

FAMILY SERVICES INITIATIVE

STRONGER FAMILIES. STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

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)

\$1,030,000 FSI funds invested in rental assistance (avg. cost per family \$1,142)



**\$720,000
cost
avoidance**

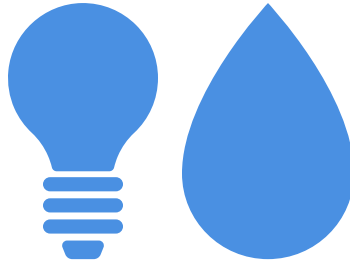
A study on temporary financial assistance for families at risk of being homeless showed financial assistance **reduced the likelihood that family will enter a shelter within 6 months of assistance by 76%.***

*Evans, William N., James X. Sullivan, and Melanie Wallskog. 2016. "The Impact of Homelessness Prevention Programs on Homelessness." Science 353(6300): 694-99.

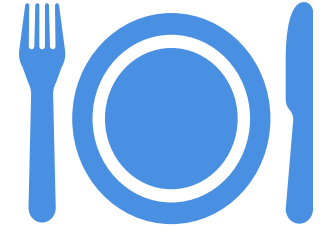
FSI FY18 Results



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.
**Snohomish County, Washington, Self-Sufficiency Taskforce. (2005, June). Self-sufficiency matrix: An assessment and measurement tool created through a collaborative partnership of the human services community in Snohomish County. Retrieved from Snohomish County, Washington: <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/documentcenter/view/7131>

Percent of FSI Spending by Category

