

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 2020 ~ 3:00 PM

AGENDA

MISSION: The Children's Board invests in partnerships and quality programs to support the success of all children and families in Hillsborough County.

CONFERENCE CALL

Conference Line: 1-866-899-4679
Access Code: 579-512-941

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance Verification
Quorum Verification
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

E. Narain
N. Eichorn
E. Narain
E. Narain

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Children's Board of Hillsborough County welcomes comments from the public. Those who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Those addressing the Board should state their full name and affiliation for the official record. In the interest of time, we ask that one person be designated to speak on behalf of a constituency and that all comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

E. Narain

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCLOSURE

K. Parris

PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

Mt. Zion AME Riverview: Unstoppable Summer Jam

M. Negron
K. Sims

2020 Community Town Halls Facilitation Report

N. Ortiz

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval;** September 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. **Approval;** September 24, 2020 Final TRIM Hearing Minutes
3. **Approval;** Request for Qualifications for Carpet and Tile Replacement

E. Narain
E. Narain
P. Scott

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Executive Director Reports
 - A. Activities September 25, 2020 – October 22, 2020
 - B. COVID-19 Update

K. Parris

2. Programs Reports

M. Negron

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ATTACHMENTS

1. Contract Signature Logs (ASO, Programs, Vendors)
2. FY 2020 Summer Services Report
3. Good News!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November

Board Executive/Finance Committee	November 5, 2020	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	November 19, 2020	3:00 PM

NO DECEMBER MEETINGS

Mt. Zion AME Riverview 2020 Unstoppable Summer Jam (USJ)



The camp focused on:

- The 4R's.(Reading, Writing, Respect and Resolution).
- USJ provided an environment of trust, knowledge and growth.
- 32 campers were below grade level, 2 on level and 1 above level at camp pretest.
- 28 campers (85%) tested on level, 4 improved a grade level and 3 showed improvement at post test. All are ready to start school confident and on track through the support from our teachers and staff.
- And of course - following CDC guidelines and keeping everything clean. We did not have any instances of COVID.

Let's Take A Look at 2020 USJ

- 2020 was our first year to receive a direct contract. Previously we had been a subcontractor for 4 years.
- What a unique year it proved to be! Everything we had planned needed readjustment due to COVID-19.
- 35 youth ages 6-14 attended the summer program.



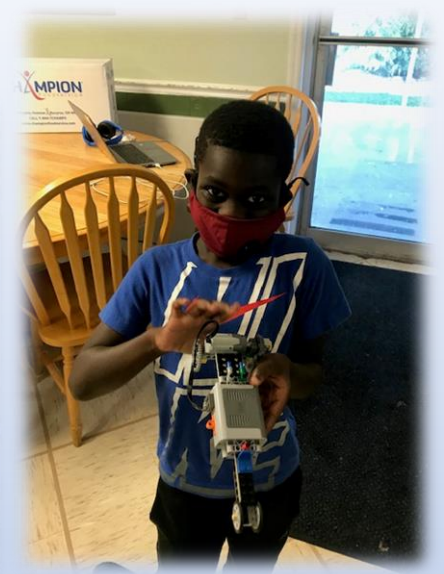
A Camper Favorite ~ Swimming Lessons

- Vendor ~ Brandon Aquatics and Sports Center
- Tuesday and Thursday were swimming days for 1 hour each day. Youth were prepared with swimming gear and we provided the Children's Board Bags for their belongings.
- Youth conquered a fear of water to swimming on their back, diving off low and high boards, and learning water safety.



STEM Activities

- Campers studied aerodynamics and completed research by flying a kite. They each were provided their own kites to fly as a group activity.
- The always popular making slime was again a favorite and campers were able to take it home and show parents.
- After having laughs with Dr. Seuss, they competed a mobile project from Cat and The Hat with only cups and straws.
- Bricks 4 Kids, another favorite of campers, taught youth to make robots out of Legos. This year they were able to add a battery pack which allowed them to have them move.
- Youth studied plants and then created a garden with flowers, lettuce, peppers and tomatoes.
- A rainy day activity youth completed a garden project out of food including pudding, cookies and fresh mint. This garden didn't grow as campers later enjoyed eating their "plants."



Character Development

- Character Development classes consisted of anger management, coping skills, bullying and self expression.
- Participants were divided into groups of male and female campers for gender specific discussions led by our vendors Crystal Images and G3.
- Achievers' Circle provided a forum where campers sat in a circle to discuss life skills, returning to school, COVID -19 and social media.
- A significant amount of time was devoted to bullying with the girls and behavior with the boys based on the outcome of the Circle discussions.
- Youth participated in public speaking training, both formally and informally. Frequently they didn't realize they were being trained and leading discussions.



Reading and Writing Activities

- Bess the Bus was another favorite vendor. They provided 3-4 books to every camper.
- Reading time was an hour daily, sometimes on the computer and others with book in hand.
- USJ provided the Star Reader Award to two participants that read the most books during camp. The two-star readers, read over 50 books and received Super Backpacks for school.
- Story telling was one of the major activities because it involved both reading and writing ~ youth created and shared their own stories.
- 400 books were read during the summer program.



Visual and Performing Arts

Activities included:

- African Dance and Drums taught by Marilyn Sylla
- Creating a Family Tree
- Making pencil holders
- Making puppets and performing a puppet show
- Art project regarding The Lorax
- Creating self portraits with discussion on how they see themselves.
- Virtual field trips to Mexico
Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and the USA!



Now ~ Our Partner

The Hillsborough County Sherriff Office

- Perfect timing for a partnership with law enforcement!
- The District V Office showed campers there is more to law enforcement than what they saw on television.
- Weekly, Deputy Christopher Former made sure campers had ample snacks, water, drinks, and breakfast cereal.
- District V also sponsored an end of the year bar-b-que!

Our Thanks To:
Deputy Christopher Former
Major Anthony Collins and
Sheriff Chad Chronister



**CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 ~ 3:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

Subject	Regular Board Meeting		Date	September 24, 2020
Facilitator	Edwin Narain, Chair		Meeting Time	3:00 PM
Location	Conference Call: 1-866-899-4679 Access Code: 579-512-941 1002 East Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33605		Actual Meeting Time	3:00 PM – 4:08 PM
			Adjourned	4:08 PM
Board Member Attendance	Edwin Narain, Chair Andy Mayts, Vice Chair Robin DeLaVergne, Secretary/Treasurer	Katherine Essrig Frank Prado Sandra Murman	Megan Proulx Dempsey	
Other Attendees	Kelley Parris, Executive Director David Adams, CBHC Board Attorney Nina Eichorn, Recorder	Paula Scott, CBHC Staff Jamie Robe, CBHC Staff Maria Negron, CBHC Staff	Jan Houser, CBHC Staff Trish James, CBHC Staff Tonia Williams, CBHC Staff	

