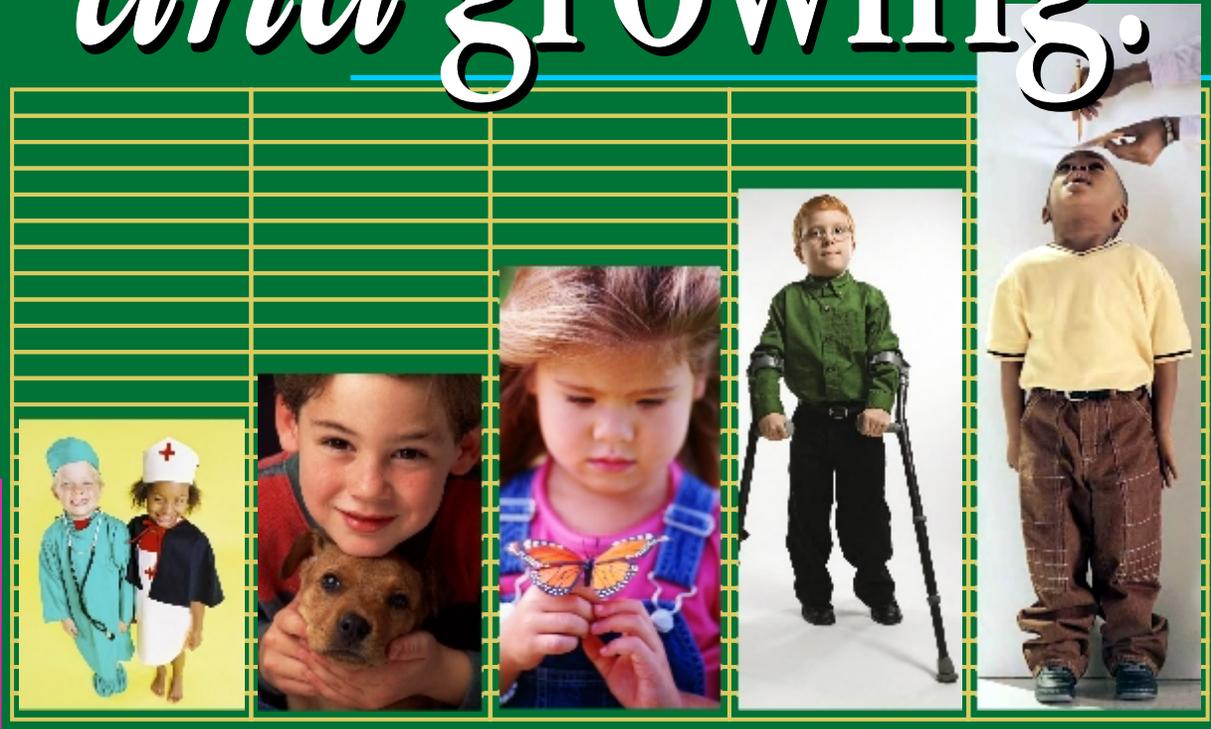




Year 5 *and growing.*



***“Celebrating Five Years of Investment
in our Children's Future.”***



**CHILDREN'S
SERVICES
COUNCIL**
of Broward County



Letter to the community...



Carole L. Andrews, CSC Chair / School Board Member, District 1

When children celebrate extraordinary test scores, hit the game winning home run or place first in debate competitions, they're usually greeted with high-fives, rejoicing and cheers. Throughout my career, I've had the good fortune of seeing a lot of them.

Here at the CSC, we're doing some celebrating of our own as we commemorate five years of making a difference in the lives of Broward's children. The governmental entity that was built from scratch in 2001 has been praised by child advocates, parents and caregivers alike. The expertise of each of the 11 Council members has allowed for the development of innovative, creative and extraordinary programs. Many of them hold a special place in my heart.

It's no secret that healthy minds and bodies are essential to future success. That's why I'm particularly proud of the CSC's School Health program, which provides health education and basic health care for children enrolled in Broward County public schools. These services also include critically needed health screenings and nutrition assessments.

As a Broward Sheriff's Office official, I recognize the importance of preventing recidivism among youthful offenders. The CSC's New Diversion Alternatives for Youth (New D.A.Y.) programs provide supervision, sanctions and effective intervention for youth referred by the State Attorney's Office for less serious law violations. Studies show that for every youth who does not commit a subsequent offense, \$9,652 in costs are avoided by the juvenile justice system and another \$4,932 are avoided by the victim. That means that the nearly \$1.8 million spent on the original New D.A.Y. programs may have saved the community over \$15 million.

I'm also proud that the Council supports the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), helping to restore it to a fully functioning, 24/7 clearinghouse that provides assessments of juvenile offenders. Over 33% of youth screened at the JAC were found to have substance abuse issues and 20% had mental health issues. The JAC is well-positioned to provide much-needed early detection to inhibit further deterioration and delinquency.

At the School Board, I heard firsthand from relatives facing the challenge of raising grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Many of the relatives caring for these children did not anticipate revisiting their role as primary care giver for a second time and some had trouble navigating a bureaucracy that was not always kind to them. We're addressing their unmet needs with programs like KISS (Kinship Initiatives for Support Services). According to Census data, 34,000 children in Broward County are being raised by relatives other than their parents. KISS provides advocacy, service coordination and support for families providing kinship care and non-relative care to child victims of dysfunctional home environments.

It was with great sadness that, due to health concerns, I recently resigned from the Broward County School Board and, therefore, CSC. I look back, however, on my five years of service with pride and with the knowledge that our collective efforts are making a positive difference in our community. To be sure, our recent successes will serve as a harbinger for even greater things to come in the future.

With that, I'll take a cue from the children in our community and offer each of you a warm, appreciative and enthusiastic high five!



Council Members' Comments



Reviewing 5 years of accomplishments on behalf of the children of Broward County



**TOP ROW
LEFT TO RIGHT:**

David L. Roach,
Dr. Frank Till,
Ana M. Valladares,
Sue N. Gunzburger,
Lawrence L. Korda,
and Gregory Durden.

**BOTTOM ROW
LEFT TO RIGHT:**

Carole L. Andrews,
Marti Huizenga,
Jack L. Moss,
Julie Koenig, and
Laurie J. Sallarulo.

Gregory Durden—

“I am pleased to be a part of an organization that serves diverse populations throughout our community.”

**Commissioner
Sue N. Gunzburger—**

“Our most memorable achievement with CSC has been to dramatically increase the number of children served in Broward County from birth until they no longer need services. This has been especially true for our most vulnerable children.

The other memorable action that we have achieved is moving children from foster care to permanent placement in loving homes.”

Marti Huizenga—

“I'm proud that we take our fiduciary responsibility as a steward of taxpayer dollars very seriously. Services for children constitute the vast majority of Council spending and administrative costs are kept to a minimum.”

Julie Koenig—

“I am very proud of all the many achievements of the Council, especially its support of early learning through vouchers for children of the working poor and the CSC's taking initiative in the matter of kinship care and support for children as they age out of the foster care system.”

Judge Lawrence L. Korda—

“The greatest achievement was getting the referendum on the ballot and passed, then being elected as the Council's first chair, and hiring Cindy Arenberg Seltzer as the President/CEO.”

Jack L. Moss—

“Our greatest achievement was gaining the ability to include and monitor measurable outcomes in all of the contracts awarded to agencies that provide direct services to the children of Broward County.”

