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

DATE:	August 14, 2026
TO:	Council Members
FROM:	Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
SUBJECT:	Information for the August 20th Council meeting

Enclosed is the information packet for the CSC monthly meeting on Thursday, August 20, from 9:30 A.M. to Noon, at the CSC Office. As a cost-saving measure, the packet tabs are 25-31 and Q-Z.

Please note that we have confirmed an EXACT quorum for this meeting and are counting on those six Members to establish a quorum so votes can occur. The agenda is a rather large one and includes contract renewals that were deferred in May, Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations RFP awards, and changes to the 2027 Summit venue/date/expenditures, among several other action items. The Council Member Roundtable this month will feature a communications update.

If you have any questions about the information in this packet, please feel free to reach out to me.

We look forward to seeing you on the 20th!

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

Thursday, August 20, 2026
9:30 a.m.

MEETING AGENDA

I.	**Call to Order**		Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*
II.	**Roll Call**		Julie-Ann Waweru, *Executive Assistant*
III.	**Chair's Report**		Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*
	a. Moment to Arrive		
	b. Approve June 2026 Council Minutes	**(Tab 25)**	
	c. Reminder – TRIM Hearings/Sept. Mtg.	**(Tab 26)**	
	d. Recognize/Honor Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)		
	e. Tribute to Silvia Quintana, CEO, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC), Upon her Retirement		
IV.	**President's Report**		Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, *President/CEO*
	a. Good of the Order		
	b. Legislative Update	**(Tab 27)**	
V.	**Executive Committee Report**	**(Tab 28)**	
	FYI - Budget/Millage Rate Update	**(Tab 29)**	
VI.	**Program Planning Committee Report**	**(Tab 30)**	
	a. Ratify the Program Planning Committee Vote to Approve the 2026 Promise Neighborhood (PN) Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Atlantic University, Pending Final Legal Approval	**(Tab 31)**	
	b. Approve Expansion of School Health Services to Seven Additional High-Need Schools	**(Tab Q)**	
VII.	**Chief Program Officer Report**		Maria Juarez, *CPO*
	Approve FY 26-27 Deferred Contract Renewals	**(Tab R)**	

VIII.	**Chief Innovation Officer Report**		
	FY 26-27 ABCD ASO RFP i. Approve Raters ii. Approve Compensation for ABCD Community Connectors who Serve as Raters	**(Tab S)**	
IX.	**Public Affairs & Organizational Development Report**		David H. Kenton, *COO*
	a. Approve Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations Awards and Funding for SBDC Coaching, Consulting, Technical Assistance, and Strategic Thinking Training	**(Tab T)**	
	b. 2027 Impact Summit i. Approve the Charles F. Dodge City Center as the New Venue for the 2027 Impact Summit Now to be Held on January 29, 2027 ii. Approve CSC Contracting with SMG for Rental of the Dodge Center iii. Approve Amending the Agency Ally Consulting Agreement to Reflect a Budget Reduction Resulting from Removing Venue Costs from the Scope of Work	**(Tab U)**	
X.	**Chief Operating Officer Report**		David H. Kenton, *COO*
	a. Approve Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements	**(Tab V)**	
	b. Accept the Managed Fund Monthly Statements	**(Tab W)**	
	c. Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases	**(Tab X)**	
XI.	**Broward Reads Coalition Report**	**(Tab Y)**	Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, *President/CEO*
XII.	**Public Comment**		Jeffrey S. Wood, *Chair*
XIII.	**Council Members' Roundtable**		
	Communications Update		Ken King, *Director* Cynthia Reynoso, *Assistant Director*

XIV.	**For Your Information**	**(Tab Z)**

a. Community Impact
b. Attendance Report

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Tab 25

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

June 18, 2026
9:30 A.M.
Minutes

Council Members in Physical Attendance:
Judge Lauren M. Alperstein, Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, School Superintendent Howard Hepburn, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood *(Chair)*

Council Members in Virtual Attendance:
Governor Appointee Julia Musella

Council Members Absent:
School Board Member Debra Hixon, DCF Child Protection Director Robert Shea, Health Department Director Paula Thaqi

Counsel Present:
Garry Johnson, Esq.

Staff in Attendance:
Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Maria Juarez, Sue Gallagher, Marlando Christie, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Kathleen Campbell, Alicia Williams, Carl Dasse, Amy Jacques, Angie Buchter, Tracy Graham, Nelson Giraldo, Johnsingh Jeyasingh, Akil Edwards, Jimmy Jean, Felina Rosales-Furer, Michelle Hagues-Fullwood, Pooja Yajnik, Shira Fowlkes, Leslie Saca, TaiQuay Bogle, Julie Toscano, Shaquoia Wilson, Kyle Jones, Shawanda Spencer, Deidre-Ann Burrell, Julie-Ann Waweru, Madeline Jones, Erin Byrne, S. Lorenzo Benaine, Horace Summers, Marissa Aquino, Gabi Tabib, Carlos Campos, Diego Alvarez, Jessica Rincon, Lynn Kalmes, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Radoika Pilarte, Valencia McConnico-Bell, Kandyss Torrence, Gaby Carbonell, Jonathan Corado, Yolanda Meadows, Florence Ukpai, Maxine Goldson, Travis Johnson, Priscilla Cole, Nicolette Picardi, Shae Williams, Rhonda Morrison, Cecil Arbiza-Rivera, Natalie Gomes, Brooke Sherman, Arturo Parham, Cristina Castellanos, Jheanelle Henry, Melissa Soza, Andria Dewson, Amber Gross, Latora Steel, Astrid Cantos, Jill Denis-Lay, Liza Khan, Silke Angulo, Zoe Lewis, Jennifer Fletcher, Nancy Adjohan, Mina Razavi, Ivy Pierre, Camila Mathieson, Maryanne Rodriguez, Jocelin Eubanks, Betty Dominguez, Diane Choi, Clarice Horton, Jennifer Wennberg, Trisha H., Alexia Bridges, Maxine Goldson

Guests in Attendance:
See Attachment 1

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey S. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

III. Chair's Report

Due to a tenuous quorum, the Council considered action items first, followed by non-action items. Ms. Foganholi and Dr. Hepburn departed the meeting after all votes were taken.

a) Moment to Arrive

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

b) May 2026 Council Minutes

c) Cancelation of July 2026 Council Meeting

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the action items under the Chair's Report, which included the Council meeting/Budget Retreat minutes from May 21, 2026, and the cancellation of the July 2026 monthly Council meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. President's Report

a) Good of the Order

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer informed the Council of a partnership with Broward Health to establish an endowment in support of Eagles' Haven, extending its life without CSC bearing sole responsibility.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer announced that CSC Broward was named a *Sun-Sentinel* Top Workplace for the fourth consecutive year.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer shared that CSC Broward had received the Community Partner Award from The Advocacy Network on Disabilities at their Breakfast for Champions event.

Ire Diaz, CEO of Advocacy Network on Disabilities, thanked the Council for its continued support of children with disabilities and for ensuring that all children are included in programming.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer praised The Advocacy Network for being an amazing partner in serving children with special needs and noted that Ms. Diaz will retire at the end of September. The Council gave Ms. Diaz a round of applause.

CSC was also recently honored with the Community Collaborator of the Year Award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted recent educational awareness and community outreach efforts, including interviews with local Channel 10 - WPLG, Our City Magazine, En USA, and Cox Media Group, during which she spoke with two of their radio hosts across four stations. She also gave informational presentations to members of the Florida Philanthropic Network, the South Florida Wellness Network, and the Florida Voices for Health's Policy Workgroup, and hosted a press conference at the CSC office for LifeNet4Families and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement to draw attention to and distribute child identification kits to parents. She shared that Michelle Hagues, CSC's Assistant Director of Program Services, also spoke about CSC services and resources at the New Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church's Career Expo Day.

Staff participated in the United Way's 11th Annual Behavioral Health Conference. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that this two-day conference served as a platform for behavioral and mental health professionals to learn, network, and discuss issues related to behavioral health practices, policies, and research. The theme this year was the power of prevention, with Ms. Arenberg Seltzer serving on two panels, sharing how CSC supports the community by funding prevention services.

CSC was a sponsor of the successful "A Day in K" event at the Museum of Discovery & Science. The event welcomed a total of 3,772 guests, including 890 future Kindergarteners, who had the opportunity to explore the Museum and gather invaluable resources from community partners, including CSC.

b) Financial Disclosure Process/Deadline

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reminded Members of the July 1 deadline to submit the required financial disclosure forms. She pointed out that there was a grace period until September 1, after which substantial daily fines would be imposed.

c) Legislative Update

Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff, a Shareholder at Becker, and Mr. Nicholas Hessing, a Senior Government Relations Consultant at Becker, updated Members on legislative matters and the special sessions, noting the passage of a $114.5 billion State Budget that still needs to be signed by the Governor.

Mr. Hessing highlighted CSC-funded provider appropriations in the budget, including the Crockett Foundation ($500,000), FLIPANY ($150,000), Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) ($500,000), and JAFCO/Eagles' Haven ($595,000). He also noted other appropriations of interest to CSC, such as the Broward Juvenile Detention Center renovations ($20 million), the youth psychiatric ambulance pilot ($300,000), and the Early Learning Coalition (just under $96 million).

He touched on SB 428, which adjusts the age range for a new state swim voucher program from 0-4 to 1-7 to cover the age group at highest risk of drowning. Income eligibility for State vouchers is below 200% of the Federal poverty level. This state program also includes an educational component requiring that drowning prevention materials developed by the Department of Health be placed in early learning centers, birthing centers, and hospitals.

He also highlighted SB 1690, which has been signed by the Governor and prevents homeowners from being denied insurance or having their policies not renewed solely because their home is used as a licensed early care center. It also establishes the Florida Endowment for Early Learning, which allows private or public entities to appropriate funds for a specific purpose, and an educational clearinghouse.

d) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to Apply for a New Promise Neighborhood (PN) Grant

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer drew Members' attention to the Agenda Addendum sent yesterday that includes a new PN Grant MOU with FAU. She explained that CSC was informed yesterday that FAU plans to apply for another round of the PN Grant, and they would like CSC to partner with them again. The deadline to submit a letter of intent is June 22, and the deadline to submit the related MOU outlining CSC's commitments is August 6. She noted that the current Grant expires on December 31, 2026, and that time is needed to think through the new application and determine the best use of the Grant funds. Since the Council does not meet until August 20, she requested that the Council delegate sign-off on the MOU to the Program Planning Committee (PPC), subject to legal review. The PPC is scheduled to meet early August before the application deadline.

ACTION: Judge Alperstein made a motion to delegate to the PPC to sign off on a PN MOU with FAU for the 2026 PN Grant application, as presented and subject to legal review and full Council ratification. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

V. Joint Finance/PPC Meeting Report

a) Budget Retreat Follow-Up

b) FY 26-27 Proposed Budget & Millage Rate

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer briefly highlighted legislation that would impact CSC's budget and millage rate. HJR 1F, a proposed constitutional amendment related to Florida property taxes, would increase the homestead exemption for non-school levies to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028, with future inflation adjustments. It would also reduce the annual assessment cap for non-homestead property from 10% to 5%. If placed on the ballot and approved by 60% of the voters, it would take effect January 1, 2027, and would reduce CSC's revenues by roughly $15 million in 2027 and $25 million in 2028.

SB 4-F would change the maximum millage levy calculation by tying it directly to the rollback rate and introducing tiered approval thresholds. It sets thresholds for voting requirements on millage rates that exceed the rollback rate. If the millage rate is at or near the rollback rate, standard approval is sufficient. However, setting a millage rate above the rollback rate triggers enhanced voting thresholds, and going significantly above the rollback rate (greater than 110%) requires a supermajority or a unanimous vote. Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that anything above the rollback rate, which is the millage rate that generates the same amount of revenue as the year before, is considered a tax increase.

HB 7031E, the tax bill that is pending the Governor's approval, includes a provision that explicitly exempts CSCs from paying the CRA TIF. If signed by the Governor, CSC Broward would save $3.45 million.

Taking all of that into account, Ms. Arenberg Seltzer proposed using the savings from the CRA TIF exemption, if the legislation is signed into law, to reduce the millage rate. She pointed out that because the savings were not enough to reach the rollback rate, it would still be advertised as a tax increase, although it would appear on the property tax forms sent to taxpayers as a reduction. As such, she proposed a revised motion: Approve the tentative millage rate of 0.4500 and authorize staff to reduce the budget and millage rate based on the Property Appraiser's final report and enactment of HB 7031 E, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee Chair, and submit the necessary forms to the appropriate officials.

Senator Rich stated that she was opposed to reducing the millage rate, as she felt that while CSC Broward has been a responsible and solid steward of taxpayers' funds, it also has an obligation to be responsive to community needs. Given the uncertainties surrounding the property tax ballot initiative, she was not in favor of reducing the millage rate, which could put CSC in a position where it couldn't meet increased community needs.

Chair Wood agreed with Ms. Arenberg's strategy, believing it set the right tone and that there were resources to cover it.

ACTION: Ms. Foganholi made a motion to approve the Draft FY 26-27 Budget, as presented. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the tentative Millage Rate of 0.4500 and authorize staff to reduce the budget and millage rate based on the Property Appraiser's final report and enactment of HB 7031 E (CRA exemption), in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee Chair, and submit the necessary forms to the appropriate officials, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with an opposing vote from Senator Rich and an abstention from Judge Alperstein, who is prohibited from voting on the millage rate, per statute.

c) Reading & Math Leverage Funding Request for FY 26-27

d) Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc., Leverage Funding Request for FY 26-27

e) Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) Trauma Finding Request

ACTION: Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Reading & Math, Inc., leverage funding for FY 26-27; the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., leverage funding request for FY 26-27; and the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition's Funding request for FY 25-26, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with no opposing votes.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer informed the Council that staff have been flooded with additional leverage requests, which are currently being vetted. She expressed concern about having to consider so many unsolicited funding requests in the current climate of uncertainty.

Members agreed that there was too much uncertainty now and that it would be best to wait until late fall, when things would become clearer. While agreeing with that, Senator Rich also suggested prioritizing current providers and vital services when vetting requests.

VI. Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Report

a) Promise Neighborhood Survey Results

Dr. Gallagher highlighted the results of the first FAU PN survey, as presented in the information packet. She explained that, despite its relatively small sample size, it produced some interesting results that are being integrated into the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) civic design teams' governing work.

b) Community Foundation Broward's ABCD Report

Dr. Gallagher highlighted the final report, as presented in the information packet, on the pass-through funding that CSC received from the Community Foundation of Broward to provide ABCD facilitation and coaching. She explained that the ABCD Pompano Blanche Ely/Sanders Park Civic Design Team successfully onboarded five Community Connectors, conducted a listening campaign with their neighbors, completed asset mapping, and procured twelve community projects. She noted that the asset mapping contributed to youth-focused initiatives.

VII. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

a) Fiscal Sponsor Fees to Various Agencies for FY 26-27

b) Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements

c) Managed Fund Monthly Statements

d) CSC Purchases

ACTION: Ms. Foganholi made a motion to approve fiscal sponsor fees to various agencies for FY 26-27; approve the Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending May 31, 2026; accept the monthly statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for May 31, 2026; and approve the CSC monthly/annual Purchases, all as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and passed with no opposing votes.

VIII. Broward Reads Coalition Meeting Report

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the recent Broward Reads Coalition meeting and referred to Members the minutes in the information packet.

IX. Funders Forum Meeting Report

Ms. Juarez highlighted the recent Funders Forum meeting and referred Members to the minutes in the information packet. She summarized collaboration amongst CSC, the United Way, Broward County, and The Jim Moran Foundation to develop uniform performance measures for 2-1-1. She also noted that the new CEO of 2-1-1 will attend the August Funders Forum meeting.

X. Public Comment

XI. Council Members' Roundtable

CSC staff presented on the upcoming ABCD Request for Proposals (RFP).

Dr. Maya Berryhill-Porter, Assistant Director of Community Building, highlighted the ABCD principles and practices of trust building, partnership, community engagement, and leadership. She explained that ABCD includes resident-led listening campaigns, asset mapping, community grant making, cross-site learning, and resident leadership development.

Shira Fowlkes, Sr. Planning Manager, highlighted CSC's ABCD place-based locations, using the Childhood Opportunity Index (COI). She shared that the current neighborhoods with ABCD civic design teams have very low childhood opportunity index scores. She explained that the COI evaluates neighborhoods to determine if children have a fair chance to thrive, regardless of their background or where they live. Lower scores indicate the lowest opportunity and the highest need.

Dr. Berryhill-Porter noted that Promise Neighborhood funding tripled the number of grants and projects, exponentially expanding the reach and impact of ABCD. She highlighted a grant project, noting that all projects require clear funding guidelines, deliverables, and timely payments to be provided by the ABCD Administrative Support Organization.

Maryanne Rodriguez, Community Building Manager, pointed out that the longer-term relationship sustained by ABCD among community members, service providers, and CSC staff generates information, insights, and co-designed solutions to close gaps in social services and enhance community-led change. They highlighted the ABCD roadmap for a quality continuum of care, which features access, knowledge, trust, utilization, and outcomes.

Dr. Berryhill-Porter highlighted the ABCD Administrative Support Organization RFP, noting that it will utilize ABCD principles and practices to partner with Community Connectors and support the required administrative and funding processes. She noted that the procured organization will provide four service components: build participatory relationships, fund processes for stipends and grants, coordinate the Civic Design Team (CDT), and collect data for performance measurement.

Ms. Fowlkes shared that the desired organization to be procured must have the capacity to provide consistent, collaborative, high-quality support that results in efficient, standardized, and accountable fiscal and administrative processes. In addition, the organization will need to demonstrate knowledge of ABCD principles sufficient to conduct the administrative functions and relationship-building required for ABCD implementation.

Maryanne highlighted the requirements of the procured organization centered around the four service components. The procured organization will be required to build participatory relationships with the Connectors and Project Champions in line with ABCD principles. They noted that the organization will establish and implement systems to recruit, select, and onboard community connectors and will execute consulting agreements with the Connectors. Additionally, the procured organization will provide a billing system for paying Community Connector stipends and monitor its effectiveness. Also, the procured organization will develop and implement a participatory community grantmaking process responsive to community feedback.

For funding processes, the procured organization, with sufficient cash flow, is required to pay monthly stipends for Community Connectors and CDT Coaches, who are Senior Connectors. They pointed out that payments must be accurate and timely. Also, the procured organization will establish and implement effective processes for advertising, applying, rating, selecting, and implementing community grants, as well as completing and submitting CSC-designated deliverables to receive funding from CSC.

For the CDT coordination service component, the procured organization will provide administrative support for ABCD meetings, establish and maintain communications processes within and among teams, and align CDT branding and coordinate with CSC branding efforts.

Dr. Berry-Hill Porter briefly highlighted the FY 24-25 performance measures, noting that 77% of Community Connectors attended monthly CDT meetings, 90% of CDT Members were satisfied with the ABCD process, and 95% of funds were awarded for min-grant funds/participatory budgeting in Lauderhill and Fort Lauderdale. She shared that attendance, satisfaction, and grant utilization will continue to be measured in the new procurement, along with additional measures, such as completed action steps from the governance process and co-designed social services solutions that improve the community with CSC and the provider agencies.

The ABCD Administrative Support Organization RFP will provide support to six CDTs. The funding for nine months is $358,500, while the funding for 12 months is

$468,000. The RFP will be released on August 13, 2026, and will close on September 16, 2026. The contract's start date will be January 1, 2027.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

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Nan Rich, Secretary

MEETING ATTENDEES (* Denotes Speaker)

Name	Organization
Yolanda Nails	ABCD/Lauderhill Civic Design Team
Donna Lavalle	Christina G. Smith Community Health Foundation, Inc.
Daniel Foganholi	Department of Education
Andy Fernandez	Firewall Centers
Carolyn Brown James	Florida Atlantic University
Wanda Eugene	KidzHack
Chanelle Pough	Reading & Math, Inc.
Deontré Clayton	Reading & Math, Inc.
Ire Diaz*	Advocacy Network on Disabilities
Harrison Grandwilliams	Broward County Commission
Traci Schweitzer	Department of Children & Families
Nicholas Hessing*	Becker
Tim Dwyer	Hispanic Unity of Florida
Lindsay Dolce	Ampact/Florida Early Learning Corps
Ellyn Bogdanoff*	Becker
Grace Ramos	The M Network
Thom Mozloom	The M Network
Tresa Palmer	Goodwill Industries

Tab 26

Children's Services Council of Broward County
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For Council Meeting August 20, 2026

Issue: Mandatory Truth In Millage (TRIM) Hearing Schedule

Action: Confirm Attendance at TRIM Hearings on September 3rd and 17th

Budget Impact: None

Background: As required by Statute, CSC must hold two TRIM Hearings within set processes and parameters. These hearings must be accessible to the public Monday-Friday, after 5:00 pm, and allow for public comment before the Council votes on the final budget and millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year. They also must not conflict with the Broward County Commission or Broward County Public Schools TRIM Hearing dates. A physical quorum must be established for these Hearings and votes to take place. While the Judge is prohibited from voting on the millage rate, per statute, she does contribute to the establishment of a quorum and is permitted to vote on the budget.

Current Status: CSC's two 2026 TRIM Hearings are scheduled for Thursday, September 3, at 5:01 P.M., and Thursday, September 17, at 5:01 P.M., preceded by the monthly meeting at 3:30 P.M. on September 17. The 3:30 P.M. start time for the regular business meeting on September 17 will accommodate a 45-minute Roundtable featuring a report from the Impact Study consultants at the beginning, followed by a 30-minute business meeting with a consent agenda.

A minimum of six Council Members must be physically present to constitute a quorum; therefore, please ensure that these meetings are on your calendar and that you can attend in person at the CSC Office. These Hearings have already been noticed to the public through the required channels and cannot easily be rescheduled in a timely manner that would allow for CSC to collect taxes.

Recommended Action: Confirm Attendance at TRIM Hearings on September 3rd and 17th

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Overview

Florida has entered the post-session phase of the legislative calendar, with most 2026 legislation now in effect. The state budget has been finalized following the Governor's vetoes, and campaigns are now underway ahead of the November General Election. This update provides an overview of key appropriations affecting CSC-funded providers, significant legislation enacted during the 2026 Session, recent legal and fiscal developments surrounding Amendment 3, and Becker's ongoing efforts to support CSC's engagement with municipalities across Broward County as discussions regarding local government funding continue.

Session Summary

CSC- Funded Provider Appropriations

~~Crockett Foundation Innovation Center .... $500,000~~

~~FLIPANY- Expanding the Healthy Youth Practices Everywhere Program .... $150,000~~

~~HUF- PATH Florida: Prosperity Access Through High-demand Careers .... $500,000~~

JAFCO - Children's Ability Center $995,000

JAFCO - Eagles' Haven Wellness Center $595,000

~~The Arc of South Florida Inc. - Culinary Vocational Training Program.......... $956,194~~

Sunrise South Florida Programs: Serving Children and Adults with Cancer.......... $200,000

Other Items of Interest

Broward – Juvenile Detention Center $20,000,000

~~Broward County - Behavioral Health Services .... $350,000~~

~~Broward County - Youth Psychiatric Emergency Ambulance Pilot .... $300,000~~

Early Learning Coalition of Broward.......... $95,939,351

Passed Legislation

Child Care and Early Learning Services (SB 1690/HB 765) – Passed

Drowning Prevention (SB 428/HB 85) – Passed

Children's Initiatives (SB 1022/HB 933) – Passed

Amendment 3 Update

On July 29, Leon County Judge David Frank heard arguments from three consolidated lawsuits brought by the nonprofit *Save Our Voters From Misleading Ballot Language* arguing that the wording of the ballot language was misleading and politically biased. **The court ruled that the Amendment 3 ballot title and summary is "clearly and conclusively defective" as written.**

This order does not disqualify Amendment 3 from the November ballot but instead enjoins Secretary of State Cord Byrd from placing the current language on the General Election ballot and gives Attorney General James Uthmeier 10 days to draft a replacement that impartially describes the amendment rather than campaigns for it. The rewritten language will then go to the Department of State to be disseminated to County Supervisors of Elections. Judge Frank retains jurisdiction to hear challenges filed within 10 days after the Attorney General releases the revised ballot language. Vote by mail ballots for the General Election must be printed by late August, setting a tight timeline if additional review is required.

<u>Fiscal Impact of Amendment 3</u>

Concurrently, the State's Revenue Estimating Conference determined the recurring revenue loss of Amendment 3 at approximately $12 billion per year, surpassing the earlier $8.4 billion estimate by House Committee staff when the HJR passed. That estimate includes both the $250,000 homestead exemption and the reduction of the non-homestead cap from 10% to 5% but does not contemplate the cost of the full elimination. Additionally, the Florida Association of Counties estimated a loss of $260,256,212 during FY 2027/28 and $478,520,532 for FY 2028/29 to Broward County's budget.

<u>Implications of a Rewrite</u>

This required rewrite is significant because independent polling has found that Amendment 3's ability to reach 60% approval hinges on whether voters see favorable or neutral wording. A University of North Florida Public Opinion Research Lab poll of 848 likely midterm voters conducted July 8–17, 2026 (margin of error ±3.8 points), illustrates this. When the amendment was described in neutral terms, that it would phase out non-school homestead taxes and require local governments to use property taxes only for core services, 61% supported it (40% strongly, 21%

somewhat) and 32% opposed, just clearing the required 60% threshold. But when respondents were told the change would deprive local governments of nearly $12 billion in revenue, support dropped to 45%. Though even when fully informed, 68% of Republicans and 72% of 2024 Trump voters still backed it, against just 18% of Democrats.

While the court's directive does not require the Attorney General to include the fiscal impact in the rewritten ballot language, nor do we anticipate the Attorney General to include the fiscal at his own volition, the above study indicates that coordinated messaging to voters about the fiscal and economic impact and more neutral language could be the difference whether Amendment 3 passes come November.

Local Initiatives and Municipal Engagement

Becker has also been supporting CSC's local government engagement efforts with municipalities across Broward County. To enhance transparency and strengthen relationships with municipal elected officials, staff, and residents, CSC has developed municipality-specific data highlighting the providers, services, and investments that directly benefit each community.

In light of the impending Amendment 3 and public discourse around government's use of tax dollars, it is especially important to provide local officials and residents with a clear understanding of the services funded through CSC, the impact those investments have on children and families, and the return on investment they generate for the community.

To date, CSC has delivered presentations to the cities of Sunrise, Pembroke Pines, and Parkland. Additional presentations are scheduled in Hollywood, Miramar, Pompano Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Lauderhill as part of CSC's ongoing outreach and stakeholder engagement efforts.

Additionally, on July 27, Becker supported CSC in hosting *Candidate Connection* in partnership with United Way, the Jewish Federation, and the Nonprofit Executive Alliance. This nonpartisan forum provided nonprofit leaders with an opportunity to engage with candidates, share community needs and challenges, and discuss candidates' priorities if elected. CSC hosted candidates in Broward County Commission, Broward School Board, and State House newcomer races. A second *Candidate Connection* forum is scheduled for October 7 ahead of the General Election.

Florida attorney general rewrites property tax amendment language after lawsuit

TALLAHASSEE — Under a judge's order, Florida's attorney general has rewritten the proposed property tax amendment that will appear on voters' ballots in November.

Earlier this month, Tallahassee Judge David Frank ruled that the ballot language for the property tax proposal passed by the Legislature was misleading and that parts were "more akin to a political slogan."

Frank ordered Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier to rewrite several parts of the amendment, including the title, "Save Our Homes From Excessive Property Taxes."

Uthmeier's office shared the revised language with the Times/Herald on Thursday. The new title for the amendment is "Increased Homestead Exemption; Lower Cap on Increases in Non-Homesteaded Property Assessments."

If approved by at least 60% of Florida voters, the property tax amendment would raise the homestead exemption to $150,000 for most Florida property owners in 2027 and up to $250,000 in 2028. The exemption would also increase with inflation.

Plaintiffs filed a lawsuit in June asking for the amendment's summary on the ballot to be rewritten.

State law and courts' previous rulings have required constitutional amendments to use neutral, clear language. The group and former lawmakers challenging the amendment's wording did not ask for the judge to strike the proposal from the ballot.

The rewritten amendment is drier than the prior amendment, which had included summary subheadings that said things like “protecting small businesses” and “ensuring fairness for Florida residents.”

The new amendment largely uses language suggested by Judge Frank in his order.

That includes a section summarizing the plan to have new Florida residents, who move after 2026, wait five years before benefiting from the higher homestead exemption. One of the plaintiffs, former St. Petersburg Sen. Jeff Brandes, has said that plan could be unconstitutional.

Uthmeier’s rewrite, mirroring Frank’s proposal, would say people who are not Florida residents by Dec. 31, 2025, will get the higher homestead exemption on their fifth year “to the extent permitted by the U.S. Constitution.”

Uthmeier’s office also removed the language telling voters that the amendment would lead to the “full elimination” of property taxes. Frank said the actual text of the amendment did not guarantee that.

Instead, the amendment now says the plan would require the Legislature to create a procedure for local governments to “increase the homestead exemption up to full assessed value” and to allow special districts, under referendum, to do the same.

Gov. Ron DeSantis’ office authored the initial property tax proposal, but lawmakers amended the language to protect school property taxes. DeSantis has since said he will not campaign for the amendment, but said he will vote for it.

If the plaintiffs who sued to change the ballot language have any objection to Uthmeier’s rewrite, they must file a challenge within 10 days.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
Executive Committee + Finance Chair Meeting
Via Zoom
July 9, 2026
9:00 A.M.
Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich (Secretary), Paula Thaqi (Finance Committee Chair), Christine Thompson (Vice Chair), Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood (Chair)

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (President/CEO), David Kenton, Sue Gallagher, Alicia Williams, Kathleen Campbell, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Kimberly Goulbourne, Carl Dasse, Amy Jacques

Guests in Attendance:
None

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey S. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Jacques called the roll. All Executive Committee members and the Finance Committee Chair were virtually present.

III. Minutes

Members reviewed the Executive Committee meeting minutes from February 2026 and did not have any changes.

IV. Governor's Actions Related to the State Budget and Tax Packages

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer reminded Members that the Council had approved a draft budget and tentative flat millage rate at its June meeting, directing staff to make any necessary adjustments, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee Chair, after the Property Appraiser's final property value report on July 1 and the final enactment of HB 7031E, which exempts Children's Services Councils (CSCs) from Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) payments.

She reported that the Property Appraiser's office released the final property value data, which reflects a countywide net increase of 4.97%. She explained that it was slightly higher than the estimates available at the time the draft budget was approved in June, resulting in approximately $448,000 in additional revenue. She further reported that HB 7031E was signed into law on June 29, 2026, exempting CSCs from CRA TIF payments and providing approximately $3.35 million in savings.

V. Millage Rate and Budget for FY 26-27

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer led Members through various budget and millage rate scenarios of a flat rate (0.4500), a rollback rate (0.4287), and a reduced rate (0.4395). She pointed out that a rollback rate would require $28 million of Fund Balance. She also explained that a reduced millage would retain $26,4200 in Fund Balance and keep $5,467,871 in Unallocated. Under a flat millage rate, a taxpayer with a $450,000 home assessed value would contribute $180 to the CSC, while the annual savings for a reduced millage rate would be $4 ($176 contribution), and $9 ($171 contribution) under the rollback rate.

Committee member discussion ensued, with Members pointing out that a reduced or rollback millage rate doesn't make sense given the many unmet needs in the community and the minimal savings ($4-$9) to taxpayers.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer stated that staff will file paperwork reflecting a flat millage rate of 0.4500. She noted that the additional funds from the exemption of CRA TIF payments and the increase in property values would allow the Council to reduce its reliance on fund balance, starting the year with $8 million in Unallocated for any arising community needs throughout the Fiscal Year.

VI. Members & Public Comments

There were no additional comments from Members or the public.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer let Members know that staff is continuing to negotiate with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) on the new Promise Neighborhood (NP) Grant and will have a draft MOU ready for the Program Planning Committee meeting on August 3. She informed them that an expansion of the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) work into four new neighborhoods is being pursued, along with more early childhood and school-to-work programming.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Tab 29

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

For Council Meeting August 20, 2026

As Discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting and the Finance Committee Chair
July 9, 2026

Issue:	FY 26/27 Draft Budget and Tentative Millage Rate Update.
Action:	FYI – Update on the FY 26/27 Millage Rate and Budget.
Budget Impact:	Approximately $395,000 net added to Unallocated for FY 26/27, after accounting for final property value changes, CRA-related revisions, and other minor adjustments.

Background: At the June 19 Council meeting, staff presented the proposed FY 26/27 budget for Council review. At that time, two key items remained pending: final property value data from the Property Appraiser's Office and final approval of HB 7031E. Both items had the potential to affect available revenue and the overall budget. HB 7031E includes a provision exempting CSCs from tax increment financing (TIF) payments to Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), which was expected to result in approximately $3.35 million in savings: $1.4 million characterized as Programmatic and $1.95 million characterized as Non-Operating.

Given those pending items, Council approved the draft budget and authorized staff, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee Chair, to reduce the budget and tentative millage rate once final property values were received and HB 7031E was signed into law. Council also authorized staff to submit the required forms to the appropriate officials.

Current Status: The two pending items have since advanced; however, final guidance is still pending regarding the current-year treatment of CRA payments. On June 27, 2026, the Property Appraiser's Office released the final property value data, reflecting a countywide net increase of 4.97%. The final values were slightly higher than the estimates available when the draft budget was presented, resulting in approximately $448,000 in additional revenue. HB 7031E was signed into law on June 29, 2026.

The Executive Committee and Finance Committee Chair met on July 9 to review the updated budget and millage rate scenarios. The meeting minutes are included in this packet. Based on that discussion, and because any reduction in the millage rate would provide only minimal taxpayer savings of approximately $4 to $9, staff submitted the required paperwork reflecting a flat millage rate of 0.4500. This would be the fifth consecutive year that the millage rate has not been raised.

On July 13, the Department of Revenue issued a bulletin clarifying that HB 7031E is effective July 1, 2026, and first applies to the 2027 tax roll. As a result, CSC may still be required to make CRA payments for the current year, pending final guidance from legal counsel. Accordingly, the budget has been revised to include the CRA payments. If those funds are ultimately not needed for that purpose, they will be moved to unallocated funds to support Council priorities and other community needs that may arise during the fiscal year.

After accounting for the CRA-related revisions and other minor adjustments, Programmatic Unallocated is projected to begin FY 26/27 at $5.5 million.

The millage rate submitted in July is the rate printed on the TRIM notices. The final millage rate will be set during the two September TRIM hearings. Council may lower the millage rate at those hearings; however, increasing the rate after TRIM notices are issued is difficult and costly.

Recommended Action: FYI – Update on the FY 26/27 Millage Rate and Budget.

Tab 30

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
Program Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting

Location: CSC Board Room, with Zoom Access
6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319

August 3, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance:
Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Governor Appointee Jeffrey S. Wood

Committee/Council Members Virtual:
Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, Paula Thaqi, Governor Appointee Christine Thompson *(PPC Chair)*

Committee Members Absent:
Judge Lauren M. Alperstein

Staff in Attendance:
Cindy Arenberg Seltzer *(President/CEO)*, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Sue Gallagher, Marissa Greif-Hackett, Carl Dasse, Alicia Williams, Dion Smith, Lisa Bayne, Liza Khan, Maya Berryhill-Porter, Julie-Ann Waweru, Camila Mathieson, Amy Jacques, Ashley Cole, Gaby Carbonell, Akil Edwards, Nelson Giraldo

Guests in Attendance:
Renee Podolsky *(Florida Department of Health in Broward County)*, Andrea Ciotti *(Broward County Public Schools)*

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

PPC Chair Christine Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established with the physical presence of PPC Members Julia Musella and Jeffrey S. Wood.

