

# CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### NOVEMBER 18, 2021 ~ 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: 1-813-515-8094  
Access Code: 479 204 397#

### CALL TO ORDER

Attendance Verification  
Quorum Verification  
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance  
Swearing-In of Dennis Miles, Interim Department of Children & Families  
Regional Manager

R. DeLaVergne  
K. Austin  
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### PUBLIC COMMENT

R. DeLaVergne

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.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCLOSURE

K. Parris

### PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

M. Negron

- Bethesda Ministries

### ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval:** October 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. **Approval:** Approval of Release for 2022 New Summer Services Grants
3. **Approval:** Approval of Services at Children's Board Family Resource Centers
4. **Approval:** Approval of Ready to Learn and Succeed Investment Grant
5. **Approval:** Approval of Emerging Needs Funding

R. DeLaVergne  
M. Negron  
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K. Parris

## REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. FY 2021 Audit Update – Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI)  
T. Williams  
J. Brielmair,  
D. Alvarez,  
T. Payne
2. Executive Director Reports  
A. Activities – October 28, 2021 – November 18, 2021  
B. Eckerd Connects  
C. QEES Evaluation Data  
D. Gun Safety Data  
K. Parris
3. Programs Reports  
M. Negron
4. ONE Hillsborough  
G. Stewart

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

## ADJOURNMENT

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Contract Signature Logs (ASO, Programs, Vendors)
2. Good News!
3. Outreach Events Calendar

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### December - NO MEETINGS

#### January

Board Executive/Finance Committee	January 13, 2022	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	January 27, 2022	3:00 PM

#### February

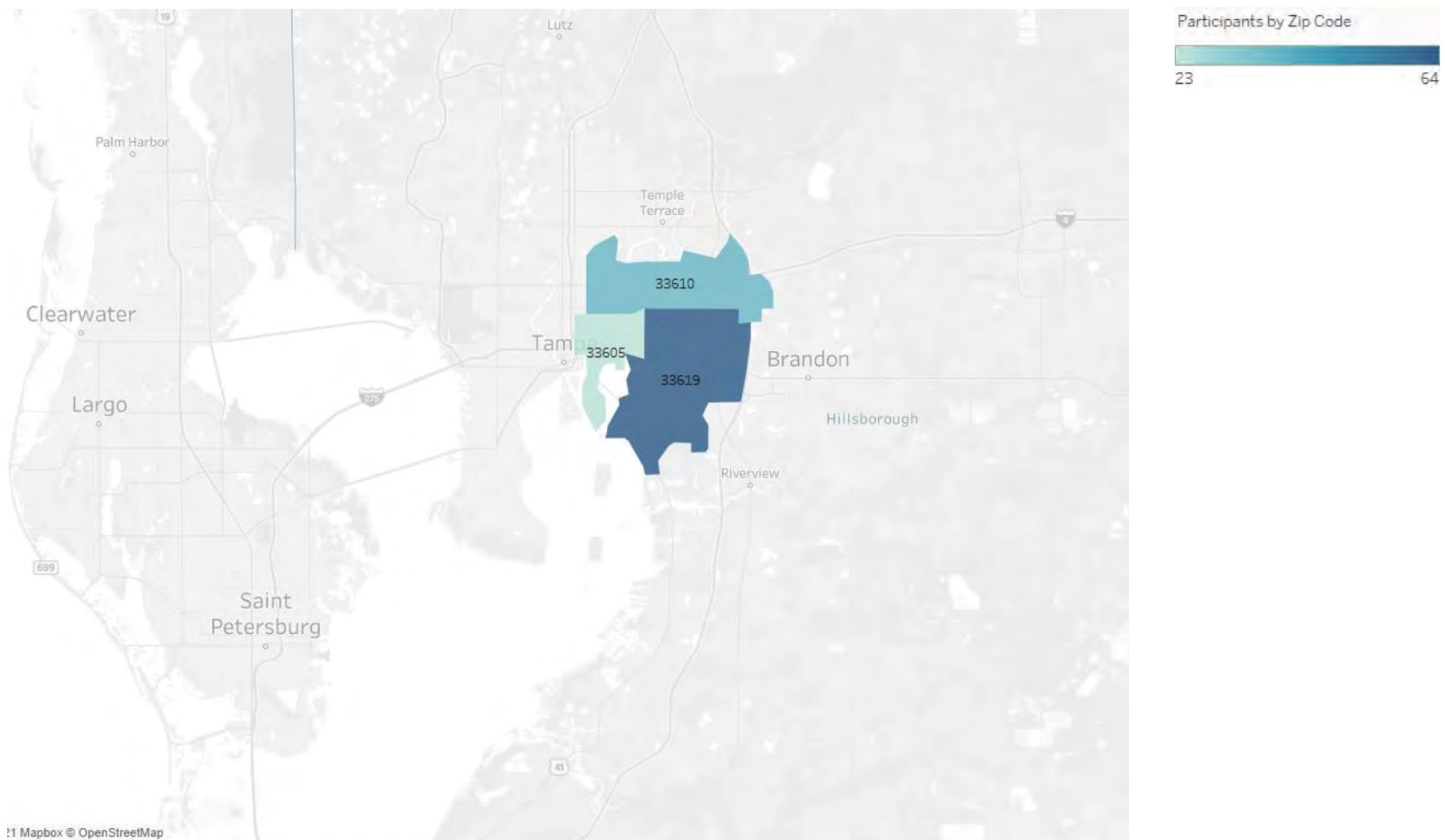
Board Executive/Finance Committee	February 10, 2022	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	February 24, 2022	3:00 PM

## Children's Board of Hillsborough County

Agency: Bestheda Ministries

Program: Children are Safe and Supported

### Number of Participants Served by Zip Code in FY2021 (October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021)



Map prepared by Children's Board of Hillsborough County. The map color shows the number of participants served by zip code. Map based on 125 participants served in FY2021. Data extracted on 10/13/2021.

# Children Are Safe & Supported

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Tampa Bay Community & Family Development  
Corp. dba Bethesda Ministries



Children's Board  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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You believed and invested in us  
to provide:

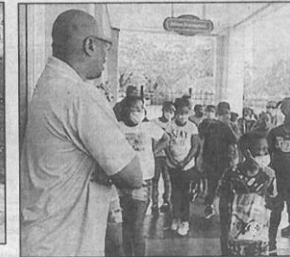
- Summer Camp in East Tampa
- Ensure safety in the homes of families in 33605
- *In 2019 Dr. Woodside had the vision to address Trauma and Stress in our families, adding 33610 and 33619*



## Tampa Park Plaza Businesses On Juneteenth



Gigi Richardson, owner of Best-Richardson African Diaspora Literature Museum, talks to the summer camp participants.



