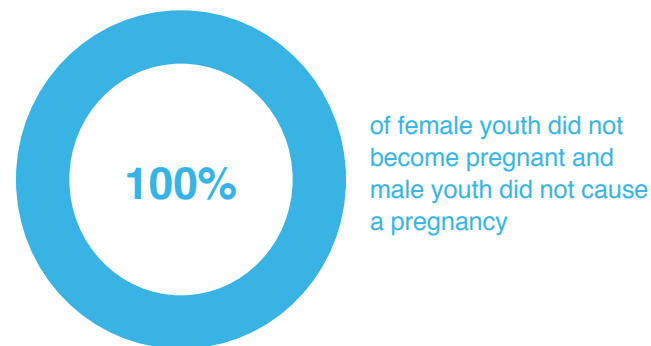


Services are provided after school, on non-school days, on early release days, and during the summer with sliding fees assessed on the family's ability to pay. During the summer, programs include age appropriate book distributions, helping to prevent summer learning loss, which children in low income families suffer at a much higher rate than their middle-income peers. Children in CSC's programs are fed a snack and supper during the school year, and lunch and snack during the summer through a partnership with federal food programs.



HELPING MIDDLE-SCHOOL YOUTH TAP INTO THEIR PASSION

Youth transitioning out of elementary and into middle school are typically the most difficult to engage in programs that align with their interests and talents. For the past 11 years, the **CSC has funded Youth FORCE (Friends, Opportunities, Resource, Counseling and Education)** working with 15 agencies delivering programs throughout the county. Since then, thousands of participating students have engaged in STEAM related activities, after school and in the summer. The pro-social recreational activities included in the program are designed to improve academic and social skills during these crucial years of development. In FY 2017/18, over 1,300 youth participated in Youth FORCE programs.



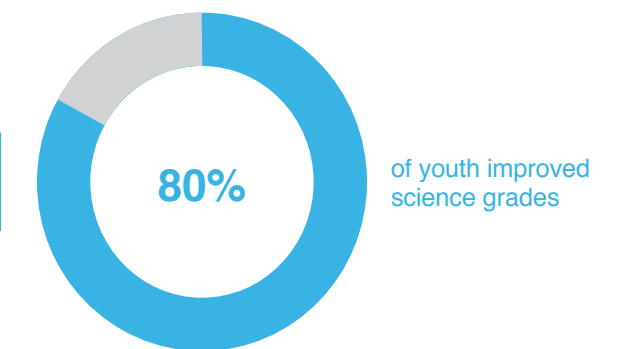
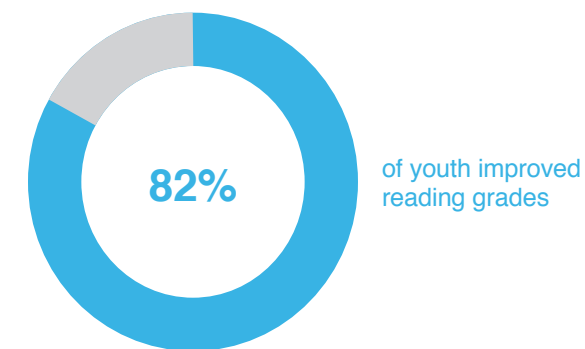
HELPING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IMAGINE THEIR FUTURE

As most high school students and their families know, accessing all available resources to smoothly transition to higher educational opportunities is a daunting task. The ability to successfully navigate scholarships, internships and financial aid can be the difference between succeeding and giving up. That is why **the CSC pursued and was one of nine Federal Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)** nationally awarded in 2016 to improve the outcomes of youth at risk of not completing high school. FY 2017-18 was year 2 of 2 of the award known

locally as **BOSS (Best Opportunities to Succeed and Shine)**, to examine the impact of providing case management services for youth who participate in CSC funded high school out-of-school time programs (LEAP High and 21st Century Community Learning Centers).

