



**CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL
OF BROWARD COUNTY
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*Cindy J. Arenberg Seltzer
President/CEO*

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John Milledge

Garry Johnson

DATE: October 10, 2025
TO: Council Members
FROM: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO
SUBJECT: Information for the October 16th Council Meeting

Enclosed are the information packets for the CSC monthly meeting on Thursday, October 16th, at 9:30 a.m., in the CSC Board Room. If you usually receive a hard copy packet via courier, it should arrive on Friday afternoon.

The agenda contains quite a few action items, including several leverage funding requests and the draft 2026 monthly meeting schedule. The draft schedule maintains the traditional third Thursday morning of each month, but I draw your attention to the deviation from that in the month of September. Please cross-check all dates with your calendar and let us know if you have any scheduling conflicts, as we will need to ensure we have a quorum for all meetings. You will also notice that there are no financial statements this month, as we are currently closing out FY 24/25. You will see those statements in next month's packet.

This month's Roundtable will feature a presentation on the upcoming New Diversion Alternatives for Youth (New DAY) Request for Proposals (RFP). This programming incorporates family support services, counseling, youth development activities, community service, and restitution to divert low-risk juvenile offenders from the delinquency system and reduce recidivism. Members will have the opportunity to learn more about CSC's history in this area and shape its future direction.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the agenda items or packet information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954) 649-8420 or via email at cseltzer@cscbroward.org.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025
9:30 a.m.

MEETING AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | | Jeffrey S. Wood, <i>Chair</i> |
| II. Roll Call | | Amy Jacques, <i>Special Assistant</i> |
| III. Chair's Report | | Jeffrey S. Wood, <i>Chair</i> |
| a. Moment to Arrive | | |
| b. Approve Council Minutes (9/18/25) | (Tab A) | |
| c. Approve TRIM Minutes (9/18/25) | (Tab B) | |
| d. Approve Canceling Dec. 2025 Meeting | | |
| e. Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule | (Tab C) | |
| f. FYI – November Annual Report Photo | | |
| IV. President's Report | | Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, <i>President/CEO</i> |
| a. Good of the Order | | |
| b. Approve Match Funding to the Broward Workshop Early Learning Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward in Support of the Broward County Early Learning Study and Roadmap | (Tab D) | |
| V. Program Planning Committee Report | (Tab E) | Christine Thompson, <i>Committee Chair</i> |
| a. Approve HANDY Leverage Funding to Provide Physical Healthcare Navigation Services to Homeless Youth, TIL Youth, and At-Risk Youth and Families, and Approve the Addition of New Objective 913 to Goals with Words, "Provide Healthcare Navigation Services to Promote Physical Well-Being." | (Tab F) | |
| b. Approve OIC of South Florida Youth Employment Leverage Funding Request and Approve Edits to Objective 034 to the Goals with Words. | (Tab G) | |
| c. Approve a Pilot Initiative to Allow Advance Payments to the Legal Aid Services of Broward for the Homeless Prevention Contract | (Tab H) | |

- d. Approve Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) **(Tab I)**
Leverage Funding Request to Address Food Insecurity and Promoting Nutrition Literacy in Low- and Moderate-Income Communities

- VI. Chief Program Officer Report** Maria Juarez, *CPO*
 Approve Adjustments to MOST Monitor Consultants' Allocations for FY 25/26 **(Tab J)**

- VII. Chief Innovation Officer Report** Sue Gallagher, *CIO*
 FYI – BPK Website Update **(Tab K)**

- VIII. Chief Public Affairs Officer Report** Sharetta Remikie, *CPAO*
 - a. Approve Acceptance of Revenue and Reconciliation of Expenditures for the Back-to-School Extravaganza FY 24/25 **(Tab L)**
 - b. Approve the Public Awareness Collateral Plan FY 25/26 **(Tab M)**
 - c. Approve CPR Trainer Cadre **(Tab N)**
 - d. FYI – Media/Communications/Outreach Impact Report **(Tab O)**

- IX. Chief Operating Officer Report** David H. Kenton, *COO*
 - a. Approve Budget Carryforward for Selected POs and Initiatives **(Tab P)**
 - b. Approve Disposal of Fully Depreciated Fixed Assets and Non-Capitalized Items for FY 24/25 **(Tab Q)**
 - c. Accept the Managed Fund Monthly Statements **(Tab R)**
 - d. Approve CSC Purchases **(Tab S)**

- X. Special Needs Advisory Coalition (SNAC) Meeting Report** **(Tab T)** Debra Hixon, *Coalition Member*

- XI. Broward Reads Coalition Meeting Report** **(Tab U)** Nan Rich, *Committee Chair*

- XII. Funders Forum Meeting Report** **(Tab V)** Maria Juarez, *CPO*

- XIII. Public Comment** Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*

XIV. Council Members' Roundtable
New DAY RFP

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, *President/CEO*
Jeffery Glover, *Programs Manager*
Erin Byrne, *Assistant Director of
Program Services*
Shira Fowlkes, *Senior Planning and
Research Manager*
Ashley Cole, *Assistant Director of
Research & Evaluation*

XV. For Your Information
a. Community Impact
b. Attendance Report

(Tab W)

Please complete this form [ASL Request Form](#) for ASL interpreter requests. For all other requests for special accommodations, please reach out to Betty Dominguez at (954) 377-1665 or bdominguez@cscbroward.org at least one week in advance so that proper arrangements can be made.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

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

September 18, 2025

4:00 P.M.

Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:

School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Judge Francis Viamontes, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

Council Members Virtual:

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, School Board Member Debra Hixon

Council Members Absent:

Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Sharetta Remikie, Maria Juarez, Sue Gallagher, Michelle Hamilton, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Marlando Christie, Ken King, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Carl Dasse, Kathleen Campbell, Carl Dasse, Kimberly Adams Goulbourne, Amy Jacques, Angie Buchter, Tracy Graham, Andria Dewson, Nelson Giraldo, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Jimmy Jean, Akil Edwards, Liza Khan, Keyonia Lawson, Radoika Pilarte, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Trisha Dowell, Yolanda Meadows, Fern Phillip, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Shantigra Williams, Tabitha Bush, Jennifer Wennberg, Ashley Cole, Felina Rosales-Furer, Pooja Yajnik, Shira Fowlkes, Lynn Kalmes, Brooke Sherman, Karen Franceschini, Leslie Saca, Dianne Choi, Jheanelle Henry, TaiQuay Bogle, Rhonda Morrison, T. Hines, Melissa Soza, Julie Toscano, Cristina Castellanos, Shaquoia Wilson, Natalie Gomes, Jill Denis-Lay, Demetria Rawls, Jennifer Fletcher, Kandyss Torrence, Arturo Parham, Shawanda Spencer, Deidre-Ann Burrell, Cynthia Reynoso, Julie-Ann Waweru, Kyle Jones, Nancy Adjohan, Roxanne Smith, Ileana Blanco, Nicolette Picardi, Camila Mathieson, Maddy Jones, Maryanne Rodriguez, Zoe Lewis, Amber Gross, Maxine Goldson, Jessica Rincon, Meg Wallace, Jocelin Eubanks, Priscilla Cole, Astrid Cantos, Clarice Horton

Guests in Attendance:

See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was established with the physical presence of Dr. Hepburn, Ms. Musella, Mr. Shea, Dr. Thompson, Ms. Viamontes, and Mr. Wood.

III. Chair's Report

Moment to Arrive

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

Mr. Wood pointed out that the regular monthly meeting needs to end by 5:00 p.m. in order to start the TRIM Hearing at 5:01 p.m., as advertised. He explained that if the regular meeting is not completed by 5:00 p.m., then it will be recessed to allow the TRIM Hearing to start promptly at 5:01 p.m. The regular meeting will then be reconvened immediately following the TRIM Hearing. To facilitate this process, all action items have been placed on a Consent Agenda.

IV. President's Report

Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the CSC-funded Center for Hearing and Communication's Supported Training & Employment Program (STEP), where youth with special needs enjoyed working at hotels and received great feedback from the hotel staff. One of the youth was even hired at the end of the summer.

Community Based Connections, in partnership with Broward County Public Schools, recently launched its Health and Resource Hubs at Blanche Ely High School and William Dandy Middle School. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer, Dr. Hepburn, and Ms. Hixon were present for the ribbon cuttings. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer noted that the CSC-funded HEAL programs will be housed there, and community members and students will be able to receive mental and physical health resources, as well as family strengthening services.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the special screening of "Sentenced," a documentary on literacy executive-produced and narrated by NBA basketball champion Stephen Curry. CSC sponsored the screening at Junior Achievement of South Florida.

As part of Broward Health/Memorial Healthcare's Better Together collaborative, Dr. Sue Gallagher (CSC's Chief Innovation Officer) co-facilitated a conversation on food security in Broward with the Health Foundation. About 25 food providers and partners met to discuss the strengths of the current food distribution infrastructure and opportunities to strengthen and expand food supports for Broward communities.

On September 11th, CSC's Government Affairs Manager, Nicholas Hessing, hosted a panel of CSC-funded provider CEOs, government consultants, and state legislators on the state's appropriation process. Thirty-eight organizations attended the Appropriations Workshop to learn about the state appropriations process.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly updated the Council on the Six Pillars of Broward's Talent Supply & Education Pillar, of which she is a Co-Chair.

V. Consent Agenda

- a) August 21, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes
- b) September 3, 2025, TRIM Hearing Minutes
- c) Quarterly Investment Report
- d) FY 25/26 Contract Renewals
- e) Extension of the Child Welfare System Youth Organizing Pilot
- f) CSC Impact Study Consultants
- g) Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the Agency for Health Care Administration (ACA) on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health
- h) OIC as Fiscal Sponsor and Associated Fiscal Sponsor Fees for the Crockett Foundation for FY 25/26
- i) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements
- j) Managed Fund Monthly Statements
- k) CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases

Mr. Wood pulled the FY 25/26 Contract Renewals from the Consent Agenda to allow an abstention from Dr. Hepburn on the Junior Achievement Contract. He also noted a scrivener error on the FY 25/26 Purchases, pointing out that the Super Reader's Celebration craft supplies will be paid from Goal 053, not 922.

ACTION: Mr. Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, minus the FY 25/26 Contract Renewals, as presented. The revised Consent Agenda included approval of the August 21, 2025, Council meeting minutes; approval of the September 3, 2025, TRIM Hearing minutes; acceptance of the Managed Fund Quarterly Performance Report for periods ending June 30, 2025; approval of the extension of the Child Welfare System Youth Organizing Pilot procurement through September 30, 2027; approval of three CSC Impact Study Consultants: Kroll/Pascha as Consultant for Statistical Analysis Research, Partner for Better as Consultant for Return on Investment Research, and Nelson/Wad for Consultant for Qualitative Descriptive Research; approval of the LOA with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on behalf of Henderson Behavioral Health; approval of OIC as Fiscal Sponsor and associated Fiscal Sponsor fees for Crockett Foundation for FY 25/26; approval of the Interim Financial Statements and Budget Amendments for the period ending August 31, 2025; acceptance of the Managed Fund monthly statements from PFM and US Bank for August 31, 2025; approval of the CSC monthly/annual purchases for September 2025; and approval of the CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases for FY 2025/2026, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Judge Viamontes made a motion to approve the FY 25/26 Contract Renewals, minus the Junior Achievement of South Florida renewal, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Judge Viamontes made a motion to approve the FY 25/26 Contract Renewal for Junior Achievement of South Florida, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes and an abstention from Dr. Hepburn, who submitted the attached voting conflict form.

VI. Public Comment

There were none.

VII. Council Members' Roundtable

Mr. Ken King, CSC's Director of Public Affairs and Organizational Development, gave an overview of past Broward Youth Summits and sought guidance for a possible Summit in January 2027.

In sharing the history of the Youth Summit, Mr. King connected it to the Broward Children's Strategic Plan, now known as Broward's Partnerships for Kids (BPK). Since its inception, CSC has grounded its goals and objectives in the collaborative framework of the BPK, using this community partnership as a guiding force to shape policies, programs, and priorities that promote the well-being of Broward's children and families. It also provides a foundation for evaluation and progress, where every five years, CSC hosts a summit to reflect on the progress made toward achieving the community's shared vision, celebrate successes, and chart the course ahead.

Mr. King briefly highlighted past summits, showing pictures and playing a video recap of the 2021/2022 Summit. He pointed out that a summit in 2027 would allow CSC to showcase the collective impact of funding over 25 years, as well as highlight CSC's impact in communications, public affairs, and community outreach.

He noted that CSC will partner with consultants to provide research for the impact of CSC's 25 years in Broward, including programming outcomes, return on investments, and qualitative data on CSC's leadership, advocacy, and resources. He shared that the findings and recommendations are scheduled to be completed in September of 2026 and ready to be showcased in 2027. This would be an opportunity to demonstrate CSC's role in collective impact in Broward, gather community voices, endorse data-driven solutions, and shape CSC's priorities for the future.

Mr. King outlined the proposed timeline:

September 2025 – Council roundtable and feedback.

November 2025 – Event planner selection.

December 2025 - Venue selection.

January 2026 - Youth Summit budget request.

January 2026-December 2026 - Youth Summit planning.

January 2027 - Youth Summit.

In the meantime, he asked Members to let him know of any dynamic, inspirational, and engaging speakers, as well as any feedback on possible local venues.

Senator Rich arrived.

Members discussed the benefits and focus of a Youth Summit, noting the positives of collective impact work, the changes inspired by past summits, the sharing of data, and building upon CSC's impressive work in the community on behalf of Broward's children and families. Consensus was reached to move forward with the planning for a Broward Youth Summit in January 2027 and to fundraise and collaborate with various partner organizations in the process. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer stated that staff will move forward in securing an event planner and venue and will bring a budget to the Council in January.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. with a motion from Dr. Thompson and a second from Mr. Shea.

Nan Rich, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Organization
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Christina L.	TBD
Jolene Mullins	South Florida Hunger Coalition
Lisa Clements	YMCA of South Florida
Shannon Atwell	OIC of South Florida, Inc.
Newton Sanon	OIC of South Florida

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Hepburn - Howard		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Children's Services Council of Broward County	
MAILING ADDRESS 600 SE 3rd Avenue, 10th Floor		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Fort Lauderdale	COUNTY Broward	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED September 18, 2025		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Howard Hepburn, hereby disclose that on September 18, 20 25 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- ☒ inured to the special gain or loss of Junior Achievement of South Florida, by whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.


(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I abstained from voting on the FY 25/26 Junior Achievement of South Florida Contract renewal that is within Agenda item V.d. Approve FY 25/26 Contract Renewals, as I serve on the Board of Junior Achievement of South Florida.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

September 18, 2025

Date Filed


Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

TAB B

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY

Truth In Millage (T.R.I.M.) Final Public Hearing

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

September 18, 2025

5:01 P.M.