CPA, Foster Lovett speaks with the children about his business.



Evelyn Ighinosun, owner of African Extravaganza, tells the summer campers about her store.

BY MONIQUE STAMPS  
Sentinel Feature Writer

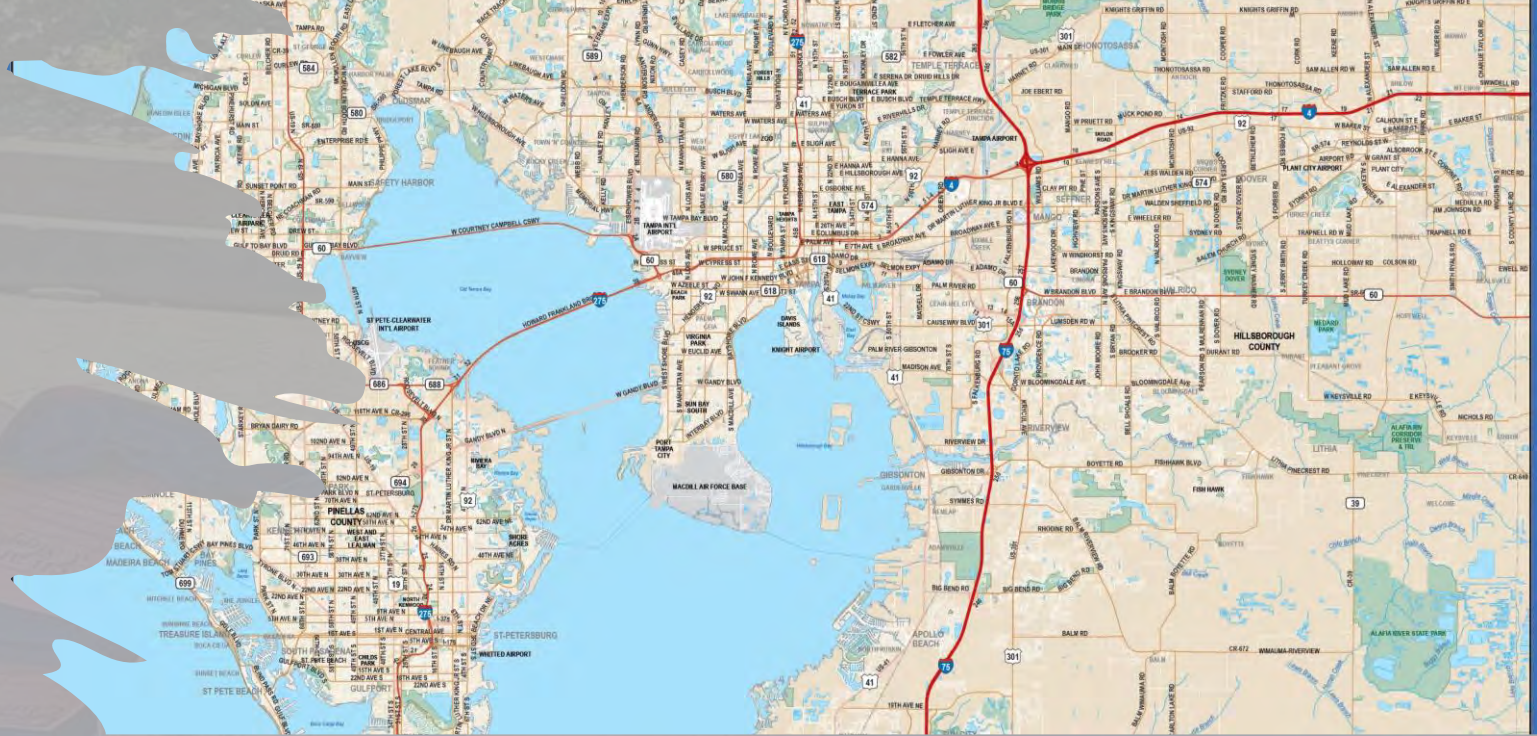
On Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>, throughout the Tampa Bay area and across the country, African Americans observed Juneteenth. Juneteenth originated in 1865 when on June 19 of that year, Union soldiers finally reached Galveston, Texas to declare slavery over. Despite the Emancipation Proclamation, slaveholders kept this information from slaves, continuing to use slave labor for an additional two years.





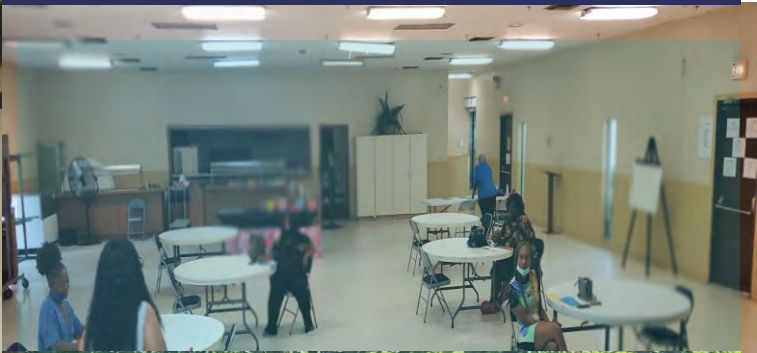
# Our Services and who we serve:

- Families in **33605**, **33610** and **33619** with children in the home
- Birth – 9 years old
- Providing a home safety assessment to help families complete a safety plan
  - To mitigate accidental injuries for children
- Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Work with families to identify stressors and provide group or individual activities in dealing with trauma.





**The Most Common Needs Are:**  
**Stable Employment**  
**Stable Housing**  
**Budgeting**  
**Educational**



Bethesda Children are Safe and Supported  
Family Support Plan

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Outcome: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Area of Focus:		Who	When	Initial
Steps				
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By signing below, the family acknowledges that they have received a copy of their plan.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Family Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Facilitator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Family Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Family Support  
Plan**



A background image showing a red fire truck with its emergency lights on. In the foreground, a group of children, mostly wearing blue shirts, are gathered around the truck. Some children are looking at the truck, while others are talking to each other. The scene appears to be outdoors, possibly at a fire station or a community event.

## *Providing services to address in home safety issues*

- ❖ *Staff completes a home safety checklist with the family*
- ❖ *Staff and families develop recommendations and draft a home safety plan using pictures and drafted diagrams.*
- ❖ *Staff makes suggestions and/or purchase items that may be needed to improve the safety (i.e., fire extinguisher, first aid kit)*
- ❖ *Children are engaged through Color Me Safe coloring book which addresses safety concerns with children, such as:*
- ❖ *Depending on the needs of the family we provide a 30 to 90 day follow up to assure safety issues have been addressed.*
- ❖ *Our program engages residents during Fire Prevention week in partnership with the City of Tampa Fire Department.*





# Families are *Supported*

Our objective is to Provide 50 families with birth to elementary school age children with trauma-informed education in family homes or a community-based location in our service area.



