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Children's
Services
Council

of Broward County
Our Focus is Our Children.

2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT





Letter from Ana Valladares, Council Chair

Focusing on Children, Investing in Our Community and Producing Results. The theme of this year's Annual Report reflects our unwavering commitment to providing children in Broward County with the best possible foundation for success as they grow into adulthood.

As the Children's Services Council of Broward County began its eighth year, I had the honor of being selected Chair, following in the footsteps of Broward County Vice-Mayor, Sue Gunzburger. Sue and I are founding Council members, and have had the privilege of seeing how the CSC has impacted the children and families of Broward County since being created by voter referendum in 2000. Over the past several years, we have begun to get a better sense of the wisdom of our community. In good times and bad, we have a responsibility to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to succeed.

That is why we decided that this year's Annual Report should speak in the voice of those we serve. In the following pages, you will read about a mother who, on the verge of losing control of her ability to raise her children, was able to access a Family Strengthening program that provided her with skills and resources to keep her family together. You will hear from the father of a child with autism, thankful for the Maximizing Out of School Time program which gave his son fun, safe and educationally enriching afterschool activities. You will see how an elderly family friend suddenly entrusted with raising a newborn baby was able to access a Kinship program that helped her eventually adopt the child. Or how a young man, who might have found himself homeless, with few good options after aging out of the foster care system, was able to find housing and career opportunities through the Transitional Independent Living program.

You will read about these and many other instances of how the CSC positively impacts the lives of children and their families by funding nearly 130 programs.

This was an unusual year for the CSC, with a once-in-a-lifetime experience: We completed construction on our new building which we inaugurated in November. Construction began in 2008 with non-recurring funds set aside years ago for this purpose by the CSC's founding members. Many of them

have since moved on, but I would be remiss if I didn't give special thanks to those who, over the years, served on the Building Committee, including Carole Andrews, whose passing was a terrible loss to us all; Gregory Durden; Judge Lawrence Korda; Judge Julie Koenig; David Roach, and of course, the recently retired Jack L. Moss.

My fellow Council members and I are excited about the new building for many reasons: It is a community building, where many of our funded agencies and partners will meet to make use of the facility. Moreover, it was built according to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards that will enable the CSC to significantly lower operating costs and redirect savings towards children's programs and services. During construction, the building helped young adults learn the construction trade as part of YouthBuild Broward! Here they heard about drought tolerant landscaping, high efficiency air conditioning, water efficient plumbing fixtures, abundant natural light and the use of recycled materials and certified wood (regionally harvested as a renewable resource). This is all part of the CSC's commitment to fiscal responsibility and to a greener, healthier future for generations to come.

We could not have come this far without the tireless work and unfettered support of the Council members who left us this year, including Jack L. Moss, Stephanie Arma Kraft, and Christopher L. Smith. While we will miss their counsel and wisdom, we are pleased to welcome in their stead Nancy L. Merolla, newly appointed Circuit 17 Administrator for the Department of Children and Families; Robin Bartleman, Broward County School Board member, and Samuel F. Morrison, the former head of the Broward County Library System, who led efforts in the creation of Broward's world-renowned African American Research Library and Cultural Center.

As we work with our friends and partners to confront difficult economic times and generate future opportunities, we promise you that our motto "Our Focus is Our Children" is more than just a tagline. It is the guiding principle by which we will continue to invest in our community and produce results for the benefit of the children and families of Broward County.

Ana M. Valladares
Governor Appointee



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Emilio Benitez, Vice Chair

Governor Appointee

As President/CEO of ChildNet, one thing is absolutely clear to me: the long term wellbeing of a community depends on our ability to raise children in a safe, nurturing environment. The work of the CSC is an essential component in helping children thrive at home when possible or be adopted into a loving family.



Mariza Cobb, Secretary

Governor Appointee

I am particularly proud of the work that the CSC does to provide children with special needs the opportunities to lead as fulfilling a life experience as any other child. The Special Needs Advisory Council is just one way in which Broward is making a difference for this population.



Sue Gunzburger, Immediate Past Chair

Broward County Vice-Mayor

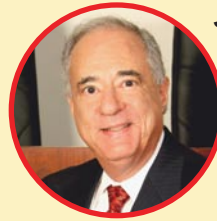
Thanks to good governance and insistence on high-quality, measurable outcomes from funded agencies, the CSC continues to deliver on its vision of providing the children of Broward County the opportunity to realize their full potential, hopes and dreams, even in times of economic uncertainty.



Robin Bartleman

School Board of Broward County

As a mother of two elementary school students and as a former classroom teacher, I believe in providing every child in Broward with a warm and nurturing environment both in and out of school that will allow them to blossom into responsible, productive adults. As a School Board Member, I am committed to working with the CSC to ensure this happens.



Judge Martin R. Dishowitz

Judicial Member
Juvenile Division

We have the responsibility of providing the children and youth of Broward County with the tools to make the right choices in life, while at the same time ensuring they are given second chances if possible to better their lives and become productive adults. The CSC understands the importance of evidence-based practices in funding programs that can help our children prosper.



Nancy L. Merolla

Circuit 17 Administrator,
Department of Children and Families

Working in social services for many years, I have witnessed the devastating effects of child and youth neglect and the difficulties entailed in changing their circumstances once they fall through the cracks. I look forward to partnering with the CSC in our joint efforts to preempt abuse and neglect while laying the groundwork for a bright future for our children.



Samuel F. Morrison

Governor Appointee

The Children's Services Council understands that dollars are not the only resource that can make a difference. That's why we play a key role in providing capacity building resources and a broad array of affordable trainings for all child serving organizations in Broward.



James F. Notter

Superintendent, Broward
County Schools

Doing more with fewer resources has been a reality all across the country during these difficult economic times. In Broward County we have weathered these circumstances better than elsewhere because of our community's ability to coalesce around the important issues and work together in establishing priorities. The CSC's role as convener and advocate was and continues to be an essential part of this success.



Terry Santini

Governor Appointee

Now more than ever, the taxpayers of Broward County need the CSC to find innovative and cost-effective ways to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. I am proud that, through our fiscal sobriety and foresight, we have been able to maintain funding for programs that do just that.

