



CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2026, 5:30 PM
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Invocation
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Adoption of Agenda**
 - A. Additions/Deletions/Substitutions
 - B. Adoption
- III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - A. February 11, 2026
 - B. February 23, 2026
- IV. Public Comments and Introduction of Council Meeting Attendees**
- V. New Business**
 - A. CSCMC Funded Provider Presentation by Project L.I.F.T., Inc. - Pathway Academy of Innovation and Teen Afterschool Program
 - B. 2026-27 Request for Proposal (RFP) - Strong, Nurturing Families and Safe, Stable Communities
- VI. Staff Reports**
 - A. Executive Director/Staff Reports
 - B. Financial Reports
- VII. For Your Information (No Action Required)**
 - A. 03-06-2026 Martin County Taxpayers Association Newsletter - submitted by Laura Haase, Executive Director - Investment in Helping People Succeed's Healthy Families Program
 - B. 03-09-2026 Friends and Neighbors of Martin County - Three New Gardens Help House of Hope
- VIII. Council Member Comments**

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY (CSCMC)

Workshop Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 2:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Laura Haase (Executive Director) called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

Council Members Present: Dr. Jodie Certosimo (Chair)
Robert "Bob" McPartlan (Treasurer)
Darlene VanRiper
Doug Mustapick
Tom Whittington

Public Present: Maritza Stonebreaker and Dylan Dixon

Staff Present: Laura Haase (Executive Director), Zackery Hackley (Director of Finance), Christine Georges (Administrative Services Manager), Cara Good (Director of Program Operations), Edy Migoya (Program Support Specialist), Brandon Febres (Accounts Payable Specialist), Jennifer Carter (Finance Manager), and Stephanie Macera (Executive Assistant, Program Support).

I. Finance (verbal)

A. Audit

NO ACTION TAKEN: The Council Members heard from Zack Hackley, Director of Finance regarding CSCMC annual Audit. Council members heard from the Auditors Maritza Stonebreaker and Dylan Dixon from Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines and Frank (Certified Public Accountants PL) as they presented the CSCMC Audit report. The CSCMC annual audit will be included as part of the packet for an action item at the regular Council meeting on February 23, 2026. No other recommendations at this time.

B. Financial Reports

NO ACTION TAKEN: The Council Members heard from Zack Hackley, Director of Finance as he presented the financial reports ending December 31, 2025. Zack continued to present the balance sheet and the AP statement. No other recommendations at this time.

C. Other

No discussion.

II. Program (verbal)

A. Program and Funding policies

NO ACTION TAKEN: The Council Members heard from Laura Haase, Executive Director, Cara Good, Director of Program Operations and Zack Hackley, Director of Finance as they presented the changes on the Chart of Accounts, Sample Contracts, and Program & Funding Policies. No other recommendations at this time.

B. Other

No discussion

III. General (verbal)

A. Property Tax Reform - Update

NO ACTION TAKEN: The Council Members heard from Laura Haase, Executive Director regarding an update on Property Tax Reform. No other recommendations at this time.

B. Other

No discussion

As no further discussion continued, the meeting was adjourned by Laura Haase (Executive Director) at 3:31 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY (CSCMC)

Regular Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2026 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Having a quorum, Doug Mustapick (Vice-Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and took roll.

Council Members Present: Doug Mustapick (Vice-Chair)
Robert "Bob" McPartlan (Treasurer)
Michael Maine
Sue Kinane
Sarah Heard
Tom Whittington
Dr. Brian Moriarty
Hon. Judge Sherwood Bauer
Glen Torcivia, Legal Counsel

Council Member Absent: Dr. Jodie Certosimo (Chair)
Darlene VanRiper

Public Present: Maritza Stonebraker, Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, and Frank - Auditors
Dylan Dixon, Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines and Frank - Auditors
DeJoune Johnson, Safe Space
Tim Aitken, Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County
Denise Natalizio, Communities Connected for Kids
Jackie Price, Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County
Katie Comack, Martin County Board of County Commissioners – Parks and Recreation
Rob Ranieri, House of Hope
Marsha Powers, Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin & Okeechobee Counties
Jay Biscanin, Tykes and Teens Inc.
Joanne Sweazy, Hope Center for Autism

Staff Present: Cara Good (Director of Program Operations), Zackery Hackley (Director of Finance), Christine Georges (Administrative Services Manager), Jennifer Carter (Finance Manager), Chanda Narkiewicz (Manager of Planning, Evaluation and Community Development), Edy Migoya (Program Support Specialist), Brandon Febres (Accounts Payable Specialist) and Stephanie Macera (Executive Assistant, Program Support).

A motion was made by Tom Whittington and seconded by Robert “Bob” McPartlan to adopt the agenda with amending the order of New Business; starting with item B first so auditors can present first. The motion passed unanimously (8-0 vote).

A motion was made by Sue Kinane and seconded by Robert “Bob” McPartlan to approve the minutes January 14, 2026, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0 vote).

A motion was made by Dr. Brian Moriarty and seconded by Sue Kinane to approve the minutes January 26, 2026, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0 vote).

Public Comments and Introduction of Council Meeting Attendees:

No Public Comments were given.

All meeting participants introduced themselves.

No motion required.

New Business:

- B. 09/30/2025 Auditor’s Report (Draft) presented by Maritza Stonebraker and Dylan Dixon from Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines and Frank

A motion was made by Sue Kinane and seconded by Dr. Brian Moriarty to accept the Auditor’s Report, as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0 vote).

- A. CSCMC Funded Provider Presentation by Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County – High Yield Learning Program given by Jackie Price (verbal).

No motion required.

- C. CSCMC Chart of Accounts, Sample Contract & Budget, and Program and Funding Policies – Proposed Revisions

A motion was made by Sue Kinane and seconded by Robert “Bob” McPartlan to approve staff’s recommendation for revisions to the CSCMC Chart of Accounts, Sample Contract, and Program and Funding Policies documents, effective October 1, 2026. The motion passed unanimously (8-0 vote).

Staff Reports:

A. The Executive Director/Staff Report was presented by Cara Good.

Highlights of the Executive Director/Staff Report were outlined:

- Mid-Year Program Performance Review Visits begin tomorrow. Council should expect emailed reminders detailing the location and time of the visits they signed up to attend.
- Two vacant positions have been posted via Indeed, CSCMC's website and Facebook. Update on vacant positions.
- CSCMC staff are on track to present the Request For Proposal (RFP) under the Safe, Stable Communities and Strong, Nurturing Families funding priority areas in March.
- Laura Haase visited legislators in Tallahassee along with executive directors of CSC's and Trusts from other counties in Florida.

B. The CSCMC Financial Reports were provided by Zack Hackley.

For Your Information:

No supplemental information at time of publishing.

Council Member Comments:

No comments from Council.

As no further discussion existed, the meeting was adjourned by Doug Mustapick (Vice-Chair) at 6:10 p.m.

Dr. Jodie Certosimo, Chair

Laura Haase, Executive Director

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY

Memorandum

Date: March 11, 2026
To: Children's Services Council
From: Laura Haase, Executive Director *LH*
Cara Good, Director of Program Operations *CG*
Chanda Narkiewicz, Manager of Planning, Evaluation and Community Development *CN*
Re: 2026–2027 Request for Proposals (RFP) – Strong, Nurturing Families and Safe, Stable Communities Funding Priority Areas

With the adoption of the 2026–2031 Strategic Plan by Council at the December 16, 2025 meeting, Children's Services Council of Martin County (CSCMC) will continue its practice of issuing a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) that focuses on different Funding Priority Areas each year.

Attached for Council's consideration is the CSCMC 2026–2027 RFP for the two Funding Priority Areas of **Strong, Nurturing Families** and **Safe, Stable Communities**. Proposals will be accepted under the following subcategories:

Strong, Nurturing Families

- Child Maltreatment and Parent Engagement
- Children Living in Economic Hardship and Poverty

Safe, Stable Communities

- Intimate Partner and Family Violence
- Juvenile Justice Involvement
- Out-of-School Suspension
- Unintentional Injury and Death

The RFP Application will be available on March 26, 2026, on CSCMC's website at cscmc.org. To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026. A virtual Proposer's Conference will be held via Zoom on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the RFP and demonstrate the online application.

Submitted applications will be reviewed by CSCMC staff and a Community Advisory Panel (CAP), which will include one Council member serving as liaison along with several community members. Funding recommendations will be presented to Council at the August 24, 2026, meeting. Programs approved for funding will have a contract term of October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the CSCMC 2026–2027 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Strong, Nurturing Families and Safe, Stable Communities Funding Priority Areas.



The mission of the Children's Services Council of Martin County is to enhance the lives of the children of Martin County and to enable them to attain their full potential.

Children's Services Council of Martin County (CSCMC)

REQUEST for PROPOSALS for

Two (2) Funding Priority Areas *Strong, Nurturing Families* and *Safe, Stable Communities*

Funding Cycle: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: Friday, May 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to CSCMC's Guiding Principles outlined in the CSCMC 2026-2031 Strategic Plan, CSCMC targets prevention and early intervention services for our most vulnerable children, families, and communities while advocating for and supporting the increased availability of needed services for all children and their families. CSCMC gives funding preference to program models that are evidence-based or research-proven, with demonstrated positive impact and sustainable, replicable outcomes.

Strong, Nurturing Families and/or Safe, Stable Communities

CSCMC invites eligible community service organizations to submit applications in response to this competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the funding cycle of October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027. CSCMC will accept proposals per the below two (2) funding priority areas, and their associated subcategories:

1. Strong, Nurturing Families

- 1.a. Child Maltreatment and Parent Engagement**
- 1.b. Children Living in Economic Hardship and Poverty**

2. Safe, Stable Communities

- 2.a. Intimate Partner and Family Violence**
- 2.b. Juvenile Justice Involvement**
- 2.c. Out-of-School Suspension**
- 2.d. Unintentional Injury and Death**

The CSCMC annual Request for Proposals (RFP) process is appropriate for submission and review of program/initiatives that can demonstrate positive impact, with sustainable and replicable outcomes, and that meet certain minimum characteristics defined by the funding priority area(s) and its subcategories, per the published RFP. Programs/initiatives must have measurable gains/results, preferably defined by evidence-based or research-proven interventions and/or evidence-based curricula, with well-defined outcomes associated with industry standard evaluation methodology and/or standardized or validated measurement instruments.

Programs/initiatives proposed in partnership with the Martin County School District (MCSD) **must** align with and complement existent MCSD school-based services, curricula and/or interventions, and must have approval by the MCSD prior to CSCMC contract execution.

CSCMC considers the following applicant eligibility as outlined within this document:

- CSCMC Funding Eligibility and CSCMC RFP Funding Eligibility, page 2.
- RFP Parameters, Required Budget and Support Documents, and Application Requirements, pages 3-4.
- Applications deemed below minimum eligibility criteria may be determined ineligible for further review. All applications must be submitted via the CSCMC online application within The Hub-Martin. For instructions to access the associated application, page 4.

CSCMC Policy 2.1 "CSCMC Funding Authority" (excerpts): CSCMC has the discretionary authority to allocate and provide funds for organizations that offer services for the benefit of children and families. CSCMC solely reserves the right to reject any or all CSCMC Applications for Funding; deny the issuance or renewal of a CSCMC Contract; and deny, delay, or terminate funding in circumstances it believes are not in the best interest of CSCMC and the public. (CSCMC Policy 2.1a) All funds are allocated solely at the discretion of CSCMC, and no Provider is entitled to, nor guaranteed funding. CSCMC Funding may also be terminated if funds become unavailable. (CSCMC Policy 2.1b) The Council's funding allocation decisions are final, and there are no appeals. (CSCMC Policy 2.1e)

Request for Proposals (RFP) Timeline

Release CSCMC 2026-2027 RFP & Online Application Access..... Thursday, March 26, 2026

The link to the RFP Application is located on the CSCMC website <https://www.cscmc.org/>

Proposers (Virtual) Conference (*attendance is highly recommended*)..... Monday, March 30, 2026, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The link to register for the Conference is located on the CSCMC website <https://www.cscmc.org/>

Deadline to Submit Online Questions Thursday, April 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Applicant 2026-2027 RFP Submittal Due Date..... **Friday, May 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

Meetings with Applicants (*determined by CSCMC*) June - August 2026

CSCMC 2026-2027 Staff Recommendations to Council..... Monday, August 24, 2026

CSCMC 2026-2027 Funding Term October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

CSCMC Funding Eligibility

CSCMC Funding Eligibility criteria pursuant to the following policies:

- 1.1a CSCMC funds not-for-profit incorporated organizations, neighborhood organizations, and local government organizations. For-profit organizations are prohibited from applying for CSCMC funds.
- 1.1b Organizations or programs that operate under the exclusive jurisdiction of the public school system are prohibited from applying for funds directly from CSCMC.
- 1.1c Programs requiring worship or religious instructional activities, as a condition of participation, shall not be funded.
- 1.1d Programs of organizations with their own taxing authority are limited to two years of CSCMC funding. Subsequent eligibility for funding must be requested in writing to CSCMC and approved by Council on an annual basis, unless otherwise approved by CSCMC. CSCMC Council has waived the above requirement of a written request for the City of Stuart, Florida and for Martin County, Florida, in perpetuity, until terminated by CSCMC Council, with or without cause, and upon written notification to those organizations.
- 1.1e CSCMC-funded programs are required to be in direct alignment with the goals and strategies of the CSCMC Strategic Plan; and not supplant existing resources; and collaborate with other community partners in the public and/or private sector.
- 1.1f The target population for the purposes of CSCMC funding is limited to Martin County children and youth, prenatal up to 18 years of age or older if still in high school or currently enrolled in a program funded by CSCMC, or with disabilities as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and under 22 years of age, and the family members or primary caregivers of those children and individuals.
- 1.1g CSCMC will not provide funding to organizations for the acquisition of real property.

CSCMC RFP Funding Eligibility

All applicant organizations seeking to enter the competitive Request for Proposal process for the Children’s Services Council of Martin County’s (CSCMC) Annual Funding Cycle (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027) for the **Strong, Nurturing Families** and/or **Safe, Stable Communities** priority areas may do so if:

- Proposing a Martin County-based program(s) **not currently funded** by CSCMC under the **Strong, Nurturing Families** or **Safe, Stable Communities** priority areas
- and/or**
- Proposing a program(s) **currently funded** by CSCMC under the **Strong, Nurturing Families** and/or **Safe, Stable Communities** priority areas, with a request to continue the program within the same funding priority area, inclusive of proposed revisions.

CSCMC Request for Proposals: Parameters

CSCMC's Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Priority Areas of **Strong, Nurturing Families** and/or **Safe, Stable Communities** is a competitive process for ALL applications, including applications for programs currently funded by CSCMC. Note the following parameters:

- CSCMC gives funding preference to program models that include evidence-based and/or research-proven interventions and/or curricula, with demonstrated positive impact and sustainable, replicable outcomes determined via industry standards of evaluation and/or with the use of standardized and/or validated measurement instruments.
- CSCMC fosters collaboration among provider agencies and encourages assessment of collective impact with community partners to develop increasingly robust systems of care.
- CSCMC funding is informed by current national, statewide, regional and/or systemwide data per occurrence and prevalence of issues that align with the well-being of children and their families. CSCMC focus is also influenced by local qualitative input and quantitative data, the latter benchmarked against comparable sources, as indicated.

Upon consideration of application submission to this RFP, note necessity of alignment with the *CSCMC 2026-2031 Strategic Plan*, most specifically to the **Strong, Nurturing Families** and/or **Safe, Stable Communities** funding priority areas and all related *Leading Indicators & Investment Statements* (pages 6 & 10). The *CSCMC 2026-2031 Strategic Plan*, including Guiding Principles and associated documents can be located at <https://www.cscmc.org/financials-reporting/#toggle-id-7>

Required Budget and Support Documents

The online application requires the upload of documents including the applicant organization's most recent audited financial statements, Auditor's Management Letter, and the organization's response to that letter (if applicable), current IRS Form 990, Board of Directors list, and key staff job descriptions. These documents support CSCMC's assessment of the applicant organization's fiscal health and capacity to manage CSCMC funds. Additional required uploads include the organization's current operating budget and the proposed program budget projecting expenses for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Important Program Budget Submission Format Change

The applicant's proposed program budget must be completed in the CSCMC Budget Workbook (Excel format) provided within the online application. The CSCMC Chart of Accounts is also available within the online application under the Resources Section to assist with budget preparation. Applicants must:

- Download the CSCMC Budget Workbook (Excel) from the application link
- Enter all required itemized program budget information directly within the workbook
- Save the completed workbook in Excel format (PDF conversions will not be accepted)
- Upload the completed workbook in the designated Budget Upload section of the application

Note: The Excel Budget Workbook replaces direct budget entry into budget tables within the RFP Application. Budget information entered elsewhere in the application will not be reviewed or considered.

Martin County Service Area Budget Requirement

Because CSCMC funds services exclusively for Martin County residents, the proposed program budget submitted in the CSCMC Budget Workbook must reflect only the Martin County portion of the program. If the proposed program operates across multiple counties or service areas, applicants must isolate and present only the expenses attributable to services delivered to Martin County residents. Budgets that include costs attributable to services for individuals who are not Martin County residents, or for services delivered outside Martin County, will not be considered.

