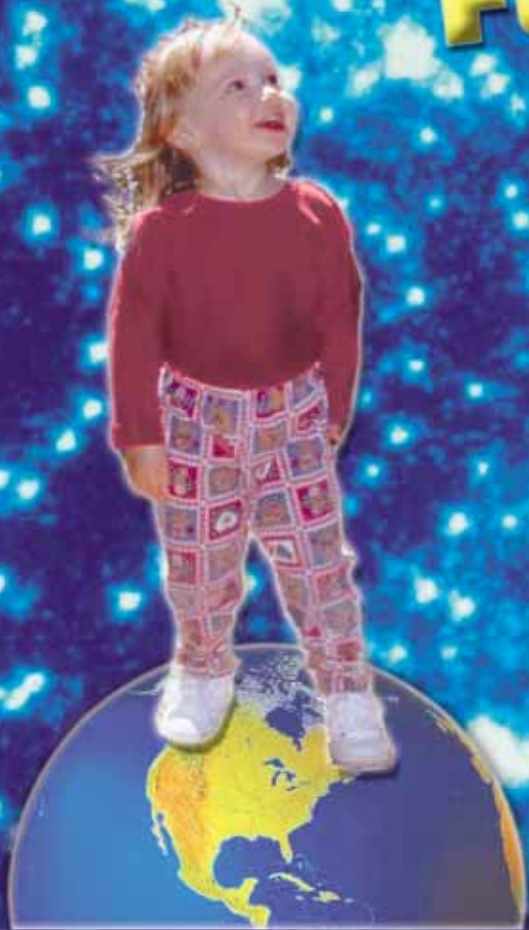


Children's Services Council of Martin County

**Looks To The
Future...**



**Annual Report
2001**



Susan J. Hershey

When I was asked to write a message for inclusion in this year's annual report, I was faced with the daunting task of reviewing my very short tenure and an extremely long list of Council accomplishments. The Children's Services Council of Martin County [CSCMC] has a well documented record of service to the children and families of our community. The year 2000/2001 represents the third year of a five year plan. The priorities included:

- Comprehensive services to achieve school readiness
- Quality child care for children 0-5 years of age
- Affordable/accessible health care for all children
- Comprehensive services in targeted neighborhoods
- Comprehensive services for special needs children.



Our Council

The Children's Services Council of Martin County is composed of ten persons including the Superintendent of Schools, a School Board Member, the District Administrator of the Dept. of Children & Families [or designee], a member of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, a Circuit Judge representing the Juvenile Division, and five citizen members appointed by the Governor to a four year term.

Current Council

Marian Carpenter, Debbie Crowder, James Dragseth, Samia Ferraro, Susan J. Hershey, Laurel Hopper, Judge Steven J. Levin, Karen K. Ripper, Lee Weberman, Sara A. Wilcox

From the Chair...

These goals could not have been accomplished without the dedicated staff consisting of Harry A. Yates, David Heaton, Louise Auclair, Maureen Zackey, Elizabeth Whittles and Frances Kaleta. The CSCMC staff also works with Olan J. Faulk, the Executive Director of the School Readiness Coalition of Martin County in striving to ensure that all Martin County children achieve school readiness.

There isn't a time of day or night that is excluded from their schedules. You will see them attending neighborhood meetings at night, conducting workshops on weekends, providing direction and resources to individuals and agencies, and monitoring agencies to ensure that the children and families of our community are best served. They make it all happen. Please thank them all.

What do we have to look forward to for the next year?

On October 13th, 2001, the Council met to establish goals for this upcoming year. One of the issues facing our community is a budget shortfall at the state level which will transfer some of the burden to the local community. Decreases in state funding will produce fewer grant dollars to solve or alleviate local problems. I have great confidence in the Council and staff's ability to address the impact of the shortfalls and to continue to search for creative solutions through collaboration with our community partners.

I look forward to the next year and am thankful that the people of Martin County had the foresight to create the Children's Services Council. We are blessed to have a community that cares. Thank you.