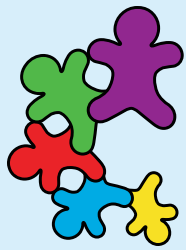


Dr. Paula Thaqi

Director, Broward County
Health Department

From a public health perspective, this had been a particularly difficult year. The CSC has proven to be an invaluable partner in promoting the health and safety of the children of Broward County and I am particularly proud of the success of our collaboration in Swim Safety and Child Immunization campaigns.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS



Letter from Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO

By now, it's no secret that like most of the nation, Broward County is feeling the impact of the economic downturn. Families are tightening their belts and making difficult decisions. Governments are facing cuts in services due to decreased tax revenues. It's why I'm pleased that the Children's Services Council of Broward County is here for our community. We're working harder than ever before to ensure that our funded programs are responsive to the needs of Broward's families and that our children do not feel the impact of our tumultuous fiscal climate.

During the past year, we've responded to rapidly changing community needs. Consider the impact of the CSC supported Million Meals Committee, which collected over 1.2 million pounds of food for local food banks and pantries. Along with Volunteer Broward, we coordinated the inaugural Field of Food event at Lockhart Stadium, which in addition to collecting desperately needed food, shined a spotlight on the issue of childhood hunger, one of the most pervasive, yet little known problems in our community.

Our staff continues to go the extra mile, managing contracts with providers in every corner of Broward County. Approximately 130 CSC funded programs operate to ensure that all children, including those with special needs, receive services that help them reach their maximum and full potential. The CSC does more, however, than

fund these programs. We monitor their performance to ensure that measurable outcomes are met and exceeded.

In addition, we provide expert training and technical assistance to agencies serving children and families to ensure that the services they offer are of the highest quality. Our cadre of trainers and consultants are recognized experts in their fields and help keep our providers on the cutting edge of knowledge and best practices.

The many accomplishments of the past year, of course, would not have been possible without the vision, commitment and dedication of our Council members. Despite a precipitous drop in property values, they helped craft a budget that did not cause harm to our many community programs. I salute their flexibility and commitment to fiscal responsibility.

There are countless stakeholders that should be commended as well. Over 200 concerned Broward residents participated in the second annual community-wide Children's Budget Summit. Together, they used the Children's Strategic Plan as a framework to prioritize critical needs. And it's not only the adults who are making a difference. Young people from our community helped draft and lobbied for legislation benefiting foster care youth. In June, Governor Charlie Crist chose our offices for the bill signing ceremony. I couldn't have been any prouder!

I'm also proud of all the hard work that went into the creation of our new "green" headquarters in Lauderhill. This new energy efficient building means reduced administrative expenses, allowing us to serve even more children. Going "green" represents our commitment to the environment and teaches our children about the importance of being responsible global citizens. We're excited about our new home and it belongs to you, the residents of Broward. We invite you to visit and see all the ways that focusing on our children and investing in our community is producing the right kinds of results. Together, we're making a difference. One child at a time!



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MANAGEMENT TEAM

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer

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President/CEO



Children's Budget Summit: A Framework for Consensus

The Children's Services Council has been instrumental in bringing community partners together to improve conditions for children and families in these difficult economic times. For the second year, the Council and the Broward County School Board hosted a Children's Budget Summit to provide a forum for public funders and non profits to work together and find ways to meet the challenges of budget cuts and loss of revenue. Organized around the Children's Strategic Plan, the summit was held on April 18th at NOVA High School. Over 200 participants attended representing over 30 agencies. Funders, including the Broward County School Board, Department of Children and Families, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Early Learning Coalition, United Way, ChildNet, Department of Health, Broward County Children's Services Board, WorkForce One, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Healthy Start and the CSC listened to the committee recommendations and discussed ways to reduce the impact of the economic downturn on children and families.

Participants learned about stimulus dollars coming to the state and to Broward County and ways to maximize the money. Presenters from each of the Children's 12 Strategic Plan Committees highlighted critical issues for funders, and funders identified their approaches to budget reductions.

Moreover, provider agencies had an opportunity to address their challenges and concerns directly to the community leaders participating in the forum.

Strategic plan work groups have met regularly throughout the year to find ways to save money and provide more cost-efficient services. Although born of a need to confront an unprecedented economic downturn, the Children's Budget Summit framework is intended to outlast this crisis and continue as a long term collaborative tool.





FOCUSING ON OUR CHILDREN



Family Strengthening: Giving Families the Tools to Stay Together

Annie is a 7-year-old already at risk for failing in school. Annie was out of control at home and her mother, recently divorced with three children, had just lost her job and her nerves were stretched thin. The children were often tardy for school and all had too many absences. That's when the school Guidance Counselor referred the family to a Family Strengthening program at Boys Town with funding provided by the Children's Services Council.

The Boys Town therapist helped Annie's mother learn better ways to manage her children without hitting or yelling. She was also connected with WorkForce One, who helped her look for and finally find another job. As home and work life began to improve, school attendance and school behavior began to improve. With the encouragement, guidance and support from program staff, the family was able to meet their goals and complete the program successfully.

In FY 08-09, over 13,000 reports of child abuse and neglect were received by the Florida Abuse Hotline. As families face

99% of the parents who completed the program reported satisfaction with program intervention.

94% of the parents maintained or decreased their experienced level of parenting stress.

96% of families improved family functioning.

74% of parents reported parenting attitudes/behavior consistent with decreased risk of child abuse and neglect.

additional stressors due to the worsening economy, chances for child abuse and neglect often rise as well. The CSC's goal is to prevent child maltreatment before it escalates and places children in harm's way, so these in-home

programs worked with over 3,500 families this past year, providing parenting education, counseling and community support. Parents receive the tools they need to be healthy, productive adults with positive self-esteem who can raise their children in a loving and safe way. Additionally, parents can feel proud and empowered about their ability to maintain a safe and stable home environment. The CSC continues to lead the way in reducing child abuse and neglect by investing in effective Family Strengthening programs. Because of the difficult economy, the CSC recognizes the increased need for Family Strengthening programs, which will bear fruit for generations to come.

The CSC's 15 Family Strengthening Programs provide a range of critical services including in-home family therapy, parent education, crisis intervention, resource and referral linkages and case management for at risk and high risk families, teen parents, families of children with special needs, and families with pre-delinquent and delinquent youth. All programs effectively focus on keeping families together using a strength-based approach.



Maximizing Out of School Time for Economically Disadvantaged Children and Children with Special Needs

"After several afterschool programs for my son with autism ranged from the indifferent to the horrible, we were able to get him into the YMCA's MOST program... The staff has been incredible, patient, caring and involved... Their dedication to him and all the kids there has been exemplary."

