

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2026 ~ 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

Quorum Verification

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

R. DeLaVergne

R. DeLaVergne

E. Narain

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Children's Board of Hillsborough County welcomes comments from the public. Those who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Those 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;** January 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. **Approval;** Pro 2026-06 Mental Health and Wellness Grant
3. **Approval;** Pro 2026-07 Water Safety Grant
4. **Approval;** Authorization to increase Guaranteed Maximum Price for Brandon Family Resource Center
5. **Approval;** Contract with Early Learning Coalition

R. DeLaVergne

M. Negron

M. Negron

P. Scott

G. Stewart

PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

Family Enrichment Center: Autism is Real

Christine

Gaines-Shaw

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Executive Director Reports
 - A. Activities – January 22, 2026 – February 26, 2026
2. Programs Reports
 - A. Final 2025 Summary of Provider Contract Evaluations
 - B. Final 2025 Technical Assistance Grant Summary
3. Finance Report
4. ASO Report
 - A. Quarter 1 ASO Update
 - B. 2024-2025 Year End Report
5. Human Resources Report
 - Introduction of Lucette Cardona, Program Manager
 - Introduction of Isabel Poulitsas, Administrative Specialist

R. Bacon

M. Negron

D. Monasterio

K. Hickman

W. Perez

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENTS

1. Contract Signature Logs (ASO, Programs, Vendors)
2. January 2026 Financial Statements
3. Good News!
4. Outreach Calendar

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	March 12, 2026	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	March 26, 2026	3:00 PM

April

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	April 09, 2026	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	April 23, 2026	3:00 PM

May

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	May 14, 2026	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	May 26, 2026	3:00 PM

June

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	June 11, 2026	12:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	June 25, 2026	3:00 PM

August

Executive/Finance Committee/Budget Workshop	August 27, 2026	2:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting	August 27, 2026	3:00 PM

September

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting	September 10, 2026	12:00 PM
Preliminary TRIM/ Public Hearing	TBD	5:01 PM
Regular Board Meeting	September 24, 2026	3:00 PM
Final TRIM/ Public Hearing	TBD	5:01 PM

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2026 ~ 3:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

Subject	Regular Board Meeting	Date	January 22, 2026
Facilitator	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair	Meeting Time	3:00 PM
Location	1002 East Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33605	Actual Meeting Time	3:01 PM – 3:51 PM
		Adjourned	3:51 PM
Board Member Attendance	Robin DeLaVergne, Chair Katherine Essrig, Vice-Chair Andy Mayts, Secretary/Treasurer Gwen Myers	Van Ayres - absent Beth Pasek Ed Narain - absent	Sarah Naumowich Shake Washington Megan Proulx Dempsey
Other Attendees	Rebecca Bacon, Executive Director Dave Adams, CBHC Board Attorney - absent Kristina Austin, Recorder Paula Scott, CBHC Staff Wendy Perez, CBHC Staff Dexter Lewis, CBHC Staff	Maria Negron, CBHC Staff Shabel Santiago, CBHC Staff Christine Caffray-Krienes, CBHC Staff Rafaella Stein Elger, CBHC Staff Danielle Testaverde, CBHC Staff Kelly Hickman, CBHC Staff- absent Daniel Monasterio, CBHC Staff absent	Genet Stewart, CBHC Staff Kas Tape, CBHC Staff Marile Arce, CBHC Staff Laschell Hardy, CBHC Staff Justin Wilkins, CBHC Staff Jamie Robe, CBHC Staff

SUMMARY

No.	Topic	Highlights
I.	CALL TO ORDER	R. DeLaVergne called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. DeLaVergne called for Board attendance verification A. Mayts led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
	PUBLIC COMMENT	R. DeLaVergne asked for Public Comment. The following individuals provided public comment for the Board meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Anna X, Community Advocate.
II.	ACTION ITEMS	
	1. 11-20-25 Regular Board Meeting Minutes	R. DeLaVergne requested approval of the November 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. <i>Motion (1) by Beth Pasek to approve the November 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; second by Gwen Myers; motion carried (8-0).</i>
	2. Approval to update the Release for FY 2026 Summer Slots Grants	M. Negron requested approval to update the release for FY 2026 Summer Slots Grant. <i>Motion (2) by Shake Washington to approve the update to the release of the FY2026 Summer Slots Grant; second by Gwen Myers; motion carried (8-0).</i>
III.	PROVIDER PRESENTATION	
	Community Foundation Tampa Bay/ Hillsborough Education Funders	Diana Santangelo, Director of the Community Foundation Tampa Bay provided a presentation to the Board outlining the impact of the Hillsborough Education Funders collaborative work.
IV.	REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS	
	1. Executive Director Report	R. Bacon attended (53) significant meetings between November 21, 2025– January 22, 2026. Highlights for this timeframe include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with funded providers and community partners; Attended the opening of the MOSI Be the Dinosaur exhibit in the Plant City Family Resource Center.

SUMMARY CONT.

No.	Topic	Highlights
	1. Executive Director Report cont.	<p>R. Bacon expressed her appreciation for the Children’s Board staff that joined her in participating in a recent Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.</p> <p>Strategic Plan highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Bennett, former Community outreach manager for the Children’s Board has been hired as the Provider Liaison; • The Small Non-Profit Grant has been released; • The Summer Slots Grant release will occur soon and came about from Board conversations at the April 2025 Strategic Plan Workshop; • A mental health wellness request for proposals is in process and originated from the referenced planning workshop; • Work being done with Hillsborough Education Funders research project should inform future supports in early learning; • A childcare accreditation intent to negotiate was released, and none of the three proposals were eligible to proceed to community review team; • The Children’s Board is still committed to funding this service strategy and discussions with the Early Learning Coalition are occurring; • The legislative session is being monitored as many proposed bills impact special districts.
	2. Programs Report	<p>M. Negron introduced the Children’s Board Research Team (Christine Caffray-Krienes, Rafaella Stein Elger, and Danielle Testaverde) and thanked them for their hard work.</p> <p>M. Negron reviewed the following items with the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2024- 2025 Presentation on Outcome Highlights • FY 2024-2025 Consumer Survey. <p>M. Negron introduced Lisa Colen, Director of Outreach for Healthy Start Coalition. L. Colen provided an overview of her organization’s work regarding preventable deaths with a focus on unsafe sleep.</p>
	3. Strategic Initiatives Report	<p>G. Stewart provided an update on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the November 7, 2025 Surviving to Thriving Event; • Work is being done to create a trauma informed community; • Mental health, wellness, and economic stability are some of the focuses of the Strategic Initiatives team; • A USF collaborative effort resulted in a suicide prevention grant to be presented at the Suicide Research Symposium in April of 2026; • Community Collaboration continues to be another focus of the team led by Kas Tape; • Work with the Community Alliance has allowed the team to take the lead on the Hillsborough County Prevention Plan.
	OLD/NEW BUSINESS	None
	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 3:51PM.

MOTIONS

Motion (1) by Beth Pasek to approve the November 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; second by Gwen Myers; motion carried (8-0).

Motion (2) by Shake Washington to approve the update to the release of the FY2026 Summer Slots Grant; second by Gwen Myers; motion carried (8-0).

READ AND APPROVED BY:

 ROBIN DELAVERGNE
 BOARD CHAIR

Approval of Mental Health Wellness Grants

Initiator: María Negrón, Director of Programs
Action: Approval of Mental Health Wellness Grants
Date: Regular Board Meeting: February 26, 2026

Recommended Action

Recommend approval of a contract with the Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc., and University of South Florida Board of Trustees from April 6, 2026 through September 30, 2026 for a total request up to \$832,365 which may be annualized up to \$1,820,123 in Year Two to support programming in the Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed and Family Support focus areas.

Background

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on October 24, 2025 to fund direct service programs that reflect best practices to positively impact behavioral support, resource navigation, stress relief, social connection or parenting.

A total of nine proposals were received, and three proceeded to the Community Review Team.

On January 8, 2026 Shabel Santiago facilitated the Community Review Team meeting. Community Review Team members included: Vanessa Mishkit (Community Member), Carrie Zeisse, (Tampa Bay Thrives), Denise Birungi Evan (Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance) and Nanci Nolan, (The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay) who served as alternate.

Proposal Summary:

Summary	Total Enrolled in Year One	FY 2026 Request	FY 2027 Request
<p>Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay Youth Resiliency & Wellness Program</p> <p>The program will provide daily emotional wellness practices for youth ages 5-18 at our 12 independent Clubs. Wellness Specialists and the Director of Sports teach coping skills, calming routines, and movement-based strategies that build resilience and emotional safety so youth are ready to learn, succeed, and thrive at home, school, and Club.</p> <p>Service Locations: Belmont Heights, Brandon, Dover, Freddie Solomon, Garcia Salesian, Riverview, Temple Terrace, Town N Country, Vinik, West Plant City, Wimauma, and the Liberty Workforce Center.</p>	<p>80 Adults</p> <p>1,200 Youth</p>	<p>\$107,365</p>	<p>\$220,123</p>

Approval of Mental Health Wellness Grants

Summary	Total Enrolled in Year One	FY 2026 Request	FY 2027 Request
<p>Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. <i>Family Care and Wellness Program</i></p> <p>The program will provide support services to parents and caregivers of children, birth to high school age, teen parents, pregnant individuals, and youth aged 11-18 years, experiencing challenges either individually or as part of a family system that impact their mental wellness or the stability of their home.</p> <p>Service Locations: Countywide</p>	<p>51 Adults</p> <p>38 Youth</p>	<p>\$325,000</p>	<p>\$800,000</p>
<p>University of South Florida Board of Trustees <i>The Center for Family Healing and Resilience</i></p> <p>The program will offer wellness, healing, and mental health support for youth ages 5-18, and caregivers. Services include resilience workshops, movement and mindfulness groups, caregiver support, and trauma-informed care.</p> <p>Service Locations: University of South Florida and Countywide</p>	<p>25 Adults</p> <p>25 Youth</p>	<p>\$400,000</p>	<p>\$800,000</p>
Total:	1,419	\$832,365	\$ 1,820,123



ACTION ITEM # 3

Approval of Water Safety Grant

Initiator: María Negrón, Director of Programs

Action: Approval of Water Safety Grant

Date: Regular Board Meeting: February 26, 2026

Recommended Action

Recommend approval of a contract with Tampa Metropolitan Area Young Men’s Christian Association, Inc. from April 6, 2026, through September 30, 2026, for a total request up to \$50,000 which may be annualized up to \$96,313 in Year Two to support programming in the Children are Healthy and Safe focus area.

Background

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on November 10, 2025, to support prevention efforts to engage children, youth and their families across the county in water safety.

A total of one proposal was received and proceeded to the Community Review Team.

On January 15, 2026, Shabel Santiago facilitated the Community Review Team meeting. Community Review Team members included: Jonna Johnson (Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County), Michelle Sterling (Tampa General Hospital), Denise Barnes (Center for Autism and Related Disorders), and Dexter Lewis (Children’s Board) who was the alternate.

Proposal Summary	Total Enrolled in Year One	FY 2026 Request	FY 2027 Request
<p>Tampa Metropolitan Area Young Men’s Christian Association, Inc. Drowning Prevention Programs</p> <p>The program will work with children ages one to 17 through the following instructional opportunities: Swim Lesson Vouchers, Dry-land water safety instruction, First Aid/CPR training, and Lifeguard Certification.</p> <p>Service Locations: Tampa YMCA pools and afterschool sites across Hillsborough County.</p>	1,293 children	\$50,000	\$96,313
Total:	1,293	\$50,000	\$96,313

Authorize Increase to GMP–Brandon, FL

Initiator: Paula Scott, Director of Operations

Action: Approval for the Children’s Board’s Executive Director to sign an Owner Change Order (AIA Document G701) to increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price for an additional \$131,559 increasing the current contract from \$3,218,547 to \$3,350,106 for General Contractor services for the build out of the new Family Resource Center in Brandon located at 308 W. Robertson St., Brandon FL 33511.

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, February 26, 2026

Recommended Action

Approval to sign an Owner Change Order to increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price with Construction Services, Inc., by \$131,559.

Background

- During the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2025, the Board approved to increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with Construction Services, Inc., to \$3,218,547 for the build-out of the new Family Resource Center in Brandon.
- The project team has faced significant challenges at every stage due to existing building conditions, encountered design complexities, and genuinely unforeseeable issues; these factors have driven additional costs, and the team continues to work collaboratively to minimize impacts and maintain project momentum.
- The additional funds requested are intended to replenish the contractor’s contingency, and to cover general conditions, ensuring adequate coverage for any unforeseen issues that may arise during the remaining construction period; maintaining this contingency allows the team to promptly address challenges, avoid delays, and keep the project moving forward efficiently.
- The contractor’s contingency is managed with strict oversight and requires Children’s Board approval for any use of funds. Any remaining contingency dollars at project closeout will be fully returned to the Children’s Board.
- The project has not experienced across-the-board cost increases; as the team has proactively identified and implemented substantial value-engineering measures that have generated significant savings in multiple budget categories.

OWNER _____ X
 ARCHITECT _____
 CONTRACTOR _____
 FIELD _____
 OTHER _____

AIA DOCUMENT G701

PROJECT: **CBHC Brandon Family Resource Center**
308 W Robertson St
Brandon, FL 33511

CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: Two (2)

TO: **Construction Services, Inc.**
1907 W. Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33606

CONTRACT FOR: **2025-10 CBHC Brandon Family Resource Center**

CONTRACT DATE: **4/2/25**

PHASE	DESCRIPTION	
200	<u>Additional Scope of Work:</u> General Conditions and Requirements for time extension based on re-design	\$30,629.17
	Contingency: Restore funds previously allocated to owner change orders	\$94,664.70
	Fee (5%)	\$6,264.69
	Change Order # 1 Total	\$131,558.56

The original contract sum was	\$2,948,585.00
Net change by previous change orders	\$269,962.00
The contract sum prior to this change order was	\$3,218,547.00
The contract sum will be increased by this change order	\$131,558.56
The new contract sum including this change order will be	\$3,350,105.56
The time to complete this contract will be changed by	21 days

CONTRACTOR

Construction Services, Inc.
 1907 W. Kennedy Blvd.
 Tampa, FL 33606

OWNER

Children's Board of Hillsborough County
 1002 E Palm Ave
 Tampa, FL 33605

BY:  _____

BY: _____

DATE: 2/11/26

DATE: _____

Approval of a Contract with the Early Learning Coalition

Initiator: Genet Stewart, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Action: Approval of a Contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County for Childcare Accreditation

Date: Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, February 26, 2026

Recommended Action

Recommend the approval of a contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County to provide support for childcare centers and family childcare homes within the ONEhillsborough zip codes toward Gold Seal accreditation, with a total allocation of \$300,000 for FY 2025-2026.

