

## **An Introduction to the Children's Services Council of Martin County (CSCMC)**

The Children's Services Council of Martin County (CSCMC) is an independent special district of local government, authorized by Florida Statute 125.901 and created by Local Ordinance #348 on June 28, 1988.

The purpose of the Children's Services Council is to plan, coordinate, fund, and evaluate programs and to address public policy issues relating to children in Martin County.

To implement its mandate, the CSCMC Council is empowered by local referendum (November 8, 1988) to access an ad valorem tax up to one-half mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000) of non-exempt property evaluation.

The CSCMC Council is composed of ten (10) members:

- Five (5) ex-officio members (appointed by virtue or because of their office or position), including:
  - Juvenile Court Judge
  - Member of Martin County Board of County Commissioners
  - Member of School Board of Martin County
  - Designee of District 15 Administrator of the Florida Department of Children and Families
  - Superintendent of Schools of Martin County

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- Five (5) Florida Governor appointees