CSCMC Application Requirements

Applicants are advised to review the CSCMC Program and Funding Policies and the CSCMC Sample Contract and Budget to determine their ability to comply fully with all CSCMC policy and contract requirements. These documents are available in the online RFP Application under the **Resources Section** or as otherwise provided by CSCMC.

- All applications in response to this CSCMC Request for Proposals must be electronically completed and submitted within The Hub-Martin by **May 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**, at which time access will be electronically closed.
- Required uploads include all organizational support documents and the completed CSCMC Budget Workbook (Excel) as described above.
- The applicant organization's duly authorized official, Executive Director or equivalent, must certify that the information provided within the CSCMC Application for Funding is true and correct. The authorized official must attest, to the best of their knowledge, that the organization's governing body (Board of Directors or equivalent) has approved submission of the application and indicates the date of approval. Proof of these attestations must be provided to CSCMC upon request (*CSCMC Policy 1.2a excerpt*).
- Following the submission deadline, no additional application information will be accepted by CSCMC in any format, including verbal, electronic, or hard copy.

CSCMC Online Application Access & Questions

The online application for the CSCMC Request for Proposals for **Strong, Nurturing Families** and/or **Safe, Stable Communities** is located within The Hub-Martin "Grants" Module.

The RFP application link is located on the CSCMC website: <https://www.cscmc.org/>

- It is recommended that the online application be accessed via the Google Chrome web browser.
- For assistance to **access or submit** the online application, email CSCMC at programsupport@cscmc.org

**Once within the application, submit ALL questions (general, program, fiscal) ONLY via the 'Ask a Question' link.
Deadline to Submit Questions: Thursday, April 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

CSCMC Cross-Cutting Strategies

CSCMC cross-cutting strategies will prevail regardless of funding priority area and type of programming:

Ensuring access to quality services and a community of opportunity for all children and families, with the intent to reduce disparities often associated with social determinants such as socioeconomics, poverty, geography, gender, race, ethnicity, etc.

Evidence-based and research-proven services, strategies, curricula, programming; validated measurement tools; research-linked outcomes and results; data-driven benchmarks and meaningful improvement.

Resiliency and social competence. Settings with a consistency of high emotional support positively contributes to a child's social competence and translates to a child's ability to understand and manage their emotions and behavior, feel empathy for others, develop healthy identities, build close relationships with peers, and practice cognitive flexibility. Social competencies refer to a range of prosocial behaviors associated with a child's future success across a wide range of contexts in adulthood (e.g., school, work, family life).

Trauma-informed, trauma-responsive culture. Practices and approaches that support a trauma-informed culture, across and including the entire organization, and that decrease the residual of adverse experiences, create welcoming and safe environments for children, and, ultimately, build community resiliency over time.

Unique learning needs. A system that provides the services and interventions necessary within an environment that supports all participants’ unique learning needs, for maximum individual benefit.

Youth voice. As part of program culture, and preferably across the organization, youth are empowered to be part of shared decision-making processes and have the opportunity to learn from the expertise of adults. Youth voice supports young people to have a positive impact and affect change in their communities and is an empowering process, giving young people a sense of ownership within their communities and overall society.

Literacy focus. Children are given the foundation to build on the pillars of literacy — phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. The foundation is built from quality early learning experiences with a consistent caregiver trained in developmentally appropriate practices. The first several years of elementary school continues this positive momentum, utilizing science-based reading principles and literacy practices. Increasing attendance in school, as well as preventing summer learning loss and promoting positive health and developmental growth, are among the strategies that support the achievement of grade level reading.

Parent-Child Relationships and Family Engagement. Secure, nurturing parent-child relationships are the foundation of a child’s healthy development, well-being, and lifelong learning. Engaged and responsive caregivers foster a child’s sense of safety, belonging, and confidence, supporting brain development, emotional regulation and school readiness. Programs and systems that promote meaningful parent and caregiver engagement — through consistent communication, partnership in goal setting and participation in decision-making — strengthen families and elevate outcomes for children.

Quantitative and Demographic Data

Quantitative data specific to Martin County and the CSCMC priorities that comprise the focus of this Request for Proposals are included throughout this document, with local demographics on pages 14–16.

Qualitative Community Input

Parent/Guardian Survey and Community-Based Provider Surveys

Electronic surveys were distributed by CSCMC to various parent/guardian populations and to community-based providers and stakeholders to gain insight about the systems that align with the support of families with children and the safety and stability of our communities. Valuable input was provided pertaining to perceived gaps in care and the need for specific strategies, programming, etc.

Please refer to the summarized results of the below surveys available at the end of this document. Parent/guardian and community-based responses may be pertinent to the subcategory(ies) to which your organization is interested in applying.

Participant Population

Discussion Points

Parents/guardians of youth enrolled in MCSD VPK, K-12 Grades & Head Start; English & Spanish versions.

Use and availability of local services, resources & input re: specified strategies & programming.

Selected community-based providers & stakeholders associated with local services for children & families.

As above.

Martin County Zero to Five (0-5) System of Care Providers

Utilization of parent/guardian support & engagement strategies, & effect upon students’ learning.

Strong, Nurturing Families and Safe, Stable Communities

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), young children experience their world through their parents and other caregivers. Their ‘Essentials for Childhood’ framework establishes that safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments (SSNRs) are essential in averting early adversity and preventing child maltreatment.

The interplay of stable, nurturing relationships and environments that are secure and safe from physical and psychological harm significantly shapes the development of children’s physical, emotional, social, behavioral and intellectual capacities. The extent to which these needs are consistently met through sustained, comprehensive efforts will impact the evolution of skills that help assure each child reaches their full potential.

Shared investments of interventions and strategies within multiple sectors and across our systems of care will support children and their caregivers in the quality and depth of their relationships, as well as create the framework within communities that ensure children and families will thrive.

CSCMC Policy 5.14 Federal, State and Local Requirements: In delivery of the services provided in accordance with the CSCMC Contract and its Attachments, as applicable, as well as the required Supporting Documents, it is the Provider’s responsibility to assure that all applicable federal, state, and local requirements are met, including but not limited to compliance with licensing requirements, health/safety codes, and zoning codes.

1. Strong, Nurturing Families

CSCMC is seeking prevention and early intervention program models and initiatives that support the integration of services and resources necessary to support strong and nurturing families within Martin County. Comprehensive responses will include specified research-based/informed, evidence-based and/or research-proven strategies and interventions that will positively impact the countywide prevalence and occurrence of the below issues experienced by families with children, as well as increase and sustain the engagement of the parents/guardians involved in the lives of child participants.

CSCMC will accept applications within this priority area per alignment with a minimum of one of the two (2) leading indicators listed below as the primary focus of the proposed program/initiative.

Leading Indicators: Strong, Nurturing Families

- a. Child Maltreatment and Parent/Guardian Engagement
- b. Children Living in Economic Hardship and Poverty

Investments in strong and nurturing families

Families are connected with community resources and support systems.

- County-wide resource and referral navigation and case management that establishes a gateway to services among community providers and partners.

Families with children are resilient and able to cope with adversity.

- Evidence-based curricula and interventions to promote healthy parent engagement, family resilience and protective factors, to reduce the risk and occurrence of child maltreatment.

Families with children will overcome economic hardship and poverty, to achieve self-sufficiency.

- Targeted resource-building and/or coaching to support economic stability and ensure that basic needs are met or, optimally, exceeded.
- Individualized strategy-building to stabilize families toward self-sufficiency and economic mobility.

1.a. Child Maltreatment and Parent Engagement

Child Maltreatment

Per the World Health Organization (WHO), child maltreatment is the abuse and neglect that occurs to children under 18 years of age. It includes any and all types of physical and/or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse, neglect, negligence and commercial or other exploitation, per commission and omission, which results in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power. International studies reveal that 6 in 10 children under five (5) years of age regularly 'suffer physical punishment and/or psychological violence at the hands of parents and caregivers, and that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men report having been sexually abused as a child.

Child maltreatment often has severe short- and long-term physical, sexual, and mental health consequences. Maltreatment causes stress that is associated with disruption in early brain development. Violence against children is also a contributor to inequalities in education, e.g., children who experienced any form of violence in childhood have a 13% greater likelihood of not graduating from school. And, consequently, as adults, maltreated children are at increased risk for behavioral, physical, and mental health problems.

Not only is child maltreatment often hidden, with only a fraction of child victims in receipt of necessary support from health professionals, a child who is abused is more likely to abuse others as an adult. According to WHO, preventing child maltreatment before it starts is possible, with effective prevention approaches including supporting parents, teaching positive parenting, as well as effecting the culture regarding violence and punishment.

In 2022, an estimated 1,990 children died from abuse and neglect in the United States. In the same year (the most recent year for which there is national data) 558,899 U.S. children (unique incidents) were victims of abuse and neglect. This equates to eight (8) children out of every thousand.

- **Out-of-Home Placement**

The out-of-home placement ('foster care') rate in a community acts as one critical indicator of child safety, family stability, and overall public health. Closely tied to socioeconomic factors and systemic issues, higher rates may highlight underlying issues such as local poverty levels, lack of economic resources or strain on the allocation of federal, state and/or local support, and insufficient and/or inaccessible family support services. In any case, that renders families limited or unable to provide safety, stability and security, social safety nets and effective family preservation programming provides preventative, protective support, as well as a response to specific crises.

During the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024, there were 328,947 U.S. children in foster care placement, with 7% under the age of one year; 51% under 10 years of age; 28% between the ages of 11 to 16; 6% at 17 years of age; and 7% between the ages of 18 to 24. During this FFY, with a count of 17,198, Florida ranked the 3rd highest state for children in out-of-home placement (before adjustment for population size). During this time frame, within the child maltreatment system of care, Florida had 8,712 licensed foster homes.

Per the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) data, for the months of January through December of 2025, the statewide average rate of removal of children from their homes due to neglect, abuse, abandonment, etc., was 3.5 per 100 alleged victims. In comparison, the 2025 removal rate across the 19th Circuit, which includes the counties of Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie, was an average of 4.4 per 100 alleged victims, higher than the rate across Florida. Reasons for local removal of a child/youth mirror that of national data, e.g., due to issues related to adequacy of supervision and/or substance abuse on the part of the parent/guardian.

Per DCF available data, specific only to Martin County, a range of 24 to 45 children ages 0-18 were in out-of-home care in any given month from January 1 through December 31, 2025. Though Martin County's placements are typically comprised of licensed foster homes; shelter and group home settings; and relative foster homes, the number of available licensed foster homes within Martin County is reported to be lower than the local need.

Martin County, Children in Out-of-Home Placement														
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG	RANGE
2025	24	29	29	29	32	37	43	42	42	43	45	43	37	24-45
2024	38	32	29	27	27	24	25	27	26	25	23	25	27	23-38
2023	60	63	55	55	52	51	48	51	48	47	43	44	51	43-63

FL Department of Children & Families, Children in Out-of-Home Care Monthly Trend, Children Only, Martin County. Duplicated Counts

Martin County, Children Entering Out-of-Home Placement														
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG	RANGE
2025	0	5	1	3	13	13	7	7	3	3	6	0	5	0-13
2024	0	3	4	1	0	2	2	3	0	3	1	2	2	0-4
2023	6	4	3	1	4	2	2	4	1	6	0	1	3	0-6

Communities Connected for Kids, Circuit 19, Children Entering & Exiting Out-of-Home Care, Martin County, Unduplicated Counts

Although Circuit 19 has experienced a decrease in the number of youth in need of out-of-home sheltering, the decline is disproportionately less within the 13-17 year old age group. This, along with a greater likelihood of attaining placement permanency among younger children has results in the higher need for out-of-home care among the oldest grouping, i.e., teens. Additionally, every county experiences ‘lockouts’ per which the parents/guardians initially refuse the return of their dependent youth ready to return home from, for example, a Baker Act, residential stay or DJJ. These homes are typically supported via intensive in-home services, with the goal of the child/youth being sustained within their family of origin. When this outcome is not realized, and out-of-home placement is the only available option, it is unfortunately typical for these youth to ‘age-out’ within the foster care system.

Separation of a child from their family of origin is a disruption of the ‘rhythms’ of growing up, and can be traumatizing in itself, in addition to the experiences, such as neglect, abuse, etc., that lead to out-of-home placement. Per a survey of adults ages 18-71 having experienced out-of-home care as a child, the toll of entering the system was associated with experiencing four (4) adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), with each additional foster care placement resulting in an increase in ACEs by 0.45 points. According to the National Council for Adoption, rather than a focus on an increase or decrease in the number of children entering foster care, the goal is reduced child maltreatment rates; reduced time spent outside of permanent family care; and a reduction in both the time frames and the numbers of children awaiting adoption.

Parent Engagement

Parent/guardian engagement builds crucial protective factors – parental resilience, social connections and knowledge of child development – that foster child resilience, safety, and healthy development. Actively involved caregivers result in benefits for their children, including reduced high-risk behaviors and greater emotional security, social skills and self-efficacy.

Program practices that promote protective factors in children and families focus on the *Strengthening Families Framework* and include offering parent education; helping them build nurturing and trusting relationships; facilitating their social support networks; guiding their response in times of need and during crises; connecting them to concrete services, resources and opportunities; and observing and being alert to early warning signs of maltreatment. The latter, in particular, helps families receive help early and potentially avoid negative outcomes.

- **Protective Factors**

(The) Protective & Promotive Factors Framework is an organized, strengths-based approach used to promote healthy outcomes and ameliorate the negative impacts of risk factors. The *Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework* of the Center for the Study of Social Policy encourages the engagement of families in building competence around five (5) key protective factors: parental resilience; social connections and relational behavior; knowledge of parenting and child development; navigation of resources within systems of care; and awareness of their role in nurturing their child’s social and emotional growth.

- **Parent Education**

Research confirms that adherence to the structured content of evidence-based behavioral parent training programming is a key predictor of improved parenting self-efficacy with consequent increases in child outcomes. With that, adherence to implementation, focusing on core principles such as positive parenting styles, nurturance, consistency, structure in establishing expectations/‘rules’, as well as ‘home practice’, are deemed critical per predictors of outcomes. Based on the guidelines from the Virginia Statewide Parent Education Coalition (VSPEC), the key characteristics of effective parent education programs include: well-defined goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes to assess effectiveness; strengths-based focus; targeted risk reduction related to child maltreatment; curricula responsive to the specific target population; protective factors enhancement; cultural competence; active learning; fidelity regarding program completion and follow-up, and an identified evaluation component.

1.b. Children Living in Economic Hardship and Poverty

Struggling Families

In 2023, 29%, or 38 million, of all U.S. households were ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed), i.e., earning above the poverty level yet struggling to meet basic needs. Nationwide, the total of ALICE households plus those meeting poverty criteria comprised 42%, or 55 million households. Statewide, a total of 47% of Florida’s households were either ALICE (34%) or earned below the FPL (13%).

Of the 69,169 Martin County households in 2023, a total of 46% were ALICE (32%) plus those meeting poverty criteria (14%). It is important to note that this represents an additional 4,876 Martin County households met either threshold in 2023, compared to 2022, all compositions. (See ALICE data, page 14)

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, child poverty alone in the U.S. nearly tripled from 5% in 2021 to 13% in 2024. The Foundation grimly references the “serious threat to children’s development and long-term well-being”, while adding that as “housing, food, child care and health care costs continue to rise, families find it increasingly difficult to make ends meet despite receiving assistance”.

- **Family-Centered Coaching toward Economic Self-Reliance**

Family-Centered Coaching, although beneficial to a wide range of households, is designed with a trauma-informed care lens to support families that have experienced or are experiencing financial distress. Though trauma is most frequently associated with the effect of or incidence of violence, abuse, neglect and disaster, etc., trauma effects are notable due to the lived experience of poverty. The family-centered coaching model differs from traditional methods and is a nationally recognized best practice in empowering families to be their own ‘leader’ in holistically addressing the needs of the entire unit, as well as individual members. The model attributes the family as their own expert in identifying its unique strengths and needs, and in establishing the strategies and timelines to meet specified targets, while recognizing that internal and external issues may slow or hinder progress at times, e.g., job loss.

Overall, in attaining their self-defined outcomes, family-centered coaching typically propels families toward greater stability and economic self-sufficiency and ‘upward mobility’. Routinized meetings with a program coach helps the family identify goal barriers and review solution-focused tasks to meet benchmarks for each domain threshold. Typically, the model includes an assessment instrument that documents the level of self-reliance within each of many domain areas, completed upon program entry, routinized reassessments and at program completion, with a rating methodology to determine level of growth within each domain and overall progress toward self-reliance. Additional tools may include CLIFF surveys, budgeting formats, individual coaching session formats and methodology to document outputs, e.g., number of coaching sessions.

2. Safe, Stable Communities

CSCMC is seeking prevention and early intervention program models and initiatives that support the integration of services and resources necessary to support safe and stable communities across Martin County. Comprehensive responses will include specified research-based/informed, evidence-based and/or research-proven strategies and interventions that will positively impact the countywide prevalence and occurrence of the below issues experienced by children, youth and their families, as well as increase and sustain the engagement of the parents/guardians involved in the lives of child participants.