A father raising a child with special physical and developmental needs, like the one quoted here, faces many challenges especially when looking for programs where their children can participate fully and blossom.

Maximizing Out of School Time (MOST) programs funded by the Children's Services Council for children and youth with special needs, such as the one managed by the YMCA, have provided a safe, enjoyable and educational setting for hundreds of children with special needs. These children look forward to going to a MOST afterschool program, where they receive help with homework, time with friends and opportunities for fun and educational field trips.

Parents of typical children share the same feeling about MOST afterschool programs, praising staff and expressing sincere appreciation for the sliding fee scales that allow children to participate in programs the families could not otherwise afford to attend. Parents enjoy picking up their children at the end of the day knowing that they have had a healthy snack, time for fitness fun, arts and crafts activities and that their homework has been completed for the night, with help from teachers.

America After 3PM found that 20% of Florida schoolchildren are enrolled in afterschool programs, up from 17% in 2004. "Florida is ahead of the pack on afterschool, and can be proud of that," said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. "But the data also show another side of the story. The majority of Florida parents who want their kids in afterschool programs aren't able to find them, usually

because programs aren't available, they can't afford the fees, or transportation issues make it impossible." These are all barriers that the CSC and our many partners are addressing through programs like MOST.

The CSC's MOST Programs are located throughout Broward County at public schools, community centers, churches and parks. In FY 08-09 over 12,000 economically disadvantaged children and 2,200 children with special needs were served during the school year and/or during the summer. Despite CSC funding, many programs continue to have wait lists, as more parents need financial assistance to be able to send their children to a quality afterschool program.

At a time of rising unemployment, the CSC was careful to develop a FY 09-10 budget that preserved the positions of full-time staff at MOST programs. In addition, to maximize resources, programs use the Health Department's Summer Food Service Program providing children with free lunches and snacks. And that's not all! To provide a well rounded experience, CSC programs partner with the County's Cultural Arts Division to provide screened,

- 100% of the children remained safe.
- 82% of children improved social skills and interactions with peers and adults.
- 88% of children improved their basic math skills.
- 96% of children improved their homework completion.
- 88% of children improved their reading and language development.

local artists who provide on site and off site arts education. Field trips and swimming lessons through Swim Central are part of the high quality out of school time experience!



"On September 28th, the Center for Hearing and Communication's MOST afterschool program enjoyed a 'once in a lifetime' experience. Students participated in the Dolphin Encounter program at the Miami Seaquarium. The Dolphin Encounter program offers an exciting way of learning and interacting with the dolphins. The fun-filled shallow water program was a great way for our youth to have an unforgettable experience with a dolphin.

The program included a 15 minute educational classroom presentation prior to entering the water. Following that was a 30 minute shallow water experience including touching, feeding and playing with a dolphin. They then learned what it's like to train a dolphin, and got up-close and personal like never before. After the encounter, the students had photo opportunities with a dolphin. The program included complimentary admission to all Miami Seaquarium shows and exhibits for the day. It was an incredible day for all of the youth and their reactions and smiles were 'priceless'."

David Williams, Program Coordinator
Center for Hearing and Communication FL



Every "New DAY" We Provide a Second Chance for Better Choices

"When I was arrested and charged with battery, I thought my life was going downhill. Little did I know it was only beginning! This was the first time I was ever in trouble, and I was ashamed of myself. The judge gave me a chance to enroll in a Community Justice diversion program with the Broward Sheriff's Office.

When I first enrolled in the diversion program, I had no aspirations. Within 90 days my youth counselor challenged me to make changes in my life. She helped me apply for college and financial aid and helped me apply for a scholarship which I later received. January 5, 2009 was the proudest day of my life; I became the first member of my family to attend college. I am now a freshman at FAMU with a full scholarship, all thanks to my mentor, the youth counselor.

I want to thank the Children's Services Council of Broward County and the Broward Sheriff's Office for making this program available. Every aspect of it was beneficial: from the youth groups, to the life skills classes, and most importantly the volunteers. I was blessed to have this opportunity presented to me, and I am sure the other counselors in this great program can provide the same opportunities for their clients as I was given."

93% of youth had no re-offenses for up to a year after program completion.

91% of youth demonstrated an improvement in empathy, values clarification, anger management, techniques for impulse control, social skills, and reduction of deviant arousal patterns and qualitative changes in cognitive functioning.

88% of youth increased their level of protective factors and decreased risk factors.

Youth sometimes make bad decisions that can lead to arrest and change their lives forever. The CSC and the State Attorney's Office (SAO) work in collaboration to provide youth who have few or no prior arrests and who have committed minor law violations with an opportunity to complete a diversion program, instead of going to court. This prevents youth from having a court record, which can affect future educational and employment success.

New Diversion Alternatives for Youth (New DAY) programs serve approximately 1,500 youth annually and are offered in order to ensure that each youth referred by the SAO can take advantage of this opportunity. Programs offer individual, group and family counseling services, supervision of academic progress, community service opportunities, and enrichment activities that provide youth with pro-social alternatives. In addition, some diversion programs facilitate Restorative Justice Conferences in which the victim has the opportunity to express the impact of the crime in their lives, while the juvenile offender takes responsibility for their behavior. Through these interventions, the New DAY programs provide youth with a second chance and improved tools for future success.



Kinship Program Opens Doors to Expanding Caring Families

Lucille was a baby less than a week old when she was placed in the care of Mrs. Franklin, a friend of the family. Her biological mother was unable to care for Lucille at the time and asked Mrs. Franklin to take her. Still living with the Franklins, Lucille is now a bright, beautiful 5 year old. Mrs. Franklin and her family care for Lucille as if she were related to them by blood, no differently from their other grandchildren. However, while caring for Lucille, Mrs. Franklin ran into problems trying to access services because she had no documentation that she was the child's legal guardian. That's when she found the Children's Services Council's Kinship program and got help with the legal work to adopt Lucille. Through the Kinship program's partnership with Legal Aid, Mrs. Franklin is now Lucille's legal mother.

99% of kinship children did not require foster or institutional care.

100% of caregivers completed action steps to achieve their major goals.

97% of caregivers reported a decrease in needs required to maintain a stable home for their kinship child(ren).

Leticia was another young girl helped by the Kinship program at Kids in Distress after her mother committed suicide last year. Leticia and her two brothers went to live with their grandmother. Now in high school, Leticia is working hard to get good grades so she can achieve her goals of a college degree and hopefully fulfill her ambition to help discover a cure for AIDS. In addition to wanting to make the world a better place, she is determined to have a successful career so she can take care of her grandmother, who took care of her "when she didn't have to."