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
I	CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC COMMENT	E. Narain called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. E. Narain led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. N. Eichorn called for Board attendance verification. E. Narain called for Public Comment; there was none.
II.	PROVIDER PRESENTATION	S. Gilyard introduced the 2019 Social Enterprise Competition first and second place winners; both provided an update since they were awarded. 1 st Place: AMRoC FabLab 2 nd Place: Canboulay Gallery & Work Café
III.	ACTION ITEMS	
	1. 8-27-2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Motion (1)	E. Narain requested approval of the August 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes. <i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve the August 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes; second by Andy Mayts. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
	2. 9-9-2020 Preliminary TRIM Hearing Minutes Motion (2)	E. Narain requested approval of the September 9, 2020 Preliminary TRIM Hearing Minutes. <i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve the September 9, 2020 Preliminary TRIM Hearing minutes; second by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (7-0).</i>

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
	<p>3. Contract with Eckerd Connects</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion (3)</p>	<p>R. Bacon requested approval of a contract with Eckerd Connects for the amount of \$887,500 for the period of October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for the administration of Eckerd Funding through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO).</p> <p><i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a contract with Eckerd Connects in the amount of \$887,500 for the period of October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for the administration of Eckerd funding through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO); second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. Motion carried (7-0).</i></p>
	<p>4. Contract with Hillsborough County BOCC Social Services</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion (4)</p>	<p>R. Bacon requested approval of the contract with the BOCC Social Services in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to administer Social Services funds through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO).</p> <p><i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a contract in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 with Hillsborough County BOCC to administer Social Services funds through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO); second by Andy Mayts. Motion carried (7-0).</i></p>
	<p>5. Contract with Hillsborough County BOCC Domestic Violence Funds</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion (5)</p>	<p>R. Bacon requested approval of a contract with The BOCC Domestic Violence Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 for Administrative Services Organization Services to victims of Domestic Violence.</p> <p><i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a contract in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 with Hillsborough County BOCC for Administrative Services Organization Services to victims of Domestic Violence; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. Motion carried (7-0).</i></p>
	<p>6. Review Team Recommendation for General Contractor for Plant City</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion (6)</p>	<p>P. Scott requested approval authorizing staff to proceed with requesting a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the build out of the Plant City Family Resource Center, following the Review Team recommendations of the #1 ranked firm Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI).</p> <p><i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve authorization of staff to proceed with requesting a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the build out of the Plant City Family Resource Center, following the Review Team recommendations of the firm Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI); second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. Motion carried (7-0).</i></p>
	<p>7. Executive Director Contract Extension</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion (7)</p>	<p>D. Adams requested approval of the extension of the Executive Director's contract through September 30, 2023.</p> <p><i>Motion by robin DeLaVergne to approve the extension of the Executive Director's contract through September 30, 2023; second by Sandra Murman. Motion carried (7-0).</i></p>
	<p>8. Level (2) Uniting Grant for CB TECH – Learning at Home</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion (8)</p>	<p>M. Negron requested approval of a Level (2) Uniting Grant for CB TECH – Learning at Home with Hillsborough Education Foundation, Inc. to support start-up and programming from October 5, 2020 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$399,656.</p> <p><i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a Level (2) Uniting Grant for CB TECH – Learning at Home to support start-up and programming from October 5, 2020 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$399,656; second by Katherine Essrig. Motion carried (7-0).</i></p>
IV.	REPORTS	

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
	1. Executive Director Reports	K. Parris reported attending (27) twenty-seven significant meetings or events between July 1, 2020-August 27, 2020. K. Parris provided an updated report regarding CBHC's collaboration with the early learning centers throughout Hillsborough County and COVID-19.
	2. Programs Reports	M. Negron provided brief updates on funding releases and the Part (II) Provider Evaluations.
	3. Finance Reports	T. Williams reviewed the August 2020 Financial Statements.
V.	OLD/NEW BUSINESS	None.
VI.	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM

MOTIONS

1.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve the August 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes; second by Andy Mayts. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
2.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve the September 9, 2020 Preliminary TRIM Hearing minutes; second by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
3.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a contract with Eckerd Connects in the amount of \$887,500 for the period of October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for the administration of Eckerd funding through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO); second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
4.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a contract in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 with Hillsborough County BOCC to administer Social Services funds through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO); second by Andy Mayts. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
5.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a contract in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 with Hillsborough County BOCC for Administrative Services Organization Services to victims of Domestic Violence; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
6.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve authorization of staff to proceed with requesting a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the build out of the Plant City Family Resource Center, following the Review Team recommendations of the firm Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI); second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
7.	<i>Motion by robin DeLaVergne to approve the extension of the Executive Director's contract through September 30, 2023; second by Sandra Murman. Motion carried (7-0).</i>
8.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman to approve a Level (2) Uniting Grant for CB TECH – Learning at Home to support start-up and programming from October 5, 2020 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$399,656; second by Katherine Essrig. Motion carried (7-0).</i>

READ AND APPROVED BY:

EDWIN NARAIN
BOARD CHAIR

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FINAL PUBLIC HEARING (TRIM) SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT 5:01 P.M.

Subject	Final Public Hearing (TRIM)	Date	September 24, 2020
Facilitator	Edwin Narain, Chair	Meeting Time	5:01 PM to 5:10 PM
Location	Children's Board of Hillsborough County 1002 East Palm Avenue Tampa, Florida 33605 Conference Call: 1-866-899-4679 Access Code: 579-512-941	Adjourned	The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM
Board Member Attendees	Edwin Narain, Chair Andy Mayts, Vice Chair Robin DeLaVergne, Secretary/Treasurer	Sandra Murman Frank Prado Megan Proulx Dempsey	Katherine Essrig
Other Attendees	Kelley Parris, Executive Director David Adams., Board Attorney Nina Eichorn, Recorder	Trish James Paula Scott Jan Houser	Tonia Williams Jamie Robe Maria Negron

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
I.	CALL TO ORDER Quorum Verification Pledge of Allegiance	Edwin Narain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. A quorum was established with seven Board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Edwin Narain, Chair.
II.	BOARD DISCUSSION	Mr. Narain stated an operating millage rate of .4589 has been recommended, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .4320 mills by 6.23%. This increase over the rolled-back rate is necessary in order to ensure Hillsborough County children (1) are healthy and safe, (2) are developmentally on track, (3) are ready to learn and succeed, and (4) have family support. In order to accomplish those outcomes in FY 2020 – 2021, the recommended budget includes \$9,165,000 of new unallocated program funding. Without an increase over the rolled-back millage rate, some of these new funding opportunities would not be possible, and the children of Hillsborough County would not be well served.
III.	PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS	E. Narain requested D. Adams to verbally review the resolutions. D. Adams stated for the record: Two resolutions are to be considered; one to adopt the millage rate and the other to adopt the 2020-2021 FY budget, both by separate votes. D. Adams read Resolution Number 20/21-03; Resolution Adopting Final Millage Rate. D. Adams read Resolution Number 20/21-04; Resolution Adopting Final Budget.