CSCMC will accept applications within this priority area per alignment with a minimum of one of the below four (4) leading indicators as the primary focus of the proposed program/initiative.

Leading Indicators: Safe, Stable Communities

- a. Intimate Partner and Family Violence
- b. Juvenile Justice Involvement
- c. Out-of-School Suspension
- d. Unintentional Injury and Death

Investments in safe and stable communities.

Children and youth are engaged with their schools and communities.

- Evidence-based preventative education and community outreach to increase empathy, healthy communication and conflict resolution skills that are developmentally appropriate for children and youth of all ages.
- Evidence-based diversion interventions and truancy prevention strategies to reduce involvement with the juvenile justice system and reduce recidivism.
- Evidence-based interventions that reduce out-of-school suspensions and increase school engagement.

Children and youth are free from unintentional injury and death.

- Access to water safety swimming lessons for eligible children and parent/guardian education, to reduce occurrence of drowning and nonfatal submersion injury.
- Promote community messaging and/or evidence-based interventions that help protect children from preventable injury and unintentional death and that support safe communities.

2.a. Intimate Partner and Family Violence

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that dating violence affects millions of U.S. teens each year and emphasizes the cycle of intimate partner violence (IPV) as one that often initiates early, i.e., prior to age 18, and can set the stage for victimization throughout one's life. Youth who are victims of teen dating violence are more likely to experience depression and anxiety symptoms; engage in unhealthy behaviors, e.g., tobacco, drugs and alcohol use; exhibit antisocial behaviors, e.g., lying, theft, bullying or hitting; and to have suicidal thoughts.

Youth Surveying

The *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* collects various risk-related data regarding middle and high school students at the state level only, per their experiences 12 months prior to responding. Results are available at national and statewide levels only:

- **High School, Grades 9-12**

According to the 2021 *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* of U.S. high school students:

- 8.1% of Florida respondents reported *Physical Dating Violence*, the highest percent attributable to the 10th grade (9.4%). The national respondent rate was 8.5%.
- 8.1% of Florida respondents reported *Sexual Dating Violence*, the highest percent attributable to the 9th grade (8.7%). The national respondent rate was 9.7%.
- 11.1% of Florida respondents reported *Sexual Violence by 'Anyone'*, the highest percent attributable to the 9th grade (11.9%). The national respondent rate was 11.1%; of these respondents, 59.5% also reported teen dating violence.

- **Middle School, Grades 6-8**

According to the 2021 *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* of U.S. middle school students:

- 4.3% of Florida respondents reported *Physical Dating Violence*, the highest percent attributable to the 8th grade (4.9%).
- No query regarding sexual violence was included in the middle school survey.

Note: The State of Florida ceased the use of the *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*, then implementing the *Florida-Specific Youth Survey (FSYS)*, administered during spring. The 2024-2025 FSYS survey results specific to 'dating violence' follow, yielded from a sample of Florida high school students (n = 4,208):

- 8% of students reported to have been a victim of teen dating violence and/or abuse, compared to 9% per the 2023-2024 FSYS
- 73% of students indicated they can recognize teen dating violence and/or abuse, compared to 76% per the 2023-2024 FSYS
- 65% of students responded they know how to report teen dating violence and/or abuse, compared to 75% per the 2023-2024 FSYS

A study by the University of Texas Center for Violence Prevention focused on a (21-session) healthy relationships curriculum delivered in middle and high schools with a finding that teen participants with a history of adolescent relationship abuse were less likely to recommit acts of violence within three (3) years following the intervention. Their program was designed to equip students with essential skills for “maintaining healthy relationships while targeting several shared risk and protective factors of problem behaviors like dating violence and substance use”. Their goal was the interruption of the link between adolescent relationship abuse and adult intimate partner violence, stating 20-30% of U.S. teens have experienced relationship abuse that often leads to negative emotional/behavioral and physical health consequences.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), prevention efforts need to impact occurrence and recurrence of both experiencing intimate partner violence and/or perpetrating violence, while promoting healthy, respectful, relationships. The Center emphasizes the need to address risk and protective factors at multiple levels with strategies that include individuals, couples and families; promote protective environments within schools and across communities; and coordinate access to specified resources among service providers.

2.b. Juvenile Justice Involvement

National data on juvenile arrests for 2024, recently available, show that juvenile arrests are down: 28% lower than 2019 (before COVID) and 4% lower than 2023. A recent publication by The Annie E. Casey Foundation emphasizes that when young people harm others or break the law, they need accountability *in tandem with* ‘opportunities, support and, most importantly, connections with caring adults to help them find a positive path forward’. Additionally, prioritizing diversion and rehabilitation and restoring ties to family and community, not severing them, align with a perspective of reform. Overall, research supports that strategies built upon these pillars *work* – and that less youth incarceration is compatible with less youth crime.

Overall Youth Arrests

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice reports a Martin County intake rate per number of youth age 10-17 arrested through FY 2024-25 of 10.1 per 1,000 all offenses. This compares to a 2024/25 rate of 15.5 per 1,000 across Circuit 19 and 12.8 statewide.

Martin County, Youth Arrested, All Offenses Ages 10-17							
Fiscal Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Youth Arrested	16.9	12.2	9.4	12.1	14.5	10.2	10.1
% Difference from Previous FY		-28%	-23%	30%	19%	-30%	-1%
% Difference from FY 2018-19	0%	-28%	-45%	-28%	-14%	-40%	-41%

FL Department of Juvenile Justice, Data as of 10.9.25 NOTE: Youth are counted only once, regardless of their number of arrests during the year of report.

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice reports a Martin County intake rate per number of arrests of youth age 10-17 FY 2024-25 of 14.2 per 1,000 all offenses. This compares to a 2024/25 rate of 23.4 per 1,000 across Circuit 19 and 20.7 statewide.

Martin County, Arrests per 1,000 Youth, All Offenses Ages 10-17							
Fiscal Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Arrests of Youth	24.4	17.8	12.3	17.6	20.2	13.7	14.2
% Difference from Previous FY		-27%	-31%	44%	15%	-32%	3%
% Difference from FY 2018-19	0%	-27%	-50%	-28%	-17%	-44%	-42%

FL Department of Juvenile Justice, Data as of 10.9.25 NOTE: Total of all arrests. If same youth was arrested more than once during fiscal year, each individual arrest is counted.

Juvenile Drug Arrests

While overall drug arrests for juveniles saw a downward trend in some earlier reporting years, according to the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA), recent data indicates that drug-related offenses remain a factor in juvenile crime. Specific to Florida, juvenile arrests were reported to have surged by 17% annually since the COVID-19 pandemic, with 43,394 juveniles arrested in fiscal year 2022-2023. Per an NBC affiliate's report, a Florida-based judge attributed this rise to factors such as drugs, mental health issues e.g., depression and anxiety, and a lack of positive role models, emphasizing the importance of early intervention.

In 2021, Martin County juvenile drug arrests of those ages 0-17, specific to the possession or sale of illegal drugs, represented the lowest arrest count (7) and rate per 100,000 (56.5) since 2005, the latter statistically significantly lower than that year's statewide rate. However, from 2021 through 2024, the local juvenile drug arrest rate was higher than Florida's rate, though not statistically significantly higher, placing Martin County's rate within the third (highest) quartile statewide.

In response, evidence-based interventions based upon trauma-informed care, cognitive-behavioral therapy and educational support can serve at-risk youth and strengthen their families, while addressing public safety. Prevention programs with an emphasis on restorative and diversion strategies in response to nonviolent offenses, citations and misdemeanors, are typically associated with the goal of reduced recurrence, and optimally include measures to promote social competencies, problem-solving skills and self-regulating behavior. Diversion programming offers significant advantages for the individuals, their communities and the justice system by focusing on accountability, rehabilitation and addressing root causes of behavior, while being less stigmatizing for the youth. Overall, participants in diversion programs have significantly lower rates of re-arrest and future convictions, compared to those served within traditional system proceedings.

Primary prevention curricula and/or strategies can 'immunize' individuals and groups and promote overall awareness of risk factors and the consequences of specific illegal actions. This level of programming is often part of a larger framework designed to leverage impact through its availability to youth across a variety of settings.

2.c. Out-of-School Suspension

Out-of-school suspension temporarily removes students from their regular school setting, during which the youth cannot attend school or activities. Research suggests that this removal is said to have the potential negative effect of disrupting education, which may link to lower academic outcomes, as well as increased disengagement from school and, for some, an increased risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system and of dropping out.

Conversely, restorative, therapeutic in-school-suspension, along with other alternatives to out-of-school suspension, allows students to continue completing schoolwork in a supervised setting, even if removed from their regular classroom(s), with the impact of preventing learning loss. In-school suspension includes the opportunity to begin to resolve issues related to the root of the suspension, helping the student link specific acts to consequences, while presenting options that encourage behavioral reflection, positive skill-building and appropriate conflict resolution. An effective in-school or alternative suspension program can also detect learning problems, provide support for behavioral issues, before they become serious and to help students better understand the expectations of the school, classroom(s), teachers, etc.

Overall, in-school suspension can be effective and necessary for specific ranges and types of behaviors and infractions in helping to sustain student attendance, versus a punitive approach. A trauma-informed approach acknowledges the reality that many students may have experienced trauma that sets the stage for being triggered by traditional disciplinary approaches. It is thus important that non-out-of-school suspension environments are those in which students can feel safe and supported. Parent contact and engagement is integral to reducing repeat offenses and may help school connectedness for both students and their guardians.

2.d. Unintentional Injury and Death

Below presents the three (3) most prevalent causes associated with unintentional fatal injuries of infants, children and youth under age 18. Additional areas of concern as a response to unintentional fatal injury, including preventative strategies, public education and/or specified training, universal messaging, etc., may be included for consideration within submitted applications.

The injury surveillance system provides access to multiple data sources, including primary sources, to provide information to Florida's injury prevention community for program planning and evaluation, available at: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/statistics-data/florida-injury-surveillance-system/>

Additional data is provided by the Florida Department of Children & Families, Child Fatality Prevention at: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/childfatality> & FLHealthCHARTS <https://www.flhealthcharts.gov/charts/QASpecial.aspx#INJ>

Unintentional Fatal Injuries

Nationally, about 1 in 5 child deaths is a result of unintentional injury. Leading causes of unintentional fatal injury vary by age, with suffocation the primary one associated with infants (birth to 1); drowning for children ages 1-4; and motor vehicle traffic incidents for children and youth ages 5-19 years.

Notably, Martin County data spanning years 2023 through 2025 is consistent with the below as the most prevalent causes of unintentional fatal injury by these age groups: infants, children and youth.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that, overall, the states with the lowest injury and fatality rates have shown that consistent investment in public safety campaigns, age-specific injury prevention programs and legislative support can support effective strategies - and save lives.

- **Drowning, Water Submersion**

During 2025, statewide, 119 child deaths were due to fatal water submersion injury, the majority occurring within the 1-3 age range. In the U.S., drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury related death among children age 5 and under and is among the top five leading causes for ages 5-14. Typically, nearly 70% of childhood drownings (ages 1-4) occur during ‘non-swim times’, when the child was not expected to be in or near the water.

Lack of swimming ability is a leading cause of drowning, as many children and adults lack essential water survival skills. The CDC emphasizes that while formal swimming lessons are essential for reducing the risk of drowning, ‘children who have had swimming lessons still need close and constant supervision when in or around water’. The American Red Cross emphasizes it is necessary and critical for children to have ‘access to swim lessons until swimming competency criteria is achieved’, while parents and caregivers engage in essential evidence-based safety training. Skill development for both the child and adult is viewed as a continuous process, not a one-time event, to build and maintain critical competencies.

The National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) references the five layers of prevention that, used together, reduce the risk of drowning, as follows: barriers and alarms; life jackets; emergency preparation, i.e., CPR training and basic water skills; active adult supervision; and water competency. Mitigating risks in the home is a critical component of drowning prevention, as the home environment - specifically for children under age 5 - is the most dangerous location for fatal drowning incidents. Cross-training home visitation care providers to recognize in-home water hazards is a proactive, potentially life-saving step, along with ensuring caregivers know the NDPA layers of protection and promoting public education.

- **Sleep Environments**

Unsafe sleep environments such as positioning, bedding, surfaces, etc., increase the risk of suffocation and strangulation. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the CDC offer evidence-based recommendations to create safe sleep environments and practices to significantly reduce sleep-related infant death. Campaigns that include local, state and national efforts can address the prevalence of sleep-related infant death and promote comprehensive safety recommendations.

- **Motor Vehicle, Traffic**

Motor-vehicle crashes continue to be the number one cause of preventable death for U.S. teens. According to data available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the number of teen motor-vehicle occupant deaths has increased for the third time since 2019 and estimated the total number of 2023 deaths among teens ages 13 to 19 (including pedestrian and bicycle incidents) averaged eight (8) deaths per day.

Young driver crashes that result in fatalities also include their passengers, occupants of all other involved vehicles and non-occupants. During 2023, nationally, a total of 2,611 people lost their lives in crashes involving a teen driver. According to the National Safety Council, driver inexperience is the root cause of crashes involving a teen driver. Beyond inexperience, key factors leading to fatal crashes during 2023 included speeding (34%), alcohol impairment (24%) and ‘distractions’. Per the CDC, risk is higher among teens ages 16-19 than among any other age group, with a fatal crash rate almost three times as high as drivers ages 20 and older, per mile driven. Within this age range, 16-year-olds are at the highest risk, twice as likely to be involved in a car crash than an 18- or 19-year old driver.

ALICE Population & Poverty: Martin County

ALICE (*Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed*) represents those who are working whose salaries do not match Martin County's cost of living. ALICE recognizes that though basic costs like housing, food and gas have increased, wages for existing jobs have not proportionately increased. More people are reporting that they are living ‘paycheck to paycheck’, where one car repair or medical bill can tip them over into a state of financial crisis.

The ALICE Household Survival Budget estimates the bare minimum cost of household necessities (associated with housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and a basic smartphone plan), plus taxes and a contingency fund (miscellaneous) equal to 10% of the budget.

2023 ALICE in Martin County		
<i>Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed</i>		
Households earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county.		
Overall Martin County Profile		
Martin County Total Population	163,315	
Total Number of Martin County Households	69,169	
% of ALICE Households, County & State	32% Martin County households are ALICE 34% Florida households are ALICE	
# of ALICE Households, Martin County	22,134 Compared to 20,875 per 2022 data	
% of Households Living in Poverty, Martin County	14% Living in poverty, countywide, all populations *Compared to 9% per 2022 data 13% Florida households living in poverty Same as 2022	
# of Households Living in Poverty, Martin County	9,684 Compared to 6,067 per 2022 data	
Median Household Income, County & State	\$74,601 Median Martin County household income \$73,311 Florida (average) household income	
County Subdivisions	Total Households	% ALICE and Poverty
Indiantown CCD	6,417	39%
Port Salerno-Hobe Sound CCD	28,882	45%
Stuart CCD	32,521	42%
CCD (Census County Division): A sub-county statistical geographic area that usually represent a single contiguous area consisting of one or more communities, economic centers, or major land use areas in a county or county equivalent.		
Sources: https://www.uwof.org/sites/uwof/files/2025-alice-report-county-snapshots-florida.pdf United Way of Martin County: https://www.unitedwaymartin.org/alice		

Families with Children, Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

Poverty is a significant social determinant of overall health. The federal poverty definition uses thresholds based on family size, state of residence and family composition. For example, for the 48 contiguous states, the 2026 FPL (100%) for a family of four is \$32,150 (with \$5,500 for each family member over a household count of eight).

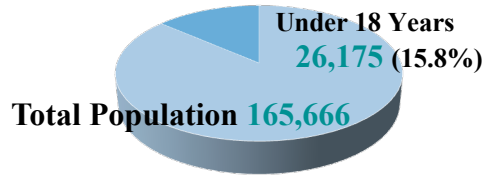
The U.S. Census (ACS) calculates data for families with related children ages 0-17, per the percentage whose combined income from all family members ages 15 or older is below the federal poverty level. In 2024, Martin County’s families falling within this classification was 13.8%, a decline, compared with the 2023 data of 14.3% and ranking the county in the second quartile (2nd of 4, highest) across Florida’s 67 counties.