These stories highlight the importance of providing support for kinship caregivers, many of whom are grandparents who were not prepared to raise children a second time. Instead of planning for retirement or enjoying adult-oriented activities, these caregivers have taken on the job of much younger parents. Without a supportive network and resources to help them, many struggle with financial constraints, social isolation, health and medical conditions, legal barriers and other challenges. This past year, 97 Kinship families received much-needed support and assistance to keep their families intact and nurtured.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Surviving Maternal Depression

Frances had just given birth to her third child but instead of feeling joy, she was struggling with depression and anxiety. The pregnancy had been difficult, her husband was abusive and there was not enough money to make ends meet. Fortunately, Frances received the help that she needed with Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies and their Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS) program, funded by the Children's Services Council to address maternal depression. Therapists came to her home and provided the support she needed to regain self-confidence, better manage her life, make connections with other mothers and develop stronger coping skills through support group meetings and one-on-one time with her caseworker. Frances also learned constructive parenting skills that helped her relate more positively with her children and her baby. Nine months later, Frances was able to make positive life decisions for herself and her family.

92% of mothers reported fewer symptoms of depression.

98% of infants and children scored within range for developmental milestones.

96% of families demonstrated improvements in family functioning, including parenting skills, family interactions and decreased family conflict.

In FY 08-09, two innovative and cutting edge programs were funded by the CSC with Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies and the Memorial Health Care System. Together, they served 223 pregnant women and/or women with very young children who were experiencing perinatal or post-partum depression. These MOMS programs promote secure and positive attachments between mother and child through intensive therapy, supportive parenting education and guidance that fosters appropriate child care and parenting behaviors so that children grow in a safe and healthy home environment. These in-home services increase maternal and child bonding and decrease the symptoms of maternal depression that can place families at risk.



Life Skills for Teens With Special Needs

Jasmine has Cerebral Palsy, which makes getting around a little difficult, but she does not let her disability keep her from reaching her goals. When she set her mind to finding a summer job for the first time, Jasmine found the help she needed in the Children's Services Council's Supported Training Employment Program for Special Needs (STEPS). With guidance and support from the staff at United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), Jasmine managed to be at work every day and on time, even while taking several buses to and from her assigned job site. She learned important life skills that are very useful now that she is a college freshman at Florida A&M in Tallahassee. Although Jasmine received a scholarship to help with tuition, the money she earned and saved while working in the STEPS

program helps cover the costs of books and college supplies. Next summer, it will be easier for Jasmine to find a job since she was able to gain real work experience this year.

68% of youth improved skills in conversation, functional literacy, phone skills, and problem solving.

62% of youth improved daily living skills.

55% of youth improved employability skills.

75% of youth learned ways to improve behavior and form friendships.

80% of youth improved social skills at community events.

Cedric, who has a language impairment and developmental delay, also received help with life skills in the CSC's afterschool program, Learning Independence Through Focused Transition (LIFT). For the past two years, Cedric has been learning to be independent when he finishes high school. How to manage money, how to cook for himself, and how to master the County bus system, are all part of becoming a successful adult. In fact, learning how to work with others helped prepare him for his very first job! Like Jasmine, Cedric also worked in the STEPS supported employment program for the past two summers, where UCP staff helped him learn to be a dependable employee in the maintenance department of a Pompano Beach hotel. This year, at the end of his second STEPS internship at Wyndham Hotels, he was rewarded with a full time landscaping job. Today, Cedric is a successful young man who is proud of the good work he does every day; his parents are also very proud of his new independence!

For the past five years, the CSC has funded a continuum of support services for children and youth with special physical and developmental needs, like Jasmine and Cedric. Adolescents with disabilities who are transitioning from high school to independent living have been a critically underserved population. That is why the CSC started the LIFT afterschool program in 2007. In FY 08-09, those six programs helped 313 teens with special needs learn social skills, daily living skills, and explore career opportunities through hands-on learning experiences. As they gain the skills they need, many are able to work in jobs provided by the CSC's STEPS summer employment programs with the support of on-site job coaches. The hard work by the CSC's provider agencies, like UCP and the Dan Marino Foundation, is paying off as these young people have joined the workforce and gained independence!



Youth FORCE: Opportunities for Success

What can we do when a child's life is at a crossroads? In September 2008, Kevin was referred to a Children's Services Council funded Youth FORCE (Friends, Opportunities, Resources, Counseling & Education) program by a local center for youth with behavioral challenges. At age 14 he had problems building friendships and his low self-esteem and poor impulse control often led to fights with other students. Youth FORCE helped him choose the right path.

The program provided Kevin with peer mediation and one-on-one counseling, along with violence prevention, team

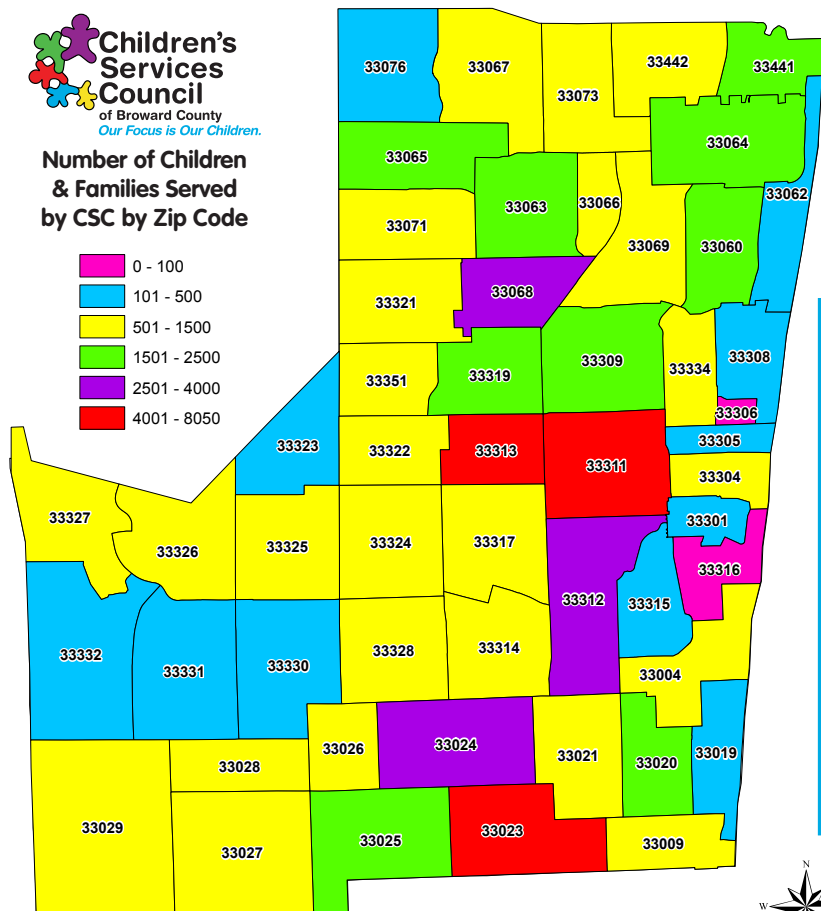
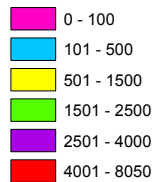
building and recreational activities. In the summer of 2009, he participated in creative arts experiences that included step dance, photography, writing and poetry. He also had opportunities to play basketball, which he enjoys. Program staff worked closely with Kevin to give him encouragement and positive reinforcement, even coaching him in basketball! As a result, he participates regularly and is displaying more positive thoughts and behavior. Kevin's mother is thrilled with his improvements and that he is now doing well in school. She feels the program serves as a positive outlet for her child and notes that he loves participating in it.

