CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2023 ~ 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.

CALL TO ORDER	CAI		ГО	ORI	DER
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Attendance Verification	R. DeLaVergne
Quorum Verification	K. Austin
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	R. DeLaVergne

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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCLOSURE

R. Bacon

R. DeLaVergne

ACTION ITEMS

1.	Approval; October 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes	R. DeLaVergne
2.	Approval; Authorization to Proceed with Negotiating a Real Estate Contract	P. Scott
3.	Approval; Leading Grants	S. Santiago
4.	Approval; Uniting Grants	S. Santiago

PROVIDER PRESENTATION

T. James

R. Bacon

Joshua Way of Hope/Life Skills 360 Training Institute

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS1. Executive Director Reports

A. Activities – October 27, 2023 – November 16, 2023	
2. ASO Report	K. Hickman
3. Public Relations Report	D. Lewis
4. Strategic Initiatives Report	G. Stewart
5. Human Resources Report	J. Furr

- Gil Moncada, Conference Center Coordinator

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENTS

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December

NO MEETINGS

January

	<u>February</u>	
Regular Board Meeting	January 25, 2024	3:00 PM
Board Executive/Finance Committee	January 11, 2024	12:00 PM

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	February 08, 2024	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	February 22, 2024	3:00 PM

March

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	March 14, 2024	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	March 28, 2024	3:00 PM

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING October 26, 2023 ~ 3:00 PM MEETING MINUTES

Subject	Regular Board Meeting	Date	October 26, 2023
Facilitator	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair	Meeting Time	3:00 PM
Location	1002 East Palm Ave.	Actual Meeting Time	3:00 PM - 3:46 PM
200001011	Tampa, FL 33605	Adjourned	3:46 PM
Board Member Attendance	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair Katherine Essrig, Vice-Chair -absent Beth Pasek, Secretary/Treasurer	Megan Proulx Dempsey-absent Gwen Myers Lynn Gray Sarah Naumowich	Van Ayres - absent Ed Narain Andy Mayts
Other Attendees	Rebecca Bacon, Executive Director David Adams, CBHC Board Attorney Kristina Austin, Recorder Paula Scott, CBHC Staff	Maria Negron, СВНС Staff Tonia Williams, СВНС Staff John Furr, СВНС Staff Jamie Robe, СВНС Staff	Genet Stewart, CBHC Staff Dexter Lewis, CBHC Staff Kalen Graham, CBHC Staff Kas Tape, CBHC Staff

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights	
I.	CALL TO ORDER	 R. DeLaVergne called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. R. DeLaVergne called for Board attendance verification. G. Myers led the Invocation. B. Pasek led the Pledge of Allegiance. 	
	PUBLIC COMMENT	R. DeLaVergne asked for Public Comment; there was none.	
II.	ACTION ITEMS		
	1. 9-28-2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes	R. DeLaVergne requested approval of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.	
	Motion (1)	Motion by Lynn Gray to approve the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; second by Andy Mayts; motion carried (7-0).	
	2. 9-15-23 Preliminary TRIM Hearing Meeting Minutes	R. DeLaVergne requested approval of the September 15, 2023 Preliminary TRIM Hearing Meeting Minutes.	
	Motion (2)	Motion by Beth Pasek to approve the September 15, 2023 Preliminary TRIM Hearing Meeting Minutes; second by Gwen Myers; motion carried (7-0).	
	3. 9-28-23 Final TRIM Hearing Meeting Minutes	R. DeLaVergne requested approval of the September 28, 2023 Final TRIM Hearing Meeting Minutes.	
	Motion (3)	Motion by Beth Pasek to approve the September 28, 2023 Final TRIM Hearing Meeting Minutes. second by Lynn Gray. motion carried (7-0).	

	SUMMARY CONT.				
No.	Topic	Highlights			
	4. Approval to Release 2025 Investment Grants	M. Negron requested approval to release funding for the 2025 Investment Grants.			
		 Investment Grants will meet (6) to (8) measurable outcomes annually; Total Allocation not to exceed \$32,500,000; Release would occur November 2023; Preliminary funding amount for re-release is \$20,432,495; 			
	Motion (4)	 Funding for FY 2024-2025 is contingent upon Board approval of Final TRIM Hearing. Motion by Andy Mayts to approve the release of funding for the 2025 Investment Grants; second by Gwen Myers. Motion carried (7-0). 			
III.	PROVIDER PRESENTATION				
	Florida Education Fund	G. Stewart introduced Lyra Logan, Executive Director, of the Florida Education Fund (FEF).			
		L. Logan shared the following information on the FEF CodeMasters Program funded by the Children's Board:			
		 The organization partnered with the Children's Board in 2022 through a partnership with ONEhillsborough for the CodeMasters Program; Program participants range in age from kindergarten to 5th grade; There are 8 locations in the 33603, 33610, and 33619 zip codes; Each location can accommodate 25 – 30 students; Children in the Hillsborough County Public Schools HOST Program, and the City of Tampa after school/ summer programs can attend the program; Program participants learn to develop computational thinking skills by teaching coding skills 			
IV.	REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS				
	1. Executive Director Report	R. Bacon reported attending (29) significant meetings between September 29, 2023–October 26, 2023. Highlights of the meeting period include the following: October 1, 2023 start date for Kalen Graham, the Community Alliance Coordinator formerly residing under Mary Lee's House; October 9, 2023 interview with WFLA regarding Safe Sleep; October 17, 2023 acceptance of a Proclamation from the City of Temple Terrace designating October as Safe Sleep Month; October 24, 2023 attendance at the first Children's Board sponsored Safe Sleep Roundtable; Interview with Tampa Bay Parenting magazine introducing R. Bacon to its readers; R. Bacon advised the Board of the Safe Sleep Roundtable's success in opening a dialogue with other Chief Executive Officers in the community. There are plans to hold a follow-up event in December to work on innovative ways to promote the Safe Sleep Initiative.			
	2. Programs Report	M. Negron provided an update on Programs related topics and reviewed the FY 2023 Summer Services and Summer Passports Reports with the Board.			