See below historical data per ‘Families Below Poverty Level With Related Children (Aged 0-17)’, Martin County, 10 Year Report (FLHealthCHARTS):

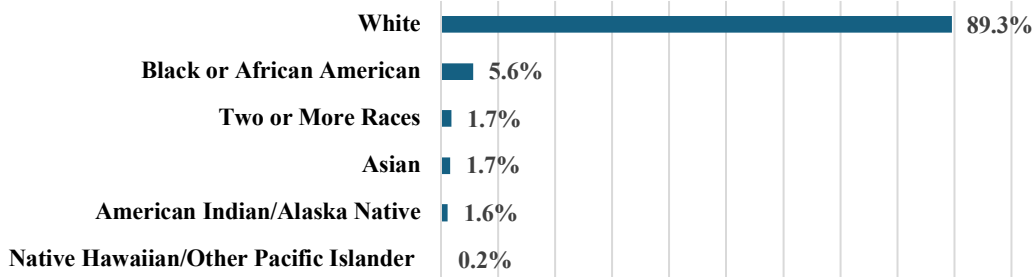
Martin County: % of Families Below Poverty Level w/Related Children 0-17		
	Martin	State
2024	13.8%	13.7%
2023	14.3%	14.0%
2022	11.9%	14.4%
2021	12.1%	14.8%
2020	12.8%	15.2%
2019	11.7%	16.3%
2018	12.8%	17.3%
2017	13.2%	18.2%
2016	15.0%	19.1%
2015	15.3%	19.8%

Martin County Demographics

Martin County 2024 Total Population and Under Age 18, Estimates



U.S. Census Estimates All Ages Martin County, FL July 1, 2024 Population by Race



ETHNICITY: The 2024 estimate of 'Hispanic or Latino' individuals was 17.0% of the total Martin County population, while the estimate of 'White alone, not Hispanic or Latino' individuals was 74.8%.

Martin County 'Counts' by Age/Gender Calendar Year 2024			
Age	Male	Female	Total by Age
0	620	602	1222
1	628	616	1244
2	660	620	1280
3	664	655	1319
4	695	708	1403
5	732	678	1410
6	718	648	1366
7	678	688	1366
8	680	717	1397
9	743	698	1441
10	773	724	1497
11	736	744	1480
12	799	764	1563
13	806	806	1612
14	837	822	1659
15	828	778	1606
16	848	802	1650
17	816	784	1600
18	778	669	1447
19	642	587	1229
20	665	627	1292
21	695	660	1355
TOTAL	15,346	14,737	30,083

Source: U.S. 2020 Decennial Census Data, 2024 Update

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Strong, Nurturing Families

1.a. Child Maltreatment and Parent/Guardian Engagement

Child Maltreatment

World Health Organization; Child maltreatment. <https://www.who.int/news-room>

Out-of-Home Placement

Charts: Martin County, Children in Out-of-Home Placement; FL Department of Children & Families, Children in Out-of-Home Care Monthly Trend, Children Only, Martin County <https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/child-family> and

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Parent/Guardian Engagement

Enhancing Protective Factors of Children and Families, Supplemental Training

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Struggling Families

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The Martha O'Bryan Center <https://marthaobryan.org/strategies/>

Family-Centered Coaching: A Toolkit to Transform Practice & Engage Families

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Safe, Stable Communities

2.a. Intimate Partner and Family Violence: Healthy Relationships

Youth Surveying

FLHealthCHARTS: High School Risk Behavior Survey (HS-YRBS) and Middle School Risk Behavior Survey (MS-YRBS)

The 2023 Florida-Specific Health Behavior (Youth Survey) Results

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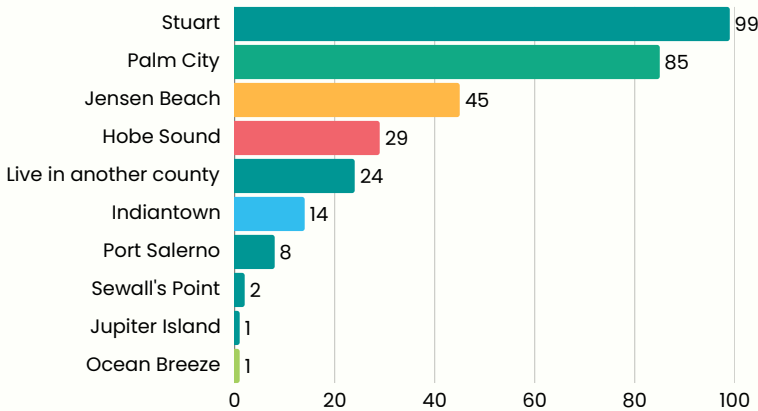
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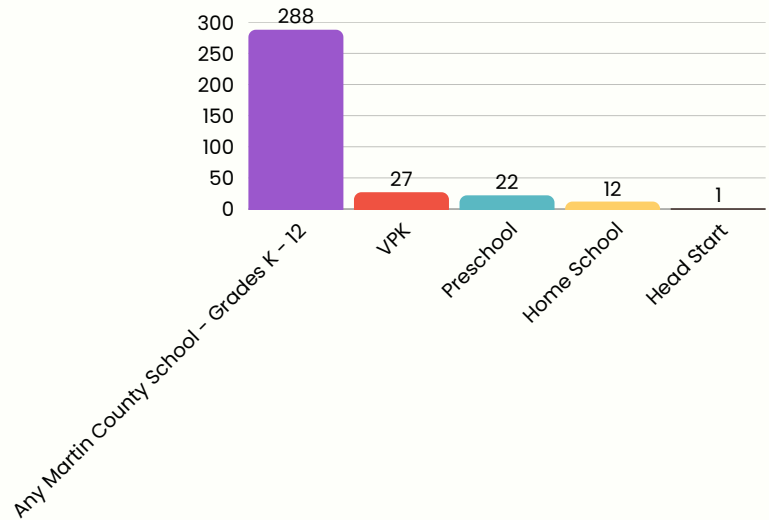
Parent/Guardian Survey

Data Highlights from 308 Survey Participants

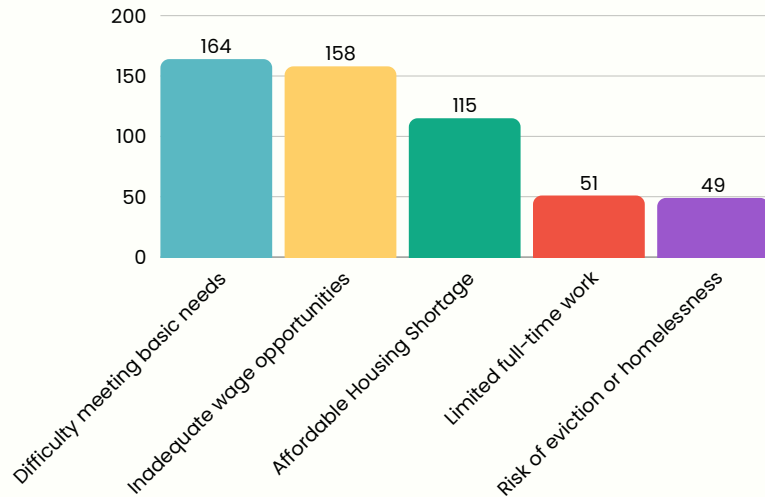
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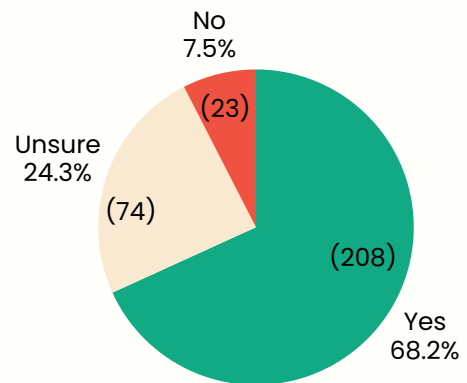
Where Children Attend School



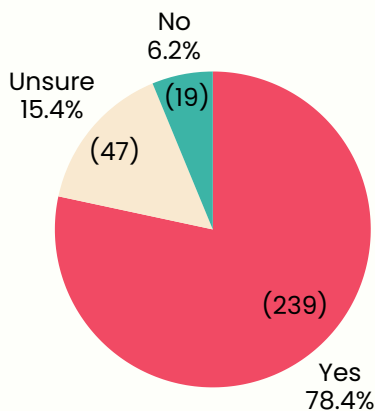
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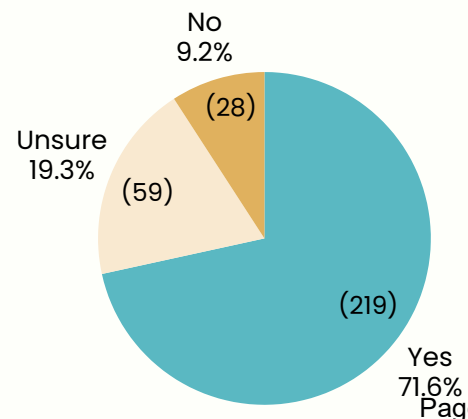
Would classes improve parent-child communication & problem solving?



Is there a need for healthy non-abusive relationship education for adults and youth?



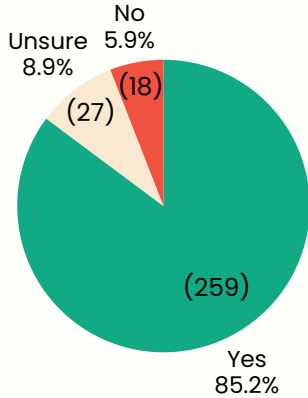
Would parent budgeting classes be helpful?



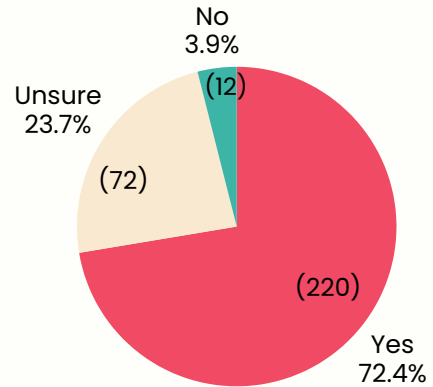
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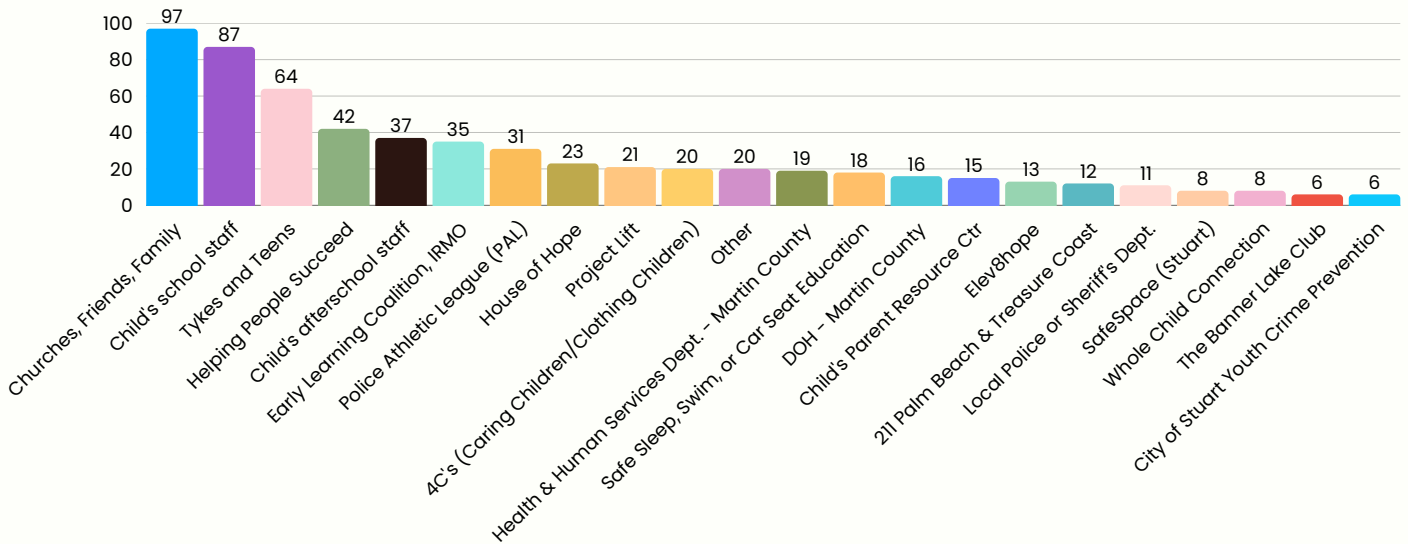
Would parents benefit from guidance on how to work with their child's teacher(s) & school?



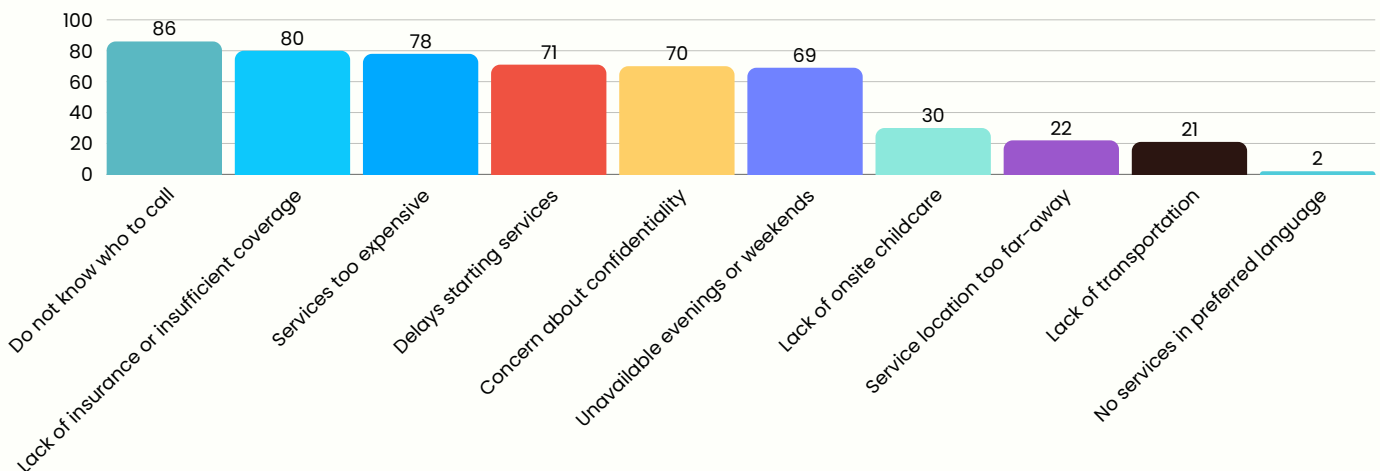
Is there a need for more youth crime prevention programs?



Family Local Resource Usage



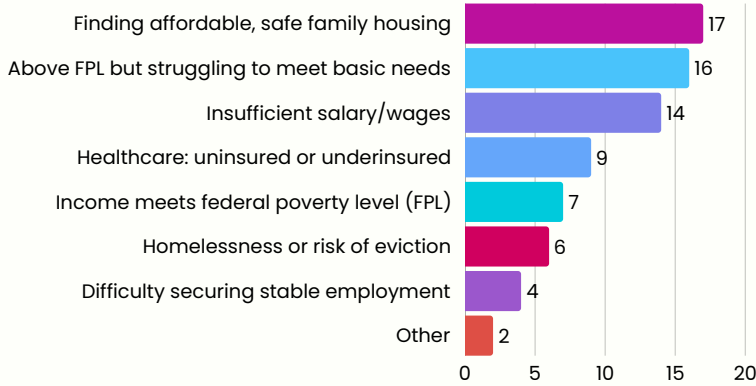
Concerns Accessing Family Resources



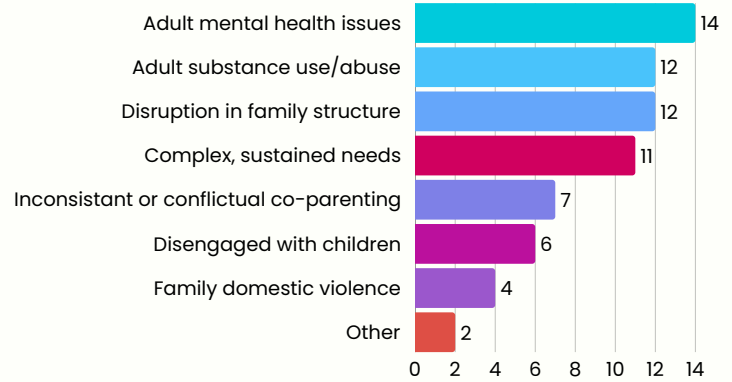
Community-Based Provider Survey

Data Highlights from 19 Survey Participants (n=27)

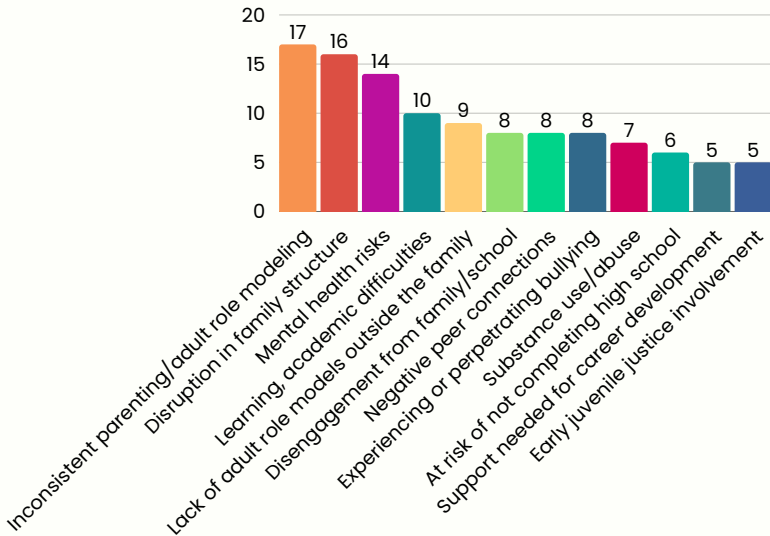
Greatest Concerns Facing Martin County Families



