CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 ~ 4:00 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	R. DeLaVergne
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	S. Naumowich

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 minutes.	R. DeLaVergne

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCLOSURE

R. Bacon

ACTION ITEMS

1.	**Approval;** August 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes	R. DeLaVergne
2.	**Approval;** September 11, 2025 Preliminary TRIM Hearing Minutes	R. DeLaVergne
3.	**Approval;** Executive Director Contract	D. Adams
4.	**Approval;** Release of RFP for Wellness Grants	M. Negron
5.	**Approval;** Release of RFP for Water Safety Grant	M. Negron
6.	**Approval;** Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County Match Grant	M. Negron
7.	**Approval;** Childcare Accreditation Grant	G. Stewart

PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

More Health: Healthy and Safe Kids	K. Buckenheimer

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1.	Executive Director Reports A. Activities – August 29, 2025-September 25, 2025 B. Strategic Plan Work Plan Update	R. Bacon
2.	Programs Reports	M. Negron
3.	ASO Report	K. Hickman
4.	IT Report	J. Robe

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENTS

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	October 10, 2025	1:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	October 23, 2025	3:00 PM

November

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	November 06, 2025	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	November 20, 2025	3:00 PM

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
August 28, 2025 ~ 3:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

Subject	Regular Board Meeting	**Date**	August 28, 2025
Facilitator	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair	**Meeting Time**	3:00 PM
Location	1002 East Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33605	**Actual Meeting Time**	3:00 PM – 4:15 PM
		Adjourned	4:15 PM
Board Member Attendance	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair Katherine Essrig, Vice-Chair Andy Mayts, Secretary/Treasurer	Gwen Myers Van Ayres Beth Pasek Ed Narain	Sarah Naumowich Shake Washington Megan Proulx Dempsey
Other Attendees	Rebecca Bacon, Executive Director Dave Adams, CBHC Board Attorney Kristina Austin, Recorder Daniel Monasterio, CBHC Staff	Maria Negron, CBHC Staff Wendy Perez, CBHC Staff Kelly Hickman, CBHC Staff Paula Scott, CBHC Staff	Jamie Robe, CBHC Staff Genet Stewart, CBHC Staff Dexter Lewis, CBHC Staff Laschell Hardy, 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. • M. Proulx Dempsey led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.
	PUBLIC COMMENT	R. DeLaVergne asked for Public Comment. The following individuals provided public comment for the Board meeting: 1. Weclaige "Gigi" Moise, PCAT Literacy; 2. Anna X, Early Childcare Advocate.
II.	**ACTION ITEMS**	
	1. 6-26-25 Regular Board Meeting Minutes	R. DeLaVergne requested approval of the June 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. ***Motion (1) by Megan Proulx Dempsey to approve June 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; second by Katherine Essrig; motion carried (10-0).***
	2. Approval of FY 2025-2026 Regular Board meeting and Executive Finance Committee Meeting Schedules	R. Bacon requested approval of the FY 2025-2026 Regular Board and Executive/Finance Meeting schedules. The schedule will be published in The Tampa Bay Times as follows: **<u>Regular Board Meetings</u>** (3:00 PM, 4th Thursday of month unless noted) October 23, 2025 November 20, 2025 (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) No December 2025 Meeting January 22, 2026 February 26, 2026 March 26, 2026 April 23, 2026 May 28, 2026 June 25, 2026 No July 2026 Meeting August 27, 2026 September 24, 2026 ***Motion (2) by Beth Pasek to approve the FY 2025-2026 meeting schedule; second by Shake Washington; motion carried (10-0).***

SUMMARY		
No.	**Topic**	**Highlights**
	3. Approval of FY2026 Family Resource Center Leases	P. Scott requested approval of the FY 2026 Family Resource Center Leases. ***Motion (3) by Ed Narain to approve the FY 2026 Family Resource Center Leases; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; motion carried (10-0) .***
	4. Approval of the Final FY 2025-2026 Millage Rate	D. Monasterio requested approval of the Final FY 2025-2026 Millage Rate. ***Motion (4) by Sarah Naumowich to approve the Final FY 2025-2026 Millage Rate; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; motion carried (9-0) with (1) abstention by Katherine Essrig.***
	5. Approval of Final FY 2025-2026 Budget	D. Monasterio requested approval of the Final FY 2025-FY 2026 Budget. ***Motion (5) by Ed Narain to approve the Final*** **2025-FY 2026 Budget*****; second by Beth Pasek; motion carried (10-0).***
	6. Approval of Youth Council Grant	M. Negron requested approval of the request for proposals for a FY2026 Youth Council Grant. ***Motion (6) by Ed Narain to approve the Youth Council Grant; second by Shake Washington; motion carried (10-0).***
	7. Approval of Mentoring Grant	M. Negron requested approval of the request for proposals for a FY 2026 Mentoring Grant. ***Motion (7) by Shake Washington to approve a Mentoring Grant; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; Motion carried (10-0).***
	8. Approval of 2026 ONEhillsborough Next Man Up Grant	G. Stewart requested approval of a 2026 ONEhillsborough Next Man UP Grant. ***Motion (8) by Ed Narain to approve the 2026 ONEhillsborough Next Man Up Grant second by Gwen Myers; motion carried (10-0).***
	9. Approval to authorize an increase to GMP for 308 W. Robertson St., Brandon	P. Scott requested approval to authorize an increase to the GMP for 308 W. Robertson St., Brandon. **Motion (9)** ***by Megan Proulx Dempsey to approve the increase to GMP for 308 W. Robertson St. , Brandon; second by Ed Narain. Motion carried (10-0).***
III.	**PROVIDER PRESENTATION**	
	CDC of Tampa: Wealth Builders	M. Negron introduced Dr. Chamain Moss-Torres, Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc. (CDC) Some of the following highlights were presented to the Board: • The Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc. (CDC) was established in 1992; • The Wealthbuilder's Program partnered with the Children's Board in July 2024; • The Program's goal is to help participants become self – sufficient by providing support to teach the skills needed to become financially stable and build generational wealth; • Participants for the program live, work, or attend school in zip-codes: 33603, 33610, or 33619 and are either expectant parents and/or parents /caregivers with children ages birth to fourteen years of age.

SUMMARY		
No.	**Topic**	**Highlights**
IV.	**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**	
	1. Executive Director Report	R. Bacon reported attending (73) significant meetings between June 26, 2025–August 28, 2025. R. Bacon provided the following updates on summer services: • CBHC funded many activities over the summer through the enhancements grants, the Summer Passports program, and to increase camp capacity; • There were seven hundred and thirty-two camp slots across seven different partners this summer. R. Bacon provided the following updates on the Strategic Planning Work Plan: • Using feedback from the Strategic Planning Workshop, Vistra Communications has helped us streamline our grant application; • Survey Monkey Apply (a web based grant application system) will be used for 2026 funding releases; • A grant training class was held on August 13th with almost ninety attendees and seven different funders. The training was recorded and placed on Youtube. • A September training session is planned to focus on fiscal aspects and budgeting. • All provider contracts will be signed electronically moving forward; • Organizational processes are being updated and streamlined. The general terms and conditions have been simplified and reduced with help from our Board Attorney, David Adams. • Additional work will continue as we meet with partners to discuss other service strategy expansions. In addition, R. Bacon met with providers, nonprofits, and agencies that work with older youth. Meetings included partners from Tampa General Hospital regarding child safety issues including an increase in injury due to youth riding electric bikes and scooters without helmets.
	2. Programs Report	M. Negron provided brief updates on the following items: • FY 2025 Initial Program Results and Recommendations; • Updates to the Outcomes Menu for FY2026.
	3. Public Relations Report	D Lewis provided a report on several summer programs and other Public Relations related items: • The Children's Board funded a total of seven hundred and eighty six summer camp slots; • Summer Camps at three YMCA locations accounted for forty slots for ten weeks; • The CBHC Board of Directors approved expanded access to summer camp for four hundred and twenty two children across nine Boys & Girls Club sites; • Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association received funding for thirty five slots for six weeks; • I-Supplies received funding for fifty camp slots – twenty five slots at Silver Oaks & twenty five slots at Columbus Court; • After Hours at the Skills Center hosted a teen summer camp for one hundred and fifty summer camp slots; • The Where the Funding Goes series has been viewed one thousand times on average.

AGENDA

	OLD/NEW BUSINESS	None.
	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

MOTIONS

Motion (1) by Megan Proulx Dempsey to approve June 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; second by Katherine Essrig; motion carried (10-0).
Motion (2) by Beth Pasek to approve the FY 2025-2026 meeting schedule; second by Shake Washington; motion carried (10-0).
Motion (3) by Ed Narain to approve the FY 2026 Family Resource Center Leases; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; motion carried (10-0) .
Motion (4) by Sarah Naumowich to approve the Final FY 2025-2026 Millage Rate; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; motion carried (9-0) with (1) abstention by Katherine Essrig.
Motion (5) by Ed Narain to approve the Final **2025-FY 2026 Budget*****; second by Beth Pasek; motion carried (10-0).***
Motion (6) by Ed Narain to approve the Youth Council Grant; second by Shake Washington; motion carried (10-0).
Motion (7) by Shake Washington to approve a Mentoring Grant; second by Megan Proulx Dempsey; motion carried (10-0).
Motion (8) by Ed Narain to approve the 2026 ONEhillsborough Next Man Up Grant second by Gwen Myers; motion carried (10-0).
Motion (9) ***by Megan Proulx Dempsey to approve the increase to GMP for 308 W. Robertson St. , Brandon; second by Ed Narain. motion carried (10-0).***

READ AND APPROVED BY:

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ROBIN DELAVERGNE
BOARD CHAIR

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING (TRIM)
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 AT 5:01 P.M.

