



2019

Annual Report

Our Mission is to enhance the lives of the children of Martin County and to enable them to attain their full potential. www.cscmc.org



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Message from Executive Director David L. Heaton

Afternoons and summers can be vulnerable times for at-risk youth. Out of school time programs are designed to keep youth engaged rather than on the streets.

What did you do after school when you were a child? Did you come home to an empty house? Did you drop your books at the doorstep and run out to play till dark with your friends? Were you greeted by your mother with milk and cookies, or in my case the ingredients to make myself a peanut butter sandwich? Many of us did some version of these things.

Today, for the majority of our children both of their parents are employed outside of the home. This has given rise to an ever-growing need for investment in extended day or out-of-school time programs for today's youth.

Everyday in Martin County about 1,300 children from our community attend one of the ten neighborhood based Out-of-School Time Programs funded by the Children's Service Council. At these programs, each child is greeted by a counselor, who gives them a healthy snack, sits down with them to help get their homework done, then gathers groups together for activities like kickball, table tennis, basketball or steel drumming.

The Children's Services Council knows that our children need more than a strong curriculum, good teachers, and time in the classroom to succeed. The Council embraces the hours between the time school closes and parents return from work to provide our children opportunities.

Research and evaluation points to three factors that are critical elements of quality out-of-school programs:

1. Access to and sustained participation in programs - *Young people experience greater gains if they participate in out-of-school programs with greater frequency and in a more sustained manner. They also benefit from programs tailored to their interests, needs, and schedules, as well as from programs providing exposure to new ideas, challenges, and people.*

2. Quality programming and staffing - *Developing programs with a focus on promoting target outcomes through well-organized and engaging activities, is a critical component for achieving high-quality afterschool settings. This entails having a clear vision and goals for the program, as well as strong, directed leadership and sustained training and support for staff.*

Most importantly, youth benefit by developing positive relationships with the program's staff, who, in turn, model good behavior, actively promote student mastery of skills or concepts in activities, listen attentively, provide feedback and guidance, and establish clear expectations for mature, respectful interactions with peers.

3. Strong partnerships - *High-quality programs effectively leverage partnerships with a variety of stakeholders, especially families, schools and communities.*

With this guidance in mind, the Children's Services Council has funded a quality assurance initiative in partnership with Prime Time called the Martin County Out-of-School Time Quality Improvement Program.

This program will provide assessment, coaching, and training to all of the Council funded after school program sites in an effort to ensure that our children and youth are receiving the best out-of-school time experience possible.

We believe that the value of what happens between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM during the school year can have a profoundly positive impact on our children's lives. We have an opportunity to help children benefit no matter where they come from. Making it easier, more affordable, and accessible for parents to connect with quality out-of-school programs both during the school year and in the summer, will help our children discover themselves beyond the walls of the school and make a profound difference in their lives and our community.

David L. Heaton
Executive Director

Financial Report 2017-2018



About CSCMC

The Children's Services Council of Martin County, an independent special district, was created by voter referendum in 1988 and reauthorized in 2014 to provide a dedicated funding source for local children's programs. The Council funds programs that provide a healthy foundation for children, create strong, supportive families, foster a safe community and offer children opportunities for success in school and life. [Learn more at www.cscmc.org](http://www.cscmc.org).



84.6% Program Services (5.72% of program services includes salaries, taxes and benefits for CSCMC program support staff.)

13.05% Operating Costs Administration & Communication

2.32% Collection Fees (Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, etc.)

.03% Capital Outlay

100%
Total Expenses

Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2018

Audited Financial Statement

Revenues	2016-2017	2017-2018
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$6,852,474	\$7,267,489
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$31,303	\$36,707
Rental Income	\$33,370	\$37,114
Interest and Other Income	\$80,958	\$129,408
Total Revenue	\$6,998,105	\$7,470,718
Expenditures		
Program Services	\$6,010,222	\$5,684,307
General Government	\$988,092	\$1,014,653
Capital Outlay	\$7,881	\$19,749
Total Expenditures	\$7,006,195	\$6,718,709

Healthy Children 2017-2018

FUNDING | \$2,133,180

Served | 1,866 Adults | 20,240 Children | Total 22,106

Maternal and Child Health

Maternal and child health programs help to ensure that every baby is born healthy and remains healthy.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention

Mental health programs help children manage painful emotions, improve mood, lower anxiety, develop positive relationships, and increase resilience.

Physical Health

Children develop healthy habits that both promote better health as well as improved learning.

Healthy Children Programs

Florida Department of Health-Martin County

- Breastfeeding Coordinator
- Preventive Dental Program
- School Health Program

Helping People Succeed

- BRAIN (Building Readiness Among Infants Now) a partnership with Martin Health System

House of Hope

- Gardening to Grow Healthy Children

Light of the World Charities, Inc.

- Little Lights Dentistry Program

Martin County Healthy Start Coalition

- Healthy Start Services

Project L.I.F.T.

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Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast

- Communities Saving Our Babies

Tykes & Teens, Inc.