The intended outcome is that at least 70% of the parents/caregivers will reduce the stress sources in their lives and homes.

Stressors we see consistently : Custody Sharing, Financial and Home Needs





*Safe and Supported has been an incredible addition to all that Bethesda has offered in the East Tampa Community for more than 15 years*



- Food Pantry
- God's Pedal Power
- Access Sign Up
- Administrative Support to other Non-profits
- Community Resource Guide published by Children's Board of Hillsborough County





# CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### OCTOBER 28, 2021 ~ 3:00 PM

### MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>October 28, 2021</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	Andy Mayts, Chair	<b>Meeting Time</b>	3:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	Conference Call: 1-813-515-8094 Access Code: 479 204 397# 1002 East Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33605	<b>Actual Meeting Time</b>	3:00 PM – 3:33 PM
		<b>Adjourned</b>	3:33 PM
<b>Board Member Attendance</b>	Andy Mayts, Chair Robin DeLaVergne, Vice-Chair Frank Prado, Secretary/Treasurer - absent	Megan Proulx Dempsey Gwen Myers - absent Lynn Gray Ed Narain - phone	Katherine Essrig Sarah Naumowich Addison Davis
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Kelley Parris, Executive Director David Adams, CBHC Board Attorney - phone Kristina Austin, Recorder	Maria Negron, CBHC Staff Paula Scott, CBHC Staff Genet Stewart, CBHC Staff	Jamie Robe, CBHC Staff Trish James, CBHC Staff Jan Houser, CBHC Staff

## SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
I	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	A. Mayts called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Mayts led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.</li> <li>A. Mayts called for Board attendance verification.</li> <li>A. Mayts called for Public Comment; there was none.</li> </ul>
II.	<b>PROVIDER PRESENTATION</b>	<p>M. Negron introduced Alice Santana from the Straz Center. A. Santana provided the following information regarding the Patel Conservatory Summer Camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Straz Center participated in the Summer Passport Program in 2019 and 2021;</li> <li>Twelve (12) slots were offered in 2021 and ten (10) students participated in program;</li> <li>The objective for the camp was to provide access for up to twelve (12) slots for two (2) weeks per child. The set objective was met at eighty-three percent (83%).</li> </ul> <p>Forty-two percent (42%) of parents provided the following response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All individuals surveyed expressed interest in participating in future programs;</li> <li>Participants felt safe in the spaces provided to campers;</li> <li>As a result of the camp, one student identified a new skill set "folly work".</li> </ul>
III.	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	

## SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
	<b>1. 9-27-2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes</b>  <b>Motion (1)</b>	A. Mayts requested approval of the September 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes.  <i><b>Motion by Lynn Gray to approve the September 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes; second by Katherine Essrig. Motion carried (8-0).</b></i>
	<b>2. 9-27-2021 Final TRIM Hearing Minutes</b>  <b>Motion (2)</b>	A. Mayts requested approval of the September 27, 2021 Final TRIM Hearing Meeting minutes.  <i><b>Motion by Megan Proulx Dempsey to approve the September 27, 2021 Final TRIM Hearing Meeting minutes; second by Katherine Essrig. Motion carried (8-0).</b></i>
	<b>3. Approval of Obligate Emergency Funding for Healthy Steps Program Services at USF Health Park Pediatrics</b>  <b>Motion (3)</b>	M. Negron requested approval to obligate Emergency Funding to contract with Healthy Steps Program at USF Health Park Pediatrics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Allocation not to exceed \$329,000;</li> <li>• Funding would span November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.</li> </ul> <i><b>Motion by Lynn Gray to approve Obligate Emergency Funding for the Healthy Steps Program at USF Health Park Pediatrics; second by Addison Davis. Abstention by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (7-0).</b></i>
IV.	<b>REPORTS</b>	
	<b>1. Executive Director Reports</b>	K. Parris reported attending (46) significant meetings between September 28, 2021–October 28, 2021.  The following updates were provided by K. Parris: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Racial Equity project has been renamed, “One Hillsborough,” courtesy of Chairman Andy Mayts;</li> <li>• A press conference will be set up in the future to advertise the newly branded project;</li> <li>• Family Resource Centers will be supporting open enrollment;</li> </ul> Gunshot data was obtained from the Department of Children and Families (DCF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The data provides information on gun shots incidents involving children;</li> <li>• Only one hundred and thirty-one (131) of over six hundred (600) have been reviewed;</li> <li>• Only three (3) of the incidents did not reference drugs, domestic violence, or some type of substance misuse in the home;</li> <li>• Twenty-eight (28) of the reports verified unsafe gun access for children;</li> <li>• Due to the ages of the children referenced in the data, it was recommended Gun Safety Education focus on children age fourteen (14) and under.</li> </ul>
	<b>2. Programs Reports</b>	M. Negron provided an update on the data compiled from the 2021 Summer Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three hundred thirty-eight (338) children were served with Summer Services, not including those participating in the Summer Passports Program;</li> <li>• Eighty-eight percent (88%) of the children remained enrolled in the summer program;</li> <li>• Eighty-four percent (84%) were eligible for free or reduced lunch;</li> </ul> A. Mayts inquired about the potential for wrap around services to provide food security on the weekends to program participants.
V.	<b>OLD/NEW BUSINESS</b>	None.



## SUMMARY

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VI.	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 3:33PM

## MOTIONS

1.	<i>Motion by Lynn Gray to approve the September 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes; second by Katherine Essrig. Motion carried (8-0).</i>
2.	<i>Motion by Megan Proulx Dempsey to approve the September 27, 2021 Final TRIM Hearing Meeting minutes; second by Katherine Essrig. Motion carried (8-0).</i>
3.	<i>Motion by Lynn Gray to approve Obligate Emergency Funding for the Healthy Steps Program at USF Health Park Pediatrics; second by Addison Davis. Abstention by Robin DeLaVergne. Motion carried (7-0).</i>

READ AND APPROVED BY:

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ROBIN DELAVERGNE  
BOARD VICE- CHAIR

## **Approval of Release for 2022 New Summer Services Grants**

**Initiator:** Maria Negrón, Director of Programs

**Action:** Approval of release for 2022 New Summer Services Grants

**Date:** Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 18, 2021

### **Recommended Actions**

Recommend release in January 2022 of a Request for Proposals for time-limited 2022 Summer Services Grant funding with a total allocation up to \$245,000 to increase youth access to high quality summer programming.

