

# CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### APRIL 25, 2024 ~ 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

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 to address 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.

R. DeLaVergne

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCLOSURE

R. Bacon

### ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval:** March 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. **Approval:** Release for Exhibit Space at Plant City Family Resource Center

R. DeLaVergne  
S. Santiago

### PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

Metropolitan Ministries/ Pathway to Hope

G. Brown  
D. Smith

### REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Executive Director Reports
  - A. Activities – March 28, 2024 – April 25, 2024
2. ASO Report
3. Public Relations Report
4. Finance Report
5. Human Resources Report
  - DeCarlo McKenzie, Fiscal Analyst

R. Bacon  
  
K. Hickman  
D. Lewis  
T. Williams  
J. Furr

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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## ADJOURNMENT

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Contract Signature Logs (ASO, Programs, Vendors)
2. March 2024 Financial Statement
3. Good News!
4. Outreach Calendar

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	May 06, 2024	1:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	May 23, 2024	3:00 PM

### June

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	June 13, 2024	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	June 27, 2024	3:00 PM

### August

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	August 22, 2024	2:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	August 22, 2024	3:00 PM

# CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

## BOARD MEETING

### March 28, 2024 ~ 3:00 PM

### MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>March 28, 2024</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair	<b>Meeting Time</b>	3:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	1002 East Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33605	<b>Actual Meeting Time</b>	3:02 PM – 3:37 PM
		<b>Adjourned</b>	3:37 PM
<b>Board Member Attendance</b>	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair Katherine Essrig, Vice-Chair Beth Pasek, Secretary/Treasurer	Megan Proulx Dempsey Gwen Myers Lynn Gray Sarah Naumowich – arrived after Action Item 1	Van Ayres Ed Narain Andy Mayts
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Rebecca Bacon, Executive Director David Adams, CBHC Board Attorney Kristina Austin, Recorder Kelly Hickman, CBHC Staff	Paula Scott, CBHC Staff Maria Negron, CBHC Staff Tonia Williams, CBHC Staff John Furr, CBHC Staff	Jamie Robe, CBHC Staff Genet Stewart, CBHC Staff Dexter Lewis, CBHC Staff

### SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
I.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	R. DeLaVergne called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R. DeLaVergne called for Board attendance verification.</li> <li>L. Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.</li> <li>A. Mayts led the Invocation.</li> </ul>
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	R. DeLaVergne asked for Public Comment; there was one speaker.  Robin Ingles, Chief Executive Officer, Seniors in Service (SIS) provided an update on her meetings with staff regarding volunteer stipends and mileage.
II.	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
	<b>1. 2-23-2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes</b>  <b>Motion (1)</b>	R. DeLaVergne requested approval of the February 23, 2024 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes.  <i>Motion by Beth Pasek to approve the February 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; motion carried (9-0).</i>
	<b>2. Acceptance of FY 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements</b>  <b>Motion (2)</b>	R. DeLaVergne requested acceptance on behalf of the Board Executive/Finance Committee of the FY 2022-FY2023 Audited Financial Statements.  John J. Brielmaier, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, provided a presentation reviewing the following highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Statement Overview;</li> <li>Audit Results;</li> <li>Those Charged with Governance Communication</li> </ul> <i>Motion by Gwen Myers to accept the FY 2022-2023 audited financial statements; second by Ed Narain. Motion carried (10-0).</i>





## SUMMARY

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<b>III.</b>	<b>PROVIDER PRESENTATION CONT.</b>	<p>The reported outcomes for the Successful Families Program are listed below with the service goal/ outcome benchmark incorporated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased Social Supports = 215/ 85%</li> <li>Increased Concrete Supports = 73/85%;</li> <li>Reduced Parental Stress = 100/70%;</li> <li>Increased Parenting Skills = 100/80%;</li> <li>Increased Mental Well-Being = 110/80%.</li> </ul>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS</b>	
	<b>1. Executive Director Report</b>	<p>R. Bacon reported attending (39) significant meetings between February 22, 2024–March 28, 2024.</p> <p>Meetings included both funded providers and non-profits in the community.</p> <p>Highlights for the referenced time-period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed on the Brandon property;</li> <li>Meetings have occurred with some CBHC funded agencies;</li> <li>A goal has been set to meet with more funded agencies in the next 6 months;</li> <li>Represented CBHC in the Strawberry festival parade;</li> <li>Represented CBHC at a Junior League sponsored Health Fair.</li> </ul> <p>R. Bacon provided a brief update on the 2024 Legislative Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Readiness eligibility bills did not progress;</li> <li>Economic Self -sufficiency bill passed and revises some of the eligibility for TANF/SNAP/ and school readiness</li> <li>Childcare tax credit bill was amended and added to a tax bill for corporations paying for childcare;</li> <li>Swimming Lesson Voucher bill passed that requires DOH to establish criteria for vouchers and a network of vendors.</li> </ul> <p>An update was provided regarding Seniors in Service funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions have been ongoing regarding the funding of volunteer stipends;</li> <li>The general CBHC position is that stipends should be a nominal amount not tied to hours of service;</li> <li>A proposed solution under consideration would combine the CBHC program with the agency’s long-standing Americorps Seniors grant to provide the umbrella that allows hourly stipends to volunteers.</li> </ul>
	<b>2. Programs Report</b>	<p>M. Negron provided the following Programs updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a major release year in terms of the Investment Grant Release;</li> <li>That process has closed;</li> <li>Twenty responses were received for that release;</li> <li>Community Review Teams are in the process of being scheduled;</li> <li>We are under restricted communication;</li> <li>There are two active releases left for the year, a Leading/ Uniting Grant and an ITN for ONEHillsborough Strategic Initiatives.</li> </ul>
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM

## MOTIONS

1.	<i>Motion by Beth Pasek to approve the February 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; motion carried (9-0).</i>
2.	<i>Motion by Gwen Myers to accept the FY 2022-2023 audited financial statement; second by Ed Narain. Motion carried (10-0).</i>
3.	<i>Motion by Gwen Myers to approve the PRO 2024-07 Summer Services Enhancement Grants; second by Katherine Essrig. Motion carried (10-0).</i>
4.	<i>Motion by Megan Proulx Dempsey to approve the 2024 Slate of Officers; second by B. Pasek. Motion carried (10-0).</i>

READ AND APPROVED BY:

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ROBIN DELAVERGNE  
BOARD CHAIR

## **Approval of Release for 2025 Leading Grant for Exhibit Space at Plant City Children's Board Family Resource Center**

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

**Action:** Approval of release for 2025 Leading Grant for Exhibit Space at Plant City Children's Board Family Resource Center

**Date:** Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024

### **Recommended Actions**

Recommend release in May 2024 of a Request for Proposals for one Fiscal Year 2025 Leading Grant to provide access to educational exhibit space and interactive services for children and their families at the Plant City Children's Board Family Resource Center (CBFRC) with a total allocation up to \$125,000.

### **Background**

- The space in Plant City CBFRC is currently occupied with an exhibit from Glazer Children's Museum.
- The contract with Glazer Children's Museum was anticipated to continue through September 2026, however the Provider notified CBHC of their intention to end the contract as of September 30, 2024.
- CBHC met with the Plant City CBFRC Advisory Council as well as administered a participant survey to obtain feedback about the future use of the space.
  - Overall the responses supported a family-friendly, interactive space.
- Results from the survey will be utilized in the funding release document.
- Funding for FY 2024-2025 is contingent upon Board approval of the budget at the Final TRIM Hearing.
- Contract anticipated start date is October 1, 2024.

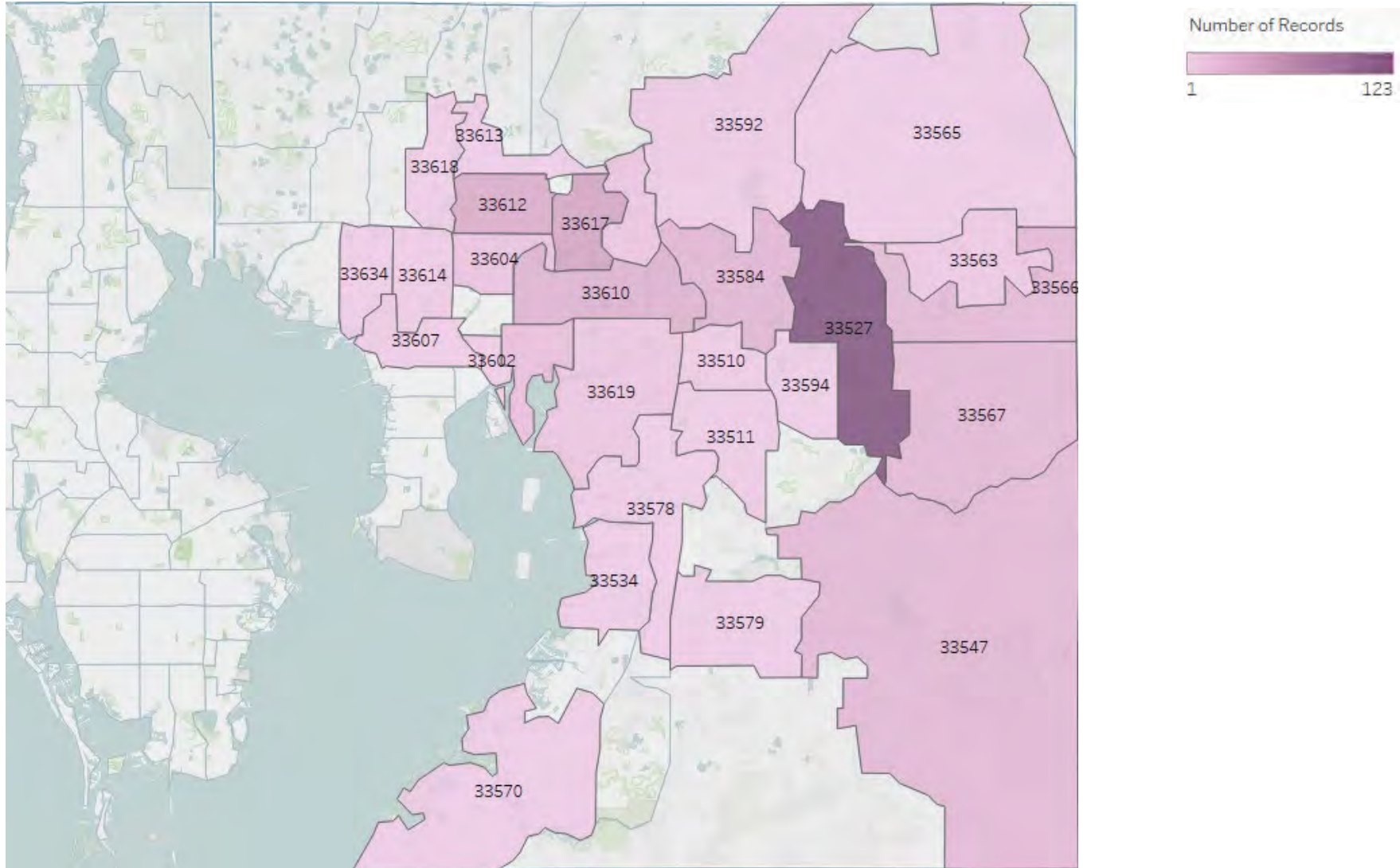
# Children’s Board of Hillsborough County

Agency: Metropolitan Ministries  
Program: Pathways to Hope



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## Number of Participants Served by Zip Code in FY2023 October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – March 31, 2024



Map prepared by Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. The map color shows the number of participants served by zip code. Map based on 380 participants served in 28 zip codes in Hillsborough County during FY2024.

Data Source: Children’s Board Analytical Tracking System (CATS)  
Data Extract Date: 04/04/2024

**PATHWAYS  
TO HOPE**



# What is Pathways?

The Pathways to Hope Program is a prevention program designed to provide support to families who are experiencing economic and employment instability and/or housing insecurity

Collaboration between Metropolitan Ministries, Hispanic Services Council, the School District of Hillsborough County and funded by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

Goal to provide services that seek to prevent homelessness for families at 10 Hillsborough County Public Schools

# COLLABORATIONS



School District of Hillsborough County	School oversight and collaboration
Children's Board of Hillsborough County	Funder
Metropolitan Ministries	Lead Agency overseeing program and services
Hispanic Services Council	Subcontractor



# PROGRAM STAFF

Program Director

Ten (10) Bilingual Family Resource Specialists

Two (2) Family Resource Specialist Supervisors

School Resource Coordinator

Housing Specialist

Two (2) Employment Specialists



# Pathways to Hope Program Services

Services use a “strengths-based” approach, tailored to the family with the **goal** to assist each family to **reach or maintain housing stability**.

Family Resource Specialists at each school offer **system navigation support** and **connection to resources**.

Each Family Resource Specialist will support **40 families per school** on an ongoing basis, providing at least **820 concrete supports** per year.

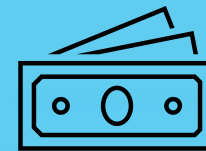
Employment/Vocational Specialists and Housing Specialists provide targeted support.