- Infant Mental Health
- General Mental Health
- Prevention Services/Project Northland
- YES (Youth Enrichment Services)



All newborn babies and their mommies, receive a voluntary home visit

from a Martin Health System nurse within three days of leaving the hospital. About six weeks later, a child development specialist from **Helping People Succeed follows up with a second visit known as the BRAIN** (Building Readiness Among Infants Now) **Visit**.



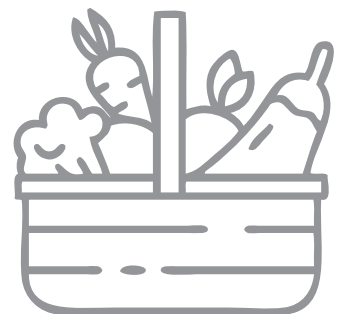
2,513 children in the Martin County School District were provided an oral health exam by a dental hygienist.

Of those, **638** children received dental sealants to prevent tooth decay.

702 children

planted and harvested

fresh vegetables, herbs and fruits at **community gardens** in Banner Lake, Golden Gate and Palm City.



Strong Families & Safe Communities

2017-2018

FUNDING | \$834,614

Served | 7,733 Adults | 7,755 Children | Total 15,488

Information and Navigation

We improve the lives of families by connecting them to a wide range of community resources.

Family Strengthening

Families overcome obstacles and build support systems through programs that provide education, counseling and skill building. These programs also serve to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Injury Prevention

These programs help to ensure that Martin County is a safe place to live. Entry-level swimming lessons, parent water safety classes, and domestic violence prevention education are examples.

Delinquency Prevention

Youth who are at-risk or who have committed a delinquent crime are redirected through these programs to help ensure that they do not have deeper involvement with the juvenile justice system.



Strong Families Programs

211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

- 211 Helpline

Castle

- Safe Families

Helping People Succeed

- Healthy Families Martin Match

Martin County Healthy Start Coalition

- Father and Child Resource Center

Treasure Coast Food Bank

- Whole Child Connection

Safe Communities Programs

Boys and Girls Club of Martin County

- The Hero Challenge

Children's Services Council of Martin County

- SPLASH (Swimming Provides Learners with Aquatics Safety, and Health) provided by Martin County Board of County Commissioners at Sailfish Splash Water Park and the YMCA of the Treasure Coast

City of Stuart Community Services

- ALTOSS (Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension) in collaboration with Tykes & Teens, Inc.
- East Stuart Youth Initiative Police Intervention Program

SafeSpace

- Domestic Violence Prevention Program



children from Martin County participated in free entry-level swim lessons.

7,317 adults and **5,795 children** were served through **Whole Child Connection**.

Resources and referrals were provided, as well as enrolling children in Florida KidCare.

Success In School & Life 2017-2018

EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING | \$1,068,418

Served | 312 Adults | 1,838 Children | 2,150 Total

Investing in early childhood language and literacy ensures that children start kindergarten ready to learn, read, and succeed.

Early Learning and Development Programs

Community Development Institute

- Early Head Start

Dunbar

- Dunbar Summer Program

Early Learning Coalition

- Subsidized Child Care

Easter Seals of Florida

- Treasure Coast Early Steps

Helping People Succeed

- Children's Behavioral Support
- Developmental Intervention Program
- Language & Literacy Connection



491 children
under the age of 3,
were identified as developmentally
at-risk, and provided
intervention services.



1,178
children

were able to attend a quality early
childcare center with tuition assistance.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMIC SUPPORT FUNDING | \$1,487,025

Served | 81 Adults | 2,091 Children | 2,172 Total

Afternoons and summers can be vulnerable times for at-risk youth. These programs are designed to keep youth engaged in social, educational and structured activities, rather than on the streets.

Youth Development/Academic Support

ARC of Martin County

- ABLE (Alternative Behavioral Learning Environment)

The Banner Lake Club

- Banner Lake After School Time (BLAST)

Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Start Something

Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County

- High-Yield Learning Program
- Summer Slide Prevention

City of Stuart Community Services

- East Stuart Youth Initiative

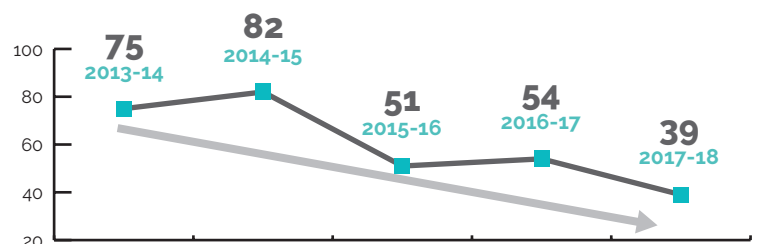
Martin County Parks & Recreation

- After School/Out of School
- P.L.A.C.E. (Parks, Leisure, Arts, Culture & Education)
- R.E.A.C.H. (Residents Empowering All Children's Hope)