Only 70% of Broward County students graduate on time, which, although an increase over previous years, is still lower than Florida's rate of 75%. Gang membership by middle and high school students statewide is on the rise and arrests for marijuana use and the rate of repeat births to teens is also going up. This points to the need of comprehensive prevention education programs that effectively address the needs of adolescents like Kevin. In early 2008, the CSC decided to fund year-round youth development programs targeting at-risk teens in the

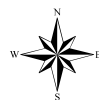
general population, youth with special needs, and youth with emotional and behavioral health needs. In FY 08-09, Youth FORCE programs served over 1600 youth, providing a variety of services to help young people to succeed in school, develop better communication with family members, and be productive in the community. Prevention classes help youth learn the consequences of making positive or negative choices in life. Academic assistance is provided to promote school success and teens also engage in hands-on learning activities in the community that help them experience the joy of giving back to others. Examples of community service projects include sea oats and sand dunes restoration, serving food to the homeless and neighborhood graffiti removal. To help keep the youth engaged, the CSC also funds field trips, cultural arts and enrichment experiences and career exploration.



Number of Children & Families Served by CSC by Zip Code



Geographic Layers Provided by Broward County



100% of youth did not become pregnant and did not cause a pregnancy.

99% of youth did not use alcohol or drugs.

99% of youth did not obtain any law violations within a year after program completion.

82% of youth decreased risk behaviors.

79% of youth increased school protective factors.

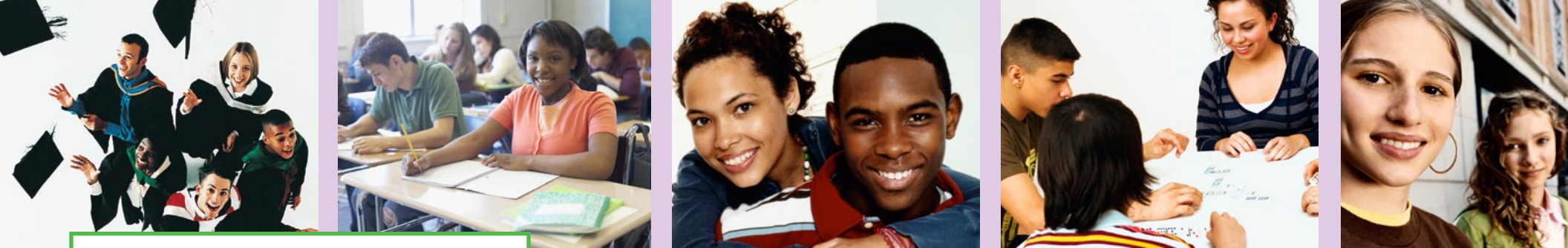


Future Prep: Giving Foster Care Youth the Tools for Successfully Transitioning to Adulthood

"Finally, we have a place we can call our own," says Darren, one of approximately 150 foster care youth in Broward County who are leaving foster care at age 18 and find themselves alone, scared and without adult support. "If this program did not exist, I have no clue of where I would be right now..."

Because simply turning 18 does not mean becoming well prepared to handle the responsibilities of adulthood, youth like Darren who leave the protection of supportive adults such as foster parents and grandparents or group homes quickly become homeless, drop out of school, and struggle to secure and maintain jobs with livable wages. As a result, these young people typically have increased rates of pregnancy, drug use, unaddressed mental health needs and increased involvement with the criminal justice system.

Since 2003, the CSC has helped lead the first community-wide effort to draw attention to the plight of transitioning youth. That commitment led to the development of Future Prep in 2004, which provides comprehensive educational support, counseling, life skills instruction, community linkage and case management for this population. In 2007, the CSC partnered with the Jim Moran Foundation to expand these services to help over 300 youth, ages 15 to 22. This ongoing collaborative funding supports the efforts of HANDY, Camelot Community Care and Kids@Home.



95% of youth did not obtain any law violations.

92% of youth did not experience any unplanned pregnancies.

82% of youth engaged in activities that helped them attain academic and vocational credentialing or employment.

70% of youth demonstrated gains in pro-social functioning and social skill development.

In addition, the CSC and the Jim Moran Foundation also launched a new independent living program for young adults ages 18 to 22 with mental health needs like Darren. Managed by Henderson Mental Health at Wilson Gardens, the program offers young adults the opportunity to live in one of six newly renovated apartments instead of the very real possibility of becoming homeless and experiencing a life of danger. Future Prep helps these young adults make a safe transition to independence a reality.



Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): Job Training in a Tough Market

"I got work experience that I would not normally have. I learned to be responsible, more independent, and also how to work in the work place... I hope to take everything I have learned from this job and use it to advance myself as an individual. I hope that this program will continue next summer so that I may have a chance to work with this or any company and take the assets I have learned here with me."
 – Jearis Evans

"I spent the summer working as an Assistant Computer Technician at the Corporate WorkForce One office in the Information Technology (IT) Department. Although I may not be a geek when it comes to computers, this hands-on experience gave me a better vision of extra skills I would not normally be exposed to. The thing I liked best about my job was the fact that I learned how to install memory boards and put together a personal computer (PC) in two days! Because of this job, I now know how to use computer language that would have taken me years of study to comprehend."