Subject	**Preliminary Public Hearing (TRIM)**	**Date**	**September 11, 2025**
Facilitator	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair	**Meeting Time**	5:01 PM to 5:07 PM
Location	Children's Board of Hillsborough County 1002 East Palm Avenue Tampa, Florida 33605	**Adjourned**	The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM

Board Member Attendees	Robin DeLaVergne, *Chair* Katherine Essrig, Vice Chair - absent Andrew Mayts, Secretary/Treasurer	Megan Proulx Dempsey Ed Narain Sarah Naumowich – *absent* Beth Pasek	Van Ayers Gwen Myers Shake Washington
Other Attendees	Rebecca Bacon, *Executive Director* David Adams, *Board Attorney* Kristina Austin, Recorder	Paula Scott Wendy Perez Maria Negron Jamie Robe	Daniel Monasterio Kelly Hickman Genet Stewart Dexter Lewis

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
I	**CALL TO ORDER**	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
II.	**QUORUM VERIFICATION**	A quorum was established with eight Board members present.
III.	**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**	R. DeLaVergne requested D. Adams verbally review the resolutions. Two resolutions are to be considered; one to adopt the millage rate and the other to adopt the budget, both by separate votes. D. Adams read Resolution Number 25/26-01; Resolution Adopting Tentative Millage Rate. D. Adams read Resolution Number 25/26-02; Resolution Adopting Tentative Budget.
IV.	**BOARD DISCUSSION**	(1) R. DeLaVergne stated an operating millage rate of .4589 has been recommended, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .4377 mills by 4.84%; (2) This increase over the rolled-back rate is necessary in order to ensure Hillsborough County children (1) are healthy and safe, (2) are developmentally on track, (3) are ready to learn and succeed, and (4) have family support; (3) In order to accomplish those outcomes in FY 2025 – 2026 the recommended budget includes $5,404,000 of new unallocated program funding; (4) Without an increase over the rolled-back millage rate, some of these new funding opportunities would not be possible, and the children of Hillsborough County would not be well served.
V.	**PUBLIC COMMENT**	R. DeLaVergne opened the floor for Public Comment. No one offered Public Comment.

SUMMARY

VI.	**BOARD VOTE**	D. Adams advised that Motion (A) on the agenda is in order. **Motion A:** IT IS MOVED THAT THE CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OR ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN, ADOPT A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF .4589 WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF .4377 MILLS BY 4.84% AND ADOPT THE ATTACHED MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION NUMBER 25/26-01. D. Adams advised that Motion (B) on the Agenda is in order. **Motion B:** IT IS MOVED THAT THE CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OR ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET OF $101,929,369 AND ADOPT THE ATTACHED BUDGET RESOLUTION NUMBER 25/26-02.
VII.	**MOTIONS**	***Motion A by Andy Mayts that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children, adopt a tentative millage rate of .4589 which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .4377 mills by 4.84% and adopt the attached millage rate resolution number 25/26-01; second by Ed Narain. No discussion; motion carried (8-0).*** ***Motion B by Ed Narain that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children adopt a tentative budget of $ 101,929,369 and adopt the attached budget resolution number 25/26-02; second by Gwen Myers. No discussion; motion carried by unanimous vote (8-0).***
VIII.	**ADJOURNMENT**	**No further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.**

MOTIONS

Motion A. by Andy Mayts that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children, adopt a tentative millage rate of .4589 which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .4377 mills by 4.84% and adopt the attached millage rate resolution number 25/26-01; second by Ed Narain. No discussion; motion carried (8-0).

Motion B. by Ed Narain that the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, in order to provide services to or on behalf of children adopt a tentative budget of $ 101,929,369 and adopt the attached budget resolution number 25/26-02; second by Gwen Myers. No discussion; motion carried by unanimous vote (8-0).

READ AND APPROVED BY:

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Robin DeLaVergne, Chair

ACTION ITEM NO. 3

Approval of Executive Director Contract Extension

Initiator: David Adams, Board Attorney

Action: Approval of Executive Director Contract Extension

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 2025

Recommended Actions

Recommend that the Board approves the extension of the Executive Director's contract through September 30, 2028.

Background

- The Executive Director has a rolling three year contract that is traditionally renewed each year by the Board, based on a successful Performance Appraisal Process.
- The Children's Board Attorney oversees the Executive Director Performance Appraisal Process.
- On August 06, 2025, the Executive Director completed a Self-Evaluation for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- The Executive Director's Self-Evaluation was provided to each member of the Board along with a blank Performance Appraisal Evaluation Form.
- Board members returned their individual Performance Appraisal Evaluation Forms to Wendy Perez, who compiled the results of the Performance Appraisal Process.
- The results were distributed to the Board in advance of the Board Meeting.
- The recommendation to extend the Executive Director's contract to September 30, 2028 is based on the satisfactory performance of the Executive Director in FY 2024-2025 and the recommendation of the Board Attorney after polling members of the Executive Committee.

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ACTION ITEM NO. 4
Approval of Release for Wellness Grants

Initiator: Maria Negrón, Director of Programs

Action: Approval of release for Wellness Grants

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 2025

Recommended Actions

Recommend release in October of 2025 of a Request for Proposals for multiple Wellness Grants for Mental Health Supports with a total allocation up to $1,200,000 and an anticipated contract term in Fiscal Year 2026.

Background

- The contract term will be determined once the release timeline is finalized.
- Identified service priority from Board strategic planning.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5
Approval of Release for Water Safety Grant

Initiator: Maria Negrón, Director of Programs

Action: Approval of release for Water Safety Grant

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 2025

Recommended Actions

Recommend release in November of 2025 of a Request for Proposals for a Water Safety Grant to support the Healthy and Safe focus area with a total allocation up to $150,000 and an anticipated contract term in Fiscal Year 2026.

Background

- The contract term will be determined once the release timeline is finalized.
- Identified need for continued support in Hillsborough County to include children with varying abilities.

ACTION ITEM NO. 6
Approval of Match Contract Expansion

Initiator: Maria Negrón, Director of Programs

Action: Approval of Match Contract Expansion

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 2025

Recommended Actions

Recommend the approval of a Match Contract Expansion for the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County, School Readiness program to increase the allocation for additional countywide direct slots in the amount of $276,000 for a total FY 2025-2026 amended amount of $1,351,000 to be effective October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Background

- The contract is currently in good standing.
- The program aligns with Children's Board intent to increase support for proven best practices in early learning.
- The amount includes $75,000 to support providers serving families experiencing homelessness.
- The program increase is due to other revenue loss and supports match requirements from the Office of Early Learning which is the primary funder.

ACTION ITEM NO. 7

Approval of ONEhillsborough Childcare Accreditation

Initiator: Genet Stewart, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Action: Approval of release for ONEhillsborough Childcare Accreditation

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 2025

Recommended Actions

Approve the release in October 2025 of an Intent to Negotiate (ITN) with a total allocation of up to $200,000 for FY 2025–2026, to select an organization that will provide support for licensed school readiness childcare providers within the ONEhillsborough zip codes to achieve Gold Seal accreditation.

Background

- ONEhillsborough is a community-driven initiative structured around the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). It is designed to implement tailored, holistic, and meaningful solutions to address long-term issues that underserved communities face within our county.
- According to the Tampa Bay Partnership 2025 Regional Competitiveness report, 52.04% of Hillsborough County children passed the Kindergarten Readiness Test.
- Many childcare providers in low-income communities lack access to the resources needed to achieve Goal Seal accreditation.
- Fourteen unaccredited childcare providers with at least 60% of their enrollment identified as school readiness children have been identified within the ONEhillsborough zip codes of 33603, 33610, and 33619. The ONEhillsborough team reached out these providers to assess interest and received feedback from several of them. The first cohort will include a subset of these providers, the number of which will be based on provider readiness and cost.
- Upon achieving Gold Seal accreditation, centers are recognized as educational institutions and become exempt from property taxes. They also receive a 20% differential for each child enrolled in School Readiness, creating both cost savings and additional revenue that can be reinvested into educational materials and used to reduce costs for families, helping to offset the high price of childcare.
- To maximize success, $100,000 of the approved $300,000 will be set aside to provide a differential payment of 20% on top of every school readiness child served while pursuing accreditation to allow providers to increase revenue as they prepare for accreditation.

MORE HEALTH-Healthy and Safe Kids

- MORE HEALTH, Inc., established 1989
- Karen Buckenheimer, RN, BSN, Executive Director
- Leading Grant - Healthy and Safe Kids
- Funded January 2024 - September 2026
- Providing dental, nutrition, personal hygiene and poison prevention education to preschool children and their families

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Children's Board of Hillsborough County Healthy and Safe Kids Grant

- Provide a "Week of Wellness" to **750** children, ages 3-6 in preschools within zip codes 33602, 33604, 33605, 33610, 33612, 33617, 33619.
- Teach Interactive dental education, nutrition education, personal hygiene, and poison prevention lessons to the children.
- **Outcome: Teach 750 children with at least 80% demonstrating health and safety practices.**
- Distribute Parent Wellness Packets, with community resources, to the children's parents/caregivers that furthers the health and safety messages the children receive.
- Present 5 community educational events to adults.