David L. Roach—

“Every day is a reward in being able to see the children of Broward County benefiting through the progress supported by the Council.”

Laurie J. Sallarulo—

“During my tenure, the Council has achieved so much on behalf of the children of Broward County.

For me, the most rewarding accomplishment has been to bring awareness to the issues facing children and families with special needs.

One of the most memorable moments I've had was the opportunity to take part in the S.T.E.P.S. reception, where we celebrated the accomplishments of 40 youths with developmental and physical disabilities who participated. The pride exhibited by these young people and the sense of encouragement shared by the parents and employers was overwhelming.

This program was the first initiative of the Special Needs Advisory Council (SNAC), created as a result of the special needs business plan commissioned by the Council during my term.”

Dr. Frank Till—

“As an educator, I find it particularly gratifying that virtually all Council-funded programs have built-in educational components. This helps set them on a path for higher education and lifelong learning.”

Ana M. Valladares—

“The mere fact that this agency exists solely to improve the quality of life for all of the children in Broward County is a motivating force behind my involvement with the CSC.

I am particularly proud of our work in ensuring that immigrant children have access to KidCare and other vital resources so that they achieve their goals and have every opportunity to become responsible, productive adults. Additionally, the efforts of the CSC in providing training, consultant and technical assistance in order to improve the effectiveness of agencies that serve children and families have brought me much joy.”

Celebrating your investment in our children



By **Cindy Arenberg Seltzer**, *President / CEO*

In September of 2000, the residents of Broward County willingly stepped up to the plate – or voting booth, as it was – and elected to put our children first. That historic vote to create the Children's Services Council set in motion a dedicated funding stream for investment in our children, which ultimately is an investment in our community's future.

As the CSC celebrates our five-year anniversary, we celebrate your investment in our children. We are pleased to report that, under the leadership of Chairs Lawrence Korda, Jack Moss, and Carole Andrews, local funding has resulted in a strong return. We have made great strides toward improving the lives of children in Broward County and promoting strong, healthy, and happy families in our community.

As you review this annual report, you will find a focus on outcomes, both anecdotal and statistical. While these outcomes focus primarily on Fiscal Year 2005-2006, I would like to travel back in time and reflect upon the evolution of the Council's work and its cumulative impact on the families in Broward County, over the last five years. On pages 8 and 9, you will find a timeline that offers a more comprehensive look at our evolution.

In March 2001, founding Council members, under the chairmanship of Judge Lawrence Korda, gathered together and committed to provide the leadership, advocacy, and resources necessary to enhance children's lives and empower them to become responsible, productive adults. They envisioned every child in

Broward County having the opportunity to realize his/her full potential, hopes, and dreams, supported by a nurturing family and community.

In September 2001, the Council adopted its first budget and established goals/objectives to meet the needs of Broward's children. Those goals and objectives were rooted in research to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors in order to prevent children from being abused or neglected, getting involved in delinquency or becoming teen parents. The Council also looked for a combination of investment opportunities – those areas that an infusion of dollars could have an immediate impact (i.e., freeing children for adoption and recruiting adoptive parents) balanced with those areas where the return would not be seen for many years (i.e., investing in a child's success in school). They also wanted to make sure that money was spent wisely and carefully. Knowing that the need far outstripped the money available but also aware that it would take time for the non-profit infrastructure to be able to hire qualified staff and make the community aware of available services, they committed to a slow and steady budget growth and to also invest in the supports necessary to strengthen the administrative capability of the non-profits. This administrative strength was, and still is, necessary to ensure proper accountability of the public resources.

With those goals and principles in mind, in October 2001, the Council issued a call for specific programs to strengthen families. That first award made \$3 million available to thirteen organizations to replicate national best practice service models targeted at strengthening families and reducing abuse and child neglect. Five years later, over 11,000 families have been

served due to the Council's \$20 million investment. **94% of parents who complete these programs have demonstrated healthier, less abusive parental attitudes and behaviors that have preserved families in our community.**

In February 2002, the Council established a Permanency Project in partnership with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). \$1.3 million was committed to move children from the unstable and unpredictable world of foster care into permanent and loving homes. The Council has continued to support permanency efforts for these youth with its sponsorship of NBC-6 "Forever Family" segments. **Since 2002, the percentage of children who have been adopted from the child welfare system in Broward County has more than doubled.**

In March 2002, the Council committed \$3 million to provide innovative summer programs for at-risk and/or children with special needs. Five years later, we are funding \$11 million dollars to support summer programs at sites across the county, **resulting in over 9,000 children staying safe in fun, academically enriching environments throughout the summer.**

In May 2002, in order to increase academic potential and provide a safe and productive environment after school, the Council sought applications for Maximizing Out-of-School Time (M.O.S.T.) programs. By the following August, 13 agencies were serving 4,000 children in over 80 locations, ensuring safe, supervised and enriching after school and holiday experiences. Five years later, CSC is funding out of school programs for over 8,400 children at over 100 sites across the

county. Two-thirds of these children demonstrate academic improvement while they remain safe during the hours that often place children at risk.

In October 2002, to reduce recidivism rates for first time juvenile offenders, the Council funded programs to provide highly-structured diversion alternatives designed to decrease the likelihood of re-offending. New Delinquency Alternatives for Youth (NEW D.A.Y.) incorporates intensive counseling, family support, restitution and community service that reduce risk factors leading to delinquent and maladaptive behavior. **Five years later over 5,400 youth have been served, with over 93% of completers committing no other law violations nine months after leaving the program.**

To find out more information about our other program areas and the ongoing work of the Council, please take time to **explore our newly-revamped website at www.cscbroward.org**. Our website provides a wealth of information about advocacy, training, grant opportunities, and much, much more.

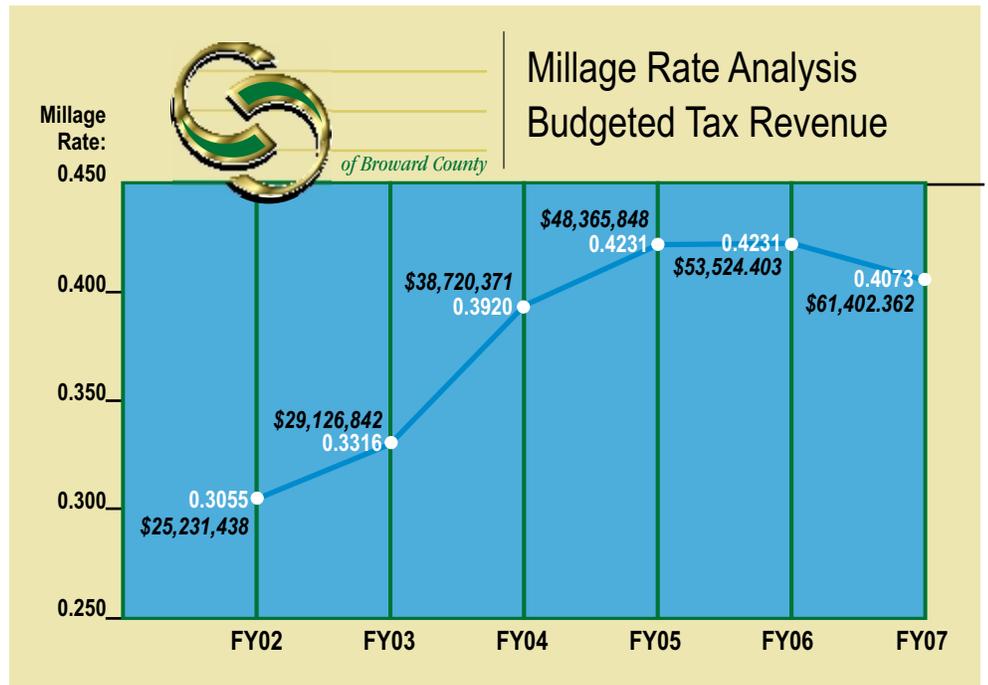
The new year will bring many changes to the composition of the Council. We may see new members as Governor Crist has the opportunity to make five appointments and a new Superintendent and School Board Member assume their positions. I offer a heartfelt thank you to the founding members whose dedication and commitment has been admirable and unquestionable. They have established a strong foundation which I know will stand us in good stead in the future.