SUMMARY		
No.	Topic	Highlights
IV.	PUBLIC COMMENT	E. Narain opened the floor for Public Comment. No one offered Public Comment.
V.	BOARD VOTE Motion A (Millage Rate) Motion B (Budget)	D. Adams advised that the Motion (A) on the Agenda is in order. A. IT IS MOVED THAT THE CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OR ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN, ADOPT A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF .4589 WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF .4320 MILLS BY 6.23% AND ADOPT THE ATTACHED MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION NUMBER 20/21-03. D. Adams advised that the Motion (B) on the Agenda is in order. B. IT IS MOVED THAT THE CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OR ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET OF \$53,243,404 AND ADOPT THE ATTACHED BUDGET RESOLUTION NUMBER 20/21-04.
	Motion A Motion B	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children, adopt a final millage rate of .4589 which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .4320 mills by 6.23% and adopt the attached millage rate resolution number 20/21-03; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. No discussion; motion carried (6-0) with an Abstention by Katherine Essrig.</i> <i>Motion by Sandra Murman that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children adopt a final budget of \$53,243,404 and adopt the attached budget resolution number 20/21-04; second by Robin DeLaVergne. No discussion; motion carried by unanimous vote (7-0).</i>
VI.	ADJOURNMENT	No further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

MOTIONS	
A.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children, adopt a final millage rate of .4589 which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .4320 mills by 6.23% and adopt the attached millage rate resolution number 20/21-03; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey. No discussion; motion carried (6-0) with an Abstention by Katherine Essrig.</i>
B.	<i>Motion by Sandra Murman that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children adopt a final budget of \$53,243,404 and adopt the attached budget resolution number 20/21-04; second by Robin DeLaVergne. No discussion; motion carried by unanimous vote (7-0).</i>

READ AND APPROVED BY:

Edwin Narain, Chair

Initiator: Paula Scott, Director of Operations

Action: Approval to release a Request for Qualifications for up to \$100,000 for carpet and tile replacement for the Children's Board headquarters located at 1002 E. Palm Ave., Tampa, FL.

Date: Regular Board Meeting Thursday, October 29, 2020.

Recommended Action

- Requesting Board approval authorizing staff to release a Request for Qualifications for carpet replacement for the Children's Board headquarters.

Background

- The Children's Board building was originally constructed in 2004. The carpet and tile throughout the building, with the exception of the West One conference room which was replaced in 2018 due to heavy wear, is the originally installed carpet and tile.
- In 2013 the Children's Board contracted with Woodroffe Corporation Architects to provide a comprehensive Facility Conditions Review at which time it was recommended that the carpet and tile replacement occur within the evaluation period ranging between 2014-2023.
- The estimate for carpet and tile replacement provided by Woodroffe Corporation Architects from the 2013 Facility Conditions Review estimated the carpet and tile replacement cost to be \$95, 254.
- The Children's Board 2021 budget includes an allocation of up to \$100,000 to complete the project.

**Children's Board of Hillsborough County
Executive Director Report
September 25, 2020 - October 22, 2020**

25 Meetings

Glazer Children's Museum
Morning Blend Family Focus Campaign Interview
Children's Services Council
Kristina Austin
Children's Services Council
The Blueprint Virtual Town Hall
Town 'N Country CBFRC
Children's Services Council
Racial Equity Committee
CWLA Racial Equity
Racial Equity in Child Welfare Workgroup
Children's Services Council
Super Bowl Forever 55 Committee
Child Abuse Death Review Committee
Behavioral Task Force Meeting
Children's Services Council
Blue Ribbon Commission
Athena Early Learning CB Investment
Candidate Forum
St. Matthews
Community Foundation
HCC
Tampa Bay Partnership
Community Alliance
TGH Mental Health

**Contract Signature Log
Programs ONLY
FY 2021**

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
LUTHERAN SERVICES FLORIDA, INC.	Standard	Children's Board Family Resource Centers	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$2,700,753	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.	Standard	Good Afternoon Friends and Amigos	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$253,995	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.	Standard	Woman to Woman	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$498,208	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
PARENTS AND CHILDREN ADVANCE TOGETHER (PCAT) LITERACY MINISTRIES, INC.	Standard	South County Literacy Initiative	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$195,259	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
POSITIVE SPIN, INC.	Standard	Empowering a Community with Hope (EACH ONE)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$798,978	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
LEARN TAMPA BAY, INC. D/B/A ACHIEVE PLANT CITY	Standard	Learning is Fun Together (LIFT)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$197,966	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
TAMPA HILLSBOROUGH HOMELESS INITIATIVE, INC.	Standard	UNITY Information Network	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$50,000	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
TAMPA AREA METROPLITAN YMCA, INC.	Standard	Community Learning Center at Sulphur Springs	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$295,610	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
CORPORATION TO DEVELOP COMMUNITIES OF TAMPA, INC.	Standard	3D Stingrays	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$105,639	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/30/2020
ABE BROWN MINSTRIES, Inc.	Standard	Family Reunification and Video Visitation	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$73,007	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
THE FAMILY HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, Inc.	Standard	Connecting Kids to CARE	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$216,936	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020

DAWNING FAMILY SERVICES, INC.	Standard	From Shelter to Stability	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$324,317	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
SUCCESS 4 KIDS & FAMILIES, INC.	Standard	Successful Families	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$394,744	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
COMPUTER MENTORS GROUP, INC.	Standard	KidsCode and TeenTech	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$184,195	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/06/2020
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF TAMPA BAY, INC.	Standard	After-Zone Middle School Initiative	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$498,586	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/06/2020
REACHUP, INC.	Standard	Stronger with Involved Focused Fathers	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$215,297	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/06/2020
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.	Standard	Quality Early Education System	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$2,364,422	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/06/2020
REACHUP, INC.	Standard	GROWTH with Doulas and Dads (Giving Resource Opportunities with Trust and Hope)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$913,246	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/06/2020
GIRL SCOUTS OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	Standard	Leaders Engaging Girls in Taking Action (LEGIT)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$192,627	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA	Standard	Village Link Up	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$187,345	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020
EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, Inc.	Standard	Community Developmental Screening	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$658,859	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020
EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, Inc.	Standard	Inclusion Support Services	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$420,054	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF TAMPA, INC. DBA GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	Standard	Learn & Play Tampa Bay	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$530,000	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020

BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	Standard	Lawyers Helping Kids	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$634,797	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020
CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN, INC.	Standard	Parents as Teachers	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$1,271,256	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/08/2020
THE CHILDREN'S HOME, INC. D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK	Standard	Kinship Hillsborough	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$551,607	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/08/2020
ENTERPRISING LATINAS, INC.	Standard	Women's Opportunity Initiative	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$278,263	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
THE FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER, INC.	Standard	Kinship Care	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$276,459	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
HISPANIC SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.	Standard	La Red de Padres Activos/The Network of Active Parents	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$998,796	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP CENTER OF TAMPA BAY, INC.	Standard	Capacity Building/Training & Consultation	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$172,375	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER OF PLANT CITY, INC.	Standard	Healthy Moms/Healthy Babies	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$182,722	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
REBUILDING TOGETHER TAMPA BAY, INC.	Standard	Safe and Healthy Homes for Families	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$377,880	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
TAMPA METROPOLITAN AREA YMCA, INC.	Standard	Fit and Fun at the Y	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$119,252	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/05/2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Standard	Hillsborough HIPPY Parent Involvement Project	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$1,407,396	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020
THE CHILDREN'S HOME, INC. D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK	Standard	Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services (SEEDS)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$2,060,000	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/09/2020
SENIORS IN SERVICE, INC.	Standard	Readers in Motion	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$353,059	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/09/2020
METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, INC.	Standard	Children's Recreation, Education, Arts & Therapeutic Experience (CREATE)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$352,616	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/09/2020

METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, INC.	Standard	Homeless Family Intervention Program (First Hug)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$1,354,373	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/09/2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Standard	Helping Our Toddlers, Developing Our Children's Skills (HOT DOCS) and (DOCS K-5)	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$246,285	Yes	Kelley Parris	
CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY, INC.	Standard	Gateway Services	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$374,500	Yes	Kelley Parris	10/12/2020

Contract Signature Log
ASO ONLY
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Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Success 4 Kids & Families	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (DCF)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$10,000	No	Kelley Parris	09/23/2020
University of South Florida Bay Area Early Steps	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (CBHC)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$75,000	No	Kelley Parris	09/23/2020
Hillsborough County Public Schools School Social Work Services	Agreement	Agreement for allocation of ASO funds (CBHC)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$140,000	No	Kelley Parris	09/23/2020
Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects	Agreement	Agreement for administration and allocation of ASO funds	10/1/2020-6/30/2021	\$887,500	Yes	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
The Devereux Foundation	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (Eckerd)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (Eckerd)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
LifeStream Behavioral Center, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (Eckerd)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC DV)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Dawning Family Services, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC DV)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Champions for Children	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020

The Family Enrichment Center	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
The Children's Home Inc. dba Children's Home Network	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Hispanic Services Council	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Metropolitan Ministries	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Positive Spin, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
School Social Work	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Sin-Cera, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Sin-Cera, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$25,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Mary & Martha House, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Mary & Martha House, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$15,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020
Pace Center for Girls, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$20,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	09/25/2020

**Contract Signature Log
Vendors ONLY
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Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
McCall Services		Pest Control for TTCBFRC	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$660.00	No	Kelley Parris	09/21/2020
Bennett, Jacobs & Adams, PA		Board Attorney	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$55,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	09/22/2020
Concertium (ANTS)		ANTS Outstanding Invoices		\$19,545.00	No	Kelley Parris	09/22/2020
Schindler Plus		Elevator Preventative Maint.	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$2,580	No	Kelley Parris	09/28/2020
Media-Amj, LLC		Advertising campaign for Children's Board	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$24,000	No	Kelley Parris	09/28/2020
Valerin Group, Inc.		Creative Services and Spanish Translation for CB materials	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$5,490	No	Kelley Parris	10/02/2020
Abila MIP		Accounting Maint. And Support Renewal	11/29/2020-11/29/2021	\$5,551	No	Kelley Parris	10/07/2020

2020

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Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners

SUMMER SERVICES



Summer Services

The summer of 2020 marked the 5th year in a row that the Children’s Board has partnered with Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners to fund summer services. These grants assist non-profit organizations in building summer program capacity and enrich quality summer opportunities for Hillsborough County youth between 6 and 14 years of age. The resulting Summer Services grants provided four non-profit organizations with funding to enhance summer programming activities under six focus areas:



Safety



STEM



Character Development



Arts



Fitness / Nutrition



Literacy

\$112,387 summer service dollars were awarded to the following agencies:

Family Enrichment Center	\$30,996
Tampa Metropolitan YMCA	\$28,667
Bethesda Ministries	\$26,885
Mount Zion AME of Riverview	\$25,839



Photos: Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA (top and bottom) and Bethesda Ministries Upward Kids Camp (middle).

Demographics

The Summer Services funded programs served a total of 162 participants living in Hillsborough County. The overall program retention rate was very high, with 94% of all participants attending the full duration of the summer program. The demographic composition for the summer participants is presented below.

162 Youth reported with demographic information

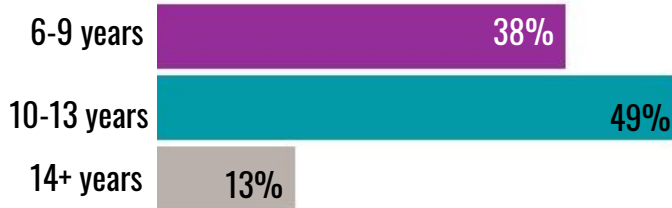
94% Remained enrolled in the summer program

Race and Ethnicity

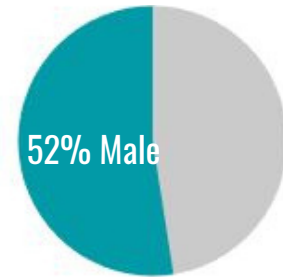
98% Not Hispanic or Latino

95% Black or African American

Participant Age



Gender **52% Male**



COVID-19 IMPACT



The Coronavirus pandemic significantly impacted the number of programs providing summer services. In 2019, ten programs serving more than 700 children and youth were funded compared to four programs serving 162 children and youth in 2020 (79% fewer participants). All funded summer programs adhered to CDC and local health department guidelines including social distancing, mask usage, and daily temperature checks to ensure the health and safety of all participating youth.





Photo Courtesy of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

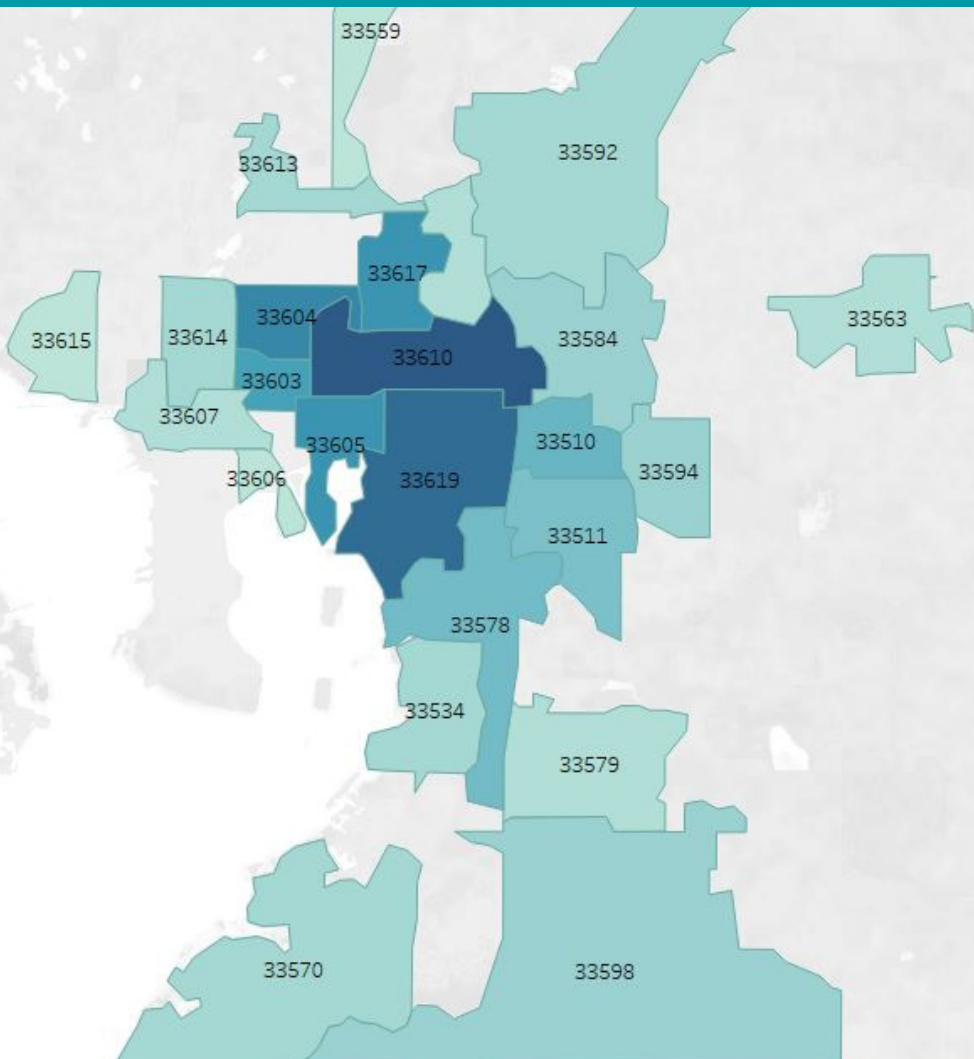
Participant zip code information was collected and reported for all youth attending the summer programs. A map of the zip code information showed that program participants represented 25 Hillsborough County zip codes, with the greatest concentration of participants shown for zip codes 33610, 33619 and 33604.