SUMMARY CONT.				
No.	Topic	Highlights		
	3. ASO Report	K. Hickman provided a comprehensive update of the ASO monthly report.		
	4. Human Resources Report	J. Furr introduced the Board to the following new employees: - Lorena Garrido, Program Manager.		
Gil Moncada was unable to attend the meeting and will be rescheduled to a f meeting.		Gil Moncada was unable to attend the meeting and will be rescheduled to a future meeting.		
	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM		
MOTIONS				
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READ AND APPROVED BY:	
ROBIN DELAVERGNE	
BOARD CHAIR	





Negotiate a Real Estate Contract - Brandon, FL

Initiator: Paula Scott, Director of Operations

Action: Approval to negotiate and enter into a Real Estate Contract to purchase 308 W. Robertson St., Brandon FL 33511.

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2023

Recommended Action

Approve Executive Director and Board Attorney to negotiate, and enter into a Real Estate contract to purchase the building located at 308 W. Robertson St., Brandon, FL 33511 for up to \$1,750,000, plus any additional due diligence and closing costs associated with the property purchase.

Background

During the Regular Board Meeting on August 24, 2023, the Board approved permission for the staff to explore potential purchase of a commercial property to serve as a future Family Resource Center in Brandon. The approval included engaging an architectural firm to provide an assessment of the feasibility and condition of the property, an initial build-out assessment, and property appraisals.

On November 2, 2023, the due diligence documents were provided to the Executive Board Committee during the Executive/Finance Board Committee Meeting.

The current asking price for the building located at 308 W. Robertson St., is \$1,750,000.

Next Steps

The final negotiated contract will be presented to the Board either during a Special Board Meeting or the January Regular Board Meeting to be ratified and approved.





Approval of PRO 2024-01 Leading Grants

Initiator: María Negrón, Director of Programs

Action: Approval of PRO 2024-01 Leading Grants

Date: Regular Board Meeting: November 16, 2023

Recommended Action

Recommend approval of funding with (4) Hillsborough County organizations from January 8, 2024 to September 30, 2024 for a total request up to \$338,208 to support Children are Healthy and Safe, Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed, and Family Support.

Background

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on August 28, 2023 with an allocation up to \$600,000.

A total of (7) proposals were received and (4) proceeded to the Community Review Team.

On October 25, 2023, Shabel Santiago facilitated the Community Review Team meeting. Community Review Team members included: Erika Key- United Way Suncoast, Carlita Miller-Director of Head Start, Parisa Khodadadi-CBFRC, and Dave Rogoff-Retired.

Summary of Leading Grants Reviewed

Proposer/Program Name	Score	FY 2024	FY 2025
		Request	Request
More Health Inc.			
Healthy and Safe Kids			
Provide health and safety education to children and parent/caregivers, through a "Week of Wellness" at 25 preschools to develop healthy lifestyle habits and reduce the risk of unintentional injuries for young children.	70.33%	\$98,983	\$133,322
Focus Area: Children are Health and Safe			
Location: Hillsborough County with preschool priority			
in 33605, 33610, and 33612.			





Approval of PRO 2024-01 Leading Grants

Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association THJCA's Garden and Art Wellness Program Serve kindergarten to fifth grade children to support their academic and self-esteem development and provide their parents/caregivers with community resources and practical applications. Focus Area: Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed, Family Support Location: Tampa Heights and Highland Pines Neighborhoods Just Initiative The Zone Provide in depth holistic support in the areas of academics, social/emotional competence, health/safety knowledge, socialization, connection to basic needs and enriching resources for children experiencing homelessness or poverty. This happens through group activities, one on one, individual education advocacy, and guiding parents to resources. Focus Area: Children are Healthy and Safe, Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed, Family Support Location: 7-mile radius around Just office Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. Family Housing Stability Provide wrap around social services to establish sustainable housing stability through holistic assistance to stabilize children's homes, contributing to their healthy development. Focus Area: Family Support Location: Countywide Total: \$338,208 \$458,201				
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		Total:	\$338,208	\$458,201





Approval of PRO 2024-02 Uniting Grants

Initiator: María Negrón, Director of Programs

Action: Approval of PRO 2024-02 Uniting Grants

Date: Regular Board Meeting: November 16, 2023

Recommended Action

Recommend approval of funding with (4) Hillsborough County organizations from January 8, 2024 to September 30, 2024 for a total request up to \$941,742 to support Children are Healthy and Safe, Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed, and Family Support.

Background

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on August 28, 2023 with an allocation up to \$3,000,000. A total of (7) proposals were received and (6) proceeded to the Community Review Team.

On November 9, 2023, Shabel Santiago facilitated the Community Review Team meeting. Members included: Ryan Lewandowski - United Way Suncoast, Dr. Felita Lewis, Hillsborough County Public Schools and Judith Lombana, Hillsborough Grants Collaborative.

Summary of Uniting Grants Reviewed

Proposer/Program Name	Score	FY 2024	FY 2025
		Request	Request
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Inc.	79.33 %	\$278,650	\$285,090
Healthy, Safe, and Sound Initiative			
The purpose of the Healthy, Safe, and Sound Elementary Initiative is to 1) provide necessary afterschool and summer academic and enrichment support for elementary school students to develop nurturing and healthy habits and 2) provide parents/guardians with resources and support to strengthen stability and overall wellness by hosting and/or facilitating parent events and/or workshops.			
Location: Morgan Woods and Mort Elementary (Requires school district approval)			