Background

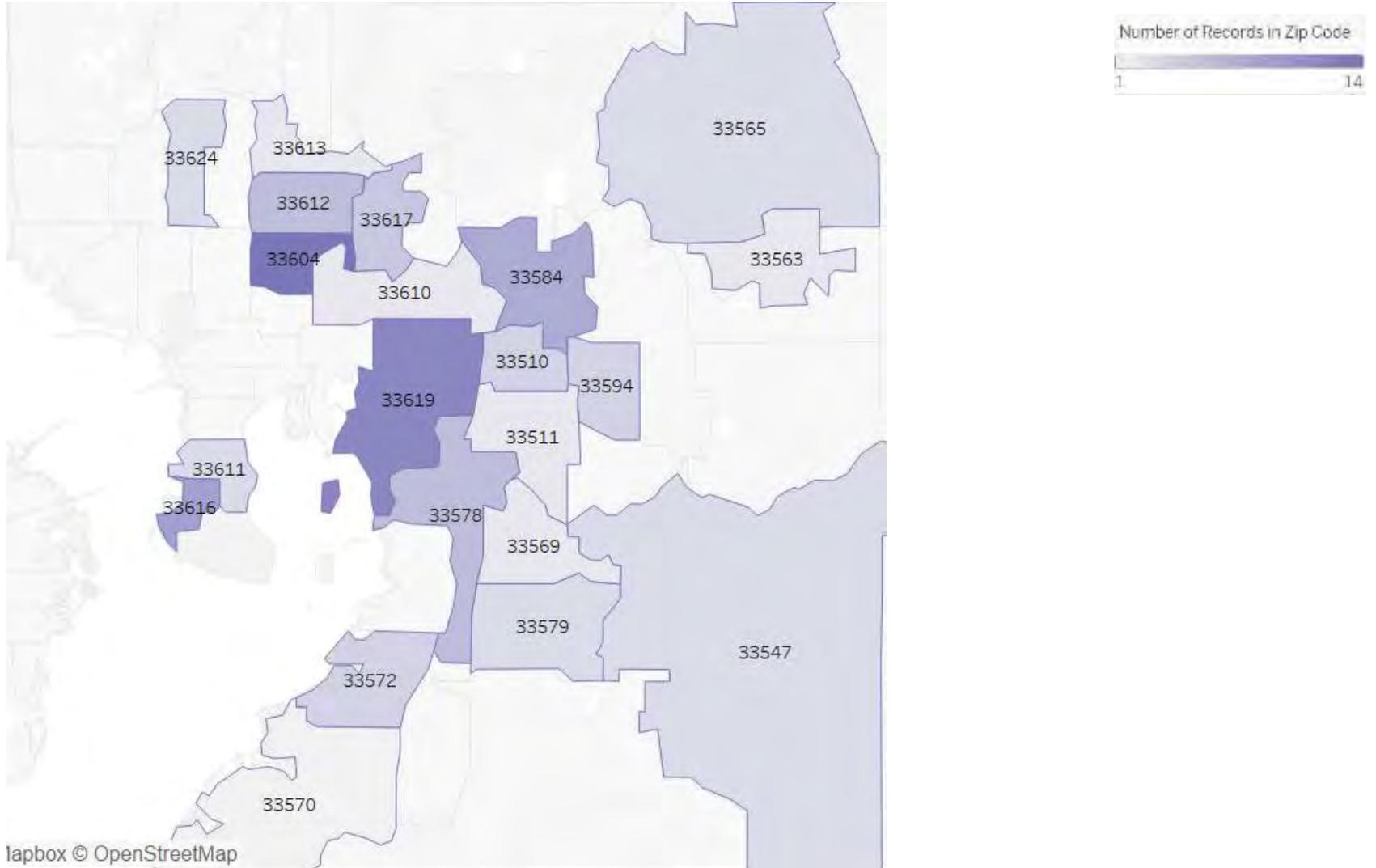
- On September 25, 2025, the CBHC board approved the release of an Intent to Negotiate (ITN) for FY 2025-2026, to select an organization to provide support for licensed childcare centers and family childcare homes to achieve Gold Seal Accreditation.
- On November 14, 2025, the ITN was posted on the CBHC website. Three agencies responded, but none were eligible to proceed to the Community Review Team.
- On February 10, 2026, CBHC Executive Director Rebecca Bacon; Director of Strategic Initiatives, Genet Stewart; and Director of Programs, Maria Negron met with Dr. Fred Hicks and Martha Aguiar of the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County (ELCHC) to discuss the ELCHC's experience and capacity in supporting childcare providers through the accreditation process.
- Following this discussion, ELCHC, as the early learning system of care partner, expressed its willingness and capacity to administer and manage the childcare accreditation initiative for ONEhillsborough.
- ELCHC will contract with a vendor to provide consulting services for childcare accreditation as well as administer the additional funding allocated to support to providers while pursuing accreditation.

Children’s Board of Hillsborough County

Agency: Family Enrichment Center
Program: Autism is Real



Number of Participants Served by Zip Code in FY2025 October 1st, 2024 – September 30, 2025



Map prepared by Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. The map color shows the number of participants served by zip code. Map based on 98 participants served in 21 zip codes in Hillsborough County during FY2025.

Data Source: Children’s Board Analytical Tracking System (CATS)
Data Extract Date: 01/20/2026

AUTISM IS REAL



Operating Since October 2024

Christine Gaines-Shaw, B.A., M.S.W.
Program Manager



**Generously Funded by the Children's
Board of Hillsborough County**



WHO WE ARE

- The Family Enrichment Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit, faith-based social services agency providing community-based, family-centered social services since 1992.
- The agency was founded on the values of commitment, perseverance, compassion, and integrity. Its mission is to be as responsive as possible to children and families and to ensure parents have the support they need to help provide their children with the quality of life they deserve.
- Autism Is Real is the newest initiative of FEC. Funding awarded through a competitive RFP process in 2024.



Did you know?

Autism affects about 1 in 31 children, and it appears across all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.
(Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention, April 2025)

WHAT WE DO

- Service Area: Countywide
- Target Population: Children ages 34 months through 8th grade and their parents/caregivers
- Children diagnosed with autism or showing early signs
- Prevention and early intervention services
- In-home and community-based



SERVICES AND OUTCOMES

- 9 weeks of in-home intervention, learning activities, parent training, screenings, guidance, and linkage to formal and informal supports.
- Development and monitoring of Behavior/Success Plans.
- Families with a history of isolation are building a community through Parent Support Groups, which include on-site, developmentally appropriate respite care.
- Assessments administered to accurately capture the needs of the family and to inform services.



EFFECTIVE MEASUREMENT TOOLS

- Early Signs of Autism Checklist
- Autism Family Experience Questionnaire (AFEQ)
- Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Version 3 (ASQ)
- Autism is Real: Parent Training Assessment
- Quality of Life in Autism (QoLA) Questionnaire
- Parent-Child Relationship Programs (PCRP, formerly NCAST) Network Survey



DATA FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

FY 2026 Outcomes 10/1/25-10/1/26	Annual Service Goal	173 Served in Q1
Minimum #	300 Parents/Caregivers	78
Minimum #	250 Children	95

1. *At least 75% of 300 parents/caregivers have increased knowledge of strategies to support their child's social-emotional development.*

The benchmark is 75%, and the AIR outcome level is 89%, meaning that 89% of participants are meeting this outcome.

2. *At least 85% of a minimum of 300 individuals have increased social supports.*

The benchmark is 85% and the program is at 100%, which means that 100% of the participants are meeting this outcome.



Celebrating a Success Story

When Autism meets
early intervention,
miracles sound like this:



**Jalina said, "Malcolm, you
left your drawing pen!"**



Meeting the children where
they are and where they live...

***Thank you for
the opportunity
to bring A.I.R
your way!***



“Air of Acceptance, Atmosphere of Growth”



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Merrill Stewart - Champions for Children
Unaccompanied Youth
Florida Association of Children's Councils & Trusts (FACCT) Executive Directors Meeting
Lisa Mitchell – Sunrise Group
Matt Lewis – Stantec
MyON Executive Luncheon
Commission on the Status of Women
Thrive by Five Vision Council
FACCT Legislative Fly-In
Reese May – Representative Danny Alvarez Office
Senator Daryl Rouson
Representative Michael Owen
Valerie McDonald - Representative Traci Koster's office
Temple Terrace Family Resource Tour with Commissioner Chris Boles, Kathleen Yates, Alana Skidmore, & Isabella Asztalos
FACCT Executive Directors Meeting
Parisa Khodadi, Angela Devore, Nadine Dib, and Dakota Wilkinson – Lutheran Services Florida
Steve Martaus – Early Childhood Council
Cary Dashiff – Sunrise Group
Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County Board Workshop
Safe Sleep Community Advisory Committee
PACES Workgroup
JL Bielon – Champions for Children
Hope Hall & Uplift Hall Nursery Opening Ceremony at Metropolitan Ministries
FACCT Policy Meeting
FACCT Executive Directors Meeting
Community Alliance Meeting
Layla's House Reunion & Remembrances
Dr. Fred Hicks and Martha Aguiar
Andrew Roltsch, Tina Boan, John Quinn – Monroe County and Dr. Carla Fry – Department of Health
John Muller and Davie Robson – Hillsborough County
FACCT Executive Director's Meeting
Kyle Stoekel and Taylor Brodeur – Brown and Brown
Eleanor Saunders – Emergency Care Help Organization
State of the Region Community Event
Florida Philanthropic Network Summit 2/18/26 – 2/20/26
FACCT Executive Director's Meeting

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Lashaun Tims - 813 Stop the Violence, Inc.
ELCHC Board of Director's Meeting
Commission on the Status of Women
Community Alliance Advisory Meeting
Safe and Sound Leadership Council Meeting
Crisis Center Cup of Compassion Breakfast
FACCT Policy Meeting

**Children's Board of Hillsborough County
FY 2025 Provider Evaluations Final - 2/26/2026**

Agency/Program	Funding	Final Score	Final Determination
CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FINAL EVALUATION	<i>Total Funding 2024 - 2025</i>	Score or N/A*	<i>85 -100 Continue Funding 70 - 84 Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance 0 -69 Continue Funding with Modifications and/or Provider Improvement Plan</i>
AFTER SCHOOL ALL-STARS CORPORATION (After School at Pepin Academy Tampa)	\$17,050	N/A	Continue Funding Newly Funded July 2025
ALK OF FLORIDA D/B/A THE RESOURCE EMPOWERMENT CENTRE, INC. (Coaching Dreams into Success)	\$338,558	43.00	Contract Not Proceeding for FY2026
ALK OF FLORIDA D/B/A THE RESOURCE EMPOWERMENT CENTRE, INC. (Villages Children and Families Engaging - CAFE)	\$465,811	58.50	Contract Not Proceeding for FY2026
BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (Housing Stability Program)	\$81,279	83.66	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (Lawyers Helping Kids)	\$782,079	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
BAY AREA Youth Services (Elevate Beyond Barriers)	\$196,390	N/A	Continue Funding Newly Funded April 2025
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (1-to-1 Mentoring Elementary)	\$297,500	62.00	Continue Funding with Modifications and/or Provider Improvement Plan
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (1-to-1 Mentoring Middle)	\$297,500	90.83	Continue Funding
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (After-Zone Elementary School Initiative)	\$812,211	74.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (After-Zone Middle School Initiative at Giunta Middle School)	\$238,993	59.53	Continue Funding with Modifications and/or Provider Improvement Plan
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (After-Zone Middle School Initiative)	\$1,009,851	71.78	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (Brandon Art Masters! BAM!)	\$95,566	97.00	Continue Funding
BRANDON SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTER, INC. D/B/A HIGH 5 INC. (Water Warriors)	\$75,977	71.66	Contract Ended on 9/30/2025
CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN, INC. (Baby Bungalow)	\$301,134	93.00	Continue Funding
CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN, INC. (Family Focus)	\$517,315	94.00	Continue Funding
CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN, INC. (Great We Grow)	\$100,683	N/A	Continue Funding Newly Funded April 2025

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CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN, INC. (Layla's House)	\$506,725	94.00	Continue Funding
CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN, INC. (Parents as Teachers)	\$2,051,979	83.35	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
CHILDREN'S HOME, INC., THE D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK (Caregiver Support Services)	\$1,405,023	82.28	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
CHILDREN'S HOME, INC., THE D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK (Guiding Stars Mentoring Program)	\$222,666	N/A	Continue Funding Newly Funded March 2025
CHILDREN'S HOME, INC., THE D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK (Kinship Hillsborough)	\$659,525	85.24	Continue Funding
CHILDREN'S HOME, INC., THE D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK (Reaching and Inspiring Students Everywhere - RAISE)	\$1,379,010	84.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
CHILDREN'S HOME, INC., THE D/B/A CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK (Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services - SEEDS)	\$2,902,961	86.34	Continue Funding
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF TAMPA, INC., THE, D/B/A GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM (Children's Board Free Tuesday)	\$99,299	N/A	Contract Ended 9/30/2025 Deliverables Completed Successfully
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF TAMPA, INC., THE, D/B/A GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM (Learn & Play Tampa Bay)	\$372,809	95.00	Continue Funding
CORPORATION TO DEVELOP COMMUNITIES OF TAMPA, INC. (CDC of Tampa Wealth Builders)	\$400,000	76.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY, INC., (Successful Families)	\$576,707	95.00	Continue Funding
DAWNING FAMILY SERVICES, INC. (A Path to Prevention)	\$472,534	86.66	Continue Funding
DAWNING FAMILY SERVICES, INC. (Housing for Success)	\$336,381	72.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance

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EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (Community Developmental Screening Program)	\$1,039,836	96.00	Continue Funding
EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (Inclusion Support Services)	\$629,305	96.00	Continue Funding
EASTER SEALS FLORIDA, INC. (Early Learning and Intervention Program)	\$712,231	93.67	Continue Funding
EASTER SEALS FLORIDA, INC. (The Incredible Years)	\$879,585	73.12	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
ENVISION RESOLUTION FOUNDATION, INC. (Barbershop Conversations Mental Health Training)	\$161,430	N/A	Continue Funding Newly Funded March 2025
FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER, INC., THE (Autism is Real)	\$1,279,402	75.36	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER, INC., THE (Kinship Care)	\$398,195	82.50	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER, INC., THE (Motivated Minds)	\$595,337	70.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
FAMILY HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, INC. (Connecting Kids to CARE)	\$521,533	99.00	Continue Funding
FLORIDA EDUCATION FUND, INC. (CodeMasters Countywide)	\$164,787	98.00	Continue Funding
FLORIDA EDUCATION FUND, INC. (CodeMasters Strategic Initiative)	\$194,198	96.00	Continue Funding
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (Successful Start)	\$964,546	62.33	Continue Funding with Modifications and/or Provider Improvement Plan
GIRL SCOUTS OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA (Girl Scout Troop Program)	\$174,345	73.33	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
GREATER PALM RIVER POINT CDC (Palm River Family Services (Strategic Initiatives))	\$110,000	N/A	Continue Funding Newly Funded March 2025
GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. (Good Afternoon Friends and Amigos)	\$466,943	92.50	Continue Funding

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GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. (Padres de Crianza)	\$356,347	79.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. (Teen Parent Engagement Program)	\$302,107	76.40	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
HEALTHY START COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (Healthy Families Hillsborough)	\$2,409,132	92.68	Continue Funding
HEALTHY START COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (HealthySteps Hillsborough)	\$1,672,373	94.35	Continue Funding
HEALTHY START COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (Safe Baby Plus)	\$1,748,571	93.00	Continue Funding
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC., THE (Quality Early Education System)	\$3,080,437	93.08	Continue Funding
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. D/B/A EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (2025 Summer Boost)	\$800,000	N/A	One-time Funding Deliverables Completed Successfully
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. D/B/A EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (School Readiness Funding)	\$1,075,000	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. D/B/A EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (School Readiness Funding)	\$15,500	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. D/B/A EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. (Quality Performance and Gold Seal Incentives)	\$600,000	N/A	One-time Funding Deliverables Completed Successfully
HILLSBOROUGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. (Tech Connect)	\$573,310	98.00	Continue Funding

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HISPANIC SERVICES COUNCIL, INC. (La RED de Padres Activos / The Network of Active Parents)	\$1,955,709	88.00	Continue Funding
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA (Building Family Financial Skills)	\$99,999	84.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA (Building Hope)	\$1,215,970	87.00	Continue Funding
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA (Village Link Up)	\$439,987	84.50	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TAMPA (Youth Success)	\$354,621	82.66	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
INSTRUMENTS 4 LIFE, INC. (Music Outreach Program)	\$143,815	90.00	Continue Funding
JOSHUA WAY OF HOPE, INC. (Achievers)	\$1,374,553	90.60	Continue Funding
JOSHUA WAY OF HOPE, INC. (Building a Stronger Me Character Development Program)	\$167,820	97.00	Continue Funding
JOSHUA WAY OF HOPE, INC. (Life Skills 360 Training Institute)	\$165,991	93.00	Continue Funding
JUST INITIATIVE, INC. (Woven Empowerment WE Program)	\$276,650	82.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
LEARN TAMPA BAY, INC. D/B/A ACHIEVE PLANT CITY (Learning Is Fun Together - LIFT)	\$492,130	98.00	Continue Funding
LUTHERAN SERVICES FLORIDA, INC. (Children's Board Family Resource Centers)	\$3,296,557	98.00	Continue Funding
METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, INC. (Children's Recreation, Education, Arts & Therapeutic Experience - CREATE)	\$712,857	94.50	Continue Funding
METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, INC. (Homeless Family Early Intervention Program - First Hug)	\$1,767,483	99.00	Continue Funding
METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, INC. (Pathways to Hope)	\$1,141,552	96.33	Continue Funding

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MORE HEALTH, INC. (Healthy and Safe Kids)	\$139,989	84.78	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY (MOSI). (MOSI in Motion at CBFR in Plant City)	\$125,000	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP CENTER OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (Capacity Building)	\$176,400	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
ONE MORE CHILD (One More Child - Family Support)	\$151,200	93.00	Continue Funding
PARENTS AND CHILDREN ADVANCE TOGETHER (PCAT) LITERACY MINISTRIES, INC. (South County Literacy Initiative)	\$620,842	98.00	Continue Funding
PARENTS AND CHILDREN ADVANCE TOGETHER (PCAT) LITERACY MINISTRIES, INC. (Sulphur Springs Literacy Initiative)	\$168,726	98.00	Continue Funding
POSITIVE FAMILY PARTNERS (Learning Connections)	\$104,682	75.00	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
POSITIVE SPIN, INC., (Empowering A Community with Hope - EACH One)	\$1,150,000	95.25	Continue Funding
PRESERVE VISION FLORIDA, INC. (Children's Vision Health and Safety Services)	\$731,223	95.67	Continue Funding
REACHUP, INC. (GROWTH with Doulas and Dads - Giving Resource Opportunities with Trust and Hope)	\$1,456,242	91.00	Continue Funding
REDEFINERS WORLD LANGUAGES, INC. (Academic Achievers)	\$73,480	N/A	Contract Ended 7/31/2025 Deliverables Completed Successfully Contract Re-Awarded 10/1/2025
REDEFINERS WORLD LANGUAGES, INC. (Global Explorers)	\$218,840	94.00	Continue Funding
REDEFINERS WORLD LANGUAGES, INC. (Multilingual Citizens Program)	\$1,235,925	92.66	Continue Funding
ROOTED IN PLAY CORP (Every Child Plays)	\$100,000	N/A	Continue Funding Newly Funded March 2025
ROOTED IN PLAY CORP (Popup Adventure Playground Project)	\$58,338	99.00	Continue Funding

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (Renaissance myON Reader)	\$100,000	N/A	Continue Funding
SENIORS IN SERVICE OF TAMPA BAY, INC. (Foster Grandparent Program with Readers in Motion)	\$421,176	94.33	Continue Funding
SKILLS CENTER, INC., THE (Middle School Youth Opportunity - YO)	\$967,493	92.00	Continue Funding
SPRING OF TAMPA BAY, INC., THE (Family Safety from Domestic Violence)	\$444,081	81.66	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, INC. D/B/A ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S HOSPITAL (Community Maternity Clinic)	\$872,829	84.33	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, INC. D/B/A ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (Mobile Health and Safety Education Program)	\$1,270,438	95.26	Continue Funding
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, INC. D/B/A ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S HOSPITAL (Supporting Motherhood and More)	\$202,659	93.00	Continue Funding
SUCCESS 4 KIDS AND FAMILIES (Successful Families)	\$723,342	N/A	See Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
TAMPA HEIGHTS JUNIOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION (Garden and Art Wellness Program)	\$123,344	74.11	Continue Funding with Modifications or Technical Assistance
TAMPA HILLSBOROUGH HOMELESS INITIATIVE, INC. (UNITY Information Network)	\$50,000	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
TAMPA KIWANIS FOUNDATION, INC. (Storywalk)	\$47,965	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
TAMPA METROPOLITAN AREA YMCA, INC. (Operation Strong Families)	\$164,145	66.44	Continue Funding with Modifications and/or Provider Improvement Plan
TAMPA METROPOLITAN AREA YMCA, INC. (Sulphur Springs YMCA Out of School Time Program)	\$477,261	100.00	Continue Funding
TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART, INC. (Children's Board Free Family Days)	\$57,555	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed

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UNITED FOOD BANK & SERVICES OF PLANT CITY (Food, Education, and Empowerment for Development - F.E.E.D.)	\$223,849	68.00	Continue Funding with Modifications and/or Provider Improvement Plan
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. (Get Moving! Mind, Body Soul)	\$330,701	89.00	Continue Funding
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. (Get Moving with Water Safety)	\$30,030	N/A	Continue Funding Deliverables Successfully Completed
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. (STEPS for the University Area)	\$478,926	65.93	Continue Funding with Modifications and/or Provider Improvement Plan
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE (Developing our Children's Skills Programs - HOT DOCS & DOCS K-5)	\$441,957	93.00	Continue Funding
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE (Hillsborough HIPPIY Parent Involvement Project)	\$2,102,367	92.50	Continue Funding
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE (Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support)	\$988,581	93.00	Continue Funding
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE (Trauma-Informed Schools - Tiered Intervention)	\$1,103,906	N/A	Contract Ended 7/30/25 Deliverables Completed Successfully
105 Contracts (Note: Summer, Emergency and Emerging Needs contracts not included)		* N/A = Contracts not scored; compliance monitored by contract/program manager.	

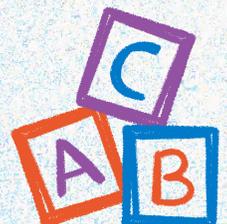
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2025

Children's Board of Hillsborough County



The Children's Board of Hillsborough County is dedicated to improving the quality and availability of services and resources for children and their families. As part of this commitment, we provide Technical Assistance (TA) grant awards of up to \$10,000 to non-profit organizations with budgets of \$3 million or less that seek to improve service quality. These grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including technology upgrades, staff development, marketing, and strategic planning. This year, we funded nine TA grants, with eight completing the cycle.



Annual Survey Reveals Positive Feedback

Six of the eight grantees that completed the FY 2025 funding cycle responded to the annual survey. All respondents indicated that the Children's Board Technical Assistance grants are a valuable community resource. They reported that these grants help organizations strengthen operational capacity by funding needs that are often not supported through other grants, including technology infrastructure, outreach materials, and systems.

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Survey respondents agreed TA grants are a **valuable community resource**.

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Survey respondents were **satisfied** or **very satisfied** with the TA grant application and contract development process.

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Survey respondents were **very satisfied** with the reporting, reimbursement and required documentation process.

Significant Results

Increased Service Delivery Capacity



TA-funded equipment helped programs' ability to deliver tutoring and educational support, including live learning sessions, small-group work, and on-demand printing.

Improved Operational Efficiency and Coordination



TA funding supported new systems of case and participant management, reduced duplication, and streamlined enrollment and intake, improving internal coordination and responsiveness.

Strengthened Organizational Capacity and Credibility



Grantees noted that TA funds cover capacity-building needs often excluded from other grants, helping organizations stay current with essential tools and strengthening the organization's credibility in the community.

"The grant provides critical capacity building resources for a nonprofit of our size. There are very few local grants of this kind and they make a meaningful difference."

- Frameworks of Tampa Bay, Inc.

"...Provide nonprofits with critical financial support to invest in essential resources such as curriculum, technology upgrades, and operational tools. These investments strengthen organizational capacity, improve service quality, and enable nonprofits to deliver more efficient, effective, and responsive programs to children and families in the community"

- Joshua Way of Hope

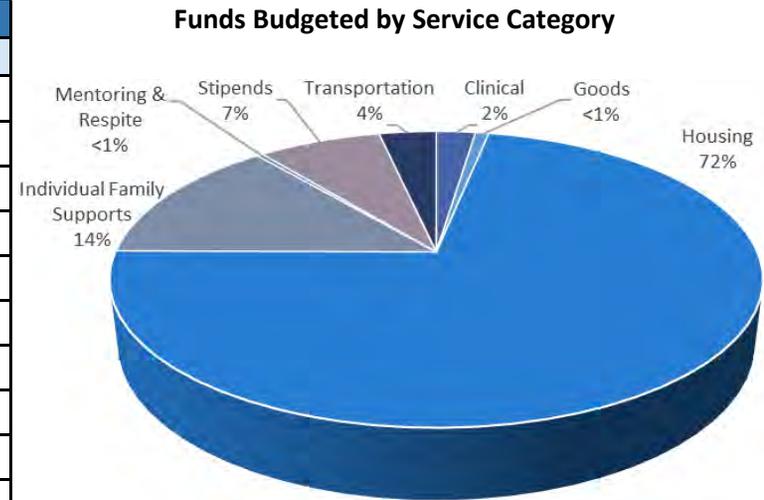


Children's Board ASO - Fiscal Year 2026 Update as of 2-17-2026

2-17-26 is day number 140 (of 365) of FY26 (38%)

	Funds Available	Funding Reserves	Allocated to Programs	Budgeted	Program Reserves	Expenses Paid	Percent Budgeted
Children's Board	\$4,100,000	\$869,000	\$3,231,000	\$1,819,982	\$1,411,018	\$1,534,964	44%
BOCC DV	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$17,809	\$82,191	\$13,458	18%
	\$4,200,000	\$869,000	\$3,331,000	\$1,837,791	\$1,493,209	\$1,548,422	

Top Ten Services - All Funding Sources			
Service	# of Budgets	Funds Budgeted	Trend vs. FY25
Tutor	602	\$217,720	↑
Electric	428	\$152,961	↓
Rental Assistance	347	\$519,216	↓
Public Transportation	311	\$21,083	↑
Baby Items	264	\$54,504	↑
Emergency Shelter	263	\$203,065	↑
Clothing Stipend	116	\$37,002	↑
Furniture	110	\$74,167	↑
Food Stipend	104	\$29,549	—
Security Deposit	100	\$218,626	—



	FY26 YTD	FY25 Total
Programs	64	66
Case Managers	404	395
Providers Utilized	466	909
Providers Added	122	469
Families	2,027	4,915
Budgets	3,396	7,918
Payments	3,083	9,006

“The ASO provides access to resources and financial support that help meet immediate needs, reduce stress, and create stability in the home. It strengthens families’ well-being and supports their ability to engage more fully in their child’s growth.”