III. June 2026 Joint Finance/PPC Minutes

ACTION: Ms. Musella made a motion to approve the CSC Joint PPC/Finance meeting minutes from June 8, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. Promise Neighborhood (PN) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Florida Atlantic University (FAU)

Mr. Arenberg Seltzer highlighted the details of the MOU, as presented in the meeting information packet, and answered Council Members' questions.

ACTION: Ms. Musella made a motion to approve the 2026 PN MOU with FAU, as presented and pending final legal approval. The motion was seconded by Senator Rich and passed with no opposing votes.

V. School Health Services Expansion

Ms. Juarez briefly updated Members on the proposal to expand the community-collaborative school health services, noting that it was originally added to the Members' budget wish list at the Budget Retreat and brought to the Joint PPC/Finance Committee in June for consideration. At that time, the Joint Committee recommended expanding school health services to at least seven additional high-need schools, up to 14. Staff were then asked to explore how the charter schools could be included in expansion efforts. She explained the Broward County Public Schools use a high-need ranking methodology to guide nurse placement to ensure resources are directed to schools with the greatest demonstrated need, and there currently isn't data from the charter schools to run through the formula/criteria to see if any would fall in the top seven or top 14 high-need schools.

Staff recommended expanding services to the top seven high-need schools that currently don't have a nurse on site. Ms. Juarez noted that the list of high-need schools is fluid and will continue to change until the Council approves the funding.

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to recommend to the Full Council the expansion of School Health Services to seven additional high-need schools. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Public & Members' Comments

There were no additional comments.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M., with a motion from Senator Rich and a second from Ms. Musella.

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

For Council Meeting

As Approved at Program Planning Committee Meeting
August 3, 2026

August 20, 2026

Service Goal: Multiple Service Goals

Issue: A new federal Promise Neighborhood Grant NOFA has been issued. Florida Atlantic University would like to continue the USDOE Promise Neighborhood Grant partnership with CSC in a new 2026 Promise Neighborhood Grant Application.

Action: Ratify the Program Planning Committee vote to approve 2026 the Promise Neighborhood (PN) Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Atlantic University, pending final legal approval.

Budget Impact: Potentially:
$ 2,126,159 New Revenue and Related Expenditures for CY 27
$ 2,143,180 New Revenue and Related Expenditures for CY 28
$ 2,201,948 New Revenue and Related Expenditures for CY 29
$ 2,262,536 New Revenue and Related Expenditures for CY 30
$ 2,324,938 New Revenue and Related Expenditures for CY 31
$11,058,761 Total Grant

Background: CSC Broward successfully partnered with Broward College for the 2021 US Department of Education Promise Neighborhood Grant by expanding three middle school Youth Force programs and providing a $500,000 match. In May 2024, Broward College began to transition the oversight of the grant to Florida Atlantic University, with CSC as a subrecipient to implement Asset Based Community Development and provide twelve contracted pipeline services. In September 2024, the Council approved the acceptance of the PN Grant revenue and related expenditures of $354,750 for calendar year 2024 and $3.39 million a year for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026. CSC has successfully implemented the 2021 Promise Neighborhood grant and provided nearly $30 million in match funding for the grant.

Current Status: Florida Atlantic University has requested CSC partner again for the 2026 US DOE Promise Neighborhood Grant to serve eight Broward zip codes (33009, 33020, 33021, 33312, 33314, 33315, 33060, and 33064), which includes four high schools and their feeder patterns (Blanche Ely, Stranahan, Hollywood Hills, and Hallandale), along with Nova High School.

For this grant opportunity, CSC has designed a robust, integrated career pathways partnership with Career Source Broward, Broward Education Foundation/Bridge 2 Life, HANDY, OIC of South Florida, and CSC LEAP High service providers to leverage the expertise and reach of each agency to demonstrate the power of overcoming program silos through greater connectivity and communication to achieve career-connected learning outcomes for youth.

CSC would also utilize the 2026 PN Grant opportunity to enhance the family navigation/case management infrastructure for children and families in Broward County. Multiple Broward organizations fund or provide family navigation/case management services and experience challenges providing consistent high-quality services and outcomes due to staff turnover, inadequate training, and limited communication and feedback loops amongst partners to improve connections, quality, and outcomes. CSC's Theory of Change for this grant includes resources and strategies to enhance the system-wide navigation/case management infrastructure, including a deeper partnership with FAU's College of Social Work, regular navigation meetings and trainings, and developing more robust closed-loop referral technology.

For the Early Learning Pipeline, CSC will leverage the PN Grant opportunity to fund the evidence-informed Reach Out and Read parenting education program in pediatrician offices. FLIPANY will provide essential nutrition education and access to healthy and nutritious food in the eight zip codes, and the Reading and Math, Inc. Early Learning Core will expand its successful Pre-K tutoring in Headstart/VPK classrooms in the school feeder patterns.

Last but not least, Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) will be expanded to fund five ABCD Civic Design Teams to include three new teams in Hallandale, Hollywood Hills, Riverdale, and two existing teams in Hollywood District 6 and Blanche Ely. The existing Lauderhill, Fort Lauderdale, Collier City, West Park, and Lauderdale Lakes Civic Design Teams fall outside of the designated areas and are sustained by CSC funding approved by the Council in May 2026.

MOST, Youth FORCE, LEAP High, and STEP will be used as a match, providing up to $22,735,037.47 in services over the course of the five-year grant cycle of the US DOE Promise Neighborhood grant. It is possible that we may use some of the CSC HEAL, FS, and HYT case management services as well.

The total proposed 2026 Promise Neighborhood Grant CSC allocation is $11,058,761 over the five years, inclusive of CSC and subrecipient budgets. The first year of the indirect cost referenced below includes $25,000 per sub recipient plus 15% of CSC salaries and expenses. Future years are only eligible for 15% based on salaries and expenses.

The proposed 2026 Promise Neighborhood Grant will support stipends and salaries for the staff currently paid for through the grant. A yearly COLA increase for CSC Salaries & Fringe Benefits and Programmatic Costs (Subrecipients) is reflected in the budget chart below.

Description	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Salaries & Fringe	$676,871	$703,946	$732,104	$761,388	$791,844
Travel & Mileage	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500	$9,500
Materials & Supplies	$2,000	$2,265	$2,415	$2,565	$2,655
New Hardware & Software	$16,985	$8,185	$8,185	$8,185	$8,185
Indirect Costs (15%)	$135,803	$108,584	$112,830	$117,246	$121,828
Programmatic Costs – Sub Recipient	$1,285,000	$1,310,700	$1,336,914	$1,363,652	$1,390,926
Total	**$2,126,159**	**$2,143,180**	**$2,201,948**	**$2,262,536**	**$2,324,938**

The proposed subrecipient budgets below are presented on a calendar-year basis, as required by the PN Grant. However, because CSC operates on a fiscal year, the grant revenue and related expenditures will be recorded and reported in CSC's financial statements based on the applicable fiscal year-end. Staff will continue accounting for the PN grant using a Special Revenue Fund so that it can be reported exclusively.

Provider	Proposed Number to Be Served	Proposed 2027 Award	Proposed 2028 Award	Proposed 2029 Award	Proposed 2030 Award	Proposed 2031 Award
ABCD Administrative Support Organization	5 Civic Design Teams	$300,000	$306,000	$312,120	$318,362	$324,730
Broward Education Foundation Bridge 2 Life	400 youth	$220,000	$224,400	$228,888	$233,466	$238,135
Career Source Broward – includes internship stipends for the youth	25 youth SY 27-28 25 youth SY 29-31	$200,000	$204,000	$208,080	$212,242	$216,486
Reading and Math, Inc. Early Learning Core	6 classrooms 120 youth	$90,000	$91,800	$93,636	$95,509	$97,419
FLIPANY	1,000 youth 48 food distributions (Yrs 2-4)	$150,000	$153,000	$156,060	$159,181	$162,365
HANDY	30 youth	$150,000	$153,000	$156,060	$159,181	$162,365
OIC of South Florida	50 youth	$125,000	$127,500	$130,050	$132,651	$135,304
Reach Out & Read	9 Pediatric Offices 5k Wellness Checks 5k Books distributed	$50,000	$51,000	$52,020	$53,060	$54,122
Totals		**$1,285,000**	**$1,310,700**	**$1,336,914**	**$1,363,652**	**$1,390,926**

Recommended Action: Ratify the Program Planning Committee approval of the 2026 Promise Neighborhood (PN) Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Atlantic University, pending final legal approval.

PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Best Buddies International – Broward, Broward Education Foundation, & Children's Services Council of Broward County
hereinafter "Collaborative Organizations"

And

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is an educational and research institution and the lead applicant on a proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education related to the FY 2026 Grant Competition for the Promise Neighborhoods Program (the "Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Organizations has developed expertise in areas that support educational achievement, family engagement, health, workforce development, community services, research, education, and training, and has agreed to participate in the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, this Preliminary Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is a requirement of the grant application and required to be included as part of the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Organizations and FAU are referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties" in the MOU; and

WHEREAS, this MOU establishes a mechanism for the Parties to plan and implement collaborative activities in support of the Proposal and express their shared commitment to fulfilling the activities described in the Proposal if selected to receive the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

I. AUTHORITIES

The Parties represent that they are each authorized under the laws of the State of Florida to enter this MOU and that doing so is consistent with their respective missions and authorities.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this MOU are:

1. To support development and implementation of the Promise Neighborhood Proposal .
2. To coordinate educational, family, health, workforce, research, and community support activities.
3. To support data-informed decision making and continuous improvement.
4. To support the programmatic and financial commitment from each Collaborative Organizations.
5. To promote long-term sustainability of successful project activities.

III. ACTIVITIES

In furtherance of the above objectives, the Collaborative Organizations will adhere to the Promise Neighborhoods Collaborator Commitment incorporated as Attachment A. The commitments set forth in Attachment A are subject to: receipt of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education; modification, if and as required by the grant award; and the Parties entering into a subaward or contract, as applicable.

IV. NONDISCRIMINATION

In connection with the performance of this MOU, the Parties agree not to discriminate in violation of law on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, handicap, or national origin or other basis protected by law.

V. AMENDMENTS AND REVIEW

The terms of this MOU may be amended only by written mutual agreement, effective when signed by the Parties.

VI. TERM AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall remain in effect from the last date of execution below to the date which is the later of (i) the date on which the Parties enter a subaward or contract, as applicable, related to the Collaborator Commitment set forth on Attachment A or (ii) the date which is twenty four (24) months after the last date of execution below, unless mutually extended by the Parties.

Either party may terminate this Agreement prior to the designated term by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other.

VII. NOTICE

Official notices shall be sent to the designated representatives of the Parties.

Florida Atlantic University

Name: ____________________
Address:____________________
Phone:____________________
Email:____________________

Collaborative Organization (Best Buddies International - Broward):

Name: ____________________
Address:___________________
Phone: ____________________
Email:____________________

Collaborative Organization (Broward Education Foundation):

Name: ____________________
Address:____________________
Phone: ____________________
Email:____________________

Collaborative Organization (Children's Services Council of Broward County):

Name: Carl M. Dasse, Ph.D.
Address: 6600 West Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL, 33319
Phone: (954) 377-1669
Email: cdasse@cscbroward.org

VIII. USE OF NAME

The Parties agree not to use each other's names in advertising or any other form of publicity without prior written consent of that Party. However, the Parties agree in advance that each may use the name of the other in announcing this MOU.

IX. GOVERNING LAW

This MOU shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Preliminary Memorandum of Understanding as of the day and year of the last signature indicated below.

Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees

Signature: _________________________
Name: Miriam Campo
Title: Associate VP, Sponsored Programs
Date: _____________________________

Collaborative Organizations (Best Buddies International - Broward)

Signature: _________________________
Name: ____________________________
Title: _____________________________
Date: _____________________________

Collaborative Organizations(Broward Education Foundation)

Signature: _________________________
Name: ____________________________
Title: _____________________________
Date: _____________________________

Collaborative Organizations(Children's Services Council of Broward County)

Signature: _________________________
Name: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
Title: President & CEO
Date: August 3, 2026

Attachment A
Promise Neighborhoods (84.215N) Collaborator Commitment

1. Partner Identification

Legal Name of Organization: Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC)
Organization Type: Community Partner / Sub-Awardee/ Fiscal Intermediary
Primary Contact Name: Dr. Carl M. Dasse
Title: Director of Community Research & Partnering
Email: cdasse@cscbroward.org Phone Number:(954) 377-1669

2. Programmatic Commitments

Description of services to be provided:

The Children's Services Council of Broward County (CSC), an Independent Special Taxing District crated by the voters of Broward County, Florida, in 2000, will support Florida Atlantic University's Broward Promise Pathways & Our Hometown University (FAU-BPP) by providing a community led and informed, customized service delivery array that supports the pre-kindergarten to post-secondary transition pipeline while ensuring residents living in the PN communities actively co-lead the PN services to support the parents and their children attending the PN schools. CSC will leverage our existing relationships with community service providers, experience implementing Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) participatory governance structures and strategically align CSC's funded extensive academic enrichment and support programming (both in-school and out-of-school programming) with the PN-Funded services.

CSC's contribution to FAU-BPP PN Pipeline services include: (1) programming to build the literacy and numeracy skills of young children, (2) coordinated, inclusive partnerships facilitating the career pathway exploration and postsecondary transition process for PN youth based on an integrated, high quality case management framework, and (3) providing critical interventions that support the holistic needs of children including food insecurity, the safety concerns of children going to school, re-entry services for justice involved youth, and housing solutions for homeless children. The services are critical to ensuring that children and youth are better positioned to learn from the PN instructional interventions provided by FAU-BPP, which improve the quality of reading, math, and science education delivered by BCPS teachers in the 12 PN schools.

The CSC will serve as a community partner, fiscal intermediary, and sub-awardee within the Florida Atlantic University Broward Promise Pathways (FAU-BPP) initiative. CSC will provide fiscal oversight, contract administration, program coordination, performance monitoring, aggregate performance measurement data collection support, and technical assistance for a network of community-based providers delivering services across the Promise Neighborhoods continuum.

CSC is uniquely qualified to serve as a FAU-BPP subrecipient responsible for eight subgrantees because of our extensive experience implementing U.S. Department of Education grants (21st Century Community Learning Center and Performance Pilot Partnership – P3) and Office of Victims of Crime Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Grants. CSC's P3 grant included several of the subgrantees chosen to support the FAU-BPP and included a Random Control Trial where CSC statistically showed the academic and postsecondary benefits of our Success Coach model being deployed to support the PN youth attending four of the PN High Schools.

As part of its role, CSC will oversee and administer sub-awards supporting programs focused on kindergarten readiness, early literacy, academic success, youth development, career-connected learning, workforce readiness, health and nutrition education, housing stability for vulnerable youth, and community leadership initiatives. CSC will also provide support through its PN Community Building Managers, who facilitate the work of the PN residents serving on the ABCD Civic Design Teams (see "All Pipelines – ABCD Civic Design Teams" below), and will work directly with the PN school staff to implement transportation-to-school safety initiatives. The PN services provided by CSC will be delivered through a coordinated network of community partners (i.e., sub-awardees) that includes CareerSource Broward (CSBD), Helping Advance and Nurture Development of Youth (HANDY), OIC of South Florida, Broward Education Foundation (BEF), FLIPANY, Reach Out and Read (ROR), Florida Early Learning Corporation/Reading and Math LLC (FELC), and CSC's Asset Based Community Development Administrative Support Organization (ABCD ASO) and the Civic Design Teams they support.

CSC will work collaboratively with Florida Atlantic University and participating partners to ensure that all funded programs align with Promise Neighborhoods objectives, performance expectations, evidence-based practices, and community needs. CSC will monitor sub-awardee performance, facilitate coordination among service providers, support data-informed decision-making, and promote the integration of services throughout the cradle-to-career continuum. Additionally, CSC will provide $22,735,037.47 in cash match of its property tax revenues to support the PN cradle-to-career pipelines by funding out-of-school time programming at the PN schools for typical and special needs children. Although CSC has direct oversight and responsibility for its PN sub-grantees, FAU will have oversight of CSC, and the two partners will actively work together so that FAU can build strong and supportive relationships with the CSC PN-funded sub-grantees, a goal that CSC and FAU equally believe is in the best interest of the PN children and families.

Theory of Change:

FAU-BPP proposes a comprehensive, two-generational, community-centric pipeline model that builds on the community continuum of care in Broward County led by the CSC, the K-12 educational expertise of Broward County Public Schools, and the cutting-edge instructional strategies, student engagement, social work expertise, and educational leadership provided by FAU. FAU-BPP meets the PN objectives by proposing a *place-based community-led* (participatory governance structure) and *integrated, high-quality navigation model that supports a two-generational* localized effort (based on school attendance boundaries) that enhances the proposed PN interconnected pipeline continuum of care.

FAU-BPP reverses the traditional government funding framework, from funders extracting data about communities and funding non-profit organizations to go into neighborhoods to addresses the identified needs in local communities, to a model where funders work with local residents to co-create and co-lead solutions, strategies, and services to improve the overall educational outcomes of children by addressing the root causes of their neighborhood conditions (poverty, poorly trained teachers, and the immediate focus of parents on making ends meet) that impact the educational and employment outcomes of children.

Place-Based Community Led – FAU-BPP builds upon CSC's existing efforts to create a continuum of care under the guidance and direction of neighborhood-based Civic Design Teams (5 – 7 neighbors selected as 'Community Connectors' who live in the PN areas) who implement an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) framework. ABCD is a citizen-led strategic framework aimed at enhancing community well-being through participatory processes that emphasize collaboration and synergy between micro-level assets (community members) and the macro-level environment, including organizations and governmental entities. The foundational principles of ABCD, as articulated by Cormick Russell (2017), encompass:

1. Citizen-led - empowering residents to lead initiatives through collective engagement and by leveraging their intrinsic assets, which provides critical insights into community-wide transformation.

2. Relationship-oriented - fostering relational power that magnifies individual capacities and enhances the potential for sustainable positive change.

3. Asset based - prioritizing community strengths and resources, encouraging mobilization around existing assets to generate meaningful and enduring improvements tailored to residents' lives, rather than focusing solely on deficits and needs.

4. Place-based – recognizing neighborhoods as the fundamental units for intervention, with an emphasis on localized impact and the tangible effects of community efforts.

5. Participant-focused – ensuring fair participation by creating environments where all residents, with their unique resources, skills, and perspectives, can engage in decision-making processes in collaboration with “outsider” stakeholders and partners.

<u>Connected Two-Generational Navigation Model</u> – FAU-BPP builds upon CSC’s existing efforts to create a high-quality continuum of care by investing in an integrated, high-quality two-generational Case Management (Navigation) approach that will improve the outcomes of Broward children and families, currently fragmented Case Management Navigation infrastructure in Broward County. CSC’s PN Assistant Director of Program Services has over two decades of providing and/or funding Case Management services and has extensive relationships with the various organizations funded to provide Case Management Services in Broward County. Their expertise, aligned with the FAU College of Social Work faculty who are co-leading the FAU-BPP, creates an ideal opportunity to directly address the conditions impacting students' academic achievement.

This will be done by creating a High-Quality Family Navigation Infrastructure to coordinate the network of information, referral, navigation partners, and co-created solutions needed to ensure quality, Case Management services that focus on family needs (i.e., a two-generational approach rather than the needs of the parent or child being directly served). The proposed FAU-BPP Family Navigation network will include all of the organizations actively funding and providing Case Management Services (i.e., 211, CSC, United Way, Florida Atlantic University, the Community

Foundation of Broward, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, and other community-based providers), as well as input from the ABCD Civic Design Team Connectors.

CSC's PN Assistant Director of Program Services will leverage an array of navigation resources, disseminate best practices, and create a shared learning environment across systems. Working with the FAU Social Work Faculty, they will support the Case Managers to access training in the following best-practice areas: family assessment processes, warm handoffs between providers, reflective practice on what is working/not working, and strategies for managing staff turnover. The infrastructure would also strengthen navigators' professional development through a comprehensive training program, including a compilation of agencies that employ navigation staff, a cross-system training calendar, on demand training videos, and educational opportunities focused on behavioral health, health care, education, workforce development, housing, and other community services. In addition, networking opportunities would be created to foster collaboration among multi-sector partners and peer learning among navigators, case managers, therapists, supervisors, and executive leaders.

A second major function of the infrastructure is to improve system transparency and accountability, and to support continuous learning. Through a closed loop referral approach, providers would regularly share information about current program openings, vacancies, waitlists, and service capacity, enabling families and Case Managers/Navigators to make more effective referrals (this meeting will be known as the *Connected Two-Generational Network Meeting*). The Connected Two-Generational Network Meeting initiative would also establish an ongoing, non-contractual evaluation and learning process in which the connections between providers serve as the unit of analysis, creating the opportunity for FAU Social Work faculty to recommend or propose industry best practices in real time to address the emerging needs of the Navigation infrastructure in Broward County. This process would include learning conversations to gather qualitative and quantitative feedback, and the use of performance metrics to assess referral success, family engagement, and service outcomes. The findings would inform program improvements and system evolution, while providing an avenue for FAU Social Work faculty to suggest opportunities for reporting to the Broward County Funders Forum, led by CSC, which funds most Case Management/Navigation services in Broward County. This, in turn, would give local funders a framework to learn from and recommend improvements, which they could contractually employ to strengthen expectations for follow-up contacts and outcome tracking, while encouraging providers to conduct their own analyses and share lessons learned with CSC.

Identification of pipeline service(s) supported:

CSC supports activities across all five Broward Promise Pathways pipeline domains through the implementation of the Asset Based Community Development resident-led PN governance structure, connected two-generational navigation model, contract administration, fiscal oversight, program monitoring, program coordination, program evaluation, funding PN match programs via our local tax dollars, and the management of community-based sub-awardees delivering services throughout the cradle-to-career continuum.

All Pipelines – ABCD Civic Design Team Leadership:

The Civic Design Teams (CDT) consist of neighborhood residents competitively selected from people who live within each of the PN high school feeder patterns, including Hallandale HS, Stranahan HS, Hollywood Hills HS, and Blanche Ely HS (NOVA is a countywide lottery school choice option). These neighborhoods were chosen because they are key leverage points for improving the entire PN zip codes, as their residents populate the feeder patterns of the PN Elementary, PN Middle, and PN High Schools. Residents from the following five communities will host a CDT:

CDT Name	Zip Code(s)	Communities	Schools
Blanche Ely	33060 & 33064	Blanche Ely & Saunders Park	Blache Ely HS, Crystal Lake MS, Pompano Beach MS, Cypress ES, Park Ridge ES, Pompano Beach ES, & Sanders Park ES
Riverland	33312, 33314 & 33315	Riverland, Melrose Manors, & Melrose Park	Stranahan HS, New River MS, Croissant Park ES, Davie ES, Riverland ES, & Westwood Heights ES
Hollywood District 4	33021	Playland Isles, Playland Estates, Corridor	Hollywood Hills HS & Orange Brook ES
Hollywood District 6	33009 & 33020	Hillcrest, Lawn Acres, Beverly Park, Hollywood Hills & Washington Park	Hollywood HS, Hallandale HS, McNicol MS, & Colbert ES
Hallandale	33009 & 33020	Gateway West, Foster Road, Southwest Lakes	Hallandale HS, Gulfstream Academy K-8 & Gulfstream ELRC

The residents who participate in the CDT are known as Community Connectors, and they will be trained in ABCD principles and CSC's ABCD CDT framework, which includes: (1) implementing a neighborhood listening campaign to identify localized assets residents draw on for improving community conditions and support, (2) creating an assets map to visualize the localized supports, and (3) releasing competitively procured community building grants (under $2,000) that enhance the community conditions impacting the education outcomes of children.

The Community Connectors will host PN Governance Meetings every other month, where the CSC-funded and PN-funded service providers, school personnel, community partners, case managers participating in the PN Connected Two-Generational Network Meeting, and other organizations will meet to review the State of Florida School Accountability Data for students attending the PN schools. The PN Governance meetings involve sharing data and are an opportunity for the Community Connectors and partners to co-create solutions and provide co-leadership to address the educational, support, and community strategies needed to improve neighborhood conditions that impact the educational outcomes of PN students.

To ensure the success of the Community Connectors, two CSC PN-funded Community Building Managers, supervised by a CSC PN-funded Assistant Director of Community Building, will directly support the five CDTs. These staff will help weave and synthesize opportunities, information, and supportive organizations that impact overall community conditions across the five PN school attendance boundary areas. Working collaboratively, the Community Building Managers and Community Connectors will: (1) align the ABCD CDT work with the PN pipelines and outcomes; (2) foster connections and relationships with the service provider organizations and communities initiatives aligned to the Broward Partnerships for Kids (the county's children strategic plan); (3) facilitate the engagement of municipal officials and staff; and (4) engage in community conversations with people living in the PN area to learn how they want the PN cradle to career pipeline aligned to better meet their families' educational goals.

Additional support for the ABCD PN Governance meetings will be provided by a CSC PN Assistant Director, Program Services, who is responsible for the management and oversight of the PN-funded service providers and for ensuring that input from the Community Connectors at the ABCD PN Governance meetings is integrated and implemented. This position is essential for: (1) ensuring the responsiveness of the PN service providers to the residents they serve; (2) customizing program access, utilization, and implementation with the PN service providers for successful program completion; and (3) creating a conduit for the Community Connectors to share their neighborhood assets with the service providers. The CSC PN Assistant Director, Program Services, will serve as the conduit between the Community Connectors and the Connected Two-Generational Network Meeting initiative, which ensures community condition observations shared by the CDT reach the Navigators so that meeting participants can propose industry best practices in real time to address the emerging needs of the community navigation.

A PN Administrative Support Organization (ASO) is responsible for providing administrative support to the Community Connectors, and will onboard residents who apply to be Community Connectors, pay them their monthly stipend ($415 per month for 10 months), provide logistical support and training during the neighborhood asset mapping efforts, and guide the CDT during their competitive procurements of the community building grants (up to $2,000 per resident for a maximum of $15,000 per community per year) to their fellow neighbors who propose solutions to improve the neighborhood conditions that impact school attendance, grades, student health, and economic prosperity of parents who children live in FAU-BPP communities.

To ensure the success of the PN Governance process, the CSC Community Building Managers will help synergize and activate existing countywide and municipal community coalitions that are implementing collective impact initiatives and campaigns to improve the educational outcomes of PN children. Participants in these collective impact initiatives must engage in the PN ABCD Governing processes, to build trust with the Community Connectors through genuine and sustained participation. This will be done by leveraging the positionality of CSC's PN Director, who supervises the PN staff and the CSC personnel responsible for Broward Partnerships for Kids (BPK) – the county's children's strategic plan, for which CSC has served as the backbone organization for 25+ years.

BPK consists of 25+ strategic committees that include system partners who work collaboratively to improve the various human services systems (youth development, children's health care, special needs, housing insecurity, dependency, delinquency, and education) that, combined, create the continuum of care designed to improve the community conditions affecting the educational outcomes of the PN children and families. By leveraging existing BPK relationships and ensuring partners work with and inform the Community Connectors at the PN ABCD Governance meetings, the power of local partnerships, organizations, and initiatives can be focused directly on supporting the community conditions impacting the academic goals of the FAU Hometown PN proposal.

Critical to leveraging CSC's existing relationships with the BPK organizations is CSC's implementation of a relational contracting and outcome-based process to manage the roughly $3 billion in prevention services it has funded over the last 25 years. The relational contracting process has built a long-standing culture of trust among CSC and the several hundred organizations that have been or are currently awarded CSC funds. It is also critical for creating the foundation of trust between the CSC and PN-funded providers to encourage their participation in the PN Governance meetings. The existing trusting relationship enables the integration of place-based processes that foster culturally responsive, holistic service connectivity and delivery across organizations and systems (e.g., Behavioral Health, Reentry from incarceration, Housing, out-of-School Time, Food Security, etc.) that address the community conditions impacting the PN children's academic success. This approach will support the integration of services for PN children and families and build the capacity of CSC and PN-funded organizations and system actors to synergize and customize themselves to co-achieve the desired PN outcomes, co-created and co-led by the

Community Connectors participating (and other neighborhood residents) in the PN Governance process. For over 15 years, every CSC contract has included Results-Based Accountability performance measures.

Pipeline 1 – Early Care and Education / Kindergarten Readiness:

CSC supports early childhood development, school readiness, and early literacy through partnerships designed to ensure children enter kindergarten prepared for academic success. This includes services provided through Florida Early Learning Corporation (FELC), which provide direct classroom instructional, small group and one-to-one tutoring in literacy and numeracy skills for four-year-old children, and Reach Out and Read, which promotes early literacy development, language acquisition, and family reading practices through evidence-based reading interventions and resource distribution.

Florida Early Learning Corporation/ dba Reading & Math LLC (FELC) is an evidence-based early literacy and numeracy tutoring program that improves kindergarten readiness for preschool-aged children through the nationally recognized "Early Learning Corps" model, which has benefited over 130,000 preschool-aged children. The FELC partnership in Broward County (i.e., CSC, Broward County Public Schools, and Reading & Math LLC) has served an average of 692 students per year since the program's inception in the 2019 school year. The FAU-BPP will expand the FELC program to the six PN elementary schools that do not currently host it, resulting in an additional 102 four-year-olds annually receiving the benefits of all-day tutoring in their day school classrooms. The FELC uses a Response to Intervention framework that provides targeted support in foundational literacy and math skills, with demonstrated success in improving vocabulary, oral language, phonological awareness, letter recognition, counting, and number sense (Bowden et al., 2018; NORC, 2019). FAU-BPP's objective of increasing the number of students performing at grade level in reading and math by third grade (BCPS 2026) is supported by the FELC program, because it provides early literacy and numeracy interventions to address the early learning deficiencies that impact future student achievement.

The FELC program provides comprehensive screening, tutoring, assessment, and coaching services delivered throughout the school year in 6 four-year-old Pre-K classrooms in the following PN schools: Cypress ES, Pompano Beach ES, Sanders Park ES, Davie ES, Riverland ES, and Orange Brook ES. All students will receive literacy and numeracy screenings and classroom-wide Tier 1 supports, while children identified as needing additional assistance will receive targeted Tier 2 small-group or Tier 3 individualized interventions. FELC tutors will conduct interactive read-alouds, literacy and math activities, progress monitoring every two weeks, and benchmark assessments in the fall, winter, and spring. FELC provides extensive tutor training, instructional coaching, and data-driven decision-making to support student achievement and classroom capacity. FELC performance measure focuses on achieving student outcomes and includes conducting screenings, administering assessments, and delivering targeted interventions. FELC expects 70% of participating children to achieve or approach literacy benchmarks, 80% to achieve or approach numeracy benchmarks, 90% to meet or exceed literacy growth targets for kindergarten readiness, and 80% of children to complete family literacy and numeracy activities at home with a parent or guardian. Progress will be measured through the Early Literacy Inventory (ELI), Early Math Inventory (EMI), social-emotional learning measures, and the Reading Corps Data Management System.

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is an evidence-based early childhood literacy program that integrates books, shared reading guidance, and language-development support into routine pediatric well-child visits. Operating in 39 Florida counties through 284 pediatric sites, ROR uses healthcare providers as trusted messengers to encourage parents and caregivers to read aloud and engage in responsive interactions that promote healthy brain development, school readiness, and family bonding. This supports FAU-BPP's efforts to address the neighborhood conditions and parent engagement impacting the educational outcomes of children because ROR is grounded in the science of Early Relational Health (Klass, et. al., 2024) that improved shared reading behaviors (Klass, et. al., 2024), strengthens child-home literacy environments (Weitzman, 2004), enhance parental attitudes toward reading (Silerstein, et. al., 2002) and contribute to improved receptive and expressive language development among all children - including multilingual and developmental at-risk children (Mendelsohn, et. al., 2001).

ROR will support nine pediatric sites in the FAU-BPP zip codes, serve 5,000 children during their well-visits, and provide a comprehensive model that includes six annual site visits per clinic, ongoing technical assistance and training to pediatric staff, coaching, progress monitoring, and continuous quality improvement activities. ROR will supply developmentally and linguistically appropriate books for distribution, provide literacy-focused educational materials for families, and conduct annual Site Quality Reviews to ensure fidelity to the model and successful integration into routine pediatric care. The ROR performance measures evaluate the number of pediatric sites implementing the model, healthcare providers trained, well-child visits incorporating ROR, and the books distributed with literacy guidance to families. The ROR expects to achieve at least 85% of site staff completing their training, 90% of participating offices implementing the ROR model within six months, distributing 5,000 age-appropriate books, and having 80% of caregivers report increased knowledge about the importance of reading aloud and supporting their child's early development.

Through these investments, CSC supports the healthy cognitive, social, emotional, and literacy development of young children while strengthening families' capacity to support early learning and school success.

Pipeline 2 – K-12 Success:

CSC has been a leader in developing evidence-based supports for K-12 student success programs in Broward County that provide academic enrichment, youth development, mentoring, leadership development, nutrition and physical education, and case management supportive services that connect children and families to the resources they need for their children to thrive while promoting educational achievement, wellness, and positive youth outcomes. This includes programs funded by CSC tax revenues that will be used as PN match dollars (Maximizing Out of School Time Program (MOST); Friends, Opportunities, Resources, Counseling & Education (Youth Force), Literacy, Enrichment & Academic Pursuits (LEAP High), and Supporting Transition and Employment Program (STEP) that are present at ten of the eleven PN schools.

Additionally, CSC will provide PN funded services including Broward Education Foundation (BEF)'s Bridge 2 Life program which supports students through educational enhancement initiatives and school-based supports designed to support students successful transition to postsecondary opportunities; OIC's Promise Pathways which is a service model to engage disconnected and justice involved youth with Career Pathway and workforce supports (OIC); Career Source Broward's Career Pathways Success Initiative (CPSI), a comprehensive college and workforce readiness program to help transition student to high demand career pathways; and Helping Advance and Nurture Development of Youth (HANDY), which provides mentoring, life-skills development, academic support, and stabilization services for housing insecure youth.

The largest percentage of CSC's PN match dollars includes CSC's Maximizing Out of School Time Program (MOST) at nine of the FAU-BPP elementary schools (Cypress, Park Ridge, Pompano Beach, Sanders Park, Croissant Park, Davie, Riverland, Westwood Heights, and Colber) that provide programming to 820 children after school and 560 children in the summer. The MOST program provides school-year and summer programming to the PN students that builds upon the day school interventions implemented by the FAU-BPP program. MOST requires a comprehensive set of evidence-based components that support academic, physical, social-emotional, and family outcomes. MOST requires 1 hour of daily homework assistance and supplemental learning activities to the day school instruction provided by qualified teachers; 30 minutes of daily physical activity using the CATCH curriculum; a nutritious snack; 20 minutes of daily PATHS character-development instruction; and 2 family engagement initiatives annually. In the summer the program shifts to Project-Based Learning and requires 2 hours daily of integrated STEAM, literacy, writing, and social studies activities aligned with Florida standards, 60 minutes of daily physical activity, daily meals, daily PATHS instruction, and one family engagement activity per week.