ACTION ITEM NO. 4

Approval of PRO 2024-02 Uniting Grants

Housing Authority of the City of Tampa	90.67 %	\$238,330	\$337,734
Youth Success			
Youth Success will serve 100 elementary school children from low to moderate income families living on or near the THA properties with year-round afterschool and summer programming. Locations: Arbors at Padgett Estates, Seminole Apartments, Moses White Estates, C. Blythe Andrews, and Oaks at Riverview.			
Florida Education Fund Inc.	86.00 %	\$216,657	\$281,373
FEF CodeMasters			
FEF CodeMasters provides HOST and Tampa Parks after school and summer children hands-on opportunities to learn to code and create with technology, to develop skills need to pursue and succeed in the jobs of the future, and to explore exciting science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) careers. Locations: Bing, BT Washington, Cleveland, Forest Hills, Graham, James, Kenly, Kimbell, Lamb, Lewis, Lockhart, Lomax, Miles, Oak Grove, Oak Park, Potter, Seminole, Shaw, Sheehy, Shore, Tampa Heights, Temple Terrace, Witter and Woodson K-8. (Requires school district approval)			
Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay Inc	89.67 %	\$208,105	\$264,219
Readers in Motion 2			
Readers in Motion improves literacy, resiliency, character and life skills, and parent/caregiver involvement for economically disadvantaged, minority children ages 5-8 in kindergarten through 3 rd grade by providing intensive tutoring from trained, culturally relevant, aged 55+ volunteers and family engagement activities so they can succeed in school and in life. Locations: Mendenhall and Lockhart (Requires school district approval)			
	Total:	\$941,742	\$1,168,416

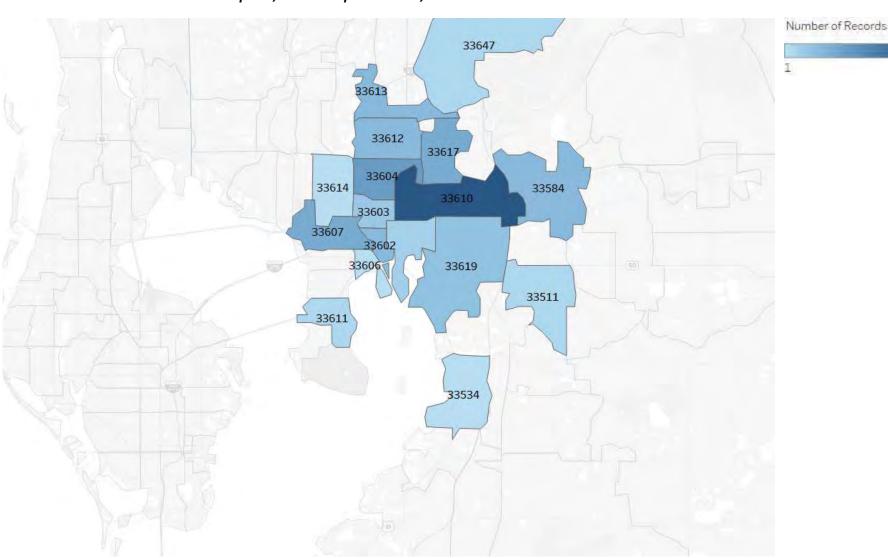
Children's Board of Hillsborough County

Agency: Joshua Way of Hope, Inc.

Program: Life Skills 360 Training Institute



Number of Participants Served by Zip Code in FY2023 April 3, 2023 – September 30, 2023



Map prepared by Children's Board of Hillsborough County. The map color shows the number of participants served by zip code. Map based on 93 participants served in 18 zip codes in Hillsborough County during FY2023.

Data Source: Children's Board Analytical Tracking System (CATS)

Data Extract Date: 11/02/2023

Life Skills 360 Training Institute

Funding for Services Generously by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County Pro-2023-02 Small Nonprofit Grant Since April 2023





"Providing Inspiration and Hope for the Future"

www.JoshuaWayofHope.org



CBHC Funds JWOH to...



Children and Youth 3rd through 8th Grade



JWOH and
Community
Partner Sites In
Tampa and Plant
City



Training on Self Esteem, Social Behaviors and Life Skills



What is Life Skills 360 Training?





JWOH STORE













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FY 2023 MATRIX OUTCOMES

JOSHUA WAY OF HOPE LIFE SKILLS 360 TRAINING INSTITUTE

	OUTCOME BENCHMARK	% # OUTCOME MET	OUTCOME LEVEL	PARTICIPANT SERVICE LEVEL MET VIA CATS
Improved Self- Esteem	75 %		95 %	93
Improved Positive Social Behavior	75 %		100 %	92
Improved Skills	85 %		100 %	92

We Improve Social Behavior Joshu Way of Hope

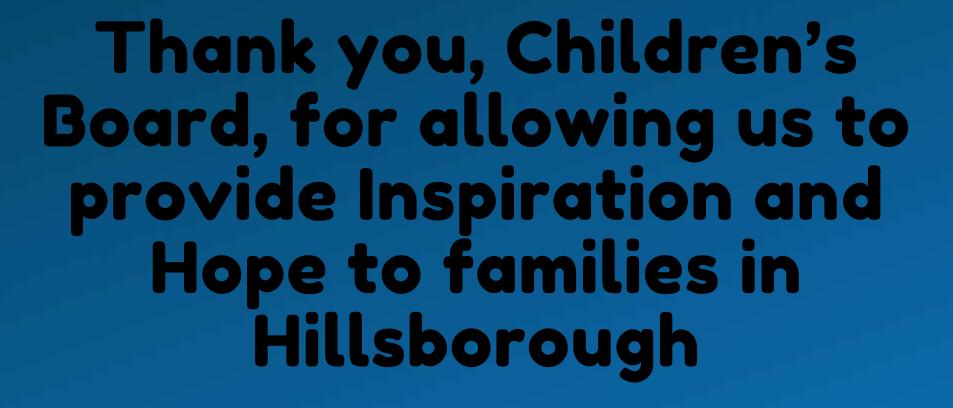












If someone you know could benefit from our Life Skills Program, please visit

https://www.JoshuaWayofHope.org





OUR MISSION

Joshua Way of Hope, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit agency that provide educational support, life skills training, scholarships to graduating high school seniors and scholarships to single parents aspiring to go back to school to obtain a trade or college degree. Our mission is to provide programs, counseling and training that are aimed at reducing generational recidivism in economic poverty, health disparities, and involvement with the criminal justice and child welfare systems. Our goal is to minimize the effects of social issues and barriers that affect our youth's ability to become healthy emotionally, educationally, physically, and financially to emerge as self-sufficient adults. Our hope is to provide youth with the knowledge, motivation, guidance, self-esteem and drive necessary to seize life's opportunities and achieve economic independence.

