



**Children's Services Council  
of St. Lucie County**

*Our children. Our community. Our future.*

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# 2017 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

# OUR PRIORITIES

## ENSURING EVERY BABY IS A HEALTHY BABY

In St. Lucie County, resources like our voluntary newborn home visitation and BRAIN development programs provide supports to parents at critical times in their young baby's life. These resources, along with others, help families establish a healthy start for our newest and most vulnerable residents.

**98%**

of parents improved parenting skills, including parent-child interactions

## STOPPING CHILD ABUSE BEFORE IT STARTS

Under stress and without the proper tools, parents and caregivers often revert to how they were treated as a child, which in some cases can lead to abuse or neglect. Understanding the difficulties facing parents, our programs work to eliminate barriers like transportation and childcare to ensure the whole family is working towards success.

**98%**

of parents improved parenting skills including skills to prevent child abuse or neglect

## KEEPING KIDS OFF THE STREETS

Every afterschool program supported by the Children's Services Council focuses on academics, physical activity, social interaction and builds positive decision making skills to prevent youth from joining gangs or becoming involved in the Department of Juvenile Justice.

**86%**

of youth improved or maintained their academic performance

## KEEPING THEM IN SCHOOL

In order for a child to be successful in school, they first have to show up ready to learn. Children's Services Council provides resources to students that offer access to healthcare, reading mentors for struggling students and family support to ensure school attendance.

**93%**

of children in participating programs reduced their rate of unexcused absences

## KEEPING THEM OFF DRUGS ALCOHOL AND OTHER RISKY BEHAVIORS

Children's Services Council believes in supporting programs that educate youth and their parents on the realities of drug and alcohol use and teen pregnancies to drive realistic family discussions about the consequences of those behaviors.

**93%**

of teen mothers did not become pregnant

# OUR IMPACT



**82%**

of St. Lucie County births received a Nurse Home visit

**96.9%**

of St. Lucie County children are insured. This is up from **89.5%** in FY 2014-2015.

**97%**

of parents increased knowledge of early brain development and child development leading to school readiness

**95%**

of children improved coping skills including anger management, empathy & self-control

**99.5%**

of families increased skills to prevent child abuse as evidence by no reports of abuse or neglect

*"With everything that has happened to me, my support worker Val has always been by my side, pushing and motivating me to continue to do what's best for me and my family."*

Jazmine  
Healthy Families Participant

**87%**

of participating youth had less than 3 absences each quarter

**99.7%**

of youth increased judgment, decision making and social interaction skills to avoid juvenile delinquency referrals

**1,000+**

additional youth participated in new or expanded summer learning programs focused on preventing summer learning loss

**2,000+**

children of working parents were enrolled in quality child care

**79%**

of children in participating programs improved their reading skills

*"I loved seeing how excited he was to learn and grow. It was fun to use his energy to make letters and write words."*

Latifah  
AmeriCorps Reads Volunteer

**97%**

of youth improved knowledge of human development, sexual health, STIs & pregnancy

**99.5%**

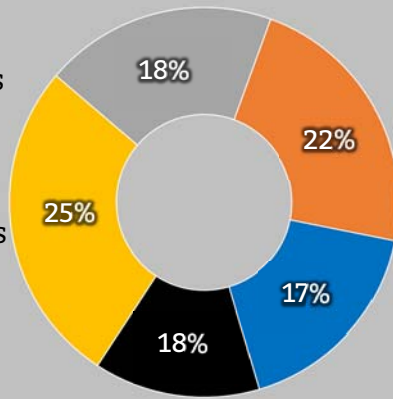
of teens participating in programs did NOT become pregnant

**100%**

of children increased knowledge about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (and reported decreased substance use and other risky behaviors)

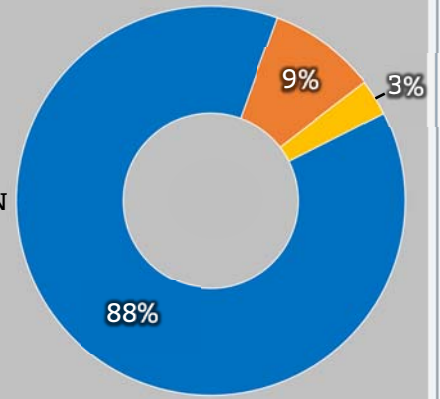
**SPENDING BY PRIORITY AREA**

- ENSURING EVERY BABY IS A HEALTHY BABY
- KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL
- STOPPING CHILD ABUSE & BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES
- KEEPING KIDS AWAY FROM DRUGS & RISKY BEHAVIORS
- KEEPING KIDS OFF THE STREETS



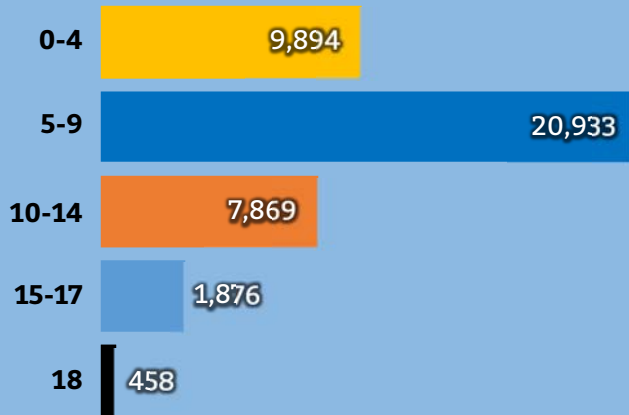
**TOTAL SPENT: \$7,293,433**

- PROGRAMMING
- ADMINISTRATION
- COLLECTION



**SERVED BY AGE GROUP**

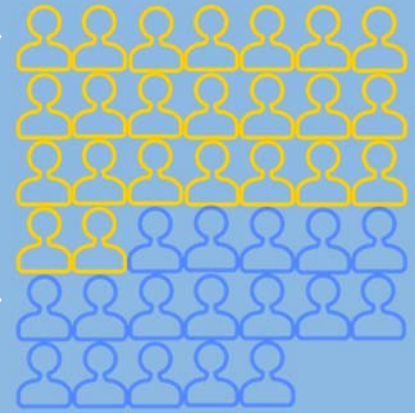
**NUMBERS SERVED**



**SERVED BY CITY**

**PORT ST. LUCIE**  
23,699\*

**FORT PIERCE**  
17,331\*



\*represents aggregate total of children served

Our investments helped draw down an additional  
**\$4.7 million**  
to our community from other funding sources...

...and provided for more than  
**400**  
jobs in our funded programs.

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