Services address 3 areas impacting families at-risk of homelessness:

Safe and Stable Housing



Increase Income



Overall Family Well-Being



# Types of Supports Offered

- Food Assistance
- Employment search, resume writing, job interviewing and skills development
- Payment of expenses
- Bus Passes
- Case Planning
- Budgeting
- Financial Literacy Training & Additional training through Virtual UpliftU curriculum
- Other concrete supports
- Linkage of resources to support school needs

# Who qualifies for Pathways to Hope?

Parents/Legal caregivers whose children attend at least one of the  
10 identified schools:

## Metropolitan Ministries

- Lewis Elementary
- Oak Park Elementary
- Greco Middle
- Jennings Middle
- Mango Elementary

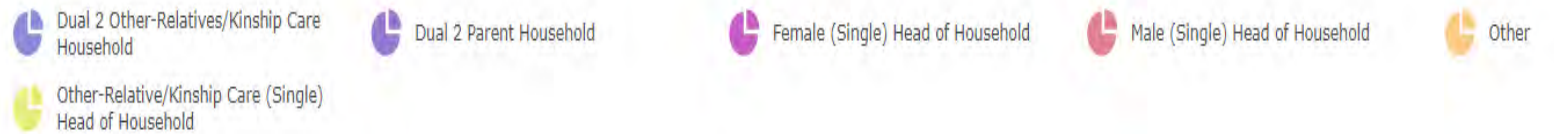
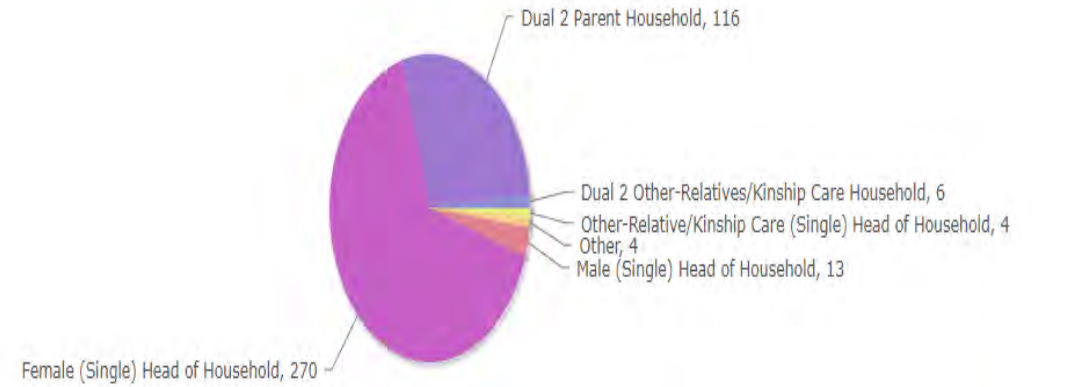
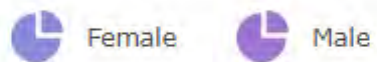
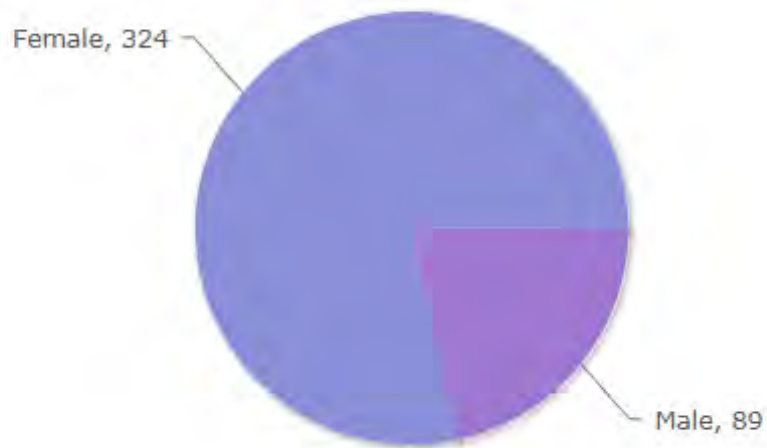
## Hispanic Services Council

- Pincrest Elementary
- Dover Elementary
- Turkey Creek Middle
- Robinson Elementary
- Forest Hills Elementary

# Families Served

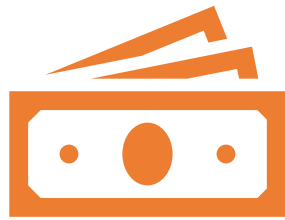
- 413 Participants Served
- Most households lead by Female Single HoH (270)

## HH Structure (Education)

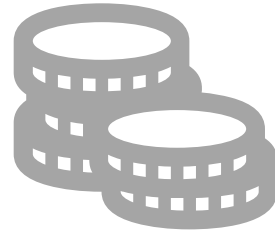


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# Families Served with ASO



CBHC ASO funds spent FY 24  
Metropolitan Ministries: \$23,077.61

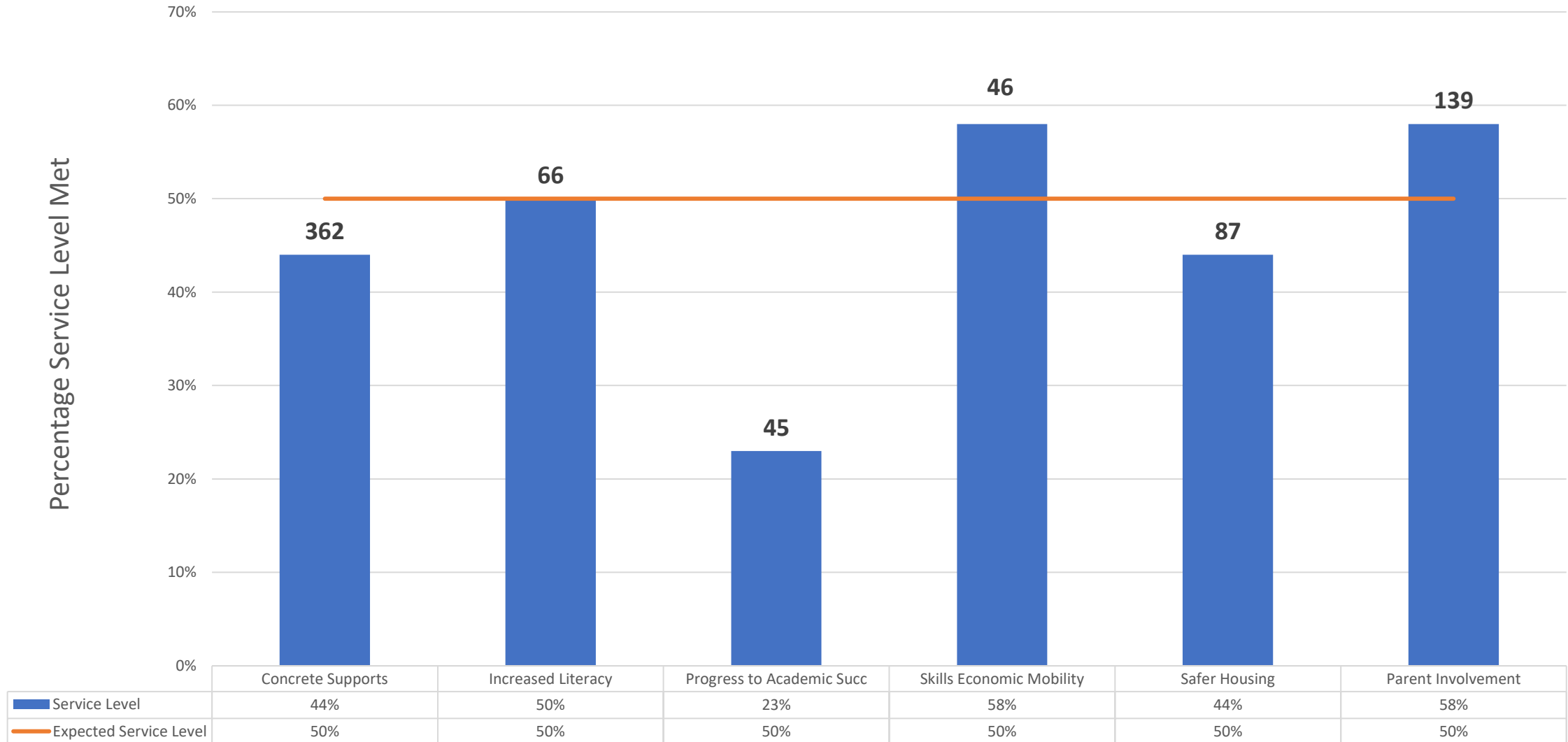


BOCC ASO funds spent FY 24  
Metropolitan Ministries: \$7,053.00



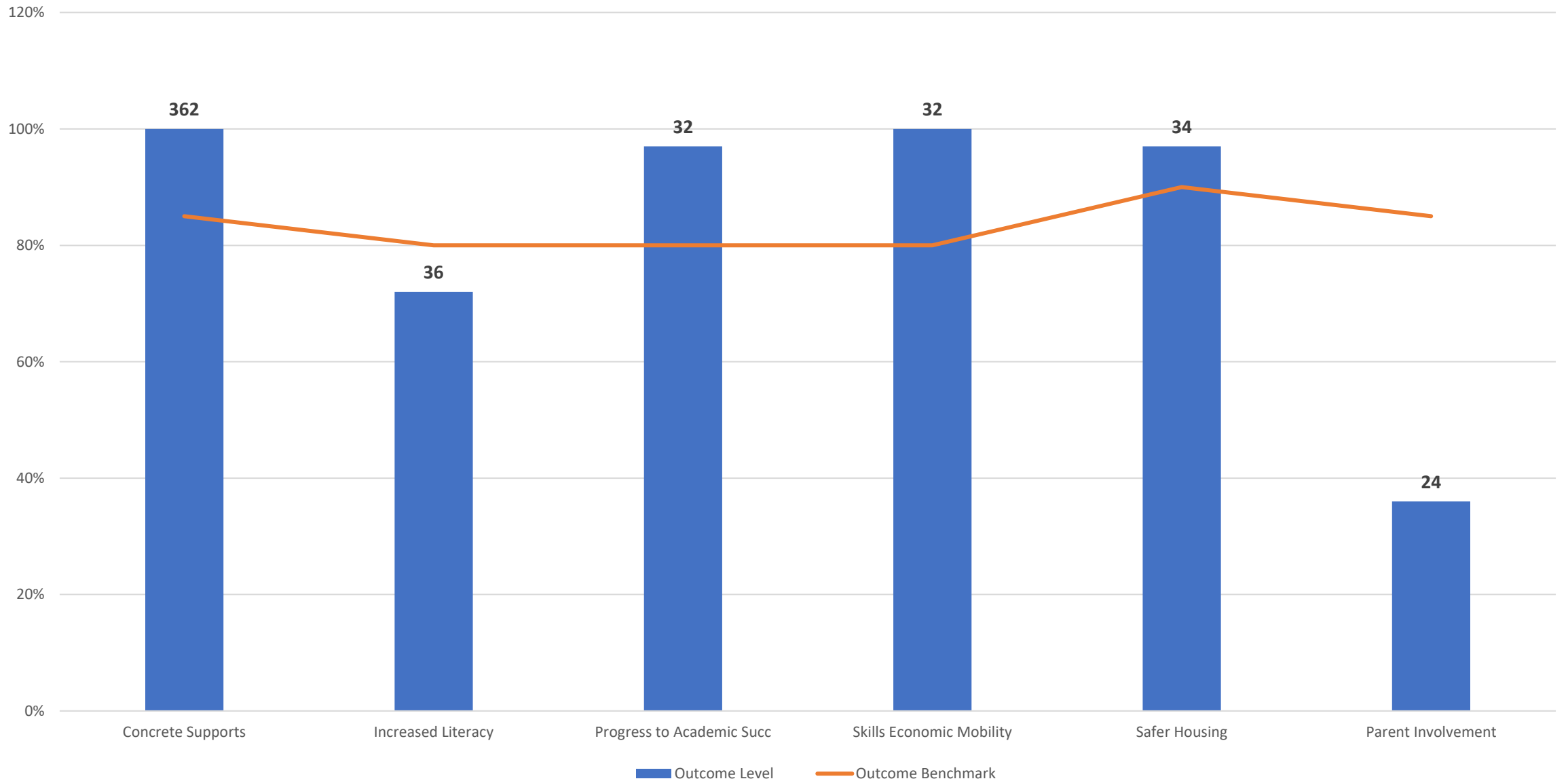
CBHC ASO funds spent FY 24  
Hispanic Services Council: \$9006.00

# Service Level Year to Date



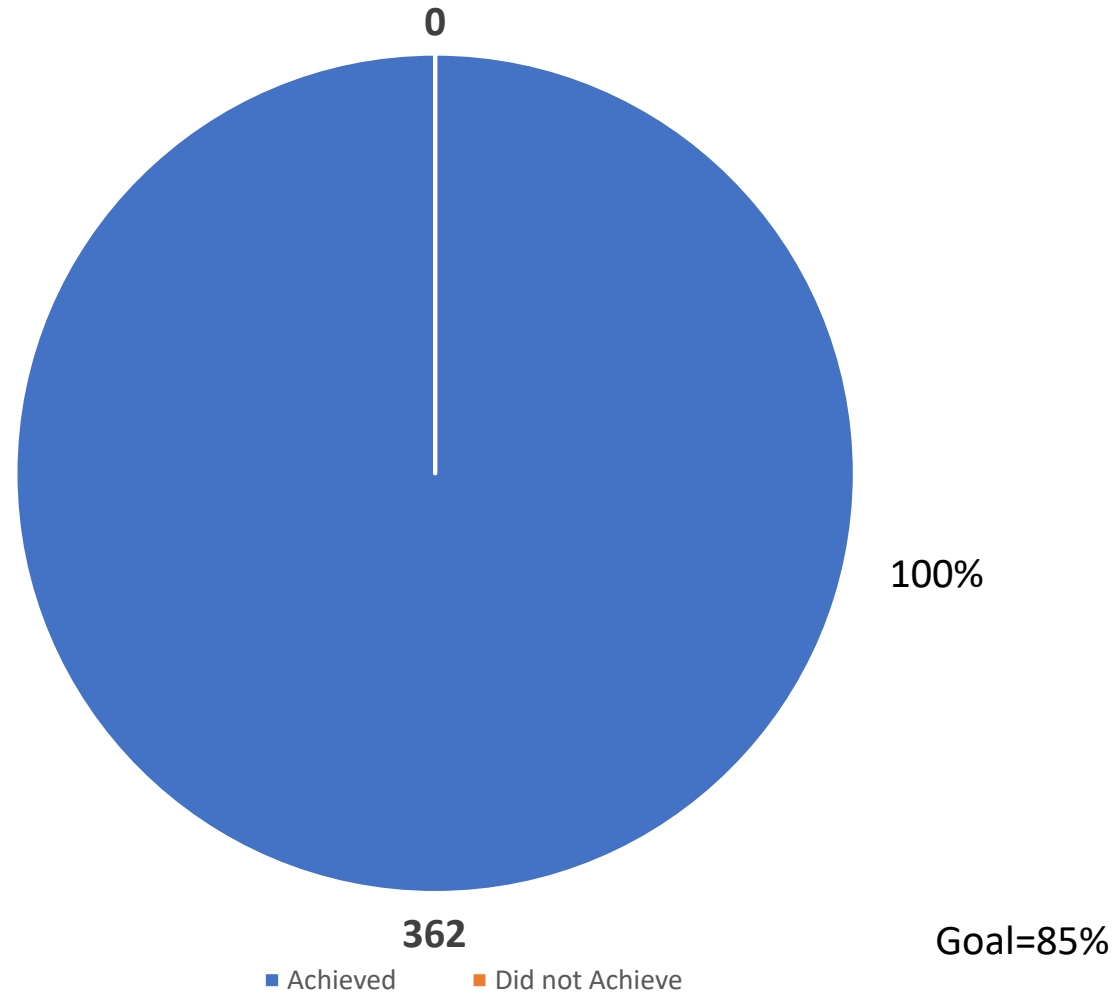
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# Pathways to Hope Participants Achieving Outcome