OUR PROGRAMS- All our programs focus on prevention aiming to minimize the probability of teen pregnancy, high school dropout, juvenile delinquency and substance abuse while increasing the student's social emotional IQ. We utilize an evidence-based prevention curriculum.

- Little Achiever (3-5 grade) & Achievers (6-12 grade)- This program works with students from underserved communities or at-risk households by offering educational support, counseling, case management, mentorships, goal setting, scholarship, and training in the areas of education, health, financial, life skills and social- emotional learning to help develop a well-rounded student giving them a strong foundation for educational success.
- Life Skills 360 Training See Attached Sheet
- "Building A Stronger Me" Character Development- This program provides training and activities focusing on character development aiming to prevent juvenile delinquency, substance abuse and to improve educational outcomes. With the help of this program, students are taught how to develop positive character traits and acquire valuable life skills that reduce their negative involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Employability Skills/Self-Sufficiency This program works with youth (ages 13-23) to help prepare them for the workforce. The major focus is on the mental, emotional, social, cultural and attitude preparation needed to be successful in the workplace. We assist youth to identify career fields based on their personality and interest. The youth will develop a career plan and work with a case manager to accomplish each step of their plan. We also provide training, internships, and scholarships. The goal is for participants to be fully self-sufficient and establish economic independence by age 23 or sooner.
- For More information scan the QR code to visit our website



Joshua Way of Hope's Life Skills 360 Training Program

This is a robust training program that teaches students an array of skills, techniques, and tools to utilize in their journey of life. Our training classes and activities are designed to focus on addressing their educational, financial, physical, emotional, and psychological functioning, while also fostering their character development and social-emotional learning abilities. The foundation of our Life Skills program is built upon a highly regarded evidence-based prevention curriculum. Alongside this, we incorporate interactive exercises and group discussions to ensure an engaging learning experience. Our training covers a diverse range of topics, such as Managing Anger, Social Skills, Self-Esteem, Decision Making, Dealing with Stress, Effective Communication, Assertiveness, and much more!

Program Highlights

- Enroll students ranging from 3rd grade through 8th grade.
- Students have the opportunity to earn mock JWOH money through active participation in class, which they can then use to "purchase" items as a reward from JWOH. Also, at the conclusion of each training session (consisting of 10 classes), we arrange a JWOH store featuring essential and desirable items for students. This assortment includes necessities like deodorant and other personal hygiene products, haircare items, footwear, clothing, school supplies, tablets, board games, jewelry, gift cards, and other contributions provided by volunteers and businesses.
- Students can participate in our Life Skills Program at no cost. Funding for services generously provided by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.
 Childrensboard.org
- We can come to your school, community center, church, or program to offer the program.
- Contact Kayetrenia Nichols, Program Manager at 813-361-4935 or email <u>Kayetrenia.Nichols@JoshuaWayofHope.org</u>
- If interested, sign your student up today on our website. <u>www.JoshuaWayofHope.org</u> or scan QR Code.

Children's Board of Hillsborough County Executive Director Report October 27, 2023 – November 16, 2023

26 Meetings

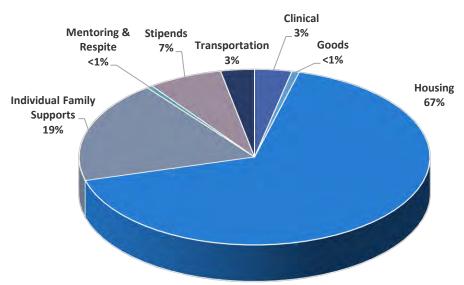
Hillsborough County Anti-Racism Workgroup
Michelle Prior
Marni Fuente
Liz Kennedy
Naya Young, Fatima Elkott, Lena Young
Gene Earley
Community Alliance Workshop
Cindy Stuart
Webinar: Built to Thrive
Elizabeth Tanner
FACCT
UACDC Silver Jubilee Gala
Stanley Gray
Sheff Crowder
Safe and Sound Leadership Council
Dr. Fred Hicks
Candace Culver
Behavioral Health Task Force
Bonnie Wise, Tom Fessler, Carl Harness
Beth Houghton
Stakeholders meeting
Molly Walker
Community Alliance
Community Alliance Statutory members
Vistra Meeting
David & Julie Cole, Michelle Tannert

Children's Board ASO - Fiscal Year 2024 Update as of 11-9-2023

			Allocated to		Program	Expenses	Percent
	Funds Available	Funding Reserves	Programs	Budgeted	Reserves	Paid	Budgeted
Children's Board	\$3,600,000	\$1,295,500	\$2,304,500	\$468,694	\$1,835,806	\$294,816	13%
BOCC DV	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$14,422	\$85,578	\$8,667	14%
BOCC Social Services	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$70,960	\$129,040	\$61,943	14%
	\$4,200,000	\$1,595,500	\$2,604,500	\$554,075	\$2,050,425	\$365,426	13%

Top Ten Services - All Funding Sources				
Service	# of Budgets	Funds Budgeted		
Tutor	231	\$89,350		
Electric	128	\$68,116		
Rental Assistance	107	\$156,427		
Baby Items	92	\$18,140		
Emergency Shelter	46	\$29,513		
Public Transportation	43	\$2,795		
Security Deposit	34	\$65,939		
Individual Therapy	33	\$15,695		
Food Stipend	27	\$7,047		
Rental Assistance - First Month	25	\$25,258		

Top Ten Services - Children's Board Funds Only				
Service	# of Budgets	Funds Budgeted		
Tutor	231	\$89,350		
Electric	125	\$66,718		
Baby Items	91	\$18,080		
Rental Assistance	78	\$108,290		
Emergency Shelter	46	\$29,513		
Individual Therapy	32	\$15,095		
Public Transportation	32	\$2,080		
Food Stipend	27	\$7,047		
Security Deposit	22	\$40,790		
Rental Assistance - First Month	19	\$19,882		



Funds Budgeted by Category - All Funds

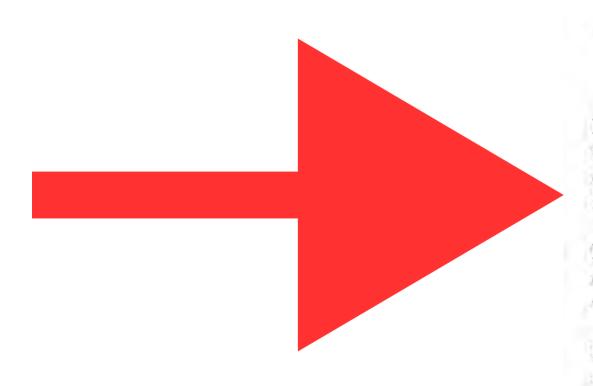
Programs	52
Case Managers	300
Providers Utilized	209
Providers Added	39
Families	720
Budgets	952
Payments	590

Public Relations Update

Children's Board of Hillsborough County Sharing results of the 2023 Town Hall Report



Press release went out about the Town Hall report being published!