The independent evaluation of BOSS found that the provision of case management services helped youth transition to post-secondary educational opportunities, improve their behavior, complete the state's online course requirements, and increase parental participation in their child's education. These results were shared with school district staff who incorporated the findings into their reinventing High School effort designed to improve the high school education experiences and career outcomes for graduating students. Together, we will explore the best way to apply these findings in and out of school.

The **P3 award also included funds to help build an Integrated Data System (IDS)** that is designed to allow the sharing of data across local and state agencies with a focus on privacy and security to allow for better planning and service design and delivery. The system is being built with a racial equity lens allowing incorporation of the lived experiences of Broward's residents served by the various human services organizations operating in the county into the analysis.



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT HELPS STUDENTS PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD

Every year thousands of students go back to school without the supplies and adequate clothes and shoes they need to feel good about themselves and succeed. That is why, for the past seven years, the CSC has issued a challenge grant and worked with the Broward County Schools social workers, hundreds of volunteers and many other community partners to put on a Back to School Community Extravaganza. In 2018 over 7,000 students received backpacks filled with grade appropriate supplies, high quality new or refurbished shoes, uniforms and books, at four events over two weekends.

Accompanying adults accessed useful resources. BSO and other municipal law enforcement agencies provided security details and logistical support. School Board social workers registered students for free and reduced lunch while Memorial Hospital District and Holy Cross provided immunizations. Other health services representatives offered free health and dental advice and KidCare signed-up families for health insurance. Ultimately, happy kids clutching their new shoes and proudly showing off their vibrant colored backpacks confirmed the success of all four events.



JUVENILE DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS

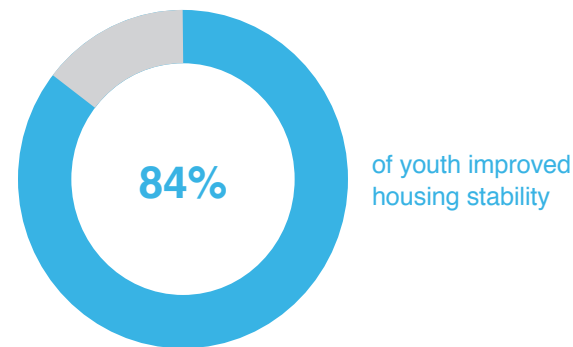
PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESSFUL ADULTHOOD

Navigating a path to adulthood can be a confusing time filled with uncertainty for many teens. For low-income youth, those aging out of foster care, LGBTQ teens, and youth with delinquency involvement, it can be even more challenging. Deciding which college to attend, what career to pursue, or finding out what job opportunities exist can be overwhelming. It is during this all-too-important time in their lives that proper guidance and the development of necessary life skills are critical as they take steps into adult life. Supporting them through this process is of long-term benefit to the entire community.

For years, in partnership with The Jim Moran Foundation, the CSC has sponsored programs to equip and prepare teens and young adults between the ages of 15-22 with employability skills, training in social and professional expectations, job placement, and college/career counseling services. **The program known as Healthy Youth Transition (HYT)** also serves as a resource for information related to housing options and access to physical and mental health services when needed.

In FY 2017/18, **the CSC launched Learning Together**, a program intended to effectively engage at-promise middle and high school age youth using a racial equity lens to promote healthy development. Through supportive relationships with adults and peers, meaningful opportunities for involvement, challenging and engaging activities and learning experiences, and physical and emotional safety, more than 150 youth participated