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, DCF Community Development Administrator Robert Shea, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Judge Francis Viamontes, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (*Chair*)

Members in Virtual Attendance:

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, School Board Member Debra Hixon

Council Members Absent:

Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Counsel Present:

Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Sharetta Remikie, Maria Juarez, Sue Gallagher, Michelle Hamilton, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Marlando Christie, Ken King, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Carl Dasse, Kathleen Campbell, Carl Dasse, Kimberly Adams Goulbourne, Amy Jacques, Angie Buchter, Marissa Aquino, Tracy Graham, Andria Dewson, Nelson Giraldo, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Jimmy Jean, Akil Edwards, Liza Khan, Keyonia Lawson, Radoika Pilarte, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Trisha Dowell, Yolanda Meadows, Fern Phillip, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Shantigra Williams, Tabitha Bush, Jennifer Wennberg, Ashley Cole, Felina Rosales-Furer, Pooja Yajnik, Shira Fowlkes, Lynn Kalmes, Brooke Sherman, Karen Franceschini, Leslie Saca, Dianne Choi, Florence Ukpai, Jheanelle Henry, TaiQuay Bogle, Rhonda Morrison, T. Hines, Melissa Soza, Julie Toscano, Cristina Castellanos, Shaquoia Wilson, Natalie Gomes, Jill Denis-Lay, Demetria Rawls, Jennifer Fletcher, Kandyss Torrence, Arturo Parham, Shawanda Spencer, Deidre-Ann Burrell, Cynthia Reynoso, Julie-Ann Waweru, Kyle Jones, Nancy Adjohan, Roxanne Smith, Ileana Blanco, Nicolette Picardi, Camila Mathieson, Maddy Jones, Maryanne Rodriguez, Zoe Lewis, Amber Gross, Maxine Goldson, Jessica Rincon, Meg Wallace, Jocelin Eubanks, Priscilla Cole, Astrid Cantos, Clarice Horton

Guests in Attendance:

Grace Ramos (*The M Network*), Christina L. (*TBD*), Jolene Mullins (*South Florida Hunger Coalition*), Lisa Clements (*YMCA of South Florida*), Shannon Atwell (*OIC of South Florida*), Newton Sanon (*OIC of South Florida*)

Agenda:

I. Millage Hearing

CSC Chair Jeffrey S. Wood called to order at 5:01 P.M. the final public hearing on the final millage rate and final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Mr. Wood opened the public hearing for the adoption of the final millage rate for FY 2025-2026. He read the final millage rate of 0.4500. The said millage rate is a 5.98% increase over the rolled-back rate.

Attorney Garry Johnson read Resolution 2025-03 by title only.

Mr. Wood opened the floor for public comments regarding the final millage rate. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period and opened the floor for comments from Council members. There were none.

ACTION: Senator Nan Rich made a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the final millage rate of 0.4500 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member	Vote
Alyssa Foganholi	Yes
Howard Hepburn	Yes
Debra Hixon	Yes
Julia Musella	Yes
Nan Rich	Yes
Robert Shea	Yes
Paula Thaqi	Absent
Christine Thompson	Yes
Francis Viamontes	Prohibited from voting on millage rate, per statute
Jeffrey S. Wood	Yes

II. Budget Hearing

Mr. Wood opened the public hearing for the adoption of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Attorney Garry Johnson read Resolution 2025-04, by title only, adopting the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Mr. Wood opened the floor for public comments on the final budget. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period and opened the floor for comments from Council Members. There were none.

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member	Vote
Alyssa Foganholi	Yes
Howard Hepburn	Yes
Debra Hixon	Yes
Julia Musella	Yes
Nan Rich	Yes
Robert Shea	Yes
Paula Thaqi	Absent
Christine Thompson	Yes
Francis Viamontes	Yes
Jeffrey S. Wood	Yes

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 P.M.

Nan Rich, Secretary

TAB C

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Issue: Set Monthly Meeting Dates for 2026

Action: Approve the Proposed Monthly Meeting Dates for 2026

Budget Impact: None

Background: Every October, the Council approves the meeting dates for the next calendar year. Since 2001, the monthly meeting has been held from 9:30 am to Noon on the third Thursday of the month, except for September. The September meeting is traditionally held in the afternoon, one hour prior to the second of two required Truth in Millage (TRIM) hearings, which must take place after 5:01 pm on a date that does not conflict with the TRIM Hearings of the Broward County Commission or the School Board of Broward County. In order to accommodate the statutory requirement, the September CSC meeting often falls on a day other than the third Thursday of the month. Also, the May meeting is generally a day-long Budget Workshop that goes into the mid-afternoon, and the July and December meetings have traditionally been canceled to accommodate extended summer and holiday vacations.

Current Status: Attached is the proposed schedule for 2026. The calendar maintains the CSC monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon, at the CSC Office (6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319), with the exceptions of the September Council meeting, the two TRIM Hearings in September, and the estimated end time of the May Budget Retreat. Please note that the proposed September dates are marked “tentative” until we are notified in early Spring of any conflicts with the County or School Board’s TRIM Hearings. If that happens, staff will bring back alternative September dates for Council approval. We will also try to coordinate with CSC Palm Beach to avoid the same Hearing dates, since we share a Member. The July and December monthly meetings are also marked “tentative” until they are cancelled by a Council vote the month or two before.

Recommended Action: Approve the Proposed Monthly Meeting Dates for 2026

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
2026 Council Meeting Calendar

Council Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2026, 9:30am

Council Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2026, 9:30am

Council Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2026, 9:30am

Council Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2026, 9:30am

Council Meeting/Budget Workshop, Thursday, May 21, 2026, 9:30am-4:00pm

Council Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2026, 9:30am

(Tentative) Council Meeting, Thursday, July 16, 2026, 9:30am *(Tentative)*

Council Meeting, Thursday, August 20, 2026, 9:30am

(Tentative) T.R.I.M. Public Hearing, Thursday, September 3, 2026, 5:01pm *(Tentative)*

(Tentative) Council Meeting, Thursday, September 17, 2026, 4:00pm *(Tentative)*

(Tentative) T.R.I.M. Public Hearing, Thursday, September 17, 2026, 5:01pm *(Tentative)*

Council Meeting, Thursday, October 15, 2026, 9:30am

Council Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2026, 9:30am

(Tentative) Council Meeting, Thursday, December 17, 2026, 9:30am *(Tentative)*

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TAB D

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Service Goal	5 Improve the educational success for young children.
Objective:	051 Increase the availability and quality of financially assisted childcare for families of working poor to improve school readiness and promote educational success for children.
Issue:	Opportunity to Collaborate with the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, the Florida Chamber Foundation, and the Broward Workshop on an Assessment of the Early Learning Landscape and a Roadmap for Future Action.
Action:	Approve Match Funding to the Broward Workshop Early Learning Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward in Support of the Broward County Early Learning Study and Roadmap.
Budget Impact:	\$10,000 Of \$100,000 Available in Goal 053 Unallocated for FY 25/26.

Background: The Florida Chamber Foundation and the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County (ELC) have agreed to work together to conduct a comprehensive Early Learning Landscape Analysis to assess the current state of early learning programs (capacity, staffing, retention, wages, quality of programs), childcare funding (resources, accessibility, affordability), and other data related to enrollment and child outcomes of School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten children.

The ELC and Florida Chamber Foundation will work hand in hand to lead the Early Learning Landscape Study, which will include surveys, focus groups, and listening sessions with early learning stakeholders and partners, parents, childcare owners/directors, early educators, and staff/executives from the Broward School District. The Foundation will design surveys and focus group questions for parents, childcare providers, and early educators based on ELC's recommendations. The ELC will conduct focus groups, listening tours, and distribute surveys to the appropriate subgroups. Then, the Foundation will collect survey and focus group data, as well as additional information, including, but not limited to, ALICE data, housing, population trends, socioeconomic status, demographics, and relevant ELC data. This data, along with the Foundation's data, survey results, focus group, and stakeholder feedback, will be analyzed by the Foundation's research team and included in a comprehensive report

that will highlight the state of childcare in Broward as well as challenges and successful practices that will be used to create Broward's early learning road map for the future.

Current Status: Broward Workshop members voted by a super majority to fund the Broward County Early Learning Study and Roadmap that will be produced by the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County and the Florida Chamber Foundation. The Broward Workshop has committed \$45,000, provided it is matched by a minimum of \$45,000 from the community. In addition to \$85,000 to produce the study, funds will be used to educate, advocate, and launch the Study at a Workshop board meeting in 2026, where education media from Broward County and across Florida will be invited. It is hoped that the Broward County Early Learning Study and Roadmap will set an example for other counties in Florida. Funds for this project are being accepted by the Community Foundation of Broward for the Broward Workshop Early Learning Fund.

CSC Staff will assist in the project as needed and will participate in the dissemination of the information. We will also use the information derived to guide future funding recommendations.

Recommended Action: Approve Match Funding to the Broward Workshop Early Learning Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward in Support of the Broward County Early Learning Study and Roadmap.

TAB E

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
Program Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting
Location: Children's Services Council of Broward County (with Zoom access)
6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319

October 6, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.
Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Governor Appointee Christine Thompson (*Committee Chair*)

Committee Members Attending Virtually:

Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (*President/CEO*), Maria Juarez Stouffer, Sharetta Remikie, Lisa Bayne, Dion Smith, Kimberly Goulbourne, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Amy Jacques, Julie-Ann Waweru, Felina Rosales-Furer, Alicia Williams, Kathleen Campbell, Fern Phillip, Jill Denis-Lay, Erin Byrne, Kimberlee Reid

Guests in Attendance:

Michele Fernandez (*Hispanic Unity of Florida*), Arlene Connelly (*OIC of South Florida*), Newton Sanon (*OIC of South Florida*), Shannon Atwell (*OIC of South Florida*), Carolina Urrechaga (*Hispanic Unity of Florida*), Elizabeth Dorante (*Hispanic Unity of Florida*)

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

PPC Committee Chair Christine Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with all Committee members present, one physically present and four present virtually. As a physical quorum was not established, the meeting proceeded with only discussions of the agenda items.

III. PPC Minutes from August 11, 2025

There were no edits proposed.

IV. HANDY Leverage Request for Physical Healthcare Navigation Services

Ms. Maria Juarez Stouffer, Chief Program Officer, briefly highlighted the leverage funding request, as presented in the meeting information packet. She explained that if approved by the full Council, CSC would fund the program from January 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, at a prorated amount of \$112,500. She noted that the performance measures are in the process of being developed.

Ms. Seltzer highlighted the item's second action of adding a new objective to the Goals with Words to add "Provide Healthcare Navigation Services to promote physical well-being." She noted that if the Council agreed, staff would move other relevant navigation services to the new objective.

Ms. Foganholi and Senator Rich both noted that they had visited HANDY's OnMed telehealth initiative and found it very impressive and beneficial to the community. They were both supportive of the proposed youth enhancements. A brief discussion ensued as to the various barriers to youth accessing physical healthcare, with staff confirming that this proposal will help to remove many of those barriers.

Senator Rich inquired as to why the new objective differentiated between physical and mental health, as she wanted to be sure the child was treated holistically, both mind and body together. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer confirmed that while both are indeed very connected and that the youth are always served holistically, staff developed different outcome measurements for each and wanted to track and report on each separately within CSC's overall funding. She noted that staff could discuss the best way to achieve that, but that it was important for accounting and reporting purposes. Senator Rich stated she would be fine with that if the youth were being treated holistically.

Consensus was reached to support HANDY's leverage funding request and to add the new Objective.

V. OIC of South Florida's Youth Employment Leverage Funding Request

Ms. Juarez Stouffer briefly highlighted the leverage funding request, as presented in the meeting information packet. If approved by the full Council, CSC funding would be from January 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026. She noted that the performance measures are in the process of being developed.

Mr. Newton Sanon, OIC of South Florida, thanked the Members for their consideration of this request. He stated that STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) is extremely important for workforce development for today's youth, pointing out that this is an enormous opportunity to not only expose

youth to STEAM fields, but also to build the skills, confidence, and professional networks necessary for success. He also noted that they have collaboratively secured funding from other sources to make this happen. He did request a friendly amendment to the proposal, amending it from out-of-school services to in-school/out-of-school so that they had an option to work with the BRACE (Broward Advisors for Continuing Education) Advisors.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer confirmed with Mr. Newton that his request to coordinate with BRACE advisors was approved; however, this leverage program may not provide programming during the school day, as the Council is not meant to supplant what the schools provide. He explained that he wanted to connect with the BRACE advisors to provide them with information to strengthen the ecosystem. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer agreed that coordinating with BRACE advisors is acceptable. She also suggested coordinating with the CSC-funded LEAP High programs that have Success Coaches and are in some of those schools. She noted that Mr. Dion Smith (Director of Program Services) would be able to assist with that connection.

Senator Rich shared that she has worked with Mr. Sanon and OIC since its inception and that their programs are amazing. She noted that their success can be seen in the people coming up through employment in the County. She expressed her support for their leverage funding request.

Consensus was reached to support OIC's leverage funding request.

VI. Pilot Initiative to Allow Advance Payments to the Legal Aid Services of Broward for the Homeless Prevention Contract

Ms. Juarez Stouffer briefly highlighted the proposed pilot initiative, as presented in the meeting information packet. She noted that Ms. Kathleen Campbell (Director of Finance) researched the possibility of advance payments and discovered that other Children's Services Councils, specifically those in Palm Beach, Miami (The Children's Trust), and Alachua County, have successfully implemented advanced payments models. Ms. Juarez Stouffer outlined the stipulations related to the proposed advanced payments and recommended that language be added to the Contract's Scope of Work.

Senator Rich emphasized the importance of this program in keeping people in their homes and out of homelessness. She shared that there's not enough placement availability once people are homeless and that this program has saved so many families in just the first couple of years.

Consensus was reached to support the proposed advance payment pilot initiative for Legal Aid Services of Broward's Homeless Prevention Contract.

VII. Hispanic Unity of Florida Leverage Funding Request

Dr. Remikie briefly highlighted the leverage funding request, as presented in the meeting information packet. She explained that if approved by the full Council, CSC would fund the program from November 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

Dr. Thompson expressed her appreciation that the program doesn't just hand out food but also helps with SNAP applications and provides nutrition education.

Ms. Michele Fernandez, Hispanic Unity of Florida, spoke to their program and its benefits. She thanked the Members for their consideration.

Consensus was reached to support Hispanic Unity of Florida's leverage funding request.

VIII. Public & Members' Comments

There were no additional comments.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

TAB F

**For Council Meeting
As Discussed in the
Program Planning Committee
October 6, 2025
October 16, 2025**

System Goal	1.1 Improve the coordination of provision of children's services.
Objective:	913 Provide Healthcare Navigation Services to promote physical well-being.
Issue:	Support Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth (HANDY) Physical Healthcare Navigation Program Leverage Funding Request.
Action:	<p>1) Approve Leverage Funding for Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth (HANDY) to provide physical healthcare navigation services to homeless youth, transition to independence (TIL) youth, and at-risk youth and families.</p> <p>2) Approve the addition of a new Objective 913 to the Goals with Words, "Provide Healthcare Navigation Services to promote physical well-being."</p>
Budget Impact:	\$112,500 of \$7,073,086 Available in Unallocated for FY 25/26.