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE November 11, 2023

Contact: Dexter Lewis, Director of Public Relations

Office (813) 204-1772

Lewis BD (Mchildrensboard, org

The Children's Board of Hillsborough County released the 2023 Town Hall report.

There are several needs that rise to the top of the list they include: children and caregiver's mental health, the shortage of quality early learning options for parents/caregivers, affordable housing, and parent support systems.

In anticipation of major funding releases in the years 2024 and 2025, the Children's Board initiated a series of town hall meetings, inviting community members, parents, caregivers, business leaders, and stakeholders to contribute their insights and perspectives. The goal was to gather valuable input that would inform the Board's investment decisions, ensuring that children are healthy, safe, developmentally on track, and ready to learn.

DATELINE -This report, compiled through extensive community engagement and input, highlights key areas of concern that require attention and investment to ensure the wellbeing and development of our most precious resource - our children.

Rebecca Bacon Executive Director of the Children's Board says, "While some of these critical issues may fall outside the direct mission of the Children's Board, the report underscores the importance of collaboration and collective action to address the multifaceted needs of children and families. By sharing this report with the community, the Children's Board aims to spark dialogue, inspire partnerships, and encourage organizations and individuals to join forces in creating a nurturing environment where all children can thrive."

On the Children's Board website- Top 5 Landing Pages on the website





Tampa Bay Parenting Magazine Rebecca Bacon featured in November Issue

Meet Rebecca Bacon, the new Executive Director of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County

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On Oct. 1, Bacon stepped into a new role after the Governing Board of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County named her the new executive director. Bacon replaces Kelley Parris, who served in the role for 10 years.

We recently caught up with Bacon to learn about the future of the Children's Board under her leadership.



TBPM: For those who are new to our area and may not be familiar with the Children's Board, tell us about its role in our community.

RB: The Children's Board was established in 1989 as a special taxing district dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in Hillsborough County. The Children's Board funds quality programs and services to ensure that children are healthy and safe, developmentally on track, ready to learn and succeed early in school, and have family support.

In 2022, the Children's Board funded over 100 programs and served more than 178,000 residents. For more information, please visit www.childrensboard.org and review our Family Guide.

TBPM: Tell us about yourself.

RB: I have dedicated my career to serving children and families and worked in many areas over the last 30 years. Early on, I worked in children's mental health, the child welfare system and as a social services counselor at a local elementary school. I also coordinated respite programs and worked with teens in the foster care system. Twenty years ago, I was hired by a national firm to work on the implementation of an innovative funding model known as the Children's Board Administrative Services Organization (ASO). The ASO was brought in-house by the Children's Board in 2007, and I have been with the agency since then.

I am a long-time resident of Hillsborough County, where I live with my husband and children. I have dedicated my personal life to raising boys and have a 29-year-old son and 11-year-old twins.

TBPM: Prior to being appointed executive director with the Children's Board, tell us about what you did as Director of ASO with the Children's Board.

RB: The ASO is a special program operated by the Children's Board to manage flexible funds. The ASO supports a wraparound approach in

which case managers work with families to identify their strengths, needs and goals and establish an individual family support plan. As a last resort of payment, ASO funds can be accessed by case managers and used to pay for a wide variety of services for families.

As ASO Director, I managed multiple funding sources and trained case management programs to access flexible funds. I was responsible for directing a variety of functions including contracting and payments, financial reporting, provider credentialing and network management and quality assurance.

TBPM: What is your vision for the agency?

RB: The Children's Board has strategically invested funds in early intervention and prevention services to support families and prevent the need for more costly interventions. As our county experiences unprecedented growth, it is critical to retain our focus while ensuring funding is directed to underserved areas to meet the greatest needs. We will pay attention to emerging issues and work collaboratively with our partners to address them. It is also imperative that we maintain accountability to the taxpayers and protect this precious resource.

TBPM: Tell us about the 2023 Town Hall Report.

RB: Every three years, the Children's Board goes through an in-depth process to engage families and community stakeholders to gather information that will inform the release of future funding. This process was recently completed, with a summary report available on our website.

There are several concerns that rise to the top of the list, including children and caregiver's mental health, services for children with exceptional needs, the shortage of quality early learning options and affordable housing. Although not all the critical issues identified in the report fall within our mission, it is an excellent document for the county, city, the faith community, business and other organizations to see where they can plug in to meet the needs of children and families.



WFLA News Channel 8 - Rebecca Bacon Interview



Bacon said her team has been involved in participating in town halls and has released its 2023 final report. She said the findings of some of the critical needs in our community include: the housing crisis, childcare and mental health.

We also sat down and asked her about the county's child welfare system.