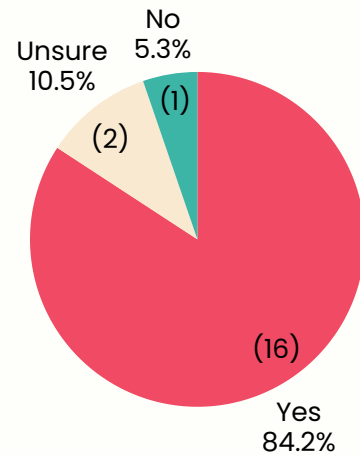
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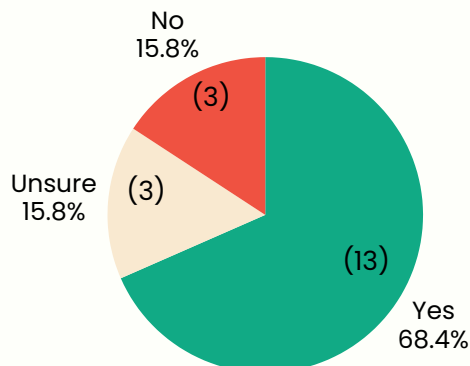
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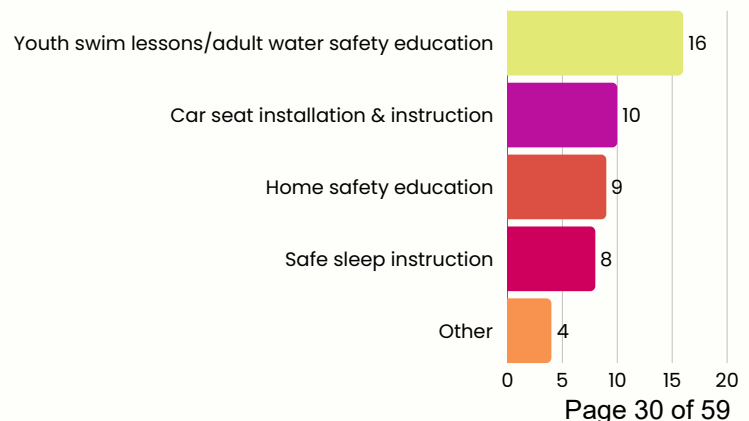
Is there a need for healthy non-abusive relationship education for adults and youth?



Is there a need for resources to support parenting & caregiver skills?

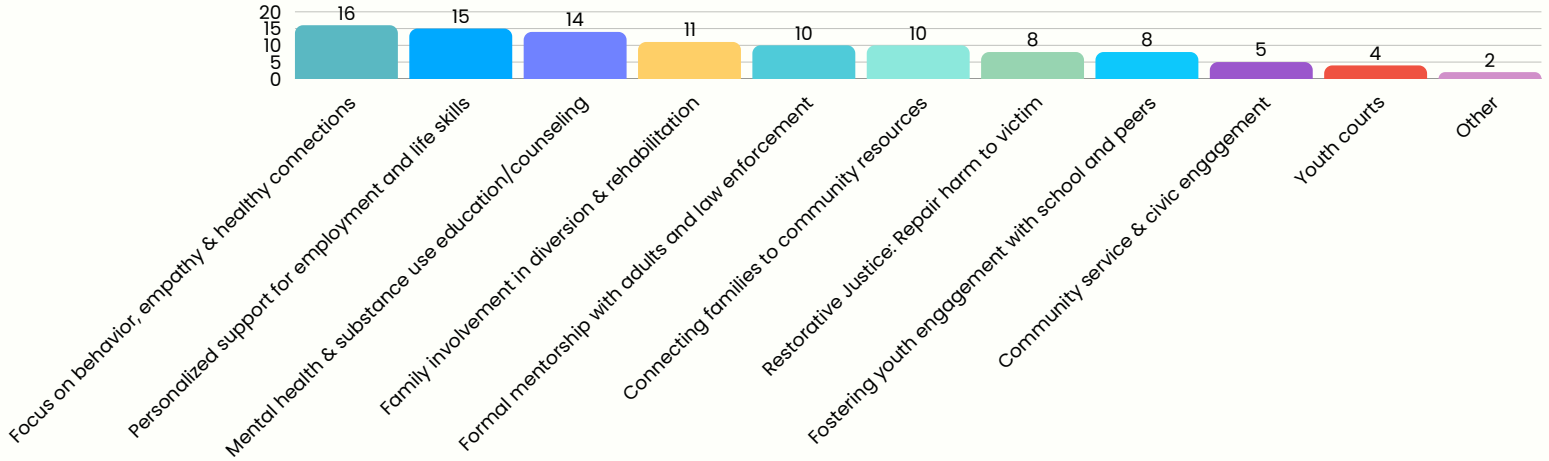


Resources needed to prevent unintentional injury & death among youth

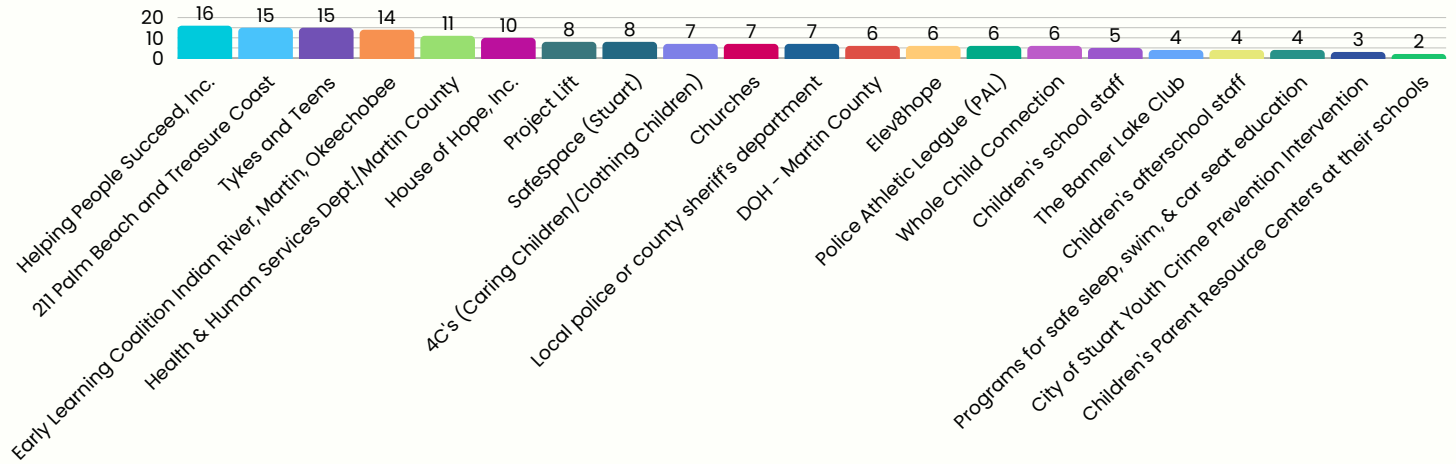


The mission of the Children's Services Council of Martin County (CSCMC) is to enhance the lives of the children of Martin County and to enable them to attain their full potential.

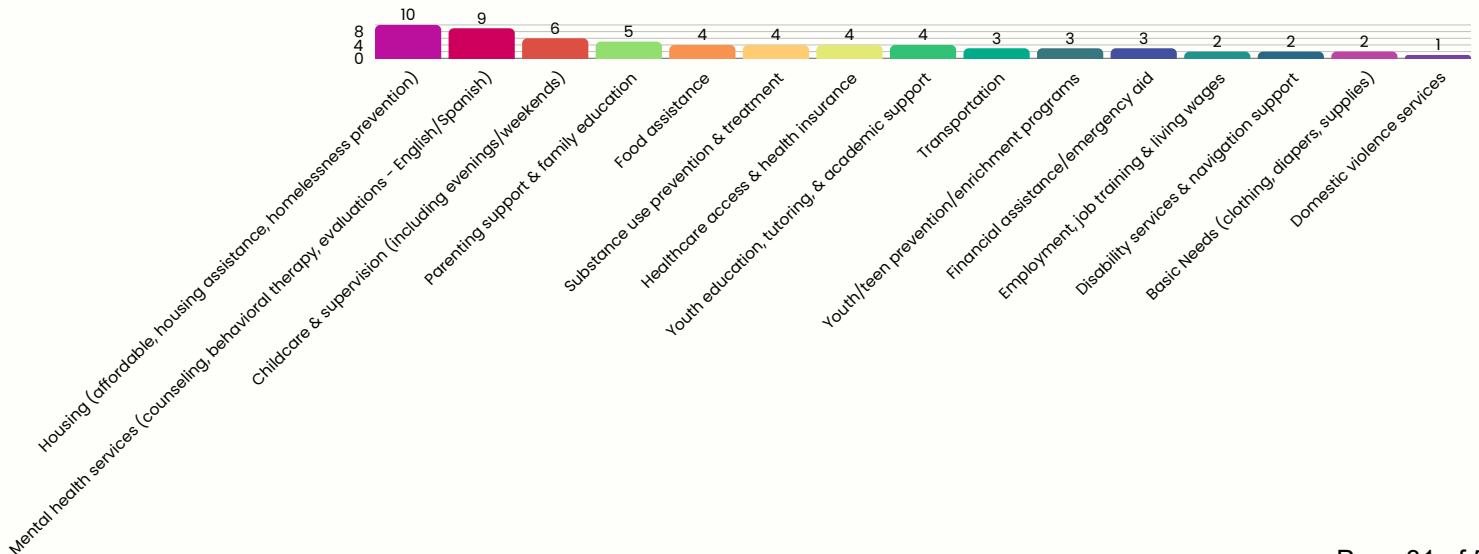
Diversion Programs to Prevent Juvenile Justice Re-Entry



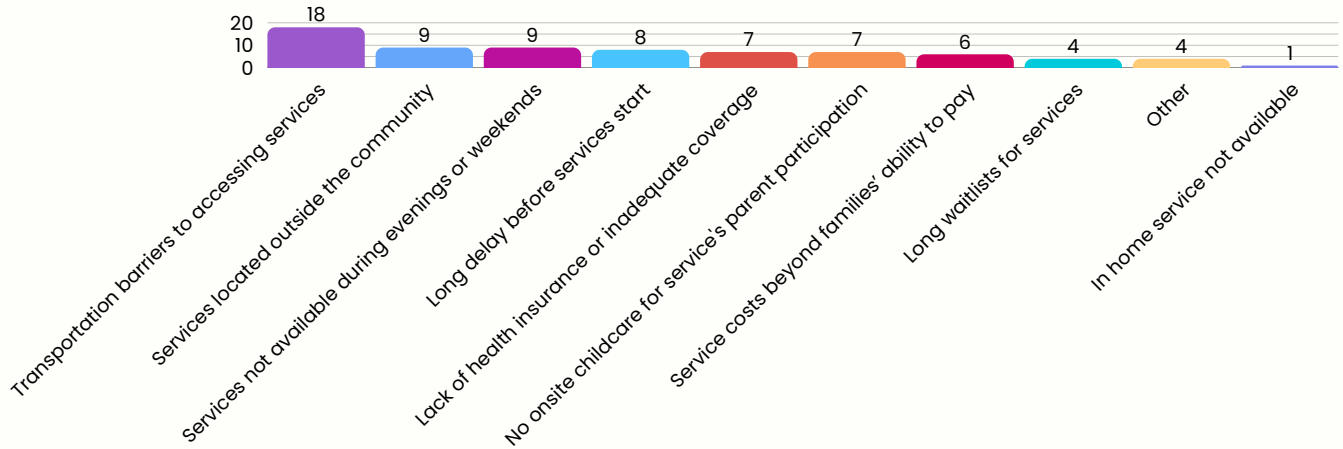
Resources Contacted or Recommended to Families in the Past Year



Most Common Resource Needs for Martin County Families



Barriers to Accessing These Most Common Resources Needs



Additional Comments or Suggestions

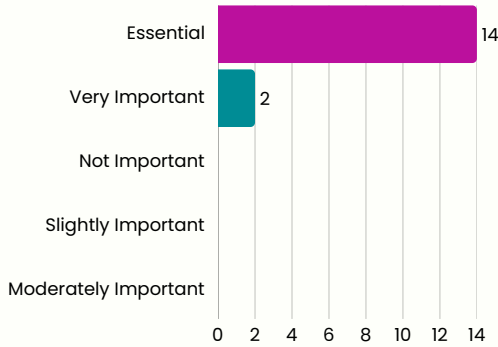
“ While we have WCC and 211, resources are not always known. Parenting teens is especially challenging and often when we see under/untreated mental health concerns. In home services for middle & high schoolers is limited. ”

“ Thank you for all the good provided to our community by CSCMC. Keep it going! ”

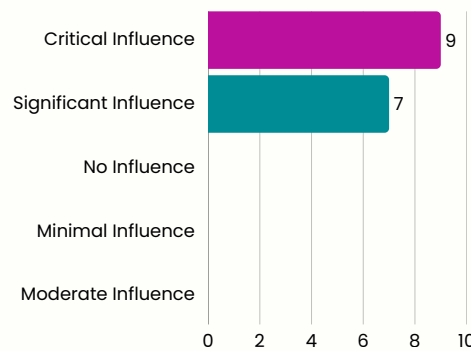
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Data Highlights from 16 Survey Participants (n=34)

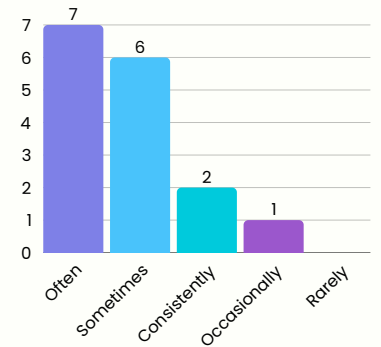
Importance of Caregiver Engagement & Trust in Early Learning & School Readiness



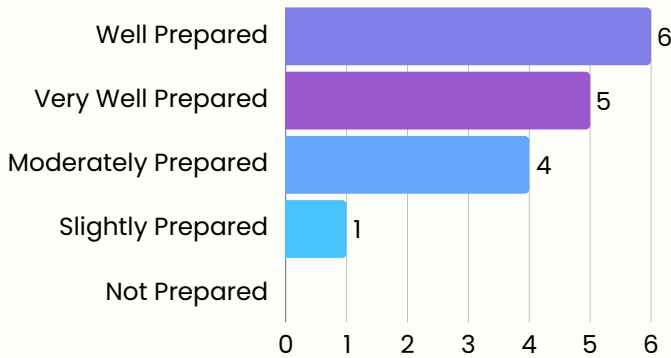
Parent Engagement & It's Effect on Attendance, Behavior, & Academic Growth



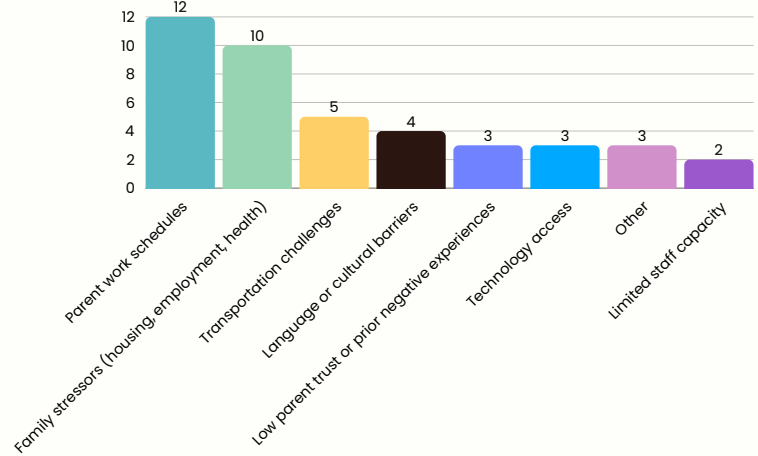
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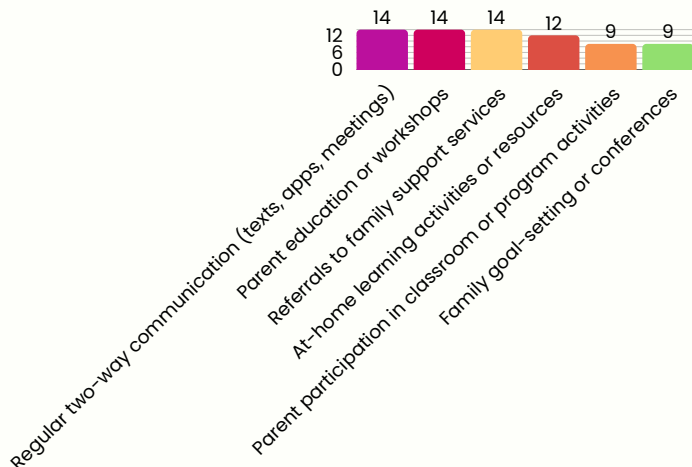
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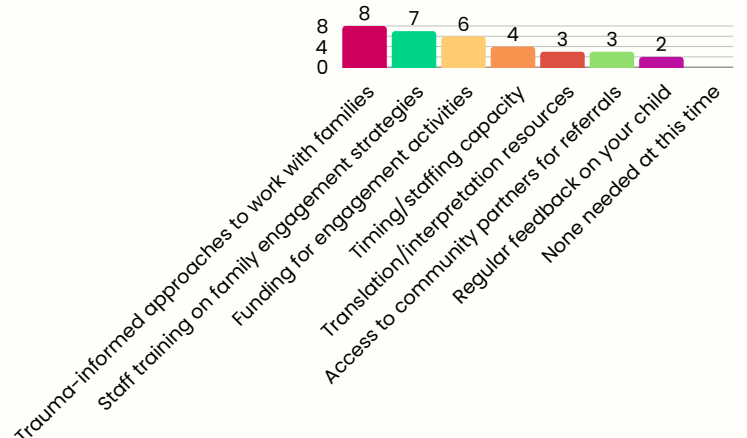
Primary Challenges to Parent Engagement