The MOST program implements evidence-based strategies that build on the day school interventions implemented by FAU-BPP to further improve the PN students' academic performance. The evidence-based CATCH program demonstrated increases in children's physical activity and improvements in their social-emotional health and long-term well-being (Poulos & Kulinna, 2022). Project-Based Learning is an evidence-informed strategy that improves problem-solving, creativity, collaboration, and foundational academic skills (Purwandari et al., 2024; Zhang & Ma, 2023), and the PATHS curriculum is an evidence-based character development program that has promotes bullying prevention, emotional regulation, and relationship-building (Greenberg, & Kusché, 2004; Riggs, Greenberg, Kusché and Pentz, 2006). The MOST performance measures focus on safety, academic success, and social development. CSC MOST programs are expected to ensure that 100% of children do not experience a serious injury, abuse incident, or arrest while in care, 75% of participating children must regularly complete their day school homework, 75% of parents must be satisfied with the program, 70% of children are expected to improve their academic performance (based Broward County Public Schools Academic Progress Monitoring Assessments), and 80% of children are expected to improve their social skills.

A portion of CSC's PN match contribution includes CSC's Friends, Opportunities, Resources, Counseling & Education Program (Youth FORCE) at four of the FAU-BPP middle schools (Crystal Lake MS, McNicol MS, New River MS, and Pompano Beach MS) that serves 175 youth year-round. The CSC Youth FORCE program is a positive youth development initiative that assigns each youth a Success Coach, trained to implement a Strengths-Based Case Management approach. The programs link youth to connecting activities and support services that address the impact of neighborhood conditions on academic achievement, placing students in a better position to benefit from the teacher education efforts funded by FAU-BPP. All youth complete an intake assessment to identify their support service needs, and an academic assessment is administered to determine the program's appropriate academic remediation services, tutoring supports, and Project Based learning opportunities. All youth participate in the Teen Outreach Program (TOP®), monthly family engagement activities, and daily healthy snacks and/or meals. Youth are also offered enrichment opportunities that include Physical Health and Nutrition, Career Exposure, Mindfulness and Resiliency, Environmental Well-Being, and Civic Engagement, with programming designed around youth voice, engagement, skill development, and positive social-emotional growth.

CSC's Youth FORCE program is grounded in the Positive Youth Development framework, theory & evidence, which emphasizes building on young people's strengths rather than focusing on deficits, which is an intentional, strengths-based approach that promotes positive outcomes through supportive relationships, meaningful participation, skill development, and opportunities for leadership. CSC's Youth FORCE program emphasizes that protective factors, social-emotional learning, and strong adult-youth relationships create an environment that improves academic achievement, civic engagement, self-efficacy and reduces risk behaviors (Pittman, 2017; Storlie et al., 2019; Durlak et al., 2010; Simpkins et al., 2017; Vandell & Lao, 2016).

The performance measures focus on academic achievement, youth development, health, and delinquency prevention. CSC's Youth FORCE Programs are evaluated on 95% of youth attending school regularly, 95% of students being promoted to the next grade, and 75% of participants demonstrating developmental gains as measured by the Positive Youth Development Inventory. The program expects 100% of female participants to avoid pregnancy, 95% of participants to report no alcohol, vaping, or non-prescription drug use, 100% to report either no bullying experiences or satisfactory resolution of bullying, and 95% of youth to successfully complete the program without any law violations within 12 months after program completion.

Through these coordinated services, CSC will support Elementary and Middle school students to ensure PN students are in the best possible position to take full advantage of the innovative student engagement teacher supports offered by FAU BPP. The wrap-around student engagement and holistic navigation services will help ensure students and their families can address the neighborhood's conditions that impact their academic performance, healthy development, and long-term educational success.

Pipeline 3 – High School to Postsecondary Education and Completion:

CSC supports successful transitions from high school to postsecondary education through programs that help students explore career pathways, develop college- and career-readiness skills, and prepare for lifelong success.

Wrap Around Holistic Postsecondary Supports - To ensure PN high school students are best positioned to benefit from the innovative curriculum provided to the PN school teachers by FAU-BPP, CSC will use PN funds to build a holistic support system to advance the Career Pathway opportunities for PN High School students, and where application, the PN Middle School students. CSC will leverage the relationships fostered through the Connected Two-Generational Network Meetings so that navigators (i.e., Case Managers and CSC Success Coaches) work together to align the support/programs their organizations provide to each individual PN student.

Students attending the four PN high schools (Blanche Ely HS, Hallandale HS, Hollywood Hills HS, and Stranahan HS) will have the opportunity to participate in one or more of the programs funded by CSC (LEAP High and STEP explained below) and PN funded programs (Career Source Broward's Career Pathways Success Initiative, OIC's Promise Pathways, HANDY's HOPE program, and Broward Education

Foundation Bridget 2 Life programs all explained below). The services offered by these programs will be aligned by the CSC Success Coaches and PN funded program staff so that PN students are connected to the opportunities they require to overcome the impact of their neighborhood conditions on their academic performance, while simultaneously being exposed to Career Pathways and Postsecondary Educational opportunities that allow them to adjust their high school course work to align with the high-demand career opportunities they seek to achiever. There will be a Broward career pathways regularly scheduled meeting to integrate the PN and CSC-funded programs and partners to facilitate the career pathway and postsecondary transition of the PN youth.

<u>Another large amount of CSC's PN match contribution includes the Literacy, Enrichment & Academic Pursuits program (LEAP High)</u> at three of the FAU-BPP high schools (Blanche Ely HS, Hollywood Hills HS, and Stranahan HS) that serves 150 youth year-round. LEAP High will best position the PN youth attending the three PN High Schools to benefit from the instructional supports being offered by FAU-BPP. The CSC LEAP High program is a positive youth development and academic enrichment program where Success Coaches are trained to implement a Strengths-Based Case Management approach to connecting activities and support services that address the impact of neighborhood conditions on academic achievement. All LEAP High youth complete an intake assessment to identify the appropriate support services and an academic assessment to determine their remediation, tutoring, navigation, and other learning opportunity needs. The program is designed to support low-performing students and emphasizes academic success, graduation, credit recovery, social-emotional development, and post-secondary planning, while providing summer snacks and meals, physical health, career pathway exposure, Mindfulness and Resiliency, and Civic Engagement activities. The LEAP High Success Coaches also work to refer the younger children of their LEAP High participants to the CSC Youth Force and MOST program, removing the burden of childcare on the High School Students, so they can gain the full benefits of participating in the LEAP High program.

CSC's LEAP program is grounded in the Positive Youth Development framework, theory, and evidence which emphasizes building on young people's strengths rather than focusing on deficits to promote positive outcomes through supportive relationships, meaningful participation, skill development, and opportunities for (Pittman, 2017; Schwartz & Suyemoto, 2013; Browne, 2014) while providing supportive, qualified Success Coaches, social-emotional learning, physical and emotional safety, and family engagement to development the key character skills for successful youth (Vandell & Lao, 2016; Hwang et al., 2020; Durlak et al., 2010; Simpkins et al., 2017). The LEAP High performance measures focus on academic achievement, day school attendance and behavior, and graduation readiness. CSC expects 70% of students to earn a final grade of "C" or higher in core subjects, 80% to achieve passing scores on End-of-Course exams, 80% of the students enrolled in credit recovery tutoring to demonstrate gains, 95% of participants to have no external school suspensions, and 75% of all participants to attend school regularly (five or fewer unexcused absences).

<u>The final amount of CSC's PN match includes the Supporting Transition and Employment Program (STEP) program</u> at four FAU-BPP high schools (Blanche Ely HS, Hallandale HS, Hollywood Hills HS, and Stranahan HS) that serves 60 youth with special needs. STEP is a transition program designed to help youth with disabilities successfully transition from high school to postsecondary education, training, and employment. CSC STEP youth receive intensive Success Coaching services where a strengths-based assessment is administered to develop Individualized Service Plans detailing the support services, informal counseling, service coordination, transition planning, family engagement, soft skill development, employment readiness training, paid summer employment with job coaching, independent living skills, and transportation services needed to support the youth. The CSC STEP program actively involves youth in the process so they can choose the support services that will help them improve their employment, independence, and opportunities beyond high school, which is shown to significantly increase the long-term employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities (Southward et al., 2018).

The STEP program is a Positive Youth Development program that provides transition planning, capacity building, and employment outcomes for youth with disabilities based on evidence demonstrating that inclusive educational and community experiences improve learning and developmental outcomes for youth with disabilities (Díez-Palomar, 2021), while strengths-based approaches and self-determination contribute to improved well-being and successful transitions to adulthood (Franke, 2016; Stewart et al., 2013), and work experience during high school is one of the strongest predictors of future employment success for youth with disabilities (Allison et al., NTACT, 2017). The CSC STEP Program's performance measures focus on employability and successful transition outcomes. The STEP programs are evaluated on their ability to demonstrate improvements in both observed and self-reported employability-related skills – 80% of youth must show gains as measured through the CSC Employability Related Survey, 50% of youth must be employed or pursuing post-secondary education within 30 days of exiting the program, and again at six months following program completion, based on case record documentation.

<u>FAU-BPP will utilize PN-funds to implement CareerSource Broward's Career Pathways Success Initiative (CPSI),</u> a comprehensive college and workforce readiness program to help students transition successfully from high school to postsecondary education and employment opportunities. The program will serve 50 students in grades 11 and 12 attending the PN High Schools (Stranahan HS, Blanche Ely HS, Hollywood Hills HS, and Hallandale HS), and participants will be selected if they are interested in one of Broward's high-demand career fields - Aviation, Marine

Industries, Healthcare, or Information Technology. CPSI is a structured, two-year model with a Career Success Coach who connects individual students to day school career pathway educational opportunities and Career Technical Education Credential Attainment (micro-credentials such as Microsoft certifications, Google Career Certificates, OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid, Florida Ready to Work credentials), while providing them with summer career exploration and on-the-job training via CSC's funded Summer Youth Employment Program. Students will be referred to the after-school services provided by the CSC-funded LEAP High and PN-funded BEF Bridge 2 Life programs. CPSI will focus on career pathway planning by providing career assessments, employer forums, workplace tours, job shadowing, career fairs, networking opportunities, industry mentorships, college campus visits, résumé development, interview preparation, and job-readiness training, and pathway-specific certifications. Every student will be given priority to complete an eight-week paid Summer Youth Employment Internship opportunity aligned with the PN funding, ideally in their career interest.

The PN-funded CPSI program is an evidence based Positive Youth Development framework that connects youth to supportive adults who inspire them to seek out their future aspirations which build upon their perceived strengthens and interests (Pittman, 2017; Browne, 2014) while providing a supportive qualified Career Success Coach to help develop the key soft skills for successful employment (Vandell & Lao, 2016; Hwang et al., 2020; Durlak et al., 2010; Simpkins et al., 2017). The CPSI performance measures focus on academic achievement, career exploration, and successful post-secondary transition. CareerSource expects 70% of all participants to earn one or more Industry-Recognized Credentials, 80% to earn two or more Micro-Credentials, 100% of students to graduate from high school, and 80% of students to complete four or more weeks of paid summer work experience supported by a qualified job coach.

<u>FAU-BPP will serve students living in the PN communities who are housing-insecure by utilizing PN funds to support HANDY's Homelessness Opportunity Prevention and Education (HOPE) program</u> that will provide holistic wrap-around services to 30 housing-insecure youth who attend the two PN schools ranked in the top ten of the approximately 310 Broward public schools with the most homeless students (i.e., New River MS and Stranahan HS). The PN HOPE program directly addresses neighborhood conditions impacting academic achievement by providing immediate, temporary housing, followed by case management services that connect youth/siblings and caregivers to the School District's Heart Program (which provides intensive school-connected academic support for homeless children) and other community-based services to achieve long-term housing stability. HANDY's HOPE program will provide ongoing academic support by creating a coordinated pathway from New River MS to Stranahan HS to facilitate high school graduation and transition into postsecondary education, credential attainment, and employment (this also supports Promise Neighborhood Result Area 3 – middle school students

transition to high school). HOPE's Family Success Coach will work closely with the School District's Social Workers (HEART program) and the FAU-BPP personnel participating in the Connected Two-Generational Network Meetings to link families to additional wrap-around services as needed.

HOPE employs the evidence-based strategies of Integrated Student Supports (the School District HEART Program), provided in conjunction with wraparound case management services (HANDY's HOPE Program), which demonstrated improved school engagement and educational outcomes for homeless youth (Pavlakis et al. 2023). The HOPE performance measures focus on housing stability and educational outcomes and will be evaluated on ensuring that 95% of students receive assessments and individualized success plans within 30 days, 75% of students maintain or improve standardized ELA/math scores, 90% of eighth graders advance to ninth grade, 90% of seniors graduate on time, and 75% of high school graduates enter postsecondary opportunities within six months of program participation.

FAU-BPP will utilize PN funds to implement OIC's Promise Pathways program, a comprehensive career pathways and workforce-readiness program for youth who are unemployed, underemployed, and or justice-involved. The program will serve 50 youth aged 18–22 living in PN High School's feeder patterns (Stranahan HS, Blanche Ely HS, Hollywood Hills HS, and Hallandale HS) and are likely to be disconnected from the PN schools. Promise Pathways will implement a two-tier service model: (a) Tier One will serve approximately 20 high-barrier young adults (they are unemployed, underemployed, disconnected, and or justice-involved) via an intensive workforce navigation and economic mobility services, and (b) Tier Two will serve 30 youth ages 16–17 at high risk for disconnection and/or justice involvement with career-readiness, career exploration, and transition planning support. Promise Pathways will provide all youth Case Management outreach services that support workforce navigation and career exploration programs based on an assessment of individualized career goals and workforce transition planning. The participants will also receive employability training, credential attainment, work-based learning opportunities, employment placement, preferential selection into CSC's paid 7-week Summer Youth Employment Program, and retention services.

Promise Pathways employs two evidence-based workforce strategies: (1) exposure to competitive employment opportunities combined with individualized coaching and retention supports; and (2) paid work-based learning via internships, apprenticeships, employer-supported job experiences, and referral to the CSC-funded Summer Youth Employment program (USDOL, 2023). The Promise Pathways performance measures focus on workforce engagement, skill development, and employment. OIC will be evaluated on 90% of participants completing assessments and individualized service plans, 80% of youth partaking in career-readiness training, 75% engaging in career-connected learning, 60% receiving supportive services and being connected to education, training, credentials, or apprenticeships, and 75% maintaining their employment, education, or training after 90 days of placement.

PN funds will be allocated by FAU-BPP to implement the Broward Education Foundation's Bridge 2 Life (B2L) program, a comprehensive college and career readiness initiative serving 400 families per year whose youth attend the four PN High Schools (Stranahan HS, Blanche Ely HS, Hollywood Hills HS, and Hallandale HS). The components of the B2L program include: (1) one-on-one Summer Advising support for students and parents on college planning, career exploration, financial aid, scholarships, applications, and postsecondary transition milestones; (2) career exploration activities to immerse students in high-demand aviation and marine/maritime career opportunities via employer engagement and field-based learning experiences; and (3) Empower Your Future workshops delivered during the school day to educate students on college admissions, career pathways, FAFSA completion, financial aid, and the value of postsecondary education while fostering a college-going culture and connect student to their day school Guidance Counselors who also work as the B2L Summer Advisors.

B2L is an evidence-based practice that uses proactive summer advising (hiring school Guidance Counselors and BRACE advisors) to provide intensive one-on-one support to PN families to address college affordability, understand college entrance requirements, and complete college applications (Mayer and Tromble, 2022). The performance measure focuses on student and family engagement, career exploration, and FAFSA completions. B2L will be evaluated on serving 400 families they contact during the summer, providing 50% of them with intensive advising, achieving a 10% increase in postsecondary enrollment opportunities of the four PN high school graduating seniors, 75% of participants in the career exploration activities demonstrating greater awareness of industry careers, and achieving a 10% increase in FAFSA completion of the graduating PN seniors.

Pipeline 4 – 21st Century Workforce and Talent Development:

CSC supports workforce readiness, economic mobility, and career advancement through organizations that prepare youth and adults for employment and long-term economic success. This includes services provided by the Broward Education Foundation’s Bridget to Life, OIC’s Promise Pathway Program, CareerSource Broward Career Success Initiative, all of which connect PN students to career exploration, workforce development, and employment pathways, workforce training, job-readiness instruction, career pathway development, employment support services, and opportunities for in-school and out-of-school academic enrichment and remediation opportunities.

Pipeline 5 – Community and Family Engagement:

Through the Connected Two-Generational Network Meeting the navigation support be provided directly by FAU PN Family Navigators, the Career Coaches provided by OIC, HANDY, and CSBD, and the CSC Youth Force, CC STEP, and CSC LEAP High Success Coaches, the holistic wrap around services being offered by CSC will support family stability, community well-being, civic engagement, family supports systems, youth career pathway success, and increase resident involvement and leadership building upon the assets in their neighborhoods that promote academic achievement, financial mobility, housing stability, and food security.

The specific Community and Family Engagement services include CSC's Asset-Based Community Development and Civic Design Team (ABCD ASO), which promote resident leadership, community engagement, neighborhood problem-solving, and local capacity-building. Additional support is provided through FLIPANY which will provide food and nutrition education and food distributions directly to PN families facing food insecurity and CSC's PN school safety initiatives designed to address safety. These efforts, combined with all of the other CSC and PN funded programs and efforts to improve collaborations via the Two Generation Navigation Meeting will successfully engage families through supportive services, wellness programming, and connections to community resources.

To take full advantage of the innovative teacher training FAU-BPP is offering, the PN students need to be able to learn. This will be addressed by utilizing PN funds to implement FLIPANY's Promise Neighborhood Food and Nutrition Program, which will provide a comprehensive, nutrition education and food access initiative across the PN zip codes. FLIPANY will provide 264 school-day nutrition education sessions annually to 66 student cohorts, reaching 1,000 students each year with their nutrition curricula that include hands-on cooking demonstrations, food tastings, healthy meal planning, and family enrichment materials. To address food insecurity, FLIPANY will operate bi-weekly food distributions at two of the PN school-based pantry locations, providing fresh produce, shelf-stable foods, nutrition resources, and referrals to community supports for 250 families and 750 individuals annually.

FLIPANY implements the evidence-based Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) and USDA Team Nutrition to support knowledge, healthy food choices, and increased fruit and vegetable consumption among youth. FLIPANY's performance measures focus on improving healthy eating behaviors and increasing access to nutritious foods among food-insecure youth and families living in the PN zip codes. FLIPANY will be evaluated on 80% of participants increasing their nutrition knowledge, 70% of participants' self-reporting their fruit and vegetable consumption, providing nutrition education to 1,000 youth annually, conducting up to 48 food distribution events per year, resulting in approximately 25,000 pounds of nutritious food annually being distributed to participating PN families.

FAU-BPP will address three major safety concerns impacting the PN children: seat belt usage, pedestrian safety, and micromobility accidents. The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) 2025 assessment of child restraint usage based on observations across 20 counties found that only 53% of Broward County children ages 4-5 were properly restrained, 35% of these children were riding in a vehicle with an unrestrained adult, and most older children who live within 2 miles of school walk or use micromobility devices. Unfortunately, many children walk unaccompanied by an adult, ride bicycles, or use micromobility devices (various models of electric bicycles, electric scooters, or other electronic devices that can reach speeds up to 28 mph). Middle and high school youth rely heavily on micromobility devices and rarely wear helmets (only 20% of injured crash victims wear helmets – FDOT 2026) despite the fact that 9.3% of reported micromobility crashes result in fatal or major injuries.

CSC's Community Building Managers (CBM) will work with school staff and the FDOT to implement evidence-informed seatbelt, pedestrian, and micromobility safety campaigns at the 11 PN elementary schools. The CBM will be trained by FDOT staff to observe children in the morning carpool lane (using the FDOT child restraint tools and recording the number of children improperly restrained), the school bicycle lot, and crosswalks near the school entrance, and then re-observe the children being dropped off at school in the morning again 60 days later. This is to determine if there is an increase in seatbelt and helmet usage resulting from the 60-day school safety awareness campaign being implemented as part of the PN program; this effort is based on evidence that school safety belt campaigns have been shown to increase helmet use (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2022). This campaign will include CBM, FDOT, and school staff providing FDOT pedestrian and bicycle safety materials during school assemblies and hosting bicycle rodeos during the CSC MOST programs. The CBM will be trained to properly fit bicycle and micromobility helmets (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2022) and, with parental permission, fit children with PN-provided helmets (both regular bicycle helmets and micromobility-certified helmets) during School Advisory Committee meetings and during the CSC MOST program parent engagement events. The efforts will be evaluated by observing a 10% increase of parents properly restraining their children in the morning carpool lane, a 50% of children fitted for bicycle or micromobility helmets being observed wearing them in the morning to school, and providing safety campaigns at 100% of the PN elementary schools.

Integrated Continuum of Services:

CSC's *place-based PN theory of change is that a community-led*, participatory governance structure for PN pipelines, combined with an integrated, high-quality navigation model supporting a two-generational, localized effort based on school attendance boundaries, will enhance the proposed PN interconnected pipeline continuum of care. By building upon CSC's existing leadership of the Broward Partnership for Kids, relational contracting, and outcome-based process (i.e., Result Based Accountability), FAU-BPP will effectively support the PN collaborative partnerships and investments, and integrated network of services resulting in improved kindergarten readiness, literacy development, academic achievement, youth development, postsecondary transition success, workforce readiness, family stability, community engagement, and economic mobility for the PN children and families. CSC will oversee participating sub-awardees while collaborating with Florida Atlantic University to ensure alignment with the PN project goals, performance expectations, and the Promise Neighborhoods continuum of solutions.

Desired population served:

CSC, through its network of managed sub-awardees and community-based service providers, serves children, youth, families, and community residents residing within the Broward Promise Pathways will serve the desired communities located in ZIP Codes 33060, 33064, 33312, 33009, 33315, 33021, 33020, and 33314.

The desired population includes children from birth through age five participating in kindergarten readiness, early learning, and early literacy initiatives; elementary, middle, and high school students receiving academic enrichment, mentoring, youth development, health and wellness education, career exploration, and college and career readiness supports; and youth requiring additional social, emotional, academic, or stabilization services to support long-term success.

CSC's network of sub-awardees also serves specialized populations that may face additional barriers to educational attainment, economic mobility, and overall well-being. These populations include housing-insecure youth, economically disadvantaged children and families, youth requiring supportive services, individuals facing barriers to employment, returning citizens seeking workforce opportunities, youth with special needs, and residents living in communities impacted by concentrated poverty.

CSC-supported programs engage parents, caregivers, and families through school-readiness activities, literacy promotion, nutrition and wellness education, community resource navigation, school safety and family engagement initiatives designed to strengthen protective factors and support positive outcomes for children and youth.

Community residents will also benefit from Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) and Civic Design Team activities that promote resident leadership, neighborhood engagement, civic participation, and community-driven problem-solving efforts. The residents participating in the CDT will actively participate in the governance of the FAU-BPP and support small Community Building Grants within the PN communities to advance resident-driven solutions to improve upon the community conditions that impact academic performance.

Geographic area served:

CSC will support the delivery of services throughout the Broward Promise Pathways service area, with a primary focus on the designated Promise Neighborhoods communities located within ZIP Codes 33060, 33064, 33312, 33009, 33315, 33021, 33020, and 33314. The services will further concentrate on the children and youth benefiting from the innovative instructional strategies be supported by FAU-BPP, who live in the following school feeder zones and zip codes:

Zip Code(s)	School Feeder Zones
33060 & 33064	**Blache Ely HS**, Crystal Lake MS, Pompano Beach MS, Cypress ES, Park Ridge ES, Pompano Beach ES, & Sanders Park ES
33312, 33314 & 33315	**Stranahan HS**, New River MS, Croissant Park ES, Davie ES, Riverland ES, & Westwood Heights ES
33021	**Hollywood Hills HS** & Orange Brook ES
33009 & 33020	**Hallandale HS**, McNicol MS, Gulfstream Academy K-8, Colbert ES, and Gulfstream ELRC

CSC-managed sub-awardees will provide services through a variety of delivery models, including school-based programs, community-based programming, workforce development centers, neighborhood outreach activities, family engagement events, and resident-led community initiatives. Service locations may include schools, community centers, partner agency facilities, workforce training locations, and other approved venues accessible to children, youth, families, and community residents.

Programs supported through Broward Promise Pathways will provide opportunities for early learning and literacy development, academic enrichment, youth development, nutrition and wellness education, career-connected learning, workforce readiness, supportive services for vulnerable youth, family engagement, and community leadership development. Services may be delivered through direct programming, workshops, case management, coaching, resource navigation, referral systems, group activities, special events, and community-building initiatives.

Estimated number of participants served annually:

CSC will support a coordinated network of community-based organizations that collectively provide services to children, youth, families, and community residents throughout the Broward Promise Pathways service area.

In its role as a FAU-BPP subrecipient with subawardees, CSC will oversee and coordinate a diverse portfolio of programs supporting early childhood development, literacy promotion, academic enrichment, youth development, health and wellness education, career-connected learning, workforce readiness, housing stabilization, food insecurity, re-entry programming, community engagement and *a community-led* participatory governance structure for PN pipelines, combined with an integrated, high-quality navigation model supporting a two-generational localized effort to improve the community conditions impacting the academic success of the PN children and families. Based on projected annual service levels across CSC-managed sub-awardees, the Broward Promise Pathways partnership anticipates serving approximately **5,105 participants annually** through direct services delivered across the Promise Neighborhoods continuum. This annual reach is expected to include:

Subawardee	Participants	Services
Early Learning Corps	100 children	Participating in kindergarten readiness and early learning initiatives
Reach Out and Read	2,000 young children	Participating in early literacy promotion and reading engagement activities
CSC MOST, CSC Youth Force	995 children	Participating in academic enrichment, mentoring, character education, youth development, and supportive services
FLIPANY	• 1,000 children • 250 families	• Participating in nutrition programming • Families receiving food
CSC LEAP High, CSC STEP, Career Source Broward CPSI, and Broward Education Foundation B2L	660 youth and young adults	Participating in academic enrichment and remediation services, career pathways exposure, workforce readiness, and postsecondary transition programs.
HANDY HOMES	25 youth	Receiving housing insecurity stabilization, case management, and academic supportive services.
OIC PPP	50 youth and young adults	Receiving re-entry services, intensive workforce development, and academic enrichment services
ABCD Civic Design Team Governance Meetings and Community Building Grants	• 25 adults • TBD # awardees	• Serving as Community Connectors • Community Building Grant awardees

CSC and Florida Atlantic University recognize that annual participation levels may vary based on program design, participant recruitment, community needs, service delivery models, and partner capacity. CSC will work closely with its sub-awardees and FAU to establish annual performance targets, monitor participant engagement, and support continuous improvement efforts designed to maximize program reach and impact.

Estimated Number of Children/Youth/Families (participants) Served Annually: 5,105

Estimated Total Annual Reach Across All CSC-Managed Programs: 5,105

Over the five-year project period, CSC-managed programs are expected to collectively reach more than **25,525 participants** through coordinated investments and services designed to improve educational outcomes, workforce readiness, family well-being, and community success throughout the Broward Promise Pathways service area.

Specific implementation responsibilities:

CSC will collaborate with Florida Atlantic University (FAU), participating community-based organizations, educational institutions, workforce development agencies, health and wellness partners, food insecurity, re-entry and other FAU Broward Promise Pathways partners to support the successful implementation, coordination, oversight, and continuous improvement of services delivered throughout the Promise Neighborhoods continuum.

As part of project implementation, CSC will:

- Administer and manage sub-awards and contractual agreements with community-based organizations, educational partners, and service providers supporting Broward Promise Pathways goals and objectives.
- Provide fiscal oversight, contract administration, monitoring, and stewardship of grant-supported funds allocated to CSC-managed sub-awardees.
- Monitor program performance, service delivery, participant engagement, and outcome measures to ensure alignment with project goals, funding requirements, evidence-based practices, and community needs.
- Provide technical assistance, capacity-building support, and performance management guidance to participating sub-awardees and service providers.
- Coordinate communication and collaboration among CSC-managed partners, FAU, schools, workforce development organizations, healthcare providers, and other project stakeholders to strengthen service integration and participant outcomes.
- Support the implementation of programs and services across the Promise Neighborhoods continuum, including kindergarten readiness, early literacy development, academic enrichment, youth development, nutrition and wellness education, career-connected learning, workforce readiness, housing stabilization, family engagement, and community leadership initiatives.

- Facilitate referral pathways and coordinated service delivery among participating organizations to ensure that children, youth, families, and community residents have access to comprehensive supports and resources.
- Support collaboration among PN and CSC funded program providers, schools, community organizations, workforce development agencies, and resident-led initiatives to strengthen cradle-to-career outcomes.
- Participate in project meetings, partner convenings, planning sessions, implementation discussions, and collaborative activities convened by FAU-BPP.
- Assist with identifying service gaps, emerging community needs, barriers to participation, and opportunities to strengthen program effectiveness and participant outcomes.
- Support CSC Managed sub awardees outreach, recruitment, engagement, and retention strategies designed to increase participation among children, youth, families, and community residents residing within the Broward Promise Pathways target communities.
- Ensure that CSC funded providers comply with applicable programmatic, fiscal, reporting, performance, and aggregate data-sharing to meet the Results Based Accountability data requirements established by FAU and the U.S. Department of Education.
- Support data collection, reporting, and performance measurement activities that contribute to project evaluation, continuous improvement, and accountability.
- CSC will lead and work with FAU to conduct site visits, monitoring activities, evaluations, technical assistance engagements, and other project-related activities conducted by FAU with CSC PN-funded providers as needed.
- Collaborate with FAU and project partners to develop sustainability strategies that strengthen long-term community impact, expand access to services, and improve outcomes for children, youth, families, and residents.

Through these implementation activities, CSC will help maintain a coordinated network of high-quality service providers that collectively support school readiness, literacy development, academic achievement, youth success, workforce readiness, family well-being, community engagement, and long-term economic mobility throughout the Broward Promise Pathways service area.

Participation in project planning:

CSC will actively participate in the planning and strategic development of Broward Promise Pathways (BPP) by contributing expertise in community investment, youth and family development, program administration, cross-sector collaboration, workforce development, early childhood initiatives, and community-based service delivery. CSC will work collaboratively with and include Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in the regularly scheduled Promise Neighborhood Provider Meetings, where the planning and strategic development of the participating sub-awardees, schools, community organizations, and workforce development partners will further refine the strategies designed to improve outcomes for children, youth, families, and community residents across the Promise Neighborhoods continuum. CSC will honor the existing Contracted Scopes of Work negotiated with the proposed FAU-BPP sub-awardee (i.e., CSC PN Service Providers) Contracted Scopes of Work shared with FAU prior to the submission of the FAU-BPP proposal and used as the basis of the CSC PN sub-awardee Pipeline services. The contracted scope of works will not be modified unless CSC and the CSC PN subawardee both agree to do. CSC will invite FAU to the Promise Neighborhoods Governance meetings co-led by the resident-led Civic Design Teams. There will be no expectation that the residents participating in CSC ABCD resident-led Civic Design teams will participate in the project planning process.

As part of project planning activities, CSC will:

- Participate in planning meetings, partnership convenings, advisory groups, and collaborative workgroups that support Broward Promise Pathways goals and objectives.
- Provide input on community needs, service gaps, emerging trends, and opportunities for strengthening the coordinated continuum of services available to children, youth, families, and residents.
- Collaborate with FAU and project partners to identify and align evidence-based and promising practices that support kindergarten readiness, literacy development, academic achievement, youth development, workforce readiness, family stability, and community well-being for the CSC PN-funded sub-awardees.
- Assist in developing strategies that strengthen coordination among community-based service providers and improve referral pathways across the Promise Neighborhoods funded continuum of care provided by the PN-funded sub-awardees.
- Contribute expertise related to contract management, fiscal oversight, performance monitoring, community investment practices, and partnership development to support effective service delivery and accountability.
- Engage CSC-managed PN-funded sub-awardees in planning discussions to ensure that practitioner perspectives, participant experiences, and community needs are reflected in project decision-making.
- Support planning efforts related to kindergarten readiness, early literacy, academic enrichment, nutrition and wellness education, career-connected learning, workforce development, housing stability, family engagement, and community leadership initiatives.
- Collaborate with educational institutions, workforce development partners, health and wellness providers, and community organizations to align resources and strengthen collective impact strategies.
- Assist in identifying opportunities to leverage existing community assets, strengthen resident engagement, and build local capacity to support project goals.

- Collaborate with FAU and project partners to ensure that planned PN-funded activities remain responsive to the needs of children and families within the FAU-BPP serve communities aligned with the proposed Promise Neighborhoods pipeline continuum of solutions.

Through these planning activities, CSC will help strengthen the collective impact of FAU-BPP by supporting a coordinated, data-informed, and community-centered approach to improving educational outcomes, workforce readiness, family well-being, economic mobility, and overall quality of life throughout the service area.

Participation in project implementation:

CSC will actively participate in the implementation of FAU Broward Promise Pathways (FAU-BPP) by coordinating, supporting, monitoring, and overseeing a network of community-based PN-funded sub-awardees that deliver services across the Promise Neighborhoods continuum of care. CSC will collaborate closely with Florida Atlantic University, participating schools, community partners, workforce development organizations, health and wellness providers, and CSC-PN-funded sub-awardees to ensure that services are delivered effectively, aligned with project objectives, and responsive to community needs.

As part of project implementation, CSC will:

- Coordinate the delivery of services provided by CSC-managed sub-awardees across all five Promise Neighborhoods pipeline domains.
- Maintain regular communication with Florida Atlantic University and participating partners to support effective project implementation, service integration, and collective impact efforts.
- Facilitate collaboration among community-based organizations, schools, workforce development agencies, early learning partners, and resident-led initiatives to strengthen participant access to coordinated supports and resources.
- Monitor sub-awardee performance and program implementation to ensure services remain aligned with project goals, contractual requirements, performance expectations, and intended outcomes.
- Support the PN-funded sub-awardees’ outreach, recruitment, engagement, and retention efforts designed to increase participation among children, youth, families, and community residents within the Broward Promise Pathways target communities.
- Oversee PN-funded programs supporting kindergarten readiness, early literacy, academic enrichment, nutrition and wellness education, mentoring, youth development, career-connected learning, workforce readiness, housing stabilization, family engagement, and community leadership development.

- Assist participating organizations in identifying and addressing barriers that may impact service delivery, participant success, or program effectiveness.
- Support the interconnected two-generational navigation monthly meeting to better coordinate the family navigation/case management service strategies that connect participants to appropriate educational, workforce, health, wellness, housing, and family support resources.
- Promote alignment among PN-funded service providers to ensure participants can access comprehensive supports across the cradle-to-career continuum.
- Participate in project meetings, implementation workgroups, partnership convenings, community planning activities, and other collaborative efforts designed to strengthen program coordination and long-term outcomes.
- Facilitate participation of CSC-PN-funded sub-awardees in project activities, reporting processes, evaluation efforts, continuous improvement initiatives, and partnership engagements.
- Support aggregate Result Based Accountability Performance Measurement data collection, performance reporting, and outcome measurement activities that document the aggregate participant progress and project impact.
- CSC will lead and work with FAU to conduct monitoring activities, technical assistance engagements, and collaborative implementation efforts conducted by Florida Atlantic University with CSC PN-funded sub-awardees/providers, as needed.
- Support community engagement and resident leadership initiatives designed to strengthen neighborhood capacity, increase civic participation, and foster community-driven solutions.
- Collaborate with FAU and project partners to identify opportunities for program enhancement, service expansion, sustainability planning, and continuous improvement.