- ASO Case Manager



ASO Year-End Report



Kelly Hickman, Director of the ASO
Children's Board of Hillsborough County
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

ASO Overview

The Administrative Services Organization (ASO) is a program created and operated by the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County to manage a dedicated pool of flexible funds. Implemented in 2003 to support family directed care, the ASO promotes a wraparound approach in which families identify their strengths, needs, goals, and service providers through a family support plan. As a payment of last resort, flexible funds managed by the ASO can be used to provide supports and services with qualified community providers. ASO flexible funds assist a variety of target populations including but not limited to pregnant women, young children, children at risk of social-emotional delays, victims of domestic violence, and families facing homelessness.

Trained case managers from participating agencies work with families to develop individualized family support plans and select from a wide range of services and supports for children and their families. Families can prioritize the most critical services and select a provider of their choosing. Currently, 85 different service types are available from a fully credentialed provider network that includes a wide variety of agencies, vendors, individuals, local businesses, and faith-based organizations.

The Children’s Board ASO offers funds management, accounts payable services, detailed financial reporting including reports to enrolled families, provider credentialing, network management, and quality assurance. All processes are managed through a custom web-application that offers real-time data to participating programs and funders.

Funds Managed and Funding Highlights

The ASO was initially piloted with federal grant dollars, which sunset in 2004. The ASO is primarily funded by the Children’s Board with additional flexible dollars invested by Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Funds managed by the ASO in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 included the following sources:

Funder	Available Amount	Funds Budgeted	Expenses Paid
Children’s Board	\$4,300,000	\$4,113,573	\$4,079,934
Hillsborough County BOCC Domestic Violence	\$100,000	\$98,507	\$98,507
Hillsborough County BOCC Social Services	\$500,000	\$499,878	\$499,878
	\$4,900,000	\$4,711,958	\$4,678,319

Children’s Board ASO funds were allocated to 65 programs in the following ways:

- Allocations were provided to 44 Children’s Board funded programs that offered case management to support their service delivery and outcome achievement.
- A Request for Applications (RFA) was released in the amount of \$500,000 for non-Children’s Board funded programs. ASO funding was allocated to 19 case management programs.
- Two special projects received ASO funds:
 - \$352,700 was allocated to the School Social Work division of Hillsborough County Public Schools. ASO funding was available for children in pre-kindergarten through middle school and teen parents to meet families’ needs when no other program was available to serve them.
 - \$50,000 was allocated to Bay Area Early Steps. Early Steps is Florida's early intervention system that offers services to eligible infants and toddlers (birth to thirty-six months) with significant delays or a condition likely to result in a developmental delay.

The Hillsborough County BOCC continued their investment of \$100,000 to the ASO to fund supports and services for victims of domestic violence.

The Hillsborough County BOCC Department of Social Services also renewed their investment of \$300,000 to assist with housing supports for families. In March 2025, that amount was increased by \$200,000, resulting in a total allocation of \$500,000. Social Services funding was made available to selected case management programs that were also accessing Children’s Board funds through the ASO.

Case Management Partners

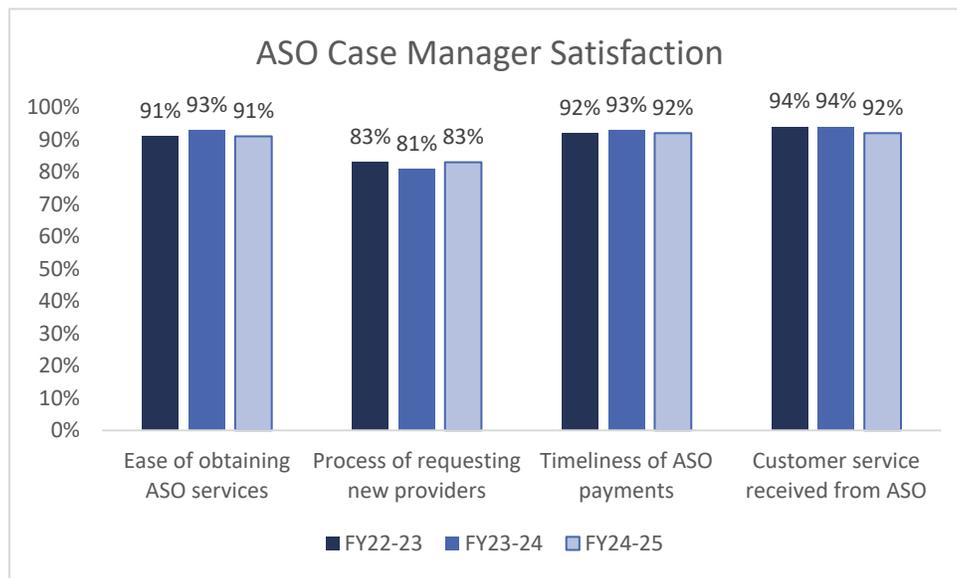
ASO funds were made available to more than 400 case managers from 66 case management and family support programs. Note that some programs access more than one funding source. For example, some programs accessing Children’s Board funds also received allocations of County Domestic Violence or County Social Services funds.

The number of programs accessing each funding source and their system focus is shown below:

Funder	System Focus	# of Programs
Children’s Board	Child Development, Health/Safety, Academic Success, Family Support	65
Hillsborough County BOCC DV	Victims of Domestic Violence	2
Hillsborough County BOCC Social Services	Housing Supports for Vulnerable Families	13

Case managers play a central role in working with families to assess their needs, document their goals, plan their services, and access ASO funds when needed. Quality management surveys were sent to 404 case managers in September 2025 and survey administration yielded a 39% response rate (n=158). Satisfaction ratings have remained constant, with a slight increase in

satisfaction for one of the four indicators, and a slight decrease in satisfaction for three of the four indicators. A three-year comparison of survey highlights is displayed in the chart below:



When asked to report what impact the ASO has on families, case managers said:

- *“It helps families build a stepping stone so that they can take the next step.”*
- *“ASO funds provide critical help for families when no other resources are available. This gives families stability and hope during difficult times.”*
- *“The ASO offers families a profound sense of peace of mind and significantly contributes to maintaining their self-worth and dignity.”*
- *“ASO funding provides immediate relief for families by covering rent, utilities, and transportation. This helps prevent homelessness, reduces stress, and allows families to focus on long-term goals such as employment, education, and stability.”*
- *“Allows families to have a choice in what services they are able to obtain and the service providers they are able to use.”*
- *“It helps meet families’ needs related to safe sleep environments which can be lifesaving when families are co-sleeping or do not have the means to purchase a crib or bassinet.”*
- *“The support can change the trajectory of peoples' lives forever.”*

Case managers were asked what difference the ASO makes in their work as a case manager and responses included:

- *“We’re able to stabilize families with services funded by the ASO.”*
- *“Allows our agency to assist our clients with many unorthodox services.”*
- *“It is quite competitive to access scarce resources in Hillsborough County and the ASO is a great safety net.”*
- *“The ASO helps by managing payments which allows me to focus on supporting participants with their goals.”*

- *“As a case manager, it helps me help the families I work with receive services that they would not be able to obtain without the ASO.”*
- *“I have peace of mind that when emergencies happen in the lives of our families, we can count on these funds.”*
- *“By providing ASO assistance to families during their challenging times, I am able to instill confidence and hope in clients, ultimately empowering them to support their families more effectively.”*

ASO case managers were asked if there were any gaps that they would like ASO to consider funding. Responses are below, grouped by whether the services are currently allowable in ASO:

Currently Available in ASO	Not Currently Allowable by ASO
Adult Education Courses	Attorney’s Fees for Eviction Cases
Childcare	Funeral Costs for Children
Furniture	Internet Fees
Identification Documents	Mortgage Payments
Transportation	Student Loan Payments

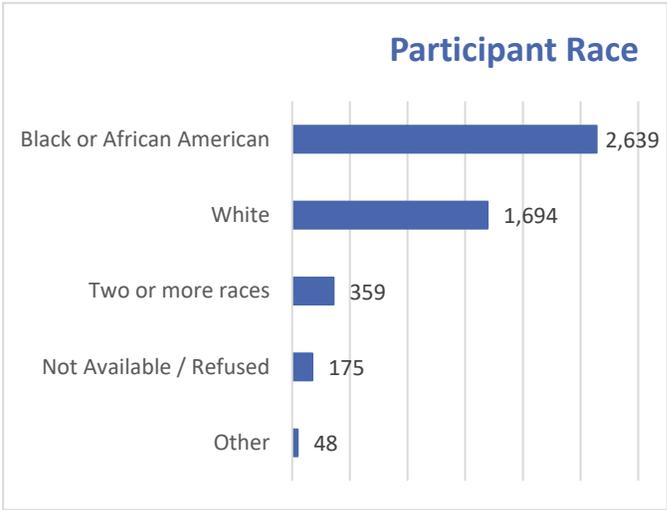
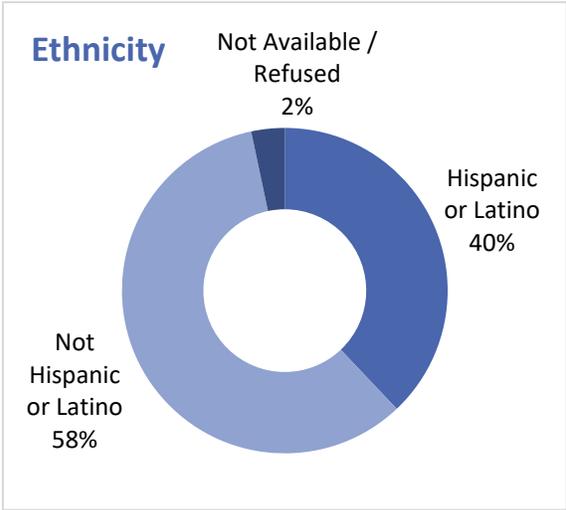
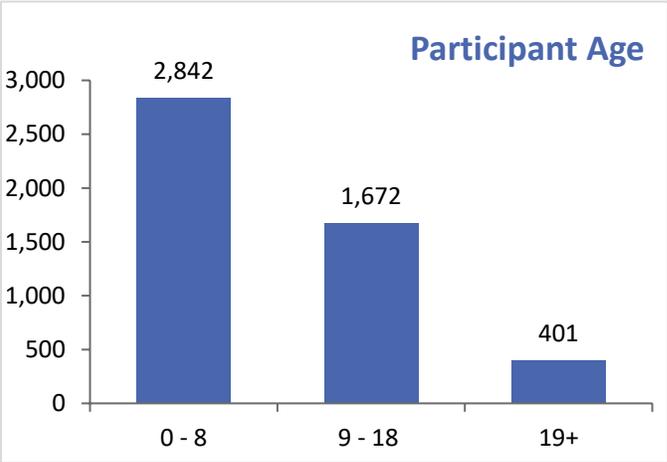
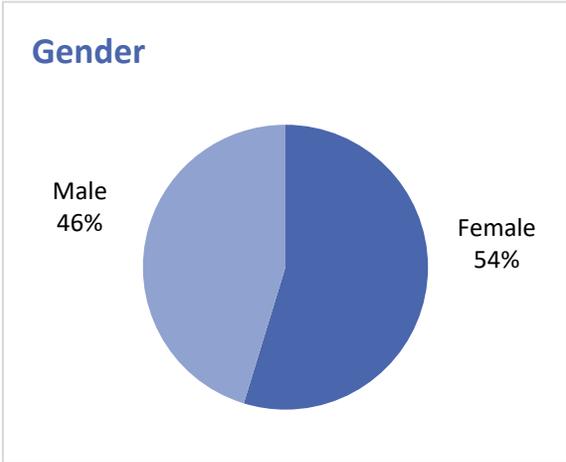
86% OF CASE MANAGERS REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO GAPS IN SERVICES THEY WOULD LIKE ASO TO CONSIDER FUNDING.

When asked how the ASO could enhance its services, most case managers indicated that no improvements were necessary. The suggestions that were provided include:

- *“Add a field to collect an email address when enrolling a family.”*
- *“Implement a more flexible schedule for check pickups.”*
- *“Simplify the process for purchasing items from Walmart.”*
- *“Remove providers that are no longer in service.”*
- *“More case studies on what ASO offers.”*
- *“Transcribe training videos so case managers can go to a specific section without having to review the entire video.”*
- *“Add more ASO providers that serve the south part of Tampa.”*
- *“Email Family Reports instead of sending through the mail.”*
- *“Expand training opportunities, especially around cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and system navigation.”*
- *“Continued investment in data systems that are user-friendly.”*

Participants Served

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, 4,915 participants were enrolled in the ASO by qualified case management programs. A total of 18,729 household members were reported for those enrolled participants. Overall participant enrollment increased by 13% compared to last fiscal year. Demographic highlights for enrolled participants, as reported by case managers, are shown below.



60% of participants were reported to be enrolled in Medicaid, 9% were not enrolled, and 31% were unknown. 39% were reported to be eligible for private insurance, however this number likely includes duplicate participants also counted under Medicaid.

Participants were enrolled from 64 Hillsborough County zip codes, with 54% of the enrollment represented in the top ten zip codes shown in the table.