– Keiva Welch

"This program allowed me to work this summer at the Broward College Financial Aid office as an office assistant. My duties included filling out the application for Federal Student Aid, scanning and copying documents and answering the telephone. What I liked best about my job was that I was able to assist college students by interacting with those who needed my help. Because of this job I now know how to fill out the FAFSA and I have more knowledge of school loans, scholarships, and the requirements needed to qualify for federal aid. I think that the summer jobs program is important because there are a lot of high school and college students who are in need of a summer job." – Aquila Thompson

What do these youth have in common? Well, they share a most disturbing statistic: only 46% of young people ages 16 to 24 were employed in the summer of 2009, the lowest rate since the government began tracking this information in 1948. Research shows that youth who are not connected

with constructive activities during the summer are more likely to engage in risky activities such as committing crimes, unsafe sex or drug and alcohol use. They may also lose academic gains made during the school year.

Fortunately, 605 were able to learn job skills and earn money in the CSC's eight-week Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) with Workforce One. Over 300 job sites provided youth opportunities to work in offices, summer camps, schools, hospitals, libraries and child care centers, among others.

Prior to job placement, teens attended intensive employability workshops to learn valuable job retention skills.

They were matched with worksites near to where they lived and received bus passes and other supports to help them succeed. Case managers were available to help them work through issues while participating in the work experience.

Since 2005, the CSC has funded Summer Youth Employment for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16 to 18. For Summer 2009, federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus dollars helped increase the number of youth served to over 1,350;

Council funding supported youth ages 16 to 18 while the federal stimulus funding supported youth ages 19 to 24.

According to satisfaction surveys, the program has earned positive reviews from both youth and employers.

100% of youth did not experience a serious injury.

97% of youth obtained gainful employment and work experience in safe, supervised work sites.

89% of employers indicated satisfaction with the program support and youth employee(s).

90% of youth were satisfied with their job experience.



PRODUCING RESULTS



Creating Positive Environments for Young Children

Working with infants, toddlers and preschoolers can be both rewarding and exhausting: it takes a great deal of skill and patience to encourage and teach them effectively. Often, because teachers and families lack the expertise needed to provide this age-appropriate education and care, some of the youngest children are labeled "difficult" or "challenging." In fact, these children may be acting in a completely age-appropriate way. Early care educators often need additional training and assistance to effectively manage behaviors and create learning environments that nurture the children's social and emotional growth. Additionally, parents need the support that reinforces positive behaviors their children learn in the classroom.

In response to this need, the CSC and the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County have begun the Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) Quality Initiative. PBS is an evidence-based approach that helps create nurturing child care environments where very young children learn empathy, respect, and positive communication. Through PBS, early care educators will develop the knowledge and skills needed to teach children problem-solving strategies. It also gives children the capacity to recognize their own feelings and become sensitive to the feelings of others. Importantly, PBS also provides support to parents in creating and sustaining this positive and responsive environment at home. The best part of PBS is that, ultimately, it will help prevent the negative, harmful labeling of the youngest members of our community. Instead, they will be nurtured and encouraged and grow up prepared for school and life!



"Give Them Water and They Will Grow" Capacity Building Helps Small Nonprofit Grow into Nutrition Giant

By Lynne Kunin, FLIPANY Executive Director

In just four short years, Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth (FLIPANY) grew from serving 200 participants with one part time employee in 2005, to serving over 5,000 participants with four full time employees and two Americorps volunteers in 2009.

With the help of the comprehensive approach to capacity building led by the Children's Services Council of Broward County, FLIPANY was able to secure national funding, streamline our resources, and limit duplication of resources in our community. We not only accomplished our mission of providing affordable physical activity and nutrition education to South Florida youth and their families but we built playgrounds, planted gardens, and worked on policy change on a national level.

All of this growth was a byproduct of FLIPANY staff attending CSC's capacity building trainings on topics such as marketing, cultivating donors, information technology, and board recruitment. The three day training on agency capacity building that we attended over a three month period led us to assess our agency's organizational capacity and identify our strengths and weaknesses as a community based non-profit organization. We learned that we needed

to improve some of our processes in order to build our capacity. We also learned about board development and diversifying our funding. As a direct result of these trainings FLIPANY recruited five new people to our board of directors in FY 08-09. We have worked to create a strategic plan focused on marketing which will build our capacity even further.

In these trying, economically unstable times, and with families needing our services more than ever, organizations like FLIPANY are an example of how a small seed can grow with the nourishing commitment to capacity building from the CSC.

For more information on FLIPANY's programs and services go to www.flipany.org or call 954-636-2388.





2-1-1/First Call For Help on the Front Lines of Increased Need in Broward

"I called the 2-1-1 Broward Homeless Helpline because I didn't know where to turn. I am a single mom with one daughter and lost my job a few months ago. We were being evicted; I had no money for food, no health insurance and no family or friends in Broward County. The Homeless Helpline Counselor took all the information about my family so they could find a place for us at one of the community shelters... Just knowing that someone was trying to help got me through one of the scariest times of my life."

Testimony from 2-1-1 Broward Caller.

The past year has been especially difficult for the families of Broward County, with needs for services growing at record rates. During this time, 2-1-1 Counselors assisted 128,889 callers, up 17% from the previous year. Half of these calls were from residents seeking help for basic needs like food, shelter, and rent or utility assistance. According to some estimates,

one in ten callers had never had to ask for help before. They represent middle class families affected by job loss and foreclosure – families who are now seeking help from the same charities they might have supported in the past.

In FY 08-09, 2-1-1 received 10,903 calls for food, with 75% of those callers representing families with children in the home. Almost 14,000 callers needed help with utilities, and over 15,000 callers needed help with their rent or mortgage. Two thirds of these were families with children. The call statistic that most reflects the gravity of need is that 5,595 families with children called 2-1-1 in the past year in need of shelter. They were families living in cars or on the street, or spending their last night at their place of residence. The emotional impact has invariably taken a toll on those most vulnerable, as reflected by a 21% increase in calls related to children's mental health.

To tackle these distressing circumstances, Broward County stakeholders, including the Children's Services Council, are at the forefront of efforts to identify the needs of local families and ensuring that services are available and accessible. The CSC

and 2-1-1/First Call for Help Broward work proactively to find ways to ease the pain of families and children in our community and achieve stability in their lives.