While all of them will be sorely missed, I want to dedicate this report to Chair Carole Andrews, School Board Member, who resigned at the end of the fiscal year due to health issues.

Mrs. Andrews is a long-time child advocate who has left an indelible mark on the Council and on children's services in our community. Personally, I have learned a great deal from Carole and I will miss her kindness and thoughtful decision-making.

Finally, I applaud the voters of Broward County for taking such a strong stand for our children, and I thank you for investing in a bright future for every child in our community. It is because of you that we are able to celebrate five productive years of investing in Broward's children. These efforts will ensure that every child has an opportunity to grow and blossom into a responsible and productive adult who will contribute positively to our community.

“Thank you again for your investment; I hope you're happy with the returns!”





Where we wisely spend our revenue

THE BROWARD COUNTY CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PLAN

In 1999, Broward County community leaders and child advocates called for a plan of action to coordinate services to improve the lives of Broward's children. The planning process began in 1999 with participation from over 300 people representing 37 agencies. In 2002, the resulting plan (learn more online at www.cscbroward.org) identified ways to help reduce five common youth "problem behaviors" - School drop-out, Youth Violence, Delinquency, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and Teen Pregnancy.

That community wide strategic plan informed the work of the Council over the past five years. It helped us establish our goals and objectives and clearly showed where our emphasis in funding should be and highlighted gaps in services that needed to be addressed. The Council's investments along with the investments of our many funding partners (such as the County's CSB and the United Way) and the work of the funded providers have resulted in some very positive trends.

• Over the five years:

- ✓ School Drop-Out Rates have **DECLINED**
- ✓ Youth Violence Rates have **DECLINED**
- ✓ Delinquency Rates have **DECLINED**
- ✓ Youth Alcohol Abuse Rates have **DECLINED**
- ✓ Teen Pregnancy Rates have **DECLINED**

In 2006, the CSC and the United Way funded efforts to update the Children's Strategic Plan. Once again, the community came together to develop a collective vision for Broward's children. The plan provides clear, measurable objectives that can be tracked through the coordinated and focused work of the funders and providers in the community. While many of the issues addressed in the plan stem from broad and deep systemic societal issues, such as poverty and its consequences, the plan provides a roadmap for continued collaboration. And if the last five years are any indication, this kind of community planning and collaboration will continue to pay off for Broward's children.

THE EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable tax credit for people who work but earn low wages. In 2002, the CSC began promoting this important credit through a county-wide public awareness campaign collaborating with many partners. Since that time, EITC returns have increased by **\$59,000,000**.

Many EITC recipients file their returns at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites which provide FREE tax preparation for low-income families. Until the 2004-05 tax filing season, the sites were operated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), with the help of community partners. During the 2005 tax season, Hispanic Unity of Florida, with the CSC and other community partners, assisted more than 2,650 clients and returned to them \$3,557,934 in EITC dollars.

In 2004, the CSC introduced the EITC Mobile Unit. Mobile Unit staff prepared taxes at 36 sites and served 135 low-income taxpayers who received a total of \$305,203. This Mobile Unit travels to low-

income neighborhoods, taking this FREE service to those who really need it and to those who may be unable or unwilling to visit traditional VITA sites. In 2006, the Mobile Unit served 229 clients who received a total of \$385,003 in tax refunds for the year 2005. Broward's model for spreading the word about EITC in four languages, going directly to the tax payer via the mobile unit and using First Call For Help 2-1-1 as a single entry point for information has earned kudos from the community and has been replicated nationwide.

• IRS data for VITA sites for tax year 2005 reveals:

- ✓ 520 new working families, receiving larger refunds than previous years;
- ✓ \$6.2 Million additional dollars placed in the hands of Broward residents at no cost to them;
- ✓ 23 VITA sites produced a higher average of EITC returns compared to last year's figures;
- ✓ Families received \$1,111,306 in Child Tax Credit and \$2,481,413 in EITC.

HELPING CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR TRANSITIONING YOUTH

Youth growing up in the child welfare system face many challenges as they grow older. They are often moved from one foster home to another, making it impossible to form the relationships needed to become successful adults.

In Broward County, there are approximately 500 young people 18 to 23 years old who "age out" of foster care each year.

When they turn 18, most of these young adults are forced to fend for themselves. With the average rent for a one bedroom apartment of \$917, the average monthly cost for rent, utilities, food, clothing and transportation is over \$1300. Even youth who receive support in the form of Florida's Road to Independence Program (RTI) programs are set up for failure without the necessary guidance and support to survive on their own.

The CSC developed "Future Prep" programs to support these youth, including those who are often overlooked in community services – youth with special mental health needs and youth living with relatives who receive little or no support from the State.

Two community agencies, **HANDY** (Helping Abused Neglected and Disadvantaged Youth) and **Camelot Community Care**, provide life skills training, academic and vocational support, employability skills, help with housing, job placement and much more. In addition, Fighting Chance, **HANDY's new boxing/fitness program**, has proven successful in giving youth a positive outlet for their frustration and increasing their self confidence and self esteem.

The CSC's investment of \$625,000 in these programs during FY 05/06 resulted in nearly 200 youth being served. 98% of program participants remained in school, were promoted to the next grade level, graduated from high school or attained a GED. This is an investment that will pay dividends for years.

Working with dedicated community partners like the **United Way** of Broward County, the **Community Foundation** of Broward County, **ChildNet** and the **Jim Moran Foundation**, the CSC continues to make a difference in the lives of youth who are leaving the relative security of the foster care system, providing them with the safety net they deserve, and every available opportunity to realize their full potential as healthy, productive adults.

Funded Programs



SNAC TIME

(Special Needs Advisory Committee)

It has been a year of progress for children with special needs in our community. In FY 04/05, agencies, parents and major stakeholders throughout Broward County came together to identify the needs of children with disabilities and develop long range plans to address those needs. In response to those findings, the CSC funded the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) to coordinate services and private leadership on filling gaps in service.

SNAC addresses the following priority areas:

- ✓ **Information and Referral Services;**
- ✓ **Transitional Supported Employment and After School Programs;**
- ✓ **Staff and Parent Training;**
- ✓ **Outcomes and Evaluation;**
- ✓ **Therapy and Individual Supports;**
- ✓ **Parent/Caregiver Support Coalition.**

SNAC Projects this year included:

- ✓ **Establishing the 2-1-1 First Call For Help Special Needs Hotline and Website;**
- ✓ **Supported Training Employment Program for Special Needs (STEPS),** a partnership with WorkForce One and the Broward Public Schools enabled 40 students with disabilities to work for 8 weeks this past summer in paid, supported employment venues;
- ✓ **Improving Outcome and Evaluation procedures for children with special needs;**
- ✓ **Additional trainings and workshops for Special Needs providers.**

Last fall, SNAC identified the need for school to work and transitional independent living skills as the next priority areas to be addressed.