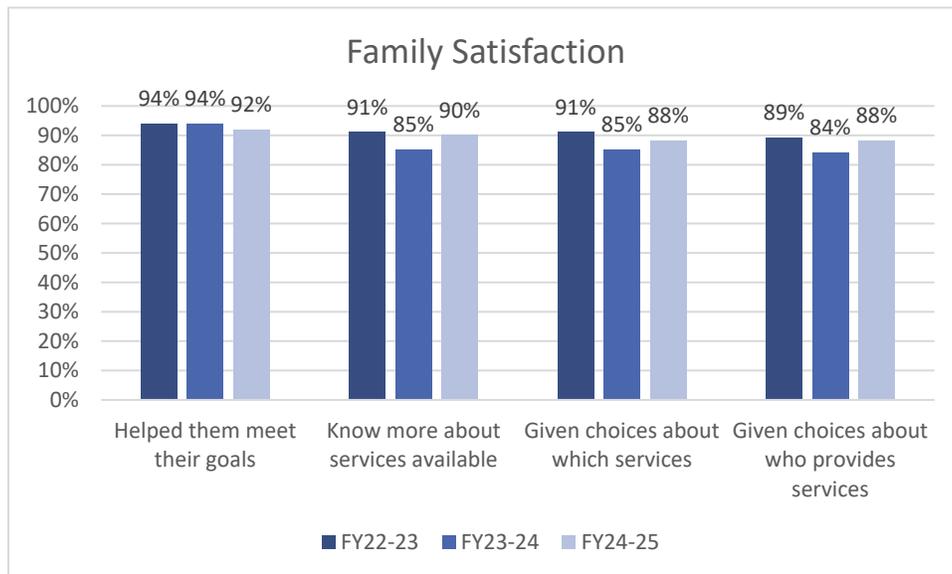
Note that 33675 is the mailing zip code for The Spring of Tampa Bay, which is used for most of their enrolled participants.

In September 2025, quality management surveys were emailed to a sub-set of enrolled families. Surveys were sent in both English and in Spanish to 3,341 families. Surveys were submitted by 475 families, for a 14% response rate. 24% of the responses were submitted in Spanish.

Top Zip Codes	Participants
33610	473
33612	419
33675	319
33617	299
33604	273
33605	216
33613	202
33619	183
33614	141
33578	136
Total	2,661

86% OF FAMILIES REPORTED THEY RECEIVED THE SERVICES THEY NEEDED THE MOST AND 82% REPORTED THEY RECEIVED THOSE SERVICES IN A TIMELY MANNER.

A three-year comparison of family survey response highlights is displayed below.



Families were asked what they like best about the ASO and services provided. Note that families do not see the ASO as a separate entity and often respond to ASO survey questions based on experiences with their case managers or their service providers. Most families shared feedback related to the timeliness of services, the support offered while in crisis, and the kindness and efficiency of their case manager.

Families' comments included:

- *"They helped at the moment of greatest need and in a short amount of time."*
- *"They helped me beat homelessness with my 2-year-old."*
- *"My daughter was sleeping on the floor, but she now has a bed, and I don't have to worry about the cold months ahead."*
- *"It's an extra support system for people who lack support from friends and family."*
- *"I was able to receive help with car repairs because my job requires that I have transportation. I only bring home enough to pay my monthly household bills, so my income isn't enough for car repairs."*
- *"I received help for my kids with autism."*
- *"They are there to help you meet your goals."*
- *"I liked that the ASO mailed my family a copy of what was allotted to us."*
- *"It is so helpful for grandparents stepping up to help care for their grandbabies."*
- *"Being provided tutoring services I probably could not afford."*
- *"That they were able to help my child increase access to resources for her mental health."*
- *"They were able to assist us with our rent so we wouldn't be evicted."*

**"ASO WAS HERE TO HELP IN ONE OF THE MOST
VULNERABLE TIMES OF OUR LIVES."**

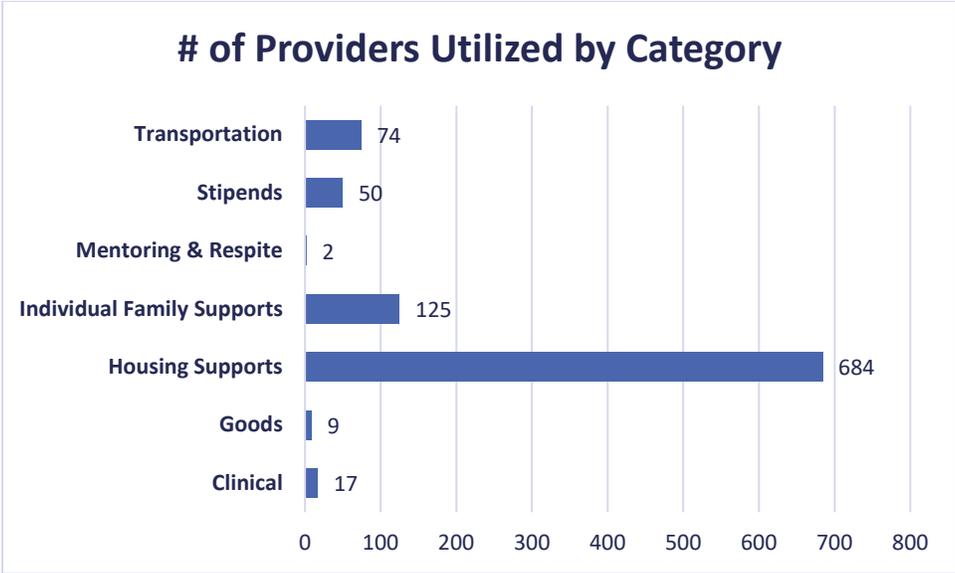
Please see Appendix B for success stories that highlight the impact of ASO funds on children and families.

Providers and Vendors

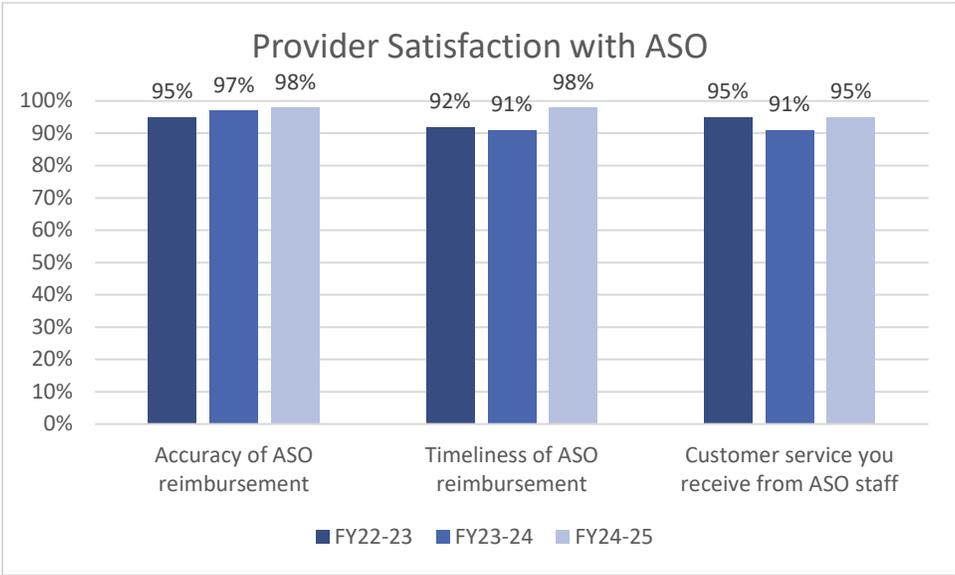
Providers and vendors are selected by families with the assistance of their case managers, as needs are identified and the decision to use ASO funds is determined. The ASO offers an extensive provider network from which families can choose. Case managers request new providers and vendors frequently, based on the needs and preferences of the families. Providers in the community can also request to join the ASO network. The ASO database includes more than 5,500 active providers and vendors, of which over 1,400 are credentialed.

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

- 469 new providers and vendors were added to the ASO database, compared to 373 and 378 in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 respectively.
- 1,756 individual service authorizations were sent to 96 contracted service providers.
- The ASO issued 9,006 payments to 909 unduplicated providers and vendors.



In September 2025, surveys were administered to a sample of 84 credentialed providers who delivered contractual services during the fiscal year, yielding 41 responses for a 49% response rate. A three-year comparison of survey highlights is displayed in the chart below.



When asked what impact being an ASO provider had on them, responses included:

- *“It gives me joy to know that I am helping students with the subject areas they're having challenges with. It also provides me with extra income.”*
- *“Allowed us to impact families that otherwise would not have the resources to obtain our services.”*
- *“I work from home and being a provider gives me the 1:1, in person interaction that I do not have in my regular job.”*
- *“One of the most meaningful impacts has been helping caregivers strengthen their parenting skills. I've seen parents move from feeling overwhelmed and disconnected to more confident, empowered, and nurturing in their interactions with their children.”*

When asked what changes would help improve their experience as an ASO provider, responses included:

- *“Access to budget information digitally.”*
- *“Being able to receive and submit authorizations electronically would be beneficial.”*
- *“More referrals.”*
- *“Having more opportunities to speak with case managers so they know about my services and we can build rapport.”*

“IT HAS BEEN SO REWARDING TO HELP MY STUDENTS ENHANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. WATCHING THEM LEARN AND GROW IS TRULY A JOY!”

Services Purchased

The services and supports purchased with ASO funds must be directly related to a goal on the family's support plan. Once other resources are exhausted and the decision is made to utilize ASO funds, the intent is to provide what families need in an individualized and timely manner, from a provider of their choosing. There are many service options available, yet spending trends inform of the greatest needs and gaps in services.

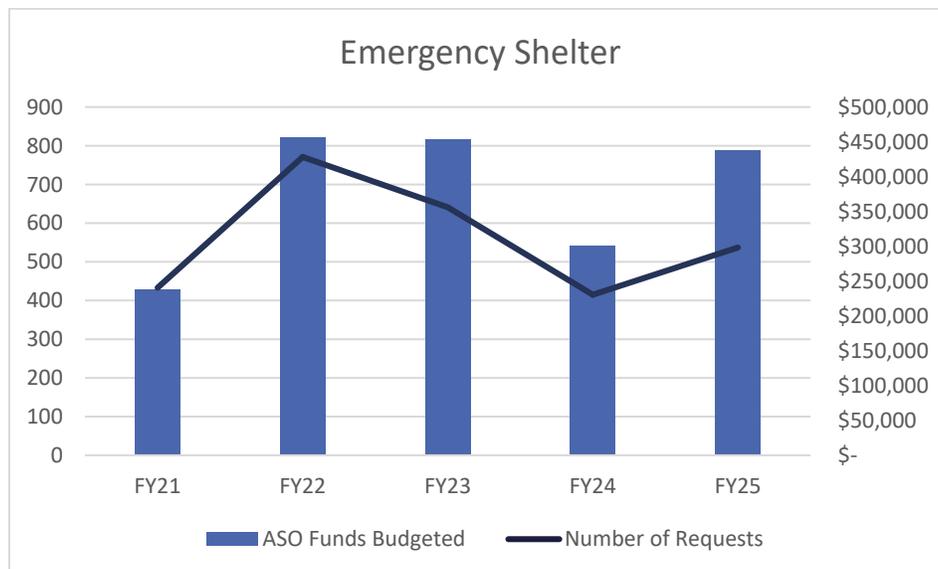
Of the 85 different services available in the ASO Service Code Matrix, 59 were utilized in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Case managers submitted a total of 7,918 budget items (requests for services) which is higher than last fiscal year's 7,150. Requests for housing supports increased by 20%, stipends (food, clothing, baby items, etc.) increased by 17%, and transportation services increased by 19% over the previous fiscal year.

The top ten most frequently authorized services are listed in the table below. Funds budgeted for these services represent 84% of funds budgeted overall. The full list of services purchased during the year can be found in Appendix A.

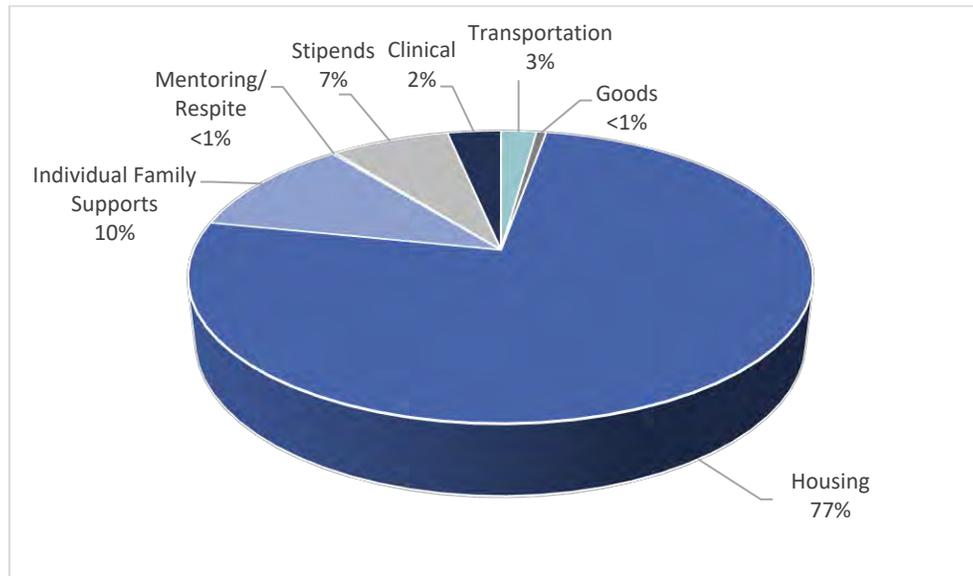
Service	# of ASO Budgets	Funds Budgeted
Tutor	1,162	\$375,685
Rental Assistance	1,123	\$1,710,479
Electric	1,064	\$407,560
Baby Items	714	\$155,615
Public Transportation	612	\$38,448
Emergency Shelter	537	\$437,072
Furniture	287	\$181,757
Security Deposit	273	\$531,359
Clothing Stipend	270	\$69,769
Food Stipend	234	\$62,526
Total	6,276	\$3,970,270

ASO funds assisted 133 unduplicated families to secure emergency shelter during Fiscal Year 2024-2025. There was a 29% increase in requests for this service from the previous year. There were 21 ASO programs that utilized this service for one or more families, and 66% of the families were identified by School Social Work's *Students in Transition Team* and Dawning Family Services' *A Path to Prevention* program. The median length of stay for emergency shelter services was three weeks, compared to two weeks in the previous fiscal year.

The chart below represents emergency shelter requests submitted over the last five years.



The chart below represents ASO expenditures by category. Although overall expenditures increased in six of the seven service categories, distribution by category remained relatively the same as the prior fiscal year.