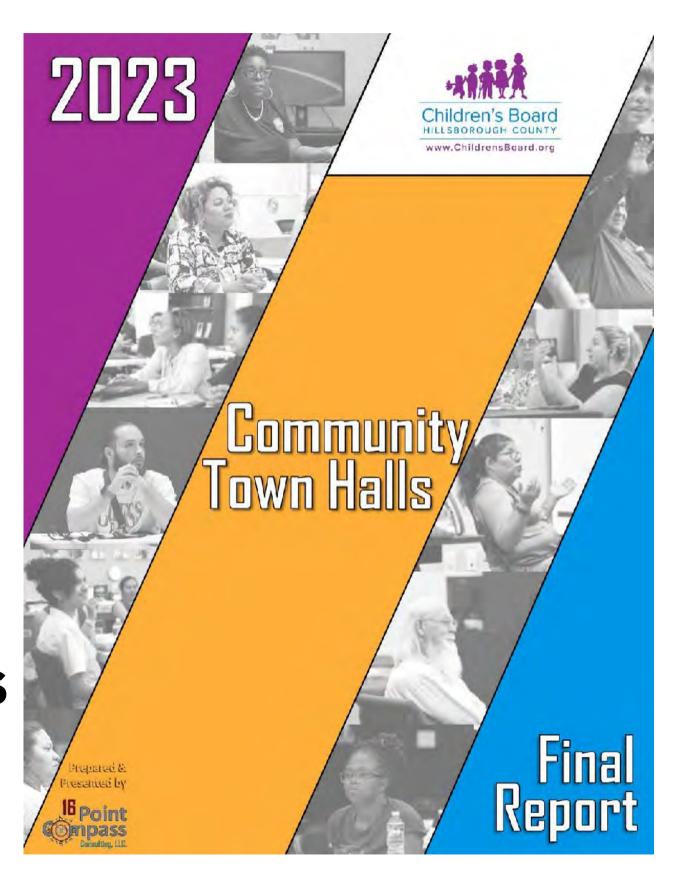
"When I first came to Tampa, I was a child abuse investigator, which was a really difficult job," Bacon said.

She said the system has become more complex and challenging as our county grows.

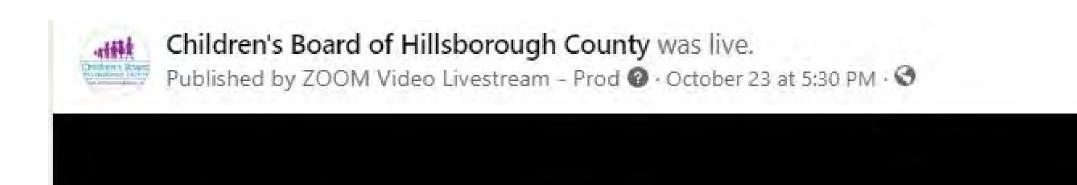
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City of Temple Terrace Council Members



Town Hall Facebook Live event Nestor shared highlights from the presentation





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November 16 - Great American Teach-In



October 12 - Timucua Soaring Eagle Award Breakfast

More Information



Children's Board 2023 Town Hall Report

The Children's Board Town Hall Report is an excellent document for the county, city, the faith community, businesses, and other organizations to see where they can plug-in to meet the needs of children and families. There are several concerns that rise to the top of the list: children and caregiver's mental health, services for children with exceptional needs, the shortage of quality early learning options for parents/caregivers and affordable housing. Link to Town Hall Report:

https://www.childrensboard.org/2023community-town-hall-report/



The Town Hall Report has been sent to the following Chambers of Commerce:

Greater Riverview Chamber Latin Chamber Uptown Chamber Ybor City Chamber South Tampa Chamber West Tampa Chamber **Plant City Chamber** SouthShore Chamber



Featuring María Negrón, Director of Program, CBHC Tyheshia Scott, Director of the CBFRCs.

Children's Board of Hillsborough County report shines light on community needs











The Children's Board of Hillsborough County's Family Resource Centers are a community resource to address the critical needs children and families face.





Hotel Haya is a stunning group destination, whether you're here for an event at the hotel or to take in all that Ybor City has to offer.

The top three critical needs of parents and children in Hillsborough County are mental health





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Children's Board Has New Executive Director

Posted on 23 October 2023.

REBECCA BACON ... Executive Director, Children's Board Of Hillsborough County The Children's Board of Hillsborough County of County voted Rebecca Bacon as the new Executive Director, effective October 1, 2023. Mrs.

Bacon replaces Kelley Parris, who served as Executive Director for ten years. Mrs. Bacon has more than Tuesday thirty years of experience in children's services with...

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Rebecca as new
Executive Director and
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Report



TAMPA BAY BUSINESS JOURNAL

Philanthropy & Nonprofits

Hillsborough Children's Board hires new director





The organization distributes millions in grants to nonprofits across the county — 65 nonprofits were listed as beneficiaries in fiscal 2023 across about 100 programs.

RICHARD T. NOWITZ

Thank you!



Contract Signature Log Programs ONLY FY 2024

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Florida State University	Investment	Successful Start	10/1/23 - 9/30/24	\$982,176	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	10/19/2023
Children's Home Network	Uniting	Kinship Hillsborough	10/1/23 - 9/30/24	\$560,000	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	10/24/2023
Joshua Way of Hope	Leading	Life Skills 360 Training Institute	10/1/23 - 9/30/23	\$144,912	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	10/24/2023
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.	Uniting	Teen Parent Engagement Program	10/1/23 - 9/30/24	\$229,490	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	10/30/2023
Early Learning Coalition of	Investment	School Readiness Funding	10/1/23 - 6/30/24	\$775,770	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	11/1/2023
Hillsborough County, Inc. Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay, Inc.	Uniting	Safe & Healthy Homes for Families with Children	10/1/23 - 9/30/24	\$340,000	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	11/2/2023
Parents and Children Advance Together (PCAT) Literacy Ministries, Inc.	Leading	Sulphur Springs Literacy Initiative	10/1/23 - 9/30/24	\$147,301	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	11/2/2023
Parents and Children Advance Together (PCAT) Literacy Ministries, Inc.	Uniting	South County Literacy Initiative	10/1/23 - 9/30/23	\$473,756	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	11/2/2023
Instruments 4 Life Inc.	Leading	Music Outreach	10/1/23-9/30/24	\$97,199	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	11/6/2023
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.	Uniting	Padres de Crianza	10/1/23 - 9/30/24	\$343,530	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	11/7/2023
Joshua Way of Hope Inc.	Leading	Building a Stronger Me	10/1/23-9/30/24	\$104,421	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	11/7/2023

Contract Signature Log Vendors ONLY FY 2024

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC	Vendor	FY 2023 Audit	10/1/22 - 9/30/23	\$30,575.00	NO	Rebecca Bacon	10/19/2023
Vistra	Vendor	ONEHillsborough Workshop	10/1/23 - 12/31/23	\$18,871.00	NO	Rebecca Bacon	10/26/2023
Net@work	Vendor	FRS Report	11/1/2023	\$518.00	NO	Rebecca Bacon	11/1/2023

Good News

from our funded partners

Regular Board Meeting
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Family Healthcare Foundation

Connecting Kids to Care

Testimonial

A family that had recently immigrated to the United States found themselves in need of assistance in navigating the healthcare system. The mother had initially completed an application for benefits but encountered difficulties in understanding the letters she received after her initial application. Consequently, she was unable to follow up on the status of her application. In her quest for help, she sought support at one of the Family Resource Center locations near her.