Susan J. Hershey

Our Mission

The mission of the Children's Services Council is to enhance the lives of the children of Martin County and to enable them to attain their full potential by providing a unified context within which children's needs can be identified and targeted by all children's services agencies throughout the community.



View from the Top...



harry a. yates

The Children's Services Council of Martin County (CSCMC) is celebrating its eleventh year of dedication and commitment to working collaboratively with community partners. This collaboration has maintained, expanded and created cost effective and successful programs that meet the needs of all children and families in our community. As we embark on our journey into the new millennium, Martin County is faced with the challenge of a growing population of youth with rapidly changing needs. The recent census tells us we have a population of 126,731. Of that population, 20.2% or 25,721 is 19 years of age or less. This represents a 30% increase in our youth population over the last 10 years. Recent studies also reveal that a disproportionate number of our youth are facing challenges like substance abuse, teen pregnancy, academic stress and family strains. CSCMC is committed to meeting the diverse needs of this growing population through quality programming guided by a comprehensive assessment of the current service delivery system operating in the community. This

assessment includes the identification of gaps in services, elimination of unnecessary duplication of services and improvement or expansion of existing services. Through program monitoring, developing comprehensive data systems and continued support of training and technical assistance, CSCMC will conscientiously work in concert with community partners to create a seamless and comprehensive service delivery system.

Since inception, the Council has concentrated on improving existing services to a level necessary to meet the needs of our children and families. Throughout the decade the Council has become proactive in its approach by placing greater emphasis on prevention and early intervention. Priority has been placed on programming that strives to ensure school readiness;



provides parents with guidance and support in raising their children; and promotes accredited childcare. This focus on prevention and early intervention coupled with the Council's continued support of programs for

children with special needs and programming in neighborhoods creates a stronger community service delivery system. This system is able to support a healthy start for our children and an opportunity for all children and families in Martin County to reach their full potential.

The Council is not only committed to creating the best possible system of care for all children and families today, it is committed to a vision for the future that incorporates short and long term planning. The wisdom of the Martin County taxpayers in 1988 enabled the creation of the CSCMC. It is with the same support, guided by the same wisdom, that the Council continues this promising journey into the new millennium.

The CSCMC is committed to an ongoing strategic approach to our growth and to our young resources. Please join us in this critical effort.

One Week In The Lives Of Martin County's Children

- 23 Babies Born
- 2 Babies Born To Teen Mothers
- 1.5 Babies Born Low Birthweight
- .3 Child Dies
- 15 Children Reported Abused Or Neglected



Currently Funded CSCMC Programs

Advocates for the Rights of Children
 Program: Family Special Needs
 Award: \$96,000 (100-\$92,865; 99-\$90,160; 98-\$88,999)
 Priority Area: Special Needs
 An in-home respite program for handicapped children ages 5 to 18.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County
 Program: **Thick as Water**
 Award: \$135,994
 Priority Area: Special Needs
 Addresses the problematic needs of adolescent boys & girls between the ages of 6-14. The common denominators are their need for good adult role models & their fragile self-esteem.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
 Program: **High Yield Learning**
 Award: \$220,242 (100-\$213,000; 99-\$149,480; 98-\$149,480)
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 The program will provide program directors at 4 sites with training in program development, leadership development, cultural enrichment, health & physical development, outdoor & environmental education & social recreation.

Bread of Heaven Faith Ministries, Inc.
 Program: **Building Bridges for Youth**
 Award: \$42,000
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 Comprehensive services in targeted neighborhoods designed to help youth in an area where many have not been served by other agencies. Program provides after school tutoring and mentoring.

Children's Home Society
 Program: **Mental Health Network**
 Award: \$62,291 (100-\$67,980; 99-\$66,000; 98-\$57,002)
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 This program provides a range of high quality prevention and intervention services to protect children and strengthen families, promote permanency, and keep families together.

Dunbar Center, Inc.
 Program: **Child Care**
 Award: \$48,438 (100-\$48,581; 99-\$120,000)
 Priority Area: Affordable & Adequate Child Care
 Quality program for pregnant women and child care for children from birth - 5 years of age.