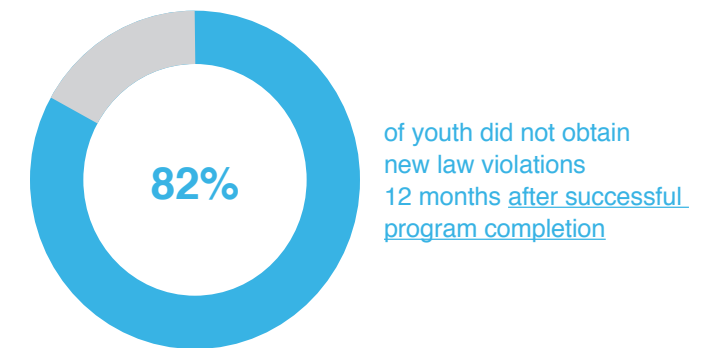
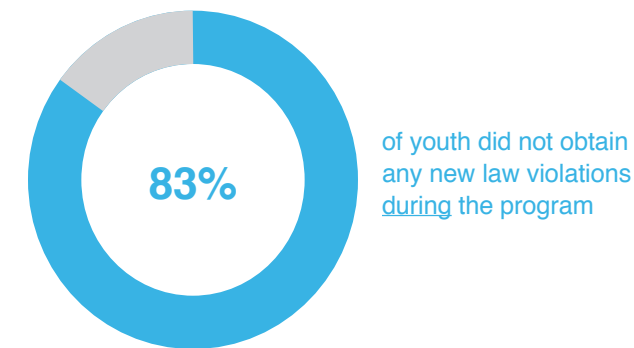
in the program's first year, delivered by multiple agencies. The program focuses on strong ethnic identity, reinforced community ties, and improved academic success.



CREATING ACCOUNTABLE AND PRODUCTIVE ADULTS

As caring adults, we know that young people can make poor decisions and some young people's decision-making skills are negatively impacted by lack of parental supports, mental health issues and negative peer pressure. We also know that youth of color suffer from racial disparities in the delinquency system which has disproportionate long-term negative consequences. The New DAY programs funded by the CSC provide services that, upon the referral from the State Attorney's Office and/or Law Enforcement through Broward County Justice Services, divert youth from the juvenile justice system and reduce repeat offenses.

Approximately 1,600 youth participated in New DAY programs in FY 2017/18. Through a restorative justice lens, youth learned about the impact of their choices while making amends to the victims and communities that were harmed by their actions. If they were able to successfully complete the program and not commit another offense, the legal consequences of their decisions did not derail them from the possibility of becoming responsible, productive adults.



PROVIDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The judicial system can be daunting to navigate for most people. With high stakes and little room for error, it can be even more difficult without adequate legal representation. Yet it is often the most vulnerable who lack competent counsel, which can result in negative and life-changing consequences. For youth who are in the dependency and delinquency systems, legal guidance can help divert them into programs where they can learn the consequences of their actions and make amends to the victims and communities that they harmed.

The CSC funds Legal Aid Services of Broward County to provide Legal Advocacy and LAW Line services that includes advocacy, legal representation, case management, and supportive services to youth referred by Juvenile Justice judges and/or agencies providing services to children. In FY 2017/18, almost 200 youth were supported through this program. The LAW Line program, created in 2015, is a legal helpline for youth up to age 18 and their families connecting the family to a dedicated attorney providing diversion education and assistance. Over 600 calls were received on the hotline for these services in FY 2017/18.

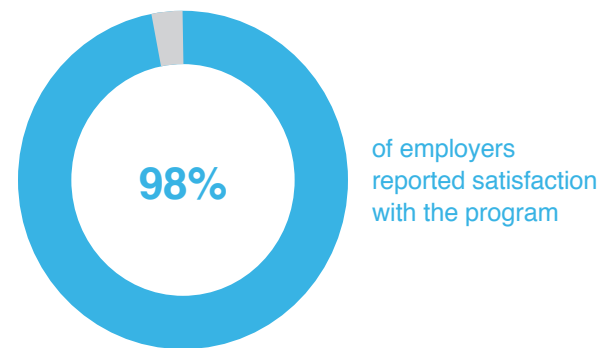
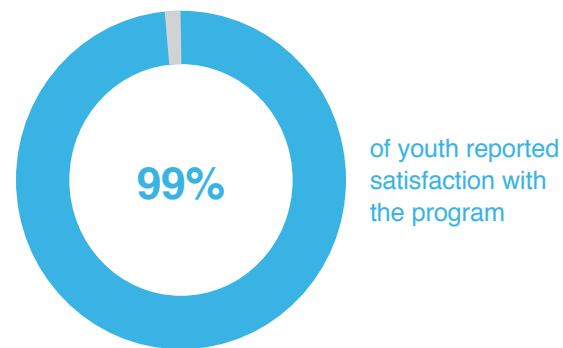