Participation in continuous improvement activities:

CSC is committed to supporting the continuous improvement of FAU Broward Promise Pathways (FAU-BPP) through ongoing collaboration, performance monitoring, data-informed decision-making, quality assurance, and strategic learning activities. CSC will work closely with FAU-BPP, participating sub-awardees, schools, community organizations, workforce development partners, and residents to assess program effectiveness, identify opportunities for enhancement, and strengthen outcomes for children, youth, families, and communities.

As part of continuous improvement activities, CSC will:

- Participate in partnership meetings, evaluation discussions, planning sessions, learning communities, and continuous improvement activities convened by FAU.
- Based on CSC's relational and outcome-based contracting process, provide FAYU with copies of CSC programmatic, financial, and performance measure evaluations to

assess CSC PN-funded sub-awardee's contractual outcomes, implementation fidelity, and progress toward performance measures.

- Monitor the performance of CSC PN-funded sub-awardees/service providers and support program refinement, capacity-building efforts, and technical assistance activities when needed. Based on the CSC relational and outcome-based contracting process, CSC PN-funded sub-awardees/service providers who do not show adequate program performance, contract implementation, utilization, or administrative oversight will be held to CSC's Performance Improvement Plan and Corrective Action Plan processes when needed.
- Utilize data from CSC PN-funded kindergarten readiness, literacy, academic achievement, youth development, workforce readiness, family engagement, and community development initiatives to inform decision-making and strengthen service delivery.
- Collaborate with FAU and project partners to identify service gaps, emerging community needs, barriers to success, and opportunities for improving participant outcomes and systems coordination.
- Share lessons learned, implementation experiences, promising practices, innovative strategies, and community insights that contribute to continuous learning across the FAU Broward Promise Pathways network.
- Promote the use of evidence-based and data-informed practices across CSC PN-funded sub-awardees / service providers.
- Support efforts to document outcomes, measure impact, and demonstrate the effectiveness of CSC PN-funded programs serving children, youth, and families.
- Collaborate with FAU and PN-funded partners to identify successful practices that can be replicated, scaled, or sustained to help ensure PN funded participants are better off from the provided PN-funded services.
- Encourage a culture of learning, accountability, transparency, innovation, and continuous quality improvement among participating partners and sub-awardees.
- Contribute to annual performance reviews, planning activities, and outcome assessment processes designed to strengthen the overall effectiveness of Broward Promise Pathways.
- Support the integration of evaluation findings into program planning, implementation, and future investment strategies.

Through these activities, CSC will help ensure that Broward Promise Pathways remains responsive to community needs, accountable for results, and committed to achieving meaningful and sustainable improvements in educational success, workforce readiness, family well-being, economic mobility, and community vitality throughout the service area.

3. Financial Commitment

Contribution Type (Cash or In-kind)	Annual Value	Five-Year Value	Description of Contribution
Cash – Community-Based Service Delivery Network	$4,547,007.49	$22,735,037.47	CSC will administer and oversee a network of community-based sub-awardees providing services across the Promise Neighborhoods continuum. Funded initiatives include kindergarten readiness, early literacy, academic enrichment, mentoring, youth development, nutrition and wellness education, career-connected learning, workforce readiness, housing stabilization services for vulnerable youth, and community engagement activities. Participating providers include CareerSource Broward, HANDY, OIC of South Florida, Broward Education Foundation (BEF), FLIPANY, Early Learning Coalition school-readiness initiatives, Reach Out and Read, and Asset-Based Community Development and Civic Design Team (ABCD ASO) activities.

- Match contribution designation: CSC commits to administering approximately ($22,735,037.47) in community-based service investments over the five-year project period through a network of sub-awardees supporting Broward Promise Pathways activities. Eligible cash match contributions will be documented and valued in accordance with applicable federal regulations, the Uniform Guidance, and CSC policies and procedures.

CSC Subawardee Funding Schedule

Provider	Annual Award	Five-Year Award (include yearly COLA)
CareerSource Broward – Connected Career Learning	$200,000	$1,040,808
HANDY	$150,000	$780,606
OIC of South Florida	$125000	$650,505
Broward Education Foundation (BEF)	$220,000	$1,144,889
FLIPANY	$150,000	$780,606
Florida Early Learning Corps / dba Reading & Math LLC	$90,000	$468,364
Reach Out and Read	$50,000	$260,202
ABCD ASO	$300,000	$1,561,212
Total	**$1,285,000**	**$6,687,192**

4. Long-Term Sustainability Commitment
Describe sustainability commitments beyond Year 5.

Sustainability Commitment:

CSC is committed to exploring ways to sustain the services provided by CSC PN-funded Florida Atlantic University and Broward Promise Pathways sub-awardees beyond the period of federal grant funding. CSC will explore ways to continue supporting a coordinated continuum of services that promote kindergarten readiness, early literacy, academic achievement, youth development, workforce readiness, family well-being, community engagement, and economic mobility for children, youth, families, and residents throughout Broward County.

CSC's long-standing commitment to investing in evidence-based, community-informed programs positions the organization to support initiatives that align with the goals of FAU Broward Promise Pathways and demonstrate measurable impact within the communities it serves.

Planned Support Beyond Grant Period:

Beyond the grant period, CSC staff will evaluate the effectiveness of the PN-funded services and the theory of change to determine which, if any, of the PN services may be incorporated, with Council approval, into the continuum of care funded by CSC or our partner funders participating in the Funders Forum.

Resources Expected After Federal Funding Ends:

CSC expects to continue leveraging its established organizational infrastructure, grant management expertise, fiscal oversight systems, performance monitoring capabilities, community partnerships, and coordinated investment strategies to support services benefiting children, youth, families, and communities throughout Broward County.

These resources may include:

- Program administration and oversight.
- Contract management and fiscal stewardship.
- Technical assistance and capacity-building support.
- Partnership coordination and community convening.
- Performance monitoring and continuous improvement activities.
- Data-informed decision-making and evaluation support.
- Community engagement and resident leadership development.
- Strategic investments in programs that align with CSC's mission and priorities.

Institutionalization Strategy:

CSC will work collaboratively with Florida Atlantic University, community-based organizations, educational institutions, workforce development partners, and residents to embed successful practices, partnerships, and service delivery models into existing community systems and organizational operations.

By strengthening collaboration among providers, promoting data-informed decision-making, supporting continuous improvement efforts, and building partner capacity, CSC will help ensure that effective programs and strategies developed through FAU Broward Promise Pathways continue beyond the federal funding period.

CSC will consider the value of integrating successful approaches learned from the FAU-BPP into existing funding streams, community initiatives, and organizational practices whenever feasible, thereby expanding the long-term impact of FAU Broward Promise Pathways throughout the service area.

Commitment to Participate in Sustainability Planning:

CSC will support sustainability planning efforts throughout the FAU Broward Promise Pathways project period. CSC will collaborate with Florida Atlantic University and project partners to identify long-term funding opportunities, align community resources, strengthen strategic partnerships, and consider ideas that support the continuation and expansion of successful PN-funded interventions.

Through these efforts, CSC will help ensure that the benefits of FAU Broward Promise Pathways continue to serve children and families after the federal PN funding sunset.

5. **Data Sharing & Evaluation Responsibilities**
Describe data collection, data sharing, reporting, and evaluation capacity.

CSC will support FAU Broward Promise Pathways (BPP) de-identified aggregate data-sharing for the Results Based Accountability performance measurement tables. CSC will use PN funds to support CSC's Assistant Director of Research & Evaluation and 50% of a Research and Evaluation Manager to support the PN required evaluation activities. CSC will work with Florida Atlantic University and the CSC-PN-funded sub-awardees to collect, review, and report programmatic information necessary to assess progress toward project goals, objectives, and outcomes.

Programmatic data collection and performance tracking will be guided by a **Results-Based Accountability (RBA) Framework**, ensuring that data collected across the Promise Neighborhoods pipelines align with established outcomes, performance indicators, and federal reporting requirements. CSC will collaborate with FAU, participating sub-awardees, and evaluation partners to support the collection, analysis, and reporting of data related to program implementation, participant engagement, service delivery, and project outcomes.

Data Collection and Reporting:

CSC will work with its managed PN-funded sub-awardees to collect and maintain information on program participation, service delivery, performance measures, outputs, outcomes, and other indicators required for grant reporting and evaluation. CSC will support the aggregation and submission of information necessary to document progress toward FAU Broward Promise Pathways goals and objectives.

Data Sharing and Privacy

CSC will participate in established data-sharing processes in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, policies, and privacy requirements. Data sharing activities will use aggregate, de-identified, and non-personally identifiable information to support PN evaluation activities while protecting the privacy and confidentiality of participants is paramount, as a result, CSC and the CSC PN-Funded sub-awardees will never report identifiable or individual level data to FAU or any other party involved in the PN data collection and evaluation.

Reporting Responsibilities:

CSC will collaborate with FAU in a structured reporting process that may include two major reporting cycles annually:

- **Annual Performance Report (APR):** Conducted to assess progress toward established program outcomes, performance indicators, implementation milestones, and grant objectives.
- **Year-End and Ad Hoc Reporting:** Conducted as requested to support comprehensive analysis of program activities, participant outcomes, performance trends, accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned.

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement:

CSC will contribute to evaluation and continuous improvement efforts by:

- Participating in evaluation discussions, reporting meetings, and data review activities.
- Supporting the review and interpretation of programmatic and performance data collected by CSC PN-funded sub-awardees.
- Sharing implementation insights, participant feedback, lessons learned, and promising practices.
- Assisting in identifying trends, service gaps, barriers to success, and opportunities for program enhancement.
- Collaborating with FAU and project partners to strengthen data-informed decision-making and continuous quality improvement efforts.
- Supporting efforts to document outcomes, measure impact, and disseminate effective practices across the FAU Broward Promise Pathways network.

Through these activities, CSC will help ensure that FAU Broward Promise Pathways remains data-informed, outcome-focused, responsive to community needs, and accountable for achieving meaningful results for children, youth, families, and communities throughout the service area.

Staffing Commitments:

A CSC PN Project Director is responsible for the overall implementation of the PN funding awarded to CSC and the subcontracted PN service providers. This individual provides direct supervision to CSC staff implementing all CSC ABCD efforts, the Broward Partnership for Kids, and CSC's Data Sharing Memorandum of

Understanding with Broward County Public Schools. This position is responsible for leading the effort to create an electronic, consent-driven Referral Tracking System to ensure warm transfers of children and families among the various CSC-funded and PN-funded programs required to provide wraparound services needed to help youth successfully graduate from high school and transition to postsecondary opportunities and/or employment. This CSC PN Project Director is a member of CSC's Senior Management, allowing them to coordinate and align the PN services with the other CSC Senior Managers supervising the staff implementing CSC-funded and PN-funded services and programs. The PN staff under the guidance of the PN Director include: a PN-funded Contract Accounting Manager (CSC Fiscal) responsible for maintaining the financial controls of the grant and processing the PN subcontracted Service Providers' invoices; the two CSC PN-funded Assistant Directors - Community Building (CSC Research Analysis & Planning), and Program Services (CSC Program Services), the PN funded Community Building Managers (CSC Research Analysis and Planning), the PN partially funded Research and Evaluation Manager (CSC Research Analysis and Planning) and the PN partially funded Assistant Director – Research Analysis and Planning (CSC Research and Planning). Finally, as a member of the CSC Senior Management Team, the Project Director has direct access to the CSC's President/CEO and her three Chiefs, ensuring the smooth implementation and oversight of all aspects of the PN programming.

Key Personnel	Position Title	FTE or Level of Effort	Duration of Commitment
TBD	Project Director	Stipend – 5 hrs./wk. to grant	5 years
TBD	Assistant Director of Community Building	1 FTE – 70% to grant	5 years
TBD	Community Building Manager	1 FTE – 100% to grant	5 years
TBD	Community Building Manager	1 FTE – 66% to grant	5 years
TBD	Assistant Director of Research &Evaluation	Stipend – 2.5 hrs./wk. to grant	5 years
TBD	Research & Evaluation Manager	1 FTE – 50% to grant	5 years
TBD	Assistant Director of Program Services	1 FTE – 100% to grant	5 years
TBD	Contract Accounting & Compliance Manager	1 FTE – 100% to grant	5 years

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As Recommended at the Program Planning Committee Meeting August 3, 2026

August 20, 2026

Service Goal 8: Safeguard the physical health of children.

Objective: 081 Increase the availability of school-based health care at schools of highest need in collaboration with the School District to improve the physical well-being of children.

Issue: Follow up regarding Expansion of School Health Services as requested during the May Budget Workshop.

Action: Approve the expansion of School Health Services to 7 additional high-need schools.

Budget Impact: $549,211 Of $5,579,567 Available in Unallocated for FY 26/27.

Background: Since 2002, CSC has successfully collaborated with the Department of Health (DOH) and Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) to fund high-quality school health services at BCPS schools with the highest health needs. Currently, CSC contracts with the DOH to provide oversight and monitoring of school health services delivered through DOH school health subcontractor(s), with registered nurses assigned to 23 schools. Schools receiving CSC-funded nursing services are required to comply with DOH's school health oversight and monitoring requirements, ensuring consistency with state standards which support students' health and safety.

Annually, Broward County Public Schools reviews school health data and identifies schools for a dedicated School Health Nurse. The data is a composite scoring methodology to identify and rank schools with the greatest need for nursing support services. Scores are based on multiple indicators, including enrollment, free and reduced lunch, students with diagnosed chronic health conditions, students with disabilities, discipline incidents, and school accidents, ensuring nursing resources are prioritized for schools with the highest demonstrated need.

Current Status: During the May Budget Retreat, Council Members expressed interest in expanding school nursing services to increase the number of schools with dedicated nursing coverage. Several Council members also indicated support for using Broward County Public Schools' high-need ranking methodology to guide nurse placement to ensure resources are directed to schools with the greatest demonstrated need.

At the June Program Planning Committee meeting, staff presented the funding required to expand nursing services from 23 CSC-funded schools to an additional 7 or 14 high-need schools. Staff was also asked to explore how the charter schools could be included in expansion efforts.

To assess this possibility, CSC staff met with representatives from the DOH and BCPS. BCPS explained that charter schools currently do not provide all the data elements used by BCPS to include them in the ranking methodology. For charter schools to be considered for school nursing services through the BCPS process, interested schools must submit the required data to BCPS for analysis. Given the timing of this process, charter school data cannot be collected, analyzed, and incorporated before the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

While charter schools are not currently included in the countywide school health ranking process, they may access nursing services through BCPS's Venture Design Program. Through this program, two charter schools currently share a full-time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), and 23 charter schools purchase intermittent nursing support primarily for Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Section 504 meetings. In addition, BCPS reported that only three charter schools currently have students requiring medical support from unlicensed assistive personnel receiving a medical supplement.

At the Program Planning Committee meeting on August 3rd, the committee voted to recommend implementing a phased approach for FY 2026/27 to expand services to 7 additional high-need schools, with the potential to expand further in FY 2027/28 once the results of the constitutional amendment are known and charter schools can be included in the BCPS prioritization process. This annual cost of $549, 211 would pay for 7 Registered Nurses and 1 RN Supervisor.

Recommended Action: Approve the expansion of School Health Services to 7 additional high-need schools.

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For Council Meeting August 20, 2026

Service Goal	Multiple Goals
Issue:	At the May Budget Retreat several contract renewals were deferred for a variety of reasons. The Contracts below are now ripe for renewal.
Action:	Approve Renewal Recommendations for FY26-27, As Presented.
Budget Impact:	$1,227,625 of $1,327,625 Available in **Goal 023** for FY 26-27 $291,921 of $291,921 Available in **Goal 021** for FY 26-27 $231,135 of $231,135 Available in **Goal 026** for FY 26-27 $439,735 of $439,735 Available in **Goal 027** for FY 26-27 $3,249,535 of $3,449,535 Available in **Goal 031** for FY 26-27 $1,120,400 of $6,382,945 Available in **Goal 034** for FY 26-27 $350,000 of $350,000 Available in **Goal 039** for FY 26-27 $839,115 of $839,115 Available in **Goal 041** for FY 26-27 $439,285 of $439,285 Available in **Goal 082** for FY 26-27 $83,943 of $5,005,343 Available in Unallocated for FY 26-27 $523,228 Total for FY 26-27 $1,009,845 of $1,009,845 Available in **Goal 072** for FY 26-27

Background: During the May 21st Budget Retreat, funding was set aside within each of the goals listed but the vote on contract renewals for the following programs were deferred pending additional performance information.

Current Status: The programs listed below met expectations, and staff are now recommending renewal. Where applicable, the renewal amount includes an increase to allow for the 4% COLA as approved by the Council in May.

Family Supports and HEAL Trauma – Reduce the incidence of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. (Service Goal 2.1)

Deerfield Beach Community Cares $358,540

This program is in its first year providing services under the HEAL Trauma 2025 RFP. This program provides navigation services using the Community Mental Health Worker (CMHWs) model to connect families with community resources in the North region of Broward County.

As a grassroots provider in its first CSC-funded contract, the agency experienced a slow start-up period with staff retention and participant recruitment challenges as it built the infrastructure and operational capacity necessary to implement services at the expected scale. As a result, the program was deferred to allow additional time for service implementation and observation of program delivery. The provider has been receptive to technical assistance and capacity-building support provided by the Programmatic Consultant and CSC Programs Manager. The Program Performance Review reflected progress in addressing identified challenges. CSC will continue to provide ongoing technical assistance and monitoring to support continued growth and program development. Based on the progress achieved to date and the provider's commitment to strengthening implementation, staff recommend contract renewal for FY 26-27 to serve 80 families. The recommended allocation includes a 4% COLA.

Mount Bethel Human Services Corporation, Inc. $291,921

This program is in its third year providing services under the Family Supports 2023 RFP. This program offers services to fathers using the 24/7 Dad curriculum.

The program was previously placed on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) in FY 2024-25. Follow-up Program Performance Reviews have demonstrated continued progress in addressing identified concerns. However, due to leadership and staffing transitions at the start of the current fiscal year, including turnover in the CEO/Executive Director position, the program's renewal was deferred to allow additional time to ensure improvements were sustained.

Staff recommends contract renewal for FY 2026-27 to serve 77 families. The recommended allocation includes a 4% COLA and the elimination of one ongoing vacant position, resulting in a reduction in the number of fathers served from 100 to 77. Staff will continue to monitor the provider's progress and provide ongoing support to ensure all remaining PIP requirements are successfully resolved and improvements are maintained.

Mujeres Latinas Impulsando Mujeres Latinas, Inc. $520,405

This program is in its first year providing services under the HEAL Trauma 2025 RFP but was previously funded for a similar program under a United Way procurement which sunset. This program provides navigation services using the Community Mental Health Worker (CMHWs) model to connect families with community resources in the South region of Broward County.

The program experienced a slower-than-anticipated start-up period, as well as challenges related to staff retention and participant recruitment. As a result, the program was deferred to allow additional time for service implementation and observation of program services. The Program Performance Review demonstrated progress in all areas. The program will continue to receive technical assistance from the Programmatic Consultant and CSC

Program Manager. Based on the program's current performance, staff recommend contract renewal for FY 26-27 to serve 110 families. The recommended allocation includes a 4% COLA.

Thrive and Success Community Outreach, Inc. /Mental Health America (Fiscal Sponsor) $348,680

This program is in its first year of providing services under the HEAL Trauma 2025 RFP. This program provides navigation services using the Community Mental Health Worker (CMHWs) model to connect families with community resources in the North region of Broward County.

As a grassroots provider in its first CSC-funded contract, the agency experienced a slow start-up period and participant recruitment challenges as it built the infrastructure, partnerships, and operational capacity necessary to implement services at the expected scale. As a result, the program was deferred to allow additional time for service implementation and observation of program delivery. The provider has been receptive to technical assistance and capacity-building support provided by the Programmatic Consultant and CSC Programs Manager. The Program Performance Review reflected progress in addressing identified challenges. CSC will continue to provide ongoing technical assistance and monitoring to support continued growth and program development. Based on the progress achieved to date and the provider's commitment to strengthening implementation, staff recommend contract renewal for FY 26-27 to serve 80 families. The recommended allocation includes a 4% COLA.

Children live in financially stable environments. (Service Goal 2.2)

South Florida Hunger Coalition, Inc. (SFHC)-Summer BreakSpot $231,135

This is the fourth year of a five-year contract for the Summer BreakSpot program. In March, the Council approved additional funding to establish a tenth site in Dania Beach for summer programming.

Staff recommended deferring contract renewal to allow additional time to implement and assess the program's summer services. This recommendation was presented at the May Budget Retreat.

In June, summer services began across 10 sites. SFHC partnered with 29 agencies to provide enrichment activities, including literacy, water safety and drowning prevention, first aid skills, healthy meal preparation, and art.

Summer services concluded on August 7 with strong results. The program served 28,673 meals, including breakfast, lunch, and snacks, to 417 unduplicated children across the 10 sites, significantly exceeding the contracted goal of 285 participants. This represents 132 children above the contracted goal, or approximately 46% more participants than anticipated. The program's reach was further strengthened through partnerships with 29 community agencies and services delivered across five cities and eight ZIP codes, demonstrating the program's successful expansion and broad community impact.

Based on the program's current performance, staff recommends renewing the contract for FY 26-27. This request includes a 4% COLA.

Hispanic Unity of Florida – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program $439,735

This program is in its third of five years under the 2023 VITA Services RFP to offer services for free tax help and preparation for low- and moderate-income individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The contract was deferred because it was too soon to measure various programmatic components prior to the May Budget Retreat.

Sites launched on January 20, 2026, and HUF operated 15 traditional sites and four mobile sites, in addition to e-file services. As of the end of July, 4,790 clients received in-person services, and 3,611 returns were submitted, resulting in over $1.26M in savings in tax preparation fees. Over $3.4M in tax refunds were recorded, including $765,243 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and $660,370 in Child Tax Credit (CTC). Though the tax season has ended, extended services are being provided at three locations until September 2026 to facilitate submissions for prior tax years 2023 and 2024, as well as amendments to returns for late filers.

Based on the program's current performance, staff recommends renewing the contract for FY 26-27. This request includes a 4% COLA.

Youth FORCE and Youth Employment – Reduce risk factors associated with delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, school dropout, and other risky behaviors. (Services Goal 3.1)

Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. $3,249,535

Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. is in its second year providing services under the Positive Youth Development 2024 RFP. The program provides out-of-school time services at six year-round BCPS sites to high-risk youth in need of support.

The program was placed on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) to address ongoing program implementation and documentation challenges. Their contract renewal was deferred in May to allow the program to implement the PIP strategies and demonstrate improvement.

The follow-up review demonstrated successful completion of some elements of the PIP, while other elements need more time to be completed. CSC staff will continue to monitor PIP progress and work with the provider until all elements have been successfully completed.

Based on the program's improved performance, staff recommends contract renewal for FY 26-27 to serve 425 youth. This request includes a 4% COLA.

Junior Achievement of South Florida $1,120,400

Junior Achievement is in its fourth year of a leverage contract to provide summer youth employment opportunities to participants in the JA Career Bound program. JA reported that 378 students graduated from the school year employability skills training component of the program and expressed interest in the summer youth employment experience. 285 of the 300 contracted (95%) students are expected to successfully complete the summer component.

Based on the program's performance, staff recommend contract renewal for FY 26-27 to serve 300 youth. This request includes a 4% COLA and a minimum wage increase for youth salaries.

Reduce the recidivism rate of low-risk juvenile offenders who are at low risk to re-offend and prevent the escalation of crime. (Service Goal 3.2)

Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC)- DJJ C-CCT $350,000

BBHC, in partnership with Smith Community Mental Health, is in its first year providing services through the DJJ Child-Care Coordination Team (CCT) program funded by CSC. The CCT delivers peer support and service coordination to address family needs, promote stability, support safe family reunification, and reduce detention stays for youth who have committed a domestic violence offense.

The program was deferred due to initial contracting delays and to provide additional time to complete the monitoring visit.

During the review process, CSC learned that some youth are being released from detention centers or diverted from detention by the judiciary prior to the initiation of the C-CCT program, with the expectation that they will participate in the program. The earlier return of youth to their homes aligns with the intended goal of reducing detention stays. Additionally, the record review showed that many youth are being referred to diversion or other community-based services within the first 30 days of C-CCT services, potentially allowing the program to conclude services earlier.

Based on the program's performance, staff recommends renewing the contract for FY 26-27 to serve 120 families.

Healthy Youth Transitions – Improve life outcomes for dependent, delinquent, crossover and disconnected youth transitioning to adulthood, with a special focus on youth in foster care and/or other non-traditional living arrangements. (Service Goal 4)

South Broward Hospital District DBA Memorial Healthcare System $839,115

Memorial is in its third year of providing services under the Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT) 2024 RFP.

The program was placed on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) to address data management issues. This contract renewal was deferred until August to allow the program to implement the PIP strategies and show improvement.

The follow-up review demonstrated successful completion of some elements of the PIP, while other elements need more time to be completed. CSC staff will continue to monitor PIP progress and work with the provider until all elements have been successfully completed and maintained.

Based on the program's improved performance, staff recommends contract renewal for FY 26-27 to serve 175 youth. This request includes a 4% COLA.

Water Safety—Safeguard the physical health of children (Service Goal 8)

Florida Department of Health in Broward County - Infant/Toddler Drowning Prevention Initiative $523,228

The Drowning Prevention Initiative is a collaborative partnership between the Florida Department of Health in Broward County and CSC that provides countywide leadership, coordination, and comprehensive drowning prevention education, marketing, and community outreach efforts focused on families with young children.

As part of the initiative, scholarships are provided to aspiring lifeguards and swim instructors who need financial assistance to obtain their certifications, helping to strengthen the local aquatics workforce and expand access to water safety instruction.

The initiative also supports the Students Preventing Unintentional Drowning (SPUD) Club, which equips high school students with the knowledge and skills to become water-safety ambassadors by promoting drowning prevention and safe behaviors within their schools and communities. CSC currently funds 16 SPUD Club sites. In addition, the contract was expanded last year to include adaptive swim instructor certification scholarships, increasing the number of instructors qualified to teach children with autism.

The current funding set aside for FY 26-27 is $439,285. DOH is requesting $523,228, an increase of $83,943. This increase would support the addition of one new SPUD Club site and assume the cost of three current SPUD Clubs funded by DOH, and also fund personnel previously funded through the Swim Safely grant, double the number of lifeguard and swim instructor certification scholarships, expand the distribution of Water Watcher tags and door alarms, and increase the availability of community outreach and educational materials to further strengthen drowning prevention efforts throughout Broward County.

The program was deferred pending Federal and State budget decisions. The outcome of the Swim Safely grant will not be available until October 2026. If DOH is awarded this grant the contract will be reduced accordingly.

Based on the program's performance, staff recommends renewing the contract for FY 26-27. This request includes a 4% COLA.

MOST – Improve the availability and quality of out-of-school time programs to promote school success of children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. (Service Goal 7)

The FIU Reading Explorer's Program (REP) $1,009,845

CSC is in second year of a 5-year piggyback on a Children's Trust procurement resulting in the funding of the Center for Children and Families at Florida International University, in partnership with Nova Southeastern University, to deliver year-round reading enhancement services. These services are provided to CSC-funded MOST afterschool and summer programs, focusing on children in kindergarten through third grade to strengthen foundational reading and reading comprehension skills.

During the school year, FIU provided the MOST program staff with evidence-based strategies focused on infusing literacy into programming. During the summer, FIU completed about 1,600 reading assessments and provided small-group reading instruction to over 1,000 children across 50 summer sites to help rising kindergarteners, first, second, and third graders improve their reading skills.

The program was deferred pending the results of its summer performance review, which took place on July 14. Based on the outstanding performance review, staff recommend contract renewal for FY 26-27 to serve 1,100 children. This request includes a 4% COLA.

Recommended Action: Approve Renewal Recommendations for FY26-27, as Presented.

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System Goal	SYS 1.2 Research and Evaluate Systems of Care.
Objective:	SYS 923 Collaborate with community partnerships to promote child and family research initiatives.
Issue:	Qualified subject matter expert reviewers (Source Experts) are needed to evaluate applications submitted for the FY26-27 Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Administrative Support Organization (ASO) RFP. Using established criteria, reviewers will ensure a fair, consistent, and informed evaluation process that supports CSC's goal of partnering with local neighbors to enhance their communities.
Action(s):	(1) Approve Source Experts for FY 26-27 ABCD ASO RFP. (2) Approve Compensation for ABCD Community Connectors who serve as Source Experts.
Budget Impact:	$700 Of $358,500 Available in Goal 923 for FY 26/27.

Background: The inaugural Asset Based Community Development Training and Facilitation and Administrative Support RFP was issued in 2022. Due to the scope and variance of requested services, the RFP was unresponsive. The RFP was re-issued for ABCD Training and Facilitation, and A Little Help Never Hurt, LLC, was awarded. In 2023, A Little Help Never Hurt received additional funding to provide the administrative support to the three ABCD Civic Design Teams (CDT) – Lauderhill, Fort Lauderdale, and Hollywood. In 2024, the Council approved funding for the Pompano Collier City CDT and the Community Foundation of Broward provided pass through funding for the Pompano Blanche Ely CDT. The Lauderdale Lakes and the City of West Park were added with Broward Up Promise Neighborhood Grant funding. A Little Help Never Hurt contract with CSC funding ends December 31, 2026 and aligns with their Promise Neighborhood funding, which ends December 31, 2026.

Current Status: The Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Administrative Support Organization RFP for FY26-27 is scheduled for release in August 2026. The process entails rating proposals, followed by applicant interviews conducted after the RFP release and before recommendations are presented to Council. Recommendations for funding will be presented for approval at the October Council meeting. The awarded contract will begin January 1, 2027.

Per Council policy, Council members may serve as raters, appoint designee raters to serve on their behalf, approve community source experts to serve on evaluation committees, and have final authority on all programs recommended for funding. Committee members will review, rate, and recommend awards to the full Council. The staff is recommending the following individuals to participate in the rating process.

Name	Title	Organization
Malcom Lane	ABCD Community Connector	West Park Civic Design Team
Tiffancy Lockhart	ABCD Community Connector	Fort Lauderdale Civic Design Team
Idelma Quintana	Hollywood City Commissioner	City of Hollywood
Lauren Zuchman	Chief Communications and Partnerships Officer	Children's Services Council of Palm Beach
Loreen Chant	Chief Executive Officer	Health Foundation of South Florida

Engaging Asset Based Community Development Community Connectors who have participated in the CSC ABCD Initiative with the existing ABCD ASO (A Little Help Never Hurt) embodies CSC's commitment to the principle of "doing with, not doing to" people. Having the perspective of community partners adds insights about what works and what does not work. Connectors will be asked to read and rate the proposals and to participate in the rating committee discussion. Staff would like approval to compensate the Community Connectors with gift cards ranging from $50 per application and interview for up to $350 for 7 applications.

Recommended Action(s): (1) Approve Source Experts for FY 26-27 ABCD ASO RFP.

(2) Approve Compensation for ABCD Community Connectors.

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Service Goal	1 Support provider agency efforts to enhance their infrastructure and service delivery effectiveness.
Objective:	012 Provide funding to support organizational capacity building and program quality improvement initiatives.
Issue:	Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations Award Recommendations to award funding to organizations to strengthen their capacity to effectively deliver programs and services to the community and related supports.
Action:	1. Approve Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations Awards. 2. Approve funding for Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide Coaching, Consulting, Technical Assistance, and Strategic Thinking Training.
Budget Impact:	\$551,000 Of \$551,000 Available in Goal 012 for FY 26/27 \$ 25,013 of \$5,030,356 Available in Unallocated for FY 26/27 \$576,013 Total for FY 26/27.

Background: Through our Agency Capacity Building (ACB) initiatives, the CSC provides organizational development support to local nonprofits (NPOs) serving children and families. One key resource provided through ACB is the annual Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations. The grant supports activities that enable nonprofits to strengthen and grow their infrastructure. It provides project funding, coaching, consulting, and technical assistance to targeted small, mid-sized, and niche nonprofits. To ensure that each awarded NPO maximizes project funding, the CSC has partnered with the FAU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Fort Lauderdale to provide oversight of all Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations projects and conduct comprehensive organizational assessments. This extraordinarily successful partnership with SBDC has consistently yielded results beyond expectations. Many past awardees continue to engage with SBDC for business coaching and organizational support long after their grant cycle concludes, demonstrating the lasting value and sustainability of the partnership.

Current Status: Two rating committees reviewed and evaluated new and returning application submissions for the 2026–2027 Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations. A total of 32 new applications were received. Twenty-three were advanced for rating, while nine were deemed fatally flawed for failing to meet the application requirements. Of the 23 new applications rated, 16 are recommended for funding, and 7 are not. Additionally, 12 returning applications were submitted for continued funding consideration. Four were deemed fatally flawed and did not advance in the process. The remaining eight applications were advanced for rating, and all eight are recommended for funding.

The grand total for all 24 grants: 16 new and eight returning ($423,856), and SBDC's coaching, consulting, and technical assistance ($147,432), and Strategic Thinking Training ($4,725) is $576,013. See the attached schedule for the award details. The eight grantees returning for their second year will not be eligible to apply again for ten years after the completion of this grant cycle. 16 organizations have the potential to be funded for a second year. Applicants not recommended for funding will be strongly encouraged to engage with available capacity-building resources, including newsletters, training opportunities, and ACB meetings.

Recommended Action: 1. Approve Capacity Building Grants for Non-Profit Organizations Awards.

2. Approve funding for Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide Coaching, Consulting, Technical Assistance, and Strategic Thinking Training.