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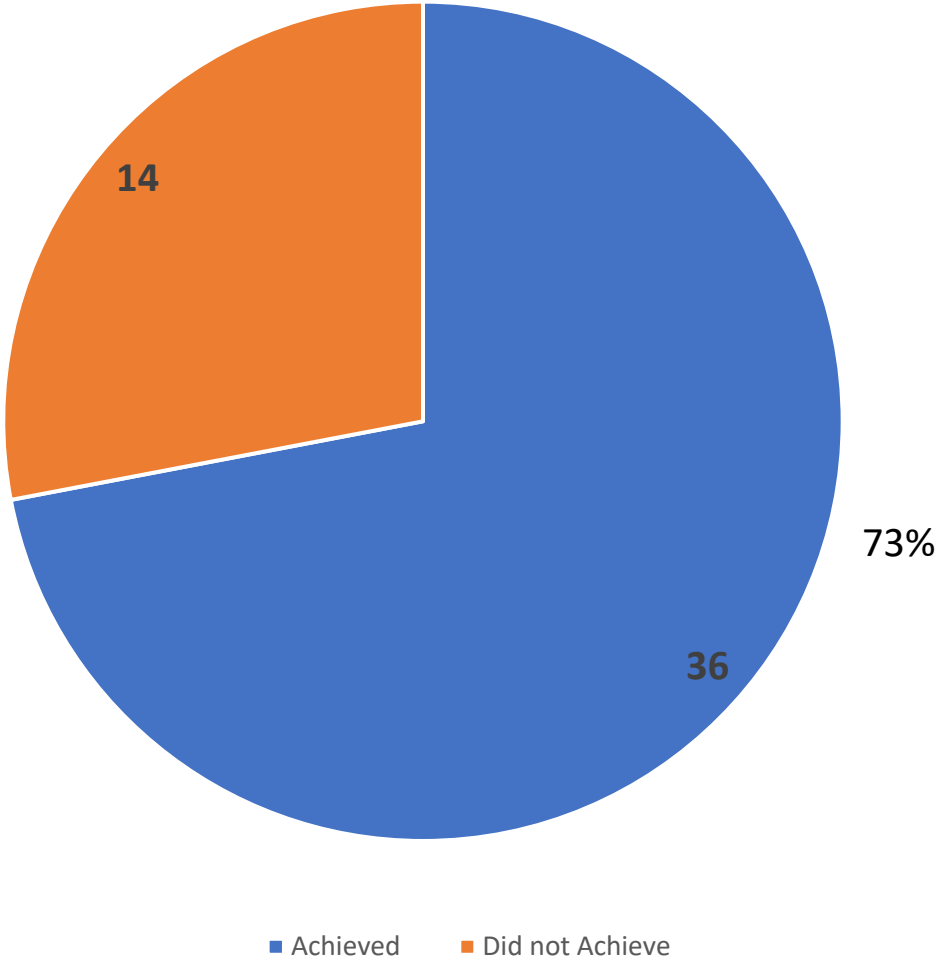
# Concrete Supports



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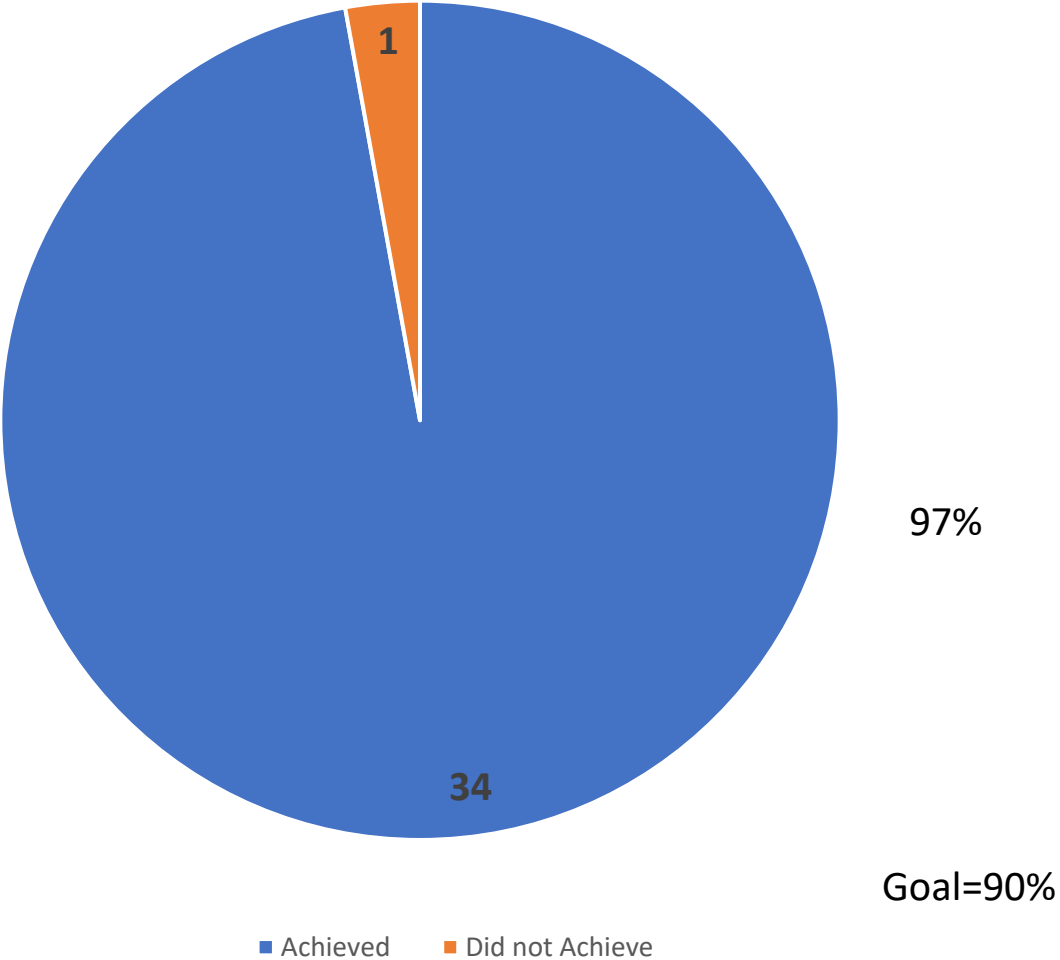


Goal=80%

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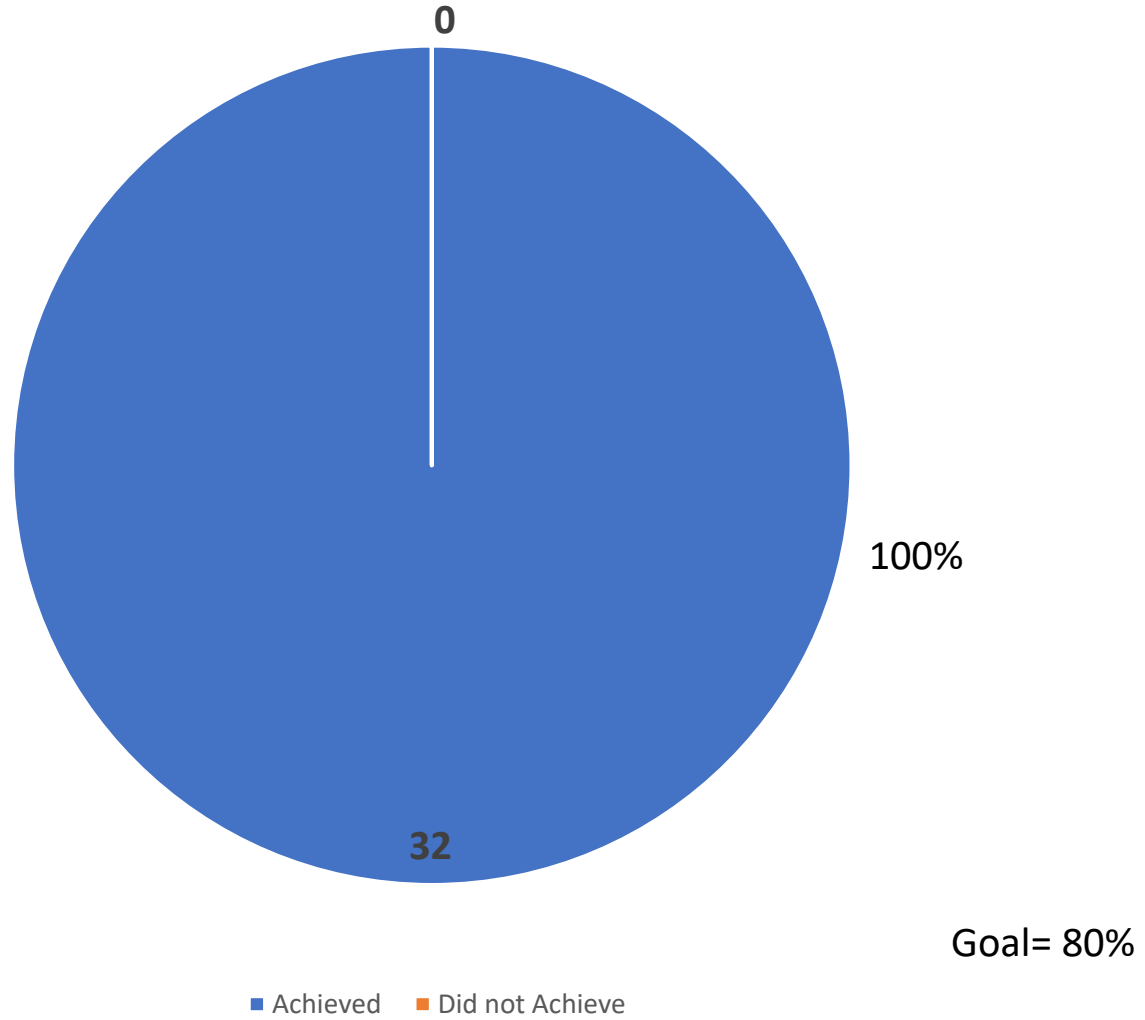
Safer Housing



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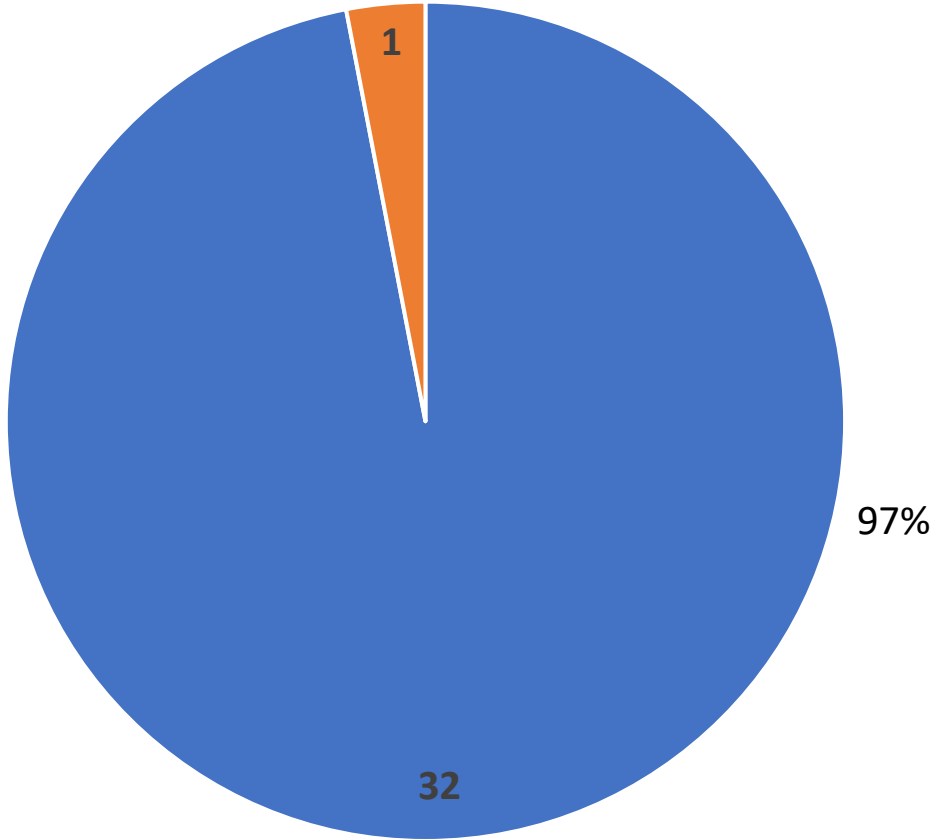
### Skills Economic Mobility Achieved Service Level



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# Progress to Academic Success



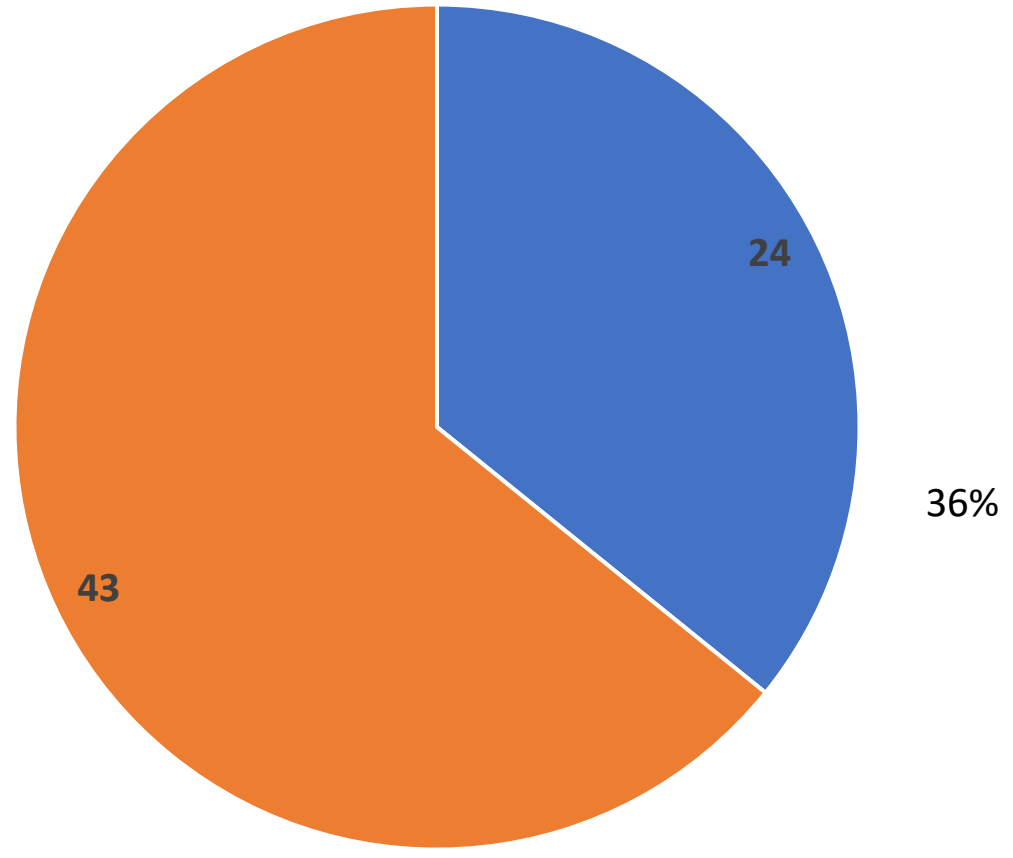
Goal= 80%

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Parent Involvement



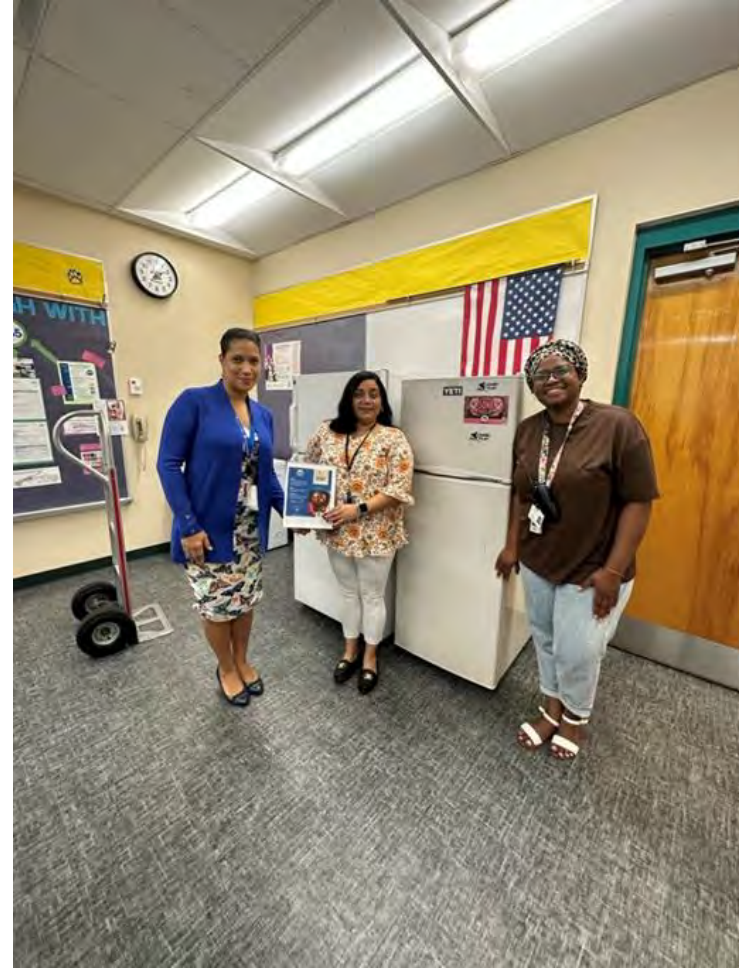
36%

Goal=85%

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■ Achieved ■ Did not Achieve





