Family Services Initiative (FSI) is a **collaborative prevention model** built on a collective impact framework that reaches across Pinellas County’s numerous social service agencies to help struggling families.

**-5 CORE PARTNERS-**

- 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc.
- Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services
- Juvenile Welfare Board
- Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services (PEMHS)

**1,656 FAMILIES**

- **2,171 Adults**
- **3,764 children**

A typical FSI family:

A Black/African American adult female with one child living in a high-risk ZIP code at 100% of the poverty level

**Safe and Stable Home**

families **remained in their own home** through FSI rent assistance - a **22% increase from last year**

**Cost Avoidance through Rent Assistance**

- Estimated $1,750,000 shelter cost avoided (avg. 30 day stay)
- **$720,000 cost avoidance**
- $1,030,000 FSI funds invested in rental assistance (avg. cost per family $1,142)

A study on temporary financial assistance for families at risk of being homeless showed financial assistance **reduced the likelihood that family will enter a shelter within 6 months of assistance by 76%**.

FSI FY18 Results

857 families remained in their own home through rent assistance
452 families maintained essential quality of life through utility assistance
251 families maintained an adequate diet through food assistance

**Family Stabilization**

Navigation assists families in need through coordination services and successful linkage to community resources.

90% of families demonstrated increased stability* after services were complete as measured by the adapted Self-Sufficiency Matrix**

*A paired t-test of Self-Sufficiency Matrix scores before services and after services demonstrated the increase in family stability was statistically significant.


**Percent of FSI Spending by Category**

- 59% ($1,033,355) Rent
- 16% ($281,077) Placement Assistance/Shelter
- 10% ($176,209) Utilities
- 7% ($128,410) Furniture/Bedding
- 3% ($48,571) Transportation
- 2% ($36,807) Food
- 2% ($34,661) Other Incidental
- 1% ($7,855) Child Care