Quality Improvement Highlights

The ASO monitoring process was completed with 63 programs that utilized funds during the year. The quality of documentation related to ASO services and accountability of funds remains high. Programs are ensuring that ASO services are well documented in the plan, and 54 programs received 100% scores in this area compared to 44 programs in Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The quality of family support plan goals and action steps can always be improved, and this is an area requiring ongoing training and coaching by supervisors.

A summary of monitoring results is shown below:

FY24-25 ASO Monitoring Summary	
Total Programs*	66
Total Visits Completed	63
Number of Programs – Score of 80% or Above	58
Number of Programs – Score of 100%	54
Number of Programs – FSP Recommendations	13
Number of Programs – Consents Missing	24
Number of Programs – Inspections Not Filed	4
Number of Programs – Returned Funds	3
Total Funds Returned	\$128.22
Range of Funds Returned	\$0.33 - \$125
*2 programs had no spending at year-end and EACH One Disaster Recovery wasn't monitored due to its limited duration.	

Another quality assurance process involves a random sample of provider invoices being reviewed prior to payment to ensure providers are following ASO service documentation requirements by sending progress notes or monthly summaries to case managers to substantiate payment. Of the sample reviewed in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, progress notes were verified with the case managers for 120 of 120 invoices, or 100%, at the time of invoice payment. This is two points higher than the prior year's percentage.

ASO Developments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

- The Children's Board released a *Request for Applications* (RFA) for \$500,000 in ASO flexible funds for non-Children's Board funded case management programs.
- The Children's Board continued the partnerships with the School Social Work division of Hillsborough County Public Schools and USF Bay Area Early Steps.
- Hillsborough County BOCC renewed their investment of \$100,000 to the ASO to fund supports and services for victims of domestic violence.
- For Fiscal Year 2026, the Children's Board will not receive BOCC Social Services funding due to the unavailability of funds. If circumstances change in the future, the Children's Board ASO stands ready to revisit the agreement with Hillsborough County Social Services to collaboratively support and stabilize families in our county.
- Electric costs continue to be the second most requested ASO service. The ASO and Tampa Electric Company (TECO) Social Service teams continue to partner on creative solutions for families seeking assistance with electric bills.
- Development of a document portal is underway to streamline submissions by case managers and providers.
- The ASO team continues to offer bi-monthly Lunch & Learn trainings to increase knowledge of ASO services and processes and provide ongoing support for case management programs. Case managers and supervisors can access the ASO training web page to review past content and share with new employees.
- The Children's Board continues to work with community partners to better address the needs of homeless families.

Appendix A Services Utilized

Service	# of ASO Budgets	Funds Budgeted
Adult Education Course	25	\$11,668
Agency Respite	11	\$20,394
Appliance	19	\$9,024
Assistive Technology	2	\$233
Baby Items	714	\$155,615
Background Screening	1	\$107
Camp	67	\$32,609
Childcare Support	182	\$60,259
Clothing Stipend	270	\$69,769
Dental Service	1	\$800
Developmental Equipment/Supplies	52	\$8,085
Educational Equipment/Supplies	84	\$14,313
Electric	1,064	\$407,560
Emergency Shelter	537	\$437,072
Evaluation	2	\$825
Family Therapy	5	\$4,500
Financial Coach	7	\$2,300
Food Stipend	234	\$62,526
Furniture	287	\$181,757
Gas	17	\$2,745
Goods: OTHER	5	\$1,470
Home Maintenance	3	\$750
Household Supplies	54	\$12,420
Housekeeping Services	1	\$225
Housing Specialist	131	\$25,125
Housing: OTHER	22	\$2,920
Identification Documents	45	\$1,519
Individual Family Supports: OTHER	8	\$7,485
Individual Therapy	93	\$61,575
Intensive Parent Instruction	23	\$15,010
Interpreter and Translation Services	5	\$3,235
Legal Fees	3	\$1,200
Legal Services	3	\$400
Medical Supplies	1	\$100
Membership	1	\$353
Moving - Professional Services	1	\$610
Moving / Storage	30	\$7,852
Out of School Time	17	\$4,421
Parent Aide/Life Coach	1	\$900
Phone	20	\$2,991

Post-Partum Doula	4	\$4,736
Public Transportation	612	\$38,448
Recreation	24	\$6,209
Rental Assistance	1,123	\$1,710,479
Rental Assistance - First Month	186	\$195,346
Scheduled Medical Service	1	\$370
Security Deposit	273	\$531,359
Special Therapies	33	\$16,400
Speech Therapy	1	\$150
Stipends: OTHER	3	\$355
Transportation Fees	3	\$1,286
Transportation: OTHER	20	\$1,996
Travel Expenses	17	\$8,040
Tutor	1,162	\$375,685
Vehicle Fuel	70	\$3,192
Vehicle Insurance	21	\$7,031
Vehicle Payment Assistance	22	\$18,086
Vehicle Repair	88	\$78,914
Water	207	\$81,155
	7,918	\$4,711,958

Appendix B

Success Stories

Submitted by DULCE, Champions for Children

After experiencing a sudden reduction in work hours and losing their housing in June 2025, a father faced a critical moment of instability for himself and his family. Despite using limited savings to cover hotel stays, he remained proactive. With support from his case manager, he identified a new apartment and began the process of securing rental assistance. When local resources were unavailable, emergency budget requests were submitted through the Children's Board ASO, successfully securing funding for the first month's rent, a home inspection, and ultimately the full security deposit after an unexpected issue with the apartment complex. This swift action ensured the family could move in as planned and avoid losing the unit.

At the same time, the father pursued long-term stability by engaging in employment services through a local agency, Caribe. He attended his scheduled appointment and, with support, quickly secured full-time work in the construction field—a job he enjoys. By early August, the family had settled into their new home, and he expressed deep gratitude for the assistance that helped them overcome a period of crisis. This story is a powerful example of how timely support and persistence can transform a family's future.

Submitted by ECHO Supports, ECHO of Brandon

The family came to ECHO in February when they were in desperate need of help. The father had an injury a year prior leaving him permanently disabled, and the loss of his income resulted in the family losing their home in January.

When ECHO met with the parents, they were living at a hotel with their three children. The mom was working from the hotel and trying to get her kids to school as often as she could. They had spent their last money on the hotel room the night before and were going to have to sleep in their little car that night.

Through ASO, ECHO was able to provide emergency shelter for the family for a few weeks as we worked with a landlord to get them into a home. About four weeks later, the family moved into their new home!

When we first met the mom, she expressed concern for the education of her son, the youngest of her three kids, who was in 3rd grade. Because of all the moving around, unstable environment, and trauma from the whole situation, her son was really struggling in school, testing way below grade level. Just three weeks after moving into their new home, the mom sent us a note, saying "The kids are doing great!" Her third grader had just finished state testing and was testing at or above grade level in every subject.

Today, this family is still stably housed, and doing great. Thanks to ASO support, they were able to stay safe and together during their time of crisis, and they just needed a little encouragement and connections to get back on their feet, and to thrive again as a family.

Submitted by Reach Program Services, Pace Center for Girls

The Pace Reach Counseling Program works with middle and high school girls and their families to provide therapeutic and supportive services. Many of the girls we serve come to us with a range of risk factors, challenging behaviors, and mental health needs. Through ongoing communication with parents and caregivers, we gain a deeper understanding of each family's unique system, strengths, and needs. Our approach is holistic and strength based, with a focus on stability, connection, resiliency, and long-term well-being.

The story I would like to share is one of hope, impact, and partnership. It involves a single mother raising three children while managing serious medical needs and frequent hospitalizations that made consistent income difficult. The family has experienced homelessness, at times living in their car. Despite these challenges, the mother worked hard to secure an apartment so her children could have a place to call home.

Unfortunately, following a hurricane, the family was displaced when the apartment developed mold and was deemed uninhabitable. The family received temporary FEMA assistance, but once those funds ran out, they were again at serious risk of homelessness.

Our Reach therapist worked closely with the mother to explore available community resources; however, options were extremely limited. This is where collaboration made the difference. Through our partnership with the Children's Board and the ability to access ASO funds, we were able to respond quickly, assisting the family with emergency hotel placement. ASO funds provided the family with a safe place to stay for several weeks during an incredibly uncertain time.

ASO funds also helped the mother access important documents and paperwork from her storage unit, things she needed for housing applications and services but could not afford to retrieve on her own. These supports may seem small, but they removed real barriers and helped the family keep moving forward.

Dawning Services became involved, adding another layer of support. Through coordinated efforts across agencies, the family was able to secure stable housing. For the children, this meant walks to the grocery store, sidewalks, streetlights, trees, and safe outdoor space to play.

One of the children told the therapist that it was the nicest place they had ever lived. He slept on a couch in the living room, not even a bedroom, and still said it was the nicest home he had ever known.

That is the impact of agencies working together.

Once the family moved into their new home, ASO funds helped cover the electric bill, preventing the mother from falling further behind and supporting the family's housing stability. For the first time in a long time, the family experienced what stability felt like and had hope for brighter days.

Sometimes, hope is knowing that when agencies come together and work alongside one another, real change can happen. Even when the support is temporary, the impact lasts. It gives families dignity, safety, and the belief that a better future is possible.

Contract Signature Log
ASO ONLY
FY 2026

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Miranda Pringle	ASO	Tutor	1/29/26 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	1/30/2026
Chanetta Tunstall	ASO	Tutor	1/30/2026 - ongoing	Varies	No	Rebecca Bacon	1/30/2026

Contract Signature Log
Programs ONLY
FY 2026

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
ROOTED IN PLAY CORP	Technical Assistance Award Letter	Rooted in Play - Help Us Grow	01/12/2026-07/12/2026	\$8,500.00	No	Rebecca Bacon	12/29/2025
TAMPA HEIGHTS JUNIOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.	Technical Assistance Award Letter	THJCA Audit	01/12/2026-07/12/2026	\$9,000.00	No	Rebecca Bacon	12/29/2025
THE ENVISION RESOLUTION FOUNDATION, INC.	Technical Assistance Award Letter	Capacity Building Project	01/12/2026-07/12/2026	\$10,000.00	No	Rebecca Bacon	12/29/2025
ROOTED IN PLAY CORP	Standard	Every Child Plays AMENDMENT service locations	10/1/2025-9/30/2026	\$143,631.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	1/26/2026
REDEFINERS WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	Standard	Academic Achievers	10/1/2025-7/30/2026	\$113,962.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	1/27/2026
FLORIDA EDUCATION FUND, INC.	Standard	Next Man Up: Rooted In Hope	12/19/2025-9/30/2026	\$292,613.00	Yes	Wendy Perez	1/28/2026
FEEDING AMERICA TAMPA BAY	Standard	Feeding Minds School Pantry Program	10/1/25 - 9/30/26	\$536,601.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	2/2/2026
JUST INITIATIVE, INC.	Standard	Woven Empowerment (WE Program) - AMENDMENT	10/1/2025-9/30/2026	\$330,096.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	2/2/2026
CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK	Standard	Guiding Stars Mentoring Program - AMENDMENT	10/1/25 - 9/30/26	\$409,862.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	2/6/2026
FRAMEWORKS OF TAMPA BAY, INC.	Standard	Teens in Action Leadership Council	2/2/26 - 9/30/26	\$86,049.00	Yes	Rebecca Bacon	2/17/2026

Contract Signature Log
Vendors ONLY
FY 2026

Entity/Agency	Contract Type	Brief Description	Contract Period	Contract Amount	Board Approved	Signed By	Date Signed
Terracon Consultants, Inc.	Vendor	Amendment 1 - Phase 2 & Gopher tortoise survey services	2/5/26 - completion	\$17,600.00	No	Rebecca Bacon	2/5/2026



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Monthly Financial Report

January 2026

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Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

FY 2025-2026

**Original
Budget**

Revenues

Ad-Valorem Taxes	79,085,342
Investment Income	6,715,000
Administrative Services Organization Funding	400,000
Other Community Partner Funding	250,000
Miscellaneous Income	15,200

Total Revenues

86,465,542

Expenditures

Program Expenditures:

Program Funding (Continuation Grants)	81,057,379
New Program Funding (unallocated)	5,404,000

Total Program Expenditures:

86,461,379

Operating

Employee Salaries and Benefits	7,232,216
Contracted Professional Services	587,895
CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures	512,114
Facility Expenditures	329,594
Other Operating	782,364

Total Operating

9,444,183

Capital Expenditures

4,011,000

Mandatory Government Fees

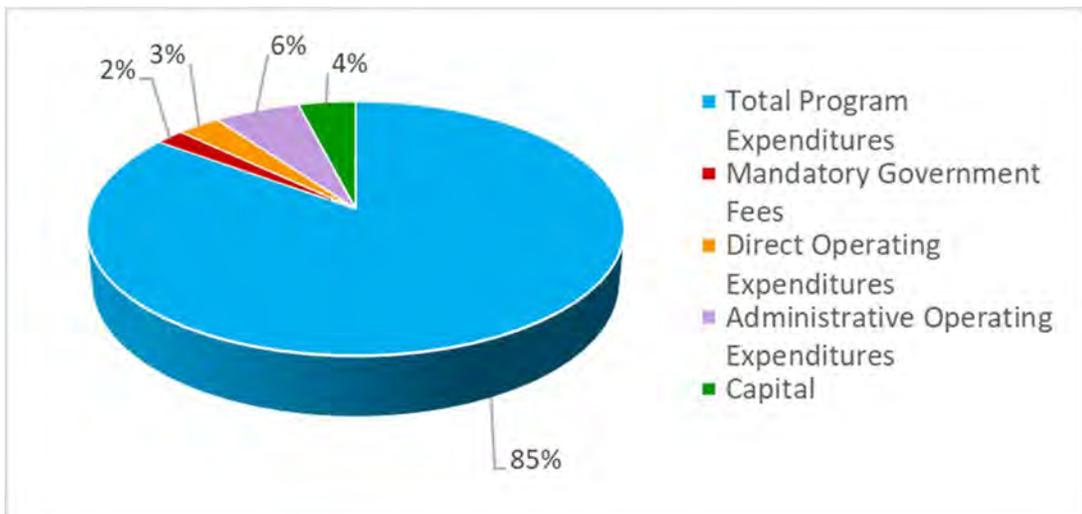
2,012,807

Total Expenditures

101,929,369

Net Spend Down of Fund Balance

(15,463,827)