### **Background**

- The Children's Board has released summer services grants since 2015.
- As a result, 4,870 youth have received services provided by these grants.
- The 2021 Summer Services Report was included in the October 2021 Board Book.
- The Board of County Commissioners have renewed their collaboration with the Children's Board and will contribute \$250,000 so that (9) 2021 Summer Services contracts may be renewed for 2022.
- The Children's Board will serve as the managing entity for all grants awarded.
- The intent is to offer multiple leading grants to enhance existing summer programs (excluding those being renewed) as well as new programs.
- The (9) Summer Services contract renewals are not eligible to apply.
- All 2022 Summer Services Grants awarded will not be subject to renewal in FY 2023.



## **Approval of FY 2022 Services at Children's Board Family Resource Centers**

**Initiator:** María Negrón, Director of Programs

**Action:** Approval of FY 2022 Services at Children's Board Family Resource Centers

**Date:** Regular Board Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2021

### **Recommended Action**

Recommend approval of a one-time contract with Redefiners World Languages for Services at the Children's Board Family Resource Centers from January 18, 2022 to September 30, 2022 for a total request up to \$450,000 to support the Multilingual Citizens Program.

### **Background**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on September 7, 2021. A total of one (1) proposal was received on time and it proceeded to the Community Review Team.

On November 4, 2021, Jacob Resnick facilitated the Community Review Team meeting. Community Review Team members included: Tyheshia Scott with the CBHC Family Resource Centers, Kirsten Schmitz with Helios Education Foundation, Sammechia Bagley with Safe and Sound Hillsborough, Octavia Smith with Maven Enterprise Consulting Group, and Anna Abella with University of South Florida.

### **Summary**

<b>Proposer / Program Name</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>FY 2022 Request</b>
<b>Redefiners World Languages Inc.</b> <i>Multilingual Citizens Program (MCP)</i> MCP offers in-person language courses aimed at developing skills critical to today's workforce and enhancing opportunities for family connectedness through the development of social skills.  <b>Focus Area:</b> Family Support <b>Location:</b> All (7) Children's Board Family Resource Centers	85.77	450,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>

**Approval of FY 2022 Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed**

**Initiator:** María Negrón, Director of Programs

**Action:** Approval of FY 2022 Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed Investment Grant

**Date:** Regular Board Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2021

**Recommended Action**

Recommend approval of a contract with the Children's Home Network for a Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed Investment Grant from January 18, 2022 to September 30, 2022 for up to \$702,000 which may be annualized up to \$1,000,000 in Year (2) to support positive educational outcomes.

**Background**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on September 7, 2021. A total of (3) proposals were received and (1) proposal proceeded to the Community Review Team.

On November 5, 2021, María Negrón facilitated the Community Review Team meeting. Community Review Team members included: Judith Lombana – Community Member, Cindy Wilkinson with Hillsborough County School District, Carlita Miller with Eckerd Connects, Dave Rogoff – Community Member, and Mary Dillon with Boys and Girls Club. Carlene Ulacia with United Way Suncoast served as an alternate reviewer.

**Summary**

Proposer / Program Name	Score	FY 2022 Request	FY 2023 Request
<b>Children's Home Network</b> <i>Reaching and Inspiring Students Everywhere (RAISE)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An intervention program that works collaboratively with families and the community to ensure birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children and their families receive intervention services. Services are tailored to meet their needs and promote positive educational outcomes.</li> </ul> <b>Focus Area:</b> Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed <b>Geographic Area:</b> Countywide	80.82	\$702,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$702,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>



## **Approval of Emerging Needs Funding**

**Initiator:** Kelley Parris

**Action:** Approval of Emerging Needs Funding

**Date:** Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 18, 2021

### **Recommended Actions**

Approve up to \$125,000 in Emerging Needs Funding to support an FTE Coordinator for the Community Alliance of Hillsborough County.

### **Background**

On or about November 4, 2021 Eckerd Connects notified the Department of Children and Families it would terminate their Community Based Care, "Lead Agency" contract in Hillsborough County upon expiration; July 1, 2022.

Eckerd Connects is contracted to provide Foster Care and "Related Services" including but not limited to: child abuse prevention and protection, adoptions, family preservation, independent living, emergency shelter, residential group care, therapeutic foster care, intensive residential treatment, foster care supervision, case management, coordination of mental health services, post-placement supervision, permanent foster care, and family reunification.

The Community Alliance, which the Children's Board is a Statutory Member, is charged with community planning and oversight for the Community Based Care "Lead Agency". The FTE Coordinator of the Community Alliance will support the membership in the planning and execution of the Community Alliance's statutory obligations. Mary Lee's House will serve as the fiscal agent and the FTE will be housed at Mary Lee's House.

**"Mary Lee's House is a community collaboration committed to protecting, respecting, and healing the children of abuse and neglect who pass through our doors."**