Background: Youth in Broward County, particularly those in foster care or experiencing homelessness, face systemic barriers to accessing physical healthcare. Despite progress in accessing behavioral and mental health services, a gap remains in the need for accessible, youth-centered medical services and support to help them navigate and stay connected to services.

This issue is particularly prevalent in Zip codes 33311, 33313, 33309, and 33319, communities marked by high poverty, housing instability, and limited availability of essential service providers. According to the 2021 Broward Health Community Need Assessment:

- ZIP code 33311 has the highest hospitalization rates for preventable chronic conditions, including congestive heart failure, asthma, diabetes, AIDS, and sickle cell disease, and the second highest for hypertension.

- Nearly 14% of Broward residents are uninsured, with higher rates in low-income ZIP codes, creating substantial barriers to care.
- The area is designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as both a Health Professional Shortage Area and a Medically Underserved Population.
- The 33311 population is predominantly Black and African American, a group disproportionately affected by infant mortality, preventable illness, and reduced life expectancy.
- The ZIP code also ranks highest on Prevention Quality Indicators in the county, indicating a high level of avoidable hospitalizations tied to lack of timely outpatient care.

Even when care is available, many youth delay or forgo it due to a lack of awareness, transportation, trust, or system navigation support. Without dedicated coordination, they are often left to manage complex health systems alone, resulting in missed diagnoses, preventable crises, and long-term health challenges.

In response, HANDY launched the OnMed Care Station, a secure, HIPAA-compliant telehealth unit offering no-barrier access to licensed nurses and nurse practitioners. By removing the requirement for insurance, a major barrier to care for uninsured and underinsured families and youth will be eliminated.

Current Status: HANDY is working towards closing the gap in youth-centered physical healthcare by enhancing its OnMed telehealth initiative through the addition of a Care/Benefit Navigator and is seeking leverage funding from the Children's Services Council of Broward County to support one (1) full-time Care/Benefit Navigator to serve 100 youth. The funding will also support transportation for the youth to appointments, staff training, space and utilities, consultant and administrative costs. The leverage funds account for approximately 20% of the total project budget of \$750,000, with the remaining 80% covered by the contributions from the Lennar Foundation, Moss Foundation, and Perlman Family Foundation. The overall project would serve 550 youth and caregivers.

The Care/Benefit Navigator would coordinate with external partners to schedule appointments at HANDY's facility, administer digital screenings for Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), provide in-person support during telehealth visits, refer to needed services and ensure linkages are successful, provide healthcare benefits navigation and support, and conduct follow-up with those referred for outside care to promote continuity and improve health outcomes.

To further expand this continuum, HANDY plans to introduce on-site medical providers to establish an in-person clinic, offering a consistent medical home for those transitioning from telehealth to comprehensive care. This initiative fills a gap in physical health services and promotes integrated, whole-person care through coordinated referrals and collaboration across systems.

The additional 450 youth and caregivers to be served will receive a health check from OnMed, HANDY's partnering clinical provider. The OnMed health visit will consist of full vitals and intake by a Certified Nursing Assistant, and then a visit with a Registered Nurse or a Nurse Practitioner. A referral and/or prescription is provided as needed.

If awarded, CSC funding would support this program from January 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026. The requested amount of \$112,500 is a 9-month prorated amount. The performance measures for this leverage contract are being developed.

As discussed during the February 2025 Council meeting roundtable, the outlook for local, state, and federal funding is uncertain. Thus, while this leverage request meets the CSC leverage policy requirements, which would make it eligible for five years of CSC funding subject to performance, utilization, and ongoing leverage, at this time, staff is recommending a one-year commitment. This can be extended if conditions change.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Leverage Funding for Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth (HANDY) to provide physical healthcare navigation services to homeless youth, transition to independence (TIL) youth, and at-risk youth and families.

2) Approve the addition of a new Objective 913 to the Goals with Words, "Provide Healthcare Navigation Services to promote physical well-being."

TAB G

**For Council Meeting
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October 6, 2025
October 16, 2025**

Service Goal	3.1 Reduce risk factors associated with delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, school dropout, and other risky behaviors.
Objective:	034 Provide youth employment opportunities and job readiness training to economically disadvantaged youth ages 16-18 to promote employability skills and economic stability.
Issue:	The OIC of South Florida (OICSFL) submitted a Youth Employment Leverage Funding Request for year-round and summer Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Workforce Pathways Program to provide skills training and paid internships for STEAM-specific work experience opportunities to economically disadvantaged youth.
Action:	<p>1) Approve the OICSFL Leverage Request.</p> <p>2) Approve editing Objective 034 to the Goals with Words, "Provide youth employment opportunities and job readiness training to economically disadvantaged youth ages 14 -18 to promote employability skills and economic stability."</p>
Budget Impact:	\$392,113 of \$7,465,199 Available in Unallocated for FY 25/26.

Background: Since 2006, the Children's Services Council (CSC) has funded employment programs for economically disadvantaged high school-aged youth and youth transitioning out of the child welfare system. The Council funds Career Source and Junior Achievement (JA) to provide summer employment opportunities to underserved youth, funds youth internship programs through contracts with HOMES, Inc., and the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS), and a pre-apprenticeship program through JA. Furthermore, the Council also funds supported youth employment programs for youth with special needs ages 16-21 under the Supported Training and Employment Program (STEP) section of the Positive Youth Employment RFP.

Since July 2022, OICSFL has been a key sub-awardee in the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Pathways for Youth initiative in partnership with the national office – OIC of America (OICA). This initiative delivered critical STEAM-focused workforce programming to underrepresented Broward youth ages 14–21. In early 2025, OICA reapplied for continuation of this funding with sub-awards designated for four national affiliates, including OICSFL. However, due to federal budget reductions, the WPY funding cycle was terminated nationwide, creating a funding gap in OICSFL's ability to continue to provide high-impact year-round STEAM career readiness and paid internship programming for the underserved youth.

Current Status: OICSFL submitted a leverage request to CSC to sustain the STEAM Workforce Pathways youth internship Program, which is delivered to 100 youth annually during after-school, weekends, and summer. This program provides career exploration and job skills training in the field of STEAM and includes industry-specific job shadowing, soft skills development, and industry certifications. The program offers certification in Microsoft Essentials Professional, and My 10YearPlan, industry-recognized credentials from Florida Ready to Work, and digital badges in Coding, Digital Media, Videography, and Filmography programs. Based on previous experience, OICSFL anticipates that 80% of the 100 youth or 80 youth will participate in additional STEAM Career Development Programming with a 2-week Summer Leadership Academy and 6 weeks of paid internship. In order to be eligible for this opportunity, youth must successfully participate in the afterschool portion of the program and be able to commit to the additional responsibilities outlined above.

The STEAM Pathways Program currently serves students from 4 schools (Hallandale High School, Deerfield High School, Lauderhill 6-12, and Dave Thomas Education Center) across Broward County. To meet eligibility for the program, the youth must be High School youth ages 14-18 at the time of enrollment, a Broward County Resident, economically disadvantaged, and may not yet have a clear educational or career pathway. This includes students whose academic performance or financial limitations may limit their access to traditional Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)/ STEAM enrichment opportunities, as well as those who have not previously been exposed to hands-on workforce development experiences.

The STEAM Workforce Pathways program is unique in Broward County because it goes beyond traditional after-school enrichment by integrating long-term educational and career planning with real-life workforce training. Students gain access to STEAM training, paid work experiences and internships, diverse industry speakers, and targeted academic support, ensuring they not only explore STEAM fields but also build the skills, confidence, and professional networks necessary for success. By bridging academic learning with workforce readiness, the program creates a comprehensive pipeline that prepares underrepresented youth for both postsecondary education and meaningful

careers in the growing STEAM economy.

OICSFL has secured \$150,000 from the Community Foundation of Broward, \$40,000 from the Losick Family Foundation, \$20,000 from the Annette Urso Rickel Foundation, \$10,000 from the P.L. Dodge Foundation, and \$8,000 from the Florida Department of Commerce and has requested \$392,113 from CSC to support the STEAM Workforce Pathways program. The funding requested from CSC will support program implementation and youth wages for after-school, weekend, and summer internships, staffing, and costs associated with youth obtaining various certifications and credentials associated with the STEAM-specific essential skills that align with employer needs.

If awarded CSC funding, the contract would be from January 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026. The performance measures for this leverage proposal are being developed.

As previously discussed during the February 2025 Council meeting roundtable, the outlook for local, state, and federal funding is uncertain. Thus, while this leverage request meets the CSC leverage policy requirements, which would make it eligible for five years of CSC funding subject to performance, utilization, and ongoing leverage, at this time, staff is recommending a one-term commitment. This can be extended if conditions change.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the OICSFL Leverage Request.
2) Approve editing Objective 034 to the Goals with Words,
“Provide youth employment opportunities and job readiness training to economically disadvantaged youth ages 14-18 to promote employability skills and economic stability.”

TAB H

For Council Meeting

As Discussed in the
Program Planning Committee
October 6, 2025

October 16, 2025

Service Goal	2.2 Children live in financially stable environments.
Objective:	027 Assist families to achieve financial stability through promoting EITC, workforce development, providing financial coaching, basic needs and supports for the homeless continuum of care.
Issue:	Support Timely Housing Payment for Families with Children at Risk of Eviction.
Action:	Approve a Pilot Initiative to Allow Advance Payments to the Legal Aid Services of Broward for the Homeless Prevention Contract.
Budget Impact:	None.

Background: The initial term of the Legal Aid Services (LAS) Homeless Prevention contract concluded on September 30, 2025. One of the primary challenges faced by the provider has been the lack of readily accessible funds to make timely housing payments on behalf of clients at risk of eviction. Legal Aid's process includes assessing eligible clients and issuing letters of commitment to landlords and/or banks, guaranteeing payment within 3 to 6 days. However, due to the high volume of requests, the substantial cost per case, and limited cash flow, the provider has been unable to meet the overall level of need.

Current Status: To help address this cash flow issue, CSC staff have explored the possibility of advance payments. Although CSC has historically reimbursed providers only after services are delivered—or after emergency flex funds are paid and invoiced—this advanced payment pilot provides an opportunity for another permissible method. In fact, other Children's Services Councils, such as Palm Beach, Miami Children's Trust, and Alachua County, have successfully implemented advanced payment models.

If approved by the Council, the advance payment option would allow Legal Aid Service (LAS) to submit an advance funding request to the Children's Services Council for up to 10% of the annual allocation of the Homeless Prevention contract, but only after the execution of a signed agreement. In FY 25/26, LAS's Homeless Prevention contract was allocated \$500,000; therefore, the maximum advance they would be allowed is \$50,000. This pilot will accommodate advance payment only related to emergency Flex Funds distribution for housing assistance. All advances may be repaid at any point during the contracted budget period, but must be repaid or offset against reimbursements by August 31st, which is a month prior to the end of the contracted budget period. Any funds not offset by August 31 will be deducted from the September reimbursement request. If for any reason the amount billed in September is insufficient, CSC will bill Legal Aid for the balance.

CSC staff recommends the implementation of the LAS advance payment pilot and requests Council approval of the following contract language to be added to the Scope of Work of the LAS contract:

- **Advance Payments:** The Provider may submit an advance payment request to the Programs Manager for up to 10% of the annual contract allocation only after executing a signed agreement and fully repaying any previously issued advances. Advance funds are to be used only for flex funds for housing assistance. All advances may be repaid at any point during the contracted budget period, but must be repaid or offset against reimbursements by August 31st, which is a month prior to the end of the contracted budget period. Any funds not offset by August 31 will be deducted from the September reimbursement request. If for any reason the amount billed in September is insufficient, CSC will bill the Provider for the balance.

Recommended Action: Approve a Pilot Initiative to Allow Advance Payments to the Legal Aid Services of Broward for the Homeless Prevention Contract.

TAB I

**For Council Meeting
As Discussed in the
Program Planning Committee
October 6, 2025
October 16, 2025**

Service Goal	2.2 Children live in financially stable environments.
Objective:	026 Promote food security for families.
Issue:	Support the Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) Comprando Rico y Sano(CRS) Program Leverage Funding Request
Action:	Approve Leverage Funding for the Hispanic Unity of Florida's Comprando Rico y Sano Program to provide services aimed at addressing food insecurity and promoting nutrition literacy in low- and moderate-income communities.
Budget Impact:	\$105,000 of \$6,960,586 Available in Unallocated for FY 25/26.

Background: Approximately one in five children in Broward County experiences food insecurity. To address this need, the Children's Services Council (CSC) has supported hunger relief initiatives since 2006. In June 2022, CSC strengthened its commitment through the release of the Food Insecurity Mitigation Request for Proposals (RFP), which funds programs designed to serve children and families across Broward County.

HUF launched the CRS program in 2013 to reduce food insecurity and support families. The program has been sustained through grants from UnidosUS and the Citi Foundation. However, both funding sources will end this year (UnidosUS ended in June 2025, and Citi Foundation will end in December 2025), creating an urgent need for new support to maintain services.

Current Status: HUF has submitted a leverage request to CSC for continued support of CRS, which serves low- and moderate-income, predominantly Hispanic and immigrant families. CRS currently operates at two sites: HUF Headquarters in Hollywood (three days per week) and the Gulfstream Early Learning Center in Hallandale Beach (two days per week). Hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with evening sessions offered to better serve working families.

The program provides nutrition education, food distributions, assistance with SNAP

applications, referrals to other public benefit programs such as WIC, Medicaid, Florida KidCare, and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

From January 2024 to July 2025, CRS assisted 9,455 individuals with SNAP applications. Of these, 7,284 were approved, representing 2,972 children and 4,312 adults. During the same period, 2,056 individuals attended nutrition education workshops and cooking demos, and more than 2,000 households were supported through 13 food distributions.

To date, HUF has secured \$35,000 in matching funds from the Ansin Foundation (\$25,000) and United Way of Broward County (\$10,000). With CSC's leverage support, HUF will:

1. Increase food security and expand access to fresh, nutritious foods through food distributions.
2. Deliver a series of nutrition-focused workshops to promote healthy eating and wellness.
3. Provide direct support with applications for public benefits to promote economic stability.

The program is managed by two staff members: the Associate Director of Economic Development (18% of salary supported by CSC) and the Income Support Coordinator (85% of salary supported by CSC).

If awarded, CSC funding would support CRS from November 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Without funding, thousands of families would lose critical access to food assistance, nutrition education, and support for public benefits.

As discussed during the February 2025 Council meeting roundtable, the outlook for local, state, and federal funding is uncertain. Thus, while this leverage request meets the CSC leverage policy requirements, which would make it eligible for five years of CSC funding subject to performance, utilization, and ongoing leverage, at this time, staff is recommending a one-year commitment. This can be extended if conditions change.