162 Participants

106  Households

40% Female Single Head of Household

91% Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch



SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Safety

Safety awareness education was a critical component of the summer programming provided in 2020. Youth engaged in a variety of activities that enhanced their knowledge of safety practices, fostered healthy habits, and built new life skills. In addition to standard safety programming, the summer programs incorporated COVID-19 safety precautions such as frequent handwashing, temperature checks, and mask usage to maintain the health and safety of all campers. As a result of these activities, 97% of participating youth showed increased knowledge of safety practices.



Safety Activities

- CPR and First Aid classes
- Internet Safety lessons
- Fire Safety Awareness
- Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol discussions
- Water Safety lessons and Swimming classes
- Field trips to Tampa Fire Fighters Museum and Brandon Sports and Aquatics

In addition to standard safety programming, the summer services programs focused on water safety education and as a result, 98% of the youth showed knowledge gains in this area.

In partnership with Brandon Sports and Aquatics, Mount Zion AME provided swimming lessons to reduce the risk of drowning by focusing on critical swimming skills such as swimming for 6.5 feet, roll from front to back, and back floats.



Photos Courtesy of the Mount Zion AME Church of Riverview

STEM

The summer programs provided a total of 185-hours of STEM programming with 15-hours solely dedicated to computer coding and robotics programming. The youth participated in a variety of scientific activities that promoted critical thinking, problem-solving, and exploration of math, engineering, and technology topics. As a result, **85% of the youth demonstrated an increase in knowledge and skills** in the summer science assessments.

STEM Activities

- Aerodynamics lessons
- Computer coding and programming
- Hands-on experiments and project-based activities including: building solar robots, battery operated car engines, solar system mobiles, kite design, volcano building, and others.
- Gardening classes
- Lego-based activities
- Mathematics
- Robotics design and animation
- Field Trips to MOSI, Al Lopez Park, Florida Aquarium and Lowry Park Zoo



189 Hours of STEM programming

16 Computer Science Certificates earned

15+ Unique STEM projects completed



Youth at Mount Zion AME Church of Riverview Unstoppable Summer Jam learned how to design and animate Lego robots by using battery packs!

Character Development

The summer programs fostered positive character development by engaging participating youth in a variety of activities that promote respect for others, citizenship values, cultural awareness, and kindness. The youth participated in exciting group discussions about the importance of self-respect, effective communication, appropriate body language, and healthy relationships. Reflective journaling provided a healthy way for youth to express their emotions and to reflect on their experiences. In addition, participating youth gained important financial management skills including the completion of their very own business plans. As a result of these enriching activities, **96% of 159 youth demonstrated increased knowledge of positive social skills** by the end of the summer!

Character Development Activities

- Financial Literacy Seminars
- Bullying prevention
- Character values discussions
- Entrepreneurship training
- Situational awareness
- Public Speaking training
- Reflective Journaling
- Field trips to Tampa Park Plaza Minority businesses, Croc Encounters and the US Federal Courthouse



Photos courtesy of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA



FITNESS

Photos courtesy of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA



The summer services grants promoted a healthy and active lifestyle by engaging youth in a variety of activities that were both exciting and physically challenging! Youth participated in more than 200 hours of physical activities including team sports, unstructured play, foot racing, yoga, bowling, and much more! In addition, the summer programs provided nutrition education and emphasized the importance of a healthy and balanced diet for overall health and well-being. Youth researched typical foods from various countries and even completed healthy-eating collages and presentations to show off the knowledge they gained.

262 Youth participated in 262 hours of physical activities!



Sports Activities

- Yoga and meditation classes
- Skating
- Cheerleading and Step dancing
- Dance Choreographies
- Team Sports: kickball, sack racing, football, basketball
- Golf
- Bowling
- Nutrition education and culinary research
- Field trips to Top Golf, United Skates of America, Glazer Children's Museum

LITERACY

Literacy activities focused on increasing reading and writing proficiency by engaging participants in educational activities that sparked the participants' interest in learning. These included a mix of academic instruction and other fun activities including trivia games, spelling competitions, reading time, and journaling. Collectively, participating youth engaged in more than 300 hours of self-directed reading and over 100 hours of journaling!

727

Books read



346

Hours read



104

Journaling hours



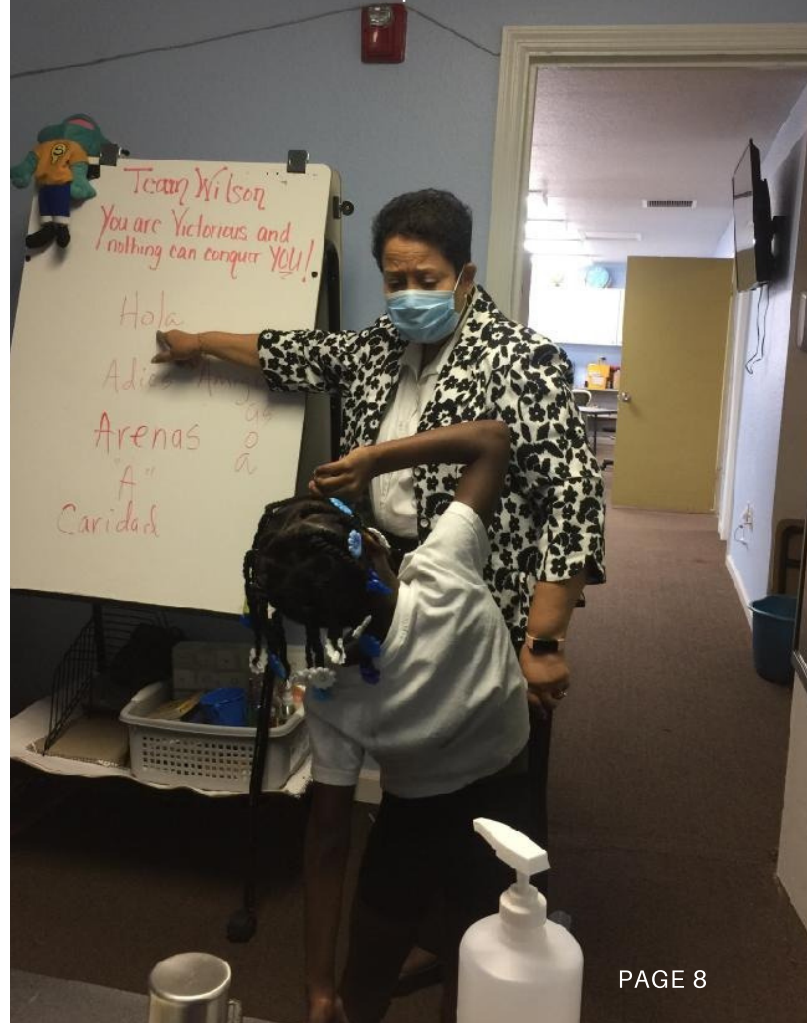
Photo Courtesy of Bethesda Ministries Upward Kids Camp

Literacy Activities

- American Sign Language
- Bilingual reading and singing challenges
- Essay-writing
- Journaling
- MyOn reading
- Trivia games
- Spelling games
- Spanish language instruction



Youth at the Family Enrichment Center STEAM-Sational Summer Camp learned basic communication skills in Spanish.