Scores Max 80 Points	Agency - New Applicants	Agency Project Funding	SBDC Consulting	Total Recommended	Program and Project Description
76.67	Survivors HOPE	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Survivoris HOPE is a survivor-led organization committed to the empowerment of survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Develop of a multi-year strategic plan Project Two: Financial management system update
75.00	Island Society for the Promotion of Artistic and Cultural Education Inc	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Island Society for the Promotion of Artistic & Cultural Education enriches the lives of children and families through Caribbean cultural education, literacy, and community engagement. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Develop a multi-year strategic plan. Project Two: Optimize the current CRM to meet the growing needs of the organization
73.67	Community Reconstruction Inc.	$16,996	$6,143	$23,139	Community Reconstruction Inc. provides educational, leadership, and employment opportunities to minority and impoverished citizens through culturally responsive programming, strong family support, positive adult relationships, and resources that help develop a new generation of leaders. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Technology infrastructure and systems modernization
71.67	Scholar Career Coaching, Inc.	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Scholar Career Coaching (Scholar CC) provides mentoring, college- and career-readiness programming, and scholarships to students attending Title I high schools in South Florida. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Data management and communication systems update Project Two: Revenue diversification plan with donor management system
70.67	Students for Change Foundation, Inc.	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Students for Change equips young people with the civic and community leadership skills needed to create a meaningful, lasting impact on the issues they care about. The following projects are recommended: Project One: Develop a centralized, automated CRM system Project Two: Develop a structured online training and certification system Project Three: Create professional videos and a reusable content library
70.00	Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization Inc.	$10,000	$6,143	$16,143	Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization (BGCDSO) is a nonprofit family support and resource organization dedicated to empowering individuals with Down syndrome and their families through guidance, education, advocacy, and community inclusion.The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Develop a multi-year strategic plan
68.33	Legacy of Change Inc.	$18,820	$6,143	$24,963	Legacy of Change, Inc. is breaking the cycles of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking through trauma-informed healing, education, advocacy, prevention, and mentorship. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Develop Board Capacity and Governance Practices Project Two: Strengthen Marketing, Communications, and Community Engagement Project Three: Implement CRM, Data Security, and Performance Reporting

67.67	Elevate Her Women's Network Inc.	$19,000	$6,143	$25,143	ElevateHer Women's Network helps women and young adults, particularly transition-age youth aging out of foster care, survivors of domestic violence, and individuals facing economic hardship or housing instability, stabilize, heal, build essential life skills, and achieve long-term independence through housing, education, workforce development, financial capability, and supportive community. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Develop risk management and safety protocols Project Two: Develop HR policies, procedures, and protocols Project Three: Purchase and configure a case management platform
66.33	Rubin Stacy Studio for Innovation & Education, Inc.	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Rubin Stacy Studio for Innovation and Education empowers children, families, and underserved communities in Broward County to heal from trauma through creative expression, storytelling, and innovative arts-based programs that restore voice, build resilience, and inspire transformation. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Develop a multi-year strategic plan Project Two: Strengthen board governance and leadership
66.00	PRISM FL, Inc.	$16,640	$6,143	$22,783	PRISM serves South Florida's youth by expanding access to inclusive education and sexual health resources. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Brand development and website enhancement Project Two: Conduct a financial audit
65.67	Peace Leaders Foundation Inc.	$10,000	$6,143	$16,143	Peace Leaders Foundation prevents and reduces violence in all its forms while promoting the safety, well-being, and development of children and families. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Develop a multi-year strategic plan Project Two: Conduct a financial audit
64.33	A New Start Financial & Social Services Inc	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	A New Start Financial & Social Services primarily serves at-risk and underserved youth and young adults in Broward County, particularly individuals ages 4–22 and youth involved with or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system. Services include academic support, mentoring, mental health and social-emotional support, case management, workforce readiness, financial literacy, life-skills development, health and wellness initiatives, and community-based programmingt. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Improve Technology Infrastructure and Data Management Project Two: Conduct a financial audit
64.33	High Grade Global Learning Center Inc	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	High-Grade Global Learning Center, Inc. empowers K-12 students to close learning gaps, strengthen academic skills, and achieve measurable success through personalized tutoring, test preparation, and family-centered educational support. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Develop and implement an evaluation and performance measurement system
64.00	Unmute Yourself, Inc.	$6,500	$6,143	$12,643	Unmute Yourself, Inc. provides comprehensive prevention and restoration services focused on domestic violence, teen dating violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, child abuse prevention, healthy relationships, youth leadership development, and survivor support and empowerment. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Develop a multi-year strategic plan with focus on board governance

63.00	NAMI Broward County Inc.	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	NAMI Broward improves the quality of life for individuals and families affected by mental health conditions through education, support, advocacy, and community awareness. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Develop a comprehensive outcomes measurement framework Project Two: Enhance participant, volunteer, and program data management system Project Three: Develop a strategic plan
58.67	Ladies of Alpha and Omega Incorporated	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Ladies of Alpha and Omega empowers Broward girls in grades six through twelve through mentorship, education, and community engagement by raising awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and using faith-based principles to build resilience, leadership, character, and self-awareness. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Develop a multi-year strategic plan Project Two: Board governance and leadership development
Scores Max 60 Points	**Agency - Returning Applicants**	**Agency Project Funding**	**SBDC Consulting**	**Total Recommended**	**Program and Project Description**
58.42	Oasis of Hope Community Development Corporation	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Oasis of Hope Community Development Corporation provides basic youth financial literacy education and community housing services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families in South Florida. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Program assessment, evaluation, and learning framework development
56.50	LEV Children's Museum	$10,900	$6,143	$17,043	Lev Children's Museum creates engaging experiences to connect learners of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities with Jewish culture and community. We work to ensure that Judaism is accessible to all who wish to engage. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Website redesign with new video and image content library
56.17	Bit By Bit Medical Therapeutic Riding Center	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Bit-By-Bit Medical Therapeutic Riding Center improves the South Florida community by healing with the help of horses, promoting independence for at-risk youth, special needs individuals, and disabled veterans, and educating the next generation through mentorship and quality, hands-on volunteer experiences. The following project is recommended for funding: Project One: Strategic planning toward capital campaign
55.58	The Beauty Initiative Incorporated	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	The Beauty Initiative promotes hygiene equity by providing essential hygiene products to underserved populations, including homeless women and school-age children. Their programs restore dignity and promote health through compassion and education. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Board governance and development Project Two: AI-Powered Marketing and Communications System Development Project Three: Brand strategy and development

Scores Max 60 Points	Agency - Returning Applicants	Agency Project Funding	SBDC Consulting	Total Recommended	Program and Project Description
53.42	Neighbors 4 Neighbors	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	Neighbors 4 Neighbors connects those in need with those who can help. Using a combination of resource development, collaboration with service providers, and the power of media, we empower our neighbors to use the talents, time, and money they have to help others. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Website redesign, consolidating two sites into one Project Two: Financial management and training
53.25	The Born on Purpose Project, Inc.	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	The Born on Purpose Project empowers youth and adults to discover their purpose through mentorship, workshops, and community events. Their programs foster resilience, creativity, and personal growth in underserved communities across South Florida The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Revenue diversification plan and training Project Two: Financial management and audit readiness
53.17	The Starr Institute, Inc.	$20,000	$6,143	$26,143	The Starr Institute educates, engages, and empowers youth and communities to prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation. Through culturally relevant workshops and advocacy, they aim to create a world where children are protected and supported. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Digital train-the-trainer curriculum development Project Two: Fundraising strategy and development plan Project Three: Marketing and communication strategy
48.75	Hosanna4Youth	$15,000	$6,143	$21,143	Hosanna4Youth is a survivor-led, trauma-informed nonprofit dedicated to helping families affected by incest, molestation, sexual abuse, human trafficking, and domestic violence. Their mission is to provide education, advocacy, resources, and support programs focusing on mental health, physical wellness, and personal development to help individuals move from suffering in silence toward healing. The following projects are recommended for funding: Project One: Website Rebuild, Brand Identity & Communications Infrastructure Project Two: Board governance
Subtotal		**$423,856**	**$147,432**	**$571,288**	
SBDC Training			$4,725		
Total			**$152,157**	**$576,013**	

Tab U

For Council Meeting August 20, 2026

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:	A better venue has been identified for the 2027 Impact Summit
Action:	(1) Approve the Charles F. Dodge City Center (Dodge Center) as the new venue for the 2027 Impact Summit now to be held on January 29, 2027. (2) Approve CSC contracting with SMG for rental of the Dodge Center for the Summit – paying according to the schedule outlined below. (3) Approve Amending the Agency Ally Consulting Agreement to reflect a budget reduction resulting from removing venue costs from the scope of work.
Budget Impact:	$50,863 additional available in Goal 921 for FY 26/27.

Background: The Children's Services Council (CSC) has served as a longstanding backbone organization and strategic partner of Broward Partnerships for Kids (BPK), formerly known as the Broward Children's Strategic Plan. Through its consistent alignment with BPK's goals and objectives, CSC has helped advance a collaborative framework that informs policies, programs, and priorities to improve outcomes for children and families throughout Broward County. Every five years, CSC convenes a community Summit to evaluate progress toward the shared vision, celebrate collective accomplishments, and establish priorities for the years ahead. These Summits are made possible through the joint support and funding of CSC and its sponsoring partners.

Current Status: On May 21, 2026, the Council approved the proposed $300,000 budget, an agreement with the Diplomat Hotel as the venue, and the date of January 28, 2027 for the 2027 CSC 25th Anniversary Impact Summit. They also authorized Agency Ally to sign the contract with the Diplomat and pay the deposit on behalf of CSC.

Prior to execution of the agreement with the Diplomat, a new venue option arose. The Charles F. Dodge City Center (Dodge Center) in Pembroke Pines provides a much more cost-effective solution while also providing a more accessible location including free parking. It also better aligns with CSC's operational, financial, and strategic objectives - providing the space, flexibility, and accommodations necessary for plenary sessions and related activities.

Therefore, staff is recommending changing the Summit Venue from the Diplomat Hotel to the Dodge Center. This change requires a change in date to Friday, January 29, 2027. In addition, based on the tax and insurance requirements identified by CSC Legal Counsel, it is necessary for CSC to contract directly with SMG - the City of Pembroke Pines' facility manager for the Dodge Center. Therefore, CSC's contract with Agency Ally needs to be reduced to remove the site rental expenses.

Venue Cost Comparison

Location	Amount
The Diplomat (original)	$150,606 The minimum food and beverage commitment is $120,485 + 25% gratuity and service fee = $150,606 for 650 people ($232 /pp). Additional costs at the Diplomat will be incurred for parking and AV.
The Dodge Center	$99,743 The minimum food and beverage commitment is $99,743 inclusive of gratuity for 600 people ($166 / pp) Parking is included but AV will still be additional.

Payment Schedule

Payable	Amount	Due Date
Deposit	$5,000	Contract Execution
2nd Payment	$47,371.50	November 28, 2026
Final Payment	$47,371.50	December 28, 2026

As was true with the Diplomat, additional costs for the Summit such as additional AV, decorations, and other ancillary costs, along with the cost of guest speakers, are expected and still to be determined. Those expenses, as well as any other costs associated with the Summit, will be brought to the Council as they are identified.

Recommended Action: 1) Approve the Charles F. Dodge City Center (Dodge Center) as the new venue for the 2027 Impact Summit now to be held on January 29,2027

(2) Approve CSC contracting with SMG for rental of the Dodge Center for the Summit – paying according to the schedule outlined below

(3) Approve Amending the Agency Ally Consulting Agreement to reflect a budget reduction resulting from removing venue costs from the scope of work.

Tab V

Children's Services Council of Broward County
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Issue: Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2026.

Action: Approve Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2026.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: The Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements are attached for review and approval. Programmatic billing is a month behind, and the administrative costs are presented through the end of July 2026.

Current Status: Financial Highlights for the period include:

100.65% of Property Tax Revenue Collected: As of July 31, 2026, CSC collected $137.6 million in property tax revenue, net of prior-year credits and refunds, representing approximately 100.65% of the $136.8 million annual tax revenue budget. Year-to-date, the Tax Collector has retained $2,755,153 in commissions.

Interest Earned on Investments: As of July 31, 2026, year-to-date interest earnings on investments totaled $3,147,345. Although this amount is $943,203 lower than the same period last year, it exceeds budgeted interest revenue by $2,397,345. The year-over-year decrease is primarily due to laddered investments maturing earlier in fiscal year 24-25 and, to a lesser extent, lower interest rates compared with the prior year. Interest earnings are expected to increase over the remaining three months of the fiscal year as term investments mature, and their related revenue is recognized. Gain or loss on the Managed Funds held with US Bank is unrealized and, therefore, is not included in the amount above. See the managed fund issue paper for more details.

62% Utilization of Program Services: As of July 31, 2026, utilization of program services is 62%, totaling $89 million of the $144 million allocated for provider contracts. The Program Goals report, beginning on page 10, shows that most programs are tracking as expected and are consistent with utilization levels at this point last year. Staff members are optimistic that usage will increase in the remaining three months of the fiscal year as several of our large grants are primarily drawn down over the summer (such as Summer Youth Employment). To enhance program implementation and improve utilization, staff are actively providing technical assistance to providers. There are some yellow and red indicators due to pending May and June invoices that have not yet been processed. Programs marked with a red indicator show a variance of over 20% between the Percent of Budget and the Ideal and are accompanied by comments explaining the unique circumstances affecting each program. The charts on pages 8 and 9 of the financial statements provide a visual breakdown of the program budget by goal area, as well as year-to-date utilization for each goal area relative to the ideal expenditure for that goal.

Recommended Action: Approve Budget Amendments and Interim Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2026.

Children's Services Council
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BUDGET AMENDMENTS and INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Submitted to Council Meeting August 20, 2026

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2026

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Budget Amendments
for Period Ended July 31, 2026

Description		Beginning Budget Annualized		Total Amendments		Ending Budget Annualized	Comments
GENERAL FUND							
Budget Amendments reflected in the financial statements.							
Service Goals:							
Trauma, Goal 023	$	6,419,237	$	300,000	$	6,719,237	Additional funding for BBHC to increase Trauma services - CA 6.18.26
Unallocated:							
Unallocated General		5,279,481		(300,000)		4,979,481	Net reallocation to goal 023 as noted above - CA 6.18.26

Balance Sheet
July 31, 2026

		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund		Total Funds		Prior Year General Fund
ASSETS								
Cash	$	2,598,032	$	565,994	$	3,164,026	$	1,066,714
Investments (Note #3)		97,219,280		-		97,219,280		97,007,073
Investments - Managed Funds (Note #3)		28,838,370		-		28,838,370		27,888,531
Accounts and Interest Receivable		52,229		-		52,229		16,969
Due From Other Governments		-		16,421		16,421		38,902
Due From Other Funds		563,486		-		563,486		319,798
Prepaid Items		422,633		-		422,633		269,517
Total Assets	$	129,694,030	$	582,415	$	130,276,445	$	126,607,504
LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCE								
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		3,237,216		-		3,237,216		2,945,849
Salaries and Fringe Benefits Payable		438,528		18,929		457,457		347,538
Unearned Revenue		-		-		-		160
Due to Other Funds		0		563,486		563,486		0
Total Liabilities		3,675,744		582,415		4,258,159		3,293,547
Fund Balance (Note #4)								
Nonspendable		422,633		-		422,633		269,517
Committed for Building Fund		10,000,000		-		10,000,000		10,000,000
Assigned for Contracts & Encumbrances		61,159,038		-		61,159,038		52,856,853
Assigned for Administration		2,648,201		-		2,648,201		2,244,944
Unassigned - Minimum Fund Balance		27,688,525		-		27,688,525		26,038,293
Unassigned Fund Balance		24,099,889		-		24,099,889		31,904,350
Total Fund Balance		126,018,286		-		126,018,286		123,313,957
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$	129,694,030	$	582,415	$	130,276,445	$	126,607,504

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for October 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Funds	Prior Year General Fund
Revenues				
Tax Revenue	$ 137,691,204	$-	$ 137,691,204	$ 127,205,153
Federal & State Grant Funding				
Title IVE Legal Supports	95,138	-	95,138	$ 266,924
Title IVE Adoption	36,505	-	36,505	$ 91,858
Promise Neighborhood	-	1,791,872	1,791,872	$ 103,987
Interest Earnings (Note #3)	3,147,345	-	3,147,345	$ 4,090,548
Investment-Gain/(Loss) (Note #3)	614,725	-	614,725	$ 806,018
Local Foundation Grants	890,000	-	890,000	$ 830,000
Local Collaborative Events & Resources	88,678	-	88,678	119,613
Training Revenue	6,371	-	6,371	5,290
Total Revenues	$ 142,569,966	$ 1,791,872	$ 144,361,838	$ 133,519,391
Expenditures				
Total Program Services and Support	96,599,347	1,791,872	98,391,219	90,371,132
Total General Administration	4,275,164	-	4,275,164	4,061,788
Total Non-Operating	5,518,978	-	5,518,978	4,489,053
Total Capital Outlay	287,371	-	287,371	157,064
Total Lease & Subscription Software Expenditures	127,905	-	127,905	91,100
Total Expenditures	$ 106,808,765	$ 1,791,872	$ 108,600,637	$ 99,170,137
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	$ 35,761,201	$ -	$ 35,761,201	$ 34,349,254
Beginning Fund Balance	90,257,085	-	90,257,085	88,964,703
Ending Fund Balance	$ 126,018,286	$ -	$ 126,018,286	$ 123,313,957

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

Budget to Actual (Budgetary Basis)
Annualized - Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026

	General Fund				Special Revenue Fund			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	% of Actual to Budget	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	% of Actual to Budget
Revenues								
Tax Revenue	$ 136,802,498	$ 137,691,204	$ (888,706)	100.65%	$ -	$ -	$ -	-%
Federal & State Grant Funding								
Title IVE Legal Supports	425,000	95,138	329,862	22.39%	-	-	-	-%
Title IVE Adoption	105,000	36,505	68,495	34.77%	-	-	-	-%
Promise Neighborhood	-	-	-	-%	3,390,000	1,791,872	1,598,128	52.86%
Interest Earnings (Note #3)	750,000	3,147,345	(2,397,345)	419.65%	-	-	-	-%
Investment-Gain/(Loss) (Note #3)	-	614,725	(614,725)	-%	-	-	-	-%
Local Foundation Grants	924,021	890,000	34,021	96.32%	-	-	-	-%
Local Collaborative Events & Resources	65,000	88,678	(23,678)	136.43%	-	-	-	-%
Training Revenue	10,000	6,371	3,629	63.71%	-	-	-	-%
Fund Balance	24,050,000	-	24,050,000	-%	-	-	-	-%
Budgeted Carryforward	1,406,288	-	1,406,288	-%	1,910,445	-	1,910,445	-%
Total Revenues	$ 164,537,807	$ 142,569,966	$ 21,967,841	86.65%	$ 5,300,445	$ 1,791,872	$ 3,508,573	33.81%
Expenditures								
Program Services and Support:								
Program Services	140,767,023	88,182,534	52,584,489	62.64%	3,658,750	1,220,479	2,438,271	33.36%
Program Monitoring & Evaluation	74,823	55,423	19,400	74.07%	-	-	-	-%
Program Outcome Tools	48,297	34,801	13,496	72.06%	-	-	-	-%
Total Program Services	140,890,143	88,272,758	52,617,385	62.65%	3,658,750	1,220,479	2,438,271	33.36%
Employee Salaries	7,414,652	5,867,957	1,546,695	79.14%	881,341	413,183	468,158	46.88%
Employee Benefits	3,147,787	2,202,630	945,157	69.97%	490,971	142,836	348,135	29.09%
Consultants	15,000	6,638	8,362	44.25%	5,500	-	5,500	-%
Material and Supplies	13,100	1,165	11,935	8.89%	12,033	5,233	6,800	43.49%
Printing and Advertising	18,200	9,296	8,904	51.08%	739	-	739	-%
Software Maintenance	224,973	143,545	81,428	63.81%	32,063	499	31,564	1.56%
Telecommunications	27,180	13,977	13,203	51.42%	22,707	809	21,898	3.56%
Staff Travel	137,500	30,146	107,354	21.92%	22,087	470	21,617	2.13%
Training & Professional Development	122,522	34,467	88,055	28.13%	-	-	-	-%
Other Expenditures	45,000	16,768	28,232	37.26%	13,597	8,363	5,234	61.51%
Total Program Support	11,165,914	8,326,589	2,839,325	74.57%	1,481,038	571,393	909,645	38.58%
Total Program Services and Support	152,056,057	96,599,347	55,456,710	63.53%	5,139,788	1,791,872	3,347,916	34.86%

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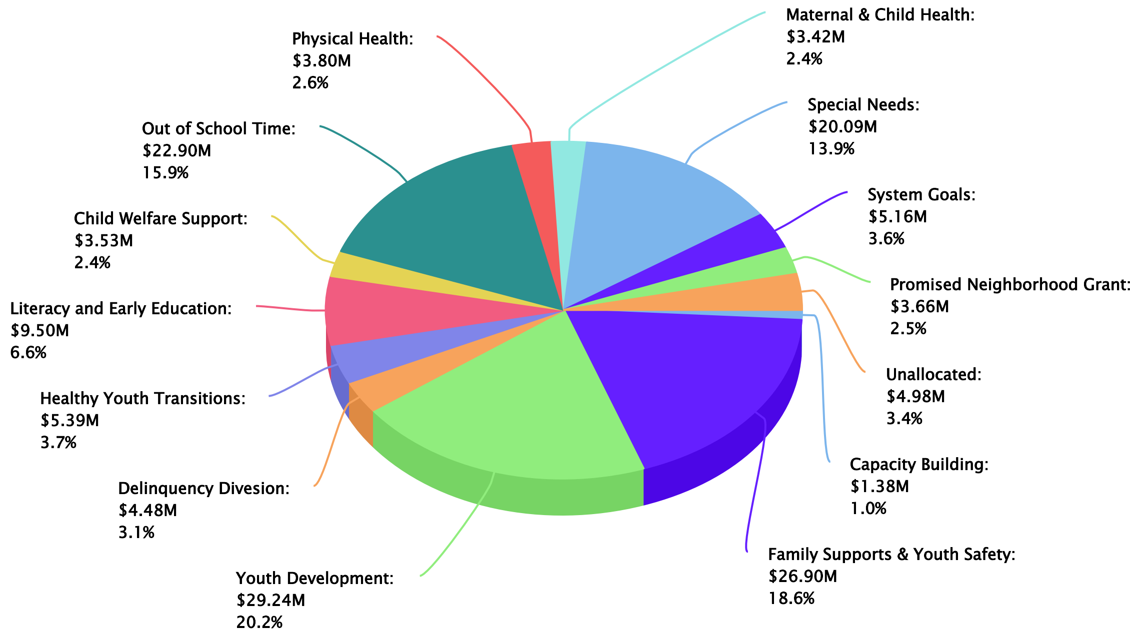
Budget to Actual (Budgetary Basis) - continued
Annualized - Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026

	General Fund				Special Revenue Fund			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	% of Actual to Budget	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	% of Actual to Budget
General Administration								
Employee Salaries	2,995,879	2,446,646	549,233	81.67%	-	-	-	-%
Employee Benefits	1,283,793	1,002,915	280,878	78.12%	-	-	-	-%
Legal Fees	45,000	23,718	21,282	52.71%	-	-	-	-%
Auditors	40,000	39,000	1,000	97.50%	-	-	-	-%
Other Consultants	108,680	39,547	69,133	36.39%	-	-	-	-%
Insurance	140,000	97,079	42,921	69.34%	-	-	-	-%
Materials & Small Equipment	174,611	109,262	65,349	62.57%	-	-	-	-%
Printing and Advertising	19,600	6,476	13,124	33.04%	-	-	-	-%
Facilities Management & Bldg Operations	597,130	236,497	360,633	39.61%	-	-	-	-%
Software Maintenance	264,940	106,776	158,164	40.30%	-	-	-	-%
Telecommunications	46,030	28,301	17,729	61.48%	-	-	-	-%
Staff Travel	68,830	13,063	55,767	18.98%	-	-	-	-%
Training & Professional Development	47,115	19,268	27,847	40.90%	-	-	-	-%
Other Expenditures	202,650	106,616	96,034	52.61%	160,657	-	160,657	-%
Total General Administration	6,034,258	4,275,164	1,759,094	70.85%	160,657	-	160,657	-%
Non-Operating								
Property Appraiser's Fees	784,182	783,730	452	99.94%	-	-	-	-%
Tax Collector's Fees	2,766,050	2,755,153	10,897	99.61%	-	-	-	-%
Community Redevelopment Agency Fees	1,981,425	1,980,095	1,330	99.93%	-	-	-	-%
Total Non-Operating	5,531,657	5,518,978	12,679	99.77%	-	-	-	
Total General Administration & Non-Operating	11,565,915	9,794,142	1,771,773	84.68%	160,657	-	160,657	-%
Capital Outlay								
Computer Hardware & Software	62,567	27,567	35,000	44.06%	-	-	-	-%
Remodeling/Renovations	674,467	259,804	414,663	38.52%	-	-	-	-%
Total Capital Outlay	737,034	287,371	449,663	38.99%	-	-	-	
Lease & Subscription Software Expenditures (Note #5)								
Lease Principal	27,100	14,656	12,444	54.08%	-	-	-	-%
Lease Interest	900	149	751	16.56%	-	-	-	-%
Subscription Software Principal	147,859	110,895	36,964	75.00%	-	-	-	-%
Subscription Software Interest	2,942	2,205	737	74.95%	-	-	-	-%
Total Lease & Software Subscription Expenditures	178,801	127,905	50,896	71.53%	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	$ 164,537,807	$ 106,808,765	$ 57,729,042	64.91%	$ 5,300,445	$ 1,791,872	$ 3,508,573	33.81%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures		$ 35,761,201						
Beginning Fund Balance		90,257,085						
Ending Fund Balance		$ 126,018,286						

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

Program Budget by Goal Area

FY 2025–2026



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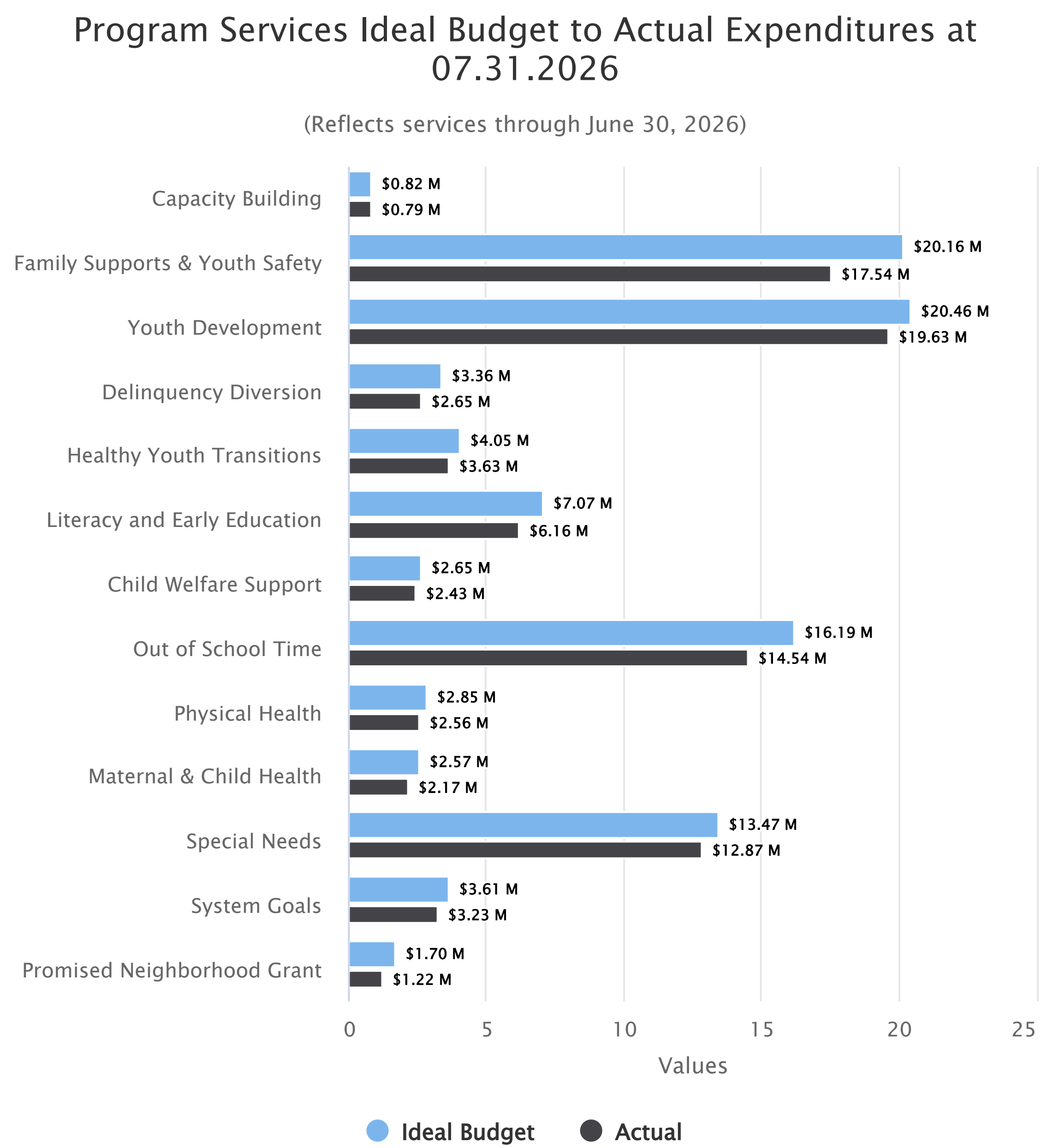

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Program Expenditures
Budget to Actual (Budgetary Basis)
For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2026

		Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026							
Goal & Objective	**Agency/ Program Name**	**Annual Budget**	**YTD Actual Expenditures**	**Remaining Budget**	**% of Budget**	**Ideal @ Jun**		**Reimb. Type (Note #6)**	**Comments**
Capacity Building & Training									
Training/Technical Assistance									
	Training	165,238	79,718	85,520	48.24%				
	Unified Community Partners (Community Mental Health Workers)	30,500	14,400	16,100	47.21%				
	Unallocated - Training/Technical Assistance	17,762	-	17,762	0.00%				Funding added for training cadre CA 2.19.26
	Total Training/Technical Assistance	213,500	94,118	119,382	44.08%				
Organization & Capacity Building									
	Program Performance Consultants	70,875	42,700	28,175	60.25%				
	Leadership Initiatives	37,351	7,150	30,201	19.14%				
	Consulting and Capacity Building Grants	401,000	246,304	154,696	61.42%				
	Organizational Development Training	60,000	24,882	35,118	41.47%				
	Christine Johns-Harris Consulting (Project Based Learning)	58,800	27,788	31,013	47.26%				
	River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding (Restorative Justice)	25,000	10,977	14,023	43.91%				
	Total Organization & Capacity Building	653,026	359,800	293,226	55.10%				
Fiscal Support									
	A Little Help Never Hurt/UL FS PN	2,625	2,625	-	100.00%	100.00%		CR	
	A Little Help Never Hurt/UL FS Com Collaboration	1,866	1,866	-	100.00%	100.00%		CR	
	Center for Hearing/FS KID	10,521	7,891	2,630	75.00%	68.60%		CR	
	Center for Hearing/FS KID	14,479	13,032	1,447	90.01%	90.00%		CR	
	Crockett Foundation/FS OIC	25,000	18,750	6,250	75.00%	73.00%		CR	
	FLITE-FS KID CWSYOP	3,311	2,207	1,104	66.67%	75.00%		CR	
	FLITE-FS KID TIL Support	21,689	12,652	9,037	58.33%	75.00%		CR	Pending May & Jun invoices.
	G.I.F.T / FS CBC	3,980	995	2,985	25.00%	25.00%		UOS	

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	Thrive and Success Community Outreach/FS MHA	23,796	15,864	7,932	66.67%	75.00%	UOS	
	Unallocated-Fiscal Support	50,131	-	50,131	0.00%			
	Total Fiscal Support	157,398	75,882	81,516	48.21%			
Volunteers								
	Volunteer Broward Dba HandsOn South Florida	351,205	255,639	95,566	72.79%	75.00%	CR	
	Total Volunteers	351,205	255,639	95,566	72.79%			
Total Capacity Building & Training		**1,375,129**	**785,439**	**589,690**	**57.12%**			
Family Supports								
Family Strengthening								
	Advocacy Network Disabilities	385,630	325,669	59,961	84.45%	75.00%	UOS	
	Ann Storck Center	364,654	146,515	218,139	40.18%	75.00%	UOS	Recently increased group services; trending upward.
	ARC Inc.	873,839	562,256	311,583	64.34%	75.00%	UOS	New hires & low util early in FY. Upward trend since Mar.
	Boys & Girls Club	354,506	251,585	102,921	70.97%	75.00%	UOS	
	Boys Town So Florida	496,104	308,788	187,316	62.24%	75.00%	UOS	Vacancy filled. Trending upward.
	Broward Children's Center	338,624	125,470	213,154	37.05%	75.00%	UOS	Pending Jun invoice. Staff vacancies filled in June.
	Children's Harbor Inc.	517,728	329,448	188,280	63.63%	75.00%	UOS	Trending upward. Increased referrals.
	Community Based Connections	457,503	225,659	231,844	49.32%	75.00%	UOS	Pending May & Jun invoices; amendment needed.
	Family Central - NPP	654,134	503,343	150,791	76.95%	75.00%	UOS	
	Family Central - PAT	528,430	355,588	172,842	67.29%	75.00%	UOS	
	Gulf Coast CC	1,266,689	963,079	303,610	76.03%	75.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Beh Hlth-MST	939,923	750,169	189,754	79.81%	75.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Beh Hlth-PACT	588,868	410,071	178,797	69.64%	75.00%	UOS	
	Hispanic Unity of Florida	950,807	591,577	359,230	62.22%	75.00%	UOS	Pending Jun invoice; amendment pending.
	Jack and Jill	32,069	9,517	22,552	29.68%	44.44%	UOS	Upward trend anticipated.
	JAFCO-MST	783,209	653,822	129,387	83.48%	75.00%	UOS	
	KIDS in Distress HOMEBUILDER	645,399	335,821	309,578	52.03%	75.00%	CR	Pending Jun invoice; amendment needed.
	KIDS in Distress-KID First	1,577,281	734,398	842,883	46.56%	75.00%	UOS	Hiring freeze: 2 positions eliminated in FY 26/27
	Memorial Healthcare-Family Tie	1,224,681	893,722	330,959	72.98%	75.00%	UOS	
	Memorial Healthcare-Teen Reach	591,992	468,600	123,392	79.16%	75.00%	UOS	
	Mount Bethel Human Services	347,438	147,701	199,737	42.51%	75.00%	UOS	One vacancy due to hiring freeze.