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, 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

January-2026

	FY 2025- 2026 YTD Budget	FY 2025- 2026 YTD Actual	FY 2025- 2026 Variance \$	FY 2025- 2026 Variance %
Revenues				
Ad-Valorem Taxes	69,595,101	70,736,574	1,141,473	2%
Investment Income	2,238,334	1,914,973	(323,361)	-14%
Administrative Services Organization Funding	33,333	12,239	(21,094)	-63%
Other Community Partner Funding	0	0	0	0%
Miscellaneous Income	5,067	5,149	82	2%
Total Revenues	71,871,835	72,668,935	797,100	1%
Expenditures				
Program Expenditures:				
Program Funding (Including Unallocated)	17,292,276	16,185,923	1,106,353	6%
Total Program Expenditures:	17,292,276	16,185,923	1,106,353	6%
Operating Expenditures				
Employee Salaries and Benefits	2,410,739	2,330,270	80,469	3%
Contracted Professional Services	195,965	111,771	84,194	43%
CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures	170,705	165,713	4,992	3%
Facility Expenditures	109,865	97,896	11,969	11%
Other Operating	260,788	295,208	(34,420)	-13%
Total Operating	3,148,062	3,000,858	147,204	5%
Capital Expenditures	1,337,000	792,290	544,710	41%
Mandatory Government Fees	1,569,989	1,611,723	(41,734)	-3%
Total Expenditures	23,347,327	21,590,794	1,756,533	
Net Cash Flow	48,524,508	51,078,141	2,553,633	

Revenue Variance Analysis

January-2026

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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 under budget due to a budgeted 4.25% yield in the Florida Prime investment account, with the actual yield approximating 3.88%.
- **Administrative Services Organization**
 - ASO funding revenue is under budget due to lower-than-expected usage of funds from Hillsborough County BOCC to serve victims of domestic violence.
- **Other Community Partner Funding**
 - This funding will be received later in the fiscal year.
- **Miscellaneous Income**
 - Income received year-to-date is in line with what was budgeted.

Expenditure Variance Analysis

Statement of Expenditures

January-2026	FY 2025- 2026 YTD Budget	FY 2025- 2026 YTD Actual	FY 2025- 2026 Variance \$	FY 2025- 2026 Variance %
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- **Program Expenditures**
 - Total program expenditures year-to-date are in line with what was budgeted.
- **Employee Salaries and Benefits**
 - Expenditures year-to-date are in line with what was budgeted.
- **Contracted Professional Services**
 - Expenditures are under budget year-to-date due to underspending on various IT-related professional services as well as community education and awareness.
- **CBHC FRC Occupancy Expenditures**
 - Expenditures year-to-date are in line with what was budgeted.
- **Facility Expenditures**
 - Expenditures are under budget due to underspending on building repairs/supplies and lawn maintenance services.
- **Other Operating**
 - Expenditures are over budget due to underestimating the cost of various liability and contents insurance coverages; these increases were unforeseen during budget development.
- **Capital Expenditures**
 - Expenditures are under budget due to the not yet completed purchase of property for an additional Family Resource Center in the Riverview area. Additionally, the build-out of the property purchased for the future home of the Brandon Family Resource Center only began in earnest in recent months.
- **Mandatory Government Fees**
 - Expenditures year-to-date are in line with what was budgeted.

Children's Board Of Hillsborough County
Investments Statement
January-2026

<u>Investment Instrument</u>	<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Yield</u>
Checking	Wells Fargo Government Advantage	1,190,085	1 day	0.48%
LGIP	Florida State Board of Administration	<u>162,438,167</u>	N/A	3.88%
		<u>163,628,252</u>		

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

FY 2024 - 2025 to FY 2029 - 2030

Millage Rate .4589



	FY 2024 - 2025 Budget	FY 2024 - 2025 Estimated Actual	FY 2025 - 2026 Budget	FY 2026 - 2027 Budget	FY 2027 - 2028 Budget	FY 2028 - 2029 Budget	FY 2029 - 2030 Budget
MILLAGE RATE	0.4589	0.4589	0.4589	0.4589	0.4589	0.4589	0.4589
<u>Projected Tax Revenue</u> (millage rate @ .4589 w/ 6.5% inc. in tax base in FY 2026, 5.8% inc. in FY 2027, 5.9% inc. in FY 2028, 5.9% inc. in FY 2029, 5.9% inc. in FY 2030)	73,920,760	74,765,018	79,085,342	83,634,882	88,531,285	93,716,575	99,207,798
Investment Income	5,579,649	6,126,000	6,715,000	5,257,393	4,506,959	3,683,475	2,872,345
Administrative Services Organization and Other Community Partner	1,010,000	835,521	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000
Miscellaneous Income	11,000	43,888	15,200	15,200	15,200	15,200	15,200
Total Revenue Available	80,521,409	81,770,427	86,465,542	89,557,475	93,703,444	98,065,250	102,745,343
<u>Operating Expenditures</u>	8,895,792	8,293,852	9,444,183	9,857,267	10,297,183	10,766,531	11,268,260
Mandatory Government Fees	1,912,015	1,919,478	2,012,807	2,384,212	2,523,759	2,671,540	2,828,040
Building and Capital Reserve Expenditures	4,000,000	1,000,000	4,011,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
<u>Program Funding (Continuation Grants)</u>	70,457,801	65,817,474	81,057,379	87,881,470	92,202,414	99,639,986	102,974,686
<u>New Program Funding (Unallocated)</u>	6,380,000	5,692,372	5,404,000	2,575,000	5,475,000	1,275,000	2,075,000
Total Expenditures	91,645,608	82,723,176	101,929,369	106,697,949	114,498,356	118,353,057	123,145,986
Net Income (Spend Down)	(11,124,199)	(952,749)	(15,463,827)	(17,140,474)	(20,794,912)	(20,287,807)	(20,400,643)
Fund Balance							
Total Fund Balance Beginning of Year	100,431,554	105,178,016	104,225,267	88,761,440	71,620,966	50,826,054	30,538,247
Net Income (Spend Down of Fund Balance)	(11,124,199)	(952,749)	(15,463,827)	(17,140,474)	(20,794,912)	(20,287,807)	(20,400,643)
Total Fund Balance End of Year after Spend Down	89,307,355	104,225,267	88,761,440	71,620,966	50,826,054	30,538,247	10,137,604
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)	(4,590,259)	(4,144,431)	(5,106,661)	(5,345,567)	(5,736,368)	(5,929,488)	(6,169,614)
Less Committed Fund Balance Reserve (Building & Capital Reserve)	(1,575,327)	(1,575,327)	(1,965,027)	(1,912,129)	(2,291,914)	(2,663,270)	(2,955,458)
Less Assigned Fund Balance Reserve	(67,076,807)	(94,087,663)	(78,623,835)	(61,483,362)	(40,688,450)	(20,400,643)	
Unassigned Fund Balance	16,045,230	4,398,114	3,046,184	2,860,176	2,089,590	1,525,114	992,800

Definitions:

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

Committed Fund Balance Reserve includes the following:

-Operating Reserve: 5.01% of budgeted total expenditures for the year, which would be necessary to access in the unforeseen event of a decline in revenues.

-Building & Capital Reserve: funds for future investments in real property, as well as for the maintenance of current Children's Board-owned properties.

Assigned Fund Balance Reserve consists of the planned spend-down of the fund balance in future years, which is necessary to support commitments to multi-year grants.

Unassigned Fund Balance represents the funds available for any purpose (not restricted, assigned, or committed).

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

FY 2025-2026 NEW PROGRAM FUNDING (UNALLOCATED) REPORT
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	Beginning Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget	YTD Amount Approved	YTD Uncommitted Funds Available	Current Funding Requests	Uncommitted Funds Available
Pathways to Wellness (Strategic Initiatives)	74,000	(614)	73,386	73,386	-		-
Boys' Mentoring (Strategic Initiatives)	350,000	(57,387)	292,613	292,613	-		-
Trauma-Informed Schools (Strategic Initiatives)	100,000	(100,000)	-	-	-		-
Small Nonprofit Grants	400,000		400,000	-	400,000		400,000
Summer Services Grants	330,000	240,000	570,000	-	570,000		570,000
Mentoring (SDHC)	200,000		200,000	200,000	-		-
Childcare Accreditation (Strategic Initiatives)	300,000		300,000	-	300,000		300,000
Youth Council	100,000	(13,951)	86,049	86,049	-		-
Additional Priorities from Strategic Planning	1,200,000		1,200,000	-	1,200,000		1,200,000
Match and Leveraged Investments	1,225,000		1,225,000	1,003,870	221,130		221,130
Water Safety	150,000		150,000	-	150,000		150,000
Emerging Community Needs Funding	250,000		250,000	27,400	222,600		222,600
Spring and Summer Passports	200,000		200,000	103,650	96,350		96,350
Technical Assistance Grants - Capacity Building	225,000	(68,048)	156,952	156,520	432		432
Emergency Funding	300,000		300,000	-	300,000		300,000
Totals	5,404,000	-	5,404,000	1,943,488	3,460,512	-	3,460,512

Original Continuation Funding Budget	81,057,379
Actual Contract Amount Negotiated	(79,961,291)
Additional Amt Available from Continuation Funding	1,096,088

Remaining from Continuation Summer Contracts	-
Just Initiative-Woven Empowerment expansion	(42,734)
Children's Home Network-Guiding Stars amendment (reduction)	31,870
Net Additional \$\$ Available	1,085,224

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Hillsborough County School Readiness Coalition, Inc. d/b/a Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.	School Readiness Funding	Provide up to 2,700 children from low income working families access to early care education and support at centers and family childcare homes throughout Hillsborough County (unanticipated loss of BOCC funding)										276,000					
Salesian Sisters of Tampa, Inc. d/b/a Salesian Youth Center	SYC-Floor Safety	The Salesian Youth Center needs to reseal gym floor for safety purposes to continue programming for community partners that work with children.										39,807					
Champions for Children, Inc.	PACES: Awareness to Action	Currently, PACES Hillsborough relies on a single certified Science of HOPE trainer. This significantly limits the number of people who can be trained and slows the spread of trauma-informed practices. Expanding our capacity is both urgent and necessary to ensure that every corner of our county has access to the protective power of HOPE.												27,400			
ECHO of Brandon, Inc.	THHI Challenge Grant	Rehousing for families experiencing homelessness for which shelters are not available; partially fund a Housing Specialist to assist families in Hillsborough County for support and coverage of rental and utility expenses.										37,500					

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Feeding America Tampa Bay, Inc.	Feeding Minds School Pantry Program	To address ongoing household food insecurity through access to high quality food for students and their families through distribution at HCPS sites. Procurement of food, delivery, training for pantry operations to a network of 27 schools during the school year and summer for school sites that are open.										536,601					
ReDefiners World Languages, Inc.	Academic Achievers	The program will match tutor and student for 1-2 hours per week with similar process for ten weeks.										113,962					
Metropolitan Ministries, Inc.	Pathways to Wellness	Funds will be utilized to promote wellbeing at Frost Elementary and Giunta Middle School through mindfulness and resiliency services for students, teachers, and staff. Program staff will also maintain classroom Safe Corners and PBIS stores, student resources that reinforce positive behaviors and a healthier school climate.	73,386														
University of South Florida Board of Trustees, A Public Body Corporate	Project MENTOR: Motivating, Empowering, Navigating and Thriving with Opportunities for Resilience	The project will establish a mentoring program for students enrolled in Potter, Foster, James and Burney Elementary Schools. It will align the HCPS Mentoring Framework with a research-based intervention - Check & Connect. Mentors will build strong relationships with their mentees and target increased student engagement, attendance, and academic success.						200,000									

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Frameworks of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Teens in Action Leadership Council	The program will provide service and leadership experiences to high school youth in 9th-12th grade. The program will support youth by offering community service projects, Teen Council meetings, youth retreats, community partner fairs, and formal presentations to community stakeholders.								86,049							
Florida Education Fund, Inc.	Next Man Up: Rooted in Hope	This tiered program model utilizes the Science of HOPE to build a healthier, more connected community, shifting the narrative from adversity to possibility. The program is projected to serve 150 children and 17 adults during the contract term.		292,613													
Children's Museum of Tampa, Inc. d/b/a Glazer Children's Museum	FY 2026 Spring & Summer Passports	Spring and Summer Camp Imagination consists of multiple classes (separated by age/grade). Classes follow a consistent schedule including morning story times, snack and lunch breaks, museum play time, and afternoon outdoor play. Each week is based on an imaginative theme with cross-curricular programs that are aligned to Florida state standards.													21,000		
Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)	FY 2026 Spring & Summer Passports	MOSI offers hands-on, inquiry-based STEAM camps. They will host about 200 students per week over a ten-week period.													31,900		

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Lightning Foundation, Inc.	FY 2026 Spring & Summer Passports	One week of multi-sport spring break camp will be offered March 16-20, 2026. Four weeks of multi-sport camp will be offered in the summer. This will be an action-packed sports camp featuring ball hockey, daily activities, and exclusive Lightning gear.													50,750		
Blue Star Families, Inc.	Tampa Chapter Technological Needs	Purchase of a Ricoh Aficio MP C2003 Color Laser MFP copier along with the required toner and developer, two iPads, and a MacBook Pro														9,990	
Community Stepping Stones, Inc.	Strengthening Systems and Student Skills Initiative	Purchase of Department of Children and Families certification for staff, three security cameras, one projector														6,420	
Cultural Arts Theater, Inc.	Organization Capacity Building 2026	Purchase of website development and digital infrastructure services and curriculum development														9,650	
ECHO of Brandon, Inc.	ECHO - Capacity Building for Expansion	Purchase of Monday.com and QuickBooks by adding users, two printers, two computer setups, one smartboard														10,000	
Elevate Tampa Bay, Inc.	Salesforce Upgrade	Purchase of three Salesforce subscriptions and consulting services through Tipping Points														10,000	
Enhance Your Chance Title 1 Community Development Center, Inc.	Connect for Kids: Technology Infrastructure	Purchase of one Peachjar Digital Flyer distribution system, two volunteer management software licenses (Volgistics), three grant management subscriptions (Instrument!), four program evaluation software licenses (Apricot Social Solutions)														7,150	