Easter Seals Florida, Inc
 Program: **Child Development Center**
 Award: \$82,198 (100-\$82,198; 99-\$79,804; 98-\$79,804)
 Priority Area: Special Needs
 Serves children with special needs and disabilities, from birth to age 4, through specialized rehabilitative Child Development Programs that promote dignity and independence.

Exchange Club C.A.S.T.L.E.
 Program: **Home Parenting**
 Award: \$82,198 (100-\$82,198; 99-\$79,804; 98-\$79,804)
 Priority Area: Special Needs
 Pro-active approach to child abuse/neglect prevention through in home parent education and skill-building program.

First United Methodist Child Care Center
 Program: **First United Methodist Child Care Center**
 Child Care Pool: \$481,438
 Priority Area: Affordable and Adequate Child Care
 Subsidized child care for 1 through 5 years of age.

Gertrude Wolden Child Care Center
 Program: **Child Care Center**
 Child Care Pool: \$481,438 (100-\$481,438; 99-\$132,000)
 Priority Area: Affordable & Adequate Child Care
 Subsidized child care for 1 through 5 years of age.

Healthy Start Coalition
 Program: **Brain Development**
 Award: \$9,562,298; 99-\$62,298; 98-\$62,067
 Priority Area: School Readiness
 This program is a home visitation program for first time mothers, their infants & their families.

Healthy Start Coalition
 Program: **Fatherhood Resource Center**
 Priority Area: Affordable Medical /Mental Health
 This program provides all fathers with access to education & support necessary to enable them to become more active parents & positive role models in their children's lives.

Healthy Start Coalition
 Program: **Parental Care**
 Award: \$74,950 (100-\$25,000)
 Priority Area: Affordable Medical & Mental Health Services
 Provides prenatal, labor and delivery services to the unaffiliated, migrant population, and high risk Medicaid population in Martin County.

Hobe Sound Child Care
 Program: **Hobe Sound Child Care Center**
 Child Care Pool: \$481,438
 Priority Area: Early Education and Intervention Program
 Child care services for children 0-5 years of age.

Hospice of Martin & St. Lucie, Inc.
 Program: **Project Good Grief/High Hopes**
 Award: \$83,000
 Priority Area: Affordable Medical & Mental Health Services
 This program offers grief counseling to children ages 2-18 who have experienced the loss of someone close to them.

Indiantown Non-Profit Housing, Inc.
 Program: **C.H.E.C.K.**
 Award: \$48,205
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 This program is a grassroots neighborhood organization incorporated to enhance community development, social, economic, individual empowerment opportunities.

Parks & Recreation (Martin County)
 Program: **G.A.A.P.**
 Award: \$42,682 (100-\$30,700; 99-\$29,806)
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 This program is designed to meet the needs of youth ages 5-18 in the Golden Gate community. The focus is to provide education that will effectively reduce juvenile crime, teen pregnancy, child victimization, drug abuse, absenteeism.

Parks & Recreation (Martin County)
 Program: **R.E.C.H. (Residents Empowering All Children's Hopes)**
 Award: \$71,628 (100-\$69,542; 99-\$68,179; 98-\$67,025)
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 This program focuses on a community collaborative, cooperative effort with public and non-public community organizations to establish and operate innovative after-school / out-of-school programs developmentally appropriate for adolescents in the New Monrovia neighborhood.

Port Salerno Revitalization
 Program: **About E.A.C.E.**
 Award: \$57,783 (100-\$57,783; 99-\$56,100; 98-\$56,100)
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 The About E.A.C.E. programs are designed to break the cycle of problems in the lives of at-risk children. Classes in creative & modern dance, jazz, creative art & drawing. Also, a summer camp with choices in drama, creative art, scenery/modeling/TV etiquette.

St. Mary's E.I.P.
 Program: **Help Me Behave**
 Award: \$85,095 (100-\$85,297; 99-\$79,900)
 Priority Area: School Readiness
 This program is a collaboration between families, community child care centers, and public schools to promote optimal development of healthy families & children.