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		Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026							
	Pace Center for Girls	339,708	214,466	125,242	63.13%	75.00%		UOS	One vacancy as of 5/29; candidate identified, caseloads trending upward.
	Smith Mental Health Associates	1,083,399	891,212	192,187	82.26%	75.00%		UOS	
	Total Family Strengthening	15,342,615	10,198,478	5,144,137	66.47%				
Kinship									
	Harmony Development Center	238,784	174,923	63,861	73.26%	75.00%		UOS	
	KIDS in Distress-KISS	771,068	462,794	308,274	60.02%	75.00%		UOS	Pending Jun invoice; amendment requested.
	Total Kinship	1,009,852	637,717	372,135	63.15%				
Trauma									
	Broward Behavioral Health Coalition	1,154,369	676,733	477,636	58.62%	75.00%		UOS	
	Community Based Connections /HEAL	538,132	140,664	397,468	26.14%	75.00%		CR	Pending Feb -Jun invoices.
	Deerfield Beach Community Care	349,804	163,539	186,265	46.75%	75.00%		CR	Pending Jun invoice; staff vacancy.
	Harmony Development Center	474,488	246,742	227,746	52.00%	75.00%		CR	Pending Jun invoice. Staff vacancy recently filled.
	JAFCO-Community Wellness Center	765,000	678,543	86,457	88.70%	75.00%		CR	CSC funds are used first.
	Junior Achievement of South Fl- Trauma	100,000	65,395	34,605	65.40%	75.00%		CR	
	Memorial Healthcare System / HEAL	860,270	561,982	298,288	65.33%	75.00%		CR	
	Mental Health America of SE FL / HEAL	534,361	329,865	204,496	61.73%	75.00%		CR	Pending Jun invoice.
	Mujeres Latinas Impulsando	506,002	286,555	219,447	56.63%	75.00%		CR	Pending Jun invoice. Staff vacancy impacted utilization; vacancy recently resolved.
	Smith Mental Health Associates / HEAL	530,460	362,267	168,193	68.29%	75.00%		CR	
	Thrive and Success Comm/FS MHA	339,943	158,779	181,164	46.71%	75.00%		CR	Pending Jun invoice.
	YMCA of South Florida / HEAL	516,408	344,077	172,331	66.63%	75.00%		CR	
	Trauma Responsive Community Training	50,000	30,971	19,029	61.94%				Provider bills for services quarterly
	Total Trauma	6,719,237	4,046,113	2,673,124	60.22%				
Supervised Visitation									
	Children's Home Society of Florida	451,069	290,725	160,344	64.45%	75.00%		CR	Staff vacancy.
	Total Supervised Visitation	451,069	290,725	160,344	64.45%				

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Hunger								
	Community Enhancement Collaboration	218,600	136,925	81,675	62.64%	75.00%	CR	Utilization will increase as CEC funds are used last.
	FLIPANY, Inc.	345,101	222,999	122,102	64.62%	75.00%	CR	Utilization will increase during summer months.
	Harvest Drive	109,003	90,945	18,058	83.43%	75.00%	CR	
	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	105,000	66,664	38,336	63.49%	75.00%	CR	
	Health Foundation of So Fl	250,000	250,000	-	100.00%	100.00%	CR	One time community collaborative.
	LifeNet4Families	451,542	344,406	107,136	76.27%	75.00%	CR	
	SFL Hunger Coal-Break Spot	220,959	104,034	116,925	47.08%	75.00%	CR	Pending Jun invoice. Higher utilization expected during summer programming.
	SFL Hunger Coal-Markets Pantry	450,000	316,216	133,784	70.27%	75.00%	CR	
	Total Hunger	2,150,205	1,532,188	618,017	71.26%			
Financial Stability								
	Hispanic Unity-EITC	422,820	352,231	70,589	83.31%	75.00%	CR	
	Legal Aid Service-Eviction Prevention	500,000	249,657	250,343	49.93%	75.00%	CR	Pending Jun invoice ;Amendment in process.
	Soles4Souls	25,000	25,000	-	100.00%	100.00%	CR	
	Unallocated-Financial Stability	17,250	-	17,250	0.00%			
	Total Financial Stability	965,070	626,888	338,182	64.96%			
Total Family Supports		**26,638,048**	**17,332,109**	**9,305,939**	**65.07%**			
Youth Development								
Youth FORCE								
	Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, Inc.	527,466	295,485	231,981	56.02%	73.00%	UOS	Low average daily attendance.
	City of West Park	147,255	127,462	19,793	86.56%	73.00%	UOS	High average daily attendance.
	CCDH, Inc. d/b/a The Advocacy Network on Disabilities	137,665	85,012	52,653	61.75%	73.00%	UOS	Pending Jun invoice.
	Community Access Ctr, Inc	304,278	221,492	82,786	72.79%	73.00%	UOS	
	Community Based Connections, Inc.	598,333	353,807	244,526	59.13%	73.00%	UOS	Pending Jun invoice.
	Community Reconstruction, Inc.	386,997	286,884	100,113	74.13%	73.00%	UOS	
	Crockett Foundation	1,583,946	1,090,177	493,769	68.83%	73.00%	UOS	
	Firewall Centers, Inc	3,169,524	2,191,620	977,904	69.15%	73.00%	UOS	
	Harmony Development Center, Inc.	1,112,833	891,268	221,566	80.09%	73.00%	UOS	
	HANDY	577,245	443,791	133,454	76.88%	73.00%	UOS	

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	Hanley Ctr Foundation	75,000	54,132	20,868	72.18%	73.00%	CR	
	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	3,124,552	2,297,392	827,160	73.53%	73.00%	UOS	
	Memorial Healthcare System	877,837	585,588	292,249	66.71%	73.00%	UOS	
	Smith Mental Health Found	723,434	562,375	161,059	77.74%	73.00%	UOS	
	Urban League of B.C.	443,097	325,156	117,941	73.38%	73.00%	UOS	
	Wyman TOP Training	16,000	-	16,000	0.00%			
	YMCA of South Florida	1,855,430	1,034,206	821,224	55.74%	73.00%	UOS	Low enrollment and average daily attendance.
	PYD Initiatives	188,500	-	188,500	0.00%			PYD Initiatives- Gun violence prevention.
	Total Youth FORCE	15,849,392	10,845,847	5,003,545	68.43%			
LEAP High School								
	Community Based Connections, Inc.	1,027,269	468,182	559,087	45.58%	72.61%	UOS	Low enrollment and average daily attendance; summer site change.
	Firewall Centers, Inc	882,184	577,288	304,896	65.44%	72.61%	UOS	
	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	1,586,627	1,053,816	532,811	66.42%	72.61%	UOS	
	YMCA of South Florida	3,532,576	2,990,878	541,698	84.67%	72.61%	UOS	High average daily attendance.
	Total LEAP High School	7,028,656	5,090,164	1,938,492	72.42%			
Youth Employment								
	CareerSource Broward	4,293,149	2,742,467	1,550,682	63.88%	73.00%	UOS	
	Junior Achievement Leverage -Career Bound	995,050	368,306	626,744	37.01%	40.00%	UOS	
	Museum of Discovery/Science	275,715	245,613	30,102	89.08%	75.00%	UOS	High participation.
	Museum of Discovery/Science	196,102	161,547	34,555	82.38%	75.00%	UOS	
	OIC of South Florida	392,113	47,551	344,562	12.13%	40.00%	UOS	Pending Jun invoice
	Total Youth Employment	6,152,129	3,565,485	2,586,644	57.96%			
Youth Safety Initiatives								
	U-Turn Youth Consulting	16,500	7,013	9,487	42.50%			Cohort began in April.
	Total Youth Safety Initiatives.	16,500	7,013	9,487	42.50%			
Youth Leadership Development								
	Brwd Ed Found-B2L	102,000	62,997	39,003	61.76%	75.00%	CR	Robust summer.
	FL Children's 1st	8,800	6,300	2,500	71.59%	75.00%	CR	
	FLITE-FS KIDS CWSYOP	87,238	47,397	39,841	54.33%	75.00%	CR	Pending Jun invoice. Provider working with Program Consultant. .
	Total Youth Leadership Development	198,038	116,695	81,343	58.93%			
	Subtotal Youth Development	29,244,715	19,625,204	9,619,511	67.11%			

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Juvenile Diversion								
New DAY								
	Broward Sheriff's Office	681,391	297,101	384,290	43.60%	75.00%	UOS	Pending May & Jun invoices.
	Broward Behavioral Health Coalition	350,000	204,090	145,910	58.31%	75.00%	UOS	Pending Jun invoice.
	Camelot CC	352,789	183,537	169,252	52.02%	75.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy.
	Community Reconstruction	280,988	173,900	107,088	61.89%	75.00%	UOS	Low referrals. Program sunsetting 9/30.
	Harmony Development Ctr, Inc	364,320	282,275	82,045	77.48%	75.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Behavioral Health	235,651	117,541	118,110	49.88%	75.00%	UOS	Low referrals.Staff vacancy. Program sunsetting 9/30.
	Juliana Gerena & Assoc. Program	417,514	308,148	109,366	73.81%	75.00%	UOS	
	Memorial Healthcare Sys	795,719	399,111	396,608	50.16%	75.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy. Low referrals.
	PACE Center for Girls	185,325	99,266	86,059	53.56%	75.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy recently resolved. Low referrals.
	Smith Mental Health Assoc	517,372	426,016	91,356	82.34%	75.00%	UOS	
	Urban League of BC	294,837	156,015	138,822	52.92%	75.00%	UOS	Low referrals.
	Total New DAY	4,475,906	2,646,998	1,828,908	59.14%			
Total Youth Development & Juvenile Diversion		**33,720,621**	**22,272,202**	**11,448,419**	**66.05%**			
Independent Living								
Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT)								
	Camelot CC	502,768	405,667	97,101	80.69%	75.00%	UOS	
	FLITE-FS KID	571,534	268,491	303,043	46.98%	75.00%	CR	Pending May & Jun invoices.
	Gulf Coast Jewish Family Service	596,925	312,011	284,914	52.27%	75.00%	UOS	Staff vacancy impacted utilization; all positions filled, upward trend expected.
	HANDY	1,083,411	951,406	132,005	87.82%	75.00%	UOS	Youth with complex needs requiring a higher intensity of service provision.
	Harmony Development Ctr, Inc	488,628	378,818	109,810	77.53%	75.00%	UOS	
	Henderson Beh Hlth -Wilson Grd	300,316	242,187	58,129	80.64%	75.00%	UOS	
	HOMES-FS HANDY	191,985	131,016	60,969	68.24%	75.00%	CR	
	Memorial Healthcare Sys	806,838	577,155	229,683	71.53%	75.00%	UOS	
	PACE Center for Girls	313,244	200,196	113,048	63.91%	75.00%	UOS	Pending Jun invoice; vacancies recently filled, upward trend expected.
	SunServe/AIDS Foundation	538,072	159,633	378,439	29.67%	75.00%	UOS	Staff vacancies are impacting utilization.
	Total Healthy Youth Transitions	5,393,721	3,626,580	1,767,141	67.24%			
Total Independent Living		**5,393,721**	**3,626,580**	**1,767,141**	**67.24%**			

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Literacy and Early Education									
Subsidized Childcare									
	Early Learning Coalition (ELC)	3,592,850	1,204,644	2,388,206	33.53%	75.00%		UOS	CSC funds used last.
	ELC - Vulnerable Population	4,773,314	4,210,777	562,537	88.21%	75.00%		UOS	Referral pool adjusted to better meet contract expectation; utilization leveling expected.
	Community Foundation- Early Learning Study	10,000	10,000	-	100.00%			UOS	
	Total Subsidized Childcare	8,376,164	5,425,421	2,950,743	64.77%				
Grade Level Reading									
	Broward Reads for Record	130,950	-	130,950	0.00%				
	Campaign for Grade Level Reading	42,625	12,625	30,000	29.62%				
	Countdown to Kindergarten	72,192	72,191	1	100.00%				
	Volunteer Broward dba HandsOn SFL	128,561	89,966	38,595	69.98%	75.00%		CR	
	Kidvision	150,000	150,000	-	100.00%				
	Reading & Math	525,000	412,558	112,442	78.58%	75.00%		CR	
	Unallocated - Literacy and Early Education	75,183	-	75,183	0.00%				
	Total Grade Level Reading	1,124,511	737,341	387,170	65.57%				
Total Literacy & Early Education		**9,500,675**	**6,162,761**	**3,337,914**	**64.87%**				
Child Welfare Supports									
Adoptive/Foster Parent Recruit									
	Forever Families/Gialogic	194,457	145,663	48,794	74.91%	75.00%		CR	
	Heart Gallery of Broward	26,307	26,306	1	100.00%	100.00%		CR	Contract ended. Organization closed.
	Total Adoptive/Foster Parent Recruit	220,764	171,969	48,795	77.90%				
Legal Supports									
	Legal Aid of Broward County	3,308,562	2,260,933	1,047,629	68.34%	75.00%		UOS	
	Total Legal Supports	3,308,562	2,260,933	1,047,629	68.34%				
Total Child Welfare Support		**3,529,326**	**2,432,902**	**1,096,424**	**68.93%**				

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Out of School Time									
Leadership/Quality									
	Florida Afterschool Network	10,000	10,000	-	100.00%				
	Total Leadership/Quality	10,000	10,000	-	100.00%				
Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST)									
	Advocacy Network on Disabilities	127,280	88,529	38,751	69.55%	82.00%		CR	Pending Jun invoice.
	After School Program	2,446,465	2,139,473	306,992	87.45%	82.00%		UOS	
	Broward County Parks - LOA	20,000	19,912	88	99.56%	100.00%		CR	
	City of Hallandale	297,535	225,144	72,391	75.67%	82.00%		UOS	
	City of Hollywood	875,415	596,515	278,900	68.14%	82.00%		UOS	Lower than expected SY enrollment. Robust summer.
	City of Miramar	177,985	81,039	96,946	45.53%	82.00%		UOS	Lower than expected SY enrollment. Robust summer.
	City of Oakland Park	480,670	408,996	71,674	85.09%	82.00%		UOS	
	Comm After School w/Margate CRA	1,350,880	882,554	468,326	65.33%	82.00%		UOS	Lower than expected summer enrollment.
	Community Based Connections	333,975	219,003	114,972	65.57%	82.00%		UOS	Lower than expected summer enrollment.
	Firewall	2,104,970	1,703,075	401,895	80.91%	82.00%		UOS	
	FL International University	971,005	445,029	525,976	45.83%	82.00%		CR	Primarily a summer program, with most services provided in July.
	FLIPANY	47,195	39,511	7,684	83.72%	82.00%		CR	
	Hallandale CRA	1,062,038	1,062,038	0	100.00%	100.00%			CRA one time payment.
	Hollywood Beach CRA	228,665	228,665	-	100.00%	100.00%			CRA one time payment.
	Jack and Jill	222,160	142,382	79,778	64.09%	82.00%		UOS	Lower than anticipated daily attendance.
	Kids In Distress	203,620	164,396	39,224	80.74%	82.00%		UOS	
	Soref JCC	647,110	544,853	102,257	84.20%	82.00%		UOS	
	Sunshine Aftercare Program	1,849,695	1,346,172	503,523	72.78%	82.00%		UOS	
	United Community Options	153,555	96,202	57,353	62.65%	82.00%		UOS	Pending May & Jun invoices. Amendment in process.
	Volta Music Foundation	327,000	227,189	99,811	69.48%	82.00%		CR	School year only program; utilization will increase in August.
	YMCA w/Deerfield Beach CRA	4,134,152	3,021,537	1,112,615	73.09%	82.00%		UOS	
	Training	32,400	21,600	10,800	66.67%				PATHS and PBL training.

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		Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026							
	Advocacy Network on Disabilities	23,219	-	23,219	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin June.
	After School Program	450,622	-	450,622	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	Boys & Girls Club	132,336	-	132,336	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin June. Contract pending execution.
	Camp Wannado After School Prog	290,710	59,475	231,235	20.46%	25.00%		UOS	
	City of Hallandale	39,584	-	39,584	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	City of Hollywood	188,736	-	188,736	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	City of Miramar	26,250	-	26,250	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	City of Oakland Park	77,744	-	77,744	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	Comm After School	152,481	-	152,481	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	Community Based Connections	55,008	-	55,008	0.00%			UOS	Pending Jun invoice; contract recently executed.
	G.I.F.T. / FS Comm Based Conn	56,850	4,819	52,031	8.48%	25.00%		UOS	New provider slow start up.
	Firewall	440,667	20,863	419,804	4.73%	25.00%		UOS	New RFP slow start up.
	FLIPANY - CATCH	20,761	-	20,761	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	FLIPANY	49,318	3,078	46,240	6.24%	25.00%		UOS	Contract recently executed;. Slow start up.
	Jack and Jill	50,536	-	50,536	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	Kids In Distress	37,711	-	37,711	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	Soref JCC	118,463	-	118,463	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	Sunshine Aftercare Program	278,998	-	278,998	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution
	United Cerebral Palsy	24,414	-	24,414	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin Jun. Contract pending execution
	YMCA w/Deerfield Beach CRA	760,722	-	760,722	0.00%			UOS	New RFP. Services begin Jun. Contract pending execution
	Back to School Supplies	436,495	245,970	190,525	56.35%				
	Total Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST)	21,805,395	14,038,017	7,767,378	64.38%				
Summer Programs									
	Boys & Girls Club	769,650	359,143	410,507	46.66%	40.00%		UOS	
	Lauderdale Lakes, City of	145,975	51,891	94,084	35.55%	40.00%		UOS	
	Urban League of BC	69,040	24,284	44,756	35.17%	40.00%		UOS	
	West Park, City of	96,445	55,979	40,466	58.04%	40.00%		UOS	Higher than anticipated attendance.
	Total Summer Programs	1,081,110	491,297	589,813	45.44%				
Total Out-of-School Time		**22,896,505**	**14,539,314**	**8,357,191**	**63.50%**				

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Goal & Objective	Agency/ Program Name	Annual Budget	YTD Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% of Budget	Ideal @ Jun		Reimb. Type (Note #6)	Comments
		Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026							
Physical Health									
School Health									
	Florida Department of Health/w CRA	1,822,624	1,476,640	345,984	81.02%	77.78%		CR	
	Miami Lighthouse for the Blind	120,000	119,958	42	99.97%	90.00%		CR	
	Total School Health	1,942,624	1,596,599	346,025	82.19%				
Water Safety/Drowning Prevention									
	Florida Department Of Health	414,393	279,004	135,389	67.33%	75.00%		CR	
	Broward County-Swim Central	877,813	385,885	491,928	43.96%	40.00%		CR	
	Total Water Safety/Drowning Prevention	1,292,206	664,890	627,316	51.45%				
Kid Care Insurance Outreach									
	Florida Department Of Health	563,712	293,661	270,051	52.09%	75.00%		CR	Staff vacancy. Recently amendment.
	Total Kid Care Insurance Outreach	563,712	293,661	270,051	52.09%				
Total Physical Health		**3,798,542**	**2,555,149**	**1,243,393**	**67.27%**				
Maternal & Child Health									
Screening/Assessment/Support									
	BHSC - Healthy Families Broward	1,516,921	916,260	600,661	60.40%	75.00%		UOS	Vacancies impacting utilization.
	North Broward Hospital District - NFP	165,180	90,392	74,788	54.72%	75.00%		CR	Amendment pending.
	Total Screening/Assessment/Support	1,682,101	1,006,652	675,449	59.84%				
Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS)									
	Memorial Healthcare System - MOMS	1,469,007	964,152	504,855	65.63%	75.00%		UOS	
	Total Mothers w/Maternal Dep	1,469,007	964,152	504,855	65.63%				
Fetal Infant Mortality									
	Broward Healthy Start-SAFE SLEEP	269,577	199,046	70,531	73.84%	75.00%		CR	
	Total Fetal Infant Mortality	269,577	199,046	70,531	73.84%				
Total Maternal & Child Health		**3,420,685**	**2,169,850**	**1,250,835**	**63.43%**				

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		Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026							
Goal & Objective	**Agency/ Program Name**	**Annual Budget**	**YTD Actual Expenditures**	**Remaining Budget**	**% of Budget**	**Ideal @ Jun**		**Reimb. Type (Note #6)**	**Comments**
Physical, Developmental, & Behavioral Needs									
MOST/Special Needs									
	After School Programs	331,520	273,724	57,796	82.57%	80.00%		UOS	
	Ann Storck Center	582,235	495,612	86,623	85.12%	80.00%		UOS	
	ARC Broward	1,880,180	1,443,527	436,653	76.78%	80.00%		UOS	
	Broward Children's Center	731,455	486,275	245,180	66.48%	80.00%		UOS	Pending Jun invoice.
	Center for Hearing & Communication - FS KIDS	320,735	184,016	136,719	57.37%	80.00%		UOS	Low enrollment impacting utilization.
	Smith Community MH	960,065	715,377	244,688	74.51%	80.00%		UOS	
	United Cerebral Palsy	939,715	712,001	227,714	75.77%	80.00%		UOS	
	YMCA of S FL	4,780,880	3,973,589	807,291	83.11%	80.00%		UOS	
MOST/Special Needs 2026 RFP									
	After School Programs	121,573	-	121,573	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin June. Contract pending execution.
	Ann Storck Center	124,924	-	124,924	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin June. Contract pending execution.
	ARC Broward	355,141	-	355,141	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin June. Contract pending execution.
	Broward Children's Center Support	90,505	-	90,505	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin June. Contract pending execution.
	Center for Hearing & Communication - FS KIDS	35,836	-	35,836	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution.
	JAFCO Children's Ability Center, Inc.	83,432	-	83,432	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin June. Contract pending execution.
	Smith Community MH	131,909	-	131,909	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution.
	United Cerebral Palsy	84,105	-	84,105	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution.
	YMCA of S FL	754,352	-	754,352	0.00%				New RFP. Services begin July. Contract pending execution.
	Reserved for RFP- MOST SN	352,040	-	352,040	0.00%				
	Total MOST/Special Needs	12,660,602	8,284,121	4,376,481	65.43%				
MOST Summer Program/Special Needs									
	Jewish Comm Center of South Broward	219,000	-	219,000	0.00%	50.00%		UOS	Pending invoices. Summer only.
	Memorial Healthcare System	146,000	78,046	67,954	53.46%	50.00%		UOS	
	JAFCO Children's Ability Center	415,435	131,867	283,568	31.74%	50.00%		UOS	Lower than expected daily attendance.
	Pembroke Pines, City of	164,625	69,547	95,078	42.25%	50.00%		UOS	
	Total MOST Summer Program/Special Needs	945,060	279,460	665,600	29.57%				
	Subtotal MOST Special Needs	13,605,662	8,563,581	5,042,081	62.94%				

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Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Goal & Objective	Agency/ Program Name	Annual Budget	YTD Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% of Budget	Ideal @ Jun		Reimb. Type (Note #6)	Comments
STEP									
	Ann Storck Center, Inc.	549,714	306,137	243,577	55.69%	68.60%		UOS	Low enrollment
	Arc Broward, Inc.	864,117	671,682	192,435	77.73%	68.60%		UOS	
	Center for Hearing & Communication, Inc.	233,073	202,651	30,422	86.95%	68.60%		UOS	Higher average daily attendance
	Goodwill Industries of SF, Inc.	134,079	32,240	101,839	24.05%	68.60%		UOS	Low enrollment
	Smith Mental Health Found	603,726	370,755	232,971	61.41%	68.60%		UOS	
	United Community Options	1,031,162	401,809	629,353	38.97%	68.60%		UOS	Pending Jun invoice. Low enrollment.
	YMCA of South Florida	1,356,247	1,101,081	255,166	81.19%	68.60%		UOS	Higher average daily attendance
	Total STEP	4,772,118	3,086,355	1,685,763	64.67%				
Information/Referral Network									
	First Call for Help BH	384,732	270,712	114,020	70.36%	75.00%		CR	
	First Call for Help SN	1,087,383	782,308	305,075	71.94%	75.00%		UOS	
	Total Information/Referral Network	1,472,115	1,053,020	419,095	71.53%				
Respite Services-BREAK									
	Memorial Healthcare System	131,919	90,193	41,726	68.37%	75.00%		UOS	
	Smith Community MH	109,359	73,244	36,115	66.98%	75.00%		UOS	
	Total Respite Services-BREAK	241,278	163,436	77,842	67.74%				
Total Physical, Developmental, & Behavioral Needs		**20,091,173**	**12,866,393**	**7,224,780**	**64.04%**				
Child & Youth Safety									
Eliminate Bullying and Choose									
	United Way - Choose Peace	65,373	47,977	17,396	73.39%	75.00%		CR	
	Speak Life Performing Art Inc.	195,000	164,751	30,249	84.49%	80.00%		CR	School year program; no summer services.
	Total Eliminate Bullying and Choose	260,373	212,728	47,645	81.70%				
Total Child & Youth Safety		**260,373**	**212,728**	**47,645**	**81.70%**				
Grand Total Service Goals		**130,624,798**	**84,955,428**	**45,669,370**	**65.04%**				

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Goal & Objective	Agency/ Program Name	Annual Budget (Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026)	YTD Actual Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026)	Remaining Budget (Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026)	% of Budget	Ideal @ Jun		Reimb. Type (Note #6)	Comments
System Goals:									
Seamless System of Care									
Single Point of Entry									
	First Call for Help GP	1,176,113	841,424	334,689	71.54%	75.00%		CR	
	Total Single Point of Entry	1,176,113	841,424	334,689	71.54%				
Health Care Navigation Services									
Promote Physical Well-Being									
Research & Evaluate Systems of Care									
Leadership/Resources-Strategic									
	CCB	10,000	10,000	-	100.00%				
	Children Strategic Plan Initiatives	61,000	48,302	12,698	79.18%				
	Youth Summit	60,000	18,000	42,000	30.00%				
	Unallocated-Strategic Plan	39,000	-	39,000	0.00%				
	Total Leadership/Resources-Strategic	170,000	76,302	93,698	44.88%				
Improve Provider Reporting									
	Data Systems	66,000	50,000	16,000	75.76%				
	Software maintenance	21,422	12,021	9,401	56.12%				
	Web hosting Fee	110,380	99,720	10,660	90.34%				
	Unallocated-Improve Provider Reporting	57,307	-	57,307	0.00%				
	Total Improve Provider Reporting	255,109	161,741	93,368	63.40%				
Promote Research Initiatives									
	ALHNH-ABCD/Lauderhill, Hollywood & Ft Lauderdale	199,532	91,391	108,141	45.80%	75.00%		CR	Pending Jun invoice. CB grant released Jun & Jul.
	A Little Help Never Hurt / UL FS - Com Collaboration	32,155	30,323	1,832	94.30%	100.00%		CR	
	Broward Behavioral Health Coalition	20,000	-	20,000	0.00%			UOS	Pilot Ambulance services for Baker Act children - struggling to start.

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	Consultant	85,000	71,000	14,000	83.53%	75.00%	●	CR	
	Promote Research Initiatives	10,000	5,413	4,587	54.13%				
	Total Promote Research Initiatives	346,687	198,127	148,560	57.15%				
Integrated Data System									
	IDS -We Are Supported- CPAR Initiative	50,000	-	50,000	0.00%				
	Unallocated - Integrated data system	20,000	-	20,000	0.00%				
	Total Integrated Data System	70,000	-	70,000	0.00%				
Total Research, Evaluate & Seamless Systems of Care		**2,017,909**	**1,277,594**	**740,315**	**63.31%**				
Public Awareness & Advocacy									
Sponsorships									
	Sponsorship-High Impact	120,000	79,030	40,970	65.86%				
	Sponsorship	154,000	110,100	43,900	71.49%				
	Total Sponsorships	274,000	189,130	84,870	69.03%				
Educate Taxpayers									
	BECON - Future First	31,600	1,675	29,925	5.30%				
	MNetwork	1,338,550	868,185	470,365	64.86%				
	Marketing	931,949	620,762	311,187	66.61%				
	Other Purchased Services	3,000	1,929	1,071	64.31%				
	Outreach Materials	152,500	136,332	16,168	89.40%				
	Unallocated - Public Awareness	199,959	-	199,959	0.00%				
	Total Educate Taxpayers	2,657,558	1,628,884	1,028,674	61.29%				
Advocacy/Outreach									
	FACCT Dues	80,000	80,000	-	100.00%				
	Travel / Dues & Fee	55,989	41,048	14,941	73.31%				
	Total Advocacy/Outreach	135,989	121,048	14,941	89.01%				

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Goal & Objective	Agency/ Program Name	Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Annual Budget	YTD Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% of Budget	Ideal @ Jun		Reimb. Type (Note #6)	Comments
Pub Communication w/ Special Population									
	ADA Remediation	5,000	-	5,000	0.00%				
	Other Purchased Services	13,440	10,449	2,991	77.75%				
	Unallocated - Public Comm w/ Spec. Pop	28,848	-	28,848	0.00%				
	Total Pub Communication w/ Spec Pop	47,288	10,449	36,839	22.10%				
Total Public Awareness & Advocacy		**3,114,835**	**1,949,512**	**1,165,323**	**62.59%**				
Leveraging Resources									
	Consultant	30,000	-	30,000	0.00%				To be used as needed.
	Total Maximize Leveraged Funds	30,000	-	30,000	0.00%				
Total Leveraging Resources		**30,000**	**-**	**30,000**	**0.00%**				
Grand Total System Goals		**5,162,744**	**3,227,106**	**1,935,638**	**62.51%**				
	Unallocated General	4,979,481	-	4,979,481	0.00%				
Total All Goals		**140,767,023**	**88,182,534**	**52,584,489**	**62.64%**				
Special Revenue Fund Program Services Detail									
Financial Stability									
	OIC of South Florida	140,379	67,767	72,612	48.27%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; lower value added expenditures & travel reimbursement request.
	United Way	138,343	83,626	54,717	60.45%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget.
	Urban League of BC	572,815	189,404	383,411	33.07%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; ongoing staff vacancies.
	Total Financial Stability	851,537	340,798	510,739	40.02%				
Youth FORCE									
	Firewall Centers, Inc	202,597	88,739	113,858	43.80%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; staff vacancy.
	Urban League of BC	154,931	90,632	64,299	58.50%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget.
	YMCA of South FL	354,221	134,313	219,908	37.92%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; staff vacancy.
	Total Youth FORCE	711,749	313,684	398,065	44.07%				
LEAP High School									
	Boys & Girls Club	133,370	57,661	75,709	43.23%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; vacancy filled.
	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	99,377	60,377	39,000	60.76%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget.
	HANDY	145,992	67,873	78,119	46.49%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; limited June salaries expenditures.
	PACE Center for Girls	131,723	72,995	58,728	55.42%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget.
	Total LEAP High School	510,462	258,905	251,557	50.72%				

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Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT)									
	FLITE-FS KIDS	149,570	58,476	91,094	39.10%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; Underutilization in contractual services.
	Total Healthy Youth Transitions	149,570	58,476	91,094	39.10%				
Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST)									
	YMCA of South FL	309,009	110,476	198,533	35.75%	60.00%		CR	15 months Budget; staff vacancy.
	Total Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST)	309,009	110,476	198,533	35.75%				
Promote Research Initiatives									
	A Little Help Never Hurt / UL FS - PN (Jan-Dec 25)	100,732	56,386	44,346	55.98%			CR	Contract ended Dec 2025.
	A Little Help Never Hurt - PN (Jan-Dec 26)	203,117	81,755	121,362	40.25%	50.00%		CR	12 months Budget.
	Unallocated-Promote Research Initiatives SR	5,119	-	5,119	0.00%				
	Total Promote Research Initiatives	308,968	138,141	170,827	44.71%				
Total Expenditures Special Revenue Fund PS		**2,841,295**	**1,220,481**	**1,620,814**	**42.96%**				
	Unallocated Special Revenue Fund	817,455	-	817,455	0.00%				
Grand Total Expenditures Special Revenue Fund PS		3,658,750	**1,220,481**	**2,438,269**	**33.36%**				
	Grant Total All Funds	**144,425,773**	**89,403,015**	**55,022,758**	**61.90%**				

Notes to the Preliminary Financial Statements
July 31, 2026

(1) The Children's Services Council of Broward County ("CSC") budgets, as revenue, 95% of the property taxes levied, as allowed by state statute.

(2) The modified accrual basis of accounting is utilized by CSC. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable.

(3) Funds invested in the SBA, and the Florida PALM accommodate pool participants with readily available cash. The pool follows GASB Statement No. 31 which outlines two options for accounting and reporting for money market investment pools as either "2a-7 like fund" or fluctuation of the net asset value ("NAV"). CSC accounts for investments funds using the first method.

The Managed Investment Fund consists of longer-term securities for the core investments. This fund is managed by PFM in accordance with CSC's Investment Policy. US Bank provides custodial cash services. The investments are reported at Market Value. This longer-term portfolio maintains safety while adding additional yield to the overall investments. The Finance committee receives quarterly updates on this portfolio. The gain or loss on the Managed Investment Fund is reported separately in the monthly statements for ease of reference. As of July 31, 2026, the reported year-to-date gain on said funds is $614,725

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

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

<u>Committed for Building Fund</u> - represents Fund Balance committed for Building Fund to prepare for future growth.

<u>Assigned for Contracts/Encumbrances</u> - In addition to encumbrances, this category includes pending contracts not yet encumbered, such as new initiatives, summer 2026 programs, and new RFPs occurring during the year.

<u>Assigned for Administration</u> - Includes the projected expenditure for salary, fringe, travel, supplies, capital outlay etc for FY26

<u>Unassigned Fund Balance</u> includes a Minimum Fund Balance of 17% or two months of the annual operating budget. GASB recognizes this as a Best Practice model for governments. The Council approved the increase in Minimum Fund Balance from 10% to 17% in June 2022. The remaining unassigned fund balance represents the residual fund balance that has not

been assigned to other funds, and is not restricted, committed or assigned for specific purposes within the General Fund. Unassigned fund balance changes as revenue is received and actual expenditures are incurred.

(5) Lease & Subscription Software Expenditures: The financial statements include the adoption of GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases, and GASB 96-Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements. Both statements require the establishment of a right-to-use asset and the corresponding liability*. The statements require the reporting of the related debt service expenditures in the fund financial statements. The Council is prohibited by statute from having debt. Therefore, lease and subscription software principal and interest payments are reported in the financials as lease & subscription software expenditures and not debt service expenditures.

(6) Reimbursement Type The general consensus is that CSC pays for services rendered on a unit of service basis (UOS). While certain services do not lend themselves to be paid on a UOS basis, CSC reserves the right to implement unit of service or cost reimbursement as applicable to the situation. Therefore, CSC pays on a cost reimbursement (CR) and UOS method as defined below.

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

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

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

For Council Meeting August 20, 2026

Issue: Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund.

Action: Accept Monthly Statements for the Managed Fund from PFM and US Bank for July 31, 2026

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 July 31, 2026, the balance of the Managed Fund is $28,838,370 and includes a net gain of $36,070 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 fund's performance. The amount recorded in the financial statements reflects the Custodian's (US Bank) balance, which differs slightly 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 July 31, 2026.