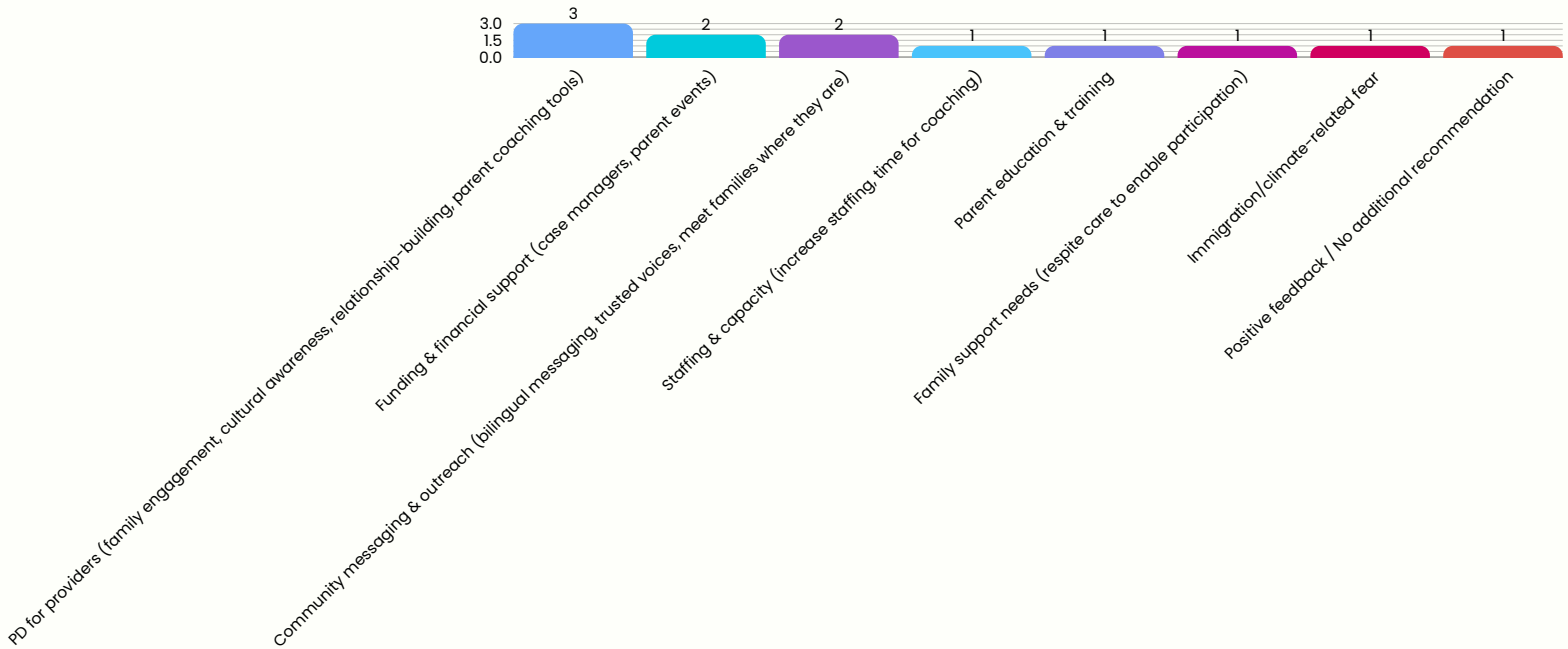
Parent Engagement Strategies Currently in Use



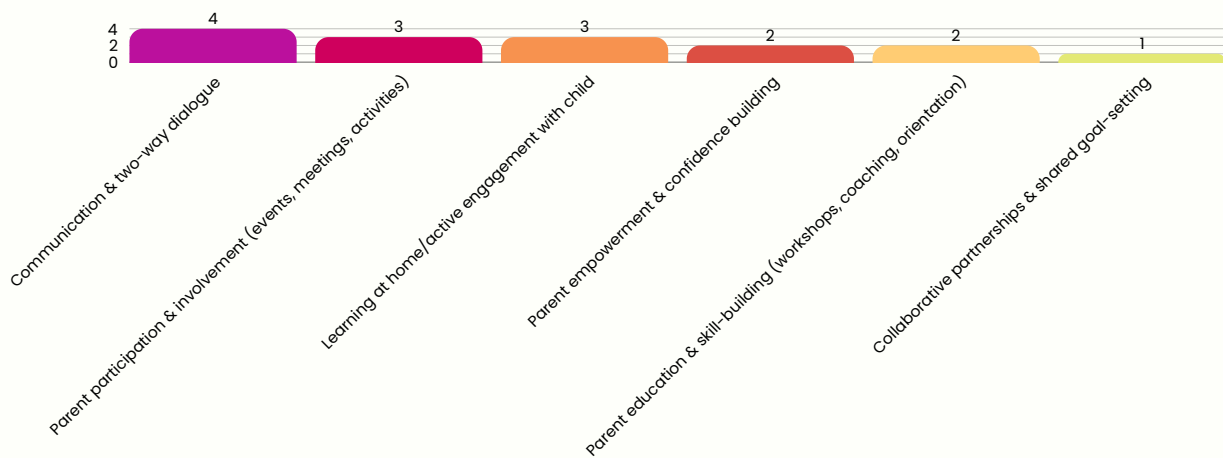
Additional Supports Needed to Strengthen Parent Engagement



Supports Needed from CSCMC and Community Partners



Define Meaningful Parent Engagement in an Early Learning Setting



CSCMC Executive Director/Staff Report

March 23, 2026

I. Executive Director's Report

Legislative Update

At the state level, discussions regarding property tax reform continue to evolve. A House proposal that included eliminating property taxes on homestead properties did not have a corresponding bill in the Senate during the regular legislative session. While it is still too early to know what the final outcome will be, it is expected that some form of property tax reform proposal will be decided either in April or during a special legislative session this summer and on the ballot for November.

As these discussions continue to develop, I am staying in close communication with the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT) and will continue to keep the Council informed as more information becomes available.

Communications

The Communications Manager position was recently advertised and approximately 40 applications were received. Following an initial review, 12 candidates were invited to participate in the first round of interviews, which consists of a short video submission.

As part of this first step, candidates were asked to introduce themselves and provide an explanation of the Children's Services Council of Martin County as if speaking to a community group unfamiliar with our work. They were also asked to describe how they would communicate the value of CSCMC's publicly funded investments in a way that builds trust and understanding with the community.

Based on these submissions, we anticipate narrowing the field to approximately four to five candidates for in-person interviews.

While the recruitment process continues, Suzanne Wentley has been engaged on a limited basis to assist with the development of a marketing and communications plan for CSCMC. Suzanne is a former CSCMC employee who spearheaded the organization's community messaging for the 2014 special taxing district referendum when voters reaffirmed their commitment to CSCMC's taxing authority with nearly 77% approval.

Community Engagement and Meetings

February 18 – Meeting with Andry Sweet, newly appointed CEO of Children's Home Society of Florida, and Dennis Miles, Executive Director of Children's Home Society of Palm Beach, Broward and Treasure Coast to discuss ongoing service delivery in Martin County (*Laura Haase*)

Community Engagement and Meetings (continued)

February 19 – Attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Grand Reopening of the Children’s Advocacy Center (*Laura Haase and Cara Good*)

March 9 – Attended the House of Hope Garden ribbon cutting in Golden Gate with Commissioner Hetherington, highlighting the partnership between Martin County Parks and Recreation, House of Hope, and Children’s Services Council. (*Laura Haase and Cara Good*)

March 11 – Attended the Martin County Interagency Coalition monthly meeting. Presentation regarding public transportation in Martin County by guest speakers, Ash Beecher with the MARTY bus system, Chris Stephenson with Community Coach, and Ellen East with United Way of Martin County Ride United program. Various topics were discussed including transportation barriers for low-income families. (*Laura Haase*)

March 12 – Attended the House of Hope Garden ribbon cutting in New Monrovia with Commissioner Heard, highlighting the partnership between Martin County Parks and Recreation, House of Hope, and Children’s Services Council. (*Laura Haase and Cara Good*)

March 12 – Attended the Little Lights Dentistry 10-year anniversary celebration. Little Lights provides free dental care for uninsured, low-income children from their first birthday through high school graduation. (*Laura Haase*)

II. Program Information

Mid-Year Program Performance Reviews (Administrative Visits)

Mid-Year Program Performance Review visits began February 24, 2026, and are expected to be completed by the end of April. These reviews are administrative visits conducted approximately halfway through the contract year. Providers are required to submit all administrative documents to the Hub-Martin (SAMIS) three business days prior to the scheduled visit. CSCMC Program Managers conduct a desk audit of those submitted materials in advance of the visit and are prepared to address any identified areas of concern during the review. Council members that signed up to accompany CSCMC staff to the visits are sent reminder emails in advance of their scheduled mid-year visit that includes details such as the program site’s address.

Staff Vacancy

A job posting for the vacant Program Manager position was posted on February 5, 2026. As part of the selection process, candidates for the Program Manager position were asked to make a video submission. In-person interviews will be scheduled for late March.

Martin Reads Initiative

The Martin Reads Changemaker Leadership met on March 9, 2026, to continue workshopping an actionable path forward to collectively support literacy. Members of this group agree that the three identified areas of concentration (pillars) should be filtered through three different age groups: Birth to 2 years old, 3 to 5 years old, and kindergarten through 3rd grade. The next meeting is on April 13, 2026. The Changemaker Leadership group anticipates presenting the completed plan to the Martin Reads Executive Roundtable at their May meeting.

System of Care Meetings

CSCMC has identified a need to convene a group of stakeholders and service providers around the topic of drowning prevention. CSCMC will recruit and host a meeting to begin the conversation about strengthening this system of care in Martin County. CSCMC will prioritize ensuring that duplication of services is avoided while maintaining the goal of increasing the number of Martin County families that receive drowning prevention education and entry-level swimming lessons for youth each year.

2026-2027 Request for Proposals – Strong, Nurturing Families and Safe, Stable Communities

Pending Council approval, the 2026-2027 Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released on March 26, 2026, and will include two funding priority areas: *Strong, Nurturing Families* and *Safe, Stable Communities*. The deadline for applicants to submit a proposal to CSCMC is May 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Potential proposers are strongly encouraged to attend the CSCMC Virtual Proposers Conference at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026, to learn more about the RFP and the application process. A link to register for this conference is posted on the CSCMC website.

Children's Services Council of Martin County

Financial Highlights and Notes for the Period Ending January 31, 2026

Council Workshop Review: March 11, 2026

For Council Approval: March 23, 2026

Balance Sheet

Assets

- A. All cash and investment accounts have been reconciled as of January 31, 2026.
- B. Cash and investments total approximately \$23.4 million.
- C. Accounts receivable total approximately \$30k and consist primarily of grant advances to providers. These balances are expected to decrease through fiscal year-end as advances are expended and reconciled.
- D. Prepaid expenses total approximately \$47k, consisting primarily of insurance premiums and property appraiser fees.

Liabilities

- E. Accounts payable total approximately \$1k.
- F. Grants payable total approximately \$888k, primarily related to approved program expenditures pending reimbursement.
- G. Other liabilities total approximately \$9k.

Fund Balance

- H. Approximately \$12.4 million is reserved for next fiscal year's grant awards
- I. Approximately \$461k is committed to the maintenance reserve, including roof replacement, air conditioning systems and parking lot repairs.
- J. Approximately \$571k is committed to the operating reserve, representing approximately three months of operating expenditures.
- K. The negative Unassigned Fund Balance resulted from a minor audit adjustment recorded in January to reflect a prepayment. An adjusting entry will be recorded in February to correct the classification.
- L. Approximately \$1.4 million is assigned for future program growth.

Income Statement

Variances ≥ \$10,000 are explained in the notes below.

Revenue

1. The increase from prior-year actual ad valorem tax revenue is primarily attributable to timing of collections and final tax roll adjustments.
2. Bank interest decreased compared to the prior year due to decreasing interest rates in 2025. The fed decreased interest rates 3 times in 2025, and each cut was 25 basis points.

Governmental Expenses

3. Administration and Program Salaries: Salaries decreased from the prior year due to several vacant positions, including the front desk, communications, and program roles.
4. Executive Director Salaries: The increase reflects a salary increase for the retired Executive Director, PTO payout to the retiring Executive Director and the overlap of the Executive Directors. Despite this temporary overlap, expenditure remains well within the approved budget.
5. The communications expense decrease is attributable to the absence of active social media contracts following the departure of the communications staff position.
6. Repair & Maintenance – Building: The decrease is due to the prior-year purchase of a new air handler for the community room.

Other Expenses

7. Tax Collector fees increased due to the timing of actual collections. In addition, a year-end distribution is received for unused fees.

Program Expenses

8. Program expenses are reimbursed based on actual expenditures incurred. Accordingly, variances reflect the timing of program activities, reimbursement requests (monthly or quarterly), and actual costs incurred.
9. Net income of approximately \$7.8 million as of January 31, 2026, reflects the timing of ad valorem tax collections early in the fiscal year due to statutory early-payment discounts. As of January 31, approximately 85% of revenues have been collected and 23% of expenditure was incurred.

Finance Highlights

Investment Activity: The Council's Florida PALM (Public Assets for Liquidity Management) investment account matures this month, and approximately \$2 million will be reinvested in accordance with the Council's investment policy. Additionally, \$3 million will be transferred from the Seacoast Operating Account to the Florida PALM Investment Program for a one-year investment at a guaranteed net rate of 3.75%, continuing to maximize investment earnings while maintaining

liquidity. Please note guaranteed interest rates fluctuate daily. 3.75% is the current annual rate as of March 10, 2026.

Current interest rates: SBA account 3.84% and fluctuates, FL Palm 3.75% and locked for one year maturing on March 11, 2027 and Seacoast is at 1.7% and can fluctuate.