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Small World Learning Center
 Program: **Child Care**
 Child Care Pool: \$481,438 (100-\$48,581; 99-\$56,250)
 Priority Area: Affordable & Adequate Child Care
 This program provides affordable child care to children in New Monrovia. The children are learning ready when entering the public schools.

Trit-County TEC
 Program: **Early Intervention Project**
 Award: \$96,881 (100-\$93,971; 99-\$92,217; 98-\$91,589)
 Priority Area: School Readiness
 An early intervention project consisting of parent education & prenatal drug exposure, teen parenthood and abuse/neglect.

Tykes & Teens
 Program: **General Mental Health**
 Award: \$121,723 (100-\$117,723; 99-\$115,415; 98-\$114,135)
 Priority Area: School Readiness
 This program provides neighborhood-based mental health services.

Tykes & Teens
 Program: **Family Sexual Abuse Treatment**
 Award: \$93,943 (100-\$93,943; 99-\$93,943; 98-\$93,943)
 Priority Area: Special Needs
 This program provides comprehensive family therapy to all members of the incestuous family.

YMCA
 Program: **Indiantown Child Care Center**
 Award: \$481,438 (100-\$448,581; 99-\$72,900; 98-\$71,910; 97-\$70,500)
 Priority Area: Affordable & Adequate Child Care
 This project provides affordable child care services to working poor Indiantown families.

Boys & Girls Club of Martin County
 Program: **Project Connect Program**
 Priority Area: School Readiness
 This program offers a technology center designed to assist Banner Lake youth with schoolwork and give them access to computer technology.

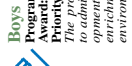
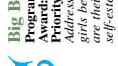
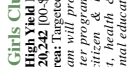
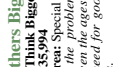
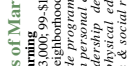
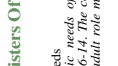
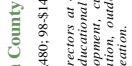
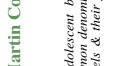
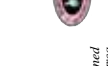
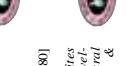
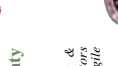
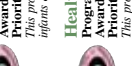
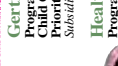
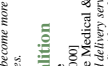
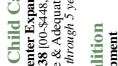
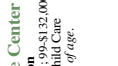
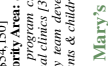
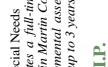
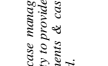
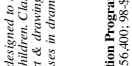
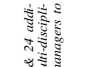
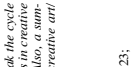
Dunbar Center, Inc.
 Program: **Early Head Start**
 Award: \$30,000
 Priority Area: Affordable & Adequate Child Care
 Quality child care for children from 0-5 years of age.

Healthy Start Coalition
 Program: **Matching Funds**
 Award: \$20,000 (97-\$20,000; 96-\$15,000)
 Priority Area: Affordable Medical /Mental Health
 This program implements a prenatal & infant health campaign at a community level.

Hibiscus Children's Center
 Program: **Crisis Nursery**
 Award: \$25,850 (100-\$25,850)
 Priority Area: Affordable Medical /Mental Health
 This program serves infants and children ages 0-17 who are at risk of abuse or neglect with a priority given to culturally diverse families.

Hibiscus Children's Center
 Program: **Reunification**
 Award: \$30,000 (100-\$25,000)
 Priority Area: Special Needs
 This program helps to prevent & reduce child abuse and neglect.

Parks & Recreation (Martin County)
 Program: **S.A.F.E. (Supervised Afterschool Fun for Everyone)**
 Award: \$40,289 (100-\$39,116)
 Priority Area: Targeted Neighborhoods
 This program focuses on a community collaborative, cooperative effort with public & non-public community organizations to establish & operate innovative after-school / out-of-school program developmentally appropriate for adolescents in the Hibiscus Park neighborhood.



What We Are, What We Do...