MORE HEALTH Accomplishments

Goal:

- Teach 750 children health and safety
- Distribute Parent Packet to 750 adults
- 80% of children demonstrate appropriate health and safety practices
- Provide 2 Parent Lecture Education events and 3 tabletop health education events at selected preschools

Achieved:

- Taught 1,122 children
- Distributed 1,122 packets
- 95% demonstrated successfully!!!!
- Taught 2 Parent Education classes on Poison Prevention, partnering with the Florida Poison Information Center at Tampa General Hospital. Held 3 tabletop education events.

Lessons Learned

- Due to lively nature of preschool environment, it is important to Reach out often! Physically go to the preschool and introduce yourself in person.
- Due to age, cognitive, and language differences of the children, it is important to keep messages simple, interactive, fun, and repeat valuable health and safety messages.
- Work closely with staff to encourage parent participation.
- Have flexibility in the lesson plans and presentation delivery.

Special Moments

"A thousand thanks for all the love, time, and dedication you put into the MORE HEALTH program. It was a true gift for our children to have you at Echo Learning. Thank you also for the little bags-we saw them at the entrance and are sure the little ones will be thrilled with them. And yes, we truly enjoyed everything! What you share always leaves a beautiful mark. We hope to see you again very soon. This will always be your home. With much affection, Natalia and the entire Echo Learning team."

HEALTHY AND SAFE KIDS!!!!

A New Year Ahead!!

- Healthy and Safe Kids Program expands to additional zip codes (33605, 33610, 33612, 33619, 33602, 33604, 33617, 33563, 33565, 33566, 33578, 33584)
- Provide 850 preschool children a “Week of Wellness”
- Provide 5 health/safety education programs to 50 parents

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Children's Board of Hillsborough County
Executive Director Report
August 28, 2025 – September 25, 2025 17 Meetings

SPEAKING EVENT – Nonprofit Leadership Board Meeting
Kelsy Long and Maureen Butler - Vistra Closeout Meeting
Florida Association of Children's Councils & Trusts (FACCT) Weekly Meeting
Lisa Williams Taylor - Palm Beach Children's Service Council
Michele Watson – FACCT
Kyle Stoekel – Brown & Brown
Child Abuse Death Review (CADR)
Safe Baby Advisory Board Meeting
Marisa Mowat – Healthy Start Coalition
Weekly FACCT Meeting
Kelley Minney & Gary Meyer – Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County
Early Learning Task Force Meeting
SPEAKING EVENT - Funding Forward: Insights from Funders & Nonprofits Training Series (Part Two)
Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
Community Alliance Advisory Meeting
2025 EmpowerED Luncheon
Elvin Martinez – Bay Area Youth Services, Inc.

Children's Board of Hillsborough County (CBHC)
Strategy Workplan Activity Report
September 2025

The Children's Board engaged in a strategic planning session with the Board of Directors on April 24, 2025. A summary report with recommendations was shared in June 2025, along with a strategy workplan and implementation timeline. The following activity report provides a status update on key initiatives and top service priorities identified during strategic planning.

KEY INITIATIVES

Provider Engagement

Reviewed grant processes and applications from other Children's Services Councils (CSCs)	**Complete**
Partnered with Vistra to conduct stakeholder interviews with small nonprofit organizations and review grant application and management processes	**Complete**
Hosted general grant writing training series featuring several local funders and nonprofits in August and September	**Complete**
Updated grant application process, including expanded use of Survey Monkey Apply for all grants	**Complete**
Recorded Online Grant SurveyMonkey Apply Application Tutorial Video and posted on CBHC website	**Complete**
Included staff supported small non-profit grants in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 new funding plan	**In Progress**

Community Relations

Providing ongoing updates on agency progress through CBHC newsletter, provider emails, and regular provider forums	**In Progress**
Included provider liaison position in FY 2026 budget and developing position description	**In Progress**
Included funding in FY 2026 budget for countywide community feedback	**In Progress**
Increased public relations support to funded providers through "Where the Funding Goes" social media series	**In Progress**

Long-Term Funds Management

Updated five-year projections which include both sustainability for multi-year grants and new program funding	**Complete**
Updated FY 2026 program funding plan with newly identified priorities and allocation for match funding to address funding trends in the community	**Complete**
Increased allowable administrative-indirect rate for program contracts from 10 – 12%, starting in FY 2026	**Complete**
Ongoing participation in Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT) Executive Director, Policy, and Affinity groups to monitor state and federal budget discussions	**In Progress**

Process Modernization

Updated and streamlined Fiscal Handbook content; reduced from 30 pages to 15	**Complete**
Updated and streamlined contract General Terms and Conditions; reduced from 17 pages to 13	**Complete**
Updated Provider Improvement Plan process	**Complete**
Updated Quarterly Provider Report Interview and reduced from 14 questions to 9	**Complete**
Converted Outcomes menu to web-based interactive tool	**Complete**
Implemented electronic contract signature using Adobe Sign	**Complete**
Reviewed SAMIS – the statewide grant management system utilized by other CSCs - with plans to implement the fiscal module in FY 2026	**In Progress**

TOP SERVICE PRIORITIES

Summer Camp Expansion

Engaged with 14 providers and distributed outreach materials for those with availability	**Complete**
Executed contracts with seven providers, resulting in the creation of 732 new summer camp slots	**Complete**
Commenced updates to process for FY 2026 Summer grants	**In Progress**

Accreditation for Child Care

Completed initial research including engagement with Jacksonville CSC, Early Learning Coalition (ELC) leadership, and FACCT	Complete
Reviewed ARPA-funded ELC accreditation projects, one of which has a final cohort in 2026	Complete
Held meetings with community stakeholders, including Black Child Development Institute (BCDI)	Complete
Selected CBHC focus in ONEhilllsborough zip codes of 33603, 33610, and 33619	Complete
Obtained additional stakeholder input through interviews with early learning providers	Complete
Planning release of Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for accreditation support in Fiscal Year 2026	In Progress

Teen Services

Held information exchange sessions with Miami CSC to explore Youth Advisory Council	Complete
Reviewed existing program contracts for access expansion of target population; 21 programs identified to increase age eligibility to 18 in FY 2026	Complete
Updated outcomes menu for age expansion up to18	Complete
Released ASO Request for Applications (RFA) for FY 2026 with expanded eligibility for families with children through age 18	Complete
Ongoing efforts to scan existing resources and meet with community partners serving teens	In Progress
Planning Request for Proposals (RFP) for Youth Council in FY 2026	In Progress

Mental Health Supports

Ongoing efforts to scan existing resources and meet with community partners providing mental health supports	In Progress
Released mentoring grant to include Science of Hope through ONEhillsborough for FY 2026	In Progress
Planning grant release to focus on mental health wellness in FY2026	In Progress

Early Learning and Child Care Supports

Ongoing efforts to scan existing resources and meet with community partners providing early learning supports	**In Progress**
Meetings with the ELC to discuss opportunities for alignment and collaboration	**In Progress**

Supporting Children with Autism or Varying Abilities

Ongoing efforts to scan existing resources and meet with community partners serving children with varying abilities	**In Progress**
Reviewing implementation of recently funded CBHC programs including Every Child Plays, Caregiver Support Services, After School All Stars at Pepin Academy, Autism is Real and Guiding Stars Mentoring Program	**In Progress**
Planning RFP for water safety for FY 2026 to include children with autism or varying abilities	**In Progress**

Board Update: September 25, 2025

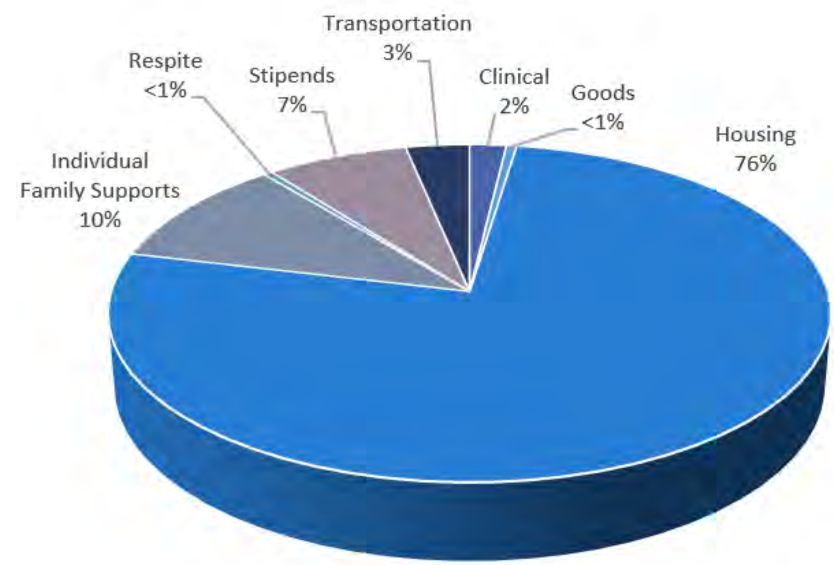
Children's Board acknowledges the 21 programs that updated their service eligibility for FY 2026 to include children up to the age of 18:

Contract/Program Manager	Agency	Program	Main Service
Phylicia	ALK of Florida	Villages Children and Families Engaging (CAFÉ)	Resource Navigation
	Housing Authority	Building Hope	Case Management
	The Skills Center	Middle School Youth Opportunity (YO)	Out of School Time
Lisa	Family Healthcare Foundation	Connecting Kids to CARE	Healthcare Resources & Enrollment
	ReDefiners World Languages	Multilingual Citizens Program	Language Classes for Youth and Adults
Lorena	Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Healthcare Services	Padres de Crianza	Kinship Case Management
	Hispanic Service Council	La Red de Padres Activos/ The Network of Active Parents	Educational Workshops for Youth and Adults
Emily	Family Enrichment Center	Autism is Real (up to 14)	Case Management & Screens
	Family Enrichment Center	Motivated Minds	Educational Support through Family Goal Planning
Georgina	Crisis Center of Tampa Bay	Successful Families	Care Coordination & Counseling
	Joshua Way of Hope	Achievers	Parenting classes & personalized training
	University Area Community Development Corporation	Get Moving! Mind, Body, Soul	Out of School Time
	University Area Community Development Corporation	STEPS for the University Area	Educational, Financial, & Resource Navigation
Glenn	Bay Area Legal Services	Housing Stability Program	Case Management & Legal Services
	Bay Area Legal Services	Lawyers Helping Kids	Legal Resources & Representation
	Children's Home Network	Caregiver Support Services	Respite
	Children's Home Network	Kinship Hillsborough	Case Management
	Metropolitan Ministries	First Hug	Vocational, Housing & Counseling
	Positive Spin	Empowering a Community with Hope (EACH One)	Case Management
Laschell	The Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa	Wealth Builders	Self-Sufficiency Case Management
Marile	The Greater Palm River Community Development Corporation	Palm River Family Services	Referral & Linkage

Children's Board ASO - Fiscal Year 2025 Update as of 9-14-2025

	Funds Available	Funding Reserves	Allocated to Programs	Budgeted	Program Reserves	Expenses Paid	Percent Budgeted
Children's Board	$4,300,000	$54,000	$4,246,000	$3,996,903	$249,097	$3,815,870	93%
BOCC DV	$100,000	$0	$100,000	$99,364	$636	$98,688	99%
BOCC Social Services	$500,000	$122	$499,878	$499,878	$0	$499,878	100%
	$4,900,000	**$54,122**	**$4,845,878**	**$4,596,145**	**$249,733**	**$4,414,435**	

Top Ten Services All Funding Sources		
Service	**# of Budgets**	**Funds Budgeted**
Tutor	1,165	$378,250
Rental Assistance	1,110	$1,684,994
Electric	1,019	$386,933
Baby Items	677	$148,409
Public Transportation	585	$36,660
Emergency Shelter	510	$416,518
Furniture	270	$168,389
Security Deposit	268	$518,960
Clothing Stipend	257	$66,354
Food Stipend	219	$59,720



Top Ten Services Children's Board Funds Only		
Service	**# of Budgets**	**Funds Budgeted**
Tutor	1,165	$378,250
Electric	1,008	$383,887
Rental Assistance	942	$1,441,347
Baby Items	672	$147,688
Emergency Shelter	510	$416,518
Public Transportation	334	$21,613
Furniture	266	$167,499
Clothing Stipend	253	$66,087
Food Stipend	219	$59,720
Water	197	$76,325

	FY25 YTD	FY24 Total
Programs	66	60
Case Managers	395	335
Providers Utilized	894	771
Providers Added	445	373
Families	4,389	4,349
Budgets	7,718	7,150
Payments	8,355	8,662

9-14-25 is day number 349 (of 365) of FY25 (96%).

AGENDA

Contract Signature Log
ASO ONLY
FY 2025

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Latrice Yates	ASO Provider	Tutoring	6/12/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	6/12/2025
Candis Rae Perdue	ASO Provider	Tutoring	7/7/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	7/7/2025
Kathryn Lewis	ASO Provider	Tutoring	7/24/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	7/24/2025
Valencia Hargrove	ASO Provider	Tutoring	8/6/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	8/6/2025
Serenity Xcelled Counseling LLC dba Made For You Wellness & Consulting Services	ASO Provider	Therapy	8/12/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	8/12/2025
Regina Taylor	ASO Provider	Tutoring	8/14/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	8/14/2025
Ramona Burrowes dba Tampa Bay Community Services Inc.	ASO Provider	Respite	8/21/2025-ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	8/21/2025
Kimberly Dawn Cooke	ASO Provider	Tutoring	9/10/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	9/10/2025
Sheretta Adams-Gipson	ASO Provider	Tutoring	9/16/25 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	9/16/2025

Contract Signature Log
Programs ONLY
FY 2025

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
LOWRY PARK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF TAMPA, INC. D/B/A ZOO TAMPA AT LOWRY PARK	Leading	2025 Summer Passports - AMENDMENT	06/02/2025 - 08/08/2025	$38,892.00	NO	REBECCA BACON	8/25/2025
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. D/B/A EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC.	Investment	School Readiness Funding - Q4	07/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$15,500.00	YES	REBECCA BACON	9/8/2025

Contract Signature Log
Vendors ONLY
FY 2025

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Construction Services, Inc.	Vendor	Change Order #1 - 308 W. Robertson	9/8/25 - 5/31/26	$269,962.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	9/8/2025

Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Monthly Financial Report

August 2025

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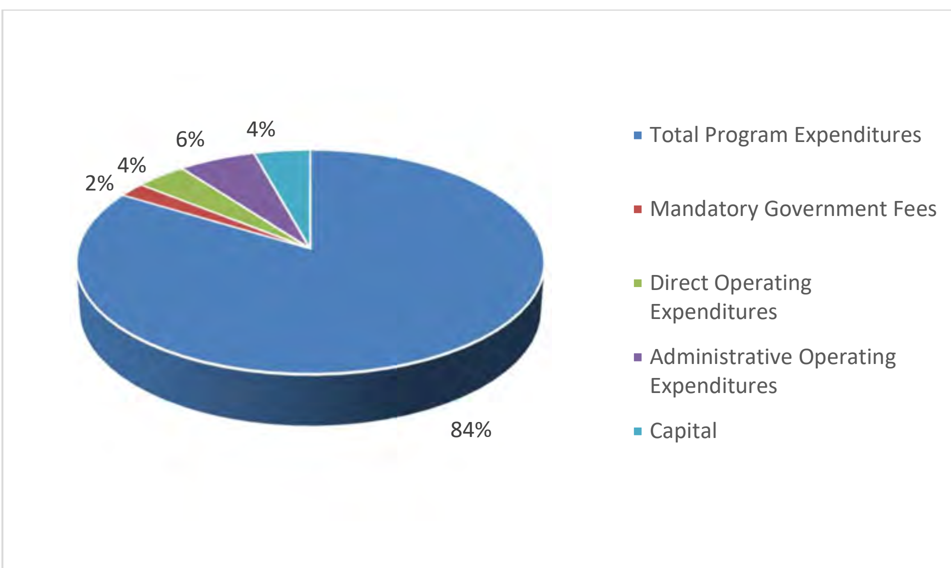
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

	FY 2024-2025 Original Budget
Revenues	
Ad-Valorem Taxes	73,920,760
Investment Income	5,579,649
Administrative Services Organization Funding	600,000
Other Community Partner Funding	410,000
Miscellaneous Income	11,000
Total Revenues	**80,521,409**
Expenditures	
Program Expenditures:	
Program Funding (Continuation Grants)	70,457,801
New Program Funding (unallocated)	6,380,000
Total Program Expenditures:	76,837,801
Operating	
Employee Salaries and Benefits	6,687,829
Contracted Professional Services	548,745
CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures	534,486
Facility Expenditures	437,069
Other Operating	687,663
Total Operating	8,895,792
Capital Expenditures	4,000,000
Mandatory Government Fees	1,912,015
Total Expenditures	**91,645,608**
Net Spend Down of Fund Balance	**(11,124,199)**



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

August-2025

	FY 2024-2025 YTD Budget	FY 2024-2025 YTD Actual	FY 2024-2025 Variance $	FY 2024-2025 Variance %
Revenues				
Ad-Valorem Taxes	73,181,552	74,372,440	1,190,888	2%
Investment Income	5,114,678	5,803,653	688,975	13%
Administrative Services Organization Funding	550,000	584,360	34,360	6%
Other Community Partner Funding	160,000	160,000	0	0%
Miscellaneous Income	10,083	48,566	38,483	382%
Total Revenues	**79,016,313**	**80,969,019**	**1,952,706**	2%
Expenditures				
Program Expenditures:				
Program Funding (Including Unallocated)	59,933,485	51,899,922	8,033,563	13%
Total Program Expenditures:	59,933,485	51,899,922	8,033,563	13%
Operating Expenditures				
Employee Salaries and Benefits	6,130,510	5,864,879	265,631	4%
Contracted Professional Services	503,016	348,281	154,735	31%
CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures	489,946	468,260	21,686	4%
Facility Expenditures	400,647	304,659	95,988	24%
Other Operating	630,358	515,192	115,166	18%
Total Operating	8,154,477	7,501,271	653,206	8%
Capital Expenditures	3,666,667	288,643	3,378,024	92%
Mandatory Government Fees	1,892,895	1,884,582	8,313	0%
Total Expenditures	**73,647,524**	**61,574,418**	**12,073,106**	
Net Cash Flow	**5,368,790**	**19,394,601**	**14,025,811**	

Revenue Variance Analysis

August-2025

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- **Ad-Valorem Taxes**
  - The ad-valorem tax revenue received year-to-date is in line with what was budgeted.
- **Investment Income**
  - Interest received year-to-date is over budget due to a budgeted 4% yield in the Florida Prime investment account, with the actual yield approximating 4.5%.
- **Administrative Services Organization**
  - ASO funding revenue received year-to-date is in line with what was budgeted.
- **Other Community Partner Funding**
  - Funding received is in line with what was budgeted.
- **Miscellaneous Income**
  - Income received year-to-date is over budget due to provider repayments received from the prior fiscal year.