As we look ahead to the future, SNAC projects will include:

- ✓ **Expansion** of the STEPS program;
- ✓ **New programs** to transition youth to adulthood;
- ✓ **Increased opportunities** for parents and staff training;
- ✓ **Expansion** of the 2-1-1 database to help families better identify resources;
- ✓ **Inclusion** of additional partners to improve Broward County services and opportunities for children with special needs.

QUALITY CHILD CARE

Over the last four years, the CSC has awarded the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) \$6 million to provide subsidized child care services for the working poor. That funding made it possible for the ELC to help more than 2,000 children and their families take advantage of affordable, quality child care. This support helped those families by reducing the stress of un dependable child care, reducing a financial burden, strengthening the relationships between parents and their children, and providing a connection to community resources.

Research has proven that quality child care can not only improve a child's life but also improve that child's social skills, creativity, ability to resolve conflict, self control, and language development.

Children who receive quality child care do better academically, earn higher incomes, are less likely to apply for public assistance, are more likely to own their homes, and are less likely to become involved with the criminal justice system, according to the National Institutes of Child Health Development.

By funding subsidized child care for low-income families, the Council is making a valuable investment in the future of our community as a whole. Early Screening Indicators of Broward's kindergartners for 2005 show that over 86% of all children enrolled were ready to enter kindergarten.



SUMMER CHALLENGE 2006



Research shows that during the summer months, children from low-income households and children with special needs can actually lose a good deal of the skills they learned during the school year if these skills are not reinforced regularly.

However, children in the CSC's Summer Challenge programs actually made academic gains by participating in daily reading and math activities. Thirty-three agencies offered enriching summer experiences at over 100 locations to over 9,173 low-income children and children with special needs.

Cultural arts education, swimming lessons, and weekly field trips to South Florida attractions such as Butterfly World and the Museum of Discovery and Science kept the focus on having a safe, enriching and fun summer experience.



OUTCOMES FOR SUMMER 2006

- ✓ **Improved Reading Skills— 90%**
- ✓ **Improved Math Skills— 82%**
- ✓ **Increased Endurance Levels— 81%**
- ✓ **Increased Knowledge About Healthy Foods— 83%**

Children with Special Needs

- ✓ **Increased ability to communicate— 94%**
- ✓ **Improved Social Skills— 94%**

(Funded programs continued on Page 10)

5 Year Highlights



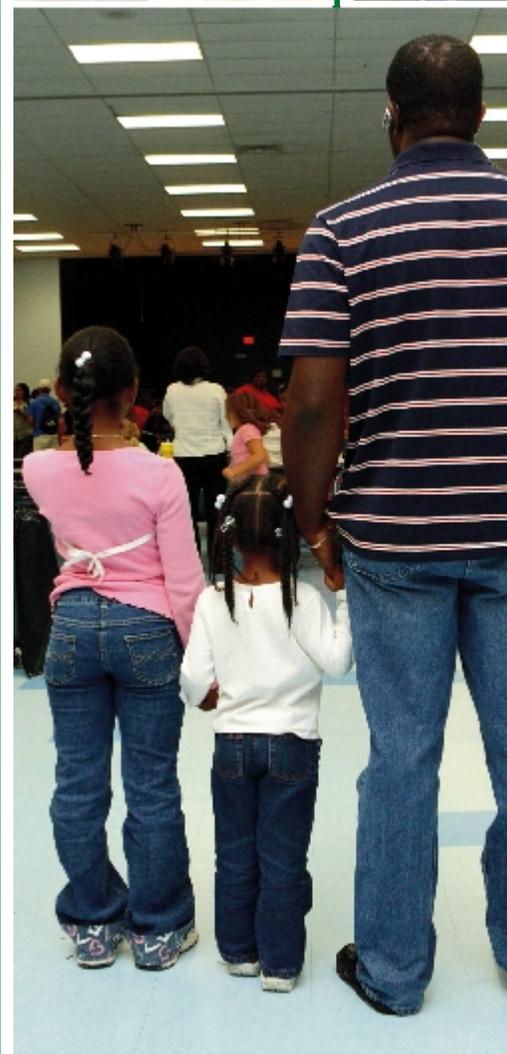
2001~2002

- ✓ **Distributed \$3 million to 13 providers** – through the *Family Strengthening Program Area* – to combat child neglect and abuse
- ✓ **Provided 16 of the highest-needs schools** with much-needed nurses
- ✓ **Promoted low-cost health insurance (KidCare)** for children through a campaign that produced a \$9 federal match for every CSC dollar invested
- ✓ **Directed \$4 million to 29 agencies** – through the *Summer Challenge Program Area* – for enriching summer camp experiences for nearly 4,000 children
- ✓ **Facilitated permanency planning for foster children** through a \$1.3 million *Permanency Project* award to the *Broward County Court Administration*
- ✓ **Launched adoption recruitment campaign** to move children from the unstable world of foster care into permanent, loving families
- ✓ **Began partnership with the County and the School Board** to provide life-saving swimming lessons through *Swim Central*
- ✓ **Began partnership with “2-1-1: First Call for Help”** to demystify the maze of social services in Broward County for those in immediate need
- ✓ **Sought to maximize after-school time for children** by providing resources to 13 agencies to enrich 4,000 children through academics, cultural arts, and fitness
- ✓ **Helped more Broward families with childcare needs** by translating the directory of childcare services into Spanish and Creole



2002~2003

- ✓ **Provided an enriching summer camp experience** to over 5,500 children by distributing \$6.5 million to 35 agencies
- ✓ **Promoted quality training for child-serving agencies** through the creation of the *Broward Training Collaborative* (<http://training.cscbroward.org>)
- ✓ **Increased public awareness of important issues facing Broward's children** through the half-hour TV series “*Future First – Focus on Broward's Children*”
- ✓ **Launched a collaborative Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) public awareness campaign** – with a \$100,000 CSC investment – that brought an additional \$30 million into the pockets of low-income families in Broward
- ✓ **Served 9,000 children through Family Strengthening programs** that aimed to reduce child abuse by increasing parenting skills
- ✓ **Reached 5,800 children with after-school programs** at 163 locations
- ✓ **Funded KidCare insurance** for 431 needy Broward children
- ✓ **Assisted in the permanent home placement of 267 dependent children** through the *Permanency Project*
- ✓ **Established Collaborative Grants Committee** to find new funding sources for the child-serving community
- ✓ **Provided much-needed childcare** for 1,809 low-income children
- ✓ **Partnered with the Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund** to provide approximately 53,000 children with back-to-school clothing and supplies



Broward's children & families have come a long way.

