



2020

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

In this, the Council's 30th year, we find ourselves quite suddenly contending with the realities of an unforeseen threat to much of what we have worked for and considered important to our children's success.

Our work and our lives often become so mired in the details of living that we seldom look at the larger picture and take the time to evaluate our progress. Incremental as it may seem, the Children's Services Council has been working to ensure a viable future for our communities' children and been pushing this community in an important direction for 30 years.

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To have imagined only a few months ago that we would see our local businesses shut their doors, our Not for Profit community be required to close down operations, our school district suspend our K-12 education system for the foreseeable future, our parks and beaches access restricted and our food sources be threatened would have been impossible to believe. With all of this, the most difficult challenge has been the restriction of our ability to interact with each other (i.e., shake hands and offer comfort to our families, our friends and our neighbors) in this time of need.

Human connection is an important ingredient in our well-being and mental health. This is

particularly true for our children. The first thing many experts agree on is the necessity for social and emotional health as a predictor of success in school and in life. Much of the work of the Council is designed to improve things like our children's health, their readiness for school, their access to quality early learning environments, out of school programs and summer camps.

With many of the programs that typically provide this support to our community temporarily closing, it has quickly become apparent that this system of care is essential to our community's success and necessary if we are to ever be able to return to what can be considered normal. Families cannot return to work without a viable k-12 education system and a reliable early childhood education system. Businesses can not reopen without employees, many of whom are parents with children. When the phrase "We are all in this together" became the tag line for many media outlets in response to Shelter at Home, we realized that we truly are all connected to one another as community, as support system, as supply chain, as employer/employee, as parent, friend, neighbor, mentor, pastor and as humans.

I have seen many times in my life that it is the commitment of one person that makes a difference in the lives of our children. A caring

parent, a teacher, a counselor, a firefighter, a policeman, a Judge, a social worker, a neighbor, any one of us can change a child's life. Adults that care enough to give moments of their time on behalf of the children they encounter are essential to the success of our community, our collective society and ultimately our success as human beings. We have seen so many examples of this over the last few months.

The Children's Services Council of Martin County has strategically planned for our community's success for many years. We are relentless in our mission to ensure this success, through the good times and the bad. Our resources will be part of this community's response to COVID – 19 today and whatever may come next. Despite the din of this current crisis, the work of making Martin County a great place for children is our mission and the focus of our days and dreams.

David L. Heaton
Executive Director

Financial Report 2018-2019



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).



85.49% Program Services (5.96% of program services includes salaries, taxes and benefits for CSCMC program staff support)

11.89% Operating Costs Administration & Communication

2.30% Collection Fees (Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, etc.)

.32% Capital Outlay

100%
Total Expenses

Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2019

Audited Financial Statement

Revenues	2017-2018	2018-2019
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$7,267,489	\$7,716,732
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$36,707	\$39,591
Rental Income	\$37,114	\$42,007
Interest and Other Income	\$129,408	\$211,093
Total Revenue	\$7,470,718	\$8,009,423
Expenditures		
Program Services	\$5,684,307	\$6,289,707
Government	\$1,014,653	\$1,043,128
Capital Outlay	\$19,749	\$23,875
Total Expenditures	\$6,718,709	\$7,356,710

Healthy Children 2018-2019

FUNDING | \$2,270,918

Served | 2,624 Adults | 19,189 Children | Total 21,813

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.

PROGRAM	FUNDING/SPENT	CHILDREN	ADULTS
Healthy Children Programs	\$2,270,918		
Florida Department of Health-Martin County			
Breastfeeding Coordinator	\$59,506	409	335
Preventive Dental Program	\$150,868	2,933	440
School Health Program	\$301,825	5,149	
Helping People Succeed			
Building Readiness Among Infants Now (BRAIN) Program	\$309,436	759	
House of Hope			
Gardening to Grow Healthy Children	\$20,329	59	
Light of the World Charities, Inc.			
Little Lights Dentistry Program	\$176,516	620	
Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc.			
Healthy Start Matching Funds	\$39,438		
Healthy Start Services	\$283,569	354	
Nurse Family Partnership	\$25,000	15	
Project L.I.F.T.			
Project L.I.F.T. (Life Initiatives for Teens)	\$104,947	87	
Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County & Treasure Coast, Inc.			
Communities Saving Our Babies	\$95,324		102
Tykes & Teens, Inc.			
General Mental Health Program	\$406,575	938	45
Little Tykes	\$74,779	98	62
Prevention Services	\$149,383	7,640	1,636
Youth Enrichment Services (YES)	\$73,423	128	4



Strong Families & Safe Communities

2018-2019

FUNDING | \$833,969

Served | 9,796 Adults | 12,209 Children | Total 22,005



99%

of families participating in the Healthy Families program decreased child abuse risk factors.

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.