The Arts

The Arts were represented in a variety of ways during this summer. Opportunities for artistic expression and engagement were offered through a mix of music and dance classes, including African Dance, bucket drumming, Ballet, Jazz, and Hip Hop. This year, the youth had a unique opportunity to learn sign language through Sign of Da Times and incorporate their new sign language skills in a musical performance. Lastly, the youth were introduced to several forms of visual arts including but not limited to: mural painting, arts and craft projects, tie-dye art fashion design, and many others! As a result of these activities, 95% of 155 youth, demonstrated their newly learned skills by completing art projects and performing at end-of-summer celebrations.

Art Activities

- African Dancing
- Arts and crafts
- Ballet
- Bucket drumming
- Mixed Media Arts
- Painting
- Modern dance classes
- Mural painting
- Music and Dance instruction through Sign Language

95%

Summer youth demonstrated increased knowledge in the Arts.



Photo Courtesy of Mount Zion A.M.E. Church of Riverview



SUMMER PASSPORTS

“This was the highlight of [my child’s] summer! ...She was fully immersed in the classes, loved the teachers, and wants to go back next year again. Thank you!”

The Summer Passport program is an initiative newly adopted in 2019 that grew out of community feedback and has quickly gained popularity among youth and parents alike. The summer passport program funds one-time scholarships for children ages 6-14 who are members of the Children’s Board Family Resource Centers. These scholarships enable youth to participate in Summer Camp Programs at various Hillsborough County attractions. This summer, 194 youth participated in 1-2 weeks of fun-filled intensive summer camp experiences at the ZooTampa at Lowry Park, Glazer Children’s Museum, Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), The Florida Aquarium, and the Tampa Museum of Art.

194 Youth participated in summer camps at 5 locations

99% of ninety-one (91) parents surveyed agreed the camps were a safe place to learn and have fun!



SUMMER PASSPORTS

The ZooTampa provided 55 passport participants, one to two week camp opportunities. Campers learned unique facts about the animals that ZooTampa cares for through nose-to-horn encounters with a majestic Indian Rhino or hand-to-fin with playful stingrays. The youth had VIP access to the Zoo, up-close adventures with awesome animals, and plenty of splashes on the all-new water adventure, Roaring Springs!

“[The] camp was run very professionally and I love how they handled the COVID situation and precautions taken”



Glazer
Children's
Museum



The Glazer Children's Museum provided unique camp experiences to 25 Hillsborough County youth between 6 and 9 years of age. All 25 youth enjoyed a one-week intensive curriculum at the Glazer Museum Imagination camp. Each week the campers engaged in theme-based activities and curriculum that sparked the camper's imagination while introducing concepts related to Literacy, Art and STEM.

SUMMER PASSPORTS



The summer camps at MOSI encouraged scientific inquiry and exploration by incorporating science, technology, and engineering concepts in exciting hands on experiments, simulations, and inventions! A total of 96 campers participated in one to two week camp adventures including Minecraft Immersion, Robot Round-Up, 3D Modeling and Design, Slime Attack, Kitchen Concoctions, among many others!



The Florida Aquarium provided one-week camp opportunities to 13 passport participants this summer. Campers learned unique facts about ocean life while engaging in weekly activities such as theme-based experiments and art projects. The campers even participated in special feedings and animal meet-and-greets throughout the Aquarium!

“Thank you so much for all the work that went into making these camps possible this year! My child loved them, he was so excited to tell me everything he did every day.”



The Tampa Museum of Art provided various opportunities to 5 Children's Board Passport participants. Youth enjoyed 5 one-week intensive camp. They explored the museum's art galleries, completed projects using different media, and even got to meet local artists!

Summary: The Summer Services and Passport grants were successful in extending high-quality summer opportunities to more than 300 youth in Hillsborough County. Evaluation data showed that the Summer programs made sizable impacts in youth's knowledge gains and provided invaluable experiences that resulted in a fun and safe summer!

Good News

from our funded partners

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Pregnancy Care Center of Plant City

Healthy Moms / Healthy Babies

Letter of Gratitude



“I am beyond grateful for everything that the Pregnancy Center in Plant City has done for me. I am a full-time student working on my Bachelor’s Degree in Education, a full-time wife, and work in the school as well. Now, I will be a first-time mother. I was stressed most of the time thinking I would not make it, but now I am just one month away from my due date, thanks to the Pregnancy Center in Plant City. The services they provided helped me because between the pandemic and becoming a mother I became very anxious and stressed. I want to thank Jessica Dygert for encouraging me to

continue with my pregnancy classes because they are very useful. She takes the time to check in with me and talks to me about the lessons through the phone. Just having someone there to support me and listen to me has made my journey of motherhood a lot easier. I feel less stressed and more prepared in becoming a first-time mother. Also, even though I cannot physically be at the center, because of the pandemic, I am still able to receive all the information needed plus redeem my baby bucks to buy things for my baby. Thank you all at the Pregnancy Center.”



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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

1-to-1 Comprehensive Mentoring

Big Sister Danielle and Little Sister Leah have been matched since March of 2017. They hit it off right away and developed their friendship by getting together every other week and trying new things together. By the time their one-year match anniversary came around, they were having so much fun that Danielle decided to get them matching shirts as an anniversary gift. Over the course of the three and a half years they have been matched, they have realized that they have a lot in common and that there are also things they can teach each other. They began setting goals together and every year they make a vision board at the start of the year to identify things they can work on – as a match, and individually. Leah enjoys achieving those goals and talking about them. COVID-19 put a wrinkle in their regular outings, but they worked through it and have remained connected via text messages, phone calls, and the occasional video chat. They have also attended a Big Brothers Big Sisters Virtual Match Activity together as a way to stay connected. Leah and Danielle are both looking forward to getting together in person again when they are able to do so!



Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County

School Readiness Funding



At the Early Learning Coalition, we are dedicated to serving and supporting the Hillsborough County Community; the COVID-19 pandemic has left many individuals and families in need of resources and food. In September, a few staff members from the Provider Relations department volunteered at the Community Food Pantry in Carrollwood to help support efforts to feed the community. The team helped distribute food to over 70 families. It was an excellent team-building experience and an opportunity to give back to others. The Community Food Pantry conducts two food distributions a week on Wednesdays and Sundays. More information about the Community Food Pantry can be found at <http://www.thecommunityfoodpantry.com/>.