A compassionate and knowledgeable case worker at the center recognized that the Connecting Kids Care Navigator at that specific location could converse with the consumer in her native language. As a result, the case worker referred her to the Navigator, ensuring that she would receive assistance in her native tongue. The Navigator thoroughly reviewed the letter with the mother and patiently explained that additional documents were required to process her application. Subsequently, the Navigator assisted her in uploading the requested documents. Within a few days of submitting the necessary documentation, the entire family received approval for benefits. This enabled them to enroll in health insurance, and they are currently in the process of being connected to a Primary Care Provider.

The mother expressed profound gratitude and appreciation for finding a Navigator with whom she could communicate effortlessly, without encountering any limitations or barriers.



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Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support (PWPBS)



In August and September, PWPBS (Positive Behavior Support for Families) orchestrated a train-the-facilitator program for Positive Solutions for Families. This event attracted early childhood professionals from our community who were enthusiastic about taking on the role of facilitators and delivering these workshops to the families they serve.

Positive Solutions for Families is a highly respected and evidence-based workshop series

consisting of seven sessions. Its primary objective is to empower professionals working with parents and family caregivers, particularly for children between the ages of two to five years. The series equips them with the knowledge and tools to promote positive and effective parenting behaviors.

Participants in the train-the-facilitator series were provided with a comprehensive set of materials, including a Family Handbook, Family Materials, Facilitator's Guide, and Presentation Materials. The training itself comprised of two informative sessions. These sessions covered a wide range of topics, offering an overview of the workshop materials, a detailed review of session content and activities, and invaluable facilitation tips and strategies for running a successful family group series.

Throughout the course of these two training sessions, participants actively engaged in practicing activities from the sessions, participating in discussions focused on supporting families in adopting positive parenting practices, and building connections with one another to plan and launch the Positive Solutions for Families workshop series. The success of these sessions was evident, with an impressive turnout of over 40 attendees in both sessions. The feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive, and they eagerly shared their thoughts on evaluations. Some of the comments included:

"The parent resources make strategies workable and much more easily implemented."
"This is fantastic! Can't wait to share with families."

"I love that the strategies I have taught can be shared easily with families."

This enthusiastic response reaffirms the value and impact of programs like Positive Solutions for Families in our community, ensuring that positive and effective parenting practices are accessible to all.

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

Girl Scout Troop Program

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida's Community Troops, serving students from kindergarten through fifth grade and funded by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a series of engaging activities that delved into the diverse and vibrant cultures of Hispanic and Latin communities. For this program, we utilized Girl Scouts' curated curriculum from our National Program Portfolio, which can be found here: Link to Girl Scouts' Hispanic Heritage Program.

The program kicked off with an exploration of the life and art of Frida Kahlo, an introduction to various Latin countries, and a culinary journey through Latin cuisine. The girls had the unique opportunity to unleash their creativity by coloring one of Frida Kahlo's iconic paintings, all while being serenaded by the rhythmic melodies of Salsa music. They also tapped into their artistic talents by crafting maracas, either by decorating paper bags or using eggs, which they filled with rice to create captivating musical instruments. As the program reached its conclusion, the girls embraced the vibrant beats of Latin music, dancing to the rhythm as they enthusiastically shook their maracas. The program also featured some troops participating in an authentic Hispanic folk dance from Mexico, offering deeper insights into the significance of music in Hispanic culture, as well as a closer look at various culturally relevant instruments beyond maracas.

This month's program is a pivotal reflection of Girl Scouts' core values. Inclusiveness has been at the heart of Girl Scouts since its inception in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low. This value forms the bedrock of the Girl Scout mission, promise, and law. Our unwavering commitment to expanding and redefining how we serve girls, while remaining true to the vision of our founder, is what keeps us relevant and capable of making the world a better place. With over a century of experience as change-makers, Girl Scouts recognizes the ongoing nature of this work, as we adapt at the pace of our girls. We celebrate our past achievements while also acknowledging and learning from our challenges. We remain steadfast in our belief that Girl Scouts can be a catalyst for change, championing equitable outcomes for all. You can learn more about our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and racial justice here: Girl Scouts Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Justice.

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay

Readers in Motion



In October, we experienced a series of exciting moments, thanks to our backpack deliveries and Family Engagement Events at Oak Grove Elementary. Readers in Motion, our dedicated program, has successfully distributed 123 backpacks to kindergarten through second grade students who are enrolled in the program. These backpacks are thoughtfully loaded with essential learning materials, which can be utilized either in the classroom or at home. The items included are a comprehensive pencil box, pencils, colored pencils, markers, erasers, composition notebooks, whiteboards with dry-erase markers and erasers,

pocket folders, grade-level books, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, headphones, and sight word flash cards.

Our Education Advocate volunteers have played a vital role in assisting students and families in registering for Readers in Motion. They diligently send registration forms home with students through their take-home folders, often accompanied by personalized notes and reminders. Our staff is profoundly appreciative of the time and dedication that Education Advocate volunteers invest to ensure that all students register and receive the valuable tutoring, mentoring, materials, and reading support offered by Readers in Motion.