# Questions?

# THANK YOU

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**Children’s Board of Hillsborough County**

**Executive Director Report**

**March 28, 2024 – April 25, 2024**

**36 Meetings**

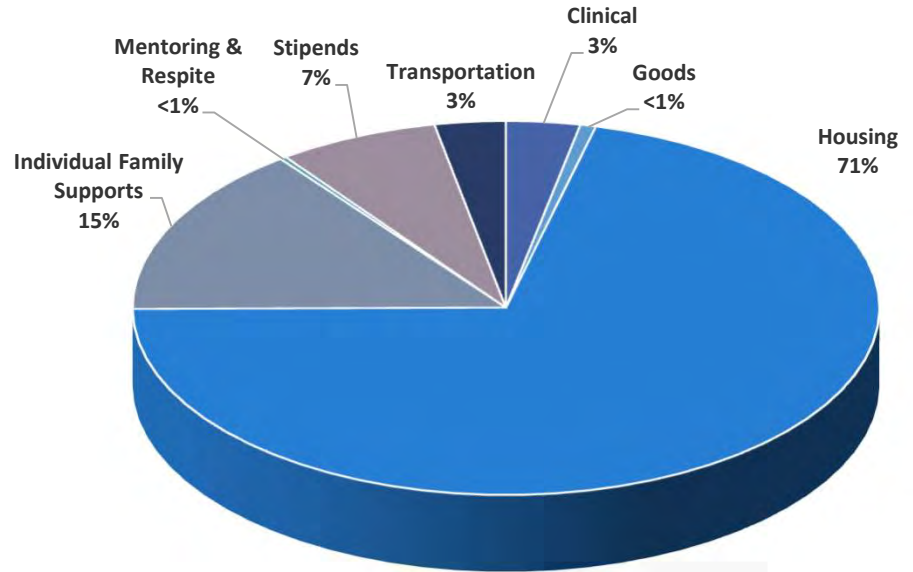
Early Learning Coalition Board of Director’s Meeting
Florida Association of Children’s Councils and Trusts 2024 Webinar: 2024 Legislative Update
Mary Pat King, Christina Mitchell, Juanita Buitrago – Girl Scouts of WCF
BOCC meeting to accept Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation
Rep. Dianne Hart
Austin Kupke – Findhelp.com
Terri Lynn Gonzalez and Liz Kennedy with Learning Center
DSA Meeting with Jason Dickens & Andy Dohmen
Florida Association of Children’s Councils and Trusts Weekly Meeting
Norin Dollard – Florida Policy Institute
Kristen Brown – TRIBE
Molly Cintron – SinCera
Community Alliance
Tina Gill – Castle of Imagination
Behavioral Health Task Force
Sheff Crowder – Conn Foundation
Freddy Barton – Safe and Sound
Mindy Murphy – The Spring
Florida Association of Children’s Councils and Trusts Weekly Meeting
Joan Boles, Calli Burnett, and Tom DiFiore – Bay Area Legal Services
Emotional Vaccines Training with Dr. Rahul Mehra
Early Learning Coalition Board of Director’s Meeting
Bridge Builders Event for Metropolitan Ministries
Vicki Sokolik – Starting Right Now
Speaking Event - Child Abuse Prevention Month Signature Event
Judge Daryl Manning
Irene Rickus & Larry Cooper – Children’s Home Network
Baycare Health System CEO Roundtable
University Area Community Development Corporation Bus Tour
Dr. Sarah Combs - University Area Community Development Corporation
Florida Association of Children’s Councils and Trusts Weekly Meeting
Reachup Gala
Kari Bahour - Water Smart Tots
Commission on the Status of Women
Safe and Sound Hillsborough Leadership Council
Healthy Start Coalition Meeting

## Children's Board ASO - Fiscal Year 2024 Update as of 4-18-2024

	Funds Available	Funding Reserves	Allocated to Programs	Budgeted	Program Reserves	Expenses Paid	Percent Budgeted
<b>Children's Board</b>	\$3,600,000	\$845,500	\$2,754,500	\$1,845,782	\$908,718	\$1,625,986	51%
<b>BOCC DV</b>	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$51,537	\$48,463	\$47,984	52%
<b>BOCC Social Services</b>	\$500,000	\$67,000	\$433,000	\$344,712	\$88,288	\$324,128	69%
	<b>\$4,200,000</b>	<b>\$912,500</b>	<b>\$3,287,500</b>	<b>\$2,242,031</b>	<b>\$1,045,469</b>	<b>\$1,998,098</b>	<b>53%</b>

Top Ten Services - All Funding Sources		
Service	# of Budgets	Funds Budgeted
Tutor	782	\$276,728
Electric	509	\$227,090
Rental Assistance	482	\$713,333
Baby Items	391	\$80,493
Emergency Shelter	217	\$161,767
Public Transportation	175	\$12,833
Security Deposit	141	\$254,952
Food Stipend	112	\$29,164
Furniture	111	\$93,183
Individual Therapy	110	\$53,500

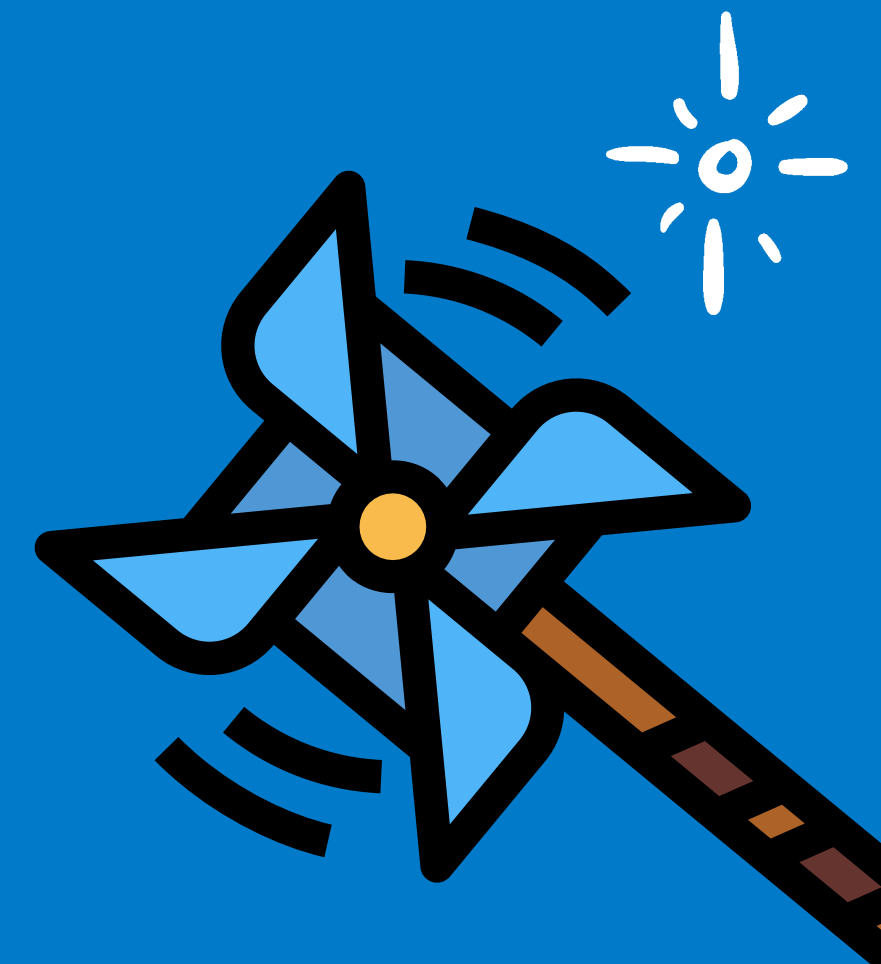
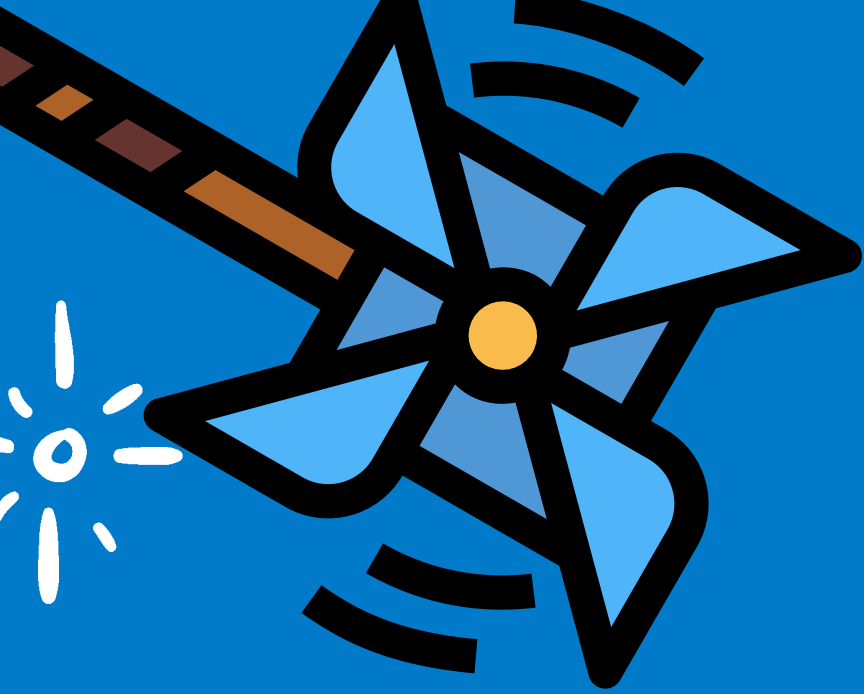
Top Ten Services - Children's Board Funds Only		
Service	# of Budgets	Funds Budgeted
Tutor	782	\$276,728
Electric	500	\$223,073
Baby Items	390	\$80,433
Rental Assistance	351	\$510,596
Emergency Shelter	217	\$161,767
Public Transportation	137	\$10,363
Food Stipend	112	\$29,164
Furniture	110	\$92,707
Individual Therapy	110	\$53,500
Clothing Stipend	80	\$22,553



**Funds Budgeted by Category - All Funds**

	FY24 YTD	FY23
<b>Programs</b>	54	53
<b>Case Managers</b>	314	298
<b>Providers Utilized</b>	543	699
<b>Providers Added</b>	206	378
<b>Families</b>	2,521	3,538
<b>Budgets</b>	3,826	5,940
<b>Payments</b>	4,094	7,194

# 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month



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# Children's Board Pinwheel Garden Installation with Bikers Against Child Abuse



TOTAL of 1,000 VIEWS  
ON WFLA's YouTube  
Channel

Reporter Brittany Mueller







**Reporter  
Trevor Sochocki**





# Tampa Bay Parenting Magazine



**April advertorial**  
Program supports children that may experiencing delays in developmental.

**Early Learning & Intervention Program**

The Early Learning & Intervention Program (ELIP) provides gap early intervention services for children ages birth to five in Hillsborough County. Children experiencing delays in development but may not meet the eligibility criteria for Early Steps or Child Find are able to turn to Easterseals to receive early intervention services, parent education, and service coordination. This program is an in home program with an option of some service occurring in the child's school setting.

Ages Served: birth to five years old  
Intervention services based on a referral from Early Steps or Child Find

Scan for Referral form

For more information, please contact:  
Nydia Torres, Program Manager (813) 807-9717  
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Meet the guest editor

Coming Together: How Our Community Shapes Us

Dear Parents,

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. As the guest editor of Tampa Bay Parenting Magazine's April edition, I'm thrilled to shed light on the vital role of community collaboration in protecting children. About eight years ago, I started out as a child welfare case manager, hoping to reunite families torn apart by abuse and neglect. I quickly realized that real change comes from all of us working together to support families in need. In other words, "It takes a village."

When you're growing up, it's not just your parents who shape you, it's everyone around you—neighbors, teachers and friends—who all have a hand in making you who you are. I grew up in a small county, two hours north of Tampa Bay, called Lake County, Florida. During my senior year of high school, my mom became ill, and my father passed away. I felt completely lost. It was the support from my community that got me through it. Whether it was a kind word or someone lending a hand, it showed me how powerful it is when we come together.

I now work as the Hillsborough County Community Alliance Coordinator, employed by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County. My work focuses on the importance of strengthening community collaboration and the effect it has on the future of children and families, creating stronger "villages."

My husband and I are the proud parents of three beautiful children: Kayci (6), Khloi (5) and Cj (2). We quickly recognized that the it-takes-a-village concept exceeds words; it embodies a deep philosophy of community collaboration and responsibility.

In closing, I challenge you, if you have even the smallest opportunity to be a part of anyone's village, take it! Let's keep supporting each other, Tampa Bay, because when we do, we make our community stronger for everyone.

Kalen Graham

Hillsborough County Community Alliance Coordinator,  
Children's Board of Hillsborough County

# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES:

## The Role of Community Collaboration to Prevent Child Abuse

by Kalen Graham, Hillsborough County Community Alliance Coordinator, Children's Board of Hillsborough County

I began my career just over eight years ago as a child welfare case manager, hoping to reunite families that had been separated due to concerns of abuse and neglect. During that time of moving through various roles within the child welfare system, the same theme would re-appear. I began thinking, "What if the families had everything and everyone they needed in their backyard when a family crisis arose?" This is when I began to pay more attention to the concept of community-based care.

### WHAT IS COMMUNITY-BASED CARE?

Community-based care refers to the availability of supports and services within the community itself, rather than in more formal settings such as the child welfare system. It emphasizes the importance of shaping resources to meet the unique needs of individuals and families while leveraging existing community strengths.