Glazer Children's Museum

Learn & Play Tampa Bay Pilot Project



The Glazer Children's Museum program, Learn & Play Tampa Bay, relaunches on October 19th at the Children's Board Family Resource Centers and Community locations near you! Now offering both virtual and in-Person sessions weekly, along with a library of online educational content, to get all children ages 0-5 ready for school. With interactive songs, dances, and playful activities in both English and Spanish, connect with your child from both the convenience of home and at any of our new locations. Register FREE at www.learnplaytampabay.org!



**Learn
& Play** @home
Tampa Bay

Champions for Children

Parents as Teachers

A family I started seeing at the beginning of May has been participating in two virtual visits per month. Their daughter who just turned two years old was exhibiting some difficult behaviors and mom also worried she was experiencing a language delay. Their daughter is a first-generation American as mom and dad moved here for their children to have a better life. The maternal grandparents had been living in the home since their granddaughter was born and had been a huge support system for them. This summer the grandparents returned home which was a big adjustment for mom and dad. Mom is a high school teacher and has recently returned to work in the classroom leaving dad to take care of their daughter on his own during the day.

Throughout all these changes, I have been able to provide mom with handouts and resources on topics such as taming temper tantrums, avoiding food fights, and information on language development for children 14-24 months old. This information has allowed her to normalize a lot of the challenging behaviors her toddler has been exhibiting and understand that children learning two languages often have differences in their expressive language than single language learners. Mom has oftentimes told me at the end of visits that having a parent educator to talk to especially in a time of such personal and global instability has been incredibly beneficial for her. I do not believe she has ever had someone to talk to about her daughter who is impartial and is able to provide recommendations based on evidence-based information.

It is particularly powerful to think that all these interactions have been done via zoom. I have never met the family in person and still the Parents as Teachers curriculum has been able to support families during these difficult times. There is still work to be done with this family but when I think how far mom has come since May I know with support; she is capable of overcoming whatever hurdle may come her way.

Champions for Children

The First Years

Our social media accounts (Facebook & Instagram) are the platforms we use to continue to reach out to families. We provide weekly articles for families to learn more about their child's development, developmentally appropriate experiences, and how to navigate current life situations. Quotes about the importance of child development and attachment are also posted. We aim to further educate, encourage, connect, and support families in the comfort of their homes.

October began our new session of virtual, developmental playgroups for parents/caregivers and their children from newborn to five years of age. We provided a range of playgroups at different times and dates. We offered Baby & Me and Little Amigos in the afternoon, and Music & More on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings so working caregivers have the opportunity to join and play with their child(ren). Growing Together and Creative Learning provided morning offerings. Our virtual developmental playgroups are an engaging avenue of education, play, and support.



Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA

Mobile Swim Lessons



As the summer ends, the Tampa YMCA Mobile Swim and Education program is pleased with our outcome despite the current health challenges. COVID-19 may have paralyzed some programs, but it did not stop the Children's Board of Hillsborough County Mobile Swim and Education program. We continued to safely serve our community in and out of the pool this summer. Unfortunately, the pandemic and safer-at-home executive orders created opportunities for caregivers to be distracted from actively supervising their children in the pool. This has given us the extra determination to get our Water Safety message distributed. Our Mobile Water Safety teams provided lessons at 25 community pools and HOAs throughout Hillsborough County. These lessons made an impact on families who wanted a safe learning environment close to their own homes. The group lessons ended with the start of the school year.

Private lessons for children with special needs operate year-round. These are designed to assist children who would not be able to learn the basic safety skills in a group setting. In the private lessons, they receive hands-on attention to learn essential lifesaving skills, such as rolling from front to back and turning to grab the wall to safely exit the pool. The Tampa YMCA received a personal letter from one of our parents enrolled in lessons. She states: "The girls are doing great and we are so thankful for this opportunity. We only have two more lessons left, but it's been awesome watching them learn over the past few sessions."

We look forward to seeing this vital program grow within our expanding Tampa Bay community. Thank you, Children's Board, for helping save lives!



Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Readers in Motion



Readers in Motion has been eagerly preparing for the official start of program services! Our mission is to help children build literacy by engaging Education Advocate volunteers who tutor and mentor students and by encouraging parent/caregiver involvement. As our Education Advocates get geared up to join their classes this month, program staff has been devoted to purchasing supplies and assembling Readers in Motion backpacks for the children that will soon be joining us.

Each student who registers into the Readers in Motion program will receive a backpack filled with educational goodies that teachers and parents have indicated their children need. These materials will aid in learning both in school and at home. Now more than ever, having educational materials readily available at home is crucial for children, especially those in e-learning classrooms.

Readers in Motion staff assembled over 400 loaded backpacks and are ready to distribute! We look forward to passing these out while staying socially distant for the health and safety of all staff and participants. Program staff will drop backpacks off to brick and mortar classrooms, wearing masks and having limited interaction. For e-learning classrooms, program staff is hosting a "backpack drive" where parents and their students can drive through their respective school's car loop, turn in their registration forms and receive backpacks all in the same day! This will ensure we follow social-distancing guidelines and reassure parents that they can still fully participate in the program as e-learning families!

Thank you, Children's Board, for your continuous support!

Children's Home Network

Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services (SEEDS)

Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services is excited about kicking off FY2021 with a VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION for Families. This information session will target topics related to requests presented by SEEDS families centered on educational supports. Parents/Caregivers will have the opportunity to receive information from Hillsborough County Public Schools on ways they can better support their child's learning, along with creative strategies for keeping their child engaged in all learning environments. The Guest Speakers from HCPS will also allow time for questions, and work with families to develop solutions for academic success!



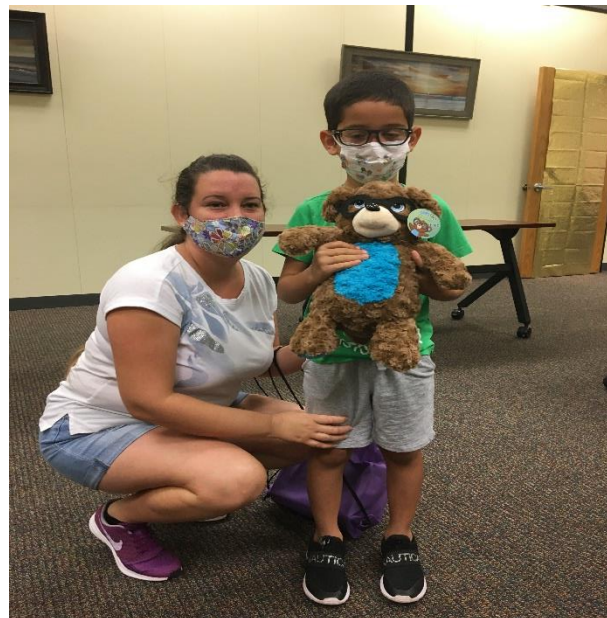
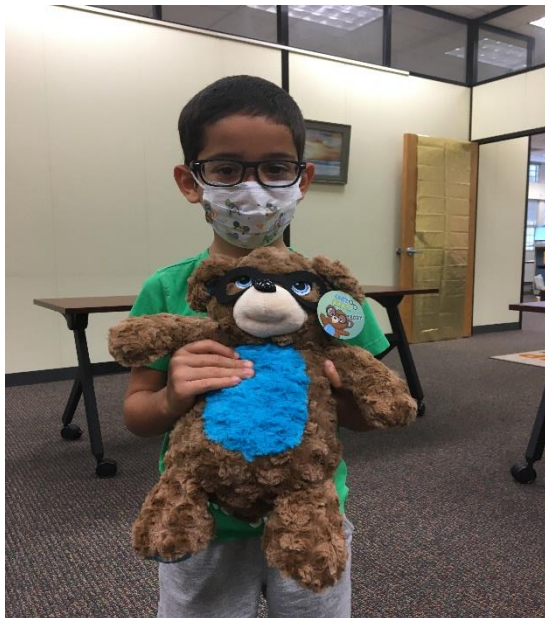
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Preserve Vision Florida