Each year the CSCMC provides dollars to programs addressing CSCMC's priorities in meeting its goals. Reviewing the many applications affords CSCMC the opportunity to familiarize itself with the services and talents available in the community. These occasions

also allow CSCMC to review costs and discuss options that could affect services. This insight has granted

CSCMC a unique position of resourcefulness and understanding about programs and services in the community. Through its participation in many of the coalitions, boards, councils, committees and collaboratives in Martin County and in District 15 (Dept. of Children & Families and Dept. of Juvenile Justice), the Council is also positioned to view the interaction of various agencies, programs and projects.

"CSCMC does not make the programs that serve children, it makes the programs that serve children better"

CSCMC has adopted a strong stance on targeting programs of prevention and early intervention. Our conviction to serve children and families in Martin County, has focused on those priorities that will have the largest impact with the longest gain. CSCMC has identified school readiness and child care as two of the most important priorities resulting from the current brain research on a child's growth and maturation. We have targeted more funds into these areas.

Since its inception, and by its nature, CSCMC has been a synergist for many creative and innovative collaborative efforts in Martin County. As the lead entity, CSCMC

can apply this knowledge and energy into programs befitting its mission. It is not the intent of CSCMC to provide the services, but to ensure that the services are offered by competent, well-trained, providers. To paraphrase a well known commercial, "CSCMC does not make the programs that serve children, it makes the programs that serve children better".

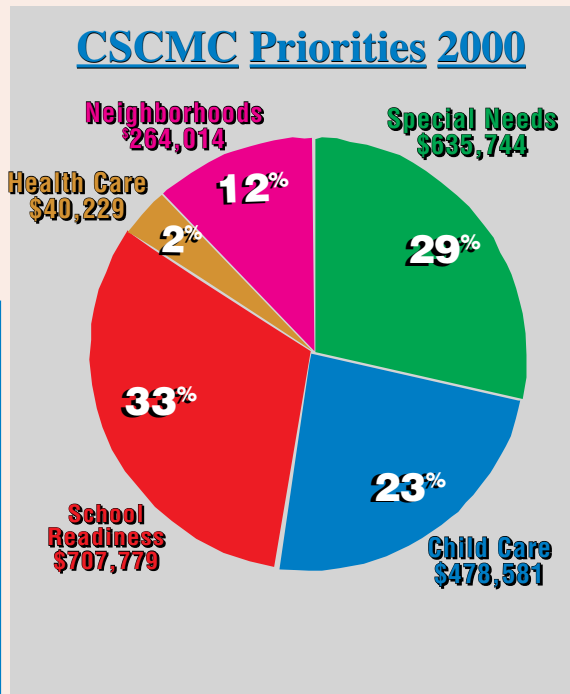
CSCMC has been a proponent of collaboration since its inception.

Funding Priorities

- **Comprehensive services to achieve school readiness**
\$707,779 or 33% of Program Allocation
- **Quality child care for children 0-5 years of age**
\$478,581 or 23% of Program Allocation
- **Affordable/accessible health care for all children**
\$40,229 or 2% of Program Allocation
- **Comprehensive services in targeted neighborhoods**
\$264,014 or 12% of Program Allocation
- **Comprehensive services to children with special needs**
\$635,744 or 30% of Program Allocation

The Following Community Partnerships Have Matching Funds Which Bring Dollars From State, Federal Or Private Sources Into Our County.

Organization	Program	Local Match	State or Federal Total Funding
Dunbar Center	Early Head Start Program	\$31,020	\$456,540
Hibiscus Children's Center	Reunification Program	\$30,000	\$242,789
Hibiscus Children's Center	Crisis Nursery Program	\$25,850	\$280,850
Healthy Start Coalition	Match	\$20,680	\$514,875
Healthy Start Coalition	Prenatal Program	\$74,950	\$888,246
Healthy Kids	Local Match	\$20,299	\$1,479,605
Healthy Families Martin	Local Match	\$37,780	\$647,488
Saint Mary's Hospital	Early Intervention Program	\$60,065	\$225,635
Exchange Club CASTLE	Family Resource Center	\$11,873	\$56,144
Boys and Girls Club	Project Connect	\$25,000	\$33,740
Totals		\$337,517	\$4,825,912



CSCMC Programs

Here's a summary of some of the programs that CSCMC is actively involved with.