2003~2004

- ✓ **Provided much-needed childcare for 1,937 children**
- ✓ **Expanded Summer Challenge and MOST financial aid** so that more needy children could participate in summer camps and after-school programs
- ✓ **Launched an assault on child obesity** by partnering with community leaders to receive \$500,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to create Schools of Wellness
- ✓ **Addressed needs related to childhood hunger** by providing a full-time staff person to support the local Million Meals Committee, which then collected more than a million pounds of food
- ✓ **Assisted in bringing \$3.2 million into the County** through the Collaborative Grants Committee
- ✓ **Brought in an additional \$17 million into the pockets of low-income families** through the EITC campaign
- ✓ **Invested more than \$572,000 in ROK'N** (Reach Our Kids Now), a new program area that is committed to delinquency prevention
- ✓ **Invested \$770,000 in S.A.F.E.** (Safe Access and Family Empowerment), a new program area dedicated to family preservation, family reunification, and safe custody exchange services
- ✓ **Invested \$500,000 in Future Prep**, a new program area focusing on the needs of youth aging out of the foster care system
- ✓ **Invested \$658,000 in Access** (Acquiring Computer Competencies for Each Student's Success), a new program area designed to bridge the digital divide for low-income children

2004~2005

- ✓ **Provided much-needed childcare for 1,871 children**
- ✓ **Launched SYEP** (Summer Youth Employment Program), which gave 550 teens an opportunity to gain real-world work experience
- ✓ **Increased our commitment to after-school programs**, serving more than 12,800 children
- ✓ **Increased our commitment to Summer Challenge programs**, serving 11,000 children
- ✓ **Increased our commitment to juvenile diversion and delinquency prevention programs** from \$2.1 million to \$3.6 million
- ✓ **Increased our commitment to drowning prevention**, serving an additional 2,460 children with water safety lessons and 200,000 elementary students with water safety booklets
- ✓ **Assisted the Million Meals Committee** in collecting more than 3 million pounds of food for children and families in need
- ✓ **Invested \$500,000 and partnered with cities to build "inclusive playgrounds,"** allowing special needs children to enjoy in the fun of a typical childhood
- ✓ **Worked with community leaders on legislative remedies** to support youth aging out of the foster care system



2005~2006

- ✓ **Continued the Summer Youth Employment Program**, providing 550 teens with real-world work experience
- ✓ **Led a community-wide effort to identify needs and gaps in services for children with special needs**
- ✓ **Added a special needs component to the Summer Youth Employment Program.** The S.T.E.P.S. program (Supported Training Employment Program) provided 40 special needs youth the opportunity to work at 12 governmental and not-for-profit agencies
- ✓ **Added a special needs component to "2-1-1: First Call for Help"** to assist parents in locating the appropriate services for their special needs child
- ✓ **Launched a collaborative project to assess the literacy needs of Broward's children and develop a plan to increase literacy for all children**
- ✓ **Facilitated the partnership of community leaders in updating the Broward County Children's Strategic Plan**
- ✓ **Developed a new program area to meet the unique needs of children being raised by grandparents and other relatives**



—HONORS AND AWARDS—

- Excellence in Financial Reporting GFOA (Government Financial Officers Association) - 2001-2005
- Exemplar Award - American Red Cross, Broward County Chapter - 2001-02
- Award of Excellence - Florida School Age Child Care Coalition - 2002
- Outstanding Partner - School Board of Broward County, Summer Transitions Program - 2004, 2005
- Spirit of Excellence - MDEI - 2005
- Community Service Leadership [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Campaign] - 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Employer Recognition, Summer STEPS Program - 2006

Funded Programs



S.T.E.P.S LEADS TO SUCCESS FOR YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

As he wheeled his chair to the podium at the crowded School Board meeting, Andrew gazed nervously around the packed boardroom, staring at the banks of cameras and microphones.

Andrew, who lives with Asperger Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy, was being asked about his experience as one of 40 interns in the CSC-funded Supported Training Employment Program for Special Needs (S.T.E.P.S.) this past summer.

"I want to be part of society," he said. "It was a wonderful experience and it gave me a chance to earn money and experience a real job. I now have something important to put on my resume."

Andrew was one of 40 young people with special needs who worked at 12 government and not-for-

profit agencies throughout Broward. These 16-21 year olds worked up to 30 hours per week, under the direct supervision of a trained job coach. They gained employability skills, social skills and enjoyed the opportunity to experience what the "workplace world" is all about. "I want to be able to help support my family with my earnings," said another 19 year old participant. "I want to come back and work again next year," said yet another.

"I used my first paycheck to take my parents out to dinner," said Andrew. "I hope to have a job in broadcasting some day," he added.

Parents whose children participated in the summer jobs program, which was operated by WorkforceOne, all agreed that they noticed greater confidence, increased social skills and that each participant enjoyed working. "I never thought he would make it through a week, let alone work every day for 8 weeks," said one parent. "He loved the job and can't wait until next summer."

The message has been clear throughout Broward County. With the right supports and coaching, youth with disabilities can work. The 75% unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities in Broward can become a thing of the past. It will take continued efforts, a willingness on the part of small and large businesses to become more willing to give these youth a chance, and the availability of increased funding to expand this program in order to give more young people the opportunity to learn to be independent and productive members of society.

As the CSC closes its fifth year and looks ahead to the future, the Council is committed to expanding this project and lowering the unemployment rate for as many people living with disabilities as possible. A lower unemployment rate will pay great dividends to the community.



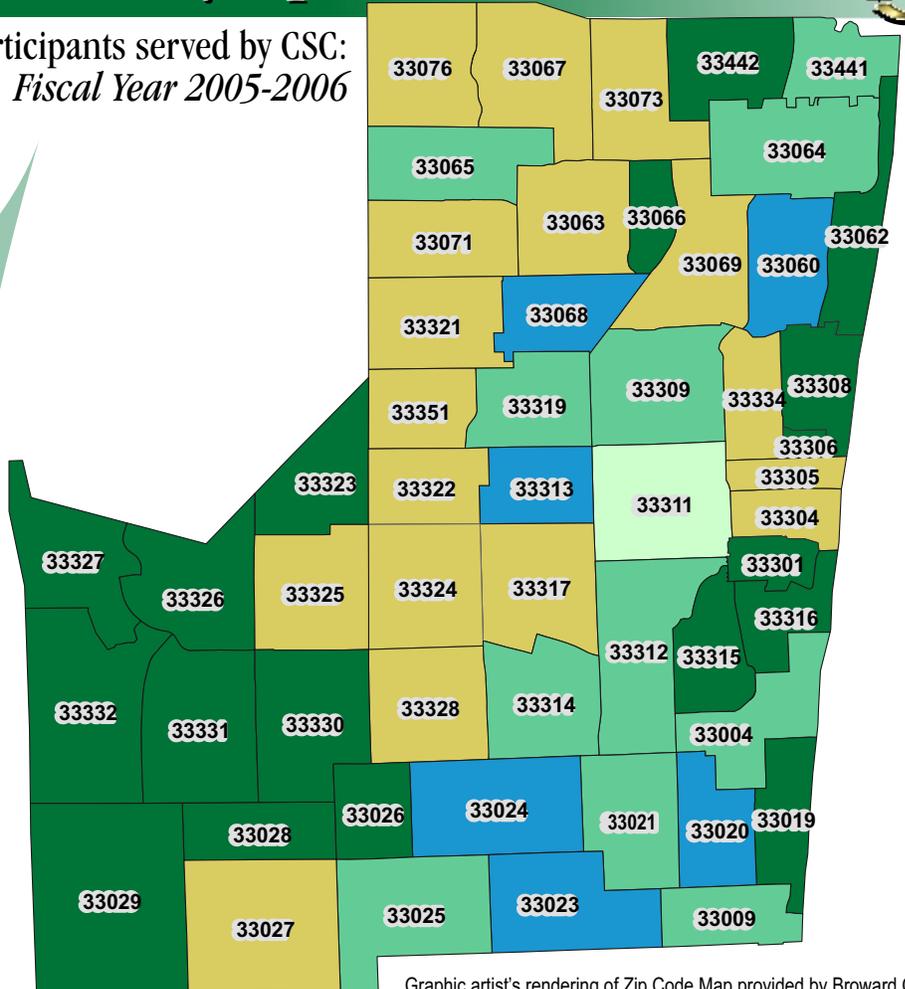
Distribution of Clients by zip code



Funded Program Participants served by CSC:
Fiscal Year 2005-2006

NUMBER OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS PER ZIP CODE

- 0 - 502 ●
- 503 - 1172 ●
- 1173 - 2517 ●
- 2518 - 5597 ●
- 5598 - 9878 ●



Graphic artist's rendering of Zip Code Map provided by Broward County



A NEW DAY DAWNS FOR JUVENILES IN BROWARD

- **What is juvenile delinquency diversion?**

When a youth breaks the law, he or she may have to go to Juvenile Court.