PROGRAM	FUNDING/SPENT	CHILDREN	ADULTS
Strong Families	\$588,951		
211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast			
211 HelpLine (direct funding)	\$15,000	118	3,841
Boys Town South Florida			
In-Home Family Services	\$167,662	98	60
Helping People Succeed			
Healthy Families Martin Match	\$161,086	335	311
Martin County Healthy Start Coalition			
The David Cardno Father & Child Resource Center	\$24,363	213	729
Treasure Coast Food Bank			
Whole Child Connection Program	\$220,840	6,092	4,855
Safe Communities	\$245,018		
Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County			
The HERO Challenge (Helping Each Other Realize Opportunities)	\$50,139	108	
City of Stuart Community Services Department, East Stuart Youth Initiative			
ESYI-City of Stuart Police Intervention Program	\$48,883	36	
Martin County Board of County Commissioners & YMCA Treasure Coast			
S.P.L.A.S.H. (Swimming Provides Learners with Aquatics Safety & Health) and YMCA of the Treasure Coast and Board of County Commissioners Parks and Recreation Department	\$16,000	320	
SafeSpace			
SafeSpace Prevention Program	\$24,223	4,566	
Tykes & Teens			
Alternative to Out of School Suspension (ALTOSS)	\$105,773	323	

Success In School & Life 2018-2019

EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING | \$1,124,838

Served | 202 Adults | 1,588 Children | 1,790 Total

PROGRAM	FUNDING/SPENT	CHILDREN	ADULTS
Success in School & Life			
Early Learning & Development	\$1,124,838		
Dunbar Center, Inc	\$13,746	7	
Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties			
Bridge to Continuity	\$32,857	32	
ELC Match	\$557,356	898	
Easter Seals Florida			
Treasure Coast Early Steps Program (TCES)	\$63,685	440	
Helping People Succeed			
Children's Behavioral Support Program	\$146,529	115	122
Developmental Intervention Program	\$204,193	82	80
Early Language and Literacy Initiative	\$68,092		
Hobe Sound Early Learning Center			
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	\$3,673	2	
Temple Beit HaYam			
Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	\$25,000	12	
Community Literacy Programs and Outreach	\$9,707		



A 30 Year Investment



SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE



Joshua Ferraro
Chair

Over the past thirty years, the Children's Services Council of Martin County has become the unparalleled leader in the support of children and families throughout our community. Thanks in no small part to the commitment of our staff and our dedicated non-profit providers, we make a very real impact on the lives of thousands of local children each year. In fact, with more than forty different funded programs, ranging from pre-natal care and early childhood development to mental health counseling and diversion

programs, there are very few issues facing today's youth that the CSC is not involved in. However, recent events have demonstrated once again that the CSC is far more than a simple clearinghouse for allocating taxpayer money into children's programs. As the Covid-19 pandemic has shaken our community and our economy to its core, the Council has been on hand to anticipate the needs of our most vulnerable and take action to lessen the impact on Martin County's children.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMIC SUPPORT FUNDING | \$1,685,317

Served | 74 Adults | 2,960 Children | 3,034 Total

PROGRAM	FUNDING/SPENT	CHILDREN	ADULTS
Youth Development & Academic Support	\$1,685,317		
ARC of Martin County Alternative Behavioral Learning Environment (ABLE) Program	\$206,938	34	
Banner Lake Club Banner Lake After School Time (B.L.A.S.T.)	\$90,104	132	
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties Start Something School to Work	\$150,874 \$9,324	75 40	74
Boys and Girls Club of Martin County High Yield Learning Program IMAP	\$287,615 \$60,000	1,312 525	
Career Source Research Coast Summer of Success	\$30,460	16	
City of Stuart Community Services Department, East Stuart Youth Initiative ESYI-City of Stuart Parks and Recreation	325,573	223	
Martin County Board of County Commissioners After School/Out of School Programs	\$391,721	348	
Young Men's Christian Association of the Treasure Coast, Florida Out of School Time Program (fka Strong Families)	\$68,944	183	
Summer Reading Camp	\$44,900	72	
Prime Time <i>quality improvement initiative</i>	\$18,864		



Perhaps most significant is the fact that through prudent financial stewardship over the past decade, the CSC has been able to accumulate an emergency reserve which is now available to mitigate the effects of this unprecedented crisis in our community.

From the very beginning of the crisis, CSC staff and leadership were able to assess the likely effects of school closures (from increased food insecurity to expanded mental health issues) and work with our providers to modify and expand services where necessary. At the same time, our Executive Director created a consortium of local funding agencies (public and private) to receive and consider financial requests on a joint and continuing basis. While each individual funder in the consortium continues to make its own funding decisions and allocations, this joint application process

significantly reduces red-tape at a time when organizations can least afford to spend their resources on administrative tasks. Perhaps most significant is the fact that through prudent financial stewardship over the past decade, the CSC has been able to accumulate an emergency reserve which is now available to mitigate the effects of this unprecedented crisis in our community. The Council is now using this same level of prudence to assess the evolving needs of our children and to allocate these dollars in a fiscally responsible manner which tempers the need for expediency

with our long-standing commitment to transparency and accountability. Finally, as Chair of the Children's Services Council of Martin County, I would like to once again thank our invaluable staff and each and every non-profit provider in Martin County. You have surpassed all reasonable expectations of public service by working long hours, often with uncertain resources with a singular goal of improving the lives for the most vulnerable among us. Your efforts and impact these past few months have been as appreciated as they are vital.

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

Joshua Ferraro

Chair, Governor's Appointee

James Campo

Council Vice Chair, Governor's Appointee

Christia Li Roberts

Council Treasurer, Martin County School Board Member

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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