Please note that in FY 2026–27, HUF would be expected to apply through CSC's new Food Insecurity Mitigation RFP cycle to be considered for ongoing funding beginning in FY 2027/2028.

Recommended Action: Approve Leverage Funding for the HUF's CRS Program to provide services aimed at addressing food insecurity and promoting nutrition literacy in low-and moderate-income communities

TAB J

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Issue:	Adjust MOST Monitor Consultants' Allocation
Action:	Approve adjustments to MOST Monitor Consultants' allocations for FY25/26
Budget Impact:	\$21,985 of \$30,035 Available in Program Monitors for FY 25/26

Background: Since its inception, the Council has been a significant supporter of afterschool and summer programs for children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods and children with special needs that keep them safe, supervised, and academically challenged. Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST) programs operate afterschool, on non-school days, days of early release, and during the summer. In the fall, CSC provides MOST services to over 90 sites and over 75 sites in the summer. Due to the large number of MOST sites, CSC contracts site reviews to subject matter experts—including Broward County teachers.

Current: In September 2025, the Council approved the Monthly/Annual Purchases for FY 25/26, which included the list of MOST monitor consultants for the fall monitoring season and their respective not-to-exceed amounts identified at the time of approval, along with a line for miscellaneous expenses such as badges and consulting (coaching and technical assistance).

The amounts brought forward at that time were based on expected numbers of monitoring visits and assigned locations; however, there are occasions when a MOST monitor consultant is unable to fulfill their assigned responsibilities, requiring site reassignment to another available monitor. Already, one MOST monitor consultant has declined to participate in the current monitoring season, necessitating reassignment.

In order to allow for reassignments to take place without necessitating multiple contract amendments, staff is recommending increasing the “not to exceed” amounts for the consultants to:

- Allow for up to four additional assignments
- Incorporate BCPS badge costs within each MOST monitor consultant contract
- Add coaching hours to the four MOST senior monitor consultants

These adjustments will ensure adequate support across all sites while maintaining program standards. As always, the monitor consultants will only be able to bill CSC for completed and documented site visits. The attached chart provides the details per consultant. Any funds remaining at the end of the fall monitoring season will remain with CSC to be allocated for the summer monitoring season.

Recommended Action: Approve adjustments to MOST Monitor Consultants' allocations for FY25/26.



MOST Monitor Consultants Allocation Adjustments
Submitted to the Children's Services Council
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Vendor	Description	Previous Amount	Adjusted Amount
Programmatic Monitoring Training: MOST (including ID badge renewals as necessary)			
Amy Gardiner	Fall Monitor	\$ 3,250	\$ 4,650
Bridgette Cassidy	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,700
Dennis Project	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,550
Daphne Mingo	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Elizabeth Holste	Fall Monitor	\$ 2,600	\$ 4,500
Ivette Concepcion Gonzalez	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,700
Joanne Joicin	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,550
Joseph Gardiner	Fall Monitor	\$ 2,600	\$ 4,500
Juliana Prescott	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,300	\$ 3,025
Kia Moore Jackson	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,700
Kiensha Sands	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,700
Kimberly Rhoden	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,950	\$ 4,175
LaToya Flournoy	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,650
Lenna's Group Consulting Services	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,700
Nicole McCord-Dawson	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,650
Pinn Strategic Solutions	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,950	\$ 3,675
Tracy Nix	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,950	\$ 3,850
Youth Impact, Inc.	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,950	\$ 3,675
Misc (Badges, Consulting)	Fall Monitor	\$ 1,665	\$ -
		\$ 31,965.00	\$ 53,950.00

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

System Goal	SYS 1.2 Research and Evaluate Systems of Care.
Objective:	921 Provide Leadership and resources for community strategic planning to promote a coordinated system of care.
Issue:	After 25 years, the Broward Children's Strategic Plan is being rebranded to Broward Partnerships for Kids, including an updated website and communications platform for the committees.
Action:	For Your Information Only.
Budget Impact:	Not Applicable.

Background: The Broward Children's Strategic Plan (BCSP) originated from the Broward County Children's Administration in 1999. The Children's Services Council of Broward adopted and began supporting BCSP in 2001. Over the last 25+ years, the BCSP has grown from a handful of committees to nearly 30 that seek to improve the lives of Broward's children and families through policy, systems, and environmental change. The BCSP informs the Council funding priorities, provides the framework for the Youth Summits held every five years, and helps provide information about service system gaps to the Funders Forum.

In January 2015, the Council approved the purchase of the "Results4BrowardChildren" (i.e., R4BC) web domain to support the BCSP committee members. In March 2015, the Council approved Webauthor to develop and host the R4BC platform. CSC created R4BC to support the work of the committees, including coordinating membership registration, facilitating communication among members and between committees, and scheduling meetings. Due to the difficulty of using R4BC and its outdated technology, usage by the BCSP members dropped significantly over the years. Webauthor will no longer maintain R4BC, so updating the platform is not an option. In January 2025, the Council approved \$47,580 for SGS to build a new website/communication portal for the BCSP.

Current Status: The former Broward Children's Strategic Plan has evolved into a modernized version branded as the Broward Partnerships for Kids. CSC staff worked with the committee chairs and members to develop a new name and web portal that better supports their needs, including a user-friendly and functional website that is a communication portal, document library, shared calendar, and meeting scheduling platform. Staff partnered with MNetwork to create a new Broward Partnership For Kids logo and mission statement and worked with SGS to develop, test, and launch www.browardpartnershipsforkids.org in October 2025.

Recommended Action: For Your Information Only.

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Service Goal	7 Improve the availability and quality of out-of-school time programs to promote school success of children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.
Objective:	072 Provide quality out-of-school programs to support school success for children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.
Issue:	Back to School Extravaganza 2025 Activity Report and Budget to Actual Expenditures.
Action:	Approve Acceptance of Revenue and Reconciliation of Expenditures for the Back-to-School Extravaganza FY 24/25.
Budget Impact:	\$15,347.07 Revenue Available at Community Foundation <u>\$ 1,117.86</u> Revenue of Community Donations directly to CSC \$16,464.93 Total Revenue to Allocate to Goal 072 for FY 24/25

Background: This is the 15th year that the Council has provided a challenge grant to fund Back to School supplies for thousands of Broward County students.

Current Status: The Back-to-School Extravaganza (BTSE) remains a key initiative in supporting students across Broward County. This year's BTSE events were successful in distributing essential school supplies and community resources to thousands of families. Based on feedback, CSC shifted the customer experience for BTSE 2025. The large events gave way to smaller boutique style events. Since PAOD worked closely with CSC providers and the Broward County Schools Social Workers to provide a more targeted audience of needs, it allowed us to reduce duplication of giveaways and reduce families' waiting for items in long lines. The change was well received, and CSC was able to engage more partners than in years prior, all with positive results.

This year 9,302 children served through CSC-funded summer camps received school supplies and other resources. This equated to 33 CSC providers (MOST, LEAP High and Youth Force) at 138 summer campsites all over Broward County. These providers were able to distribute needed supplies to their campers just in time for the start of school. Almost 2000 Students received school supplies or backpacks during CSC-sponsored boutique events throughout the county. Some locations included: Deerfield

Beach Cares Back-to-School Block Party, The Heart Community Center, and ChildNet. Additionally, the Broward County Schools' Social Worker boutique was well-stocked with items that students and families might need throughout the school year. This summer, the Social Worker Boutique received over 500 uniform and undergarment assistance requests through a QR code at the three CSC BTSE events: Bair Middle School Shoe Giveaway, City of Lauderdale Education & Resource Fair, and the Deerfield Beach Cares Back-to-School Block Party. Park Lakes Elementary and Dillard Elementary each received 240 uniform sets in various sizes, along with undergarments, as well as 100 backpacks and school supplies to support their students. The Deerfield Beach Community Cares Program received 200 uniform sets and undergarments to establish a satellite SSW Boutique serving the Deerfield Beach and Ely Innovation Zones.

An example of our new approach was the Shoe Boutique at Bair Middle School. This was a signature back-to-school initiative led by the CSC. Over 700 children were personally fitted with brand-new, quality sneakers by CSC staff and volunteers provided by Hands of South Florida, ensuring the students started the school year with confidence and pride. All remaining shoes, 300, are housed at the SSW Boutique to ensure that students who need shoes throughout the school year have those needs met through the Social Worker Referral process.

The CSC outreach team also launched a robust book distribution campaign aimed at combating the "summer slide" and promoting literacy among children across Broward County. This initiative, *"Put on your Shades & Read with CSC"*, was part of the broader BTSE Campaign and the Broward Reads Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, with a focus on early childhood development and school readiness. The CSC car outreach covered over 300 miles and distributed more than 10,000 books along with CSC signature sunglasses. Events included stops at locations like Impact Life Center, Broward Gardens, John E. Mullins Park, Kay Gaither Community Center, and Johnny Tigner Community Center.

The 2025 BTSE and the introduction of boutique events have significantly impacted students and families in Broward County. With the support of partner organizations, this initiative continues to enhance access to essential resources, ensuring students are equipped for success in the new school year.

In Winter 2024, CSC collaborated with Neighbors 4 Neighbors to assist with soliciting donations for the CSC BTSE. This year those donations totaled \$1,117.86. BTSE was also able to use funding provided through the Deluca Foundation (\$31,500) and the Community Foundation of Broward (\$15,347.07) to offset some of the cost of BTSE.

The following outlines the detailed revenue and expenses associated with the event, providing a clear breakdown of income sources and costs incurred:

Budget:	Amount
Original CSC Budget	\$262,500.00
Additional Council-Approved Budget	\$142,034.00
Donations from the community (<i>Neighbors 4 Neighbors</i>)	\$1,117.86
Community Foundation of Broward Funds	\$15,347.07
DeLuca Foundation	\$31,500.00
Total Budget for Back-To-School Extravaganza	\$452,498.93

Expenditures:	Quantity	Amount
Backpacks and School Supplies	12,000	\$189,956.16
Uniforms	10,008	\$188,069.36
Shoes	1,000	\$20,000.00
Undergarments	24,120	\$31,488.85
Laundry Sheets	16,128	\$3,022.00
Total Expenditures		\$432,536.37

Net Remaining Budget of \$19,962.56 reduces the CSC expenditures for this project In-Kind Donations (FYI) \$10,00.00.

Recommended Action: Approve Acceptance of Revenue and Reconciliation of Expenditures for the Back-to-School Extravaganza FY 24/25.

TAB M

For Council Meeting October 16. 2025

System Goal	SYS 2 Educate the public about the availability of community resources and advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families.
Objective:	SYS 932 Educate Broward's taxpayers about issues, resources and services available for Broward's children and families using the full spectrum of media and community outreach tools to improve community's awareness of available resources.
Issue:	Branded collateral materials are needed to ensure consistent visibility and recognition across all audiences.
Action:	Approve Public Awareness Collateral Plan FY 25/26.
Budget Impact:	\$154,500 Of \$ 297,000 Available in Goal 932 for FY 25/26.

Background: Over the years, CSC staff has made every effort to educate the community about resources available through CSC funding and the work and worth of the organization by using the full spectrum of media and organizing and/or participating in hundreds of community events each year. This work is done with the understanding that we live in a community where people come from many backgrounds and experiences, who access and use information in varied formats.

Current Status: Every day, CSC connects with thousands of families, providers, and community partners across Broward County. At these touchpoints, our branded materials do more than simply carry a logo; they signal trust, accountability, and the promise that CSC is here to support children and families. This visibility is not just about name recognition. It's about reinforcing to our community that CSC is a Broward funder of life-changing programs for children and strengthening families in times of need. To keep this message strong, CSC staff and our communications consultant continually review the effectiveness of our outreach and media strategies.

For FY 25/26, CSC staff recommends continuing these strategic investments in brand awareness and diversifying collaterals to meet specific outreach audiences, such as CSC-branded Internet Safety Activity books, Anti-Bullying Graphic novels for middle and high school students, and other items that continue to show our presence in the community. The proposed vendors and budget allocations (outlined below) reflect our

continued commitment to ensuring CSC-branded items being purchased maximize the promotion of CSC's mission.

The CSC purchasing policy was adhered to when selecting these vendors. Selections were made using a request for bids from prospective vendors who do work in the areas needed for the Public Awareness collateral. All FY 25/26 bid information can found with the CSC Purchasing Department.

Vendor	Product(s)	Amount
Bilmor	Specialized CSC Branded Materials (tablecloths, coloring books, tents, clothing, etc.)	\$40,000
Corporate Graffiti	Cups, bags, sunglasses, stress balls, pens, tumblers, etc.	\$100,000
Amazon	Outreach Materials (tags, book holders, table weights, storage containers, etc.)	\$2,500
Print Basic	Internet Safety Activity Books	\$5,000
Langworld	Translation Services of CSC Public Awareness publications	\$2,000
Wright Way Foundation	Anti Bullying Graphic Novels and activity books for middle and high school students	\$5,000
	Total	\$154,500

Recommended Action: Approve Public Awareness Collateral Plan FY 25/26

TAB N

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Service Goal	1 Support provider agency efforts to enhance their infrastructure and service delivery effectiveness.
Objective:	011 Provide training, coaching and technical assistance to improve organizational effectiveness.
Issue:	The Capacity Building Network Request for Qualifications (RFQ), open from March 26 to April 28, 2025, did not receive any applications for the specialty topic <i>Child and Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Automated External Defibrillators (AED)</i> ; therefore, a separate procurement was conducted.
Action:	Approve the four vendors that have met the qualifications to join the CSC Trainer Cadre to deliver CPR training.
Budget Impact:	N/A

Background: The Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC) has consistently demonstrated its commitment to strengthening local organizations through its Capacity Building Network-Trainer Cadre. As part of this effort, the recent Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was designed to establish a cadre of trainers and consultants to deliver essential trainings—including CPR—for staff working with children and families. CPR was identified as a required specialty topic, underscoring its critical role in ensuring program quality, compliance with health and safety standards, and alignment with state regulations. Since 2017, CSC has successfully provided CPR training to more than 800 individuals, utilizing certified trainers and offering sessions both onsite at CSC and at provider locations. These trainings have been instrumental in equipping staff with the skills needed to respond to emergencies and to meet licensure requirements.

Current Status: During the Capacity Building Network RFQ process, no applications were received for the CPR specialty area, creating a gap in service delivery for after-school and childcare providers. To address this, CSC issued a mini-bid to eight vendors identified as potentially qualified to deliver the training. Four vendors submitted proposals, all of which met the required qualifications, including demonstrated agency

experience, certified CPR instructors, flexible scheduling to accommodate CSC's annual and additional sessions, and the capacity to provide comprehensive in-person and on-site CPR, AED, and First Aid instruction aligned with Florida Department of Children and Families requirements.