If the offense is a less serious one, they may be given the opportunity to stay out of court by attending an intervention program designed to deal with delinquency issues.

Diversion programs address Youth Accountability through restitution, community service, and victim apology letters, - **Youth Competency** through improved school performance, family communication and behavior modification and **Public Safety** through monitoring home and school behavior, curfews and supervised positive activities.

- **Why should juvenile offenders be given a chance to participate in a judicial diversion program?**

Research indicates that diverting youths makes good sense.

As teenagers are still developing, criminal behavior at this early age is not usually continued into adulthood.

- **In fact, of all Florida juvenile offenders:**

- ✓ **59%** never return to the juvenile system after their first arrest
- ✓ **27%** commit only a few offenses
- ✓ **Only 14%** are likely to become repeat offenders

- **Diversion programs benefit Broward Communities in several ways:**

- ✓ **More Effective, Faster Consequences**
- ✓ **Saves Court Resources** for more serious juvenile offenders
- ✓ **Significant Community Savings**—Diversion programs are significantly less expensive than traditional court involvement and sanctions, saving tax dollars

- **What Diversion opportunities are there in Broward?**

To help meet the need for Diversion in Broward, the Children's Services Council has funded New Diversion Alternatives for Youth (New DAY) programs since 2003. The Children's Services Council provided nearly \$1.8 million in funding for six diversion programs that served more than 1,400 youths. County-wide services are available to typically developing youth and those with special behavioral needs, as deemed appropriate by the Juvenile State Attorney's Office. Through these programs, youth perform community service, pay back victims and learn to be more productive, law-abiding citizens.

- **How effective are Broward's Diversion Programs?**

New DAY programs have shown remarkable results in curbing further delinquency. 90% of New DAY participants were crime-free after one year, compared to the State's average of 59%. The CSC's \$1.8 million investment in New DAY may have saved Broward over \$15 million in juvenile crime-related costs.



Client/Provider comments

The CSC—Filling Significant Gaps

The Children's Services Council of Broward has enabled ARC Broward to fill significant gaps in services for children with special needs in our community. With CSC funding, ARC Broward has been able to provide highly specialized Summer Camp and After School programs for children with severe behavioral challenges. By setting high standards in its funding objectives, the CSC has helped ARC Broward to be the first in the country to adapt the Parents as Teachers national best practice program for families with children with special needs.

The Council has led the community in addressing systemic challenges in order to maximize efficiency and to make more effective use of community resources and has also facilitated open input and partnership with families, care-givers and providers alike.

Without the CSC, children with special needs and their families/caregivers would surely suffer a loss in quality programs and services.

—**Dennis Haas**, *President / CEO*
Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers (ARC), Inc.

Obesity Prevention

Some changes that I will make are start eating at least one food of each food group.

I already had started to not drink soda for at least one week and then I will try to continue.

Everyday that I have time, I will ask my mom to go outside and exercise with me for at least half an hour. I want to be healthy.

—**4th grade student**,
School of Wellness program participant

Diversion

When I committed the crime, I did not think I was doing anything wrong. I thought because I had permission to be where I was, I could do whatever it was that I wanted to do... I came to the realization that I was very selfish and did not properly make decisions that favored me or anyone else.

In fact, my decisions were ruining my family and were making my life miserable. With the help of the diversion program, I've realized that I need to think before I act and take the proper steps to making the right decisions.

Another effect of my consequences was seeing how my actions affected other people. Now, I just

want to end school with strong grades and be an upstanding member of the community.

I feel my experience could help me deal with others in the same situation, a situation I will never be in again. I believe thanks to my strong will power and the help and guidance of the people who have given me counsel, I will become an achieved person and always be on the right side of the law.

—**Name Withheld**, *New DAY participant*

School Readiness

Elizabeth doesn't talk much, but she always tells me she's ready to go to school – she looks forward to it every day. She's made tremendous progress at the preschool and really opened up; she's even found a best friend.

—**Mary**, *(mother of special needs pre-schooler)*

Engaging Children with Special Needs

The CSC funding of Broward Children's Center's after-school and summer school programs for children with special needs is a God-send for working families.

Without our aftercare program, parents couldn't work to support their families and increase their independence. During the summer, their children would have nowhere to go where they could receive professional, medical, educational and social services. These services are critical to ensuring these children remain engaged and learning and do not lose important health and educational gains made during the year.

As CSC partners, we're very lucky to see this support translate into stimulated and engaged children, whose faces beam with accomplishment.

—**Jacqui Mogavera**, *Operations Manager*,
Broward Children's Center

Quality Child Care for Children with Special Needs

As a single mom of two autistic children, there are very few words that can express what this program has meant to me.

A couple of years ago, I had to give up my full-time job in order to take my children to various therapies.

Due to the existence of this program, I not only get financial assistance, but also the best care possible...with the kindest and most patient teachers caring for my children.

Healthy Choices

The first day he attended, he was extremely reluctant and unsure of his new surroundings...His grades had declined and his GPA was very low...Through counseling and constant encouragement, he realized that he could achieve the grades that he wanted and needed to pass to the next grade...His eagerness for success began to show. This dramatically changed his behavior and he began speaking up in group discussion and taking initiative with his homework.

Now, he is a changed kid. He has reached his goal of passing to the sixth grade and has raised his GPA. He has proven to himself that he can achieve. He has also proven to be a positive leader to the other participants in the program. He is well on his way to academic excellence and deserves all the success he has strived for. He now sets high standards and is willing to accept responsibility, take leadership roles and go the extra mile to achieve.

—**Woodrow Shivers**, *Youth Development Counselor*

Summer Programs

I would just like to take time out to recognize your staff for a job well done. This was the first time that my daughters attended any summer camp. From the very first day, your staff has always been professional and friendly. We are always greeted each morning and afternoon with a smiling face. There has not been one day that my children have not come home laughing and enthusiastic to tell me about their exciting day at camp. I will highly recommend your summer camp program to all the moms I know. Again, thank you all for making my daughters' first summer camp experience a huge success.

—**Michelle Hadley**, *a bappy parent*

When I drop them off, I feel secure in my mind that my children are well looked after.

I am very thankful for this program and I hope it can continue for many, many years to assist parents as it has me.

—**Gabi Harrell**, *Grateful Parent*

Client/Provider comments



Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

I would just like to thank you for blessing me with the opportunity to participate in SYEP.

You gave me the chance to explore the world of adult work with the added factor of fun! I really enjoyed working with you and my co-workers at the Federal Aviation Administration. I've learned so much from the FAA and leaving was such a sad affair.