YMCA

- Strong Families

Since 2013, Martin County
School Arrests have
decreased by **48%**

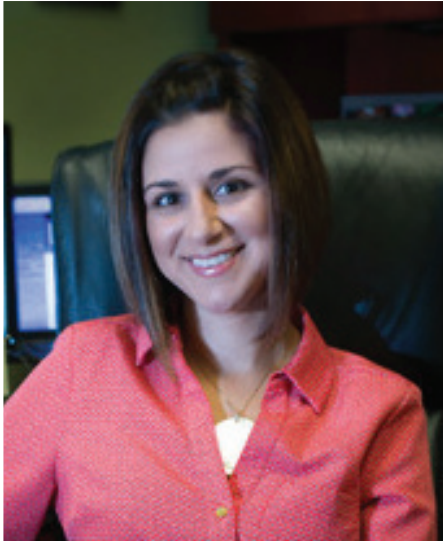


Preparing Our Youth



SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

Angela Hoffman
Council Chair



As the parent of two young children, I often find myself worrying about whether my life lessons are preparing my daughters for lives of professional confidence and financial independence. In my experience as the Chief Executive Officer of a business association, I am often in community conversations exploring the current ways in which we prepare our children for gainful employment. How do we support our youth as they develop and ascend from school to the workforce?

Today, the unemployment rate in Martin County is less than 3% and declining. This is great news. What is concerning, is the number of employers with "help wanted" signs hanging in their windows and the number of people who are underemployed. Preparing our youth, not just for jobs, but for careers in industries that are growing here in our backyard is extremely important.

The Children's Services Council of Martin County recognizes this challenge and with partners, is beginning to provide young adults with opportunities and skills that will help them transform from students to successful and growing employees. Just this year, we funded three new programs in Martin County with this goal in mind.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin County's School-to-Work program has been successfully implemented in Palm Beach. This unique program connects youth to business mentors during an internship. While exploring career fields, students are introduced to college, post-secondary education and certification options while encouraging high school graduation by maintaining good attendance and grades. Youth are compensated for curriculum completion, on-the-job training, and internships.

The CareerSource Research Coast Summer for Success program is a six-week program that provides work-readiness skill training, career exploration and early access for youth to local internship opportunities and the means to earn wages during the summer months. This 2019 program will serve as a pilot project in Martin County with plans to grow the program in the coming years.

To help Martin County youth develop the skills and experiences needed to graduate from high school and excel in the modern workforce, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County (BGCMC) with support from the Martin County School District and the Council, received a transformational AmeriCorps grant from Volunteer Florida in 2018. This grant enabled BGCMC to place 27 AmeriCorps Members into the county's 5 middle schools during the 2018-19 school year to provide mentoring and interventions to students at risk of dropping out for displaying poor grades, attendance, and behaviors. Importantly, AmeriCorps Members provide classroom and whole-school support resulting in a measurable, positive change in school culture.

The benefit of the program extends beyond the students served. The 27 AmeriCorps Members leverage existing skills and experience - and develop new ones - to

provide critical services to communities in need; building an engaged volunteer corps with a commitment to public service. AmeriCorps Members receive valuable workplace and leadership skills while earning a stipend. After one year, Members receive an education award that can be used to pay for college or pay-off student loans. Based on the success of this program, BGCMC, is expanding to serve an additional 5 elementary schools during the 2019-20 school year to deliver targeted literacy interventions to students performing below grade level in English Language Arts - a key indicator for future college and career success.

At the Children's Services Council of Martin County, we are excited to see all these programs grow. As a parent and the new Chief Advancement Officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County, I look forward to more programs where Martin County youth can gain exposure to career readiness courses and local internships to heighten their business IQ. I believe that funding these programs is just the first of many steps we, at the Council, can take to ensure that our unemployment rate stays below the State average and our youth are ready for successful careers here in Martin County and beyond.

Our Council

The Council is composed of ten (10) members: Five (5) ex-officio Council Members (appointed by virtue of their office or position), including:

- Juvenile Court Judge
- Member of Martin County Board of County Commissioners
- Member of Martin County School Board
- Circuit 19 Administrator of the Florida Department of Children and Families or his/her designee
- Superintendent of Martin County Schools and Five (5) Florida Governor appointees to serve terms of (4) years each



2019 Council Members

Angela Hoffman

Council Chair, Governor's Appointee

Joshua Ferraro

Council Vice Chair, Governor's Appointee

Christia Li Roberts

Council Treasurer, Martin County School Board Member

James Campo

Governor's Appointee

Laurie Gaylord

Superintendent of Martin County Schools

Laurel Hopper

Designee of the Florida Department of Children and Families

Susan Burrows

Governor's Appointee

Sarah Heard

Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Honorable Judge Steven J. Levin

19th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

William Tulko

Governor's Appointee

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Return on Investment

Many agencies leverage funds administered by the Children's Services Council to draw down state and federal dollars that otherwise would not come into Martin County:

Early Head Start **\$478,772**

Early Learning Coalition **\$2,327,323**

Helping People Succeed Healthy Families **\$1,860,750**

Martin County Healthy Start Coalition **\$147,900**

Total \$4,814,745

For Resources and Referrals to Our Programs, Please Visit:



www.wholechildmartin.com
or call 772-463-2168



www.211treasurecoast.org
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