# Children's Board of Hillsborough County

Year ending June 30, 2021

November 4, 2021

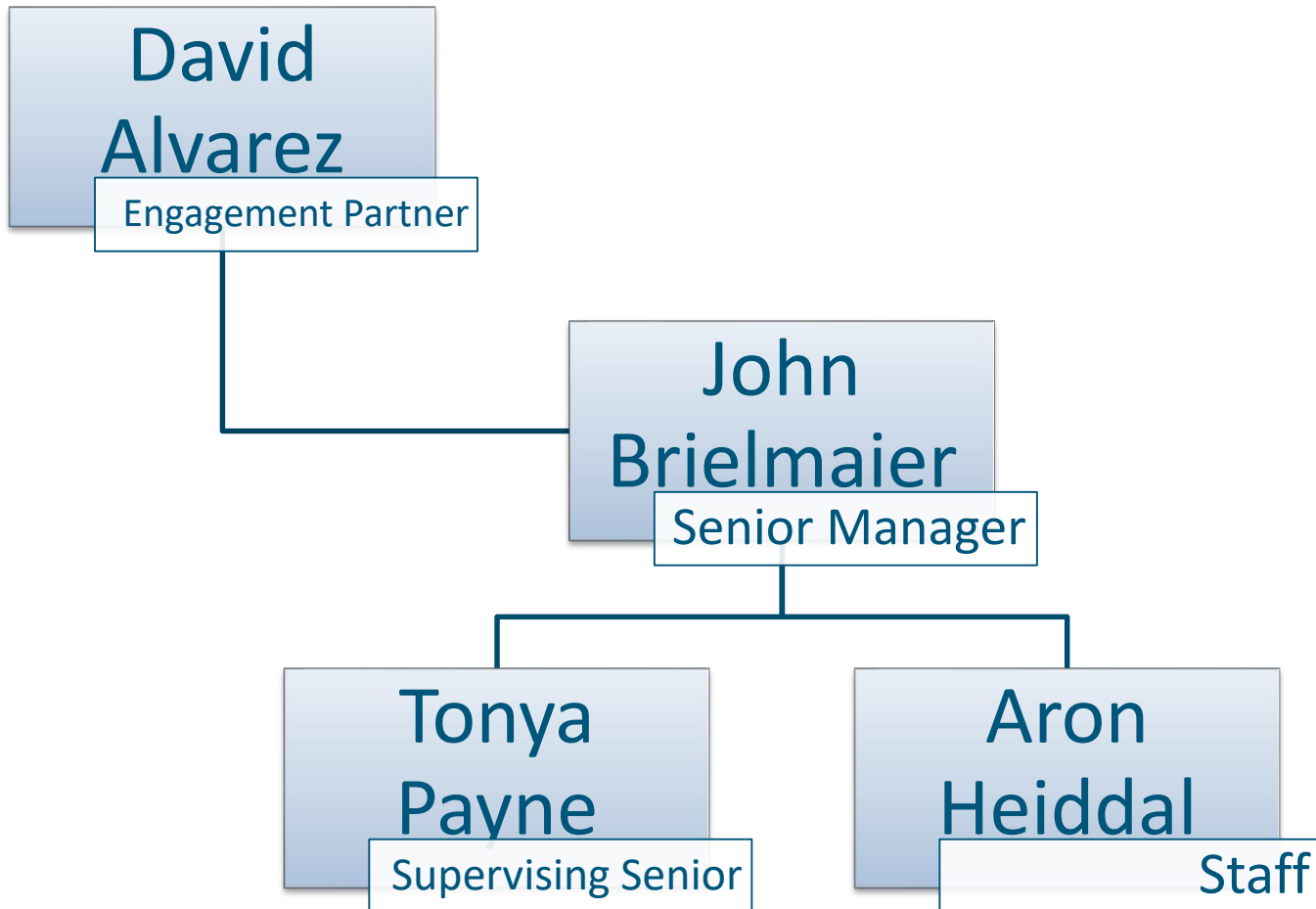
Communication with Governance



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CPAs and Advisors

# Engagement Team





# Auditors' Responsibility

- Engagement letter is dated September 16, 2019
- Express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles
- Opinion units consist of governmental activities and the major fund
- We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), historical pension information and budgetary comparison information

# Planned Scope

- An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements
- our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested
- Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures.
- We will communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit.
- We will communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards

# Timing of the Audit

- Interim: October 11, 2021
- Year-end Fieldwork: January 3, 2022
- Draft Financial Statements due: March 1, 2022
- Expected Issuance Date: March 10, 2022



# Interim Update

- Procedures performed:
  - Audit planning
  - Walkthrough of significant audit areas
    - Cash Disbursements
    - Cash Receipts
    - Payroll
    - Capital Assets
    - Journal Entries
  - Compliance examination over FS 218.415 – Investment of Public Funds
  - Audit procedures over Florida Retirement Services
- **No findings noted**

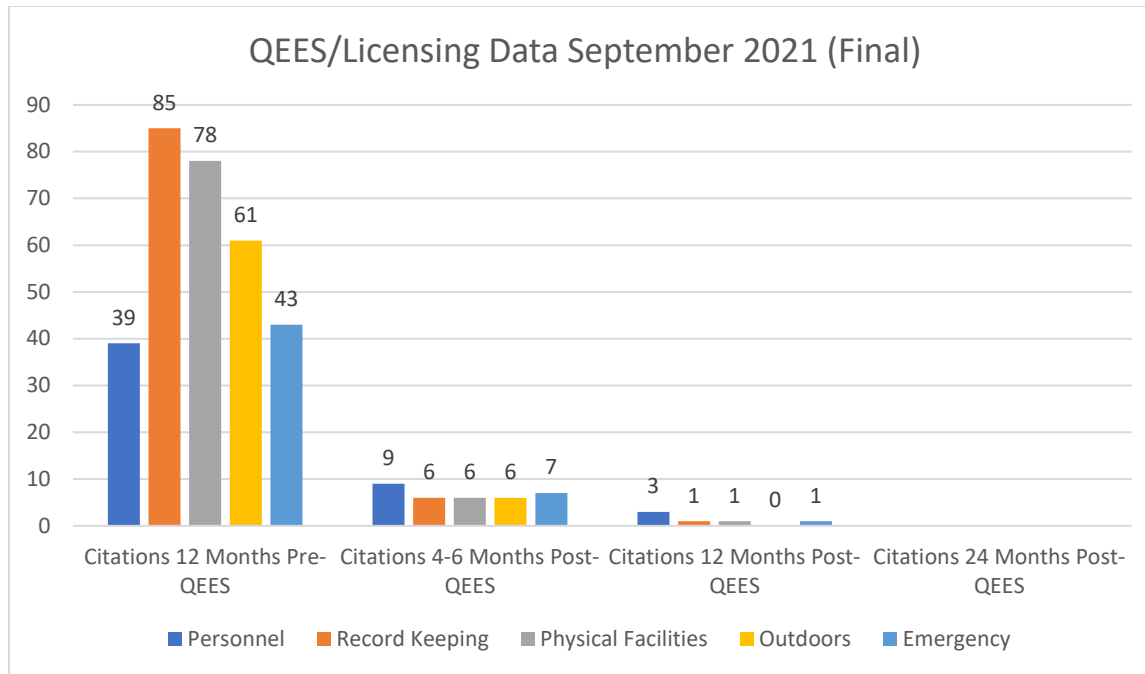
# Inquiry to those charge with governance

- Do you have knowledge of any
  - Possible or actual noncompliance or abuses of broad programs and controls occurring during the period being audited or the subsequent period?
  - laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements?
  - actual, suspected, or alleged fraud affecting the entity or its federal awards programs?
- Are you aware of any
  - significant unusual transactions?
  - significant related-party relationships and transactions
- Do you have any areas you would consider higher risk that you would like us to perform procedures over?