Tracking Results through Technology!

The Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) utilizes the web-based Service Activities Management Information System, SAMIS, to collect data from funded service providers. Originally developed by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas, SAMIS is used by a majority of the Children's Services Councils throughout Florida. Client demographics, outcome measurements and services provided are all stored in this secure online tool.

As a web-based application, SAMIS is readily accessible from most internet capable systems. CSC works with funded providers to be sure that they have sufficient technology available to access the SAMIS program. Because SAMIS is an online tool, CSC-funded providers do not need to divert program funds to purchase special software.

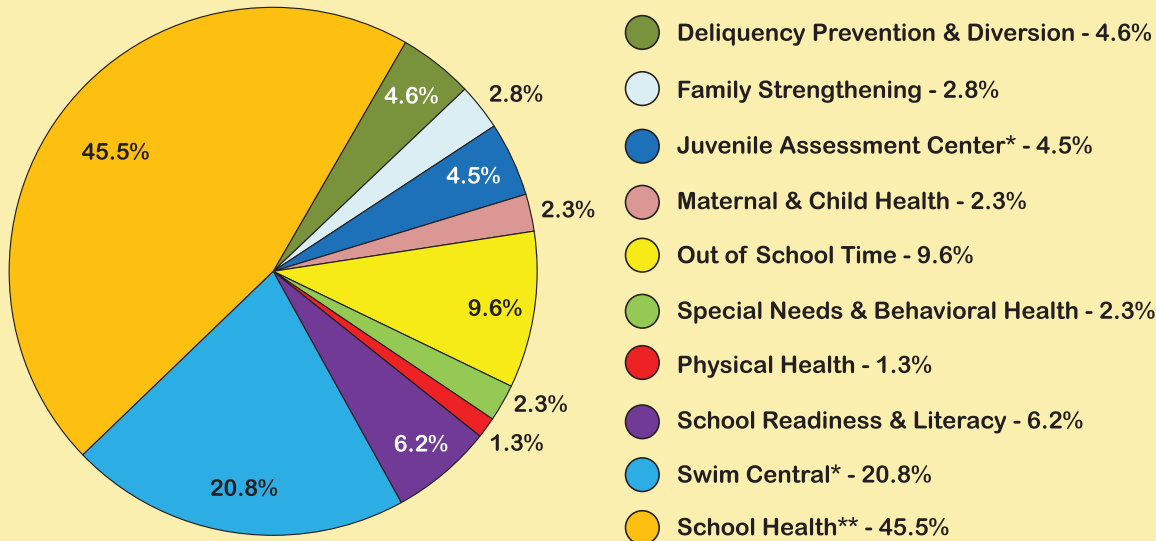
CSC maintains a dedicated SAMIS help desk to provide continual training and user support to all funded agencies. In addition, SAMIS includes an electronic data interchange (EDI) component so that programs recording data in other electronic systems can be imported into SAMIS without requiring duplicate data entry.

SAMIS plays an important role in documenting the work of the CSC. By analyzing all of the collected data, CSC can better assess what populations have been impacted by funded programs and where there are greater funding needs in the County. By comparing SAMIS data to general data collected by others on a local, regional, state or larger area basis, CSC can begin to determine if our programs are making a difference in the lives of Broward County's children.

Since SAMIS collects similar data for each funded program in a particular service area, patterns of success may be identified and analyzed to assist in improving the overall effectiveness of all comparable programs. CSC has established data comparison agreements with law enforcement and education institutions within Broward County so that the impact of CSC funded programs on academic success and law-abiding community behavior can be quantified and analyzed over time. The use of encrypted electronic data allows for this timely analysis.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVED by program area



*Juvenile Assessment Center and Swim Central are jointly supported by multiple funding sources.

** School Health represents CSC funding only; other funding partners are the School Board and Department of Health.



Financial Report

Children's Services Council of Broward County General Fund

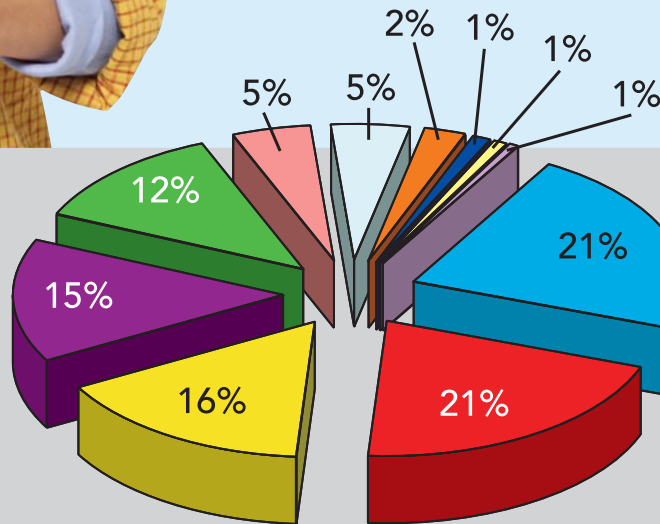


	FY 2009 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL
Revenues:		
Property Taxes	\$59,990,448	\$60,092,171
Interest	153,990	1,095,569
Grant Income	519,151	213,830
Miscellaneous	41,380	311,815
Total Revenues	\$60,704,969	\$61,713,385

	FY 2009 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL
Expenditures:		
Contracted Programs/Direct Services	\$56,816,808	\$55,626,665
Contracted Services Administration	2,925,618	2,883,221
General Administration	2,150,066	2,236,906
Capital Outlay	28,666	35,463
Non-Operating Expenditures*	10,492,175**	1,555,588
Total Expenditures	\$72,413,333*	\$62,337,843

* Includes expenditures for purchase of building.
** Discrepancies between revenues and expenditures are due to anticipated use of Fund balance.