Healthy Kids

Healthy Kids Florida is a program offering insurance to children ages 5-18 who would otherwise be uninsured. This program is offered to children whose parents are working, but who cannot afford insurance for their children. Most families pay \$15 for this coverage. CSCMC spearheaded the effort to fund this program collaboratively with the Board to County Commissioners and the United Way of Martin County.

Healthy Families Martin

Children's Services Council of Martin County [CSCMC] is the administrator of the Healthy Families Martin grant. The Ounce of Prevention Fund awards dollars under its Healthy Families Florida Initiative - Healthy Families Martin is the county-level program. This collaborative effort between CSCMC, TriCounty TEC, Martin Memorial Hospital and the Martin County Health Department demonstrates the CSCMC belief in collaborative efforts as the hallmark of the future. Healthy Families Martin establishes a voluntary home visitor system for all new parents to help their children get off to a healthy start.

This initiative promotes positive parenting and child health and development, which helps prevent child abuse and other poor childhood outcomes. The Healthy Families Initiative is accomplished through a collaborative network of organizations providing family support programs, utilizing scarce resources, providing a comprehensive array of services to families, and avoiding duplication of services.



School Readiness Coalition

The Florida legislature has instituted school readiness legislation that mandates the criteria for all children entering kindergarten. Children's Services Council has long advocated for uniformity in the school readiness criteria. The School Readiness Coalition of Martin County [SRCMC], on which the Executive Director of CSCMC sits, has submitted a school readiness plan to the Florida Partnership for School Readiness toward the goal of enabling all preschool children to enter kindergarten ready-to-learn, as measured by accepted criteria. CSCMC was instrumental in convening wide-ranging local groups for their input into the criteria utilized for school readiness.

Neighborhood Empowerment

In 1993, in collaboration with the Juvenile Justice Council, Interagency Coalition, the United Way and AmeriCorps Martin, CSCMC developed a neighborhood empowerment program. The program was created for the neighborhoods to identify their needs, develop a plan to meet those needs and receive funding to implement programs. Currently several neighborhoods are utilizing this program, such as New Monrovia, Hibiscus Park and Golden Gate.

Grant Writing

This collaborative effort with CSC of St. Lucie affords organizations the opportunity on a regular basis to learn successful grantwriting techniques. These training sessions foster collaboration between organizations in their efforts to garner grant dollars for our community.

In addition to CSCMC funding priorities, funding is also available in the following categories:

Technical Assistance

CSCMC provides funding to all Martin County organizations providing services benefiting the children of Martin County. This takes the form of Technical Assistance and staff development to organizations.

Special Equipment

Annually, CSCMC awards funding to organizations for the purchase of equipment to enhance CSCMC funded programs.



Your Children's Services Council is always ready to:

- ◆ Advocate For Children
- ◆ Initiate Programs For Children And Families
- ◆ Collaborate With Other Organizations To Ensure That Our Children And Families Get The Services They Need
- ◆ Monitor Existing Programs Both Fiscally And Programmatically
- ◆ Bring Organizations Together To Fill Gaps In Existing Services



General Fund

Actual Revenues And Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2000
With Comparative Actual Amounts For 1999.

REVENUES	ACTUAL FY '00	ACTUAL FY '99
Property Taxes	\$2,560,545	\$1,994,574
Grant-Pass Through	540,216	170,857
Interest Income	200,078	127,351
TOTAL Revenues	\$3,300,839	2,292,782
EXPENDITURES		
Children's Program Services	\$1,821,141	\$1,563,345
Administration	438,118	402,356
Capital Outlay	11,093	15,228
Grant-Pass Through	540,216	170,857
TOTAL Expenditures*	\$2,810,568	\$2,151,786

**The difference between total revenue & total expenditures are those funds awarded & to be expended in the next fiscal year.
The audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Children's Services Council of Martin County for the year ended September 30, 2000, was completed by Proctor Crook & Crowder, Certified Public Accountants.*

CSCMC Staff



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Director of Planning
(11 years)



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Director of
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(9 Years)



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(1 Year)