# Questions







**Children's Board of Hillsborough County**  
**Executive Director Report**  
**October 28, 2021 – November 18, 2021**

**53 Meetings**

From Talking to Doing: Navigating a New America Webinar
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FCC
Hillsborough Anti-Racism Workgroup
James R. Haj – The Children's Trust
Maternal Health & Disability: The Accessibility of Motherhood – A Workshop on Disability and Pregnancy
Dr. Anthony Rolle - USF Dean, College of Education
Virtual Special Called School Board Meeting
Maternal Health & Disability: The Accessibility of Motherhood – A Workshop on Disability and Pregnancy
Parents with Cognitive Challenges Meeting
Melissa Marino – Channel 8
Commissioner Kimberly Overman
Sydney Campagna & Matthew Carreno – FSU Business Administration Students
Interview with Melissa Marino – Channel 8
School Topic Subcommittee
Maternal Health & Disability: The Accessibility of Motherhood – A Workshop on Disability and Pregnancy
MaryEllen Elia
Carl Lampletter and Melissa Davies
Charles Davis
ELCHC Special Committee Meeting
QEES Townhall Collaborative
Gun Violence Townhall Meeting
FCC
COVID Simulator
Gene Earley
Dennis Miles
CALM
Afterschool Enhancements
Community Alliance
myOn Annual Executive Review
Unite US Community Info Session
Kate Caldwell – Channel 8
Frank Rabbito - Westcare
History of Disabled Parenting
Jack Levine
Sandra Murman
Marla Timmons - DCF
FCC
Interview with Family Forever
National Adoption Day 2021

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**53 Meetings**

Mayor's Workforce Council
Envision Resolution Webinar
Commission on the Status of Women
Dennis Miles Orientation
CBC Alliance with Robin Rosenberg and Bryttany Stringer
Dean Rolle – USF College of Education
Beth Pasek - DCF
Carolyn Appleyard
Steve Marthaus - ECC
Placement Challenges Workgroup
Robin Rosenberg – Florida's Children First
Mike Carroll – Lutheran Services Florida
Adrianna Dennis



**Contract Signature Log**  
**ASO ONLY**  
**FY 2022**

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Mary & Martha House, Inc.	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	10/21/2021-9/30/2022	\$15,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	10/22/2021
Empathy Counseling, LLC	ASO Provider	Evaluation/Family/Group/Individual Therapy	10/22/21-ongoing	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	10/22/2021
Empathy Counseling, LLC	Agreement	Business Associate Agreement	10/22/21-ongoing	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	10/22/2021
Family Promise of Hillsborough County	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/28/2021-9/30/2022	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
Family Promise of Hillsborough County	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	10/28/2021-9/30/2022	\$7,500.00	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
University Area CDC	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	10/28/2021-9/30/2022	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
University Area CDC	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	10/28/2021-9/30/2022	\$25,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
Kids and Canines, Inc.	ASO Provider	Psycho Educational Groups/ Special Therapies	10/28/21-ongoing	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
Kids and Canines, Inc.	Agreement	Business Associate Agreement	10/28/21-ongoing	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
Just Initiative	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	10/28/2021-9/30/2022	\$20,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	11/3/2021
Lutheran Services	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	11/1/2021-9/30/2022	\$10,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	11/3/2021

**Contract Signature Log**  
**ASO ONLY**  
**FY 2022**

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Listen to Your Art Therapy and Empowerment Services, LLC	ASO Provider	Special Therapies	11/3/2021-ongoing	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	11/3/2021
Listen to Your Art Therapy and Empowerment Services, LLC	Agreement	Business Associate Agreement	11/3/2021-ongoing	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	11/3/2021
Cove Behavioral Health	Agreement	Business Associate Agreement	11/2/2021-ongoing	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	11/3/2021
Manifestations Worldwide	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds (BOCC Social Services Funds)	11/3/2021-9/30/2022	Varies	No	Kelley Parris	11/4/2021
Manifestations Worldwide	MOU	MOU for allocation of ASO funds	11/3/2021-9/30/2022	\$7,500.00	No	Kelley Parris	11/4/2021

**Contract Signature Log**  
**Programs ONLY**  
**FY 2022**

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COVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.	Standard	Family Focus	10/01/2021-09/30/2022	\$369,846	Yes	Kelley Parris	11/3/2021
NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP CENTER OF TAMPA BAY, INC.	Independent Contractor Agreement	Capacity Building/Training and Consultation	10/18/2021-09/30/2022	\$166,625	Yes	Kelley Parris	11/3/2021



**Contract Signature Log**  
**Vendors ONLY**  
**FY2022**

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Gialogic Productions	Vendor	10/22/21 - 9/30/22	Adoption Awareness Campaign	\$75,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	10/22/2021
JANI-KING	Vendor	10/1/21 - 9/30/22	Contract	\$7,213.34	No	Kelley Parris	10/25/2021
Raintree Professional Center & Trimen Lawn and Landscape	Vendor	10/1/21-9/30/22	Lawn maintenance at TT FRC Contract	\$4,500.00	No	Kelley Parris	10/26/2021
High Sources, Inc.	Vendor	10/1/2021 - 9/30/22	Janitorial Contract for FRCs	\$47,153.70	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
Mental Health First Aid Youth	Vendor	10/1/21 - 9/30/22	Training Adults to Work with Youth	\$2,000.00	No	Kelley Parris	10/28/2021
SunLife Gutters	Vendor	11/4/21 - 12/31/22	Gutter Maintenance	\$2,245.00	No	Kelley Parris	11/7/2021

# Good News

*from our funded partners*

**Regular Board Meeting  
November 1 2021**



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# Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services

## Good Afternoon Friends and Amigos



Fall has been full of fun opportunities for students to spend time with friends, celebrate our families and learn about our collective culture.

Some key concepts in our Social Emotional and mindfulness lessons this Fall have been Community, Compassion, and Self Confidence and Self Care breathing exercises.

Children at Good Afternoon Friends and Amigos participate in Mindfulness activities daily, children are taught techniques like butterfly and five finger breathing that teach children how to pause and use their fingers to take five deep breaths tracing, each finger up and down moving in sequence as they breathe in and out.

Some other strategies we have been using this year to help support our students social and emotional learning are caring for our environment and extending learning outside of the classroom creating a small butterfly garden at one of our host schools Robinson Elementary in Plant City.

Spending time in nature can help students manage their emotions and connect meaningfully with the world around them. Engaging with their senses and opportunities for exploration, providing students with practical opportunities to understand their role and impact in their community and the outside world.

At both Good Afternoon Friends and Amigos sites our Social and Emotional Learning library corners have become spaces where children can cozy up with friends and read together or just take a few moments for themselves to rest and self-regulate. Children are also given books to take home and create their own SEL libraries to reinforce and share what they are learning with their families.

Hispanic Heritage month was a great opportunity for our students to build their cultural awareness and self-confidence. We have read stories about Cesar Chavez, Frida Kahlo, Celia Cruz and have many books in our libraries written by Hispanic authors like Gabbi Garcia who wrote, *Escuchando a Mi Cuerpo* and *Listening with my Heart*. On Fun Friday children wore cultural clothing and played Loteria!

# St. Joseph's Women's Hospital

## Supporting Motherhood and More

We are so proud to see individuals who have worked with our program succeed pay it forward, raise awareness and spread the word about perinatal mood disorders!

Below are a few examples of how our program is impacting the community and lives of those we serve!

SJH Foundation received a donation for SJWH from a mother who graduated from the Supporting Motherhood & More program (SMM). She shared, "Michaela Strauss has been phenomenal. She has been a consistent, caring and a wonderful listener; validating what I'm feeling, supporting me with resources to help. I am thankful for her resources."