After staff review, the following vendors are recommended for inclusion in the Trainer Cadre to deliver CPR training:

AGENCY	CONTACT
South Florida Healthcare Institute	Leonora Creary (leonora@sflhealthcareinstitute.com)
LifeSavers, Inc.	Diane Lea (dianerlea@bellsouth.net)
Emergency Medical Certifications Inc.	Chris Billinger (billingerchris@gmail.com)
United CPR Association - CPR Fort Lauderdale	support@ucpra.org

Recommended Action: Approve the four vendors that have met the qualifications to join the CSC Trainer Cadre to deliver CPR training.

TAB O

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System Goal	SYS 2 Educate the public about the availability of community resources and advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families.
Objective:	932 Educate Broward's taxpayers about issues, resources and services available for Broward's children and families using the full spectrum of media and community outreach tools to improve community's awareness of available resources.
Issue:	The Biannual Media, Communication, and Community Engagement Report serves as a comprehensive overview of the efforts and initiatives undertaken by the Children's Services Council (CSC) to educate and engage the community.
Action:	FYI
Budget Impact:	None

Background: From the onset, CSC staff have tried to educate the community about the resources available through CSC funding and partnerships. Using a full spectrum of media and participating in hundreds of community events county-wide, the work, worth, and impact of the CSC are made evident. This work is done with the understanding that we live in a community where people come from many backgrounds and experiences and access and use information in varied formats.

Current Status: This bi-annual report outlines the media, communications, and community engagement efforts undertaken by the CSC from **April 2025 to September 2025**. Through a series of events and volunteer-driven initiatives, the CSC aimed to foster dialogue, raise awareness, and gather feedback from the community on pertinent issues that affect children and families. The Outreach Team participated in **82** community events across **20** cities, engaging an estimated **37,205** attendees and distributing over **50,000** pieces of informational collateral. In comparison to the same period last year (April 2024 to September 2024), CSC participated in 51 more events, reached an estimated 16,085 more people, and distributed 32,880 more branded CSC materials. This increase is the direct result of the addition of two dedicated outreach specialists as well as the commitment of the whole team.

Recommended Action: FYI

TAB P

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Issue: Budget Carry Forward for selected POs and Initiatives.

Action: Approve Budget Carry-Forward for selected POs and Initiatives.

Budget Impact: \$357,182 Additional Budget in Various Lines for FY 25/26.

Background: Each year, there are Purchase Orders (“PO”) and contracts where the work may not have been completed during the fiscal year, or the contract spans fiscal years. These POs and related budget amounts are “carried forward” into the new fiscal year and presented at the November Council meeting once the transactions from the prior year have all been submitted. However, there are several projects spanning the FY where it is imperative that the work continues without interruption. For these select POs, contracts, and initiatives, the budgeted amounts to carry forward into FY25/26 are known, and it is likely that payments will need to be made in October.

Current Status: A schedule is provided outlining the carry-forward items proposed for October FY 2025/26, which include programmatic contracts, fiscal support, Public Awareness Marketing initiatives, and the implementation of the Financial Reporting Software. The remaining budget carry-forward items will be submitted to the Council in November after all relevant data has been recorded and analyzed.

Recommended Action: Approve Budget Carry-Forward for selected POs and Initiatives.

Children's Services Council of Broward
Budget Carry Forward from FY 24/25 to FY 25/26
General and Special Revenue Funds

				OCT 25 for FY26 Requested CF Amount
Goal	GOAL NAME	PROVIDER	DESCRIPTION	
<u>Service Goals:</u>				
013	Fiscal Support	TBD	Fiscal Support Fees	\$52,907
<u>System Goals:</u>				
923	Promote Research Initiatives			
		Broward Behavioral Health Coalition	Program crosses FY's	\$20,000
924	Integrated Data System			
		Community Cares Partnership	Broward Data Collaborative	\$50,000
932	Educate Taxpayers			
		TBD	Public Awareness	\$206,708
Total Goals			BLANK	<u>\$329,615</u>
<u>Capital Outlay:</u>				
		IGM Technology Corp Gravity Software	Financial Reporting Software One-Time Implementation Cost	\$27,567
				<u>\$27,567</u>
Total Administration, Capital Outlay & Facility Related				<u>\$27,567</u>
Total Carry Forwards				<u>\$357,182</u>

TAB Q

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Issue: Disposal of Fully Depreciated Fixed Assets and Non-Capitalized Items.

Action: Approve Disposal of Fully Depreciated Fixed Assets and Non-Capitalized Items for FY24-25.

Budget Impact: N/A.

Background: The Council is responsible for approving all purchases and the disposal of fixed assets and non-capitalized electronic equipment from the premises. In October 2020, the Council approved increasing the threshold for fixed assets from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to comply with the rules of the Florida Department of Financial Services. The CSC's policy/procedures for the retention period remain unchanged. According to the policy, computer hardware/software is depreciated over a three-year period, furniture and fixtures over a five-year period, and electronic equipment that does not meet the \$5,000 threshold is not capitalized and, therefore, not depreciated, but it is still tracked for accountability purposes.

Current Status: Attached for your approval is a list of items to be disposed of for the fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2025. The list includes both capitalized and non-capitalized items, mainly consisting of outdated computers and equipment that are no longer used as technology evolves. The net book value for most items is zero, following the previously described depreciation schedule, and does not create an expense in the financial statements. The ADA front door telephone system was replaced during this year before it was fully depreciated; therefore, its net book value of \$7,277.63 will be written off as an expense, representing the remaining book value of the asset. Disposal of fixed assets is not shown in governmental fund statements, but is reflected in government-wide statements and disclosed in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

If applicable, certain electronic parts may be cannibalized to be used in other machines. The salvageable computers/parts will be donated to Green Owl Tech Recycling or a similar organization. Once the computers are refurbished, they are donated to CSC providers or other agencies in the Tri-County area to help bridge the Digital Divide.

Recommended Action: Approve Disposal of Fully Depreciated Fixed Assets and Non-Capitalized Items for FY24-25.

Children's Services Council of Broward
FY 2025 Asset Disposal List
for Council Meeting October 16, 2025

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>Acquisition Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Security ID Sys-Project mgmt.,	08/14/09	\$22,793.12	\$22,793.12	\$0.00
Security System	01/12/10	\$12,939.00	\$12,939.00	\$0.00
ADA Front Door & Telephone Ent	02/17/10	\$14,205.00	\$6,927.37	\$7,277.63
Total Capital Assets \$ 49,937.12 \$ 42,659.49 \$ 7,277.63				
Security System	07/16/10	\$4,890.00	\$4,890.00	\$0.00
LOGITECH CC3000E Conference Cam	09/02/15	\$797.44	\$797.44	\$0.00
Dell OPTIPLEX 3050	02/08/18	\$668.83	\$668.83	\$0.00
Dell Optiplex 3050	11/28/18	\$814.96	\$814.96	\$0.00
Dell Optiplex 3050	11/28/18	\$814.96	\$814.96	\$0.00
Dell Optiplex 3050	11/28/18	\$814.96	\$814.96	\$0.00
Lenovo M 9207 Alliance	02/28/19	\$1,034.50	\$1,034.50	\$0.00
Dell Optiplex 3070	03/02/20	\$836.14	\$836.14	\$0.00
DELL OPTIPLEX 3080- Desktop	03/12/21	\$802.05	\$802.05	\$0.00
DELL OPTIPLEX 3080- Desktop	03/12/21	\$802.05	\$802.05	\$0.00
DELL OPTIPLEX 3080- Desktop	03/12/21	\$802.05	\$802.05	\$0.00
DELL OPTIPLEX 3080- Desktop	03/12/21	\$802.05	\$802.05	\$0.00
DELL OPTIPLEX 3080- Desktop	03/12/21	\$802.05	\$802.05	\$0.00
Lenovo-Thinkpad T15 2nd Gen- Stolen	09/26/22	\$1,214.15	\$1,214.15	\$0.00
Total Non- Capital Assets \$ 15,896.19 \$ 15,896.19 \$ -				
Total Capital and Non-Capital Assets to be Disposed \$ 65,833.31				

TAB R

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Issue: Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund.

Action: Accept Monthly Statement for the Managed Fund from US Bank for September 30, 2025.

Budget Impact: N/A.

Background: At the November 18, 2021, Council Meeting, the Council approved establishing a Managed Investment Fund consisting of longer-term securities for the core investments. PFM Asset Management LLC manages this fund in accordance with CSC's Investment Policy, with US Bank providing custodial cash services. This longer-term portfolio maintains safety while adding additional yield to the overall investments. Together, PFM and US Bank manage the funds, which will be measured against several highly respected industry performance indexes to ensure the portfolio remains on track. In accordance with the Investment policy, the Council approved at the June 2022 meeting, that staff would bring forth a summary of the monthly statements from both PFM and US Bank to the Council; however, if any Council Member has questions or wants additional information, the entire statement is available for review. PFM will present a fund performance report to the Finance Committee at the end of each quarter, to which any Council Member is welcome to attend.

Current Status: As of September 30, 2025, the balance of the Managed Fund is \$28,223,644, and includes a net gain of \$98,800 over the prior month. It is important to note that these two statements reflect the activities of the overall portfolio and do not indicate the performance of the fund. The amount recorded in the financial statements reflects the balance of the Custodian (US Bank), which slightly differs from the balance reflected in the PFM statements. This is due to timing differences of the various security trades.

Recommended Action: Accept Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for September 30, 2025

Managed Account Summary Statement

For the Month Ending **September 30, 2025**

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Transaction Summary - Managed Account

Opening Market Value	\$27,654,812.74
Maturities/Calls	(96,823.56)
Principal Dispositions	(1,520,752.43)
Principal Acquisitions	1,780,948.86
Unsettled Trades	0.00
Change in Current Value	6,939.41
Closing Market Value	\$27,825,125.02

Cash Transactions Summary - Managed Account

Maturities/Calls	0.00
Sale Proceeds	1,534,485.50
Coupon/Interest/Dividend Income	73,593.00
Principal Payments	96,823.56
Security Purchases	(1,784,768.91)
Net Cash Contribution	(382.48)
Reconciling Transactions	0.00

Earnings Reconciliation (Cash Basis) - Managed Account

Interest/Dividends/Coupons Received	87,326.07
Less Purchased Interest Related to Interest/Coupons	(3,820.05)
Plus Net Realized Gains/Losses	33,167.56
Total Cash Basis Earnings	\$116,673.58

Cash Balance

Closing Cash Balance **\$156,926.89**

Earnings Reconciliation (Accrual Basis)

	Total
Ending Amortized Value of Securities	27,598,942.02
Ending Accrued Interest	242,289.28
Plus Proceeds from Sales	1,534,485.50
Plus Proceeds of Maturities/Calls/Principal Payments	96,823.56
Plus Coupons/Dividends Received	73,593.00
Less Cost of New Purchases	(1,784,768.91)
Less Beginning Amortized Value of Securities	(27,422,820.52)
Less Beginning Accrued Interest	(230,228.16)
Total Accrual Basis Earnings	\$108,315.77

Portfolio Summary and Statistics

For the Month Ending **September 30, 2025**

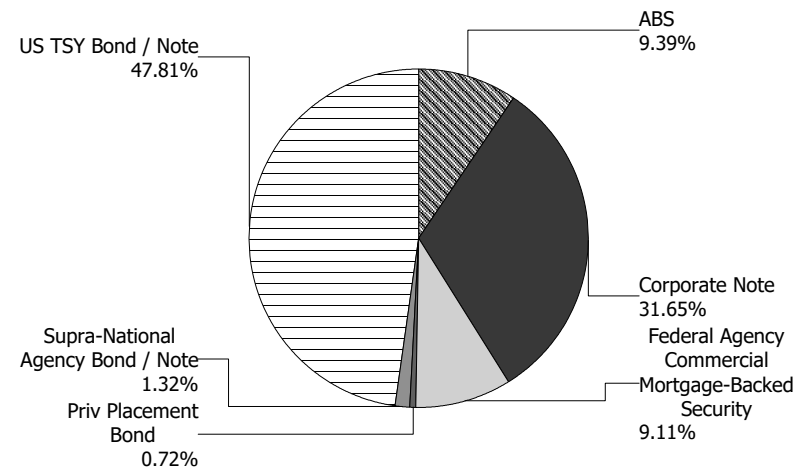
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Account Summary

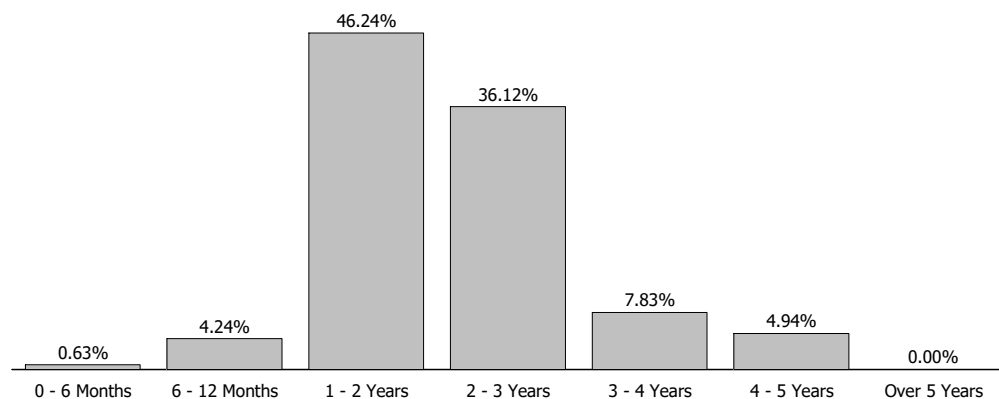
Description	Par Value	Market Value	Percent
U.S. Treasury Bond / Note	13,230,000.00	13,302,936.60	47.81
Supra-National Agency Bond / Note	365,000.00	368,643.43	1.32
Federal Agency Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security	2,569,978.92	2,535,462.50	9.11
Corporate Note	8,910,000.00	9,006,498.71	32.37
Asset-Backed Security	2,588,915.92	2,611,583.78	9.39
Managed Account Sub-Total	27,663,894.84	27,825,125.02	100.00%
Accrued Interest		242,289.28	
Total Portfolio	27,663,894.84	28,067,414.30	

Unsettled Trades **0.00** **0.00**

Sector Allocation



Maturity Distribution



Characteristics

Yield to Maturity at Cost	4.33%
Yield to Maturity at Market	3.85%
Weighted Average Days to Maturity	784

Managed Account Issuer Summary

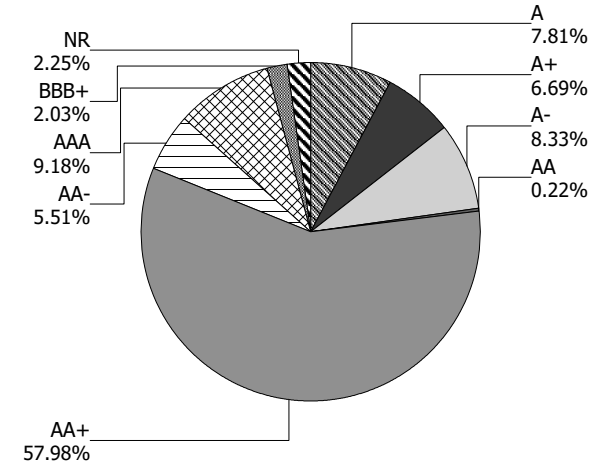
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Issuer Summary