Expenditure Variance Analysis

Statement of Expenditures

August-2025	FY 2024-2025 YTD Budget	FY 2024-2025 YTD Actual	FY 2024-2025 Variance $	FY 2024-2025 Variance %
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- **Program Expenditures**
  - Continuation grants are under budget due to certain providers not being current on invoicing the Children's Board, in addition to a portion of new program funding having not been allocated.
- **Employee Salaries and Benefits**
  - This line is under budget due to some positions being vacant at various points during the fiscal year.
- **Contracted Professional Services**
  - This line item is under budget due to a delay in billing for legal services, as well as underspending in Community Education & Awareness. However, spending is expected to be in line with what was budgeted by the end of the fiscal year.
- **CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures**
  - This line item is under budget due to underspending in building repairs/maintenance, janitorial services, and utility services. Overall, spending is expected to be slightly under budget for the fiscal year.
- **Facility Expenditures**
  - This line item is under budget due to underspending in building repairs/maintenance and lawn maintenance services.
- **Other Operating**
  - This line is under budget due to underspending in staff local travel, professional development, and training & events.
- **Capital Expenditures**
  - This line item is under budget due to the planned purchase of property for an additional Family Resource Center in the Riverview area and the build-out of the property purchased for the future home of the Brandon Family Resource Center not being expected to be completed until next fiscal year.
- **Mandatory Government Fees**
  - Spending is in line with what was budgeted.

Children's Board Of Hillsborough County
FY 2024 - 2025 Estimated Spending

	FY 2024 - 2025 Budget	FY 2024 - 2025 Estimated Actual	FY 2024 - 2025 Projected Difference
Revenue			
Ad-Valorem Taxes	73,920,760	74,765,018	844,258
Investment Income	5,579,649	6,126,000	546,351
Administrative Services Organization (ASO)	600,000	600,000	-
Other Community Partner	410,000	235,521	(174,479)
Miscellaneous Income	11,000	43,888	32,888
Total Revenue	**80,521,409**	**81,770,427**	**1,249,018**
Expenditures			
Program:			
Program Funding (Continuation Grants)	70,457,801	65,817,474	4,640,327
CBHC Unallocated Program Funding	6,380,000	5,692,372	687,628
Total Program Expenditures:	**76,837,801**	**71,509,846**	**5,327,955**
Operating Expenditures			
Employee Salaries and Benefits	6,687,829	6,219,682	468,147
Contracted Professional Services	548,745	581,648	(32,903)
CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures	534,486	514,054	20,432
Facility Expenditures	437,069	363,798	73,271
Other Operating	687,663	614,670	72,993
Total Operating Expenditures	**8,895,792**	**8,293,852**	**601,940**
Capital Expenditures	4,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
Mandatory Government Fees	1,912,015	1,919,478	(7,463)
Total Expenditures	**91,645,608**	**82,723,176**	**8,922,432**
Total Projected Difference			**10,171,450**

Narrative/Assumptions for FY 2024 - 2025 Estimated Spending

- **Revenue**
  - Total Revenue is projected to be over budget by a net amount of $1,249,018.
  - Ad-Valorem Tax Revenue is projected to be over budget by $844,258 as more than 95% of the tax revenue is expected to be received.
  - Investment Income is projected to be over budget by $546,351. The current interest rate is 1.08% with Wells Fargo and 4.48% with Florida Prime, which is higher than the 4% budgeted.
  - The Administrative Services Organization (ASO) revenue is expected to be received at the budgeted amount.
  - Other Community Partner Revenue is projected to be under budget by $174,479 because summer services expenses and revenue will be lower than budgeted.
  - Miscellaneous Income is projected to be over budget by $32,888 due to provider repayments received from the prior fiscal year.
- **Expenditures**
- **Program Expenditures**
  - Total Program Expenditures are projected to be under budget by $5.3 million.
    - Continuation Grants are projected to be under budget by $4.6 million.
      - Negotiated Continuation Contracts were under budget by $1,052,665, of which $517,752 has been repurposed and awarded during the year, leaving $534,913 unallocated.
      - Estimated underspending of the remaining continuation contracts is $4.1 million.
    - Unallocated Program Funding is projected to be under budget by $687,628 based on contracts awarded year to date.
- **Operating Expenditures**
  - Salaries and Benefits are projected to be under budget by $468,147 because of vacant positions throughout the year.
  - Contracted Professional Services are projected to be over budget by $32,903 (6%).
  - CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures are projected to be under budget by $20,432 (4%).
  - Facility Expenditures for the Palm Avenue building are projected to be under budget by a net amount of $73,271 due to underspending in building repairs/maintenance and lawn maintenance services.
  - Other Operating Expenditures are projected to be under budget by a net amount of $72,993. This includes underspending in staff local travel, professional development, and training & events.
- **Capital Expenditures**
  - Capital Expenditures are projected to be under budget by $3 million because the planned purchase of property for an additional Family Resource Center in the Riverview area is not expected to occur until at least FY 2025 – 2026. Additionally, the build-out of the property purchased to be the future home of the Brandon Family Resource Center will not be completed until FY 2025 – 2026.
- **Mandatory Government Fees**
  - Mandatory Government Fees are projected to be over budget by $7,463 (less than 1%).

Children's Board Of Hillsborough County
Investments Statement
August-2025

Investment Instrument	Financial Institution	Balance	Maturity	Yield
Checking	Wells Fargo Government Advantage	3,270,079	1 day	1.08%
LGIP	Florida State Board of Administration	123,158,201	N/A	4.50%
		126,428,280		

FY 2024-2025 NEW PROGRAM FUNDING (UNALLOCATED) REPORT
Regular Board Meeting - September 25, 2025

	Beginning Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget	YTD Amount Approved	YTD Uncommitted Funds Available	Current Funding Requests	Uncommitted Funds Available
Technical Assistance Funding	225,000	(148,210)	76,790	70,142	6,648		6,648
Spring & Summer Passports	250,000		250,000	191,310	58,690		58,690
Leading Grants (Summer Funding)	200,000	(183,000)	17,000	17,000	-		-
Emerging Needs Funding	300,000		300,000	126,819	173,181		173,181
Emergency Funding		320,221	320,221	320,221	-		-
Match	300,000		300,000	90,530	209,470		209,470
Leading Grants - Free Family Day	150,000	(124,200)	25,800	-	25,800		25,800
Leading Grant - Strategic Initiatives - Barbershop Conversations	140,000		140,000	125,000	15,000		15,000
Leading Grant - Strategic Initiatives - Palm River/Clair Mel Family Support	140,000		140,000	110,000	30,000		30,000
Uniting Grants - Support New Programs	4,000,000	(3,318,411)	681,589	673,113	8,476		8,476
Holiday Out of School Time Grants	250,000		250,000	100,000	150,000		150,000
Mentoring Program for Children with Varying Abilities Grants	300,000		300,000	271,755	28,245		28,245
Exhibit Space at Plant City CBFRC Grant	125,000		125,000	125,000	-		-
Totals	**6,380,000**	**(3,453,600)**	**2,926,400**	**2,220,890**	**705,510**	**-**	**705,510**

Original Continuation Funding Budget	70,457,801
Actual Contract Amount Negotiated	(69,405,136)
Additional Amt Available from Continuation Funding	**1,052,665**
Remaining from Continuation Summer Contracts	1,066
Joshua Way of Hope - Achievers - 20% admin	(114,553)
Joshua Way of Hope - Life Skills 360 Training Institute - 20% admin	(13,833)
Rooted in Play - Pop Up Adventure Playground Project - 20% admin	(2,743)
Just Initiative - Woven Empowerment - 20% admin	(23,054)
PCAT - South County - 20% admin	(51,737)
PCAT - Sulphur Springs - 20% admin	(14,060)
Positive Family Partners - Learning Connections - 20% admin	(4,682)
Instruments for Life - Music Outreach Program - 20% admin	(9,114)
Joshua Way of Hope - Building a Stronger Me - 20% admin	(9,968)
Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay - contract abandonment	357,000
National Youth Advocate Program - provider decided not to proceed	252,824
Bay Area Legal Services - emergency funding contract - provider withdrew	60,390
ELC Summer Boost one-time	(800,000)
ELC Q4 contract	(15,500)
Tampa Heights Summer Slots	(63,000)
I-Supplies Summer Slots	(30,358)
EnVision Resolution Foundation-Barbershop Conversations expansion	(36,430)
ASO additional funds	(200,000)
Net Additional $$ Available	**334,913**

The following are reflected in the "Adjustments" column on the previous page:

<u>Contract Amendments</u>

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc. – Foster Grandparent Program with Readers in Motion
  Expansion of existing program
  Ongoing funding
  $75,000

Preserve Vision Florida, Inc. – Children's Vision Health and Safety
  Expansion of existing program
  Ongoing funding
  $25,000