Community-based care is not just about keeping families together; it's also about creating stronger, more resilient communities. When families receive the support they need to overcome challenges, children are more likely to succeed in school, stay out of trouble and grow into healthy, productive adults.

### THE POWER OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

A few years ago, I was introduced to an initiative that embodies the spirit of prevention and the power of community collaboration: the Hillsborough County Community Alliance. The Community Alliance is the voice of unique and vibrant partners throughout Hillsborough County. The Alliance has members that are required by statute; however, it is also comprised of multiple organizations seeking to address the needs of the children and families here in Hillsborough County.

The Community Alliance is responsible for bringing together key stakeholders, local agencies and community members that are dedicated to preventing child abuse and reducing the need for family separation. By addressing the root causes of family instability and fostering firmer community collaboration, the Community Alliance strives to keep families together and ensure that children can grow up in safe and loving homes.



One of the key principles driving the work of the Alliance is the recognition that no single organization or entity can address the complex needs of families in crisis alone. Instead, it takes a coordinated and holistic approach, with each partner contributing their unique expertise and resources. Whether it's providing access to affordable housing, offering parenting classes or connecting families with mental health services, every effort counts in helping families overcome obstacles and thrive.

I am fortunate enough to work for an organization that understands the importance of investing in prevention and early intervention services which fuels community success—the Children's Board of Hillsborough County. As Community Alliance Coordinator, my position plays a pivotal role in effective communication and education of the community, especially during Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Alliance constantly works to identify evidence-based and data-informed resources to help meet the needs of all children and families throughout the community, as well as ways to share the resources effectively.

### CREATING A SAFETY NET

The ideology behind community-based care is simple, and you can help by being a helping hand to a neighbor in need. It's about creating a safety net of services and resources that families can rely on when times get tough. Whether it's a food pantry down the street, a parenting workshop at the community center or a support group for new moms at the local library, community support is all about making sure that no family falls through the cracks.



If you are interested in learning more about the Children's Board-funded programs such as the Family Resource Centers, please visit [childrensboard.org](http://childrensboard.org). If you would like to learn more about the Hillsborough County Community Alliance, please feel free to visit our website at [hccommunityalliance.org](http://hccommunityalliance.org).

Together, we can create a brighter future for every child and ensure that every family will have the opportunity to thrive in Tampa Bay!



## Pinwheels as symbols

Agencies across the nation that treat child abuse and try to prevent it have planted pinwheels this month. They represent “childhood whimsy and lightheartedness” according to Prevent Child Abuse America, which started the annual campaign in 2008.



To mark Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, its community partner organizations and a contingent from Bikers Against Child Abuse adorned the Children’s Board campus in Ybor City with more than 1,000 pinwheels.

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Staffers with Champions for Children Tampa Bay planted pinwheels in their service locations in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, Associate Director Nikki Daniels says.

## Programs focused on prevention

As the largest nonprofit in the area focused solely on the prevention of child abuse, Champions for Children runs multiple programs that help parents establish a healthy bond with their children, which makes them less likely to abuse their children.

Getting parents to bond with their babies is one reason the organization offers breastfeeding support at more than 10 locations in Hillsborough and three in Pinellas, says Daniels. Parents can also bring their children to the service centers for developmental playgroups that allow them to socialize with other children and help prepare them for preschool and kindergarten.



Champions  
For Children  
FAMILY  
EDUCATION • SUPPORT • RESOURCES



The article highlights the prevention programs and parenting support services funded by the Children’s Board that Champions for Children provides. TGH Child Abuse Prevention Month Symposium.



# Osprey OBSERVER

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

**PREVENTION IS  
KEY TO ENDING  
CHILD ABUSE!**



Join us for the Child Abuse Prevention Month Event to find out how YOU can get involved and support happy healthy childhoods.

Light refreshments will be provided.

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

**4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**Tampa Firefighters Museum  
720 E. Zack St., Tampa, FL 33602**

Please Scan the QR Code to Register



**APRIL**  
*National*  
**CHILD ABUSE**  
PREVENTION MONTH



**Child Abuse Prevention calls to all of us for help. The Children's Board of Hillsborough County invites you to learn more at a free annual event Tuesday, April 16, from 4 to 5:30pm at the Tampa Firefighters Museum, 720 E. Zack Street in Tampa.**

**There are many ways we all might help to reduce the risks across our region, including involvement with the local Children's Board Family Resource Center. For more info, go online to [childrensboard.org](http://childrensboard.org) — & thanks!**





## **8 media opportunities in April!**

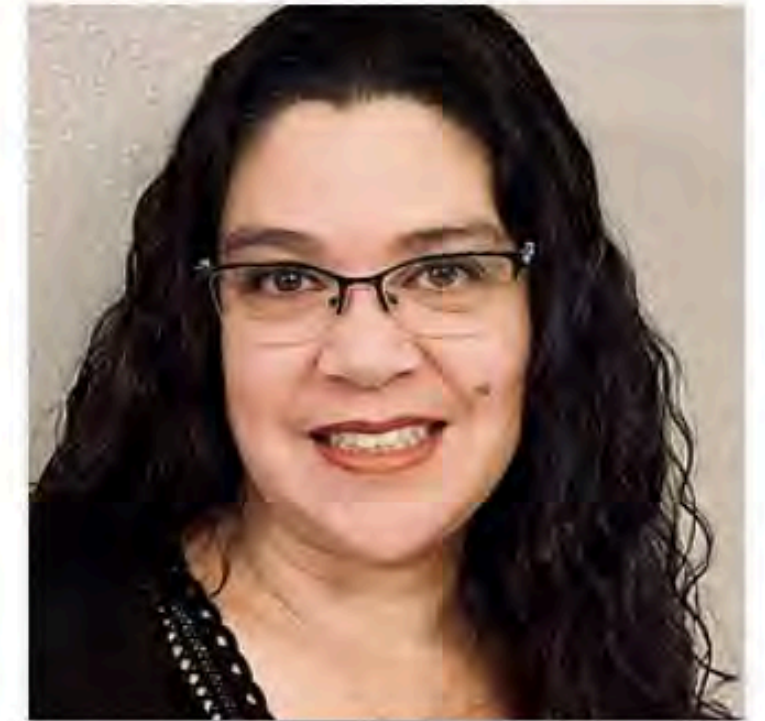
When they moved to Tampa, they sought out speech therapy programs in order to “play catch-up,” she says, and they were eventually referred to the Easterseals program. Negron has been working with Davish, Simmons says, “and it has been going tremendously well.”

Siffermann says a lot of times it comes down to modeling and repetition. Parents just may not know what techniques are needed to help their child. The program requires that parents be present when the specialist is working with the child so that they can learn the skills and work with the child when the specialist isn’t there.

“They know that their child may not be able to articulate quite yet and speak on the level that they’re supposed to be speaking at, but they don’t know how to get from point A to point B,” she says. “What would that in-between step look like? And that’s where our specialist will come and they baby-step... everything out to help the parent.”

### **Creating a plan for each child**

The program screens every child, reviews screenings of the child from other programs, interviews the parents and uses parent questionnaires to create a support plan for the child,



Easterseals Vice President of Programs Jenn Siffermann.



# Children's Board Free Tuesday





# Children's Board Free Tuesday Spoke to 1,300 families.



A graphic titled "Children's Board Free Tuesday Child Abuse Prevention Month Passport". It features the text: "Have your passport stamped by at least five of today's vendors to receive a free t-shirt (While supplies last)". Below the text are logos for several partner organizations: Children's Board Hillsborough County, easterseals Florida, Children's Board Hillsborough County Family Resource Centers, ReDefiners World Languages, Prevent Needless Deaths (with a yellow warning sign icon), Champions For Children, Children's Home Network, and Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County, Inc. The graphic has a blue border.





# Community Partners





# **Pinwheel Gardens Throughout Hillsborough County**









**Mary Lee's House**

**Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library**

**Temple Terrace Police**

**Crisis Center of Tampa Bay**

**Success 4 Kids & Families**

**University Area CDC**

**ReDefiners World Languages**

**Hillsborough County Fire Rescue**

**Tampa Fire Rescue**

**Children's Home Network**

**Temple Terrace Fire Rescue**



**Total of 162 Pinwheel Gardens**



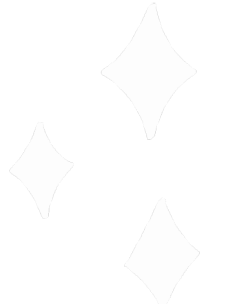
# ◆ Child Abuse Prevention Month Signature Event!

Rebecca Bacon, Executive Director

Brenda Zofrea, Keynote Speaker with *Let's B Safe Kids*













# Child Abuse Prevention Month Event was Broadcast Live on our Facebook Page



**Children's Board of Hillsborough County was live.**

Posted by Timothy Bennett

Apr 16 · 🌐

**Children's Board of Hillsborough County - Child Abuse Prevention Month 2024**



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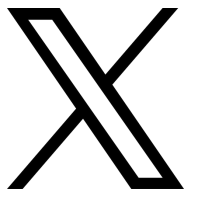
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# Social Media Interview with BACA

April 10, 2024



Viewed 150 times on all social media channels





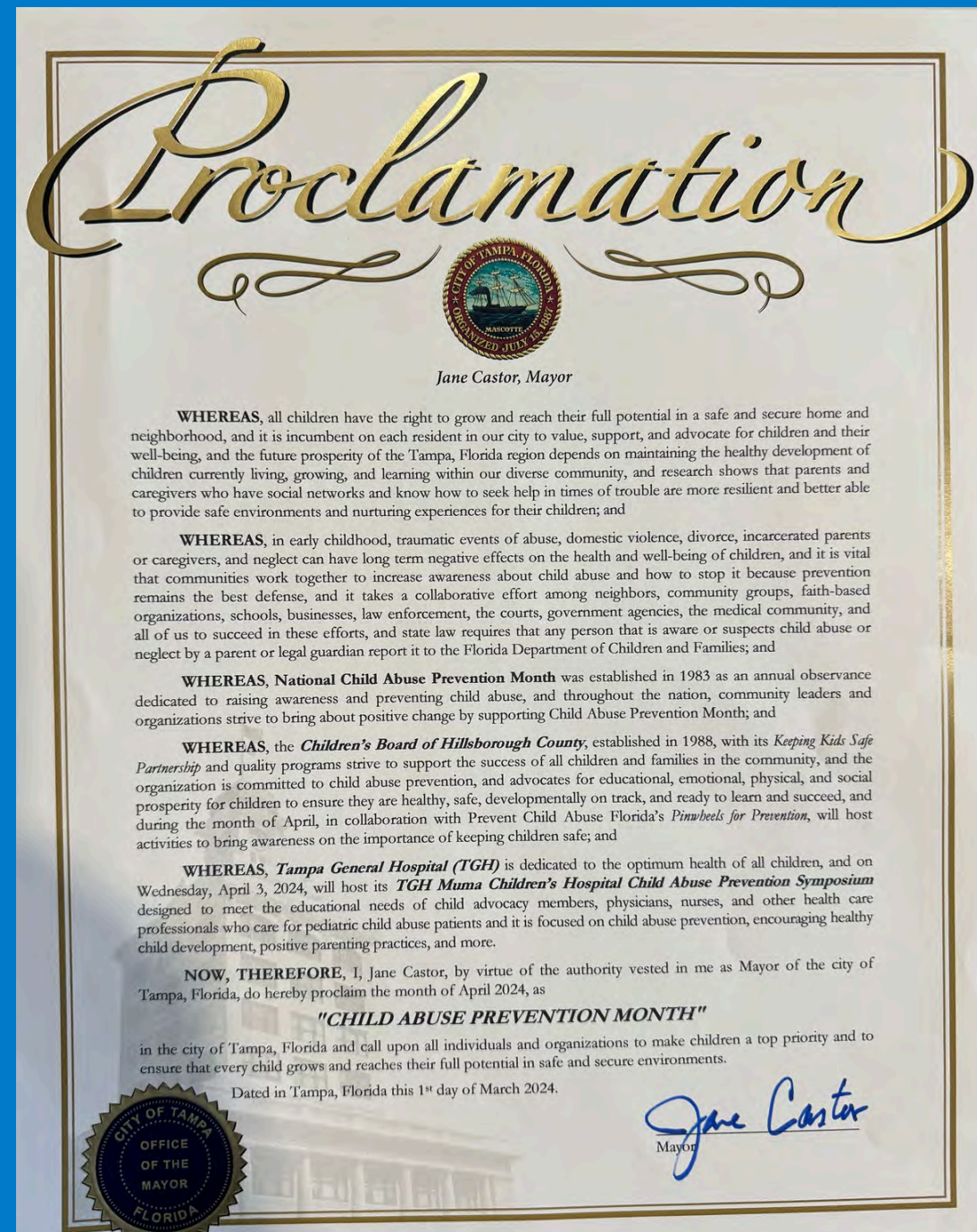
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City of Tampa