YOUTH GROWING INTO SUCCESSFUL, PRODUCTIVE ADULTS

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDE YOUTH PRIDE AND INDEPENDENCE

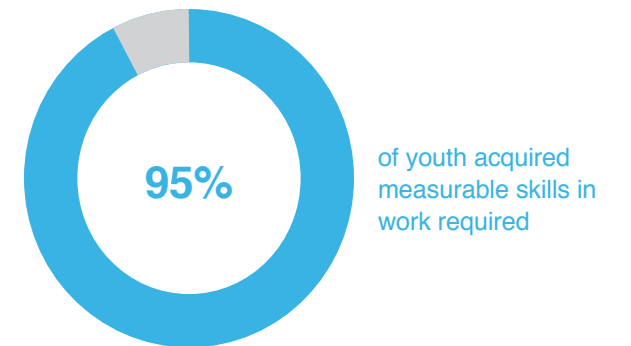
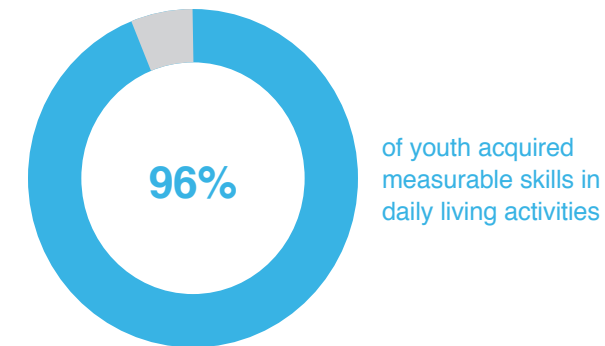
For many youth, entering the workforce and holding that first paycheck can be a source of immense pride and satisfaction. For the CSC, when that happens we have helped fulfill the core of our mission to “enhance children’s lives and empower them to become responsible, productive adults.” That is why the CSC funds **the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**. Working with CareerSource Broward, this collaborative summer work experience program provides paid employability skills training and employment opportunities for youth 16-18-year old at 227 worksites across Broward County. In FY 2017/18, CSC funding provided employment for 617 youth, and CareerSource Broward leveraged that funding to serve 134 additional participants. Reflecting the community’s commitment to a continuum of services, 54% of SYEP 2018 participants were referred from other CSC-funded programs, such as New DAY (see p. 17) and LEAP High (see pp. 14-15), as well as from the dependency system.

In addition, this past year, CareerSource Broward began actively promoting SYEP to private sector businesses, receiving support from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance through the Greater Fort Lauderdale Education Action Team (GREAT). The work group created marketing materials and made presentations to show business leaders the value of providing summer job opportunities through SYEP to chambers of commerce, local boards and industry associations. CareerSource is following up on leads gained to expand future private sector employment opportunities.



SUPPORTING EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH IN THEIR QUEST FOR PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT

Like their typically developing peers, youth with special needs also yearn for the pride and satisfaction of an earned paycheck. That is why **the CSC funds Supported Training and Employment Program (STEP)**, a cutting edge initiative preparing teens with special needs for independence after high school. Programs operate year-round, focusing on independent living skills and social skill development with paid internship opportunities, supported by on-site professional job coaches. Of the 77 participants who successfully completed the program during this past year, 39 gained employment, and 59 either gained employment or were pursuing post-secondary education.