This fall, Readers in Motion also hosted our annual Family Engagement Events in collaboration with Bricks 4 Kidz. Over 50 kindergarten to second grade students, along with their siblings, parents, and extended families, attended these events. The families had a fantastic time building characters and fun mosaics with LEGOS. Bricks 4 Kidz provides interactive STEM activities that cater to people of all ages. These activities are thoughtfully designed to enhance self-confidence, creativity, motor skills, and cooperative play. The mosaics featured characters and figures that the students recognized, adding an extra layer of engagement. Students took immense pride in their accomplishments, with their parents guiding them through the creative process.

One of the most heartwarming aspects was witnessing adults reconnect with their inner child while building their own mosaics and assisting their children. It was a rewarding and memorable moment for everyone involved. Education Advocate volunteers and our dedicated staff were on hand to help families register for Readers in Motion if needed, with the bonus of taking home their fully stocked backpacks on the very same day. Additionally, each student received a book of their choice and a small take-home prize for participating, ensuring that no one left empty-handed.

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay

Readers in Motion

As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement for the start of the school year and the promise of more thrilling activities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Children's Board of Hillsborough County for their generous and unwavering support, which has made all these endeavors possible.



Preserve Vision Florida

Children's Vision Health and Safety Services



Preserve Vision Florida (PVF) recently made a visit to Care-A-Lot family childcare home in Tampa. This is a small and nurturing school, where the director takes care of each child as if they were her own. She fully comprehends the significance of offering free vision screenings to families, a service made possible through the generous funding provided to PVF by CBHC.

Even at this tender age, prioritizing vision care and early issue identification is crucial in fostering early learning and reading skills. With the director's support and encouragement, nearly the entire school eagerly participated in the vision screenings.

In addition to the vision screening, the children were also educated about eye health and safety precautions. As a token of appreciation for their participation, each child received a bag filled with special eye-related treats to take home and share with their families. These treats included an "I Was Screened" sticker, kid-sized sunglasses, and a coloring book with crayons featuring images that reinforced what they had learned about their vision.

If you are aware of a school or program that could benefit from the valuable services provided by Preserve Vision Florida, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 813-874-2020. We are committed to promoting eye health and ensuring that children have access to vital vision resources.

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Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support (PWPBS)



The fall season provides an excellent opportunity to collaborate with families through back-to-school and family engagement events. In September, several early childhood programs, in conjunction with their Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support (PWPBS) coaches, organized thoughtful, fun, and creative activities to engage families. PWPBS is enthusiastic about partnering with these programs, which prioritize their work on connecting with children, families, and the community.

Children's Nest Temple Terrace is a shining example of a program that wholeheartedly embraces families, aiming to create strong bonds between families, the program, and the broader community. Their family event featured delicious food and enjoyable games for families to relish together. Moreover, they facilitated connections between families and community resources by setting up provider booths, enabling families to explore local agencies and support systems, including resources from PWPBS. To ensure ongoing family engagement, Children's Nest Temple Terrace regularly hosts "make and take" events, where families learn more about the social and emotional skills and support provided by PWPBS. In a recent event centered on the power of routines, families crafted first/then activity boards to use at home with their children.

In a continued commitment to family engagement, Suncoast Academy also hosted their PWPBS Family Roll Out in September. This event served as an introduction for families to the partnership between PWPBS and Suncoast Academy, emphasizing their dedication to supporting the social and emotional development of the children in their program. Families actively participated in a series of activities aligned with the program's expectations: Be Safe, Be Healthy, Be a Team Player, and Be Respectful. Children and families engaged in feelings check-ins, fed El Sapo (the frog) items that he could eat, crafted listening ears,

made friendship bracelets, navigated an obstacle course using their "walking feet," and left with their very own magnet as a reminder of these expectations.

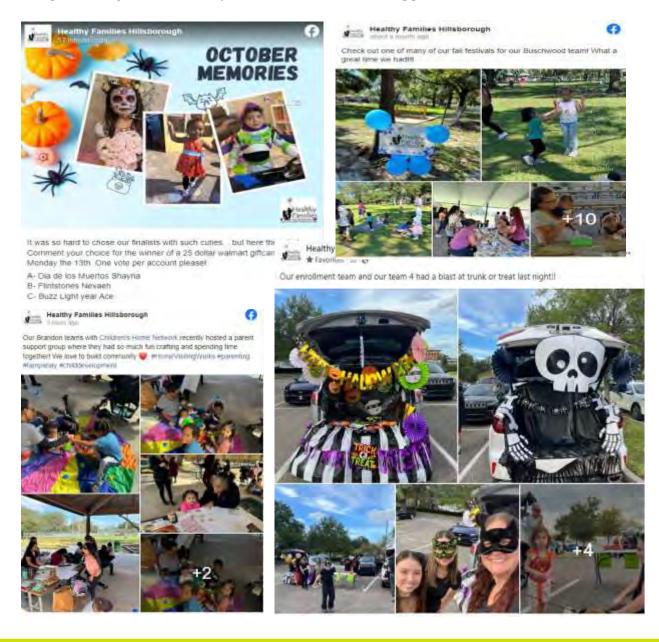
Congratulations to Suncoast Academy for organizing this outstanding event that promotes family involvement and fosters positive social and emotional development.



Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County

Healthy Families Hillsborough

Healthy Families Hillsborough (HFH), an initiative of the Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, has been actively engaged in a series of family-centered activities this fall. HFH organized two Fall Festivals, hosted a Halloween costume contest, and took part in the Trunk or Treat event at Mary Lee's House. We also celebrated graduations, both for the families we serve and our dedicated staff. Our team remains committed to celebrating and promoting self-sufficiency within the families we support.





Outreach Calendar of Events

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

November

11.17.23 From Surviving to Thriving

Children's Board of Hillsborough County 1002 East Palm Avenue, Tampa 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

11.18.23 **Injury Prevention Fair - Tampa General Hospital**

ZooTampa at Lowry Park 1101 West Sligh Avenue, Tampa 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

December

12.02.23 Children's Board Free Family Day

Tampa Museum of Arts 120 West Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa 11:00 am-4:00 pm

12.05.23 Children's Board Free Tuesday

Glazer Children's Museum 110 West Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa 10:00 am-5:00 pm