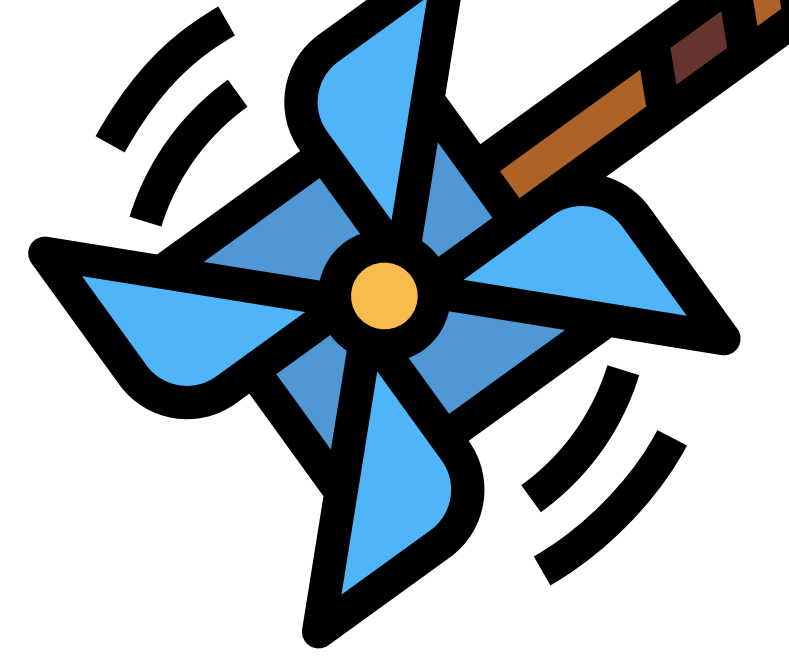
Plant City

Temple Terrace





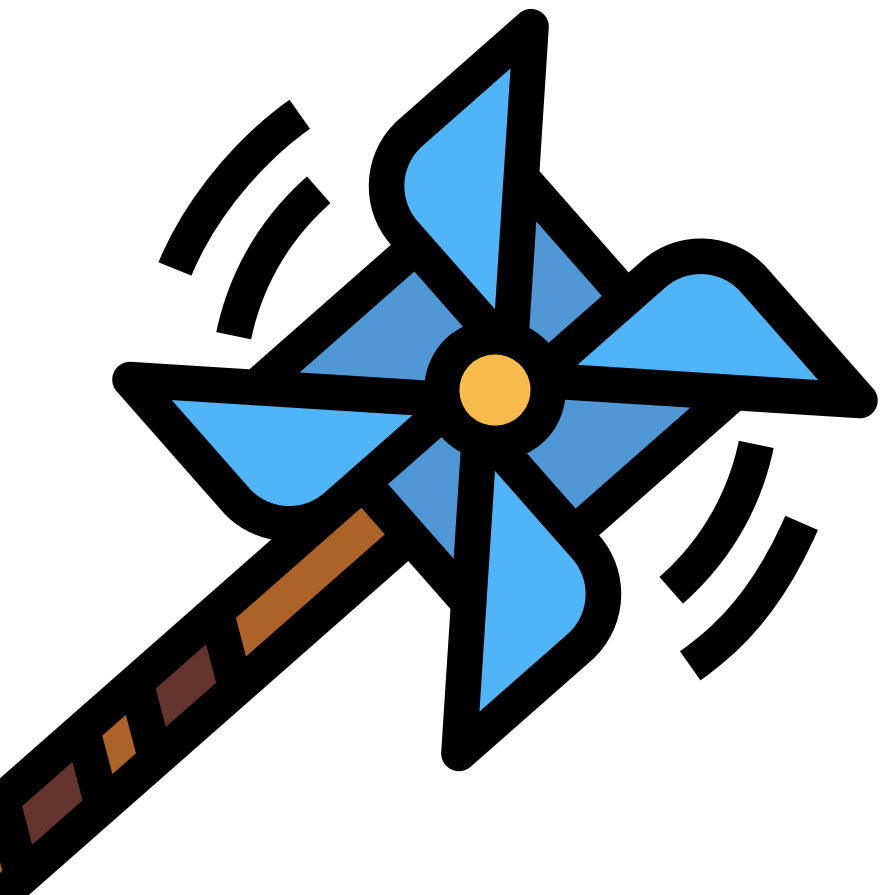
**Thank you!**



**Total of 16  
events/activities complete  
for Child Abuse Prevention  
Month.**



**May is Water Safety Month!**



**Contract Signature Log  
Programs ONLY  
FY 2024**

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Museum of Science and Industry	Spring/Summer Passports	Spring/Summer Passports	3/11/24-8/9/24	\$28,780.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	3/20/2024
Boys and Girls Club of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Investment	After-Zone Elementary School Initiative-AMENDMENT ONE effective 1/22/24	10/1/23-9/30/24	\$696,132.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	3/20/2024
Joshua Way of HOPE, Inc.	Investment	Achievers	3/15/24-09/30/24	\$802,688.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/3/2024
The Skills Center, Inc.	Investment	Middle School Youth Opportunity (YO)	3/4/24-9/30/24	\$529,399.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/3/2024
ReDefiners World Languages	Leading	AmeriCorps Academic Achievers	2/12/24-7/31/24	\$55,521.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/3/2024
Children's Home d/b/a Children's Home Network, Inc.	Investment	Caregiver Support Services	3/4/24-9/30/24	\$547,306.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/3/2024
Children's Museum of Tampa, Inc. dba Glazer Children's Museum	Independent	Spring/Summer Passports	3/11/24-7/26/24	\$14,042.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/3/2024
Lightning Foundation	Independent	Spring/Summer Passports	3/11/24-7/19/24	\$47,280.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/5/2024
Mehra Vista Health, Inc. d/b/a National Center for Performance Health	Independent	Emotional Vaccines Training	4/15/24-4/15/24	\$2,000.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/8/2024
ReDefiners World Languages, Inc./Multilingual Citizens Program	Investment	Amendment	4/1/24-9/30/24	\$828,552.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	4/8/2024



**Contract Signature Log**  
**Vendors ONLY**  
**FY 2024**

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Alto Construction Co., Inc.	Vendor	CBHC HQ Parking Lot Maintenance - Overhaul	3/25/24 - 6/30/24	\$34,925.89	No	Rebecca Bacon	4/8/2024
Design Styles Architecture	Vendor	W. Robertson Buildout	7/18/23 - 7/17/28	\$35,996.99	No	Rebecca Bacon	4/9/2024



Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Monthly Financial Report

**March 2024**

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## Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

### FY 2023-2024

### Original Budget

#### Revenues

Ad-Valorem Taxes	69,295,183
Investment Income	2,220,000
Administrative Services Organization Funding	600,000
Other Community Partner Funding	410,000
Miscellaneous Income	11,000

#### Total Revenues

**72,536,183**

#### Expenditures

##### Program Expenditures:

Program Funding (Continuation Grants)	51,321,375
New Program Funding (unallocated)	9,560,000

Total Program Expenditures: 60,881,375

##### Operating

Employee Salaries and Benefits	6,009,787
Contracted Professional Services	619,784
CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures	501,949
Facility Expenditures	348,431
Other Operating	581,704

Total Operating 8,061,655

Capital Expenditures 4,000,000

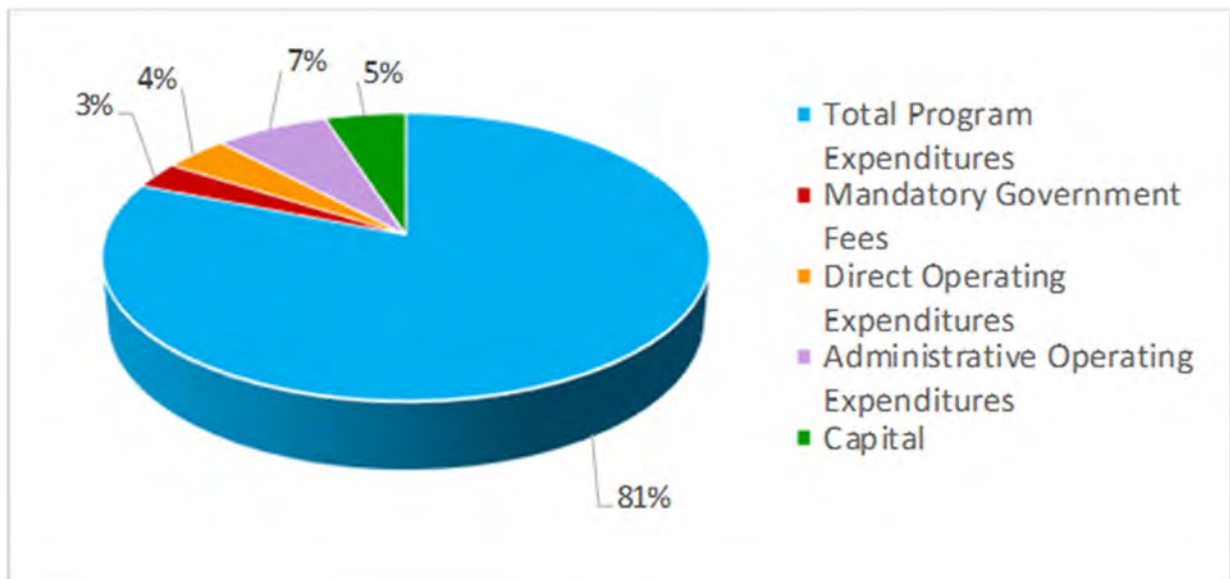
Mandatory Government Fees 1,988,523

#### Total Expenditures

**74,931,553**

#### Net Spend Down of Fund Balance

**(2,395,370)**



## ***Financial Statement Category Definitions***

- **Revenue**

- **Ad-Valorem Taxes** includes current and delinquent ad-valorem tax revenue and excess fees returned to the Children's Board originally paid to the County based on the tax revenue.
- **Investment Income** includes revenue from various interest-bearing accounts.
- **Administrative Services Organization (ASO)** funding represents contributions from other funders specifically designated for use by providers in the community, managed by the Children's Board ASO staff. These dollars are also included in the program expenditure line. An example is the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).
- **Other Community Partner funding** represents funds contributed from community partners that are added to our provider contract amounts and included in the program funding line, for example, the School District of Hillsborough County and Hillsborough County BOCC.
- **Miscellaneous Income** consists of match revenue from the insurance company, cash back from the credit card, and any other miscellaneous revenue received during the year.

- **Expenditures**

- **Program Funding (Continuation Grants)** represents provider contracts funded by Children's Board, property tax revenue and funds contributed from our community partners. This amount also includes the dollars managed through the ASO to provide support to participants of case management programs.
- **New Program Funding (unallocated)** includes dollars budgeted for new program contracts and one-time funding that will be released and awarded by a competitive or application process.
- **Employee Salaries and Benefits** include wages paid to all non-contractor employees. Benefits represent costs provided for salaried and hourly wage employees including Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), life and health insurance, short-term and long-term disability insurance, unemployment, and retirement benefits.
- **Contracted Professional Services** represents amounts budgeted for contracted information technology services, legal, media buys, auditing, and other professional services.
- **Facility Expenditures** represents necessary costs to operate the Children's Board offices, conference center, and seven (7) CBHC Family Resource Centers (CB FRC) occupancy expenditures, including utilities, information technology, maintenance, and repairs.
- **Other Operating** contains staff training, conference and meeting travel, postage, insurance, promotional activities, printing, supplies, advertising for Truth In Millage (TRIM), budget ads and other public notices, memberships, and subscriptions. Also included are support activities with provider agencies and community organizations for training and events.
- **Capital Expenditures** include the budget for building expenditures.
- **Mandatory Government Fees** include Tax Collector's fee, Property Appraiser's fee as well as the City Storm Water fee.

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

**March-2024**

	<b>FY 2023- 2024 YTD Budget</b>	<b>FY 2023- 2024 YTD Actual</b>	<b>FY 2023- 2024 Variance \$</b>	<b>FY 2023- 2024 Variance %</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Ad-Valorem Taxes	63,261,168	64,943,073	1,681,905	3%
Investment Income	1,110,000	3,382,762	2,272,762	205%
Administrative Services Organization Funding	300,000	355,613	55,613	19%
Other Community Partner Funding	80,000	80,000	0	0%
Miscellaneous Income	5,500	4,580	(920)	-17%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>64,756,668</u></b>	<b><u>68,766,028</u></b>	<b><u>4,009,360</u></b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Program Expenditures:				
Program Funding (Including Unallocated)	21,937,109	17,080,362	4,856,747	22%
Total Program Expenditures:	21,937,109	17,080,362	4,856,747	22%
Operating Expenditures				
Employee Salaries and Benefits	3,004,894	2,888,592	116,302	4%
Contracted Professional Services	321,205	165,147	156,058	49%
CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures	250,975	239,309	11,666	5%
Facility Expenditures	174,216	142,132	32,084	18%
Other Operating	353,479	389,418	(35,939)	-10%
Total Operating	4,104,769	3,824,598	280,171	7%
Capital Expenditures	1,818,400	1,569,615	248,785	14%
Mandatory Government Fees	1,584,225	1,500,608	83,617	5%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>29,444,503</u></b>	<b><u>23,975,183</u></b>	<b><u>5,469,320</u></b>	
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b><u>35,312,165</u></b>	<b><u>44,790,845</u></b>	<b><u>9,478,680</u></b>	

## Revenue Variance Analysis

### Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

March-2024

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- **Ad-Valorem Taxes**
  - This line is over the YTD budget by \$1,681,905; 94% of the tax revenue budgeted has been received to date.
- **Investment Income**
  - The interest received year to date is over the YTD budget because interest rates have increased. This was budgeted at 2% and the current interest rate is 5.52% for LGIP and 1.08% for Wells Fargo.
- **Administrative Services Organization**
  - ASO Funding revenue is over budget due to the quicker than expected pace at which services have been provided this fiscal year (more than 50% of total funds budgeted have been spent and billed to date).
- **Other Community Partner Funding**
  - Funding budgeted to be received to date has been received; additional funding is budgeted to be received later in the year.
- **Miscellaneous Income**
  - This line is under budget due to timing of receiving matching funds from the insurance company, as well as 1.5% cash back from the CBHC credit card.

## Expenditure Variance Analysis

### Statement of Expenditures

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- **Program Expenditures**
  - Continuation Grants are under budget because certain providers are not current on invoicing the Children's Board (Florida State University, Hillsborough Community College, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, University of South Florida, Lutheran Services Florida). Also, a significant portion of new program funding has yet to be allocated.
  - Leveraged Investments are over budget.
- **Employee Salaries and Benefits**
  - This line is slightly under budget due to four positions being vacant at various points during the year.
- **Contracted Professional Services**
  - This line item is under budget due to the architectural services that will be obtained regarding the planned build out of the recently purchased property for an additional CBHC Family Resource Center in Brandon; the build out is expected to begin in the coming months. Additionally, planned Public Relations spending on various creative services has yet to occur. Community Education & Awareness spending is also under budget.
- **CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures**
  - This line item is slightly under budget due to the timing of spending, primarily in building repairs/maintenance and utility services.
- **Facility Expenditures**
  - This line item is under budget due to the timing of spending. Building repairs/maintenance, electric service, and water/sewer utility service are under budget but are expected to return to budgeted levels during the spring and summer months.
- **Other Operating**
  - This line item is over budget due to the timing of making various insurance payments, purchasing office furniture and computer supplies, and renewing various large memberships/dues earlier in the year.
- **Capital Expenditures**
  - This line item is under budget due to the aforementioned planned build out of the property purchased.
- **Mandatory Government Fees**
  - This line item is slightly under budget due to the timing of paying the property appraiser's fees, but this is expected to return to budgeted levels in the coming months.