Managed Account Summary Statement

For the Month Ending **July 31, 2026**

CSC BROWARD COUNTY CORE PORTFOLIO - 000000

Transaction Summary - Managed Account	
Opening Market Value	**$28,287,328.18**
Maturities/Calls	(211,045.11)
Principal Dispositions	(1,021,828.27)
Principal Acquisitions	1,561,147.93
Unsettled Trades	0.00
Change in Current Value	(55,581.80)
Closing Market Value	**$28,560,020.93**

Cash Transactions Summary - Managed Account	
Maturities/Calls	125,000.00
Sale Proceeds	1,033,834.38
Coupon/Interest/Dividend Income	81,268.91
Principal Payments	86,045.11
Security Purchases	(1,564,025.22)
Net Cash Contribution	(387.90)
Reconciling Transactions	0.00

Earnings Reconciliation (Cash Basis) - Managed Account	
Interest/Dividends/Coupons Received	93,275.02
Less Purchased Interest Related to Interest/Coupons	(2,877.29)
Plus Net Realized Gains/Losses	7,794.20
Total Cash Basis Earnings	**$98,191.93**

Cash Balance	
Closing Cash Balance	**$22,638.60**

Earnings Reconciliation (Accrual Basis)	Total
Ending Amortized Value of Securities	28,760,993.54
Ending Accrued Interest	257,603.61
Plus Proceeds from Sales	1,033,834.38
Plus Proceeds of Maturities/Calls/Principal Payments	211,045.11
Plus Coupons/Dividends Received	81,268.91
Less Cost of New Purchases	(1,564,025.22)
Less Beginning Amortized Value of Securities	(28,427,118.34)
Less Beginning Accrued Interest	(252,229.65)
Total Accrual Basis Earnings	**$101,372.34**

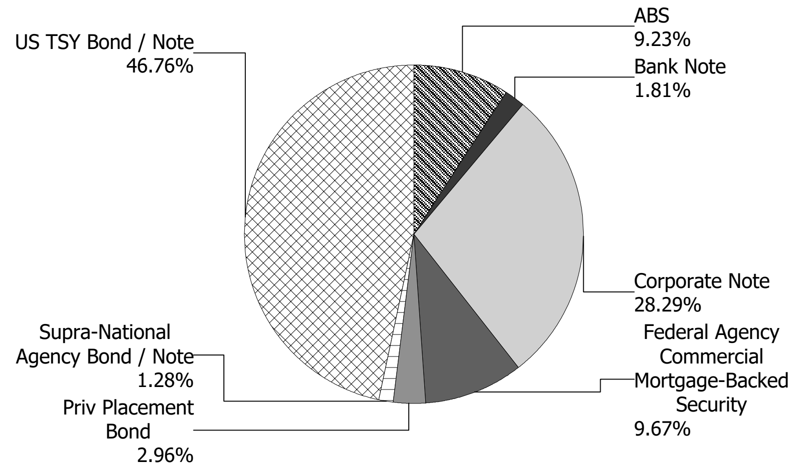
Portfolio Summary and Statistics

CSC BROWARD COUNTY CORE PORTFOLIO - 000000

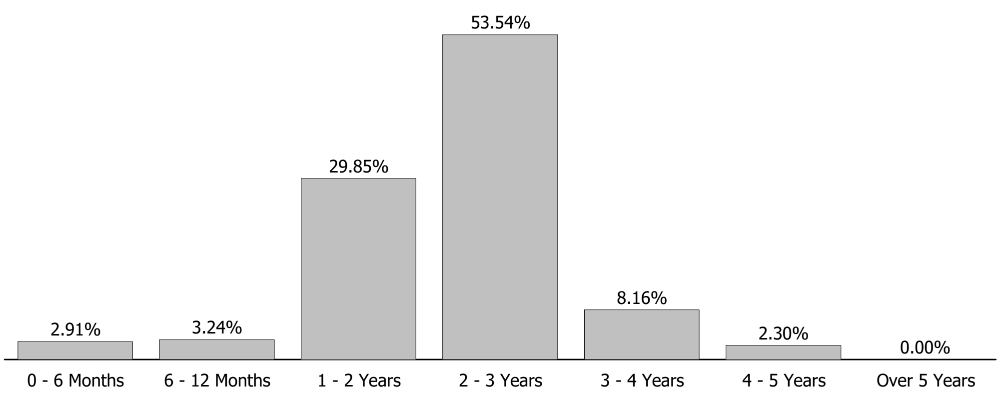
Account Summary

Description	Par Value	Market Value	Percent
U.S. Treasury Bond / Note	13,520,000.00	13,352,551.16	46.76
Supra-National Agency Bond / Note	365,000.00	365,839.14	1.28
Federal Agency Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security	2,812,054.75	2,761,439.91	9.67
Corporate Note	8,970,000.00	8,926,325.81	31.25
Bank Note	520,000.00	517,552.73	1.81
Asset-Backed Security	2,638,161.57	2,636,312.18	9.23
Managed Account Sub-Total	**28,825,216.31**	**28,560,020.93**	**100.00%**
Accrued Interest		257,603.61	
Total Portfolio	**28,825,216.31**	**28,817,624.54**	
Unsettled Trades	**0.00**	**0.00**	

Sector Allocation



Maturity Distribution



Characteristics

Yield to Maturity at Cost	4.11%
Yield to Maturity at Market	4.38%
Weighted Average Days to Maturity	809

Managed Account Issuer Summary

For the Month Ending **July 31, 2026**

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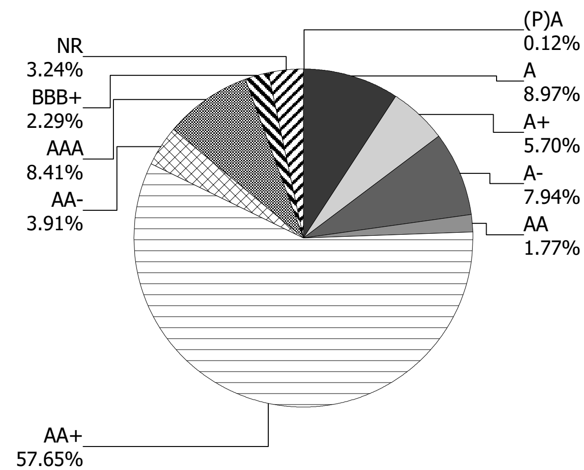
Issuer Summary

Issuer	Market Value of Holdings	Percent
Abbott Laboratories	234,513.60	0.82
AbbVie Inc	79,137.36	0.28
Accenture PLC	64,980.95	0.23
Adobe Inc	120,509.40	0.42
Advanced Micro Devices Inc	104,725.53	0.37
African Development Bank	365,839.14	1.28
Air Products and Chemicals Inc	199,241.80	0.70
Ally Auto Receivables Trust	35,478.97	0.12
Alphabet Inc	54,008.73	0.19
Amazon.com Inc	242,842.50	0.85
American Express Co	619,400.56	2.17
Analog Devices Inc	164,288.19	0.58
Apple Inc	293,252.13	1.03
Bank of America Corp	446,085.97	1.56
Bank of Montreal	30,151.08	0.11
Bank of Nova Scotia	98,456.70	0.34
Bayerische Motoren Werke AG	199,450.00	0.70
BMW Vehicle Lease Trust	114,586.81	0.40
BP PLC	151,073.55	0.53
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	205,064.78	0.72
Capital One Financial Corp	176,103.90	0.62
Caterpillar Inc	138,633.32	0.49
Chevron Corp	160,116.80	0.56
Cintas Corp	79,466.64	0.28
Citigroup Inc	204,998.98	0.72
CNH Equipment Trust	233,883.39	0.82
Confederation Nationale du Credit Mutue	198,652.40	0.70
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA	247,278.00	0.87
Cummins Inc	14,943.68	0.05
Deere & Co	267,595.03	0.94
Eli Lilly & Co	79,771.85	0.28
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	2,429,842.86	8.52

Credit Quality (S&P Ratings)



MARKET AND COST RECONCILIATION

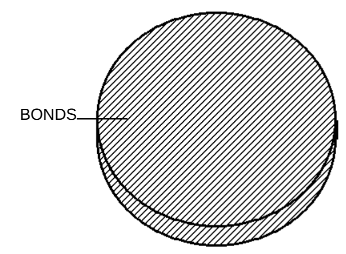
	07/31/2026 MARKET	07/31/2026 FEDERAL TAX COST
Beginning Market And Cost	**28,802,299.68**	**28,901,345.78**
Investment Activity		
Interest	90,397.73	90,397.73
Realized Gain/Loss	7,794.20	7,794.20
Change In Unrealized Gain/Loss	- 64,850.62	.00
Net Accrued Income (Current-Prior)	3,117.05	3,117.05
Total Investment Activity	**36,458.36**	**101,308.98**
Plan Expenses		
Trust Fees	- 387.90	- 387.90
Total Plan Expenses	**- 387.90**	**- 387.90**
Net Change In Market And Cost	**36,070.46**	**100,921.08**
Ending Market And Cost	**28,838,370.14**	**29,002,266.86**

CASH RECONCILIATION

Beginning Cash	**.00**
Investment Activity	
Interest	90,397.73
Cash Equivalent Purchases	- 742,504.24
Purchases	- 1,561,147.93
Cash Equivalent Sales	1,003,407.56
Sales/Maturities	1,232,873.38
Total Investment Activity	**23,026.50**
Plan Expenses	
Trust Fees	- 387.90
Total Plan Expenses	**- 387.90**
Net Change In Cash	**22,638.60**
Ending Cash	**22,638.60**

ASSET SUMMARY

ASSETS	07/31/2026 MARKET	07/31/2026 FEDERAL TAX COST	% OF MARKET
Cash And Equivalents	22,638.60	22,638.60	0.08
U.S. Government Issues	16,112,515.99	16,222,348.92	55.87
Corporate Issues	10,086,346.67	10,126,215.66	34.98
Foreign Issues	2,359,691.80	2,373,886.60	8.18
Total Assets	**28,581,193.06**	**28,745,089.78**	**99.11**
Accrued Income	257,177.08	257,177.08	0.89
Grand Total	**28,838,370.14**	**29,002,266.86**	**100.00**
Estimated Annual Income	**1,139,498.64**		



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.

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For Council Meeting August 20, 2026

Issue:	CSC Monthly Purchases for Administrative Operations
Action:	1. Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases for August 2026 2. Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases for FY 2026/2027
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 August 2026. Some of these 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.

Additionally, due to contractual timing issues for items beginning Oct 1st, this packet includes a partial list of Administrative and Programmatic purchases for the upcoming fiscal year 2026/2027. Since most of these are annual amounts that get paid monthly or are blanket POs that are issued but only expended as needed, we have only included back-up for those items exceeding $75,000.

A comprehensive list of FY 2026/2027 purchases will be presented in September.

Recommended Action: 1. Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases for August 2026
2. Approve CSC Monthly/Annual Purchases for FY 2026/2027

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

List of Invoices, Travel, Purchase Orders, Sponsorships, etc.
Submitted to the Children's Services Council
August 20, 2026

Vendor	Description	Amount	Comment (Back-up documentation is available upon request.)
Purchase Orders (greater than $10,000):			
Various	CSC Marketing and Outreach	$ 87,000	See Issue Paper for details
Purchase Orders (less than $10,000):			
ADP	Payroll & HR Services	$ 5,000	Rate increase and additional staff for payroll processing
American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida	Flood Insurance	$ 1,790	Annual Renewal 9/2026
Cintas	Medical supplies	$ 1,650	First Aid Kit Restock
Dell Marketing	Dell Pro Thunderbolt 4 Dock (20 @ $268.12 each)	$ 5,363	Docking stations for new computers
Sun-Sentinel	Digital Newspaper	$ 40	Additional funds needed for FY 26 due to price increase
Facilities Operations:			
PODS Enterprise LLC	Temporary Office furniture storage for Construction project	$ 2,600	Extension of Storage Pods for Office Construction
Program Related Purchases:			
Broward Chamber of Nonprofit Organizations, Inc. DBA Nonprofit Executive Alliance	National Education Association (NEA) memberships for Capacity Building Grant recipients.	$ 3,600	Service Goal 012
Hearthands LLC	ASL Interpretation Services	$ 5,000	System Goal 934; Additional funds; Increase in ASL requests
Megan Piphus	Read for the Record Author's Expenses	$ 2,000	
Employee Travel and Training:			
Florida Local Government Information Systems Association (FLGISA)	Marlando Christie; FLGISA Annual Conference; 7/20/2026-7/23/2026; Boca Raton	$ 425	
Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce	David Kenton; Board of Directors Meeting; 7/23/2026; Fort Lauderdale	$ 60	
Six Sigma Global Institute	Trisha Hines; Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification; 8/21/2026-9/30/2026; Virtual	$ 499	
Trainers:			
Corporate Grafiti	Training Materials	$ 2,055	
David Duresky	Motivational Interviewing	$ 1,700	
Emergency Medical Certifications	CPR, First Aid and AED	$ 3,000	
MVG Consulting, LLC	Youth FORCE & LEAP High Provider Coaching	$ 10,000	Provider Coaching
Sponsorships:			
Julias Kids Incorporated (SPNR 26-61)	Julias Kids Grief Camp; 8/29/2026; Pembroke Pines	$ 2,000	Julia's Kids Grief Camp is a one-day bereavement support event for youth ages 7–17 that incorporates art, music, journaling, and therapeutic activities to assist children experiencing grief. The event addresses an important youth mental health and wellness need by creating a supportive environment for emotional expression and healing.
Florida Coalition on Black Civic Participation (SPNR 26-62)	Black Women's Roundtable- Broward; 9/12/2026; Plantation	$ 2,000	This is a two-day wellness and empowerment event scheduled for September. The program will serve approximately 60–70 Broward County women and girls who are survivors of domestic violence and substance abuse. Participants will receive access to mental health resources, healing-centered support, wellness workshops, educational materials, and community-based services designed to promote recovery, emotional well-being, stability, and self-confidence.

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Smart Lifeskills and Mentoring Inc (SPNR 26-67)	K.I.N.G. Makers; 9/9/2026; Fort Lauderdale	$ 2,000	The K.I.N.G. Makers program is a mentoring and leadership initiative serving 25 Broward County boys ages 7–14. Through workshop sessions, youth participate in life-skills training, team-building activities, mentorship, identity development, emotional growth, communication exercises, and leadership-building opportunities. The program promotes positive decision-making, confidence, healthy peer relationships, and long-term youth development.

For Council Meeting August 20, 2026

System Goal:	Various
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 the community's awareness of available resources. 53 Increase the availability and quality of financially assisted childcare for families of working poor to improve school readiness and promote educational success for children. 72 Provide quality out of school programs to support school success for children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.
Issue:	CSC requires additional investment in branded, educational collateral materials and media-adjacent items to ensure consistent visibility, strengthen public awareness of available resources, and effectively communicate key messages to Broward's communities through expanded outreach efforts.
Action:	Approve selected vendors and funding allocations for CSC to strengthen outreach efforts and enhance educational materials.
Budget Impact:	$ 65,000 Of $198,959 Available in Goal 932 for FY 25/26 $ 12,000 Of $75,183 Available in Goal 053 for FY 25/26 $ 10,000 Of $4,979,481 Available in Unallocated for FY 25/26 Total $87,000 for FY 25/26

Background: Over time, CSC has made deliberate and sustained efforts to educate Broward County residents about the availability of resources, services, and advocacy initiatives that support children and families. These efforts have leveraged a full spectrum of communication channels including digital media, print collateral, and in-person engagement through hundreds of community events annually recognizing the diverse ways in which Broward's residents' access and process information. SC's outreach strategy is grounded in ensuring accessibility, consistency, and cultural relevance in all materials distributed across the community. Branded collateral serves as a critical tool in this approach, reinforcing CSC's identity as a trusted public funder committed to improving outcomes for children and strengthening families. As community needs evolve, CSC continues to assess how educational messaging and materials can be enhanced to better inform residents about available resources, key issues affecting children, and pathways to services. This includes a more intentional focus on educational content that not only informs but also engages families and youth in meaningful ways, ensuring CSC's messaging remains relevant, impactful, and widely accessible.

Current Status: As CSC's visibility and engagement across Broward County continue to expand, so does the need for high-quality, educational, and branded collateral materials that effectively communicate available resources and reinforce key messages related to child well-being, safety, and family support. Recent outreach efforts, including large-scale community events, targeted awareness campaigns, multimedia initiatives, and direct engagement with families and providers, have highlighted the importance of materials that are visually consistent with CSC's brand while also being informative, practical, and audience-specific. There is an increased emphasis on developing educational tools that support learning and awareness among children, youth, and caregivers. PAOD will continue to work with BCPS on their Chronic Absenteeism student incentive initiative as well as the Social Worker BTSE supply Boutique. To support these efforts, CSC recommends expanding investment in key vendors and professional services.

Vendor	Items	Amount
Amazon	Outreach Materials (tags, book holders, table weights, storage containers, etc.)	$5,000
Scholastic	Books	$7,000
Print Basic	Printing of Awareness Materials/Collateral for BCPS (Absenteeism Program)	$5,000
Kid First	Backpacks Outreach Social Worker Boutique	$10,000
Helen M. Hinton Foundation	Youth Media Training/Podcast	$5,000
Makeup Services by Paulette	Make-up	$5,000
Corporate Graffiti	Cups, bags, sunglasses, stress balls, pens, tumblers, etc.	$50,000

Recommended Action: Approve selected vendors and funding allocations for CSC to strengthen outreach efforts and enhance educational materials.

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Administration:			
IBM	SPSS Statistics - 9 Users	$ 4,935	Annual Renewal
Qualtrics Lab	Research and Survey Tool	$ 35,000	Annual Renewal
Employee Travel and Training:			
Harlem Children's Zone National Impact	David Kenton; Power of Place; 10/7/2026-10/9/2026; New York, NY	$ 627	
Trainers:			
Adaptive Connections Consultants	Non Suicidal Self Injury	$ 1,900	
Adaptive Connections Consultants	Resilient Teens	$ 1,900	
Adaptive Connections Consultants	Teen Girls Thrive	$ 1,900	
Berger Counseling	Art, Sandtray and Play Therapy	$ 1,700	
Berger Counseling	Grief and Loss	$ 1,700	
Berger Counseling	Trauma Informed	$ 1,700	
Berger Counseling	Vicarious Trauma	$ 1,700	
Cotton Tail Creations LLC	Confident Conversations	$ 1,500	
Cotton Tail Creations LLC	Practical productivy	$ 1,500	
Cotton Tail Creations LLC	You're Promoted: The New Manager	$ 750	
Creating New Joys	Budgeting	$ 850	
Creating New Joys	Documentation PYD	$ 1,700	
Creating New Joys	Drug Trends	$ 1,700	
Creating New Joys	Ethics and Boundaries	$ 1,700	
Creating New Joys	Financial Literacy	$ 1,700	
Creating New Joys	Medical errors	$ 1,700	
David Duresky	Motivational Interviewing	$ 6,800	
David Duresky	Motivational Interviewing Refresher	$ 1,700	
JHJ Associates	Behavior management - Ask Listen encourage	$ 1,700	
JHJ Associates	Behavior management - Reframing conflict	$ 1,700	
JHJ Associates	Behavior management - Strucutre	$ 1,700	
JHJ Associates	Books for Behavior management	$ 1,040	
Joel Smith	Adverse Childhood Experiences	$ 1,700	
Joel Smith	Behavior Management	$ 1,700	
Meridith Gould	Behavior and Bullying Part two	$ 1,900	
Meridith Gould	Behavior management and Bullying prevention	$ 1,900	
Meridith Gould	Resilience and coping skills	$ 1,900	
Meridith Gould	Teen Dating Violence	$ 1,900	
Shari Thomas	Documentation Tips and Tools	$ 2,550	
Shari Thomas	Fundamentals of Case Mngmt	$ 5,100	
Shari Thomas	Fundamentals of Case Mngmt part two	$ 1,700	
Shari Thomas	Trama Informed	$ 1,700	
The Pontis Group	Time Management	$ 1,900	
Sponsorships:			
Friends of Lauderdale Lakes Library (SPNR 26-51)	Teen Tech, Gaming & AI Lab; 10/10/2026; Lauderdale Lakes	$ 2,000	The Teen Tech, Gaming & AI Lab is a one-day educational technology event for youth ages 12–18, designed to introduce participants to robotics, coding, artificial intelligence, gaming, digital creativity, engineering design, and future STEM career pathways. The program will serve approximately 150–200 Broward County youth through interactive learning stations, workshops, demonstrations, and career exposure opportunities.
Nova Southeastern University (SPNR 26-55)	A Day for Children; 10/18/2026; Davie	$ 7,500	Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) annual A Day for Children (ADFC) was created to showcase the services and resources NSU provides to children and families throughout South Florida. Over the past seventeen years, the event has evolved into one of the region's premier family health and wellness festivals, bringing together healthcare providers, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and community partners dedicated to improving the lives of children. **HIGH IMPACT**

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Vendor	Description	Amount	Comment (Back-up documentation is available upon request.)
Make Our Schools Safe (SPNR 26-63)	MOSS NextGen Academy: Leadership, Safety & Wellness Initiative; 10/1/2026; TBD	$ 2,000	The MOSS NextGen Academy: Leadership, Safety & Wellness Initiative is a three-part youth development series designed to empower Broward County high school students through leadership training, school safety education, resilience-building, wellness programming, and civic engagement opportunities. The initiative includes a Fall Safety Starts With Me workshop, a Winter leadership and career readiness workshop, and a Spring wellness workshop, with an anticipated reach of more than 100 student leaders representing schools throughout Broward County.
Broward Healthy Start Coalition (SPNR 26-65)	2026-2027 Maternal and Child Health Events; 10/23/2026; Fort Lauderdale	$ 16,000	The 2026 2027 Maternal and Child Health Events is a year long series of maternal and child health programs hosted by Broward Healthy Start Coalition to support expectant parents, caregivers, infants, toddlers, and healthcare professionals across Broward County. The initiative includes multiple Shower 2 Empower events in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, a Maternal & Child Health Conference, community baby showers, a TEAM Dad graduation program, and holiday family support events. Collectively, the events are projected to engage approximately 3,500 participants and provide education, resources, newborn essentials, professional development opportunities, and family support services aimed at improving birth outcomes and child development throughout Broward County. **HIGH IMPACT**
Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County (SPNR 26-68)	Forget Me Not; 10/17/2026; Lauderhill	$ 1,000	The Forget Me Not remembrance event is an annual community ceremony hosted by Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County to support families who have experienced pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or infant loss. The event provides a compassionate space for remembrance, reflection, healing, and community connection while helping families process grief and access emotional support resources.
Broward Partnership for Kids Events:			
The Journey Institute (26-4)	Babies & Bubbles Brunch, 10/22/2026, Fort Lauderdale	$ 5,000	"Babies and Bubbles" event, an initiative dedicated to building strong brains in early childhood to prevent the long-term impact of adverse childhood experiences. Babies and bubbles will bring together experts across the system of care to raise awareness, promote restorative practices, and engage the community in supporting the healthy development of Broward's youngest citizens. The event, which is expected to draw 200 professionals.

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Broward Reads Coalition - Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2026
9:30 am.
The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Participants: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (Co-Chair), Kimberly Adams Goulbourne, TaiQuay Bogle, Yolanda Meadows (CSC of Broward County); Commissioner Nan Rich (Co-Chair), Harrison Grandwilliams, Eugenia Nikitina (Broward County Commission); Dr. Lori Canning (Co-Chair), (BCPS); Allison Metsch (Early Learning Coalition); Kimberly White (Broward County Libraries); Kathy Wint, Bari Goldberg (HandsOn South Florida); Roni Tanenbaum (University of Florida-New Worlds Reading); Lisa Maraj (City of Pembroke Pines), Denise Horland (City of Plantation); Lenore Russo (City of Parkland); Randall Deich (Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance); Martha Gutierrez-Steinkamp (BCS Advisory Council); Penny Bernath (South Florida PBS); Chanelle Pough (Florida Early Learning Corps); Veronica Boyd (Delta Education and Life Development Foundation Incorporated); Maggie de Cambre Borges (United Way); Darci Trachtenberg (City of Miramar); Brithney Johnson (Community Education Alliance); Chanelle Pough (Florida Early Learning Corps); Jennifer Lopez (Family Learning Partnership / Reach Out and Read Florida); Laura Gomez, Odalys Calleja (FIU Reading Explorers); Bob Mayersohn (Broward Legislative Delegation)

Welcome

Commissioner Nan Rich convened the meeting at 9:35 AM and welcomed all attendees. Lori Canning moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Cindy Arenberg Seltzer seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

Partner Updates

Broward County Commission

Presenter: Commissioner Nan Rich

Commissioner Rich spoke about the tax amendment that will go on the ballot in November. She advised that the attorney general must rewrite portions of the amendment, as directed by the court. She shared that the rewrite would need to be completed in August, after the primary, to be on the November ballot.

Commissioner Rich also shared that she has received the new county budget breakdown for fiscal year 2027, and she will share it with the group. She advised that while school districts will be protected with respect to property taxes, many areas will not be, so it is important to have conversations about which services will be impacted. She stated that if anyone needs information, it can be provided. She urged everyone to continue paying attention and to educate as much as possible.

Children's Services Council (CSC) of Broward County

Presenters: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, Kimberly Goulbourne

- Cindy shared that CSC's sole source of funding comes from property tax dollars, and how many people are shocked to hear that. She provided a breakdown of how CSC and the organizations we fund would be impacted. She stated that although CSC accounts for less than two cents of every dollar paid in property taxes, its impact is enormous.
- Kim Goulbourne reported that planning is underway for the February 2027 Read for the Record campaign. Events will include:
  - A visit from the author in September as a part of the Conference on Children's Literature.
  - The book is being unveiled on September 18.
  - Cindy's participation as part of the panel.
  - Promotional marketing with the author while they are in town.
  - A special reading event at Gulfstream Early Learning Center.
- Kim shared that the annual grade-level reading progress report, which is due in September, is being prepared. She requested that anyone with literacy success stories, innovative practices, or meaningful outcomes to celebrate, please share them with her (kgoulbourne@cscbroward.org) and Kim Reid (kreid@cscbroward.org) so they can highlight the great work happening around Broward County and recognize those doing the work.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)

Presenters: Dr. Lori Canning

- Lori shared that school starts on August 10 and proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation and shared that there are many innovative programs being offered, including a new partnership with NASA being implemented at several schools. She shared the back-to-school website (https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool) with the group.
- Lori talked about their recent mobile school pantry event, which supported over 200 families who were able to shop. At the events, families also receive books to feed their brains as well as their bodies. She shared that the CEO/Founder, Zeina Zein Woolland, along with a member of one of the families, was interviewed to discuss the event's impact.
- Lori reiterated that part of this coalition's goal is to make sure children are reading proficiently by the end of third grade, as she shared the end of last year's FAST results. And despite changes in assessment, analysis, and reporting, Broward County

has experienced continuous growth since 2014. She also shared the results for FAST assessments for grades K-2 and VPK-2, which show a 49% increase in kindergarten and a 58% increase in grades 1 to 2. She provided the link to view the results: https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/2026.stml.

Early Learning Coalition (ELC)

Presenters: Allison Metsch

- Allison stated they are knee deep in back-to-school preparations, and they are anxiously awaiting the VPK FAST results to see how their kids did. She advised that they should receive them in about 10 days and that they will share those results at the next meeting. She added that their funding is slightly lower than last year, but there may be an opportunity to secure more money throughout the year. The good news is, they are still enrolling children, and while there is a wait list, children are not waiting an extended period to get care.

Broward County Libraries

Presenter: Kimberly White

- Kimberly stated they are in the final days of summer learning, which goes right up to the Friday before school starts. This allows readers to log all their summer reading challenge information just ahead of the end-of-summer drawings held on Saturday. She shared that they had about 15,000 registrants in their four reading challenges. They had thousands of program participants, including summer BreakSpot at six locations, collaboration with Career Source Broward Summit Youth workers, some special grant programs, family literacy programs sponsored by Florida Blue, and their summer reading tour stops with the Florida Panthers.

- Kimberly shared that they are looking forward to a great school year, which will kick off with the all-district library media specialist meeting. She announced a new partnership with Library Journal and School Library Journal to bring their Youth Services Summit to Fort Lauderdale. With this partnership, the Conference on Children's Literature will have two days of professional development for the Broward County librarians and neighboring librarians. She informed the group that there will be a charge for this year's conference and shared the link for additional information: https://www.libraryjournal.com/event/public-library-youth-leadership-summit-2026. She also provided her email address, kiwhite@broward.org, if anyone needed to reach out to her.

HandsOn South Florida

Presenter: Kathy Wint, Bari Goldberg

- Kathy highlighted how successful this summer has been for the summer BreakSpot at the seven community sites. The program's focus was on helping children maintain and strengthen their reading skills during the summer months, which helps reduce the summer learning loss during the school year. She stated that they are grateful for the volunteers who served as mentors and reading ambassadors. This year, there were 404 volunteers giving 468 hours, which amounts to just over $17,000 of impact. She thanked the site coordinators for being engaged, and they look to grow the program exponentially next year.

- Bari reiterated how wonderful the teen summer service camp was and the opportunity to collaborate with Community Education Alliance for a fantastic morning filled with literacy. They participated in the Puppets to Pages project, bringing storybooks to life, and topped it off with a field day. Bari shared a video of the day with the group, highlighting the day. The day helped the kids step out of their comfort zones and interact with other kids.

City of Plantation

Presenter: Denise Horland

- Denise informed the group that she attended the Fire Chief's Conference in Punta Gorda to hear what they were saying. She reiterated that elected officials can be removed from office and funding can be taken from their cities for speaking out against Amendment Three, which is why folks are not seeing elected officials speak about it. However, the Broward League of Cities is being very deliberate in how they educate people. As a member of Plantation Friends of the Helen B. Hoffman Library, she has been on calls with the Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library, who will be launching ads and securing media placements
between Labor Day and the election in November. Lastly, Denise thanked Lori for providing them with books to hand out at their back-to-school barbecue.

Open Mic

- Penny Bernath (South Florida PBS): Penny shared that they went to the Kennedy Space Center and had 10 field trips about space. And because of CSC, she was able to write a book to accompany each field trip. She advised they could either be standalone or with the videos. They all rhyme, have a refrain, and are educational. The forewords are highlighted, there's a glossary at the end, and a QR code that links to the video to see the new words and help increase vocabulary. They're currently being published. Once received, they will be a gift to the CSC.

- Brithney Johnson (Community Education Alliance): Brithney thanked the volunteers who visited their camp during the summer. The children were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed each week of reading. She advised that the students were excited to present their puppets during parent night, the culminating event of the summer, which engaged parents, community stakeholders, and students. She was grateful for the partnership that was developed because of this coalition.

- Maggie de Cambre Borges (United Way Broward): Maggie shared that she is now the Coordinator for Reading Pals, which currently partners with 19 schools, and they are looking to add an additional 10 (six have already committed) by the end of the month. One of the challenges has been recruiting volunteers, but they are doing so by attending meet-and-greets at the elementary schools. Kathy Wint suggested a follow up conversation to look at how HandsOn can help with volunteer recruitment and training.

- Ronnie Tanebaum (University of Florida/New World Reading): Ronnie shared that the New World Reading application is open, and it has been condensed, so it should take only a few minutes for families to apply. The families will receive nine free books a year from October to June. Her Books and Cooks program is entering its fourth year, and she has added a diabetes-prevention component. This year’s classes will be held at Morrow Elementary. The program is free and open to K-5th-grade families. She has also partnered with someone in the WIC office, and her books and cards will be available at seven of their offices. She will also be meeting with the Department of Health to get information into pediatricians' offices.

- Laura Gomez (Reading Explorers): Laura started by thanking CSC for another year of funding. She shared that they assessed over 1,600 students across 50 summer camp site locations. They provided group interventions to over 1,000 students and held 50 family engagement events at which they gave away free books and resources to families.

Meeting Schedule for FY 26-27

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**

Subsequent meetings are scheduled for:

- **Wednesday, December 2, 2026**
- **Wednesday, February 3, 2027**
- **Wednesday, April 7, 2027**
- **Wednesday, June 2, 2027**
- **Wednesday, August 4, 2027**

The meeting adjourned at **10:43 a.m.**

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

Summer break can increase food insecurity for children | Opinion

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Food insecurity in Broward County could increase due to a combination of factors, including rising prices and decreases in government benefits.

By **Michael Farver**

PUBLISHED: June 14, 2026 at 6:00 AM EDT

Of the estimated 2.1 million people living in Broward County, approximately 250,000 neighbors, family and friends face food insecurity every day. The need stretches across all ages and demographics, from the elderly to newborns to school-age children. It impacts every race, religion and community.

According to the United Way, the Soref Community Center and our local food banks, 83,000 children go to bed hungry every night. How, in a country as rich as ours, can we allow children to not know if the morning will bring them hope and nourishment or another day of empty stomachs? In many cases, parents go without eating so their kids can have a meal. This is a crisis that cannot be ignored, especially with school-age children now in summer vacation, which means even further reductions in access to healthy foods.

Michael Farver is president and CEO of the South Florida Hunger Coalition. (courtesy, Michael Farver)

Simply handing out food isn't enough to solve the problem. The most vulnerable in our community require a spoke of support services. These families are already choosing between food and a roof over their heads, utilities, medicine and transportation. Budget cuts and elimination of universal free lunch by the Broward County School Board this past year, programs that are still robust and effective in both Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties, have meant that children have had, at best, a limited opportunity to receive some measure of school breakfast, lunch or afterschool snacks. With the end of the school year, they are now at greater risk.

In partnership with dozens of community organizations and funding from the Children's Services Council (CSC), the South Florida Hunger Coalition (SFHC), has launched the 12th year of our summer child nutrition and education program, Summer BreakSpot, in collaboration with Fort Lauderdale's Blue Tree Café. Hot meals and enrichment activities are being offered at 10 locations throughout Broward County for 10 weeks. Other nonprofits will be launching similar initiatives.

Children who do not have proper nutrition are more likely to experience severe health issues, be unable to concentrate in school and are more prone to mental-health struggles and an inability to reach their greatest level of productivity. These children are the future of our community and our nation, and we are failing them. Dozens of Broward food pantries, large and small, hundreds of nonprofit and faith-based organizations, along with thousands of local volunteers, are trying to fight the good fight, but they are overwhelmed by the growing need.

SFHC strives to work with these organizations and partner agencies to develop solutions. We act as a resource, convener and implementer of innovative health, nutrition and food security-related initiatives through collaborative partnerships that also include sponsors and donors. We are all working hard, together with government and non-governmental agencies, and private funders, to tackle this challenge, but it's bigger than all of us put together. We are all sticking our fingers in a dike that is crumbling.

To add insult to injury, the recent gutting of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (Women, Infants & Children) and the proposed additional cuts and regulations at the state and federal level will exacerbate the problem exponentially. With increased work requirements for people up to age 64, and cuts for veterans, unhoused/homeless and seniors living on fixed incomes, this crisis touches all sectors and ages within our county and state.

We must find a way to provide our most vulnerable with healthy foods. Otherwise, we will all be paying even higher prices for increased mental-health issues, heavier burdens on our healthcare system, and children will be unable to properly grow and learn.

Food is life and health, plain and simple.

The food insecurity issue in our community is monumental and overwhelming, but each one of us can play a role. In Broward alone, more than 100 different organizations, large and small, work to feed our neighbors. Anyone can engage with us in this fight. If you can, donate, volunteer or join a board of directors. When you shop at your local grocery store, perhaps use the Buy One, Get One offers to give an extra food items to someone in need.

Every small step toward ensuring our fellow neighbors have access to fresh, nutritious food helps to build a healthier, more vibrant community. We cannot do this alone. We need to work together.

Michael Farver is president and CEO of the Fort Lauderdale-based South Florida Hunger Coalition and has been involved in hunger issues for more than five decades.

Wasserman Schultz Joins Children's Services Council, Law Enforcement to Announce New Safety Initiative

Lauderhill, June 15, 2026

“If a child goes missing, information obtained by this kit can make all the difference in bringing them home. No one should experience that harrowing dread to see a police officer at your door or feel the real pain behind the missing child poster on a wall,” said Wasserman Schultz. “I look forward to working with the dedicated teams here today to end the missing child crisis. We owe it to every young person and parent to be fully committed to this fight.”

Lauderhill, FL – Today, U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-25) joined advocates, law enforcement, and local elected officials to announce the launch of a major regional child safety initiative to distribute 400,000 free National Child Identification Program (NCIDP) kits to families throughout Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and Collier counties.

Watch the livestream here. https://www.youtube.com/live/RK-hGkGD3GU

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The ID kit allows parents to collect specific information by easily recording the physical characteristics, fingerprints and DNA of their children on identification cards that are then kept at home by the parent or guardian. If ever needed, this ID kit gives authorities vital information to assist their efforts to locate a missing child.

Wasserman Schultz was joined by Children Services Council of Broward President/CEO Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, LifeNet4Families President/CEO Denise Brown, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives VP Kevin Granville, United Way of Broward County President/CEO Kathleen Cannon, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich, State Representative Daryl Campbell, Broward Human Trafficking Coalition Jumorrow Poitier, and Broward Sheriff's Office Major Renea Peterson.

Hunschofsky Sounds Alarm on Property Tax Plan's Impact on City Budgets During Town Hall

by David Volz June 17, 2026

Rep Christine Hunschofsky and her college and high school interns. They attended the town hall she hosted at Coconut Creek City Hall. {David Volz}

Legislative Branch

If voters approve the property tax amendment in November and the Homestead Exemption reaches $250,000 in two years, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, and Margate will receive less ad valorem revenue than their public safety budget.

Representative Christine Hunschofsky made that point during the town hall meeting she hosted at Coconut Creek City Hall on June 16.

She told residents that homesteaded property owners will still have to pay school taxes, which are not included in the exemption. Cities will also have to evaluate the impact during their budgeting process. Local governments may have to raise fees for recreational and other programs. The bill sponsor stated on the House floor that some cities may have to merge with other cities.

Hunschofsky showed how property taxes are broken down by presenting her own tax bill and highlighting the different line items, including city, county, schools, hospital districts, Children’s Services Council, ad valorem and non-ad valorem line items which are on the tax bill.