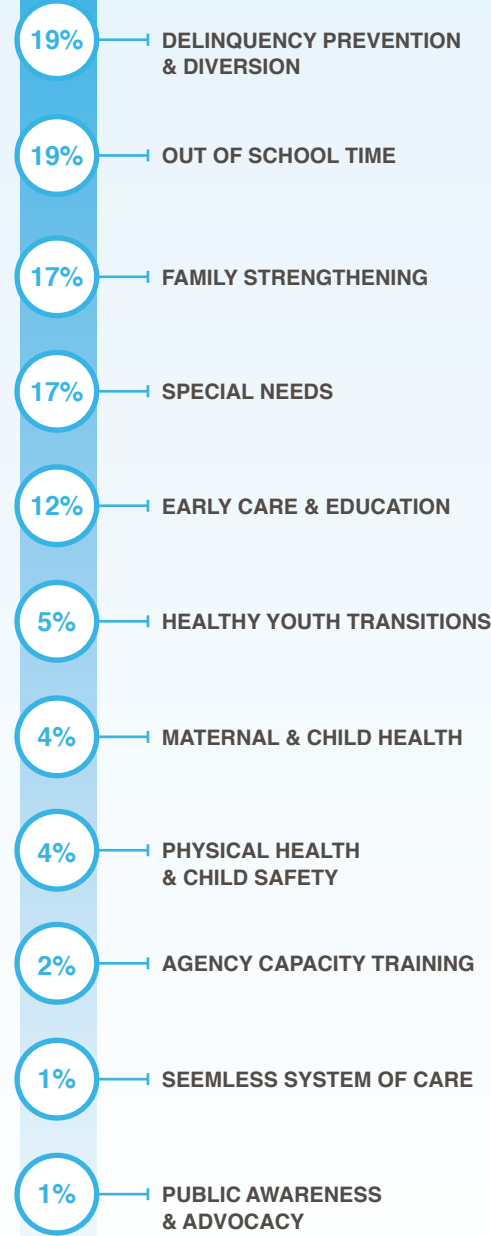


FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2017/2018

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BUDGET FOR PROGRAM SERVICES BY GOAL



Total Program Budget
\$76,341,086

GENERAL FUND

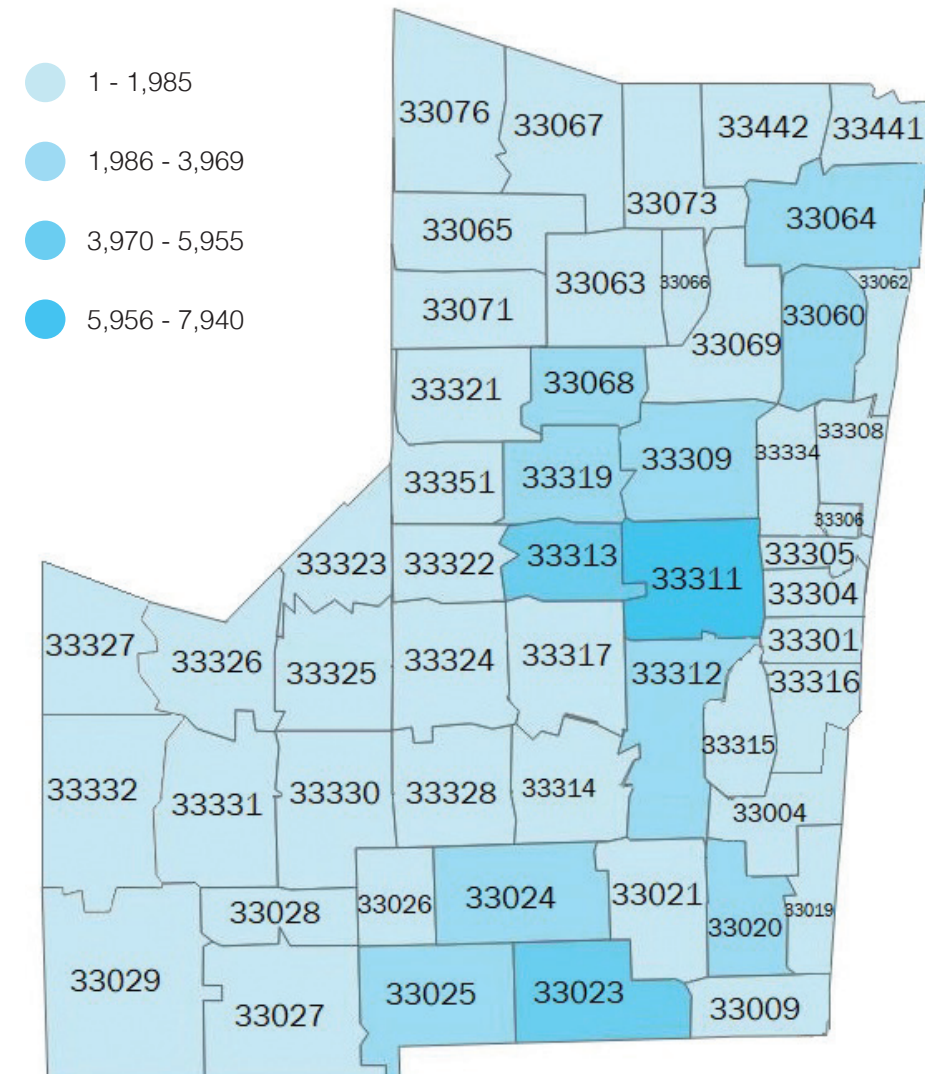
REVENUES:	FY 2017/18 Actual	FY 2016/17 Actual
Property Taxes	\$82,432,099	\$75,990,468
Federal Grant Income	\$ 253,591	\$ 189,655
Local Foundations/ Miscellaneous	\$ 2,145,739	\$ 1,618,951
Total Revenues	\$84,831,429	\$77,799,074