I think that working with WorkforceOne has helped me to mature in ways you'll never understand and I hope that next summer, with your help, I might have the opportunity to work with the FAA again.

—*Allison Sapp*



Helping the Whole Child

A male teenage client was struggling with self-esteem issues linked directly to the fact that he was overweight.

As a result he stayed in the house, avoiding contact with peers because he was afraid of being teased.

Over the summer the client participated in a summer camp program and took karate classes, which he really enjoyed. After the camp ended he was unable to continue the karate classes due to financial constraints.

Thanks to the flex funds from the Children's Service Council, the counselor at Camelot was able to enroll him in a four month karate program.

The program gave him opportunities to be involved with positive peers, to develop friendships, taught him about respect and discipline and will help him lose weight.

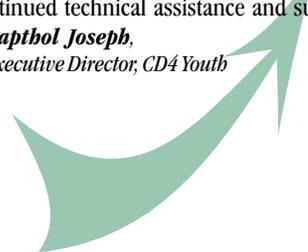
As a result, his self-esteem was enhanced and the experience helped him build connections in his community.

—*Andrea Hall, Camelot Community Care, Inc.*

CSC Cares

CSC Broward is a funding agency with a culture of caring that ensures the success of virtually every single one of its grantees by being available to them and providing continued technical assistance and support.

—*Baptol Joseph, Executive Director, CD4 Youth*



Children and Parents Served

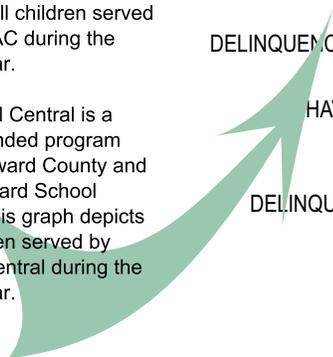
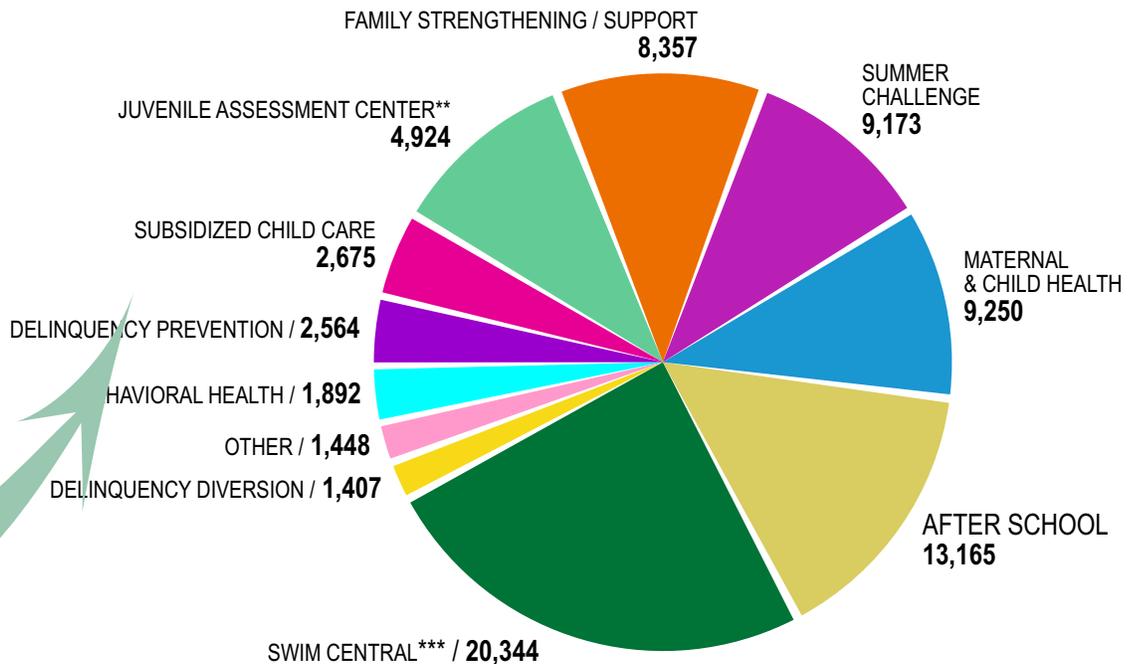


Provided by CSC: Fiscal Year 2005-2006

* Individuals may participate in more than one program. This chart does not include the population of over 41,000 students at 37 schools served by the CSC-funded on-site school nurses program.

** Juvenile Assessment Center is a jointly funded program; this graph depicts all children served by the JAC during the fiscal year.

*** SWIM Central is a jointly funded program with Broward County and the Broward School Board; this graph depicts all children served by SWIM Central during the fiscal year.



General Fund



Children's Services Council of Broward County

Fiscal Year 2006 Fiscal Year 2005

REVENUES:

Property Taxes.....	\$ 53,589,647	\$ 46,299,021
Interest.....	2,119,135	1,145,141
Grant Income.....	122,321	28,172
Miscellaneous.....	70,171	18,518
TOTAL Revenues.....	\$ 55,901,274*	\$ 47,490,852

EXPENDITURES:

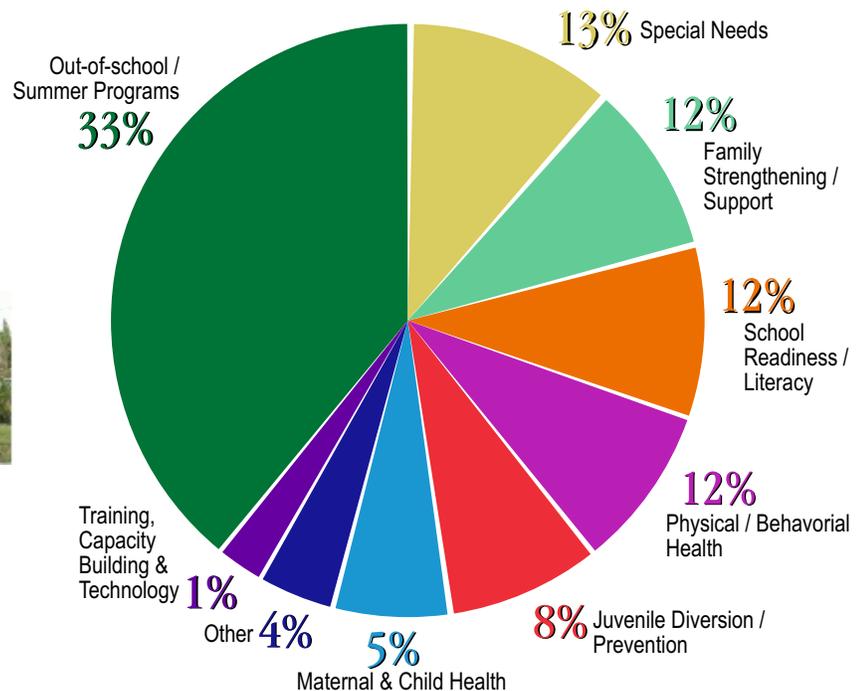
Contracted Programs / Direct Services.....	\$ 47,659,637	\$ 42,424,887
Contract Services Administration.....	2,293,606	1,469,122
General Administration.....	1,915,981	1,936,570
Capital Outlay.....	208,894	161,956
Non-Operating Expenditures.....	845,973	662,575
TOTAL Expenditures.....	\$ 52,924,091*	\$ 46,655,110