A graduate of our SMM program shared that she is working in collaboration with the Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County on developing a Mental Health Care toolkit and would like to partner with our program to link mother's in crisis to community resources.

We have also linked three of our current SMM parents to St. Joseph's Mission Basket Program. This program is a holiday program that provides gifts to families who are financially struggling and otherwise may not have the financial resources to provide gifts to their children for Christmas. Additionally, we also provide household items such as bedding, clothing, food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, furniture and electronics.



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# Family Healthcare Foundation

## Connecting Kids to Care

The Family Healthcare Foundation's Healthcare Navigators are thrilled to be featured in an additional day at each of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County Family Resource Centers during Open Enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace (11/1/2021 - 1/15/2022).

Through our work at the Family Resource Centers, Hillsborough County residents are able to receive free and expert help with applications for Florida KidCare, Medicaid, the Health Insurance Marketplace, and the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan. The extra day allows for multiple Navigators to be on-site at the Family Resource Center, helping multiple families at one time. Thank you for this opportunity!



# Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA

## Fit and Fun at the Y



Children enrolled in Fit and Fun at the Y are gaining new experiences and skills in the curriculum-based health and wellness program, thanks to the generosity of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

As part of this year's curriculum Fit and Fun children will be treated to Healthy Snack Demos with a "homework" assignment to re-create the snack at home. As part of the assignment they are to email a picture of their at-home snack creation. The first Healthy Snack Demo was in October and will continue monthly till the end of the program in May. The first snack was a recipe of "Apple Ring Slices" which included apples, Nutella and raisins. The snack was demonstrated step by step in front of them and samples were handed out for them to taste.

Each child was then given a copy of the recipe, an apple and a mini box of raisins to take home where they could use their choice of spread and could get creative with their favorite toppings.

This was a huge hit and are excited for the next Healthy Snack Demo day. Brandon (pictured above) says, "This was fun-licious!!"



# Preserve Vision Florida

## Children's Vision Health and Safety Services

This is Maria Paulina Herrera. Preserve Vision Florida screened her vision at the Town 'N Country Children's Board Family Resource Center. She was identified as having some trouble with distance vision. She didn't have vision insurance at the time, so PVF assisted by setting her up with a free exam and glasses through Lens Crafters. Now she is ready to see and learn all that she needs to in school!





# Positive Spin

## Empowering a Community with Hope (E.A.C.H. One)



Hello, my name is Kendra Singleton and I am a single mother of three children. I first heard about Positive Spin when my apartment complex was having an Outreach Event in our community. I stopped by the Positive Spin table and I met a nice lady named Priscilla Perez. She talked to me about the program and she had me fill out a form and told me they would call me the next day. I didn't believe her, but she did call the very next day.

The same week Ms. Priscilla began working with me. First, she visited my home and we talked about what I needed and how I can grow. The following week, I took my first online class about

housing rights. It was very informational because a lot of the topics discussed were new to me. The next class I took was my favorite because it was a financial class and I really needed that. Ms. Nyela Hope, who runs the class even switched the day of the class so I could attend on my day off from work. I learned so much about budgeting, credit and debit cards and even the envelope system. She took her time with me to write out my money goals and things I should pay off first. She even showed me this budgeting envelope folder that I purchased off Amazon to help me get my goals in order. Positive Spin has helped me get clothes for my children and also helped me purchase household items we needed. In addition, they helped me get counseling and tutoring for my children. I have only been in the program a few months and it has already helped me tremendously. I am so very grateful for all they have done for me and my children.



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# Positive Spin

## Empowering a Community with Hope (E.A.C.H. One)

C. Wilson came into the Positive Spin's program seeking housing, employment, C.N.A training and childcare assistance. While in the program, Ms. Wilson participated and completed the Financial Literacy and Housing Stability classes. Ms. Wilson and her five children were living with her mother and disabled brother in a two bed room apartment. Positive Spin's Case Manager, Ms. Sabrina Taylor, referred the client to 811 Mainstream and the client applied and was granted a housing voucher where she was able to move into a four bedroom house, despite having five evictions. Ms. Wilson had two young daughters who were not in pre-school and she needed all of her children to be in school which would allow her the freedom to work or go back to school. Ms. Taylor referred the client to Head Start. The client applied for Head Start and Early Head Start for her two young daughters and was able to get them enrolled. Ms. Wilson asked her Case Manager to assist her in finding out why she never received her child support, during the last four months. Ms. Taylor gathered the necessary information and contacted the Child Support office on behalf of her client. The Child Support representative stated they would have to research the matter and would get back in touch with them. Within a week's time, Ms. Wilson was informed that she had received a deposit of \$20,421.87 in back child support. Ms. Wilson was so happy about the great news and was very thankful for Ms. Taylor's help along with the support of Positive Spin.



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# Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

## Safe and Healthy Homes for Families



Over the past year, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay's Safe and Healthy Homes program, funded by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, has provided 80 families with critical home repairs to reduce asthma and allergy symptoms for children, and create a safer home for the family. Rebuilding Together's six-step process assesses families health and safety, provides key homes repairs, and engages families through an educational curriculum to help them stay safe and healthy well into the future.

With funding provided by the Children's Board, we have provided families with impactful repairs such as HVAC air duct cleanings, stairway railing repairs, plumbing leak repairs and minor mold remediation.

RTTB has been able to go the extra mile for some families. Although all get quality service and attention; on occasion, we notice that a home is in severe disrepair, causing serious health and safety concerns. Last grant year we met the A\* family \* (redacted for privacy concerns) when they joined our Safe and Healthy Homes program. The A's have five children and came to Florida for a better life for their children. They worked extremely hard to realize the American Dream and purchased a home. Although extremely modest, it quickly became apparent that they had fallen on hard times, after a predatory organization took advantage of them and cost them their life savings, H (the family patriarch) then started experiencing severe health issues, rendering him unable to work. These issues compounded and they lost their ability to make even the most basic repairs to their home. The situation was dire, they did not have a kitchen, their bathroom was filled with mold due to no ventilation, and their electric bill was exorbitant ranging from \$400 to \$500 dollars per month.

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# Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

## Safe and Healthy Homes for Families

RTTB called on our network because we had to do something for this family. Ultimately, Rebuilding Together was able to serve the A's through our Safe and Healthy Homes program and provide additional services through the resources of generous volunteers and partners. In addition to our evidence-based Safe and Healthy Home package, pest control and minor mold remediation, RTTB is providing the following services:

- Demo'd bathroom (which was filled with mold) and replaced with a new complete remodel
- Demo'd a wall in the home to create a kitchen in the home, the home in its previous state had NO inside kitchen
- Provide a roof replacement
- Installed a new sliding glass door where before they had wood planks separating the family from the elements (see pictures below)
- Paint exterior of the home
- Electrical upgrade to panel and old wiring
- Plumbing for kitchen & bath
- Three new ac units (window style)
- Paint interior

After completing the Safe and Healthy Homes program, the A's will be able to live well for years to come in their family home, providing space for learning, play, and family time, in a safe and allergy-free environment.