Issuer	Market Value of Holdings	Percent
Accenture PLC	35,036.64	0.13
Adobe Inc	203,467.24	0.73
Advanced Micro Devices Inc	105,915.18	0.38
African Development Bank	368,643.43	1.31
Air Products and Chemicals Inc	201,809.60	0.73
Ally Auto Receivables Trust	60,214.45	0.22
American Express Co	501,971.41	1.79
Analog Devices Inc	166,155.66	0.60
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	277,893.55	1.00
Apple Inc	296,990.37	1.07
AstraZeneca PLC	91,012.23	0.33
Bank of America Corp	332,641.96	1.19
Bank of Montreal	182,577.90	0.66
Bayerische Motoren Werke AG	200,243.80	0.72
BlackRock Inc	126,663.63	0.46
BP PLC	153,172.95	0.55
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	40,521.12	0.15
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	137,691.77	0.49
Capital One Financial Corp	216,676.39	0.78
CarMax Inc	101,813.14	0.37
Caterpillar Inc	202,797.70	0.73
Chevron Corp	162,232.96	0.58
Cintas Corp	80,343.20	0.29
Cisco Systems Inc	141,748.24	0.51
Citigroup Inc	207,640.40	0.75
CNH Equipment Trust	232,805.58	0.84
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	251,827.50	0.91
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA	260,884.52	0.94
Cummins Inc	15,112.59	0.05
Deere & Co	197,554.50	0.71
Diageo PLC	202,633.40	0.73
Eli Lilly & Co	171,735.27	0.62

Credit Quality (S&P Ratings)



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MARKET AND COST RECONCILIATION

	09/30/2025 MARKET	09/30/2025 FEDERAL TAX COST
Beginning Market And Cost	28,124,844.01	27,818,510.10
Investment Activity		
Interest	83,506.02	83,506.02
Realized Gain/Loss	33,167.57	33,167.57
Change In Unrealized Gain/Loss	- 29,683.98	.00
Net Accrued Income (Current-Prior)	12,193.49	12,193.49
Total Investment Activity	99,183.10	128,867.08
Plan Expenses		
Trust Fees	- 382.46	- 382.46
Total Plan Expenses	- 382.46	- 382.46
Net Change In Market And Cost	98,800.64	128,484.62
Ending Market And Cost	28,223,644.65	27,946,994.72

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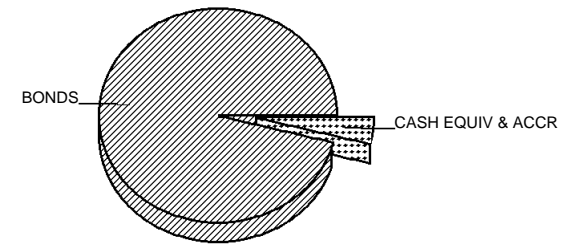
CASH RECONCILIATION

Beginning Cash		.00
Investment Activity		
Interest	83,506.02	
Cash Equivalent Purchases	- 359,954.08	
Purchases	- 1,780,948.86	
Cash Equivalent Sales	440,203.39	
Sales/Maturities	1,617,575.99	
Total Investment Activity	382.46	
Plan Expenses		
Trust Fees	- 382.46	
Total Plan Expenses	- 382.46	
Net Change In Cash	.00	
Ending Cash	.00	

ASSET SUMMARY

ASSETS	09/30/2025 MARKET	09/30/2025 FEDERAL TAX COST	% OF MARKET
Cash And Equivalents	156,926.89	156,926.89	0.56
U.S. Government Issues	15,838,395.19	15,708,538.88	56.11
Corporate Issues	9,138,905.66	9,021,645.19	32.38
Foreign Issues	2,847,823.40	2,818,290.25	10.09
Total Assets	27,982,051.14	27,705,401.21	99.14
Accrued Income	241,593.51	241,593.51	0.86
Grand Total	28,223,644.65	27,946,994.72	100.00

Estimated Annual Income 1,150,955.51



ASSET SUMMARY MESSAGES

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

TAB S

For Council Meeting October 16, 2025

Issue: CSC Monthly Purchases for Administrative Operations

Action: Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases

Budget Impact: See Attached Report

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

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

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

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

Current Status: In accordance with policy, please find attached the Invoices, Travel, Purchase Orders, Sponsorships, etc., for the month of October 2025 that are under the CEO's approval authority but have yet to be Council approved. The staff has segregated the items into various categories to facilitate reviewing the various purchases. All purchases listed are within the budget approved by the Council at TRIM as amended from time to time.

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

Recommended Action: Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases

Budget Impact: See Attached Report



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Vendor	Description	Amount	Comment (Back-up documentation is available upon request.)
Purchase Orders (Greater than \$10,000):			
Monday.com	Project Management Tool	\$ 35,937	Annual Purchase
Verizon	Public Affairs Cell Phone - Iphone	\$ 1,550	
Purchase Orders (less than \$10,000):			
4D Associates International	OPS Retreat Facilitator	\$ 4,600	
EA Compensation Resources	Salary Study	\$ 169	FY25 Purchase Order
FHEED	GIS Mapping Services	\$ 5,000	Blanket PO; Paid as needed
Lingo	POT Lines	\$ 246	FY25 Purchase Order
Mimecast	Email Management Enterprise; Compliance Security and File Send	\$ 88	Annual Purchase
Program Related Purchases:			
Comcast Holdings Corporation	PSA, Content Interviews, CSC Branding, Event Coverage		System Goal 932; Vendor Name Change
Findal Media & Technology Group Inc	TV Future First Rebroadcast; Creole		System Goal 932; Vendor Name Change
Publix	SNAC Meetings	\$ 500	System Goal 921; Blanket PO; Paid as Needed
Facilities Operations:			
Landscape Workshop Parent, LLC	Landscaping, Irrigation, and Tree Trimming	\$ 1,875	Vendor Change
Employee Travel and Training:			
eCare Behavioral Health Institute	Erin Byrne; Essential DBT Skills for Every Clinician: Dialectics, Mindfulness, Distress Tolerance, Emotion Regulation, & Interpersonal Effectiveness (RV); 8/26/25; Virtual	\$ 79	FY 24-25
Trainers / Material (Service Goal 011) Provider names and courses may be subject to change: Instructor Led Unless Otherwise Indicated:			
Arlene Brett Gordon	Solution Focused Brief Therapy 101: Building a Strong Foundation		Vendor Name Change
Arlene Brett Gordon	Solution Focused Brief Therapy: Advanced Interviewing		Vendor Name Change
Arlene Brett Gordon	Solution Focused Brief Therapy: Clients with Diverse Challenges		Vendor Name Change
Gilead Sanders	AI for Nonprofits	\$ 2,550	

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Sponsorship:			
Beauty Initiative (SPNR-25-64)	Me Period, 11/15/2025; Fort Lauderdale	\$ 2,000	The Beauty Initiative will host a free community screening of the documentary Me, Period. This powerful film will serve as a catalyst for open, honest conversations around menstruation, self-care, and hygiene for girls in our community. The event will be open to the public and centered on educating and equipping girls, with tools for proper hygiene, menstrual care, and self-esteem. The sponsorship funds will support, venue setup and audiovisual needs, refreshments and attendee materials, period product giveaways and hygiene kits,promotional materials to ensure community access and awareness.
Friends of Southwest Regional Library, Inc. (SPNR-25-63)	Polar Express Family Night; 12/17/2025; Pembroke Pines	\$ 2,000	Southwest Regional Library's annual Polar Express event is a three-hour celebration that brings the beloved story to life for families through multiple readings by librarians, train rides around the parking lot, a costumed performance by Mrs. Claus, and a photo opportunity with Santa, who gifts each child a silver reindeer bell. Teen volunteers lead crafts and games, while live music from a bell choir and string quartet adds to the festive atmosphere. A local model train club installs a room of functioning trains and engages visitors with a conductor character. In collaboration with the Florida Citrus Model Train Society and Dunkin' Donuts, this free event has served over 1,500 children and families annually for the past decade, fostering wonder, literacy, and community spirit.
Hollywood Historical Society, Inc. (SPNR-25-56)	On Location: Hollywood FL Film Series--"Canvas"; 11/1/2025; Hollywood	\$ 2,000	The request is to support the November 1 screening of the film Canvas, a 2006 film that tells the story of a middle-school boy coping with his mother's chronic mental illness and his father's efforts to support him by engaging him in a project to build a sailboat. This film presentation and community engagement will provide dialogue pertaining to coping and resilience. The funds requested will cover travel and lodging expenses for the movie writer and possibly one or two of the lead actors for the screening. The funds would also support additional screenings and talks.

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Kts Community Care Inc (SPNR-25-59)	KT's Community Care, Inc. Presents: Friendsgiving; 11/26/2025; Miramar	\$ 2,000	Friendsgiving is a targeted outreach event serving children and families in Broward County who are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and limited access to hygiene resources. The event will provide warm meals to support health and nourishment, distribute hygiene kits to promote dignity and school readiness, foster social connection in a safe and compassionate environment, and connect families with community resources and volunteers to build lasting support networks. Sponsorship funds will be used to cover costs related to food, venue, and logistics.
Literacy Connection, Inc. (SPNR-25-62)	Rooted in Reading Book Festival; 12/3/2025; Fort Lauderdale	\$ 2,000	The Rooted in Reading Book Festival is a free, dynamic three hour literacy celebration dedicated to empowering children in our community to spark a lifelong love of reading. The event features interactive reading activities, book distributions, and guest appearances by local authors, offering children the chance to see themselves reflected in the stories they read. The requested funds will directly support the purchase of materials needed to deliver high quality, hands-on literacy activities during the festival, such as incentives, supplies, food, and transportation.
Local Love, Inc. (SPNR-25-66)	Give, Care, Love- Hope for the Holidays, 12/21/2025; Pompano Beach	\$ 2,000	Give, Care, Love is a non-profit holiday celebration that brings together individuals and families, aiming to create a festive, inclusive, and heartwarming atmosphere that transcends any financial or social barriers, allowing everyone to share in the holiday spirit. The event includes a variety of activities, providing something for people of all ages. The funds will support the costs associated with venue, food and beverage, decorations, activities, and marketing.
Revelation Christian Church (SPNR-25-68)	Annual Turkey Drive; 11/22/2025; Lauderdale Lakes	\$ 2,000	The Mobile Turkey Food Drive is a heartwarming annual event that provides turkeys and essential items to low-income families, students, and community members in Broward County, ensuring they can gather around a meaningful holiday meal despite financial hardship. Delivered in a drive-thru format to ensure safety and accessibility, the event also fosters community connection and compassion. Volunteers and local partners come together to uplift families, offering not just food but dignity, joy, and a reminder that they are supported. Sponsorship funds will be used to cover costs related to food, venue, and marketing.

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Small Biz Community & Economic Development Corp (SPNR-25-47)	Community Health & Wellness Fest; 11/22/2025; Pompano Beach	\$ 2,000	Small Biz Community & Economic Development Corp will host its "11th Annual Community Health & Wellness Fest Drive-by," an event dedicated to supporting families through the distribution of turkeys, food items, and the Family Resource Guide, which offers valuable information on health care services and community resources. Sponsorship funds will be used to offset costs associated with food procurement, event-branded tee shirts, and promotional marketing efforts.
South Florida Caribbean Conference (SPNR-25-61)	SFCC Christmas Cheers for the Kids; 12/14/2025; Lauderhill	\$ 2,000	To enhance the holiday celebration experience for children and families, sponsorship funds will support festive decorations, professional photography to capture memorable moments, and the participation of Santa Claus, including gift-wrapping assistance to ensure toys are distributed in an organized and joyful manner. CSC's support is essential to meet community needs and create a safe, fun, and meaningful holiday event. The applicant is instructed to use the funds exclusively for the purchase of age-appropriate gifts for attending children.
Tiger Trail Festival Inc (SPNR-25-54)	The Kids Village; 2/21/2026; Pompano Beach	\$ 2,000	The Kids Village will offer three hours of engaging activities for children of all ages during the community festival, including a bounce house, trackless train, DJ, yard games, face painting, children's crafts, and concessions. Sponsorship funds will support these child-centered experiences. Originally launched in 1995 by the Blanche Ely Class of 1970 as a street festival celebrating art, music, culture, and local businesses, the event has grown to include programs such as the Youth Leadership Forum, Business Forum, WF Boynton 5K Walk/Run, Youth Gun Violence Forum, Trail Blazers of Collier City, Raising a Family Event, and Banned Books Forum. With support from the City of Pompano Beach and community partners, the festival will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2026, continuing to draw thousands through its vibrant entertainment and cultural programming.

TAB T

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
Location: Children's Services Council of Broward County
6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319

SNAC Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2025
9-10:30 a.m.

Members Present:

See Attachment 1

Call-to-Order: Welcome

Nikki C called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and welcomed guests.

Broward Partnerships for Kids (BPK)

Diane C. announced the rebranding of the Broward Children's Strategic Plan of Broward County (BCSP) to Broward Partnerships for Kids (BPK), with an official launch scheduled for October 2025. The transition will introduce several enhancements, including:

- A modernized registration portal
- Streamlined email communications to ensure timely updates for members
- Improved access to committee documents and calendar
- A more efficient process for retrieving committee-related information

These updates aim to strengthen engagement and simplify access for all participants involved in BPK initiatives.

Presentation from Senator Rosalind Osgood's Office:

Thomas C. provided an overview of the constituent and agency inquiries received by Senator Osgood's office, underscoring their commitment to serving the community and resolving issues with compassion and efficiency.

During the discussion, he was asked whether the office tracks requests specifically from the special needs population and what recurring needs are being identified. He

explained that such concerns are typically addressed at the point of care and, as a result, are not commonly escalated to the Senator's office. Therefore, no formal tracking system is in place for these requests.

To support continued access to services, Thomas C. will share a comprehensive resource link along with his contact information.

Elections: (SNAC Co-Chair)

Demetria R. announced that Shawn Preston would be stepping down from her role as SNAC Co-chair and expressed appreciation for her contributions and support during the transition.

Demetria then opened the floor for nominations. Alicia-Ann Samuel and Arlene Diaz-Wolff each self-nominated and shared brief introductions highlighting their professional backgrounds and their vision for the SNAC Co-chair role.

Following a vote conducted via Qualtrics by all SNAC members present, Demetria Rawls officially announced Alicia-Ann Samuel as the newly elected SNAC Co-chair, having received the majority of votes.

SNAC Research:

Water Safety

Demetria R. provided an update on water safety initiatives, highlighting a concern raised by a CSC Council member regarding the increased risk of drowning among children with special needs—particularly those diagnosed with autism. She noted that this issue was first introduced during the June 2025 SNAC meeting and has since prompted ongoing discussion. SNAC members discussed the importance of a comprehensive, multi-sector approach to water safety, involving collaboration among families, educators, healthcare providers, and community organizations to effectively address and mitigate these risks. The Children's Services Council (CSC) has led internal and external discussions to address water safety concerns. Below is a summary of the conversations.