Children's Services Council of Martin County

Balance Sheet
As of 1/31/2026

	<u>Current Year</u>	
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash - Checking	10,627,459.19	} A & B
Petty Cash	200.00	
Investments - SBA Trust Fund	10,711,166.49	
Investments - FL PALM	2,107,528.02	} C
Accounts Receivable	1,630.64	
Accounts Receivable - Grant Advance	28,769.16	} D
Prepaid Expenses	47,290.26	
Total Current Assets	<u>23,524,043.76</u>	
Total Assets	<u><u>23,524,043.76</u></u>	
 Liabilities		
Short-term Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,440.91	} E
Grants Payable	888,493.35	
Credit Card Payable	8,232.03	} G
Colonial Deductions - Payable	249.78	
Security Deposits	850.00	
Total Short-term Liabilities	<u>899,266.07</u>	
Total Liabilities	<u><u>899,266.07</u></u>	
 Net Assets		
Beginning Net Assets		
Fund Balance Assigned - Grant Carryover	12,398,783.00	} H
Fund Balance Assigned - Maintenance Reserve	460,571.00	
Fund Balance Assigned - Operating Cash Reserve	570,948.50	} J
Fund Balance - Unassigned	(868.00)	
Fund Balance - Non-Spendable	35,170.68	} L
Program Reserve - Strong, Nurturing Families & Safe, Stable Communities	302,015.20	
Program Reserve - Early Learning & Development	651,845.80	
Program Reserve - Youth Development / Academic Support	443,838.99	
Total Beginning Net Assets	<u>14,862,305.17</u>	
Current YTD Net Income	<u>7,762,472.52</u>	
Total Net Assets	<u><u>22,624,777.69</u></u>	
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u><u>23,524,043.76</u></u>	

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ARCMC	ARC of the Treasure Coast	ABLE JAN 2026	3/2/2026	40,921.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,921.26
Total ARCMC	ARC of the Treasure Coast			40,921.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,921.26
BALC	Banner Lake Club, Inc.	BLAST JAN 2026	2/28/2026	20,438.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,438.53
Total BALC	Banner Lake Club, Inc.			20,438.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,438.53
BBBS	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc.	YOUTH JAN 2026	3/2/2026	18,992.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,992.75
Total BBBS	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc.			18,992.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,992.75
BGCMC	Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County, Inc.	HEALTH DEC 2025	2/28/2026	9,142.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,142.49
		HEALTH JAN 2026	3/2/2026	20,367.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,367.20
		HYL JAN 2026	3/2/2026	115,633.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115,633.22
Total BGCMC	Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County, Inc.			145,142.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145,142.91
CISTUART	City of Stuart	POLICE JAN 2026	3/2/2026	4,780.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,780.45
Total CISTUART	City of Stuart			4,780.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,780.45
EASSF	Easter Seals Florida, Inc	EARLY STEPS JAN 2026	3/2/2026	12,091.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,091.83
Total EASSF	Easter Seals Florida, Inc			12,091.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,091.83
EGIS	Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors	INV #31388	3/5/2026	(100.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00)
Total EGIS	Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors			(100.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00)

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ELC	Early Learning Coalition of IR, MC & OKE, Inc.	CONTINUITY DEC 2025	2/28/2026	24,853.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,853.72
		LITERACY DEC 2025	2/28/2026	27,652.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,652.31
Total ELC	Early Learning Coalition of IR, MC & OKE, Inc.			52,506.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52,506.03
FCHC	Florida Community Health Centers	MATERNAL DEC 2025	2/28/2026	18,191.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,191.21
Total FCHC	Florida Community Health Centers			18,191.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,191.21
HIBCC	Hibiscus Children's Center, Inc.	HIBLITERA... JAN 2026	3/2/2026	2,603.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,603.08
Total HIBCC	Hibiscus Children's Center, Inc.			2,603.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,603.08
HOH	House of Hope	LSL OCT 25 - DEC 25	2/28/2026	22,402.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,402.01
		PROJH OCT25-NOV...	12/30/2025	0.00	0.00	35,563.60	0.00	0.00	35,563.60
Total HOH	House of Hope			22,402.01	0.00	35,563.60	0.00	0.00	57,965.61
HPS	Helping People Succeed, Inc.	ASQ DEC 2025	2/28/2026	8,729.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,729.92
		BABY DEC 2025	2/28/2026	14,367.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,367.24
		CBS DEC 2025	2/28/2026	17,073.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,073.26
		DIP DEC 2025	2/28/2026	13,705.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,705.39
		HF MATCH DEC 2025	2/28/2026	24,466.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,466.52
Total HPS	Helping People Succeed, Inc.			78,342.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	78,342.33
LOTW	Light of the World Charities, Inc.	LL JAN 2026	2/28/2026	30,358.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,358.35

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Total LOTW	Light of the World Charities, Inc.			30,358.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,358.35
MCBOCC	Martin County Board of County Commissioners	ASOS DEC 2025	1/30/2026	0.00	34,178.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,178.73
Total MCBOCC	Martin County Board of County Commissioners			0.00	34,178.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,178.73
MCHSC	Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc.	DOULA JAN 2026	3/2/2026	10,507.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,507.00
		DOULA NOV25-DEC...	2/28/2026	14,375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,375.00
		HSS JAN 2026	3/2/2026	29,769.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,769.08
		MOM JAN 2026	3/2/2026	17,857.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,857.26
		NF DEC 2025	2/28/2026	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Total MCHSC	Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc.			87,508.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87,508.34
NEWHORIZON	New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc.	STUDENT JAN 2026	3/2/2026	3,441.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,441.07
Total NEWHORIZON	New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc.			3,441.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,441.07
NicoleK	Nicole King	JAN 2026 TRVL NK	2/28/2026	128.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.40
Total NicoleK	Nicole King			128.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.40
PBBUS	Palm Beach Business Systems, Inc.	INV #5278451	3/2/2026	293.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	293.51
Total PBBUS	Palm Beach Business Systems, Inc.			293.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	293.51
PRIMTPB	Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc.	PTOOST JAN 2026	3/2/2026	9,925.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,925.49

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Total PRIMTPB	Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc.			9,925.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,925.49
PROJLI	Project LIFT, Inc.	BOYS & GIRLS DEC 25	2/28/2026	41,408.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,408.94
		PATHAC DEC 2025	2/28/2026	20,477.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,477.32
Total PROJLI	Project LIFT, Inc.			61,886.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61,886.26
SAFESP	SafeSpace, Inc.	SS PREV JAN 2026	2/28/2026	3,848.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,848.05
Total SAFESP	SafeSpace, Inc.			3,848.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,848.05
SERALI	Dennis M. Serafini's Complete Lawn Care, Inc.	INV #35948	2/28/2026	875.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	875.00
Total SERALI	Dennis M. Serafini's Complete Lawn Care, Inc.			875.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	875.00
STUMCC	Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce	CCM OCT25-DEC25	1/30/2026	0.00	1,385.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,385.64
Total STUMCC	Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce			0.00	1,385.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,385.64
TCFOOD	Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.	WCC JAN 2026	2/28/2026	23,483.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,483.99
Total TCFOOD	Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.			23,483.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,483.99
TYKTEEN	Tykes & Teens, Inc.	ALTOSS JAN 2026	2/28/2026	20,325.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,325.98
		CHILD JAN 2026	3/2/2026	26,563.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,563.51
		GMH JAN 2026	2/28/2026	76,861.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76,861.24
		IMH JAN 2026	2/28/2026	23,994.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,994.63

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		PREV JAN 2026	2/28/2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,426.59	19,426.59
Total TYKTEEN	Tykes & Teens, Inc.			147,745.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,426.59	167,171.95
USFHIPPY	The University of South Florida/Hippy MC	HIPPYTEC JAN 2026	3/2/2026	6,960.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,960.67
Total USFHIPPY	The University of South Florida/Hippy MC			6,960.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,960.67
UWMCPLEDGE	United Way of Martin County Employee Pledge Contributions	UW JANUARY 2026	2/28/2026	244.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.00
Total UWMCPLEDGE	United Way of Martin County Employee Pledge Contributions			244.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.00
YMCATC	YMCA of the Treasure Coast, Florida, Inc.	OOST JAN 2026	3/2/2026	6,368.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,368.82
Total YMCATC	YMCA of the Treasure Coast, Florida, Inc.			6,368.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,368.82
Report Total				799,379.70	35,564.37	35,563.60	0.00	19,426.59	889,934.26

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Operating Revenue				
Ad Valorem Taxes				
Ad Valorem Taxes	13,683,456.00	11,599,921.89	10,618,510.56	981,411.33 1
Total Ad Valorem Taxes	13,683,456.00	11,599,921.89	10,618,510.56	981,411.33
Interest Revenue				
Interest - SBA Trust Fund	480,000.00	145,845.35	164,033.74	(18,188.39) 2
Interest - Seacoast National Bank	144,000.00	37,352.47	40,145.50	(2,793.03)
Interest - Tax Collector	100.00	63.60	48.02	15.58
Interest - FL PALM	155,160.00	56.47	63.92	(7.45)
Total Interest Revenue	779,260.00	183,317.89	204,291.18	(20,973.29)
Grant and Other Revenue				
Miscellaneous Income	3,000.00	36.00	35.00	1.00
Rental Income	40,000.00	9,676.71	8,374.28	1,302.43
In-Kind Revenue	0.00	2,926.40	0.00	2,926.40
Total Grant and Other Revenue	43,000.00	12,639.11	8,409.28	4,229.83
Fund Balance Transfer				
Fund Balance Transfer	3,864,008.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Balance Transfer	3,864,008.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Operating Revenue	18,369,724.00	11,795,878.89	10,831,211.02	964,667.87
Capital Revenue				
Capital	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Capital Revenue	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Operating and Capital Revenue	18,389,724.00	11,795,878.89	10,831,211.02	964,667.87
Expenditures				
General Government Expenses				
Salaries				
Salaries - Administration	513,823.00	136,418.63	152,795.07	(16,376.44) 3
Salaries - Executive Director	278,525.00	106,440.42	45,634.03	60,806.39 4
Salaries - Program	456,084.00	122,611.83	139,402.40	(16,790.57) 3
Total Salaries	1,248,432.00	365,470.88	337,831.50	27,639.38
Payroll Taxes and Benefits				
FICA Matching - Administration	60,616.00	18,732.78	15,347.25	3,385.53
FICA Matching - Program	34,891.00	9,364.37	10,610.04	(1,245.67)
Workers Compensation - Administration	2,141.00	513.36	289.54	223.82
Workers Compensation - Program	1,232.00	513.40	243.49	269.91
Life/Health Insurance - Administration	113,652.00	20,294.65	22,858.69	(2,564.04)
Life/Health Insurance - Program	84,414.00	18,872.95	21,357.05	(2,484.10)
Health Savings Account - Administration	0.00	902.16	1,300.11	(397.95)
Retirement - Administration	118,853.00	37,307.25	27,657.10	9,650.15
Retirement - Program	68,413.00	17,322.84	18,141.64	(818.80)
Employer Match 457	2,600.00	1,384.60	1,437.48	(52.88)
Total Payroll Taxes and Benefits	486,812.00	125,208.36	119,242.39	5,965.97
Operating Expenses				
Advertising	3,000.00	647.80	137.28	510.52
Auditing	18,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Fees	2,000.00	290.64	394.00	(103.36)
Books/Publications/Subscriptions	25,000.00	19,947.33	15,421.42	4,525.91
Communications Services	52,000.00	19.00	12,588.26	(12,569.26) 5
Conference/Training	30,000.00	2,368.00	1,763.00	605.00
Dues/Memberships	28,000.00	22,184.00	24,502.52	(2,318.52)

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Executive Director - Discretionary	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	50,000.00	12,873.32	10,017.68	2,855.64
Office Supplies	12,000.00	1,403.85	2,026.08	(622.23)
Operating Expenses - Misc.	3,000.00	415.36	334.37	80.99
Operating Supplies - Building	12,000.00	1,229.37	1,495.66	(266.29)
Postage	200.00	46.80	0.00	46.80
Printing	4,200.00	1,090.72	971.76	118.96
Professional Services - Legal	10,000.00	5,740.38	734.40	5,005.98
Professional Services - Other	55,000.00	13,454.75	7,979.61	5,475.14
Repair & Maintenance - Building	120,000.00	30,080.55	44,035.41	(13,954.86) 6
Repair & Maintenance - Office Equipment	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SAMIS Expense	45,000.00	34,596.00	34,596.00	0.00
Small Office Equipment/Computer Supplies	20,000.00	2,940.21	3,526.06	(585.85)
Telephone/Internet Services	12,000.00	2,581.80	2,952.28	(370.48)
Temporary Staff	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	9,000.00	427.40	823.45	(396.05)
Travel - Executive Director Car Allowance	4,200.00	1,146.92	1,207.50	(60.58)
Utilities - Water & Sewer	7,200.00	1,202.80	1,178.55	24.25
Utilities - Electric	18,500.00	3,553.64	4,156.23	(602.59)
Tuition Assistance Program	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
In-Kind Rent Expense	0.00	2,926.40	0.00	2,926.40
Total Operating Expenses	548,550.00	161,167.04	170,841.52	(9,674.48)
Total General Government Expenses	2,283,794.00	651,846.28	627,915.41	23,930.87
Other				
Property Appraiser Fees	100,000.00	39,335.77	32,610.44	6,725.33
Special District - DCA Fees	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
Tax Collector Fees	130,000.00	232,179.32	212,551.09	19,628.23 7
Assigned Reserves - Building	24,597.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other	254,772.00	271,690.09	245,336.53	26,353.56
Program Services				
Salaries - HIPPY	0.00	0.00	38,013.81	(38,013.81)
FICA Matching - HIPPY	0.00	0.00	2,908.08	(2,908.08)
Life/Health Insurance - HIPPY	0.00	0.00	4,461.92	(4,461.92)
Retirement - HIPPY	0.00	0.00	3,043.34	(3,043.34)
Workers Compensation - HIPPY	0.00	0.00	620.31	(620.31)
Florida Department of Health-Martin County – FDOH School-Based Preventative Dental Sealant Program	296,137.00	56,626.71	58,156.23	(1,529.52)
Florida Department of Health-Martin County – School Health Program	412,341.00	90,511.47	117,756.99	(27,245.52)
Helping People Succeed - Baby Connections	282,579.00	40,152.78	74,188.69	(34,035.91)
House of Hope (dba); (Jesus House of Hope, Inc.) – Gardening to Grow Healthy Communities	144,757.00	39,998.07	20,686.70	19,311.37
Little Lights Dentistry (dba); (Light of the World Charities, Inc.) – Little Lights Dentistry	288,000.00	90,611.02	90,908.54	(297.52)

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Martin County Healthy Start Coalition - Healthy Start Services	292,506.00	106,455.96	89,975.52	16,480.44
Martin County Healthy Start Coalition - Nurse Family Partnership	194,000.00	50,818.00	27,325.76	23,492.24
Project L.I.F.T., Inc. – Teen Afterschool Program	362,304.00	95,771.01	112,358.66	(16,587.65)
Tykes & Teens - General Mental Health Program	795,202.00	265,295.23	213,320.37	51,974.86
Tykes & Teens - Infant Mental Health	241,900.00	81,537.80	54,596.44	26,941.36
Tykes & Teens - Prevention Services	202,281.00	52,934.92	54,371.99	(1,437.07)
Martin County Healthy Start Coalition - Community-Based Doula Program	94,600.00	32,617.00	11,450.62	21,166.38
Martin County Healthy Start Coalition - Maternal Safety Team Initiative	0.00	0.00	30,628.48	(30,628.48)
Children's Emergency Resources, Inc. – Children's Emergency Resources Program	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Adult and Pediatric Institute Foundation, Inc. - Comprehensive Autism Diagnostic Evaluations	20,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	(5,000.00)
Helping People Succeed - ASQ Universal Screening Program	115,456.00	30,213.79	36,529.94	(6,316.15)
Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Inc. – Boys and Girls Clubs Behavioral Health Program	260,000.00	74,406.79	0.00	74,406.79
Center for Child Counseling, Inc. – Education and Prevention Services	20,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. – Maternal and Child Health	218,289.00	54,572.68	0.00	54,572.68
Hope Center for Autism, Inc. – Hope Beginnings: Where Connections Begin	102,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Martin County Healthy Start Coalition – Prenatal Care Services - MOM Mobile	201,273.00	67,860.26	0.00	67,860.26
NAMI Treasure Coast FL, Inc. – Pathways to Resilience: Peer-Led Mental Health Education and Support	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc. – Student Assistance Program	35,000.00	10,361.77	0.00	10,361.77
The Inner Truth Project, Inc. - Teen and Family Program	94,160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
City of Stuart, Florida – Youth Crime Prevention/Intervention Program	57,585.00	18,643.72	17,341.14	1,302.58
Martin County - Swimming Provides Learners with Aquatics Safety & Health (SPLASH)	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SafeSpace, Inc. – Youth Outreach Prevention Program (fka SafeSpace Prevention Program) (Y.O.U.R.=You	51,975.00	16,066.92	17,953.58	(1,886.66)
Tykes & Teens - Alternative to Out of School Suspension (ALTOSS)	147,840.00	59,844.81	49,878.11	9,966.70

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YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Swimming Provides Learners with Aquatics Safety & Health (SPLASH)	11,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Safe Kids St. Lucie County, Inc. – Safe Kids Treasure Coast Child Passenger Safety Program	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Martin County Police Athletic League, Inc. (Martin County PAL) – Mini Mobile PAL	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
Speak Life Performing Arts Company, Inc.	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast - HelpLine	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)
Boys Town South Florida - In-Home Family Services	0.00	0.00	62,720.29	(62,720.29)
Helping People Succeed - Healthy Families Martin Match	323,805.00	83,784.18	104,042.85	(20,258.67)
Treasure Coast Food Bank, Incorporated. – Whole Child Connection	283,359.00	93,832.83	99,781.55	(5,948.72)
House of Hope (dba); (Jesus House of Hope, Inc.) – Project HOPE: Family-Centered Coaching (HOPE = He	346,500.00	35,563.60	38,030.09	(2,466.49)
Martin Chamber Foundation, Inc. - CareerConnect Martin	20,000.00	1,385.64	0.00	1,385.64
Early Learning Coalition - Continuity of Care	553,846.00	66,603.19	103,253.36	(36,650.17)
Early Learning Coalition - Early Childhood Specialist Coaching Program	502,483.00	90,813.89	133,025.99	(42,212.10)
Early Learning Coalition - ELC Match	0.00	0.00	2,613.03	(2,613.03)
Easter Seals Florida - Treasure Coast Early Steps Program	169,956.00	48,244.36	37,947.42	10,296.94
Helping People Succeed - Children's Behavioral Support	231,151.00	56,679.51	75,855.06	(19,175.55)
Helping People Succeed - Developmental Intervention Program	185,889.00	48,699.31	56,256.72	(7,557.41)
Martin Reads Community Awareness - CSCMC Martin Reads	0.00	0.00	5,655.68	(5,655.68)
Library Foundation of Martin County - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
University of South Florida Board of Trustees - HIPPY Martin County	321,443.00	16,413.94	0.00	16,413.94
Family Empowerment Foundation - HIPPY Martin County	50,000.00	52,750.70	18,424.61	34,326.09
House of Hope (dba); (Jesus House of Hope, Inc.) – Let's Start Learning	82,005.00	22,402.01	17,885.80	4,516.21
Tykes & Teens - Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services	316,545.00	93,758.85	55,900.99	37,857.86
Martin County Parent Training Series	10,000.00	0.00	345.65	(345.65)
Education Foundation of Martin County, Inc. - PSE Lab School Literacy Coaches	194,250.00	26,868.53	15,755.02	11,113.51