Children's Board Of Hillsborough County  
Investments Statement  
**March-2024**

<u>Investment Instrument</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Yield</u>
Checking	Wells Fargo Government Advantage	2,564,132	1 day	1.08%
LGIP	Florida State Board of Administration	<u>132,124,504</u>	N/A	5.52%
		<b><u>134,688,636</u></b>		



**CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
PROJECTIONS**

**FY 2022 - 2023 to FY 2027 - 2028**

**Millage Rate .4589**



	<b>FY 2022 - 2023 Amended Budget</b>	<b>FY 2022 - 2023 Estimated Actual</b>	<b>FY 2023 - 2024 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2024 - 2025 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2025 - 2026 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2026 - 2027 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2027 - 2028 Budget</b>
<b>MILLAGE RATE</b>	<b>0.4589</b>	<b>0.4589</b>	<b>0.4589</b>	<b>0.4589</b>	<b>0.4589</b>	<b>0.4589</b>	<b>0.4589</b>
<u>Projected Tax Revenue</u> (millage rate @ .4589 w/ 12.25% inc. in tax base in FY 2024, 4.9% inc. in FY 2025, 7.4% inc. in FY 2026, 7% inc. in FY 2027, 6.5% inc. in FY 2028)	61,929,405	62,515,000	69,295,183	72,664,187	78,001,377	83,423,673	88,811,112
Investment Income	892,000	4,419,000	2,220,000	2,090,613	1,802,889	1,537,931	1,326,125
Administrative Services Organization and Other Community Partner	1,010,000	805,000	1,010,000	1,010,000	1,010,000	1,010,000	1,010,000
Miscellaneous Income	11,000	10,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
<b>Total Revenue Available</b>	<b>63,842,405</b>	<b>67,749,000</b>	<b>72,536,183</b>	<b>75,775,800</b>	<b>80,825,266</b>	<b>85,982,604</b>	<b>91,158,237</b>
<u>Operating Expenditures</u>	7,502,083	7,091,822	8,061,655	8,406,955	8,768,378	9,160,607	9,580,108
Mandatory Government Fees	1,754,648	1,629,858	1,988,523	2,074,540	2,226,650	2,381,184	2,534,726
Building and Capital Reserve Expenditures	4,000,000	2,047,513	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-
<u>Program Funding (Continuation Grants)</u>	40,628,582	38,879,279	51,321,375	61,593,202	77,787,902	84,126,390	88,846,418
<u>New Program Funding (Unallocated)</u>	12,825,000	5,143,142	9,560,000	15,050,000	4,850,000	3,150,000	1,850,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>66,710,314</b>	<b>54,791,614</b>	<b>74,931,553</b>	<b>91,124,697</b>	<b>97,632,930</b>	<b>98,818,181</b>	<b>102,811,252</b>
<b>Net Income (Spend Down)</b>	<b>(2,867,909)</b>	<b>12,957,386</b>	<b>(2,395,370)</b>	<b>(15,348,897)</b>	<b>(16,807,664)</b>	<b>(12,835,577)</b>	<b>(11,653,015)</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>							
Total Fund Balance Beginning of Year	64,908,268	67,371,722	80,329,108	77,933,738	62,584,841	45,777,176	32,941,599
Net Income (Spend Down of Fund Balance)	(2,867,909)	12,957,386	(2,395,370)	(15,348,897)	(16,807,664)	(12,835,577)	(11,653,015)
<b>Total Fund Balance End of Year after Spend Down</b>	<b>62,040,359</b>	<b>80,329,108</b>	<b>77,933,738</b>	<b>62,584,841</b>	<b>45,777,176</b>	<b>32,941,599</b>	<b>21,288,584</b>
Less Non-Spendable Fund Balance Reserve	(19,732)	(19,732)	(19,732)	(19,732)	(19,732)	(19,732)	(19,732)
Less Committed Fund Balance Reserve (Operating Reserve)	(3,332,167)	(3,332,167)	(3,754,071)	(4,565,347)	(4,891,410)	(4,950,791)	(5,150,844)
Less Committed Fund Balance Reserve (Building & Capital Reserve)	(981,627)	(981,627)	(1,281,627)	(1,581,627)	(1,881,627)	(2,181,627)	(2,481,627)
Less Assigned Fund Balance Reserve	(44,439,928)	(59,040,525)	(56,645,154)	(41,296,257)	(24,488,593)	(11,653,015)	
<b>Unassigned Fund Balance</b>	<b>13,266,905</b>	<b>16,955,058</b>	<b>16,233,154</b>	<b>15,121,878</b>	<b>14,495,815</b>	<b>14,136,434</b>	<b>13,636,381</b>

**Definitions:**

**Non-Spendable Fund Balance Reserve** includes pre-paid expenditures.

**Committed Fund Balance Reserve** includes the building/capital reserve and operational reserve of 5.01% of the budgeted expenditures for the year.

**Assigned Fund Balance Reserve** consists of the future commitments included in the future projections that spend down from the fund balance.

**Unassigned Fund Balance** represents the difference between the total fund balance and all reserves above.

The reserve amounts above are determined and approved by the Board each year during the budgeting process.

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	<b>Beginning Budget</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>YTD Amount Approved</b>	<b>YTD Uncommitted Funds Available</b>	<b>Current Funding Requests</b>	<b>Uncommitted Funds Available</b>
<b>Technical Assistance Funding (Agencies Not Currently Funded by CBHC)</b>	155,000		155,000	89,267	65,733		65,733
<b>Technical Assistance Funding (Agencies Currently Funded by CBHC)</b>	70,000		70,000	19,988	50,012		50,012
<b>Spring &amp; Summer Passports</b>	225,000		225,000	157,956	67,044		67,044
<b>Leading Grants (Summer Funding)</b>	310,000		310,000	59,963	250,037		250,037
<b>Emerging Needs Funding</b>	300,000		300,000	105,932	194,068		194,068
<b>Emergency Funding</b>	400,000		400,000	-	400,000		400,000
<b>Match</b>	300,000		300,000	55,521	244,479		244,479
<b>Leading Grants - Support New Programs</b>	600,000		600,000	336,690	263,310		263,310
<b>Leading or Uniting Grants - Children are Ready to Learn &amp; Succeed &amp; Family Support</b>		1,000,000	1,000,000	-	1,000,000		1,000,000
<b>Uniting Grants - Support New Programs</b>	3,000,000	(1,000,000)	2,000,000	848,374	1,151,626		1,151,626
<b>Investment Grants - Support New Programs</b>	3,600,000		3,600,000	2,428,345	1,171,655		1,171,655
<b>Investment Grants - Strategic Initiatives</b>	600,000		600,000	-	600,000		600,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,560,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,560,000</b>	<b>4,102,036</b>	<b>5,457,964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,457,964</b>

Original Continuation Funding Budget	51,321,375
Actual Contract Amount Negotiated	<u>(50,687,788)</u>
<b>Additional Amt Available from Continuation Funding</b>	<b>633,587</b>

Remaining from Continuation Summer Contracts	2,296
St. Joseph's Pediatric Extension	(36,043)
Gulf Coast Amendment	(38,822)
ALK of Florida Contract Amendment	(3,000)
Healthy Start Safe Baby Plus Expansion	<u>(64,144)</u>
<b>Net Additional \$\$ Available</b>	<b>493,874</b>

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Lightning Foundation, Inc.	Lightning Fall Camp	<p>Offer (2) sessions of camp for kids to participate in playing ball hockey and other sports. Engage with different arts/crafts, board games, puzzles, and we spend some time outside each day doing different team building activities. Each child is provided with a t-shirt and swag bag at the end of the week. We also provide kids with one snack and lunch throughout the day. We have been honored to work with the Childrens Board over the last few years to host Summer Camps at the Training Center. However, we see a need to pilot additional camps at other times of the year. We want to help families not stress about where their child will go by providing camps during <u>Thanksgiving Camp for children with Special Needs</u>, Length: 3 days and <u>Winter Camp</u>, Length: 4 days.</p>					16,200							

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Tampa Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.	StoryWalk	The StoryWalk project would increase access to literacy in a fun way for school readiness. Kiwanis will collaborate with Hillsborough County Park and Recreation as well as City of Tampa for park access at Ruskin Community Park, Seffner/Mango Community Park, Carrollwood Village Park (Tampa), and Rowlett Park (Sulphur Springs). Stories will rotated and be available in English and Spanish.					73,232							
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.								98,983				
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 the community resources and practical applications.								85,769				

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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.								100,000				
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.								51,938				

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Healthy, Safe, and Sound Initiative	The purpose of the Healthy, Safe, and Sound Elementary Initiative is to 1) provide necessary after-school 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.										187,996		
Housing Authority of the City of Tampa	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.										238,330		

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Florida Education Fund, Inc.	FEF CodeMasters	Strategic Initiative Expansion:  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.										82,536		
Florida Education Fund, Inc.	FEF CodeMasters County Wide	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.										131,407		

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Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc.	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 3rd 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.										208,105		
Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Certificate I Leadership	30 Nonprofit professionals working in Hillsborough County (CBHC funded and non CBHC funded organizations) that have a total operating budget of \$3 million or less.					16,500							
G3 Life Applications Inc.	Capacity Building	G3 Life Applications, Inc. is a 501 © 3 non-profit holistic mentoring organization that focuses on training, motivating, and empowering our youth by cultivating the Spiritual, Mental, and Physical attributes and qualities of All of our participants.	9,981											



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Learn Tampa Bay dba Achieve Plant City	Capacity Building	Achieve Plant City provides early childhood classes to children ages 2 to 5, offers reading and homework assistance to children in elementary grades, provides developmental screenings to children birth to 60 months, works with parents of the children served by providing adult literacy classes and parenting education.		10,000										
Oasis Network of New Tampa Inc.	Capacity Building	OASIS provides clothing and hygiene items to students in all 250 schools in Hillsborough County. OASIS request technology to improve our data collection and communication for staff/volunteers in four clothing sites around the county and five programs. OASIS requests two metal clothing bins to collect donated clothing for students.	9,872											

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The Skills Center Inc.	Capacity Building	The Skills Center uses the power of sports to level the playing field for children, youth, and young adults in education, health, and workforce training. The Skills Center provides sports-based youth development to help participants reach their full potential.	10,000											
Community Roots Collective Inc.	Capacity Building	Empowering families through education, resources, and love. Join us for support groups, educational classes, and workshops, fostering a community that sustains and uplifts every family. Together, let's navigate the challenges of parenting and build a foundation for a thriving future.	9,999											
Just Initiative	Capacity Building	Capacity Building for Just is going to impact all of the areas of our agency to strengthen us and improve efficiency with the training and technology improvements and fundraising support. In turn, this will improve our capacity and ability to serve families well in Hillsborough County for years to come.		9,988										

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PACE Center for Girls	Capacity Building	Build capacity in marketing and fund development in order to launch a capitol campaign. This includes engaging the services of consultants to lay the foundation for fundraising and assist with the marketing phase.	10,000											
Dana Shores Civic Association, Inc	Capacity Building	Skyway Park Children's Playground Music Enhancement will allow children of all ages and capabilities to experience the joy of playing music at one of Hillsborough County's most frequented parks.	7,436											
Florida 1.27 Inc.	Capacity Building	Florida 1.27 connects, encourage, and equip churches, organizations, families, and individuals to serve vulnerable children in crisis. This proposed program is an improved marketing strategy and assistance with its execution to help secure new funding opportunities from individual donors and cultivate existing donor relations towards growth.	9,600											

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Salesian Sisters	Capacity Building	The SYC is an after school and summer program for ages 5 – 18 years old that keeps kids off the streets and in programs like tutoring, sports programs, homework assistance, etc. Partnering with Boys & Girls Club, they provide staff and the Salesian Sisters of Tampa provides everything else.	9,950											
The Sylvia Thomas Center for Adoptive and Foster Families	Capacity Building	The purpose of this request is to develop an Educational Toolkit for Adoptive Families that will help guide adoptive parents in seeking the most appropriate services and supports for their children throughout their educational careers.	1,924											
New Life Village Inc.	Capacity Building	This proposal would support the secure storage of resident documentation.	5,000											
Solita's House Inc.	Capacity Building	Solita's House, Inc. (SHI) is nonprofit 501©(3) organization whose mission is to promote personal and community development by providing access to affordable financial products and development services to low-income persons so that they can achieve financial health and wealth in all areas of their lives.	5,505											

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Joshua Way of Hope	Achievers	The Achiever's program offers parenting classes and personalized training for students in grades (3 to 8), enhancing social behavior and academic skills. Parents and students learn stress management, conflict resolution, and family communication techniques. Includes case management, creating an educational family support plan, providing referrals, services and monitoring academic progress.											802,688	
Children's Home Network	Caregiver Support Services of Hillsborough County	CSS will provide clinical and wraparound family support to caregivers and their families to help prevent child abuse and neglect through "respite" (short-term) in-home services and will serve children between the ages of 0-13 who have physical disabilities, social-emotional challenges, or developmental delays/disabilities and their caregivers experiencing serious situational stressors.											547,306	

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The Skills Center Inc.	Middle School Youth Opportunity	Middle School Youth Opportunity (YO) will provide middle school youth with sports-based youth development to support academic success, build durable skills, and improve physical and mental well-being. Parents/caregivers will participate in activities to support their youth's development.											529,399	
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Inc.	After Zone Initiative at Giunta Middle School	The After Zone Initiative at Giunta Middle School will provide necessary before, during, and after-school and summer academic and enrichment support for middle school student who are struggling with learning loss, area at-risk of failing a class, and/or will not be promoted to the next grade.											164,624	
ReDefiners World Languages, Inc.	Multilingual Citizens Program (MCP)	Multilingual Citizens Program (MCP) provides free language classes for Hillsborough County parents/caregivers, children ages 5-11, youth 12-14 and professionals serving families learn Arabic, English, Mandarin or Spanish for 8-12 weeks at several community centers and schools across the county.											384,328	



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ReDefiners World Languages, Inc.	Academic Achievers	<p>This program is designed to support literacy development among K-5 students who are below grade level, currently enrolled at Mort elementary, within the community of the ReDefiners' Center and those served by the Family Enrichment Center.</p> <p>This program has expanded in partnership with Hillsborough County Department of Aging Services and with additional funding from AmeriCorps STATE, administered by Volunteer Florida to serve additional students and recruit a broader range of AmeriCorps Member Tutors that are age 18+.</p>							55,521					
Children's Museum of Tampa, Inc., d/b/a Glazer Children's Museum	FY 2024 Spring & Summer Passports	<p>Offering Camp Imagination full day for one week during Spring Break and eight weeks during Summer for children 5-10 years of age for a total of 47 slots.</p> <p>Camps include a t-shirt, bag, supplies and two snacks per day.</p>			14,042									

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Lightning Foundation, Inc.	FY 2024 Spring & Summer Passports	Offering a full day multi-sport camp at the Training Center for one week during Spring Break and three weeks during Summer for children enrolled in first through eighth grade for a total of 132 slots. Camps include shirt, swag bag, training, lunch, snacks.			47,280									
Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)	FY 2024 Spring & Summer Passports	Offering full day, hands on STEAM camp for one week during Spring Break and eleven weeks during Summer for children 5-14 years of age for a total of 120 slots. Camp includes early drop off, late pick up, all materials needed and a shirt.			28,780									
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Inc.	FY 2024 Spring & Summer Passports	Offering full day, performing arts camp for six weeks during Summer for children 6-14 years of age for a total of 59 slots. Camp includes early drop off and late pick up.			28,320									
Tampa Theatre	FY 2024 Spring & Summer Passports	Offering full day, filmmaking camp for six weeks during Summer for youth ages 11-14 for a total of 8 slots. Camp includes snacks, lunch, digital copies of finished films, t-shirt, early drop off and late pick up.			2,400									

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Lowry park Zoological Society of Tampa, Inc. d/b/a ZooTampa at Lowry Park	FY 2024 Spring & Summer Passports	Offering full day, camp dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation, and care for animals for nine weeks during Summer for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade for a total of 106 slots. Camp includes lunch, snacks, shirt, group photo, water bottle, early drop off and late pick up.			37,134									
Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association	THJCA Summer on Lamar	THJCA Summer on Lamar provides an eight-week camp to 25 youth ages 6-14 with enriching summer activities. The program is held at THJCA's headquarters (2005 Lamar Ave.) from June 10th-August 2nd. The program is held Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am -2:00 pm. There are no fees and lunch is provided.				19,963								
Tampa Metropolitan Area Young Men's Christian Association	Teen Summer Experience	25 at risk youth ages 11-14 will participate in the Tampa Y's 2024 five-week camp Teen Summer Experience. Teens will receive an array of support and enrichment programming to provide a positive experience, limit summer learning loss, and prepare for the transition to high school.				20,000								

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After School All Stars Tampa Bay	After School All Stars- Tampa Bay	After School All Stars Tampa Bay provides a free seven-week camp summer program for students 11-14 at Memorial Middle School. Programming includes project-based learning to help students combat learning loss over summer break, as well as enrichment activities.				20,000								
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>89,267</b>	<b>19,988</b>	<b>157,956</b>	<b>59,963</b>	<b>105,932</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,521</b>	<b>336,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>848,374</b>	<b>2,428,345</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>4,102,036</b>
<b>Total Current Requests</b>	<b>-</b>

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# Preserve Vision Florida

## Children's Vision Health and Safety Services



Every month, Preserve Vision Florida (PVF) provides vision services to each of the seven Children's Board Family Resource Centers. We often encounter families who may reside near one of the resource centers but lack proximity to the eye doctor partnering with us to deliver services. For some families, transportation poses a challenge.