CSC of Palm Beach County's "Target = Zero Drownings"

- Conducted a pilot-program that employs a specialized water safety curriculum tailored to high-risk populations.
- Swim instructor training is in partnership with the Autism Society of America.

- Swim lessons are offered at charter schools that focus on children with autism & for schools that have experienced drowning incidents.
- Public Safety boxes containing essential resources are distributed to newly diagnosed families through the Safe Kids Palm Beach County partnership.
- Advocacy efforts are underway to encourage pediatricians to proactively educate families about wandering behaviors and early water safety awareness when a child is first diagnosed with Autism.

Miami-Dade County's "Zero Drownings Miami-Dade"

- This initiative includes swim lessons for students from selected schools and Head Start programs.
- Has an initiative that includes portable pools rotated among elementary schools.
- Online water safety course for caregivers in Haitian Creole (via American Red Cross website).

Legal Advocacy

- Met with Attorney Adam Finkel who has secured major verdicts against negligent property owners as it relates to water safety negligence for children with special needs.
- Advocates for legislation to regulate retention ponds and enforce pool safety standards.
- Potential partnership with CSC and other community stakeholders to strengthen legal and policy efforts.

Swim Central- Water Safety Broward Program (Effective 10/1/25)

- Expanded age eligibility: Water Smart Coupon Program now covers ages birth–22 (previously birth–8).
- Families receive 4 coupons/year (up from 1).
- Parents of children with special needs can use coupons to improve their own swimming skills.

SNAC Key Discussion Points

- **Instructor Shortage:** There is an ongoing need for certified instructors trained to work with children with disabilities. Susan M of the Dan Marino Foundation shared that her organization is collaborating with Water Smart Broward to update relevant training courses.
- **Caregiver Education:** Shawn Preston emphasized the importance of educating caregivers on effective supervision, noting that drowning is not always visibly

obvious. Suggested caregiver training and drowning prevention that goes beyond swim lessons.

- **Trauma-Informed Approach:** Dr. Hutchinson advocated for trauma-informed water safety practices, stressing that children with special needs often experience high levels of trauma. Training should equip safety monitors and caregivers to recognize social cues and environmental triggers, treating each child with sensitivity to potential past trauma.
- **Resources and Tools:** Natalie Stanish from CARD highlighted the availability of resources that outline strategies for water supervision, including identifying a designated “water watcher.” She encouraged visiting the CARD website and noted that many providers are trained to support children with special needs.
- **Safe Kits Proposal:** Dr. Nikki Chiwara inquired about adopting practices from Palm Beach or Miami and recommended distributing “safe kits” to families newly diagnosed with autism to support early water safety awareness.
- **SNAC’s Role & Call to Action** Demetria R. issued a challenge to all participating agencies to reflect on their organizational role in advancing water safety for children with special needs. Each agency is asked to engage in internal dialogue and come prepared to share insights at the next SNAC meeting in January 2026, as part of our continued commitment to preventing fatal and near-fatal drownings. Agencies are encouraged to consider the following questions:
 - *How does your agency currently define its role in promoting water safety for children with special needs?*
 - *What is the most significant challenge your agency faces in implementing swim safety programs for this population?*

Impact Team Updates-

- a. Early Transition (Birth-5 years of age): No updates were provided during the meeting. The Impact Team is scheduled to convene September 26, 2025, and a summary of updates will be shared following that discussion.
- b. Tween Transitions (6-14 years old): No updates were provided during the meeting. The team will convene following the SNAC general session to determine the Chair and Co-chair appointments.
- c. Transitions to Independence (15-22 years old): Stacy Wolfe is currently developing and branding a business training initiative aimed at expanding employment opportunities for students with disabilities. The training will be delivered via webinar and is designed to prepare participants for a high-end business fair, where students will have the opportunity to apply for jobs with employers across Broward County. The event will feature keynote speaker Tom D’Eri, author of *The Power of Potential*, who advocates for inclusive hiring practices and is the founder of Rising Tide Car Wash—a business known for employing individuals with autism. In partnership with CARD, the training will

include resume development, professional attire guidance, and interview preparation to ensure students are well-equipped for the fair. The program is open to individuals aged 16 and older who are of working age. Organizers are currently finalizing the branding and logistics of the training, with hopes that Nova Southeastern University will host the job fair, tentatively scheduled for April or May 2026.

- d. Community Outreach: No updates were provided during the meeting. The team will convene following the SNAC general session to determine the Chair and Co-chair appointments.
- e. Community Partnerships: No updates were provided during the meeting. The team will convene following the SNAC general session to determine the Chair and Co-chair appointments.

Upcoming meetings:

- December 2025 – no meeting
- 2026: January 16, April 17, July 17, October 16 – meetings will resume on a quarterly basis at 9:00 am at CSC building.

Impact Teams Break Out:

Impact teams broke out into small groups and elected their impact team chairs. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attachment

Name	Organization
Angelika Schlanger	Taff Foundation
Antionece Robinson	Broward County Public Schools
Ariella Melamed	JAFCO
Arlene Diaz-Wolff	Independence Works
Barbara Slutsky	HAAPE
Berta Plantz	Memorial Hospital
Betsy Germain Evans	MOM Services
Carl Dasse	Children's Services Council of Broward
Catherine Brucker	Broward County Public Schools- CTACE
Cedria Parker	Goodwill Industries of South Florida
Cheryl Walters	FDLRS Child Find
Dasheny Monestime	211 Broward
Demetria Rawls	Children's Services Council of Broward
Diane Choi	Children's Services Council of Broward

Diane Eagan	Broward County Public Schools
Dr. Harleen Hutchinson	The Journey Institute Inc
Dr. Nova Lishon-Savarino	Parent and Educator
Edwidge Ryan	McFatter Technical College Grow Your Future
Felicia Jehaludi	Autism Society of FL
Gabriela Pilarte	Memorial Healthcare System
Jennifer Saint Louis	Arc Broward
Jheanelle Henry	Children's Services Council of Broward
Joanne Ewart	FDLRS Child Find
Joe Mahoney	Vocational Rehabilitation
Kim Werner	CDTC/Early Steps
Marissa Aquino	Children's Services Council of Broward
Mark Thompson	Special Olympics Florida
Milory Senat	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Murrill	Arc Broward
Nathalie Stanish	CARD
Nickesha Williams-Patterson	ASZ Caring Hearts Inc
Nikki Chiwara	JAFCO
Nikki Karatzas	WeEvolve ABA
Priscilla Cole	Children's Services Council of Broward
Rebeca Evora	Unicorn Developmental Assessment Clinic at Nova Southeastern University
Kathy Rodriguez	Safe Space Staging for Kids
Seth Hyman	Advocate
Shannon Hughes	Love Serving Autism
Shaquoia Wilson	Children's Services Council of Broward
Shawn Preston	Arc Broward
Shaymonica Jones	YMCA of South FL
Stacy Demartino - Triangolo	Broward County Public Schools
Steffen Lue	Junior Achievement of South Florida
TaiQuay Bogle	Children Services Council of Broward
Teresa Spitler	YMCA of South Florida
Thomas Coccia	Senator Rosalind Osgood's Office
Tonya Ricker	Arc Broward

**Broward Reads Coalition - Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Participants: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (Co-Chair), Dr. Sharetta Remikie, Ken King, Kimberly Adams Goulbourne, Kim Reid, Liza Khan, and Yolanda Meadows (CSC of Broward County); Commissioner Nan Rich (Co-Chair), Harrison Grandwilliams, Eugenia Nikitina (Broward County Commission); Wanda Robinson (BCPS); Renee Jaffe (Co-Chair), Allison Metsch (Early Learning Coalition) Jenny Del Valle, Bari Goldberg (HandsOn South Florida); Roni Tanenbaum (University of Florida-New Worlds Reading); Bob Mayersohn (Broward Legislative Delegation); Denise Horland (City of Plantation/Broward League of Cities); Kimberly White (Broward County Libraries); Karen Smith (Friends of the Broward County Library); Tatiana Torres (Family Learning Partnership); Penny Bernath (PBS/Kidvision) Lisa Maraj (City of Pembroke Pines); Lenore Russo (Parkland Library); Carolyn Brown James, Eriani Teague, Rolanda Hammett, Shanel Robles, Nancy Romance (FAU); Laura Gomez, Odalys Calleja (FIU); Bernadette Hughes (City of Coconut Creek); Brithney Johnson (Community Education Alliance, Inc.); Diana Gomez (Sunshine Health); Sharon Hughes (YMCA of South Florida); Kadene Shaw (City of Hallandale Beach- Austin Hepburn Center)

I. Welcome

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed all attendees. Bob Mayersohn moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Liza Khan seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

II. Partner Updates

a) CSC of Broward County (Dr. Sharetta Remikie, Ken King, Kimberly Goulbourne, Liza Khan)

Dr. Remikie opened by explaining Broward Reads and then the national, state, and local efforts surrounding literacy.

STATE Level:

FGLRC: Attendance/Chronic Absence Project (A/CA):
Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism are a significant focus of the National Grade Level Reading Campaign.

- The Florida Campaign is coaching GLR partners in Broward, Alachua, Hillsborough, Jacksonville, Martin, Pinellas, and St. Lucie on using public absenteeism data.

- The project addresses chronic absenteeism through data collection, policy work, and community engagement, with teams joining coaching, discussions, and strategy sessions.
- The Broward team includes Children's Services Council (CSC), Broward County Public Schools, and Early Learning Coalition (ELC).
- Broward will present to other state coalitions on promising practices, lessons learned, and future goals.
- Broward is actively involved in the statewide absenteeism project with other counties, aiming to develop a toolkit to reduce absenteeism.

LOCAL Level:

Sentenced – A Wake-Up Call on Literacy in America

A " Sentenced " screening event occurred on September 8 at the Junior Achievement of South Florida. The film, narrated and co-produced by NBA superstar Steph Curry, is a powerful documentary that sheds light on childhood illiteracy and the painful reality of how it passes from generation to generation.

Ongoing efforts and partnerships

- The Cities of Lauderhill and Lauderdale Lakes plan to host Reading with the Commissioner events, with books given to each child in attendance. Once the details are finalized, they will be shared.
- The City of Weston received a proclamation and has committed to being an active member of Broward Reads in Your City.
- CSC assisted in the purchase of supplies for the Super Readers cape-decorating event on Thursday, October 9.

Broward Read for the Record

1. **The books have been received!** The volunteer-driven book packing event will take place at Gulfstream on January 10, 2026.

2. Author Visit:

- Broward hosted Marcus Bridgewater, author of See Marcus Grow, from September 17 through 19. The visit was the kick-off to Jumpstart's campaign for their 20th anniversary of Read for the Record. The official 20-week countdown will begin on October 13.
- Broward Estates Visit: September 18 - Marcus did a reading at the Broward Estates Early Learning & Resource Center with the Supt. Hepburn as part of their "Dads' Day" celebration.

- September 19 - Marcus participated in the Conference on Children's Literature. He shared the stage with Eric Chisem, Director of Strategic Partnerships with BCPS. Marcus shared his journey to becoming an author and the lessons he has learned along the way, including how he draws inspiration from his garden and nature to foster personal growth.
 - CSC and the staff at Broward Estates Early Learning and Resource Center unveiled a Little Free Library, courtesy of Jumpstart and Little Free Library, as part of Jumpstart's 20th Anniversary celebration.
 - Promos were filmed with Marcus to promote Read for the Record.
3. **20K Book donation:** CSC has begun to distribute the books received from Jumpstart as part of the 20th anniversary celebration. To date, approximately 2,350 books have been distributed.

Upcoming distributions:

- City readings (ongoing)
- Lights on Afterschool (October 20, 2025)
- Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library for their story time groups
- Story Book Festival (Broward County Library on November 15, 2025)
- Annual Harvest Drive Thanksgiving food distribution

Dr. Remikie summed up by thanking the CSC team, especially Kim G. and Kim R., for the work on the author event.

b) Broward County Public Schools (Wanda Robinson)

Wanda advised that the author's reading was combined with their "Dad's Take Your Child to School Day." She reported there were many dads on campus, making for an even more exciting event. Wanda stated they had to reschedule the gardening activity due to the rain.

Wanda shared that they are planning the Super Reader event, which will take place on October 24 at Deerfield Beach Elementary. They are working with various partners to create capes for the event.

Wanda mentioned that they will also have a mural done at Broward Estates near their little library, which she envisions people driving by to see what's happening at their location. She also provided an update on the progress of Broward Estates' transformation. They currently serve students 0-4 years of age.

c) Early Learning Coalition (Renee Jaffee, Allison Metsch)

Renee mentioned ELC is continuously working with the educators in the community to obtain childcare for as many children as possible. She reported that their “Books, Balls and Blocks” event, held in Deerfield, was a success.

Renee shared that during October, they will have several in-house activities surrounding the concept of kindness. They hope the idea grows and obtains enough representation to eventually include municipalities.

Lastly, Renee gave an update on childcare funding, which took a statewide hit, but compared to other coalitions, they only sustained a 5% loss. She also reported there were surpluses at the end of last year, which allowed them to get some additional funds. Currently, according to Renee, ELC have more than 3,000 kids on the waitlist, but they are hoping to maintain a steady pace as space becomes available.

d) Broward County Commission (Commissioner Nan Rich)

Commissioner Rich updated the group on global issues affecting the county. She shared vital information about the budget, including a breakdown of the ad valorem tax and the various areas that would be hit the hardest.

e) Broward County Libraries (Kimberly White)

Kimberly White gave an update on their summer program numbers.

- Over 16,000 registered for summer challenges.
- Fifty-three thousand books were read to early learners.
- Kids, teens, and adults logged five million minutes through summer challenges.
- Two thousand two hundred eighty programs were summer-themed.
- There were over 60,000 attendees at library branches.
- Five hundred thirty pounds of old crayons were donated to the Crayon Initiative.
- Over 40 community partners and businesses contributed services and resources.

Kimberly shared a few snapshots from the conference and talked about the authors who attended the Conference on Children's Literature, which 175 people attended. She also shared a link about Banned Books Week:

<https://bannedbooksweek.org/>. Kimberly reminded the group of the upcoming Storybook Festival (<https://broward.libnet.info/event/14180622>), scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 15, at the Southwest Regional Library. Kimberly also said they will host an event with the Florida Panthers in December.

f) HandsOn South Florida (Jenny Del Valle)

Jenny Del Valle advised that they install a second literacy garden with the help of Home Depot and paint a mural at Broward Estates back in July. She reported that Caravelle Arms and Broward Gardens will extend their summer reading programs to year-round reading programs.

g) City of Plantation/Broward League of Cities (Denise Horland)

Denise Horland advised that she will also speak with her delegation members regarding the ad valorem taxes. She thanked the representatives from other cities for being present on the call. She stated that she has highlighted the Broward Reads in your City in order to engage more municipalities. She reiterated that there is an abundance of capes on hand for Super Reader Day, and they will continue to do these events to engage the community.