* The excess revenue of expenditures was due primarily to the after effects of Hurricane Wilma on providers & families

Year 5's Investment in our children



Contracted Programs Budget: Fiscal Year 2005-2006



Funded Providers



Every Provider is a dedicated partner to help Broward's Children

- Achievement and Rehabilitative Center
- After School Programs
- Ann Storck Center
- ASPIRA of Florida
- Borders Books / Summer Reading Program
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County
- Broward CHAI
- Broward Children's Center
- Broward County
Broward County Libraries
Child Protection Team
SWIM Central
- Broward County Health Department
KidCare Insurance Program
School Health
- Broward Public Library Foundation
- Broward Regional Health Planning Council
- Broward Sheriff's Office
- ChildNet

- Legal Aid of Broward County
- Life Works Family Therapy Center
- Lighthouse of Broward
- Lutheran Services
- Memorial Healthcare System
- Mental Health Association
- Minority Development and Empowerment
- Miramar*, City of
- Mount Bethel Human Services
- Mount Olive Development Corp.
- NBC-6 / Forever Family
- New Hope World Outreach
- North Broward Hospital District
- Nova Southeastern University
- Opportunities Industrial Centers
- PACE Center for Girls
- Planned Parenthood
- Pompano Beach*, City of

- Providence Managing Corporation / Camelot Community Care
- Senior Volunteer Services / BEACON
- Smith Community Mental Health
- Soref Jewish Community Center
- SOS Children's Village
- South Cluster Children Services
- State Attorney's Office
- Sun Sentinel Charities
- Sunshine After School Child Care
- The Starting Place
- The Urban League of Broward County
- United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County
- Volunteer Broward
- WKIS-FM / Summer Reading Program
- WorkforceOne
- YMCA of Broward County

- Children's Home Society of Florida, Intercostal Division
- Children's Medical Services
- Communities in Schools of Broward County
- Community After School Programs
- Coordinating Council of Broward/Camp Challenge
- Dania Beach*, City of
- Davie*, Town of
- Deerfield Beach Housing Authority
- Deerfield Beach*, City of
- Early Learning Coalition of Broward County
- Family Central
- Family Christian Association / Ebenezer Human Services
- Family Service Agency
- First Call for Help of Broward
- First Church of the Open Bible
- Florida Atlantic University
- Fort Lauderdale*, City of
- Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority
- Girls and Boys Town of South Florida
- Hallandale Beach CRA*
- HANDY
- Harmony Development Center
- Healthy Mothers / Healthy Babies Coalition
- Henderson Mental Health Center
- Hispanic Unity of Florida
- Hollywood*, City of
- Hollywood CRA*
- Institute for Family Centered Services
- InteliStaf Healthcare
- Jack & Jill Children's Center
- Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options
- Jewish Community Centers of South Broward
- Kids In Distress
- Lauderdale Lakes*, City of
- League for the Hard of Hearing

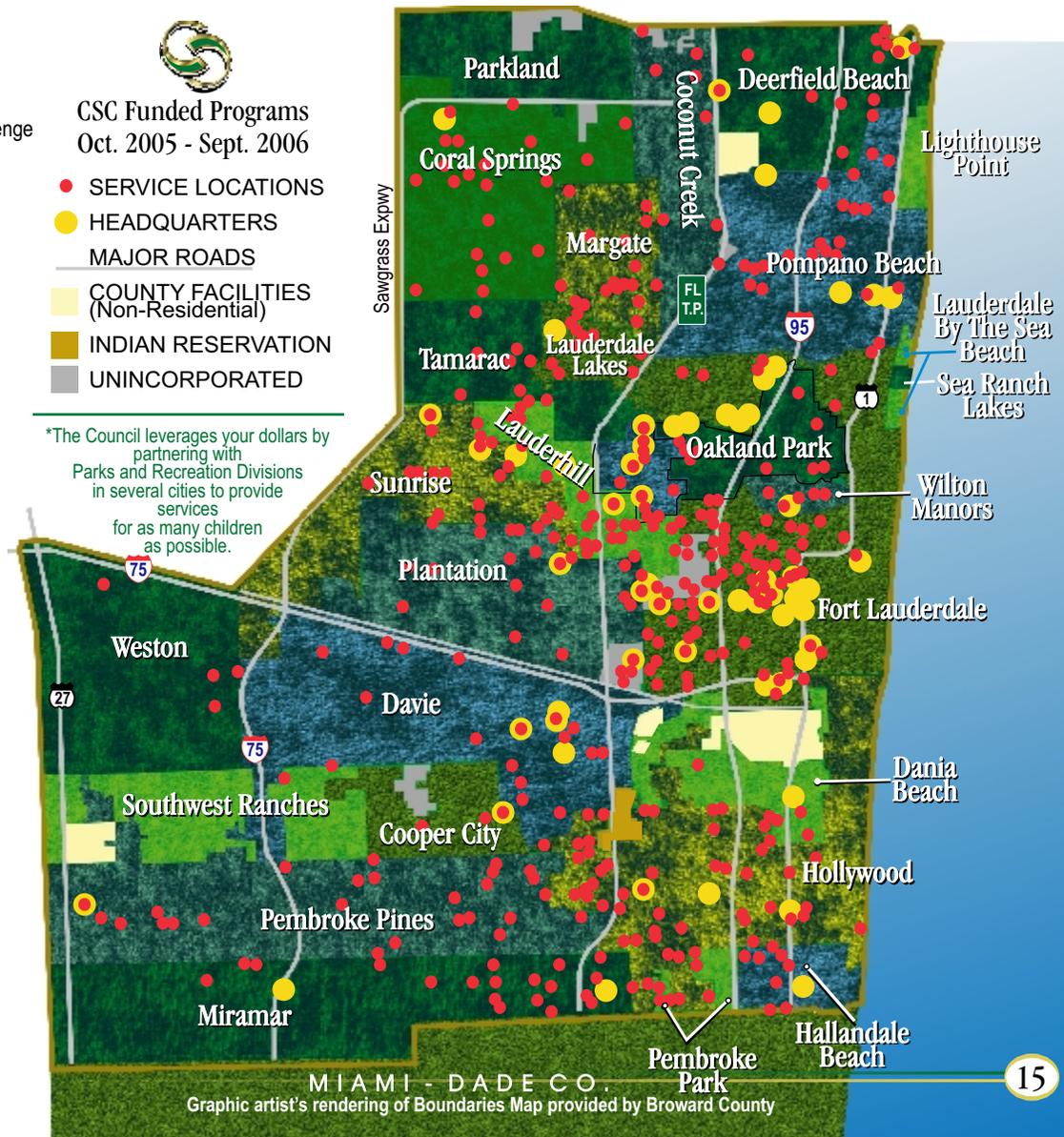
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CSC Funded Programs
Oct. 2005 - Sept. 2006

- SERVICE LOCATIONS
- HEADQUARTERS
- MAJOR ROADS
- COUNTY FACILITIES (Non-Residential)
- INDIAN RESERVATION
- UNINCORPORATED

*The Council leverages your dollars by partnering with Parks and Recreation Divisions in several cities to provide services for as many children as possible.



MIAMI - DADE CO. Graphic artist's rendering of Boundaries Map provided by Broward County

Year 6 is about to begin...

“And we can’t wait!”



“Working for a happier and healthier future for Broward’s children, and their families who need us.”



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