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET FOR CONTRACTED PROGRAMS BY GOAL

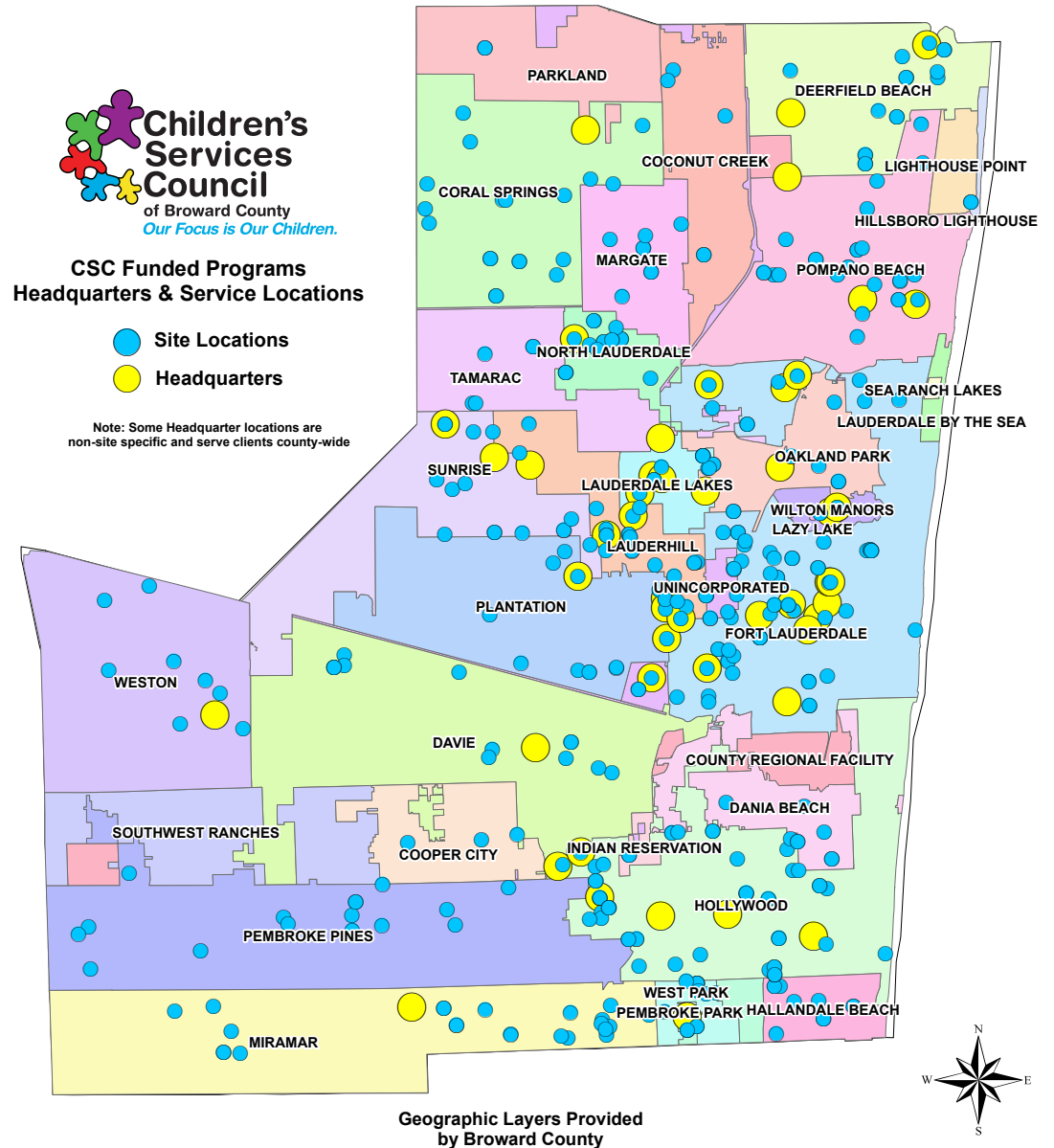


- Out of School Time – \$13,304,597
- Physical & Behavioral Needs – \$12,331,063
- Delinquency Prevention & Diversion – \$9,521,757
- Family Strengthening – \$8,912,925
- School Readiness & Literacy – \$7,243,692
- Physical Health – \$2,921,080
- Maternal & Child Health – \$2,766,346
- Independent Living – \$1,486,756
- Agency Capacity & Training – \$674,960
- Seamless System of Care – \$501,419
- Public Awareness & Advocacy – \$374,572

FUNDED AGENCIES:

Achievement & Rehabilitative Center
 After School Programs
 Alliance for Families with Deaf Children
 Ann Storck Center
 Boys & Girls Clubs
 Broward Children's Center
 Broward County Health Department
 Broward County Libraries
 Broward County SWIM Central
 Broward Healthy Start
 Broward Public Library Foundation
 Broward Regional Health Planning Council
 Broward Sheriff's Office
 Camelot Community Care/Providence
 Center for Hearing & Communication
 Center for Independent Living
 Changing Directions 4 Youth & Families, Inc./Pompano Beach
 Children's Harbor
 Children's Home Society
 Community After School Programs
 Community Foundation of Broward
 Cool Kids Learn, Inc.
 Coral Springs*, City of
 Dan Marino Foundation
 Davie*, Town of
 Deerfield Beach*, City of
 Early Learning Coalition
 Family Central
 First Baptist Church Piney Grove, Inc.
 First Call for Help/211
 First Church of the Open Bible Pre-School
 Florida Network of Youth & Family Services, Inc./Friends of Children
 Fort Lauderdale*, City of
 Fort Lauderdale, Housing Authority
 Girls & Boys Town/Father Flanagan
 Gulf Coast Community Care
 Hallandale Beach*, CRA
 HANDY

Harmony Development Center
 Healthy Mothers / Healthy Babies Coalition
 Henderson Mental Health Center
 Hispanic Unity of Florida
 Hollywood*, City of
 Institute for Family Centered Services
 Jewish Adoption & Foster Care Options
 Kids @ Home, Inc./Dan Marino Foundation
 Kids In Distress
 Lauderdale Lakes*, City of
 Legal Aid of Broward
 Life Works Family Therapy Center
 Margate*, City of
 Medical Staffing Network
 Memorial Healthcare System
 Miami Children's Hospital
 Minority Development & Empowerment
 Miramar*, City of
 Mount Olive Development Corp.
 New Hope World Outreach, Inc.
 NBC-6/Forever Family
 Nova Southeastern University
 Pembroke Pines*, City of
 Pompano Beach*, City of
 Senior Volunteer Services
 Smith Community Mental Health
 Soref Jewish Community Center
 South Cluster Children Services
 State Attorney's Office
 Starting Place
 Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund
 Sunshine After School Child Care
 United Cerebral Palsy
 Urban League
 Volunteer Broward
 West Park*, City of
 WKIS-FM / Summer Reading Program
 Women In Distress
 WorkForce One
 YMCA



* The Council maximizes your dollars by partnering with several cities to provide after school and summer programs for as many children as possible.



Children's Services Council

of Broward County
Our Focus is Our Children.

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 quality 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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