III. Open Mic

KidVision (Penny Bernath)

Penny reported they won a prestigious national teacher professional learning award from NIDA (the National Educational Telecommunications Association). They distribute all PBS educational material, plus independent educational material, and KidVision was chosen as the number one professional development.

Promise Neighborhood (Nancy Romance)

Nancy shared that they recently held a Carnegie Learning Institute for high school and middle school algebra teachers, and they are looking at combined numeracy and literacy. They are working with Lori Canning on Broward Estates activities. Nancy advised that they will also be adding new Tea Garden activities within their 15 schools.

IV. Meeting Schedule for FY 24-25:

The next meeting will occur on **December 3, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**

Subsequent meeting dates: February 4, 2026, April 1, June 3, August 5

V. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Funders Forum Meeting Summary October 3, 2025

Members Present:

Adamma DuCille, Community Foundation; **Amy Moore**, Early Learning Coalition (ELC); **Angelika Schlanger**, Taft Foundation; **Carl Dasse**, Children's Services Council (CSC); **Carlisle Anderson**, CareerSource Broward; **Cassandra Burrell**, Community Foundation; **Cassandra Evans**, Broward County Human Services Department; **Diane Choi**, CSC; **Julie-Ann Waweru**, CSC; **Keyonia Lawson**, CSC; **Larry Rein**, ChildNet; **Lisa Bayne**, CSC; **Maria Hernadez**, United Way; **Maria Juarez Stouffer**, CSC; **Melanie Burgess**, The Jim Moran Foundation; **Renee Podolsky**, Florida Department of Health (FLDOH); **Tara Williams**, Broward County Human Services Department; **Teves Bush**, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ); **Traci Schweitzer**, Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Welcome and Introductions

Maria J.S. welcomed members, and introductions were completed.

Approval of the August 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

Process for Nonprofit Presentation Request to Funders Forum

Maria J.S. discussed the rise in funding requests with members and asked if they were interested in developing a process for nonprofit agencies to present to members during meetings. She inquired about their preferred methods for vetting these requests and offered to help facilitate this need.

Members expressed that, since they only meet once a month and there are many agencies in the county, the Funders Forum might not be the best place for agencies to present and discuss their requests. Members agreed that the meeting should continue to focus on addressing system issues and be limited to specific invited cases. Members also emphasized the need to maintain fairness across all agencies. Additionally, it was proposed to create a one-page document that includes a space for members to vet and connect with agencies that can assist them in exploring other funding options.

Restitution Fund for Youth Employment Skill Development and Experience

Maria J.S. discussed with members the possibility of creating a new program for youth referred by the State Attorney's Office (SAO) who owe significant restitution payments to

their victims. These youth are offered diversion services and are receiving services from CSC-funded juvenile diversion programs. The goal is to provide a way for these youth to fulfill their restitution obligations, especially since they often struggle to find employment, which prevents victims from receiving their compensation. The idea involves establishing a fund to pay restitution by documenting the work the youth do, with those funds then being drawn down and paid to the victims. Maria J.S. asked members if they were interested in having more discussions with the CSC and the SAO.

Maria J.S. mentioned that the CSC is releasing a new version of their New DAY (Diversion Alternatives for Youth) RFP next year. CSC has examined the challenges faced by juvenile youth with DJJ involvement in obtaining employment.

Cassandra E. mentioned that the Children's Services Administration is interested in the youth diversion population. She discussed the possibility of creating a program that converts community service hours into monetary payments for victims. She also recommended that members review the Ann E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), which is a network of juvenile justice practitioners and other system stakeholders across the country working to build a better and more equitable youth justice system. For more information, their website is available at <https://www.aecf.org/work/juvenile-justice/jdai>

Tara W. also mentioned that this would be a good fit within their civil citation area, which could explore including a component allowing them to partner with youth employment programs for youth with DJJ histories.

Melanie B. suggested establishing case managers or job coaches to help youth struggling to meet job requirements. This would help employers connect better with employees who face challenges at work. Cassandra E. noted that it could be similar to the Summer Youth Employment programs offered through CareerSource.

Cassandra B. suggested looking into addressing their mental health. Maria J.S. confirmed that youth who are referred from the SAO to CSC's program are connected to therapy as needed based on their assessment.

Maria J.S. is in the process of setting up meetings with the SAO to continue discussions and will invite Cassandra E., Tara W., and Carlisle A. If members are interested, they should contact Maria J.S. or Julie-Ann W.

Funders Forum Member Updates:

Collaborative Vetting of Funding Request

Maria J.S. announced that CSC is vetting a leverage request from Handy (Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth) to support a position for their Healthcare

Navigation Program, as well as a request from the OIC of South Florida for their Youth Employment Program. Both requests will be presented to the CSC's Program Planning Committee (PPC) on October 6 for consideration.

Maria J.S. and Cassandra E. discussed the challenges of vetting individual leverage proposals, highlighting the importance of collaboration and information sharing among funders to ensure thorough evaluation.

Melanie B. inquired about the status of capacity-building grants, and Maria J.S. and Cassandra B. confirmed that both CSC and the Community Foundation are still actively involved in this area.

Maria J.S. noted that CSC has expanded its capacity-building efforts, while Cassandra B. explained that the Community Foundation's Nonprofit Center continues to support emerging nonprofits through education and scholarships, aligning them with the foundation's focus areas.

Government Shutdown Impact on Nonprofit Services Survey

Members discussed the impact of the federal government shutdown on local nonprofits. Adamma D. and Maria J.S. announced that the Community Foundation has released a survey to assess the impact of the government shutdown and the elimination of programs for agencies so far, in hopes of predicting what may be expected next year. Adamma D. shared the link with members and asked for their assistance in sharing it with their providers. The survey results will be shared with the members.

Members continued to discuss the impact they are seeing in the community. Adamma D. suggested creating a more nuanced survey using Qualtrics for better data collection. Members agreed to collaborate on developing a comprehensive survey. Maria J.S. and Adamma D. will coordinate the next steps to gather suggested questions from members. Members can contact Adamma D. at aducille@cfbroward.org

Angelika S. will send her suggested survey questions to Adamma D. She also recommends sharing information about nonprofits that are about to close due to funding cuts and agencies that are currently at risk of shutting down but might not receive the survey, which will help show the community impact. Angelika S. emphasized the need for funders to collaborate in overcoming these challenges.

Maria H. announced that United Way is also tracking the programs affected by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. That information is being maintained by the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) via Sanda Veszi Einhorn. Maria H. will ask that the document be shared with members.

Maria H. also mentioned that the United Way is monitoring agencies receiving federal funding through government portals to facilitate the drawdown of their funding. Moving forward, those portals will be closed, and there is concern that the community could begin to see the impact once that happens.

Navigation and Youth Employment Programs Data Update

Diane Choi, Assistant Director of Planning for CSC, has been managing the Funders Forum database by collecting data and creating a comprehensive overview of funding sources that support youth employment and navigation services.

Diane C. reported the progress on compiling a list of agencies. They have begun meeting with various agencies to gather information.

The Google Docs spreadsheet has now been deactivated and will be turned into a Qualtrics survey for further data collection.

If members have any questions, they can reach out to Diane C. at dchoi@cscbroward.org

Children's Services Council

Maria J.S. announced that CSC is planning to release its MOST (Maximizing Out-of-School Time) RFP for out-of-school time programs serving both the general and special needs populations. Inclusion support and CATCH components will also be included. The RFP is scheduled for release in November.

CSC is also developing its New DAY (New Diversion Alternatives for Youth) RFP and its Respite RFP for families with children who have behavioral health needs. Both RFPs are scheduled for release in early 2026.

CSC is seeking raters for all three procurements. If members are interested in evaluating proposals, please contact Maria J.S. or Keyonia L. at klawson@cscbroward.org

Community Partnership's Division, Broward County Human Services Department

Cassandra E. announced that during the County Commission meeting, the Community Partnership Children's Services section plans to launch a pilot program for family court services, working with two domestic violence units. The aim is to improve compliance with court orders, helping families move through the court system while also addressing trauma. This pilot program has an estimated budget of about \$330,000.

Cassandra E. also announced that they have received approval to continue the Baker Act Youth Transportation Pilot Program.

Community Foundation

Cassandra B. mentioned changes to the foundations' guidelines, including new grant cycles with revised deadlines. Cassandra B. will share the new guidelines with members.

United Way

Maria H. shared that United Way will release funding opportunities for education, health, and behavioral health in November, with a deadline of February.

Additional Updates:

During the August meeting, members expressed interest in hosting a meet-and-greet to facilitate networking, as the meeting is typically held virtually. Members agreed that, with the increase in new members, an in-person gathering would be beneficial on November 7 at the United Way, followed by an after-hours networking event. An updated calendar invitation will be sent to members, including a Zoom link for those who are unable to attend in person.

Next Funders Forum Meeting

The next meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the United Way, 1300 S Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316, on Friday, November 7, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members should contact Julie-Ann Waweru at jwaweru@cscbroward.org to include any additional agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Once again, thank you for your support and the difference you are making in the lives of countless children and adults. We are truly honored to have you as part of our MODS family.

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Broward Children's Center Currently Enrolling Students for the 2025-2026 School Year

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025



With the 2025-2026 school year underway, **Broward Children's Center** (BCC) – a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving infants, children and young adults who are developmentally disabled and medically fragile and their families – is currently open for limited enrollment for students for its BCC Academy, a nonprofit private school. BCC Academy has been continuously serving the Broward County community since 1971.

Broward Children's Center's nurturing and inclusive program offers a comprehensive academic curriculum paired with an array of specialized services to support students of all abilities. BCC Academy's intimate campuses are designed for each child to receive the personal attention needed to achieve their goals.

BCC Academy provides educational, therapeutic and behavioral services for children with special needs, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, at its north campus in Pompano Beach (25 SE 20th Ave., Pompano Beach, Florida 33060) and south campus in Dania Beach (3891 Stirling Road, Dania Beach, Florida 33312). The nonprofit private school is specifically designed to meet the unique developmental and educational needs of children with moderate to severe disabilities, through research-based instructional strategies and a thematic-based curriculum.



Various assessments and observations are used to set educational goals for each child. Parental input is encouraged throughout this process to optimize a student's educational experience. The classrooms are designed for each child to receive the personal attention needed to achieve their goals.

Broward Children's Center is committed to creating an equitable learning environment where every child thrives. BCC Academy provides tailored support for students with disabilities, including Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); Speech and Language Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; Behavior Support Services; Academic Intervention and Resource Specialists; Inclusive Classrooms with Differentiated Instruction; Small Group and One-on-One Support; and Family and Caregiver Resources.

BCC Academy's ancillary Social Services provides ongoing support to the infants, children, young adults and families, including Parenting Enrichment, Youth Enrichment, Education, Case Management, Information and Referrals and Community Outreach.

Broward Children's Center's Family Strengthening Program and Sibling Program are built on an evidence-based national model known as the Nurturing Program for Parents and their Children with Special Needs and Health Challenges (NPP Special Needs). The program provides families and caregivers with individualized, ongoing support and skills needed for parenting a child with special needs.


In an effort to support working families, BCC Academy provides coverage when Broward County Public Schools is typically closed, including some holidays and teacher planning days. Services also include Summer Camp, Before and After School Care, and door-to-door transportation. Broward Children's Center also offers Respite to parents and families, providing a temporary break from the day-to-day care of their child with special needs.

BCC Academy receives funding through the [Children's Services Council of Broward](#). Tuition plans are individualized per student. Broward Children's Center will work with families to help meet the costs associated with attending BCC Academy. Additional funding options are available through the [Family Empowerment Scholarship Program](#). These scholarships provide funding for eligible students to attend an approved public or private school of their choice.

contact BCC Academy Director of Education Edith Moore at 954-448-9051 or EdithM@bcckids.org.

About Broward Children's Center:

Since 1971, Broward Children's Center, a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been providing medical, educational, therapeutic, recreational, daily living and advocacy services through its network of care to infants, children and young adults who are developmentally disabled and/or medically fragile. Through a continuum of services designed to meet the needs of each child and their families, Broward Children's Center remains focused on delivering the highest quality care necessary to ensure that each individual is given every opportunity to thrive and succeed. Broward Children's Center is located at 200 SE 19th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL 33060. For more information, please visit www.bcckids.org.



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James S. Hunt Elementary Students in Coral Springs Join Peace Week with Rock-Painting Activity



James S. Hunt Elementary School students will take part in a district-wide initiative aimed at stopping bullying.

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By Zahra Huber

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CORAL SPRINGS, FL – Students at James S. Hunt Elementary will mark Broward County Public Schools' Choose Peace/Stop Violence Week by painting rocks with uplifting messages of kindness and unity.

The school-wide activity is set for Thursday at 11 a.m., with children decorating rocks to display around campus as lasting reminders to "Speak Life. End Bullying," the theme of this year's observance.

Choose Peace/Stop Violence Week is a countywide initiative led by the district in partnership with United Way of Broward County and the Children's Services Council of Broward County, according to an announcement from the school district.

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Each activity is designed to encourage students to use their voices to uplift others and promote respect, organizers said.

The week concludes Friday with Peace Across Broward Day, when students and staff throughout the county are encouraged to wear white in a show of peace and solidarity.

For more information about the initiative, click [here](#).



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Dear Cindy:



On behalf of the Canine Assisted Therapy staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and the community we serve, we again extend our sincere thanks for the impactful capacity building grant of \$5,750 awarded to our organization. Children's Services Council's commitment to supporting community-serving agencies is affirming and the kind of support that keeps us going and growing! The grant is already making a lasting impact on our sustainability, helping us meet the rising needs of our facilities and the people we serve.

We're seeing meaningful progress with the addition of three new board members aligned with our strategic plan. The collaboration with SBDC provided invaluable coaching support, while the flexible funding allowed us to engage a consultant tailored to our specific needs. Most significantly, the project resulted in strong board development tools that are helping us recruit, retain, and engage board members more strategically. This increased capacity is positioning us for long-term success.

Thank you again for being a vital partner in our mission to make a meaningful difference. Your visionary approach to capacity building has strengthened Canine Assisted Therapy for two years now, and your trust and support have meant the world to us. Thank you for helping us create a brighter and more compassionate future for those in need!

You're the top dog when it comes to making a difference!

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Beam Furr*	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Howard Hepburn	A	A	N/A	P	A	A	P	P	P	N/A	P	A	P	P
Debra Hixon	P	P	N/A	P	A	A	P	P	P	N/A	P	A	Virtual	Virtual
Julia Musella	A	P	N/A	P	P	Virtual	Virtual	P	A	N/A	P	P	P	P
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*The Broward County Commission appointed Nan Rich on 12/10/24 as the County's representative to the CSC. She replaces Beam Furr.