EXPENDITURES:	FY 2017/18 Actual	FY 2016/17 Actual
Program Services/ Support	\$76,566,254	\$70,062,520
General Administration	\$ 2,843,659	\$ 2,644,427
Capital Outlay	\$ 166,819	\$ 218,861
Non-Operating Expenditures	\$ 3,015,749	\$ 2,782,039
Total Expenditures	\$82,592,481	\$75,707,847

View the 2017/2018
Program Services Budget.

WHERE WE INVEST

CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVED BY CSC BY ZIP CODE



44,529 children and youth served through School Health services funded by CSC are not represented on this map. Calls to 2-1-1 special needs and behavioral hotlines, not included in numbers served by zip data.

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OUR FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

View The CSC Funded Program Directory

2-1-1 BROWARD

General Hotline,
Special Needs & Behavioral Health Hotline

ABILITIES

Supported Training and Employment Program (STEP)

ACHIEVEMENT & REHABILITATION CENTER (ARC)

Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST) Special Needs (SN); STEP;
Family Strengthening

ADVOCACY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES

MOST SN

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, INC.

Youth FORCE; MOST; MOST SN

ANN STORCK CENTER, INC.

MOST SN

BECON TV

Public Awareness

BLACKTIE

Capacity Building

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

MOST; Family Strengthening

BROWARD CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC.

MOST SN; Family Strengthening

BROWARD COUNTY

Drowning Prevention; Hunger Relief; MOST; Racial Equity Training

BROWARD REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Healthy Families

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

New DAY, Juvenile Assessment Center

BROWARD YOUTH SHINE

Community & Legislative Outreach

CAMELOT COMMUNITY CENTERS

New DAY, Healthy Youth Transition (HYT),
Family Strengthening

CAREERSOURCE BROWARD

Summer Youth Employment Program

CENTER FOR HEARING & COMMUNICATION

STEP; Family Strengthening; Youth FORCE; MOST SN

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Family Strengthening

CHILDREN'S HARBOR

Family Strengthening

COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER INC.