Joshua Way of Hope, Inc. – Building a Stronger Me
  Expansion of existing program
  Ongoing funding
  $48,210

Glazer Children's Museum – Children's Board Free Tuesday
  Funds added to existing program
  One-time funding
  $21,624

REACHUP, Inc. – GROWTH with Doulas and Dads
  Expansion of existing program
  Ongoing funding
  $42,707

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Inc. – Afterzone Initiative at Giunta Middle
  Expansion of existing program
  Ongoing funding
  $45,313

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Inc. – Afterzone Middle School Initiative
  Expansion of existing program
  Ongoing funding
  $421,851

ReDefiners World Languages, Inc. – Global Explorers Program
    Expansion of existing program
    Ongoing funding
    $67,640

Instruments 4 Life, Inc. – Music Outreach Program
    Expansion of existing program
    Ongoing funding
    $32,642

The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc. – Family Safety from Domestic Violence
    Replacement of lost funding
    Ongoing funding
    $88,000

Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc. – CDC of Tampa Wealth Builders
    Expansion of existing program
    Ongoing funding
    $90,730

Children's Home Network – Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services (SEEDS)
    Expansion of existing program
    Ongoing funding
    $77,662

Children's Home Network – Caregiver Support Services
    Expansion of existing program
    Ongoing funding
    $226,955

Hillsborough Community College Foundation, Inc. – Quality Early Education System
    Expansion of existing program
    Ongoing funding
    $140,957

University of South Florida – Hillsborough HIPPY Parent Involvement Project
    Expansion of existing program
    Ongoing funding
    $278,930

Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc. – School Readiness Funding
Funding to support a portion of a shortfall in DEL funding
One-time funding
$600,000

Summer Services

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, Inc. – Summer Camp Slots
422 slots
One-time funding
$471,329

Gentlemen's Quest of Tampa – 2025 Youth Wellness Camp
Funding to serve an additional ten children
Ongoing funding
$5,000

The Skills Center, Inc. – 2025 Summer Camp Slots
150 slots
One-time funding
$124,200

Housing Authority of the City of Tampa – 2025 Summer Camp Slots
25 slots
One-time funding
$4,250

Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, Inc. – 2025 Summer Camp Slots
40 slots
One-time funding
$65,600

FY 2024-2025 NEW PROGRAM FUNDING (UNALLOCATED) REPORT
Regular Board Meeting - September 25, 2025

Agency	Program	Funding Description	Technical Assistance Funding	Spring & Summer Passports	Leading Grants Summer Funding	Emerging Needs Funding	Emergency Funding	Match	Leading Grants - Free Family Day	Leading Grant - Strategic Initiatives - Barbershop Conversations	Leading Grant - Strategic Initiatives - Palm River/Clair Mel Family Support	Uniting Grants - Support New Programs	Holiday Out of School Time Grants	Mentoring Program for Children with Varying Abilities Grants	Exhibit Space at Plant City CBFRC Grant
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, INC	MOSI in Motion at Children's Board Family Resource Center in Plant City	The “Be the Astronaut” exhibit at CBFRC in Plant City offers interactive space missions, STEM workshops, and family events to engage elementary -aged children and their families in STEM learning, enhancing their knowledge, interest in STEM careers, and overall family engagement in science education.													125,000
OASIS Network of New Tampa, Inc. DBA: OASIS Opportunities	EF-Student Disaster Recovery Assistance	Funds will be utilized to aid in recovery efforts due to recent hurricanes by providing students in Hillsborough County Public Schools with uniform, basic clothing items and hygiene kits. The school social workers will identify students in most need.					24,794								

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Gentlemen's Quest of Tampa Inc.	EF-Project Hope	Funds will be utilized to alleviate immediate needs to families post Hurricane Milton by hosting a Family Night November 21, 2024, at Town and Country Elementary with hot meals, family engagement activities, and prepaid cards for essential items. A grocery and prepaid card distribution will also be provided on November 25, 2024, to Sulphur Springs Elementary family homes. The school social workers will identify families in most need.					5,170								
Born to Care	EF-Recovery Care	Funds will be utilized to aid in hurricane recovery efforts to replenish and distribute groceries, toiletries, diapers, wipes, and jackets to children and families in Hillsborough County.					14,300								
Positive Spin, Inc.	EF-Disaster Recovery	Funds will be utilized to hire a staff member for short term emergency case management to address financial stability with rent and/or utilities to families impacted by recent hurricanes within Hillsborough County.					63,965								

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Better Together Strengthening Families	EF- Better Together Hurricane Relief	Funds will be utilized to aid in recovery efforts in Hillsborough County due to recent hurricanes by providing child safety such as beds, clothing, shoes, cribs, and first aid kits for children.					27,500								
The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay	EF-Post Hurricanes Trauma Therapy	Funds will be utilized to provide therapy to four uninsured families residing in Hillsborough County that were psychologically impacted by Hurricane Helene and Milton.					13,200								
Children's Network of Hillsborough	EF-Hurricane Relief Child Sfaety Event	Funds will be utilized to aid in recovery efforts due to recent hurricanes by providing car seats and education to families with young children.					11,000								
New Life Warehouse Inc.	EF-Hurricane Help Beds for Families	Funds will be utilized to aid in recovery efforts for families impacted by the recent hurricanes in Hillsborough County by providing beds for safe sleep practices.					9,702								
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.	EF-Expanded Disaster Services Initiative	Funds will be utilized to aid additional disaster phone line support, mediation, and/or court appearances post recovery efforts due to recent hurricanes with a staff attorney. Hillsborough County families are eligible with children and up to 300% poverty level.					60,390								

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I-Supplies Foundation Inc.	EF-Keeping Families Warm	Funds will be utilized to aid in recovery efforts for families impacted by the recent hurricanes in Hillsborough County by providing blankets in designated zip codes: Silver Oaks 33610, Jackson Heights 33610, Columbus Courts 33607, and Central Courts 33602.					11,000								
Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, Inc.	EF-BASE Hurricane Assistance	Funds will be utilized to support recovery efforts for families impacted by the recent hurricanes in Hillsborough County by providing financial aid to children of BASE families (not currently receiving assistance) in out of school time programs at 25 school-based sites.					79,200								
Frameworks of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Pathways to EQ: Strengthening the Foundation of Hillsborough County through Emotional Intelligence for Youth	Funds were approved for the purchase of: a wheel graphic to visually define EQ's evidence-based components for varied platforms; a redesigned cover and section template for Frameworks' Community Building Sessions™ (CBS) Guide, and a Design consultation services to further align new branding .	10,000												

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We Gonna Learn Today	Building WGLT Capacity	Funds were approved for the purchase of: a Smart Board, Set of Training Books for facilitators, a Laptop, and a tracking platform will allow WGLT to monitor participant demographics and engagement metrics.	5,629												
REDEFINERS WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	Academic Achievers	Academic Achievers will provide awareness of tutor opportunities to individuals 18-54 years of age. The program will also conduct outreach to families to promote their tutoring services for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. The program will support children and families through literacy activities and tutoring sessions.						73,480							
GREATER PALM RIVER POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	Palm River Family Services	The program will support local families by helping them to improve their economic stability, physical health, oral health, education access, and socio-emotional/ mental well-being by providing support and educational advocacy, job fairs, educational workshops, and social service referrals for the appropriate resources.									110,000				

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ENVISION RESOLUTION FOUNDATION, INC., THE	Barbershop Conversations Mental Health Training	The program proposes to train barbers serving residents of ONEhillsborough zip codes, develop partnerships with community-based mental health professionals, provide mental health and other community-based resources to barber and conduct quarterly meetings with trained barbers, mental health professionals, and ONEhillsborough staff.								125,000					
CHILDREN'S HOME, INC., THE D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK	Guiding Stars Mentoring Program	GUIDING STARS mentoring program for K-8 children with varying abilities and their families will provide personalized support that fosters academic, social, and emotional development. Mentors will work with families in providing guidance, resources, and advocacy for children through inclusion, building confidence, and family engagement to promote growth and success.												271,755	

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ROOTED IN PLAY CORP	Every Child Plays	A supportive environment for child-led play, creativity, and exploration. Running 9 AM–4 PM, the camps feature inclusive, developmentally appropriate schedules incorporating loose parts play, self-directed discovery, and reflective practices. The program ensures individualized attention and fosters autonomy for children of all abilities with a low playworker-to-child ratio.											100,000		
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, INC	2025 Spring and Summer Passports	Provide programming for a full day of camp from 9:00am to 4:00pm with extended care from 7:00am-9:00am and 4:00pm-6:00pm. Hands-on, inquiry-based STEAM (science, technology, and engineering, art and mathematics)		30,950											
LIGHTNING FOUNDATION, INC.	2025 Spring and Summer Passports	Provide programming for a full day of camp from 8:00 am- 5:30 pm including T-shirt, swag bag, training, lunch, snacks per child/per week. Provide a variety of sports, crafts, and entertainment for the children during all day camp.		73,500											