Before



After

# Children's Home Network

## Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services (SEEDS)



At the end of 1st grade, my daughter Gianna experienced learning deficits that were concerning to me. At this time, I reached out to the school for support. A strong partnership developed with Gianna's 2nd grade teacher, but unfortunately, COVID happened and the children were sent home. I begged for her to get tested and results showed that all she needed was academic support. It was then that I was referred to the SEEDS Program.

Through SEEDS, Gianna received

tutoring with Ms. Brigham, who soon became an integral ally. With the help from the SEEDS Program, Ms. Brigham, her teachers, and Gianna's exemplary hard work, Gianna has bloomed. She has earned all A's and B's in fourth grade now, is getting 100% on every single spelling test, she has been selected student of the month, she is confident, and her learning gap is closing. It truly does take a village, and I am blessed to have the best one in Gianna's corner, one that rescued my daughter, setting her up for success. I am forever grateful to everyone who helped Gianna and thank the SEEDS Program for giving my girl that individualized attention that she needed to show growth.



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# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

## 1-to-1 Comprehensive Mentoring



Meet Big Sister Mariah and Little Sister Aaliyah! They will celebrate their three-year match anniversary this upcoming January. Throughout their match, Aaliyah and Mariah have created a strong bond and many memories. They have participated in several activities over the years, such as going to the beach, watching movies, and attending BBBS events. Aaliyah is always very excited to talk about her friendship with Mariah and has also shared that she feels comfortable talking to her Big about different things.

Aaliyah just started her first year of high school and has many goals and aspirations that she is interested in achieving. Mariah has been there to help Aaliyah discuss the different opportunities she can pursue after high school and ways to achieve her goals. As Aaliyah continues to navigate her high school years and celebrate her accomplishments, there is no doubt that Mariah will be there to support her!



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# Children's Board Family Resource Centers

## Brandon

### Testimonial



On Saturday, October 9th the Brandon Family Resource Center hosted its first Little Artist session. During the activity children and parents collaborated in creating their own unique Button Tree Art. Families worked together as a unit and had a great opportunity to socialize and meet new friends.

Each family received a canvas where they completed an original design for their home. They also received an additional canvas to create a second piece of art that would be given away as a gift. Together the families made 14 colorful Button Tree's to be gifted to another local Children's Board Family Resource Center. They shared ideas, traded buttons, and spent an afternoon exploring creativity and fun as a family.

# Children's Board Family Resource Centers

## Central Tampa

### Testimonial



We are proud of Magdalena, who recently achieved her goal of finding a safe and secure home for her and her four children to live.

Magdalena first came into the center to register for our Mobile Medical Clinic, to meet the requirements for her daughters' school. She was then shown all the services that are available to her through the Resource Center.

Our Early Childhood Service Coordinator set an appointment with her and helped her create goals. Our Coordinator made sure that she followed-up with Magdalena day to day.

Congratulations to you, Magdalena! You wanted to secure a safe environment for your children and achieved it. You are on the right track to making sure your children have a good education and opportunities. The CBFRC staff have the pleasure of watching our members become happier, safer and stronger.

# Children's Board Family Resource Centers

## North Tampa

### Testimonial



Angel came into the North Tampa Family Resource Center looking for help with rental assistance.

When Angel came into our center, she was unemployed, five months behind on her rent and on the verge of eviction. Reinaldo, the Intake and Referral Specialist and the staff started making calls for her. They were able to refer her to the REACH program. Angel followed up and the program was able to pay three months of her rent. After leaving the center with her referrals, Angel went to the restaurant next door and was hired on the spot to work in the kitchen.

In a week, Angel was able to get caught up with her rent, stop the eviction process and find employment. She comes by the center and thanks the staff often for all of their help and hard work.



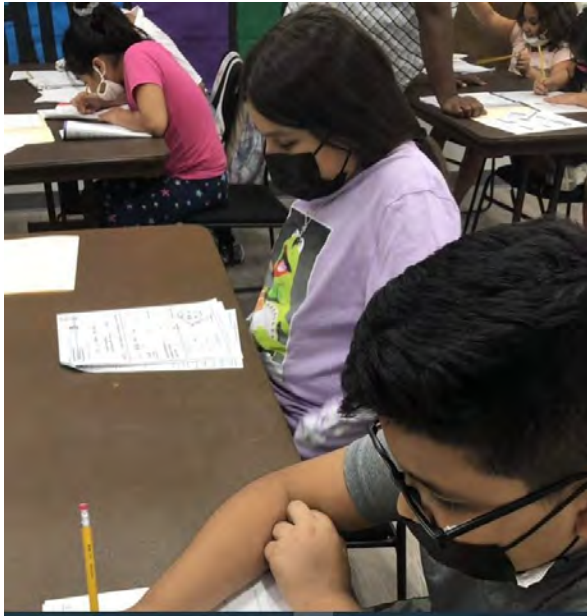
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# Children's Board Family Resource Centers

## Plant City

### Testimonial



Arianna has attended the A! SLS Math Tutoring sessions since they started at the CBFRC in August 2021.

Due to her efforts and the help she receives from the two tutors that come to the CBFRC every Thursday, Arianna has been able to increase her grade in math class from a low "D" to high "C". She is confident with their continued help she will obtain an even higher grade before the end of the school semester!

Way to go Arianna, we believe in you!

A! SLS currently offers math tutoring at all seven CBFRC locations for students in second to eighth grade and will begin offering both math and reading tutoring in January 2022. Please contact your local CBFRC for more information







## Outreach Events Calendar

The Children's Board will have a presence at the following community events. Contact Dexter Lewis, Director of Public Relations, at [lewisbd@childrensboard.org](mailto:lewisbd@childrensboard.org) for more information about a particular event.

### November

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| 11.14.21 | <b>Tampa Prego</b><br>Tampa Convention Center<br>333 S Franklin Street, Tampa<br>11:00 am-4:00 pm   |
| 11.21.21 | <b>USF Sigma Delta Tau Alumnae - Child Abuse Prevention Awareness</b><br>Embassy Suites at USF<br>3705 Spectrum Boulevard, Tampa<br>6:00 pm-9:00 pm |
| 12.07.21 | <b>Free Tuesday</b><br>Glazer Children's Museum<br>110 West Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa<br>10:00 am-5:00 pm   |