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G3 Life Applications, Inc.	G3 Capacity Building	Purchase of one desktop computer and high capacity printer with toner, 11 tablets with accompanying charger storage case, one moveable smartboard and stand, equipment for youth to design and print custom promotional items, contracted services to enhance the functionality of G3's website														9,928	
Greater Palm River Point Community Development Corporation	Palm River Family Services	Purchase of a color printer/copier and monthly service costs														7,148	
Just Initiative, Inc.	J/I Financial Audit	Purchase of agency audit services														10,000	
Learn Tampa Bay, Inc. d/b/a Achieve Plant City	Achieve Tech Advance	Purchase of a security system, productivity/technology support (IT service plan and 10 Microsoft licenses), desktop computer														10,000	
Love INC of Metro Tampa, Inc.	Technology and Client Management System Upgrades	Purchase of four Dell Inspiron 24 all-in-one PCs with Windows 11, four Dell Inspiron 14 2-in-1 laptops with Windows 11, three Dell Pro 22 monitors, upgrade client management system (Charity Tracker)														9,685	

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Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Event Management Software & Systems	Purchase of two Arlo administrator licenses, 5,000 paid registrations (classroom training and events), 2,000 free registrations (hosted webinars), one-time data migration with full integration and implementation, training for six full-time staff and marketing partners, 15-20 hours of additional time for web development and data migration hours														10,000	
Positive Spin, Inc.	Capacity Building	Purchase of eight updated laptops and necessary software licenses														9,049	
Preserve Vision Florida, Inc.	Database for Strategic Analysis	Purchase of data consulting services for the purpose of soliciting best practice solutions from software and database companies, assisting with the formulation of an RFP for the procurement of those services, and guidance in the identification and selection of a vendor who can meet the identified needs and requirements														10,000	
Rooted in Play Corp, Inc.	Rooted in Play - Help us Grow	Purchase of a comprehensive strategic planning process including professional facilitation, data collection and analysis, stakeholder engagement, planning sessions, and production of the final strategic plan and implementation guide														8,500	
Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association, Inc.	THJCA Audit	Purchase of agency audit services														9,000	

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The EnVision Resolution Foundation, Inc.	Capacity Building Project	Purchase of consulting services for long-term strategic planning, brand growth, web development, and communications														10,000	
TOTAL			73,386	292,613	-	-	-	200,000	-	86,049	-	1,003,870	-	27,400	103,650	156,520	-
Total Approved		1,943,488															

GOOD NEWS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 2026

from our funded partners



Children's Board
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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Family Health Care Foundation CONNECTING KIDS TO CARE

A moment this month that reminded you why your work matters?



From Connecting Kids to Care Navigator Nina: "I had the opportunity to help a young mother who needed assistance in applying for health insurance for her newborn. Her baby was uninsured and in the hospital at the time due to being born prematurely. We completed the application together and submitted the requested documentation, streamlining the process. Knowing that she would benefit from additional community programs, I referred her to the Healthy Start Coalition for support as a new mother. I know my job matters because I connected the baby to healthcare coverage and connected the family to resources that support their broader needs."

A moment this month that reminded you why your work matters?

I had a family that came in and did not understand why her baby got denied Medicaid after she had applied herself. I met with the mom to review her application, and together we realized some of the information had been entered incorrectly. We went through the entire form step-by-step and completed a new, accurate application. My work matters because I'm able to support members of the community in navigating the application process for affordable health coverage. I ensure families understand each step, answer their questions, and help them access the coverage they need.

Gulf Coast JFCS

GOOD AFTERNOON FRIENDS AND AMIGOS PROGRAM

Prompt: A Success Story

For almost 10 years GAFA students have been practicing mindfulness, paying attention with curiosity to the present moment through breathing exercises, yoga and daily affirmation practices. When students transition from their very busy academic day upon arrival you can walk into the classroom and find children saying “Peace begins with me” or using their listening skills paying attention to the sound of the mindfulness bell, waiting till they can no longer hear the smallest hum, placing their hands over their heart or in the air.

This month students have been following the news of a group of monks and their little dog Aloka, walking for peace from Texas to our nation’s capital. The monk’s intention is to inspire all of us to walk peacefully in the world, practice mindfulness and understand that peace comes from within. Children follow the live map and track where the monks are each day. The children have been working on large paintings that will be brought to Fredericksburg Virginia by GAFA staff, in honor of the monks to inspire and thank them for their valiant efforts. Alongside these meaningful masterpieces Students at the Robinson School are painting alongside a muralist, commissioned by Principal Delgado, and hired by HCPS.



Seniors in Service

READERS IN MOTION PROGRAM

Behind the Scenes: Staff or volunteers share why they love what they do.



The Foster Grandparent Program proudly completed our January Orientation on January 22, 2026, welcoming six new volunteers who are now ready to begin their journey as foster grandparents. Over the course of the required two-day, in-person orientation, these volunteers didn't just learn about the program—they built meaningful connections with one another. Through shared discussions and experiences, they quickly formed a close bond and even requested copies of a contact sheet so they could stay in touch, support one another, and share their classroom experiences as they begin volunteering. What started as an orientation became the foundation of a genuine friendship.

One volunteer, Annie, was the first from the group to meet her assigned teacher. She was eager and excited going into the meeting and couldn't wait to share how well it went with the rest of the January Orientation group. Her enthusiasm and encouragement reflected the strong sense of community that had already formed among the volunteers. Moments like these remind us why this work matters—because our programs don't just support students and classrooms, they also create lasting connections, purpose, and joy for the volunteers who give so much of their time and heart.



St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital

MOBILE HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION

Prompt: A moment this month that reminded you why your work matters?

This past holiday season, BayCare Kids Wellness and Safety Center along with BayCare Integrated Service Center (BISC) teamed up with the Children's Board Family Resource Centers (CBFRC) to meet an important need of the community - providing diapers and wipes to families. Diapers and wipes are essential items in many households. With the cost of grocery items increasing, this purchase can often bring added stress. Over 180 cases of diapers and a large pallet of wipes were packed into the cars of the FRC staff. The distribution wasn't simple; but this showed that we can make anything possible with teamwork and collaboration. It is always a pleasure working with the Children's Board to serve families in Hillsborough County, and we look forward to continuing to meet our community's needs as they arise.



University Area CDC GET MOVING! PROGRAM

Success Story:

On Saturday, January 24th, the Get Moving Taekwondo Competition Team participated in their first challenge tournament of the season in New Port Richey. This event marked an exciting start to the competitive year for our students.



All team members represented themselves and the Get Moving! program with excellence, demonstrating strong sportsmanship, discipline, and confidence throughout the tournament. Their hard work and dedication were evident in their outstanding performances, resulting in first, second, and third-place finishes.



This success would not have been possible without the exceptional preparation and guidance provided by Master Montesino and our coaching staff. Their commitment to training and mentoring the students played a vital role in the team's achievements. Congratulations to our students and coaches on a successful tournament and a great start to the season.

Positive Spin

EMPOWERING A COMMUNITY WITH HOPE

Success Story:

Completing the Positive Spin program has been a truly life-changing experience for me and my family. When I first entered the program, I was struggling with my confidence and facing several difficult moments in my life. Positive Spin, along with my dedicated worker, Mrs. Lawana, became a source of strength, support, and stability when I needed it most

Mrs. Lawana went above and beyond for me. Whenever I felt anxious or overwhelmed, she was only a phone call away, ready to listen, guide, and reassure me. Her kindness and patience helped me rebuild my confidence and reminded me that I wasn't alone on my journey.

The agency also stepped in to support my family in meaningful ways. When they couldn't assist me directly, they always provided helpful resources. They made sure my three children had groceries and warm winter clothing, easing burdens that weighed heavily on me as a parent. We were also blessed to receive Christmas gifts from wonderful, generous people, which brought so much joy to my children during the holidays.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Mrs. Lawana, the Positive Spin program, and the Children's Board. Your support, compassion, and generosity have made a real difference in our lives. Thank you for helping me regain my confidence and for showing such kindness to me and my children.



Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

G I R L S C O U T T R O O P P R O G R A M

Behind the scenes: Staff or volunteers share why they love what they do.

One of our incredible Girl Scout volunteers, Brook, with Troop 93064 in Seminole Heights, shared why she loves what she does—and her words truly capture the spirit of community, and the impact volunteers make in the lives of girls every day.

Brook explained that volunteering allows her to be more than just an extra set of hands; it gives her the opportunity to become an active part of the community and positively influence the lives of the girls she serves. Through her time, energy, and dedication, she makes a meaningful difference every day simply by showing love, support, and encouragement.

She also reflected on how her own experience as a Girl Scout continues to shape her commitment to service.

“As someone who grew up as a Girl Scout, I am always looking back on the lessons and values I was taught during that time. Now, as a volunteer for my local Girl Scout troop, I am able to implement those same values into young girls’ lives. I think it is more important than ever to support these avenues that connect us all as a community and as women, and Girl Scouts allows me to do just that.”



She is a role model, not just through words, but through action. By consistently showing up, engaging with the girls, and bringing positive energy to every activity and event, she hopes to inspire confidence, connection, and a sense of belonging.

Brook’s passion and commitment remind us that sometimes the greatest impact comes from simply being present and leading with heart.

Hispanic Services Council

LA RED DE PADRES ACTIVOS / NETWORK OF ACTIVE PARENTS

Success Story – A Story of Kindness, Friendship, and Family Success

As the new year begins, we are proud to highlight one of our dedicated La Red mothers, Oralia. When she first joined La Red de Padres Activos, she was quiet and reserved, but over time she grew more confident, actively participating in workshops and developing a strong passion for understanding how to support her child academically. At her graduation, Oralia proudly presented her “Project Tree,” created alongside her son, and shared how the program empowered her to better guide his educational journey. She remains committed to continuing her own learning so she can help her son pursue higher education and access the resources he needs to succeed, and her courage and growth have inspired other parents to engage more confidently in their children’s academic paths.



We also had the privilege of welcoming Ms. Miriam, an artist and one of our most dedicated volunteers for the past two years. In collaboration with Franciscan Center, Arts 4 All, and HSC, Ms. Zimm's led expressive arts activities using Zentangle Method techniques with our elementary, middle, and high school students throughout our communities. As a two-time rare cancer survivor, Miriam began a daily healing-arts practice in 2013 through her cancer center’s studio. Through lines, patterns, and color, she transforms stories of pain, resilience, and hope into meaningful artwork. Her sessions encourage students to express their emotions through coloring, dancing and singing. Through this collaboration, 65 students participated and had their artwork featured in an exhibit at the Franciscan Center titled “Finding the Best of Both Worlds.”

As we reflect on our recent Christmas celebration, we are grateful for the joy shared within our communities. Many of our children and their siblings gathered to enjoy their gifts, laughter filled the room, and families connected over sweets and conversation. It was a beautiful reminder that kindness, generosity, and togetherness remain at the heart of our work. Whether through art, family engagement, or community celebrations, we are proud to provide a safe and welcoming space where families can come together and grow stronger as a whole, especially during the holiday season, when connection matters most.



Gazer Children's Museum

LEARN & PLAY TAMPA BAY

Prompt: A moment this month that reminded you why your work matters?

This month, Keisy from Learn & Play Tampa Bay was approached by a caregiver at the end of a play session. The caregiver shared that before joining Learn & Play's Neighborhood Play Squad, she often felt unsure about how to support her child's development and was hesitant to participate in group settings. Over the weeks, she noticed her child becoming more confident, curious, and expressive, and for the first time, she felt confident too. She told Keisy that the program gave her the language, tools, and reassurance that what she was doing at home mattered, and that she finally felt seen and supported as a parent.



Stories like this are a powerful reminder that Learn & Play Tampa Bay is about more than activities; it's about building connection, confidence, and community. Supporting families during such a formative stage helps lay a foundation not only for children's learning, but also for caregivers' sense of belonging and empowerment. Keisy shared that knowing that this work creates safe spaces where families feel supported, valued, and capable continues to drive her passion and commitment to this work.

Positive Family Partners, Inc. LEARNING CONNECTIONS

SUCCESS STORY

Learning Connections is a free program to develop better thinking and learning skills for students in 3rd through 8th grade within specific zip codes. It is funded by the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County and administrated through Positive Family Partners, Inc. (PFP) located at 7402 N. 56th Street, Suite 300B in Tampa. Anyone interested in finding out about this wonderful program need to contact Dr. Pat Grosz, PFP’s Executive Director. Students learn **“how to think, not what to think”** for success in school, everyday routines and even specific challenges. This program changes their lives!



Recently Olivia started the program and wrote the following story:
“When I first started Learning Connections, I felt nervous because I did not know the other students. Now I feel excited and happy because it is fun to do the DOTS and other learning modules. If we do our work, we get to play cards or board games. I used to get upset and frustrated easily but now I have learned to take a breath and make good choices.”



Outreach Calendar of Events

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

March

- 03.02.26 **Strawberry Festival Parade 2026**
Plant City
301 North Palmer Street, Plant City
9:00 am-5:00 pm
- 03.07.26 **Be My Neighbor Day**
WEDU PBS Studios
1300 North Boulevard, Tampa
10:00 am-2:00 pm
- 3.14.26 **Children's Board Free Family Day**
Tampa Museum of Art
120 West Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa
11:00 am-4:00 pm
- 03.28.26 **Keeping Our Kids Safe**
The Skills Center
5107 North 22nd Street, Tampa
11:00 am-1:00 pm

April

- 04.03.26 **Child Abuse Prevention Month Event**
SOFWERX
1925 East 2nd Avenue, Tampa
9:30 am-11:00 am