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Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

From 10/1/2025 Through 1/31/2026

	2025 - 2026 Approved Budget	Current Year Actual	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Change
Martin Reads Programmatic Investment - Martin Reads Future Literacy Program	91,743.00	3,622.19	0.00	3,622.19
Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, Inc. – Reach Out and Read	73,500.00	36,500.00	28,860.00	7,640.00
ARC of the Treasure Coast - Alternative Behavioral Learning Environment (ABLE)	420,611.00	127,482.75	108,938.11	18,544.64
Banner Lake Club - Banner Lake After School Time (BLAST)	262,476.00	91,581.91	82,742.96	8,838.95
Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Inc. – High Yield Learning Program	905,097.00	384,983.78	188,838.99	196,144.79
Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Inc. - K-8 Academic Success	0.00	0.00	29,596.06	(29,596.06)
Hibiscus Children's Center - Shelter Literacy Program	35,000.00	13,243.98	12,127.20	1,116.78
Martin County - After School/Out of School (ASOS)	407,347.00	84,678.17	101,425.91	(16,747.74)
Prime Time - Martin County Out of School Time Quality Improvement Initiative	143,173.00	40,416.15	42,625.61	(2,209.46)
YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Out of School Time Program	105,000.00	24,237.48	22,041.70	2,195.78
Business and Leadership Institute for Early Learning, Inc. – Accreditation Academy & Master Class Wo	164,376.00	18,337.00	26,296.75	(7,959.75)
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Youth Mentoring: Igniting Potential	235,765.00	79,714.50	64,678.79	15,035.71
Hope Center for Autism, Inc. - Pathways to Promise Afterschool Program	93,259.00	16,457.08	15,316.97	1,140.11
Project L.I.F.T. - Pathway Academy of Innovation	157,500.00	43,013.76	39,694.04	3,319.72
Total Program Services	11,758,514.00	3,102,370.00	2,752,152.42	350,217.58 8
Special Funding				
Capacity Building Funding	50,000.00	0.00	30,048.75	(30,048.75)
Organization Development	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Engagement/Sponsorship	15,000.00	7,500.00	2,000.00	5,500.00
Total Special Funding	115,000.00	7,500.00	32,048.75	(24,548.75)
Other Program Services				
Future Discretionary Allocations	525,269.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Future Program Allocations	3,432,375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Program Services	3,957,644.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	18,369,724.00	4,033,406.37	3,657,453.11	375,953.26
Operating Profit/(Loss)	0.00	7,762,472.52	7,173,757.91	588,714.61
				9 - Net Income
Capital Expenses				
Capital - Furniture & Equipment	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Capital Expenses	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Operating & Capital Expenses	18,389,724.00	4,033,406.37	3,657,453.11	375,953.26

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Normal Trial Balance

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Account Code	Account Title	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
1	General Fund		
1000	Cash - Checking	10,627,459.19	
1001	Petty Cash	200.00	
1002	Investments - SBA Trust Fund	10,711,166.49	
1003	Investments - FL PALM	2,107,528.02	
1150	Accounts Receivable	1,630.64	
1250	Accounts Receivable - Grant Advance	28,769.16	
1510	Accrued Compensated Absences	158,009.32	
1511	Accrued Compensated Absences - FICA	12,087.71	
1512	Accrued Compensated Absences - Retirement	23,701.40	
1550	Prepaid Expenses	47,290.26	
2000	Accounts Payable		1,440.91
2001	Grants Payable		888,493.35
2099	Credit Card Payable		8,232.03
2110	Accrued Compensated Absences		158,009.32
2111	Accrued Compensated Absences - FICA		12,087.71
2112	Accrued Compensated Absences - Retirement		23,701.40
2171	Colonial Deductions - Payable		249.78
2200	Security Deposits		850.00
2500	Fund Balance Assigned - Grant Carryover		12,398,783.00
2501	Fund Balance Assigned - Maintenance Reserve		460,571.00
2504	Fund Balance Assigned - Operating Cash Reserve		570,948.50
2505	Fund Balance - Unassigned	868.00	
2506	Fund Balance - Non-Spendable		35,170.68
2516	Program Reserve - Strong, Nurturing Families & Safe, Stable Communities		302,015.20
2517	Program Reserve - Early Learning & Development		651,845.80
2518	Program Reserve - Youth Development / Academic Support		443,838.99
3000	Ad Valorem Taxes		11,599,921.89
3003	Interest - SBA Trust Fund		145,845.35
3004	Interest - Seacoast National Bank		37,352.47
3005	Interest - Tax Collector		63.60
3006	Miscellaneous Income		36.00
3007	Rental Income		9,676.71
3012	Interest - FL PALM		56.47
3013	In-Kind Revenue		2,926.40
5000	Salaries - Administration	136,418.63	
5001	Salaries - Executive Director	106,440.42	
5002	Salaries - Program	122,611.83	
5004	FICA Matching - Administration	18,732.78	
5005	FICA Matching - Program	9,364.37	
5008	Workers Compensation - Administration	513.36	
5009	Workers Compensation - Program	513.40	
5010	Life/Health Insurance - Administration	20,294.65	
5011	Life/Health Insurance - Program	18,872.95	
5012	Health Savings Account - Administration	902.16	
5014	Retirement - Administration	37,307.25	
5015	Retirement - Program	17,322.84	
5016	Employer Match 457	1,384.60	
5030	Advertising	647.80	
5032	Bank Fees	290.64	
5033	Books/Publications/Subscriptions	19,947.33	
5034	Communications Services	19.00	
5035	Conference/Training	2,368.00	
5037	Dues/Memberships	22,184.00	
5040	Insurance	12,873.32	

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Account Code	Account Title	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
5042	Office Supplies	1,403.85	
5043	Operating Expenses - Misc.	415.36	
5044	Operating Supplies - Building	1,229.37	
5045	Postage	46.80	
5046	Printing	1,090.72	
5047	Professional Services - Legal	5,740.38	
5048	Professional Services - Other	13,454.75	
5049	Property Appraiser Fees	39,335.77	
5050	Repair & Maintenance - Building	30,080.55	
5052	SAMIS Expense	34,596.00	
5053	Small Office Equipment/Computer Supplies	2,940.21	
5054	Special District - DCA Fees	175.00	
5055	Tax Collector Fees	232,179.32	
5056	Telephone/Internet Services	2,581.80	
5058	Travel	427.40	
5059	Travel - Executive Director Car Allowance	1,146.92	
5060	Utilities - Water & Sewer	1,202.80	
5061	Utilities - Electric	3,553.64	
5202	In-Kind Rent Expense	2,926.40	
6001	Florida Department of Health-Martin County – FDOH School-Based Preventative Dental Sealant Program	56,626.71	
6002	Florida Department of Health-Martin County – School Health Program	90,511.47	
6003	Helping People Succeed - Baby Connections	40,152.78	
6004	House of Hope (dba); (Jesus House of Hope, Inc.) – Gardening to Grow Healthy Communities	39,998.07	
6005	Little Lights Dentistry (dba); (Light of the World Charities, Inc.) – Little Lights Dentistry	90,611.02	
6007	Martin County Healthy Start Coalition - Healthy Start Services	106,455.96	
6008	Martin County Healthy Start Coalition - Nurse Family Partnership	50,818.00	
6009	Project L.I.F.T., Inc. – Teen Afterschool Program	95,771.01	
6012	Tykes & Teens - General Mental Health Program	265,295.23	
6013	Tykes & Teens - Infant Mental Health	81,537.80	
6014	Tykes & Teens - Prevention Services	52,934.92	
6017	Martin County Healthy Start Coalition - Community-Based Doula Program	32,617.00	
6019	Children's Emergency Resources, Inc. – Children's Emergency Resources Program	10,000.00	
6020	Adult and Pediatric Institute Foundation, Inc. - Comprehensive Autism Diagnostic Evaluations	5,000.00	
6021	Helping People Succeed - ASQ Universal Screening Program	30,213.79	
6022	Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Inc. – Boys and Girls Clubs Behavioral Health Program	74,406.79	
6023	Center for Child Counseling, Inc. – Education and Prevention Services	10,000.00	
6024	Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. – Maternal and Child Health	54,572.68	
6026	Martin County Healthy Start Coalition – Prenatal Care Services - MOM Mobile	67,860.26	
6028	New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc. – Student Assistance Program	10,361.77	
6201	City of Stuart, Florida – Youth Crime Prevention/Intervention Program	18,643.72	

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Account Code	Account Title	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
6203	SafeSpace, Inc. – Youth Outreach Prevention Program (fka SafeSpace Prevention Program) (Y.O.U.R.=You	16,066.92	
6205	Tykes & Teens - Alternative to Out of School Suspension (ALTOSS)	59,844.81	
6208	Martin County Police Athletic League, Inc. (Martin County PAL) – Mini Mobile PAL	20,000.00	
6209	Speak Life Performing Arts Company, Inc.	20,000.00	
6406	Helping People Succeed - Healthy Families Martin Match	83,784.18	
6409	Treasure Coast Food Bank, Incorporated. – Whole Child Connection	93,832.83	
6412	House of Hope (dba); (Jesus House of Hope, Inc.) – Project HOPE: Family-Centered Coaching (HOPE = He	35,563.60	
6413	Martin Chamber Foundation, Inc. - CareerConnect Martin	1,385.64	
6604	Early Learning Coalition - Continuity of Care	66,603.19	
6605	Early Learning Coalition - Early Childhood Specialist Coaching Program	90,813.89	
6607	Easter Seals Florida - Treasure Coast Early Steps Program	48,244.36	
6608	Helping People Succeed - Children's Behavioral Support	56,679.51	
6609	Helping People Succeed - Developmental Intervention Program	48,699.31	
6615	University of South Florida Board of Trustees - HIPPY Martin County	16,413.94	
6617	Family Empowerment Foundation - HIPPY Martin County	52,750.70	
6618	House of Hope (dba); (Jesus House of Hope, Inc.) – Let's Start Learning	22,402.01	
6619	Tykes & Teens - Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services	93,758.85	
6621	Education Foundation of Martin County, Inc. - PSE Lab School Literacy Coaches	26,868.53	
6622	Martin Reads Programmatic Investment - Martin Reads Future Literacy Program	3,622.19	
6623	Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, Inc. – Reach Out and Read	36,500.00	
6800	ARC of the Treasure Coast - Alternative Behavioral Learning Environment (ABLE)	127,482.75	
6801	Banner Lake Club - Banner Lake After School Time (BLAST)	91,581.91	
6804	Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Inc. – High Yield Learning Program	384,983.78	
6808	Hibiscus Children's Center - Shelter Literacy Program	13,243.98	
6810	Martin County - After School/Out of School (ASOS)	84,678.17	
6813	Prime Time - Martin County Out of School Time Quality Improvement Initiative	40,416.15	
6815	YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Out of School Time Program	24,237.48	
6816	Business and Leadership Institute for Early Learning, Inc. – Accreditation Academy & Master Class Wo	18,337.00	
6817	Big Brothers Big Sisters - Youth Mentoring: Igniting Potential	79,714.50	
6818	Hope Center for Autism, Inc. - Pathways to Promise Afterschool Program	16,457.08	
6819	Project L.I.F.T. - Pathway Academy of Innovation	43,013.76	
6952	Community Engagement/Sponsorship	7,500.00	
Balance 1	General Fund	0.00	
2	Government Wide Fund		
1800	Fixed Assets/Furniture & Equipment	385,272.57	
1802	Fixed Assets/Land	535,410.00	

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<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Debit Balance</u>	<u>Credit Balance</u>
1803	Building	2,145,390.43	
2800	Investment In Fixed Assets		3,066,073.00
Balance 2	Government Wide Fund	0.00	
Report Total		30,818,189.56	30,818,189.56
Report Difference		0.00	



Martin County Taxpayers Association

Monthly Newsletter

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submitted by
Executive Director – Laura Haase

Children's Services Council's

Investment in Helping People Succeed's Healthy Families program: A High-Impact Investment in Strong, Nurturing Families

One of Children's Services Council of Martin County's (CSCMC) primary responsibilities is ensuring that local tax dollars are used wisely to make a meaningful difference for children and families in our community. The Healthy Families program, delivered locally through HPS, Helping People Succeed, Inc., is a clear example of how early prevention support services to families maximize the impact of local resources.

Healthy Families is a nationally accredited, evidence-based home-visiting program that works with parents, from pregnancy until their child turns five years old, who are experiencing challenges that may affect their parent-child relationship. Family Support and Engagement Specialists meet with parents in their homes to build positive parenting skills, support healthy child development, and connect families to medical, educational, and other needed community services. Participation in the program is voluntary, and families must meet eligibility criteria to participate, ensuring that families most in need have access to services.

The financial leverage of this program is considerable. CSCMC's local match of \$323,805 brings in more than \$1,000,000 in state funding to support Healthy Families Florida services in Martin County. Additional grants and philanthropic contributions further expand the program's capacity. Just as important, are the outcomes — among the high-risk population this program serves, 100% of families had no verified findings of abuse or neglect six months after case closure. This level of prevention not only protects children but also reduces future taxpayer costs by avoiding far more expensive and intensive system involvement.

To further this commitment, CSCMC will release a Request for Proposals for its *Strong, Nurturing Families* funding priority area at the end of March 2026, continuing its investment of local tax dollars in effective, prevention-focused programs like Healthy Families that strengthen families and help children thrive.



. Three New Gardens Help House of Hope Bring Nutrition Education and Fun to Martin County Children

STUART, Fla. – Carrots growing deep in the ground, peppers sprouting on a bush, bananas hanging from a tree – these are all astonishing sights for the school children when the House of Hope’s Traveling Nutrition Education Garden comes to visit.

Now, thanks to three new gardens installed at Martin County Parks & Recreation facilities, more children will learn where their food comes from and why fresh fruits and vegetables are important to their health.

County Commissioners Sarah Heard and Stacy Hetherington are funding new gardens in their district and will join House of Hope for ribbon cuttings in March.



Children in the Parks & Recreation after school program already take part in a nutrition education program that teaches the importance of healthy habits and good nutrition. Now the children at three sites will

have the opportunity to visit a garden on the premises, gather what's ready for picking, taste some of the harvest, and learn quick and easy recipes that they can do at home.

The gardens of fruits, veggies, herbs, edible flowers and pollinators have been installed and will be maintained by Urban Abundance. The company typically maintains organic raised bed gardens for individual homeowners or renters, but they're eager to be involved in helping young people learn about soil, plants, fertilizers, and the joy of growing one's own fruits and vegetables.

"House of Hope committed itself to helping our community improve its nutrition," said House of Hope CEO Rob Ranieri, "and over the past few years, we've come up with innovative ways to do that. Our Growing Hope Farm in Palm City has been a gamechanger for providing fresh fruits and vegetables to our clients and food pantry partners, for example, and our Nutrition Education Gardens are a way to both teach young people and get them excited about what they're learning."

The three new garden sites are located at the GAAP (Golden Gate Alternative Afterschool Program and at REACH (Reimagining Education and Career Help) in Stuart and at JASE (the Jensen After School Experience) in Jensen Beach,

House of Hope's gardening and nutrition education programs have been operating since 2016. The nonprofit sponsors several gardens across the county, with significant funding from the **Children's Services Council of Martin County**. Last year more than 12,300 individuals benefited from these nutrition education programs.

"Health matters," Ranieri said, "and all of the research says that good nutrition is key. We're pleased to be front and center in helping our community members appreciate where our food comes from and why nutrition is important."

To learn more about House of Hope or make a donation, visit House of Hope's website at www.hohmartin.org or call 772-286-4673.

About House of Hope

Founded in 1984, House of Hope is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers Martin County residents to overcome hunger and hardship. House of Hope touches the lives of more than 43,800 people each month, helping with basic needs such as food, clothing, furniture, financial assistance, as well as longer-term case management services that help build life skills for a more self-sufficient future.

The organization has service centers in Stuart, Hobe Sound, Indiantown, and Jensen Beach, with thrift stores in Stuart, Hobe Sound, and Indiantown. House of Hope's Centers for Enrichment at Golden Gate in Stuart, in Jensen Beach, and at KinDoo Family Center in Indiantown offer free programs, technology, and workshops designed to enhance life skills, earning potential, health, and overall well-being.

House of Hope also operates the Growing Hope Farm in Palm City and several nutrition gardens that provide sustainable sources of fresh produce for clients as well as nutrition education and vocational opportunities to the community. For more information, visit hohmartin.org or call 772-286-4673. Updates and announcements can also be found on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)