Children's Vision Health and Safety Services

This is Kevin. He is five years old and was having some trouble with his vision. His mother noticed that he put toys and books very close to his eyes. They moved from Cuba last year. Mom took him to see the doctor in Cuba before moving to the United States. The doctor told her not to worry, that he was fine. When they moved to Tampa, Mom wanted a second opinion, so she brought Kevin to the Town 'N Country Children's Board Family Resource Center for a vision screening with Preserve Vision Florida (PVF). With the SPOT photorefractor, PVF was able to see that Kevin was a referral for a severe case of myopia in both eyes. This is an eye disorder that causes distant objects to be blurry. PVF sent him to a pediatric optometrist and was prescribed glasses. The prescription is very strong, a negative five, and negative six diopter of nearsightedness (the farther away from zero, the stronger the glasses are). He will see the doctor every six months. Mom came back to another screening to show PVF the new glasses, and get his vision screened again with them on and he passed the screening! Mom is so thankful for the help, saying that "his life has changed" with this intervention. He is thriving in school and learning so much.



Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services

Good Afternoon Friends and Amigos



The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) defines SEL as “how children and adults learn to understand and manage emotions, set goals, show empathy for others, establish positive relationships and make responsible decisions.” Good Afternoon Friends and Amigos Afterschool (GAFA) Program recognizes that Social and Emotional Learning is essential in determining how well-equipped students will be in meeting the demands of the classroom, especially during COVID-19.

Using a research-based curriculum called Second Step, that promotes social-emotional development, safety, and wellbeing for children and families in addition to academic support, daily mindfulness activities, weekly yoga practice, and family engagement events we create a holistic and unique approach to learning.

Children made breathing bracelets with pipe cleaners and five-pointed star beads. For each bead that was placed on the pipe cleaner children took deep belly breaths! Belly breathing is one of the many skills for learning in our Second Step Curriculum and mindfulness activities.

With the support of the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, GAFA was able to purchase tablets for children that enable us to assist children with virtual learning and bridge the gap for students who are E-Learners. At Robinson Elementary in Plant City with Ms. Elena, children interact and learn simultaneously, SEL lessons are shared on the screen and children can all participate together in our hybrid after school learning environment.

At Reddick Elementary School in Wimauma, Ms. Lisandra collaborated with the Dual Language Teachers Ms. Rivera, Ms. Guadalupe, and Mr. Yang for a Hispanic Heritage celebration and performance that was LOTS OF FUN! MUY DIVERTIDO! Remember, in times like these, take time to BREATHE!



Enterprising Latinas

Wimauma Futures!

Success Story

Trina is a single mother of two who has been a member of Enterprising Latinas since February 2020. As part of her Family Support Plan, Trina had a goal of helping her son improve his reading and writing skills, as well as his behavior at school. In addition, she wanted to obtain health insurance for her family. As a result of the guidance provided by Enterprising Latinas, Sandra got connected to the school counselor and her son's teachers, ASO-funded tutoring services, as well as in-home therapy for her child, and parenting support services. She also applied and obtained health insurance through which she was able to attend doctor's visits and check up's she had failed to receive for several years. Sandra has been very consistent participating in the Wimauma Futures program, being available for all home visits and virtual home visits, and following up quickly with services needed for her son. She has demonstrated her resiliency and focus on ensuring not only that her child is doing well but that she is doing well too!



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Wimauma Futures!

Frances is a mother of two and a resident of Wimauma. She has been a member of Enterprising Latinas since August 2019 and she is committed to being the best mother to her two young children. The program helped Frances and her partner connect with community resources to support the developmental needs of her young son Aiden, after an ASQ evaluation showed he needed support to develop his cognitive abilities. In addition, ASO funds are helping the daughter receive tutoring at home. Through her participation in the Wimauma Futures program, Frances completed her goals of creating chores for her children to follow at home, to help her daughter do well in school, to help son grow healthy and have conversations with her, and to become stable and to learn to make a budget for herself and her family. Frances and her partner are currently working and managing their schedules to be able to take care of their children. Frances aspires to obtain her GED and she is building the confidence to accomplish that goal. Enterprising Latinas will continue supporting Frances as she continues to reach her goals for economic prosperity for herself and her family!



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Success Stories

Marta is a mother of a 5 year-old girl who joined Enterprising Latinas in October 2019. She is a tenacious and unstoppable woman with a very clear goal to improve the economic condition and help stabilize her family. Her story illustrates the power of expanding formal and informal supports to transform someone's life. When we met her, she had goals to learn English and set up her own food business so she could increase her economic prosperity. The Women's Opportunity Initiative (WOI) helped her create an action plan to take advantage of the training and networking opportunities in the area. She immediately enrolled in our Business Development course at Enterprising Latinas (ELI) and the English Foundations course at HCC Southshore last fall, as well as in our Food Service Management course in Spanish that was completed last March. Through the business course she struck a friendship with a classmate and together they have established an itinerant taco business which is proving successful, serving particular regional dishes from Mexico. She also found a steady job at a local warehouse that offers her another source of steady income. In the middle of that process, she made the decision to separate from her partner, the girl's father, who wasn't supportive of her new goals. With the help of the WOI team, she received support from Bay Area Legal Services to initiate divorce proceedings and move out into an apartment of her own with her daughter. Fortunately, her mother-in-law is supporting her with childcare while Marta is working. Her new goal is to take Citizenship classes at ELI to adjust her immigration status. We love Marta's commitment to herself and her daughter, and how she has leveraged the support she has received from ELI, new friends, family members and other institutions to gain the confidence needed to pursue larger goals.

Ruth is a mother of a school-age girl who became an ELI member in January 2020. She is a persistent, focused and resilient woman who has set ambitious financial goals to achieve more stability for her family. Her goals are to learn English, establish her own business and have stable and adequate housing. She has been saving money for a while and initially she sought assistance with securing a mobile home in the area. Moreover, with the help of the WOI staff, she created a realistic plan to purchase a home for her and her daughter. Recently she made an offer on a home, and although the deal eventually fell through, she felt a great deal of pride and accomplishment for having taken that important step towards economic prosperity. As the COVID-19 crisis hit, her work hours got reduced, but she has maintained a positive attitude, adjusted her budget, and created other alternatives to generate income in these uncertain times that will allow her to pursue her goals.