Recently, we screened seven-year-old Marisleydi at CBFRC-Central. Her screening indicated a need for further evaluation by an optometrist. However, the Optical Outlets location proved somewhat distant for Marisleydi and her mother.

To address this challenge, the Children's Board allocates funding for PVF to utilize Uber Health. This enables us to bridge the transportation gap for our clients, ensuring access to quality services despite limited personal transportation.

For Marisleydi's family, we arranged transportation through Uber Health to facilitate their attendance at an eye exam at Optical Outlets in Brandon. A week later, her glasses were ready, prompting another trip to Optical Outlets for pick-up and adjustments. Marisleydi's mother expresses deep gratitude for our services and the opportunity for Marisleydi to envision her bright future.

PVF is committed to enhancing appointment attendance by enhancing service accessibility, from scheduling appointments to arranging transportation via Uber Health. Recognizing and addressing such barriers is crucial for effecting tangible change in the communities we serve. Our strategic resource utilization and unwavering dedication to our mission garnered significant recognition last year. The Tampa Bay Business Journal honored PVF as a One Tampa Bay Honoree, placing us among only 50 nonprofits and companies to receive this distinction.



# University Area Community Development Corporation

## Get Moving! Mind, Body & Soul

I'm thrilled to share the incredible transformation I've witnessed in my son, Johnny, since he joined the Get Moving! Karate class. Before enrolling, Johnny was a timid and restless child who often expressed himself through tears.

Initially, I sought out the karate class with the hope that it would instill discipline and respect in Johnny. However, I didn't anticipate the profound and positive impact it would have on his overall character. The change in Johnny has been nothing short of remarkable.

Gone are the days of tearful requests and restlessness. Teachers at school have also noticed a significant shift in Johnny's behavior and attitude. It warms my heart to see how karate has not only improved his character but has also enhanced his communication skills.

I want to express my gratitude to Master Montesino, whose guidance and teachings have been a blessing. Master Montesino has shared how Johnny has improved his karate techniques and developed positive habits, better behavior, and enhanced listening skills.

Most importantly, Johnny now exudes a newfound sense of respect. The positive changes I've witnessed in him since joining the karate class have truly been a testament to the transformative power of your program.

Thank you for providing such a nurturing and empowering environment for our children. We are grateful for the positive influence Get Moving! Karate has had on Johnny's life.



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& Developing Our Children's Skills K-5 (DOCS K-5)**



We are excited to announce our partnership with the Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County! This month, we had the privilege of presenting our DOCS Parenting Programs at Mary Lee's House to the Healthy Start Coalition team.

During the presentation, we shared a range of behavioral tools, strategies, and problem-solving techniques specifically tailored to support families, children, and caregivers within the Pediatric Primary Care clinics they serve across the community.

It was a rewarding experience to meet and collaborate with everyone involved in the Healthy Steps program. We look forward to continuing this partnership and making a positive impact on families throughout Hillsborough County.



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## Program-Wide Positive Behavior Supports (PWPBS)



Mary Kendrick, provider of Fresh Beginnings and Beyond Family Childcare Home, recently hosted an engaging family event focused on the importance of teaching about emotions, a key practice for Positive Behavior Supports.

Using the book "The Color Monster" as her theme, Mary encouraged families to acknowledge and validate their child's emotions. During the event, families participated in an activity to identify how different scenarios might make their child feel. They also practiced techniques to support their child in expressing a variety of emotions.

To further support their child's social-emotional development at home, families were sent home with goodie bags filled with emotional literacy resources and materials.

Mary's dedication to fostering emotional intelligence among children and families demonstrates her commitment to providing holistic care in her childcare home.

# Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County

## Healthy Families Hillsborough

Healthy Families Hillsborough is a nationally accredited, evidence-based program designed to provide comprehensive support to parents during and after pregnancy. The program aims to enhance childhood outcomes and promote family self-sufficiency by empowering parents through education and community support.

Participants in the Healthy Families program voluntarily engage to gain knowledge and skills in various areas. These include recognizing and responding to their babies' changing developmental needs, employing positive discipline techniques, managing parenting-related stress effectively, and setting and achieving both short- and long-term goals.

By offering wraparound support and fostering a nurturing environment, Healthy Families Hillsborough equips parents with the tools they need to navigate the challenges of parenting and foster healthy development in their children.





# Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay

## Readers in Motion



For nearly a decade, Readers in Motion has been providing invaluable in-class tutoring and mentoring services at Oak Grove Elementary School. What began with four Education Advocate volunteers serving in kindergarten classrooms in 2016 has blossomed into a comprehensive program spanning 12 classrooms, including Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade.

Oak Grove Elementary has warmly embraced Readers in Motion, fostering a culture of growth and collaboration to support their students' success.

Skyla and Jayla, first-grade twin sisters at Oak Grove Elementary, exemplify the positive impact of Readers in Motion on students' academic journeys. Since kindergarten, they have been enriched by the presence of their "Classroom Grandmas" and actively participate in various program activities, from monthly Reading Challenges to Winter Break Activity Books and Family Engagement events.

Their mother, Jennifer, attests to the significant progress her daughters have made in reading skills thanks to the dedicated efforts of their Education Advocate volunteers. The monthly Reading Challenges and the promise of a fun book prize serve as powerful motivators for Skyla and Jayla, even on non-school days.



First grade twins, Skyla (top) and Jayla (bottom), have received daily in-class support from their Classroom Grandparents, Grandma Epps (top) and Grandma Gladys

Their enthusiasm for completing Winter Break Activity Books underscores the program's success in fostering a love for reading and learning at home, a crucial element in nurturing children from learning to read to becoming avid readers.

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# Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay

## Readers in Motion

Readers in Motion continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of students like Skyla and Jayla, setting them on the path to academic success and a lifelong love of reading.

The legacy of Readers in Motion continues to grow stronger with each passing year. Our dedicated Education Advocate volunteers exemplify patience, love, and consistency as they guide each new cohort of students on their journey to becoming confident readers and diligent learners, eager to impress their "Grandmas" in the classroom. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Children's Board of Hillsborough County for their unwavering support throughout our journey.



# Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

## Girl Scout Troop Program

In March, our supported Girl Scout Community Troops, funded by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, wrapped up their last cookie booths, marking the end of a successful cookie season. Throughout this period, the girls set and pursued ambitious goals, acquiring invaluable skills along the way.

They delved into the realm of entrepreneurship, learning what it means to be the CEOs of their cookie businesses. From engaging with customers to marketing their products and honing financial literacy skills, the girls gained practical experience at their cookie booths. Their dedication and effort earned them the Entrepreneur Badge, symbolizing their entrepreneurial prowess.

Additionally, we celebrated Girl Scout Week, commemorating the founding of Girl Scouts in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. The girls engaged in various themed activities, including a nature walk and games, honoring the mission of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, while fostering camaraderie among themselves.

During Black History Month, we emphasized the importance of recognizing the accomplishments of African-Americans year-round. The girls selected African-American figures they admired and created portraits of them. Some celebrated renowned leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Ruby Bridges, while others honored local community leaders, such as their coaches. The coaches were deeply touched to be chosen as role models by the girls, reinforcing the message that with determination, they can achieve anything.

Through these enriching activities, the girls not only earned their Black History Month patch but also gained a deeper appreciation for the contributions of African-Americans, both globally and within their own lives.



# Hillsborough Education Foundation, Inc.

## Tech Connect



The Hillsborough Education Foundation (HEF), through its Tech Connect program, recently organized a highly beneficial workshop for students from Wimauma Elementary School. Tailored to support migrant families, this workshop focused on developing digital literacy skills and navigating the diverse programs offered by Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Thanks to the generous funding from the Children's Board, HEF was able to directly engage with these

families. One of the primary goals was to enhance parental involvement in their children's education, enabling effective communication and collaboration with teachers and school administration—an essential aspect of building a robust educational support system at home.

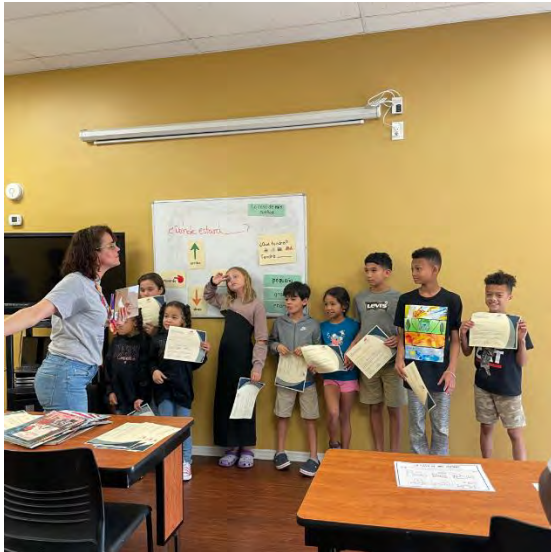
HEF's commitment to bridging the digital divide was evident as they provided each attending family with a new computer and essential school supplies. This gesture not only facilitates online learning but also extends educational resources beyond the classroom, empowering students to maximize digital tools for their academic growth.

As part of an inclusive approach, the HEF Tech Connect program offered personalized one-on-one coaching sessions for students. These sessions aimed to improve students' access to and utilization of their online curriculum. Moreover, the program extended its reach by connecting families with additional community resources, emphasizing the significance of technology in enhancing overall digital literacy.

Overall, the HEF Tech Connect program has demonstrated significant efforts to equip both students and parents with the necessary tools and knowledge to thrive in today's digital-centric educational landscape. This initiative represents a crucial step toward promoting equitable access to technology and education for all community members, setting a precedent for future educational support programs.

# ReDefiners World Languages

## Multilingual Citizens Program



In the vibrant halls of the Children's Board Family Resource Centers, Anietsy leads a series of captivating Spanish classes that ignite a passion for language and culture in every student. As students gather, anticipation fills the air, eager to delve into the world of Spanish language and its rich cultural tapestry.

Anietsy, a dynamic instructor, welcomes her students with a warm smile and a clear agenda for the day, whether it's the lively Let's Learn Spanish class or the engaging Spanish Workshop for Adults. With her unique style, she introduces the day's topic, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among her students.

### Let's Learn Spanish: Building Dream Homes and Exploring Colors

With the energy of a lively song, Anietsy engages her students in a rhythmic dance of language. Movements and actions mirror the vocabulary they are learning, transforming language acquisition into a joyful experience. Students describe their homes, carefully indicating the places and objects within them, all while learning the vibrant colors that adorn their imaginary abodes.

Through engaging activities and interactive discussions, the classroom becomes a canvas of creativity and linguistic exploration. Anietsy's innovative teaching methods not only teach Spanish but also immerse students in a world where language comes to life.



# Children's Home Network

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



Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services (SEEDS) recently launched its Spring Reading Challenge, inviting SEEDS participants and their families to embark on a reading adventure over Spring Break. Each child, from preschool to 3rd grade, received a personalized reading plan featuring a variety of topics to explore.

Throughout Spring Break, children and families were encouraged to engage in enjoyable reading activities, with the promise of prizes awaiting them at the SEEDS Spring event held after Hillsborough County's Spring Break 2024. This Luau-themed event, hosted at the Sunshine Health Welcome room, drew a large crowd of SEEDS families.

During the event, children had the opportunity to showcase their reading activities and receive certificates and prizes in celebration of their reading accomplishments. Families participated in a range of fun activities, including sight word bingo, word search, tic tac toe, face painting, and more. Refreshments were provided, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Step Up for Students was also present, offering information to parents about educational scholarships. Students received luau bags filled with small treats, books, and other educational items.

The event emphasized the importance of reading together as a family and highlighted how reading can be a fun bonding activity integrated into daily life. Families expressed their appreciation for the engaging and interactive event.

SEEDS families are now gearing up for the upcoming Summer of Reading Kick-off, promising more exciting reading initiatives to come.

As Dr. Seuss once said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."





## Outreach Calendar of Events

The Children's Board will have a presence at the following community events. Contact Timothy Bennett, Community Relations Manager, at [bennetta@childrensboard.org](mailto:bennetta@childrensboard.org) for more information about a particular event.

### April

04.27.24 **Children's Board Family Fun Day**  
Tampa Museum of Art  
120 West Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa  
11:00 am-4:00 pm

### May

- 05.02.24 **Clean Air Fair 2024**  
Curtis Hixon Park  
120 West Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa  
11:30 am-1:30 pm
- 05.04.24 **Early Learning Coalition – Teacher Night Out**  
MOSI  
4801 East Flower Avenue, Tampa  
5:00 pm-10:00 pm
- 05.07.24 **Children's Board Free Tuesday**  
Glazer Children's Museum  
110 West Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa  
9:00 am-5:00 pm
- 05.16.24 **Lewis Elementary School – Ready, Set, Summer!**  
Lewis Elementary School  
6700 Whiteway Drive, Tampa  
5:00 pm-7:00 pm
- 05.18.24 **NAMI – Youth & Young Adults Wellness Summit**  
USF Marshall Student Center  
4103 Cedar Circle, Tampa  
9:00 am-3:00 pm



Subject: Thank you, Children's Board of Hillsborough County!

Dear Members of The Children's Board of Hillsborough County,

I hope this message finds you well. It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you of my resignation from the Community Alliance Coordinator position. Serving in this capacity has been an immense privilege, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have contributed to the important work of empowering the children and families of Hillsborough County.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our remarkable Executive Director, Rebecca Bacon, for her unwavering support of this innovative position. Rebecca, your leadership, and vision have been instrumental in not only establishing but also sustaining the importance of this role within The Children's Board. Your commitment to the continued progress and empowerment of our community have been truly inspiring.

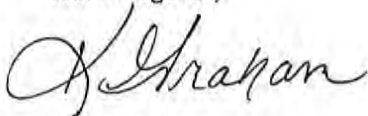
Additionally, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Kelley Parris our former Executive Director, whose foresight and vision initially paved the way for the creation of the Community Alliance Coordinator position.

To Judge Katherine Essrig, who chaired the Community Alliance and supported the work of this position from the very beginning, I extend my deepest gratitude. Judge Essrig, your dedication and advocacy for the well-being of our community's children and families have been truly commendable. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in shaping the success of this initiative, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work alongside you.

To the entire board, I express my sincerest appreciation for your support in approving the funding for this position. Your belief in the potential of this initiative has been instrumental in its success, not only within Hillsborough County but also as a model for community alliances statewide.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve alongside you. It has been an honor and a privilege.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kalen Graham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kalen Graham