Youth FORCE

COMMUNITY AFTER SCHOOL

MOST; Margate CRA

COMMUNITY BASED CONNECTIONS

Family Strengthening; New DAY; Learning Together

COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION

HOUSING, INC. (CRHI)

Youth FORCE

CROCKETT FOUNDATION

Youth FORCE; Learning Together

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF BC

Subsidized Childcare; Vulnerable Population Slots

FAMILY CENTRAL

Family Strengthening; Positive Behavior Support; HIPPIY

FLITE – FORT LAUDERDALE INDEPENDENCE TRAINING & EDUCATION CENTER

HYT

FLORIDA DEPT. OF HEALTH – BROWARD COUNTY

Drowning Prevention, KidCare Outreach

FLORIDA IMPACT

Hunger

FOREVER FAMILY (GIALOGIC PRODUCTIONS)

Adoption Promotion

GULF COAST COMMUNITY CARE

Family Strengthening, HYT

HALLANDALE BEACH-CRA (HEPBURN CENTER)

MOST

HANDSON BROWARD

Volunteer Management

HANDY

HYT, Youth FORCE

HANLEY FOUNDATION

Youth FORCE

HARMONY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.

New DAY, Youth FORCE, Kinship Relative Care Support

HARVEST DRIVE

Hunger Relief

HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES COALITION

Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS); Family Strengthening,
Fatherhood Mentorship; Safe Sleep

HEART GALLERY OF BROWARD

Adoption Promotion

HENDERSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

New DAY; Family Strengthening; HYT; Support ECL to Expedite
Permanency

HISPANIC UNITY

Youth FORCE; Earned Income Tax Credit; LEAP High; 21st Century;
Family Strengthening

HOLLYWOOD, CITY OF

MOST

HOLLYWOOD BEACH CRA

MOST

H.O.M.E.S. – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE, AND EFFECTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD SOLUTIONS, INC.

HYT

JAFKO CHILDREN'S ABILITY CENTER

MOST SN

JEWISH ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE OPTIONS, INC.

Family Strengthening, SN Case Management

JULIANA GERENA & ASSOCIATES

Family Strengthening, New DAY

KIDVISION/WPBT (COMMUNITY TV FOUNDATION)

Early Childhood Education

KIDS IN DISTRESS, INC.

MOST; Kinship Support; Family Strengthening

LAUDERDALE LAKES, CITY OF

MOST

LEGAL AID SERVICES OF BC, INC.

Kinship, Legal Representation of Youth in Child Welfare System

LIFENET 4 FAMILIES

Hunger

MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

BREAK; New DAY; Family Strengthening, MOMS; Youth FORCE; HYT

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES

Kinship Support

MIRAMAR, CITY OF

MOST

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE

HYT

NEIGHBORS FOR NEIGHBORS

Public Awareness

NEW HOPE WORLD OUTREACH

MOST

NEW MIRAWOOD

MOST

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

A Day for Children

OPPORTUNITIES IND. CTR. (OIC) OF S. FLORIDA

Youth FORCE

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

New DAY; HYT

PEMBROKE PINES, CITY OF

MOST SN

RUSSELL LIFE SKILLS

MOST

SIERRA LIFECARE, INC.

School Health; Margate CRA

SMITH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

MOST SN; BREAK; Youth FORCE; STEP

SMITH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES

Family Strengthening

SOREF JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

MOST SN

SUNSHINE SOCIAL DBA SUNSERVE

HYT

SUNSHINE AFTERSCHOOL CHILD CARE, INC.

MOST

UNITED COMMUNITY OPTIONS

MOST SN; STEP

UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY

Youth Development; Choose Peace Stop Violence

URBAN LEAGUE OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

New DAY; MOST; Youth FORCE; HYT

WEST PARK, CITY OF

MOST; Youth FORCE

WYMAN CENTER

Youth FORCE Training

YMCA OF BROWARD COUNTY

LEAP High; 21st Century; Youth FORCE; STEP; MOST and MOST SN;
Deerfield CRA; Spark Fidelity; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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