She acknowledged that many struggling homeowners may welcome a property tax break, but acknowledged business property owners have voiced concerns about a tax shift to non-homesteaded properties. She also said police and fire unions may begin sharing concerns publicly about the amendment. At the end, Hunschofsky said she understood differing views on the amendment and asked everyone to pay attention to their cities’ budgeting processes this year to understand how the amendment will impact their communities.

Real Estate

Commissioner Jackie Railey, who attended the meeting, was concerned about a significant hit to city finances if the amendment is approved. She said the commission will have to take a hard look at the budget.

“We are in good shape, and we are careful with how we spend our money. We may have to make some cuts if the amendment passes,” she said.

If it is not vetoed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, Hunschofsky shared some of the funding she brought to her district This includes $595,000 for the JAFCO Eagles’ Haven Wellness Center, $500,000 for Every Mother’s Advocate Child Abuse Prevention, $506,300 for the BSO Rapid Response Program, $300,000 for the Broward Homeless Safe Parking Program, and $200,000 for A Vision of Redemption Family Reconnection Program.

Legislative Branch

Also, she brought $550,000 for the Coconut Creek Northeast Utilities Expansion; $593,000 for the Coconut Creek Public Courtyard Renovations; $500,000 for the Parkland Special Needs Accommodations at Pine Trails Park; $350,000 for the Margate Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment and Rehabilitation; and $85,000 for the Coral Springs SCADA Radio Telemetry System.

Hunschofsky also showed two bills she got signed into law. HB 753 exempts school counselors from taking the education certification exam, which is unrelated to the field. It requires that counselors be evaluated based on indicators of the Florida School Counseling Standards.

HB 1069 expands youth sports background checks by allowing independent sanctioning authorities such as Little League to access the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse for criminal history screening of current and prospective coaches. It requires Level 2 background screening for coaches, according to Hunschofsky.

North Lauderdale Preschooler Pulled from Backyard Pool In Frantic Dash To Coral Springs ER

By Julian "Jules" Castillo

Published on June 19, 2026

Source: Google Street View

A 4-year-old boy was pulled from a backyard pool in North Lauderdale and rushed to Coral Springs Medical Center after he was found unresponsive Friday morning, according to city and fire officials. Crews worked on the child at the scene with life-saving measures before heading to the hospital. Authorities are now investigating how he ended up in the water.

What officials say

According to CBS News Miami, which cited North Lauderdale Fire Rescue, first responders were called to a home Friday morning after the boy was discovered unresponsive and not breathing in a residential pool. Fire-rescue crews pulled him from the water and took him to Coral Springs Medical Center, the outlet reported. Officials have not released any additional information about the child's condition.

Emergency response and hospital

North Lauderdale Fire Rescue serves as the city's primary emergency medical and fire-response agency and lists its community programs and contact information on the municipal site. Broward Health Coral Springs confirms it operates a 24/7 emergency department at 3000 Coral Hills Drive that includes pediatric emergency services for nearby communities. Local officials have not issued further public statements beyond the initial dispatch details.

Why this matters

Florida has been grappling with a rise in child drownings, with reporting on state data identifying 105 child drowning deaths in 2024, a record high that has reignited debate over backyard pool safety rules. Per WUSF, more than half of those deaths occurred in residential pools, and initiatives such as Broward's SWIM Central program focus on lessons and outreach aimed at preventing similar incidents at home. The Children's Services Council of Broward County outlines county funding for swim instruction and water-safety education for children.

How families can reduce risk

Public health agencies stress using multiple layers of protection rather than relying on a single safeguard. That includes close, constant supervision within arm's reach, four-sided pool fencing with self-closing gates, formal swim lessons, life jackets on boats, and CPR training for caregivers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that drowning can happen quickly and quietly and describes combining these steps as the most effective way to lower risk.

Where is all our tax money going? | Letters to the editor

Millions of voters in Florida are focused on Amendment 3, which would expand the homestead exemption and cut property taxes, but leave gaping holes in city and county budgets.

By **Sun Sentinel Editorial Board** | Sun Sentinel

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The Sun Sentinel hit the nail on the head with regard to the bloated property values and stagnant millage rates (Property values keep growing. Why? Editorial, June 19).

In 2022, I wrote "[w]hile 4.1193 is certainly a reasonable tax rate for Fort Lauderdale, three cities are lower (Weston, Hillsboro Beach and Lighthouse Point)."

From 2012 to 2022, Fort Lauderdale's taxable property values — as determined by the property appraiser — nearly doubled, from $23.6 billion to $43.7 billion.

The city should be swimming in cash or it should have greatly reduced its millage rate of 4.1193 (about $4.12 for every $1,000 of property value).

In plain language, the millage rate has remained steady, but property values have increased, so the amount you actually pay in taxes has risen significantly. As the city continues its astonishing pace of adding new buildings, coupled with great news that property values are rising to unbelievable levels, where is all that money going?

Fast forward to 2026: the city's taxable property values are estimated to be $67.3 billion. That's $23.6 billion more than 2022. Someone has some serious explaining to do. This brings to mind the famous saying that "figures don't lie but liars figure."

— Howard A. Tescher, Fort Lauderdale

Protecting foster children

Kim Gorsuch's Viewpoint essay (Lawsuits against foster care system do more harm than good, June 16) overlooks that class action litigation is an effective tool to protect foster children and reform failing systems nationwide.

Twenty-eight years ago, as lead co-counsel with The Youth Law Center, we filed Ward v. Feaver, the lawsuit that protected thousands of Broward children. That lawsuit nearly tripled the budget that ChildNet inherited from DCF and served as an impetus for creating the Children's Services Council, which reduced the number of foster children.

It transformed statewide practices to protect against child-on-child sexual abuse, address the crisis of missing children, and improve educational stability for foster children.

Today, ChildNet manages the system where again, too many children are sexually abused, trafficked, missing, seriously injured, shuffled through the system (deepening their trauma) or are in extended foster care post-age 18 with no family. When systemic failures persist, lawsuits are the catalyst that compels meaningful reform and protects children who cannot protect themselves.

— Howard Talenfeld, Plantation

Tamarac Commissioner Krystal Patterson Leads Backpack Giveaway

by David Volz June 28, 2026

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Celeste Freixas of the Children's Services Council, Commissioner Krystal Patterson, and Vanessa Freixas, executive assistant, City of Tamarac. {David Volz}

Commissioner Krystal Patterson wants every child in Tamarac to be prepared for the first day of school.

"I want to help the children in my community. Providing them with backpacks and school supplies will benefit families," said Patterson.

She worked to arrange a partnership with the Children's Services Council of Broward County and Blue Chip Solutions to provide free backpacks to elementary and middle school children in District Three on June 27.

Families drove up and picked up backpacks with supplies geared for elementary or middle school children. Patterson handed out many of the backpacks and offered words of encouragement. She said that about 200 backpacks were distributed. Also, the children received $35 coupons for hair care from Legacy Tress, according to Patterson.

"This was a good event, and I look forward to the next backpack distribution event," said Patterson.

The second backpack distribution event will be on **July 18 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Tamarac Sports Complex.

Preparing for new school year? Score free shoes at this Pembroke Pines giveaway

By **Isabel Rivera**

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Broward Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis will host a back-to-school shoe giveaway on Saturday, July 11, at the Southwest Focal Point Community Center. Jeff Schear *Getty Images*

With summer break halfway through, back-to-school preparations are underway in Pembroke Pines.

One Broward County official wants to make sure you step into it with style. Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis will host a back-to-school shoe giveaway on Saturday, July 11, at the Southwest Focal Point Community Center for students and families looking to be outfitted for the 2026-27 academic year.

"As we prepare for a new school year, we want to help our children step into the classroom feeling confident, supported and ready to succeed," Davis said in a June 24 video announcing the drive.

The event will be cohosted by the Children's Services Council of Broward County and shoes are provided by Soles 4 Souls, a Nashville, Tennessee-based nonprofit that distributes clothing items sourced from individuals, donation drives and retailers for communities in need.

One pair of new shoes is available for each child attending the event while supplies last, and children must be present to receive the donation.

To complete the look, school uniform assistance — courtesy of Broward County Public Schools support services — will be available, and a Memorial Healthcare mobile clinic will be on site to offer help with vaccines, physicals and more.

According to Davis, early birds will also leave with full bellies from a free food giveaway for the first 250 families at the shoe drive.

Register for the back-to-school event here. For more information, visit the Children's Services Council of Broward County's website.

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

- Samuel's mom chose the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Craniofacial Center to treat his cleft lip and palate. Today, his sweet smile says it all. Click here for details.
- The Children's Services Council of Broward is proud to launch a "Look Before You Lock" awareness campaign reminding caretakers to always "Look Before You Lock" your vehicle. Heatstroke in vehicles is the leading cause of all non-crash-related fatalities involving children 14 and younger. Click here for details.

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- Get bookish at Summer Storytime in the Park at Washington Park Community Center
- Go exploring at Zooming in on Nature at Fern Forest Nature Center

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- Kids Reusable Ice Tubes
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SATURDAY

- Treat kids of all abilities to Sensory Saturday at The Frank or Sensory Fun at YAA
- Get sporty at a World Cup Watch Party at Miramar Amphitheater

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SUNDAY

- Get creative at a living sculpture class at Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts
- Rock out at at Gladly Music class at Alvin Sherman Library
- Dive into STEM Sunday at iFly Fort Lauderdale

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Florida health care, children's services to be hit under property tax plan

By **Romy Ellenbogen, Tampa Bay Times** *The Tribune Content Agency* July 15, 2026 6:41 AM

TALLAHASSEE - Hospitals and children's health groups say a proposal to cut property taxes could hit them hard - and comes as the need for care in Florida is only growing.

They say the property tax plan, if passed, could force groups to cut services like labor and delivery, children's literacy programs and school nurses.

Hospitals could lose around 32% in tax-collected revenue annually, according to the Florida Hospital Association. Florida's 13 children's councils, which are voter-approved and provide a variety of services, could lose anywhere from around $3 million to around $33 million annually, depending on the county, according to the head of the statewide alliance. Those numbers could grow.

The budget cuts could come as Florida's population continues to grow and age, demanding more of Florida's resources, saidMary Mayhew, the head of the Florida Hospital Association. And they come as hospitals are already compensating for expected federal funding cuts from the Trump administration.

"We've already experienced what happens when financial pressures intensify," Mayhew said, pointing to hospitals that have closed psychiatric or labor and delivery units. "This isn't fiction, this is reality."

Hospitals and children's groups say hits to their organizations may be an unintended consequence from lawmakers who tried to help homeowners with the affordability crisis.

Lawmakers in June approved a plan for the 2026 ballot that would increase the homestead exemption for certain Florida residents to $150,000 in 2027. The following year, it would be increased to $250,000. At least 60% of voters would need to approve the amendment in November.

The amendment summary promises a "schedule for full elimination" of property taxes, but the legislation doesn't include that requirement.

Some of the most vocal skeptics of the property tax plan have been cities and counties, who warn it could restrict vital services like public safety. But property taxes also help fund special taxing districts, including those for hospitals.

Mayhew said Medicaid - and programs that rely heavily on Medicaid dollars - could be hardest hit.

Medicaid pays 47 cents on the dollar for labor and delivery, Mayhew said. Behavioral health gets 49 cents on the dollar from Medicaid. Keeping those programs afloat, she said, relies on them being subsidized by other hospital revenue.

And hospital budgets will soon be facing deep cuts. The Trump administration is planning to cut Medicaid money for Florida over the next several years. By the year 2034, the federal government will stop paying around $4 billion into Florida's Medicaid program.

"When you are making difficult decisions as a healthcare organization, inevitably you have to look at those areas where you're losing money," she said.

Social services meant to help Florida children and families are also expecting multimillion-dollar cuts if the property tax proposal passes.

The state has 13 children's services councils that collect tax money for programs like literacy support, water safety, healthcare and career readiness. The organizations, which are approved by county voters, were designed to help children and keep them out of the court system.

Broward County voters approved a children's services council in 2000, amid a crisis in the foster care system and as law enforcement arrested more than 12,000 children, said Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, the CEO of Broward's council. She said one result was fewer juvenile arrests. But she warned that taking away programs could have the opposite effect. "When you start pulling the rug out, they'll notice," she said.

If funding is cut, the children's board and the nonprofits they work with could go to Tallahassee to ask for state money. But Arenberg Seltzer said they'd also be competing with cities and counties, which will themselves be coping with fewer dollars coming in and which may themselves cut social services and health programs.

The children's boards could end up working with less but being asked to do more, she said.

Arenberg Seltzer said children's councils like hers were created because the state wasn't putting money toward preventative children's care.

"I don't have a lot of confidence in the state backfilling things that they have resisted funding in the first place," she said.

Dieudonne Bender, a Plant City mother of four, first interacted with the Children's Board of Hillsborough County 14 years ago when she unexpectedly fostered a family member's baby.

The child was in withdrawal from drugs, and Bender, then a graduate student, didn't know how to help the baby. The center gave her resources and helped her learn how to be a parent, she said.

Now, Bender uses their services for math and reading help for her four children. Her son, who is going into third grade and has dyslexia, has struggled with reading but is now on grade level, she said.

The Plant City family resource center is also an important part of her children's socialization, she said. She said losing access to programming would be devastating for her children.

"As a homeowner myself, I do understand," Bender said. "But if my taxes are going to go to something, I'd rather it go to something that's beneficial to the community."

Michele Watson, the head of the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trust, said the 13 children's councils spend around $600 annually on services. If the property tax plan passes, she said that could be cut by $163 million.

Broward could see around $29 million in cuts, she said. Miami could lose $33 million. Hillsborough could see cuts of around $20 million. Pinellas could lose $28 million.

And those numbers could grow. Because the programs rely on matching funds and grants, if their revenue is cut, they may not be able to draw down as much money.

Watson said putting money in on the front end to prevent negative child outcomes is "exponentially cheaper" than what you spend trying to fix something from behind.

"We were kind of an unintended consequence, potentially, of this legislation," she said.

David Posnack JCC and Nicklaus Children's Hospital Join Together to Support Children with Cancer Through Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida

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Nicklaus Children's Hospital Named Presenting Sponsor of the Camp's Wellness Center

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DAVIE, Fla., July 20, 2026 (Newswire.com) - The David Posnack Jewish Community Center (DPJCC) and Nicklaus Children's Hospital Helen & Jacob Shaham Cancer & Blood Disorders Institute are joining together to support children with cancer and their siblings through Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida, a free summer day camp operated in collaboration with the Sunrise Association. Serving children ages 3½ through 16 years, the camp provides a safe, medically supported environment where children can leave behind the challenges of cancer, enjoy the magic of summer camp, build lasting friendships, and simply be kids.

As part of this collaboration, Nicklaus Children's Hospital is serving as the Presenting Sponsor of the Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida Wellness Center. This essential resource, staffed with medical professionals, supports the health, comfort, and well-being of campers throughout the summer and gives parents peace of mind.

Each day, children diagnosed with cancer and their siblings participate in swimming, sports, arts and crafts, music, field trips, special events, and other traditional camp activities, surrounded by caring staff, dedicated volunteers, and medical professionals. While camp is filled with laughter and adventure, the Wellness Center provides families with peace of mind, ensuring campers have access to medical support, medications, and individualized care whenever needed.

This summer, Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida is serving more than 65 children and siblings. By supporting the Wellness Center, Nicklaus Children's Hospital is helping create an environment where children can focus less on illness and more on friendship, confidence, and the simple joy of being kids.

"Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida reminds us that healing isn't found only in medicine. It's also found in laughter, friendship, and the chance for children to simply be children. We are honored to join Nicklaus Children's Hospital in supporting the Wellness Center, where compassionate care gives families peace of mind and allows campers to embrace every moment of the summer with confidence, joy, and hope," said Scott Ehrlich, chief executive officer of the David Posnack Jewish Community Center.

"At Nicklaus Children's, we know that caring for children extends well beyond the walls of our hospital. Our partnership with Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida reflects our commitment to supporting the whole child and family by creating experiences that promote healing, resilience and joy. By serving as the Presenting Sponsor of the Wellness Center, we're ensuring children with cancer and their siblings can safely enjoy the simple pleasures of summer camp while families have the confidence that expert medical support is always nearby. We are proud to partner with the David Posnack JCC and the Sunrise Association to help make these unforgettable experiences possible," said Yair Katz, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Nicklaus Children's Health System.

For many of the families who attend Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida, Nicklaus Children's Hospital has already been part of their healthcare journey. This collaboration extends a shared commitment to caring for children beyond the hospital setting, creating opportunities for healing, friendship, and joyful childhood experiences in an environment where every camper is celebrated and supported.

Sunrise Day Camp-South Florida is made possible through the generous support of dedicated sponsors and community collaborators. The support of Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Presenting Sponsor of the Wellness Center, as well as the Children's Services Council of Broward County and the Florida Department of Health helps ensure children with cancer and their siblings can attend camp free of charge while experiencing the joy, connection, and confidence that summer camp provides.

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About Sunrise Association

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About the David Posnack Jewish Community Center

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About Nicklaus Children's Health System

For more than 75 years, Nicklaus Children's Health System has provided world-class pediatric care for children and families across Florida and beyond. Home to South Florida's #1 nonprofit, freestanding specialty licensed hospital exclusively for children, the 474-bed system includes a growing network of hospital and community-based partnerships, two affiliated children's hospitals in Broward County, more than 35 outpatient locations and over 40 pediatric specialties. Nicklaus Children's is an academic and clinical affiliate of Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and is nationally recognized for excellence in pediatric medicine, with programs ranked among the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report since 2008. The system also includes leading centers of excellence in cancer, orthopedics, neuroscience and heart care, as well as a nonprofit physician practice subsidiary and ambulatory surgery center.

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Despite Urgent Warnings, Child Drownings Continue to Rise Across Florida

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South Florida Leaders Renew Call to Action as State Remains on Pace for Deadliest Year on Record

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MIAMI, July 23, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Despite repeated warnings from healthcare providers, first responders, elected officials and community organizations, children continue to lose their lives in preventable drownings across Florida at an alarming rate.

Just three weeks after community leaders gathered to sound the alarm ahead of the Fourth of July holiday, another series of tragic drownings has underscored a sobering reality: the message is still not reaching enough families.

Florida has now recorded 74 child drownings in 2026, including 15 across Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.

"The heartbreaking reality is that we are standing here again because children are still dying," said Malvina Duncan, Injury Prevention Coordinator at Nicklaus Children's Hospital and SAFE KIDS Miami-Dade Coordinator.

Florida has now recorded 74 child drownings in 2026, including 15 across Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. The state remains on pace to surpass 2025, the deadliest year for child drownings in Florida history.

On Wednesday, Nicklaus Children's Health System, Broward Health, YMCA of South Florida, Children's Services Council of Broward County, Florida Panthers, Water SMART Broward, Florida Department of Health, Florida Atlantic University CARD and community leaders gathered in Fort Lauderdale to deliver an urgent message.

Every drowning is preventable, but only if families act before tragedy strikes.

"We've seen an alarming rate of drownings taking place in our community, and we're calling on everyone to come together as a united front to prevent these tragedies from happening," said Stephen Gollan, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Chief. "Please take the time to educate your children on how to swim, especially down here in South Florida."

The event also featured an emotional testimony from Ana Nguyen, whose 12-year-old daughter Jenny drowned while attending a birthday party in 2011. Today, Jenny's legacy lives through the YMCA of South Florida's "Swim for Jenny" initiative, which provides free swimming lessons to children throughout the community.

Community leaders emphasized that drowning remains the leading cause of unintentional death for Florida children ages 1 to 4 and urged every parent, grandparent, caregiver and neighbor to make water safety a daily priority.

"More than 4,500 people die by accidental drownings in the United States per year," mentioned Dr. Gary Lai, chief of emergency medicine at Broward Health Coral Springs. "That's about 12 per day and these statistics are very concerning, especially here in South Florida with all the bodies of water we have."

Health and public safety experts reiterated that preventing drownings requires multiple layers of protection, including:

- Constant, undistracted adult supervision with a designated "water watcher"
- Four-sided pool fencing with self-closing, self-latching gates
- Door and pool alarms
- Formal swim lessons beginning as early as age one, when appropriate
- U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around open water
- CPR training for parents and caregivers
- Bright, highly visible swimwear and proper hydration

Officials stressed that drowning is often silent and can occur in less than a minute, even when adults are nearby.

"Water safety should never depend on a family's income, or zip code. Learning to swim is a fundamental skill that saves lives, cultivates confidence and opportunities, and builds community," said Dean Trantalis, Mayor of the City of Ft. Lauderdale. "I encourage all our neighbors to use this moment as a reminder to enroll your child in swimming lessons, create or review your family's water safety program and talk with your children about respecting the water."

Families can learn more about drowning prevention, find water safety resources and register for swimming lessons by visiting:

Nicklaus Children's Health System: **https://nicklauschildrens.org/watersafety**

YMCA of South Florida: **https://ymcasouthflorida.org/water-safety**

About Nicklaus Children's Health System — *Where Your Child Matters Most™*
For more than 75 years, Nicklaus Children's Health System has stood as a beacon of hope for children and families across the state of Florida and beyond. Nicklaus Children's Hospital is South Florida's #1 nonprofit, freestanding specialty licensed hospital exclusively for children. Nicklaus Children's provides pediatric care across a growing network of hospital and community-based partnerships, including within NCH North Hospital in Naples, Jupiter Medical Center, select Baptist Health Hospital pediatric emergency units, as well as at Nicklaus Children's Hospital Fort Lauderdale and Nicklaus Children's Hospital Coral Springs, each located on the campuses of Broward Health. The hospitals and their network of more than 35 outpatient locations offer lifesaving care in Miami-Dade, Broward, Martin and Palm Beach counties. Outpatient locations include an array of urgent, pediatric primary and specialty care centers and are either hospital-based or outpatient locations under Nicklaus Children's Pediatric Specialists, LLC (NCPS). Providing a pipeline of future physicians and groundbreaking research, Nicklaus Children's is an academic and clinical affiliate of the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and home to centers of excellence including the Helen & Jacob Shaham Cancer & Blood Disorders Institute, the Orthopedic, Sports Medicine and Spine Institute, the Neuroscience Institute and the Heart Institute. The 474-bed system is renowned for excellence in all aspects of pediatric medicine, with many programs routinely ranked among the nation's best by *U.S. News & World Report* since 2008. Nicklaus Children's also includes a nonprofit physician practice subsidiary with more than 40 pediatric specialties and an ambulatory surgery center. For more information, visit **nicklauschildrens.org**.

About Broward Health
Broward Health, founded in 1938 and headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ranks among the 10 largest public healthcare systems in the United States. Nationally recognized for its focus on high-quality care for the residents of Broward County and beyond, Broward Health boasts four hospitals, two trauma centers, was the county's first statutory teaching hospital and has an ever-growing graduate medical education program. It includes more than 50 health centers and physician practices covering virtually every healthcare specialty. Broward Health never stops working toward its mission of Exceptional Care, Extraordinary Compassion and Everyday Excellence. Driven by more than 11,000 talented employees and physicians who deliver care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, Broward Health is one of the largest

employers in Broward County with an operating budget of over $2 billion and annually provides over $523 million in charity and uncompensated care. For more information about Broward Health, visit **BrowardHealth.org**.

About the YMCA of South Florida

For more than a century, the YMCA has been woven into the fabric of the South Florida community. As an award-winning nonprofit, the Y is committed to strengthening community through more than 200 programs serving everyone from six months old to 100 years young. Its family centers and programs are inclusive, vibrant hubs of community life, offering a diverse array of classes, cutting-edge fitness facilities, lifesaving aquatics, exciting community events, unforgettable camps, supportive afterschool care, and holistic health and wellness programming. At the Y, there's something for everyone. Join the movement by connecting with us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, or visit **YMCASouthFlorida.org**.

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Hundreds Attend 11th Annual Collier City Family Fun Day in Pompano Beach

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The 11th Annual Collier City Family Fun Day, which ran from 10am to 3pm, gave out free backpacks, shoes, school supplies, groceries, and haircuts.Photo Credit: Jeff Yastine

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POMPANO BEACH — More than 900 Pompano families gathered at McNair Park on Saturday for an event aimed at helping local children get ready to go back to school.

The 11th Annual Collier City Family Fun Day, which ran from 10am to 3pm, gave out free backpacks, shoes, school supplies, groceries, and haircuts. Children could also get school physicals, immunizations, and health screenings. A bounce house and other fun activities completed the 5-hour event.

Pastor Henry Brown, leader of Brown's Community Development Center and Brown's Temple Ministries in Pompano Beach, said the ministry organized the event because members continue to see real need in the community.

"We know that there's a need in our community," Brown said. "And as a ministry, we don't want to just minister in the confinement of the four walls, but there's so much that we can do on the outside."

Meeting Needs for Local Families

Elisha Rentier was strolling with her two children through the dozens of vendor tables inside the park's gymnasium, and among the sponsor tents outside, which included free groceries, and backpack and shoe giveaways. She was getting her kids ready for the start of the new Broward County school year on August 10th. “I don't know what I'd do if not for this,” she said, motioning to the array of giveaway tables. “With gas being what it is, I don't have the dollars I used to for my kids.”

Brown likewise noted that buying school supplies can be hard for many parents, especially those with more than one child.

"Because many parents don't have the means to have money to be able to purchase those backpacks, especially if you have more than one child," Brown said. "And so as a principal, I think this is something that is really important so that when the kids start on the first day, they have their backpacks, they have paper, they have pencils. They're ready to learn."

In addition to supplies, children received free haircuts. Brown said the haircuts help students feel good about themselves on their first day back. Parents were also able to take care of required school immunizations at the park.

The Family Fun Day was made possible with sponsors from numerous community partners including:

• City of Pompano Beach	• PNC
• Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO)	• Sickle Cell Disease Association of Broward County
• JM Family Enterprise	• Genesis Community Health
• Rotary Club of Pompano Beach	• Wayne Barton Food Distribution
• Children's Services Council of Broward County	• LIVE! Resort Pompano Beach
• Friends of Sammy	• Pompano Beach Parks & Recreation Dept.
• Popeye's Chicken	• Brown's Community Development Center
• ToyzzRUS	• Kiwanis Club of Pompano Beach Westside
• Iron Ranch	• Tender Loving Care Adult Day Health Center
• JT's Cuts Academy	• TLC Medical Training
• Keith Associates	• Pompano Beach Fire Rescue

"We have so many vendors, and we have so many people who have joined in to help us to make this work," Brown said. "And so without them it would not be possible."

Other programs were also highlighted at the event, including AHAVA, a program at the church designed to support teenage girls and young adults through mentorship, life skills, and field trips.

Story FAQs

What was the date and time of the 11th Annual Collier City Family Fun Day?

The event took place on Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where was the Pompano Beach back-to-school event held?

According to reporting by TAPinto Pompano Beach, the event took place at McNair Park, located at 951 N.W. 27th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL 33069.

What free services and items were offered to families?

Free backpacks, shoes, and school supplies such as paper and pencils were distributed.

Free groceries and cell phones were provided.

Free haircuts were given to children.

School physicals and immunizations were offered.

Foot and vision screenings were available.

Children’s Services Council of Broward County Launches Enhanced Drowning Prevention Awareness Campaign

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Community-Wide Initiative Aims to Prevent Tragic Child Drownings Through Education, Swim Lessons and Partnerships

LAUDERHILL, Fla. — As South Florida enters the height of swimming season and families spend more time around pools, beaches, canals, and waterways, the **Children’s Services Council (CSC) of Broward County** is renewing its commitment to preventing one of the leading causes of death among young children by launching its **Safe Water. Stronger Futures.** drowning prevention awareness campaign.

The campaign highlights the importance of constant adult supervision, water safety education, and access to affordable swim lessons while connecting Broward families with life-saving resources available through Water Smart Broward and other CSC-funded programs.

Recent drowning and near-drowning incidents involving children across Broward County serve as heartbreaking reminders that these tragedies can happen in seconds, and that prevention must remain a community priority. Even one child lost to drowning is one too many.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to grow up safely,” said **Dr. David Kenton, Chief Operating Officer of the Children’s Services Council of Broward County.** “Drowning is fast, silent, and almost always preventable. Through partnerships, education, and access to swim instruction, we are giving families the tools they need to protect their children. This is an investment that saves lives.”

According to the Florida Department of Health, drowning remains the leading cause of death for children ages 1 through 4 in Florida. Broward County mirrors this troubling trend, where accidental drowning continues to claim the lives of young children each year. Florida also experienced a devastating year in 2025, recording 119 child drowning fatalities, the highest number on record.

CSC's Investment in Prevention

The Children's Services Council invests more than **$1.3 million annually** in comprehensive drowning prevention efforts that combine education, swim instruction, community outreach, and partnerships.
These investments include:

- **SWIM Central** — providing affordable swim lesson coupons and water safety education for children ages 6 months through 8 years through a partnership with Broward County and Broward County Public Schools.
- **Drowning Prevention Initiative** — supporting community-wide education, leadership, public awareness campaigns, lifeguard training, and coordination through the Florida Department of Health in Broward County.
- **Water Smart Broward** — serving as Broward County's central online resource for water safety information, swim lesson opportunities, CPR resources, and drowning prevention education.
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Last year, more than **20,000 families** received swim instruction opportunities through SWIM Central. Additionally, nearly **200 residents** became certified lifeguards or water safety instructors, expanding Broward's network of trained aquatic safety professionals.

Prevention Saves Lives

Water safety experts emphasize that drowning is often quick and silent. A child can drown in as little as two inches of water, often without splashing or calling for help. Most drownings involving young children occur during non-swim times when children gain unexpected access to water.

CSC encourages every family to follow these essential safety practices:

- Never leave a child unattended near water—even for a moment.
- Designate a distraction-free "Water Watcher."
- Enroll children in age-appropriate swimming lessons.
- Install four-sided fencing with self-closing, self-latching gates around home pools.
- Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills.
- Use properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets when appropriate.

A Community Commitment

Safe Water. Stronger Futures. campaign reflects CSC's broader mission of investing in prevention before tragedy occurs. "Every swimming lesson represents confidence, every educated parent represents another layer of protection, and every community partnership brings us closer to our shared vision of zero child drownings in Broward County," **Kenton** said. "These are your property tax dollars at work. Helping children stay safe, supporting families, and strengthening our community."

Families can learn more about swimming lesson opportunities, safety tips, and available resources by visiting CSCBroward.org or Water Smart Broward.

About the Children's Services Council of Broward County:

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

Follow us on social media @CSCBroward. For more information about the Children's Services Council of Broward County, please *visit www.cscbroward.org.*

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700 Students Receive Free Backpacks at Margate Middle School Resource Fair

by David Volz July 31, 2026

Sabine Phillips loved seeing families come and select backpacks filled with school supplies for the upcoming school year.

As principal of Margate Middle School, Phillips knows that many families are struggling. She was glad to host the Back-to-School Resource Fair, which included 700 backpacks for children. The backpacks were provided by the Children's Services Council of Broward County. HandsOn South Florida helped with the distribution on July 30.

"This is a great community event, and we are reaching out to the community," said Phillips.

Each child received a backpack filled with pens, pencils, and notebooks, according to Kenneth King, spokesperson for the Children's Council. "We want to make sure that every child is prepared for the first day of school, and we know that giving each child a backpack with school supplies will help parents," said King.

Margate Commissioner Arlene Schwartz attended the event. “I am glad to see families getting backpacks, and I want to support Margate Middle School,” she said.
U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz also attended and said she was glad to see children getting backpacks to help them prepare for school.

Proposed Florida property tax measure could reduce funding for children's programs across the state

By **Sasha Jones** • Published August 6, 2026 • Updated on August 6, 2026 at 10:34 pm

A proposed property tax measure that Florida voters will consider in November could provide homeowners with a larger homestead exemption but also reduce funding for children's programs that many South Florida families rely on.

For Julianna Bazile, a Broward County mother of three elementary school-aged children, after-school care and summer camp programs are essential to balancing work and family life.

"They're currently in an after-school program with their school, and I enrolled them in summer camp this year as well," Bazile said.

The programs allow Bazile to maintain her full-time job despite a demanding schedule.

"From having to wake up at 5 o'clock in the morning to come home at 7:30 p.m., I would not know what I would do without this program," she said.

Currently, those services are provided at no cost to her family through programs funded by the Children's Services Council of Broward County.

That funding, however, could be affected if voters approve a constitutional amendment that would increase Florida's homestead exemption. During a special legislative session in June, lawmakers approved a proposal that would **raise the homestead exemption** to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028.

While the proposal would reduce taxable property values for many homeowners, it could also decrease property tax revenue collected by local governments and independent taxing districts.

In Broward County, approximately 13 cents of every property tax dollar collected supports special districts, including the Children's Services Council. The council funds a variety of programs, including summer camps, swim lessons, reading initiatives, school nurses, early learning programs and mental health services for children and families.

Maria Juarez Stouffer, chief program officer for the Children's Services Council of Broward County, said the organization could face significant budget reductions if the amendment is approved.

"The first year, if this passes, we would take approximately a $15 million budget cut. And then year two would be approximately $30 million," Juarez Stouffer said.

Juarez Stouffer says about 99% of the council's funding comes from property tax revenue, leaving few alternatives if collections decline.

"If these services have to be reduced, then that is going to impact families, potentially their ability to work in the same way that they're working now," she said.

According to the council, the projected funding loss would represent about a 10% reduction to its programming budget in the first year and roughly 20% in the second year. How children's services councils and similar taxing districts across Florida would offset those losses remains uncertain.

For Bazile, the programs have provided more than childcare. She credits them with helping one of her children improve academically.

"Ever since he got into the after-school program with the reading time, and even during the summer it continued for him, that was amazing for me," she said.

She worries about what losing those services would mean for her family.

"If this program goes away, I'm most likely going to have to switch careers," Bazile said. "I would have to stop working in Palm Beach, come back to Broward and find something closer to the school so I could pick them up after school."

The proposed amendment would not reduce funding for Florida's public school system, but independent local taxing districts, including children's services councils, could experience lower tax revenues if the measure passes.

The Children's Trust, which provides similar services in Miami-Dade County, said it is evaluating the potential financial impact.

In a statement, the organization said it is "currently reviewing property tax revenue estimates from a variety of sources and assessing potential scenarios to ensure we can protect our core mission and continue serving children and families effectively. Our priority is to be prepared to deliver the maximum level of services possible based on the funding available after voters make a decision regarding the proposed property tax legislation."

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Council Member	Oct'25	Nov'25	Dec'25	Jan'26	Feb'26	Mar'26	Apr'26	May'26	Jun'26	Jul'26	Aug'26	TRIM I	Sep'26	TRIM II
Lauren M. Alperstein*	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A				
Alyssa Foganholi	A	P	N/A	Virtual	A	P	Virtual	P & Virtual	P	N/A				
Howard Hepburn	P	P	N/A	P	P	A	P	A	P	N/A				
Debra Hixon	P	P	N/A	P	Virtual	Virtual	P	P	A	N/A				
Julia Musella	Virtual	P	N/A	Virtual	P	P	P	P	Virtual	N/A				
Nan Rich	P	P	N/A	P	Virtual	P	P	P	P	N/A				
Robert Shea	P	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A				
Paula Thaqi	P	P	N/A	P	P	Virtual	Virtual	P	A	N/A				
Christine Thompson	P	P	N/A	P	A	P	A	P	P	N/A				
Francis Viamontes*	A	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Jeffrey S. Wood	Virtual	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A				

* Judge Lauren M. Alperstein was appointed to replace Judge Francis Viamontes on January 1, 2026.