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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF TAMPA, INC., THE, D/B/A GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	2025 Spring and Summer Passports	Provide programming for a full day of camp from 9:00am – 4:30pm. Includes two snacks, Camp Imagination T-shirt, backpack, and program supplies per child/per week. Daily activities to include story time, museum play time, and play-based activities.		21,000											
National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.	Strengthening Families	Strengthening Families Program is an evidence-based parenting and family skills program delivered to the whole family in a family group setting or in-home. The program is designed to improve parenting skills and family relationships, improve social competencies, and reduce family conflict.										252,824			
Bay Area Youth Services, Inc.	Elevate Beyond Barriers	A program to equip youth and families with the tools to succeed through emotional growth, educational support, and self-advocacy. By enhancing emotional skills and fostering academic achievement, Elevate Beyond Barriers works to reduce negative behaviors and violence, creating stronger, safer communities where youth and families can thrive.										300,000			

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Champions for Children, Inc.	Great We Grow	Great We Grow is an early childhood learning and resource center located in Town N' Country neighborhood of Hillsborough County. The program offers bilingual (English and Spanish) services for families with children aged birth to 5 years old, including playgroups, workshops, developmental checkups, and community activities.										120,289			
Girls Empowered Mentally for Success, Inc.	Transitions Candle Capacity Building	Equipment and supplies for the candle making- including a specialized label making printer; printer ink; blank labels; candle containers and lids; candle making supplies such as wax melter, scents, wicks, and soy; scale; packaging bags; and shelving.	7,428												
Joshua Way of Hope, Inc.	Case Management Data Base System	Purchase of a case management database system along with the training and support features needed to effectively utilize the system.	10,000												
Parents & Children Advance Together Literacy Ministries, Inc.	Read, Grow & Protect Literacy Initiative	10 laptops (under $600 each), 9 headsets, and 3 printers.	7,341												

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Positive Family Partners, Inc.	TA Infrastructure Support	Dell Vostro tower, six HP 17T Cn400 laptops, including associated warranties, software to include Microsoft Office for all computers, Norton virus protection for all computers, 10 flash drives, and 1 large ink cartridges for the Konica Minolta printer/scanner.	5,019												
ReDefiners World Languages Inc.	FY25 Cyber Security & IT Project	Hire an IT consultant to conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of hardware and software; Consultant will develop security policies, train employees on best practices, network computers for remote monitoring, implement encryption, and establish protocols for incident response and data backups.	10,000												

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Wheels of Success, Inc.	Wheels of Success Technology Upgrades	Essential Technology Upgrades, including a new desktop, Four monitors and Required cables; Two medium-capacity shredders, A large-capacity shredder; One shared laser printer and printer ink; Software, Adobe Pro and Microsoft products, Adobe CreativeCloud, QuickBooks; Organizational accounts for Constant Contact, Grant Station, Zoom, and Survey Monkey; Staff Development Training for the Executive Administrator and Client Coordinator/Case Manager.	9,968												
Where Love Grows Inc	WLG Mobile Cooking Program and Family Dinner Nights	Computer, Printer and ink, Aprons, Microsoft Laptop & Screen Extender, and a Shoulder Rig for a DSLR camera.	4,757												
Gentlemen's Quest of Tampa Inc.	Youth Wellness Camp	Gentlemen's Quest of Tampa Inc. offers a Youth Wellness Camp focused on mental health, fitness, and nutrition for youth ages 8-13. The camp includes educational daily lessons, physical activities, and life skills sessions. The program will have various guest speakers to offer diverse programing for six weeks of camp.			17,000										

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Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Hillsborough Education Funders Group	The Hillsborough Education Funders group identified the need to conduct early learning research to inform early education locally, across six counties in Florida, and explore recommendations regarding the best practices to achieve kindergarten readiness.				19,000									
Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Thrive by Five Community Resources	Thrive by Five proposes the following: provide all Thrive by Five materials in Spanish by translating the TB5 website, TB5 Connects online resource, Early Literacy Guide and TB5 postcard and flyers; update and print Early Literacy Guide for English/Spanish speakers for Hillsborough County; and expand awareness and access through distribution of materials to community partners.				44,825									
Tampa Theatre	2025 Summer Passports	Each full day camp week consists of five days of film camp (full days 9am-4pm), a camp t-shirt, daily snacks, daily lunch, and a digital copy of all the finished films from the week.		900											
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center d/b/a Straz Center for the Performing Arts	2025 Summer Passports	Offering full day, performing arts camp for six weeks during summer for children 6-14 years of age for a total of 50 slots.		26,068											

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Lowry Park Zoological Society of Tampa, Inc. d/b/a ZooTampa at Lowry Park	2025 Summer Passports	Offering full day camp dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation, and care for animals for nine weeks during summer for children kindergarten through eighth grade for a total of 106 slots.		38,892											
Born to Care, Inc.	K&M Nourishing Plate: Summer Meal Program	Born to Care has seen an increase in the need for meals from families during the summer weekends. School district programs provide food for the work/school week that does not include the weekend. Born to Care proposes to feed 200 children for 8 weeks.				62,994									
After-School All-Stars, Inc.	After School Program at Pepin Academy Tampa	Established program, match funding will support continuity of programming due to unanticipated loss of revenue						17,050							
TOTAL			**70,142**	**191,310**	**17,000**	**126,819**	**320,221**	**90,530**	**-**	**125,000**	**110,000**	**673,113**	**100,000**	**271,755**	**125,000**

Total Approved	**2,220,890**

GOOD NEWS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 2025

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

1-1 MENTORING (ELEMENTARY)

Behind the Scenes:
A Heartfelt Kickoff to the School Year

This past weekend's Progressive School Supply Drive in Hillsborough County was nothing short of magical. While the smiles, laughter, and excitement were front and center, what truly made the day special was the heart behind it all. From the moment families walked through the doors, there was a sense of joy and community that set the tone for a fantastic start to the school year. Every backpack, prize, and activity station was more than just a giveaway—it was a reminder to our Littles that they are seen, supported, and celebrated.

The warmth and generosity from the Progressive team made a lasting impression. Volunteers greeted every match with kindness and enthusiasm, and the thoughtful touches—from Amazon gift cards to surprise prizes like tablets and headphones—brought so much happiness to the kids. The BBBS keychain-making station was buzzing with creativity, while delicious sandwiches and cookies from Carrabba's added to the festive atmosphere. With support from Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay and so many caring individuals, the event felt more like a family reunion than a giveaway. It was a true celebration of community, connection, and the power of coming together for a good cause.

The Family Healthcare Foundation

CONNECTING KIDS TO CARE

Back-to-School Spotlight

A family that had just moved from another state needed school physicals and healthcare for their children. They didn't know how to apply for health insurance or where to go for help. When I met with them, it was clear they were having a hard time understanding the healthcare system.

To help, I quickly submitted an application for state-based children's health insurance on their behalf. I also made sure they had access to care right away by scheduling an appointment with the BayCare Mobile Medical Clinic while they waited for their health insurance approval.

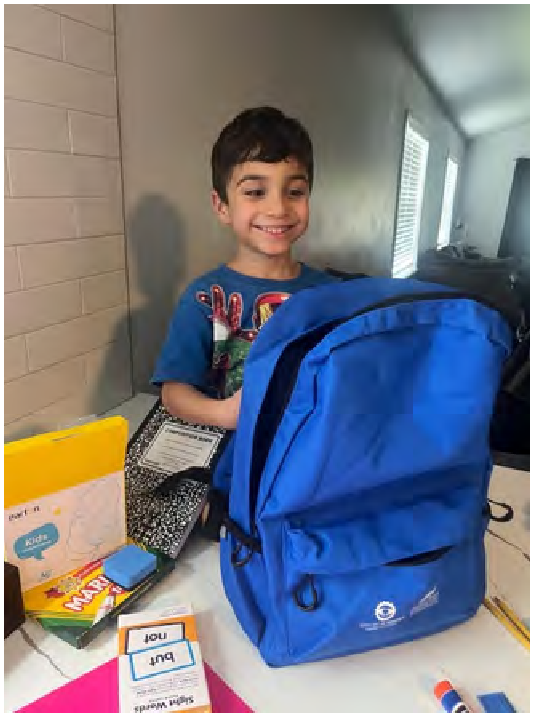
The mother was unsure how to upload documents proving eligibility to the online portal, so I walked her through it step by step. I showed her how to upload the required files and explained how to use the system for future updates. By the end of our session, she felt confident using the portal on her own.

This experience shows how the Connecting Kids to Care Program's one-on-one support can make a big difference for families who are unsure where to start. With the right help, they were able to access the care they needed, ensuring that the children started the school year ready to learn!

Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM WITH READERS IN MOTION

Back-to-School Spotlight



Ezekiel, a new participant in the Readers in Motion program, received his very first backpack from Seniors in Service—and his excitement was contagious! His mother shared photos and a heartfelt note, expressing how grateful both she and Ezekiel are for this special gift. The backpack was filled to the brim with school essentials, including a whiteboard, folders, notebooks, coloring books, colored pencils, markers, crayons, sharpeners, fidgets, and sight word cards. To top it off, Ezekiel even received his own pair of headphones, which he couldn’t wait to try on and proudly showed off.

This backpack not only provides Ezekiel with tools for learning but also represents a warm welcome into the Readers in Motion community. For students like him, the support from Seniors in Service and their dedicated classroom volunteers—like Grandma Cynthia—helps ease the transition into a new school year. Programs like this remind families that they are not alone in preparing for success, and that a strong support system is here to encourage both academic growth and joy in learning.

Moments like this show how even a simple backpack can make a big difference—sparking excitement, boosting confidence, and setting the tone for a positive school year ahead.

Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA

SULPHUR SPRINGS YMCA OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

Reflecting on Summer and Back-to-School Goals

What an amazing summer we had in Sulphur Springs! We were thrilled to welcome more than 125 campers, giving them the chance to experience all the fun of camp while continuing to learn and grow throughout the summer.

A major focus of our program was literacy. Through a blend of read-alouds, comprehension activities, vocabulary practice, and creative writing, campers strengthened their reading skills while also discovering the joy of books. Students worked on individual assignments and completed activities in their summer bridge books, all while gaining confidence as readers.

Math literacy and STEM learning were also front and center. Campers explored hands-on experiments that introduced them to chemical reactions, solubility, and problem solving in exciting ways. A highlight was attending a mini STEM camp at the Museum of Science and Industry, and then we brought the lessons back to camp where we enjoyed the ever-popular activity of making slime. While cleanup may have been a challenge, the results were worth it—campers tested different solutions to create cloud slime, water slime, and crunchy slime, experimenting with texture and consistency as young scientists.

Counselors also introduced free-play STEM projects, like exploring different kinds of puzzles. Campers learned about how puzzles work, then applied creativity and teamwork to design their own, developing spatial reasoning and problem-solving skills along the way.

To keep campers motivated, our counselors carried forward strategies that emphasized encouragement, recognition, and student ownership of learning. Rather than rewarding every task, we focused on key academic milestones, celebrating progress with small incentives like stickers, treasure box prizes, or praise notes. Group leaders built strong relationships with campers, incorporated their interests into lessons, and used a mix of games, STEM projects, art, and movement to keep learning fun and engaging. By giving students ownership of their progress and recognizing their effort, we helped them feel proud, motivated, and excited to continue learning as we all prepared for a new school year to begin.

Thrive by Five Tampa Bay

EARLY LITERACY GUIDE FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Back-to-School Spotlight

Thrive by Five Tampa Bay is a cross-sector network of over 70 collaborating organizations focused on the vision that every child enters kindergarten prepared to thrive in school and life, and that their families are supported. We desire to care for our families and provide resources that allow children to engage in fun literacy activities and for families to be connected to providers who can address their needs.

Thrive by Five is thrilled to announce the launch of the **Early Literacy Guide** for Hillsborough County! This guide provides information and quick links to free options for online literacy activities, resources for parents and caregivers, digital books, physical books, and local library programming and events. This newest iteration is now offered in both English and Spanish and now includes resources for adults to strengthen their own literacy skills and to support English Language Learners of all ages. The Early Literacy Guide was created to promote and make accessible meaningful engagement and literacy resources that are free to families, providing fun and creative ways to encourage literacy, bonding, and oral engagement.

Another resource for our community is **Thrive by Five Connects**. This platform was developed to simplify accessing local resources, connecting caregivers to needed services in their neighborhood. This referral tool connects families to our TB5 partners’ programs and works to fill gaps in access to services in Tampa Bay. Caregivers fill out a screener anonymously and are then provided with a tailored list of providers in a variety of educational and wellness spaces, inclusive of prenatal/infant care and resources, behavioral health, caregiver support, childcare resources, early intervention and screenings, educational programming, food insecurity, housing support, legal services, medical care and access.

As a collaborative, our mission is to mobilize all sectors of our community to create equitable development for life-long success of the “whole child” ages 0-5 and our ultimate vision is that all of our Tampa Bay children are kindergarten ready and that families are supported. We are grateful to funding from The Children’s Board which has allowed us to expand our work, reach, and impact across our community and we welcome you to join us in this collaborative!

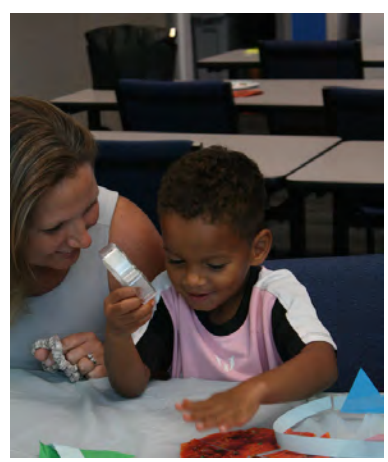
ReDefiners World Languages

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

Back-to-School Spotlight

At ReDefiners' Academic Achievers Program, we developed a parent checklist with simple, at-home reading activities that families can use to help spark a love of reading in their children. We also encourage families to join us for our Family Reading Time events, where parents and children come together to enjoy storytelling, food, and interactive activities. By engaging families and demonstrating fun ways to keep children excited about reading, we've seen meaningful results in helping students continue learning and growing over the summer. Looking ahead, we plan to introduce parent literacy workshops to further strengthen parent engagement and deepen our partnerships with families as we work together to ensure children reach grade-level reading proficiency.

Recently, we celebrated the success of two students who just graduated from our program: Alexandria and Johny. In just eight weeks, Alexandria improved her overall reading score from 50 to 110, preparing her to enter first grade with confidence. Johny, who started with a score of 80, advanced to 280 in the same time frame. At the beginning, Johny shared that he didn't feel as smart as other children. No child should ever feel that way—and seeing his remarkable growth was a powerful reminder of the importance of this work. On the day we received his scores, we happened to be hosting a new tutor orientation. We celebrated Johny by inviting him to the front of the room, where everyone clapped and cheered for him. The pride and boost in his self-esteem were evident, and it reinforced our mission to empower every child with the confidence and skills they need to succeed.



Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services

PADRES DE CRIANZA

Back-to-School Spotlight

Thanks to the generosity of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County and a donation from Simply Healthcare Plan, the Padres de Crianza Program successfully hosted a back-to-school event. A total of 110 attendees participated, and 96 children received backpacks, school supplies, and community resources suitable for their age.

The Padres de Crianza team coordinated with seven community partners, including Lutheran Services Early Head Start, the Family Health Foundation, the Children's Home Network's RAISE Program, BayCare Kids, Preserve Vision, Simply Healthcare, and the UF Lastinger Center for Learning. Each partner focuses on serving children and addressing their health and education needs. Vendors at the event provided valuable information and gifts for families to take home. Preserve Vision conducted 40 eye exams for both adults and children to help prepare them for the new school year, while BayCare offered 19 hearing exams for children.




The team also provided childcare for the many children in attendance, featuring games and coloring activities. Additionally, they supplied a box of snacks, chips, and drinks for all vendors and attendees, as well as a photo booth for capturing memories from the event.

Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County

DAY OF PLAY- COMMUNITY EVENT

Reflecting on Summer and Back-to-School Goals

Over the summer, one of the most meaningful ways we’ve supported children and families has been through our June Day of Play, which was hosted at the Victor Christ Community Complex. This gathering was more than just a fun day out; It was an intentional opportunity for children to keep learning, discovering, and growing even while school was out. This past year, we hosted three Days of Play at Jackson Springs Community Center, Gardenville Recreation Center, and the University Area CDC, welcoming more than 1,000 people from across Hillsborough County. Each event created space for families to come together, connect with resources, and experience the joy of learning through play, all at no cost.

What made these events especially powerful was the wide variety of community partners who joined us. BayCare and Preserve Vision provided important health and vision screenings, giving families access to services that can be hard to fit into daily routines. At the same time, partners like Glazer Children’s Museum, Rooted in Play, and The Florida Aquarium offered hands-on play and STEM activities that sparked curiosity and creativity in children of all ages. To make the impact last beyond the day itself, every child went home with books to nurture a love of reading and age-appropriate developmental toys to encourage continued play and learning at home.

Looking ahead to the new school year, our goal is to keep building on this momentum. We know that play and literacy are essential foundations for a child’s growth. Play helps children develop problem-solving skills, communication, creativity, and confidence, while literacy opens the door to lifelong learning. As we continue planning future Days of Play events, we are focused on deepening these experiences and expanding our reach, so that even more families can access the resources, tools, and joyful moments that prepare their children to thrive in school and in life.

Children's Board Family Resource Centers

Back-to-School Spotlight

Thanks to the support of the Children's Board Family Resource Centers Family Advisory Community Councils, we were able to hold seven Back-to-School events this summer.

During the events, families received essential school supplies, clothing, and free haircuts for students, helping to ensure that children return to school feeling confident and ready to learn.

350 backpacks were donated to foster a strong sense of community while reducing the financial burden of Back-to-School preparations.

Outreach Calendar of Events

The Children's Board will have a presence at the following community events. Contact Timothy Bennett, Community Relations Manager, at bennettta@childrensboard.org for more information about a particular event.

September

09.27.25 **Founders Legacy Walk and Community Resource Fair**
Woodland Terrace Park
6410 North 32nd Street, Tampa
8:00 am-2:00 pm

09.27.25 **Glazer Children's Bash – 15 Years of Play!**
Curtis Hixon Park
600 North Ashley Drive, Tampa
9:30 am-2:00 pm

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10.04.25 **Children's Board Family Resource Center North Tampa Health Fair**
CBFRC North Tampa
116 West Fletcher Avenue, Tampa
10:00 am-2:30 pm

10.11.25 **Candy Crawl**
Tampa Bay Moms Group
28211 Paseo Drive, Suite 100, Tampa
9:30 am-2:30 pm

10.18.25 **Carrollwood Village Fall Fest**
Carrollwood Cultural Center
4537 Lowell Road, Tampa
10:00 am-5:00 pm

10.26.25 **Bay Hope Church Fall Festival**
Lakeshore Campus
17030 Lakeshore Road, Lutz
4:00 pm-7:00 pm