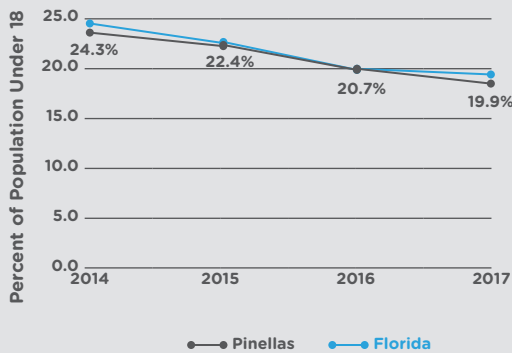


PINELLAS CHILDHOOD HUNGER IMPACT SHEET

Children in Pinellas County face hunger every day. One in five live in homes with low food security, meaning they do not have enough food at times for an active, healthy life. Over half qualify for free or reduced price lunches. While there were many philanthropic and community efforts in place to nourish hungry children using funding sources external to the Juvenile Welfare Board, there was a lack of coordination. In 2015, JWB launched the Childhood Hunger Initiative to drive communication and collaboration, convening partners to work collectively to increase access, align resources, and fill gaps.

Childhood Food Insecurity Rates By Year



INITIATIVE REACH

4,500

Meal packs were given to students EACH WEEK for nourishment on weekends and holidays – an increase of more than 200% for the Pack-A-Snack weekend food program from 2012 to 2019!

625,998

Meals were provided to children at 165 Summer BreakSpot sites in 2019; overall BreakSpot sites have increased by 20% since 2014.

171,120

Shelf-stable meals were sent home with children at 13 JWB partner sites (e.g. Neighborhood Family Centers, Summer Bridge sites, etc.).

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Youth attended a Teen Food Insecurity Summit, as part of a 2018 study that led to teen-driven initiatives (e.g. School Nutrition Action Teams, breakfast carts, and school-based food pantries).

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Partner agencies are working collectively to fill gaps and feed hungry children.

CAMPAIGN VISION

All Pinellas County children will have access to nourishing meals on weekends, summer, and holiday breaks from school.



31,900

1 in 5 children in Pinellas County are food insecure



854,880

1 in 5 children in Florida are food insecure



12,540,000

1 in 6 children in the United States are food insecure

KEY STRATEGIES

Drive coordination among partners to align and maximize resources

Increase children's access to nourishing food on weekends, summer, and holiday breaks

Address teen food insecurity through youth-led initiatives

Collect data and measure results that demonstrate impact

CHILDHOOD HUNGER IMPLICATIONS



Pregnancy complications; low birthweight; and difficulty achieving developmental milestones



Difficulty focusing and learning; lower reading and math scores; and behavioral health issues (e.g. hyperactivity, anxiety, and depression)



Acute and chronic physical health issues; higher rates of asthma, anemia, and oral health issues, plus 25% more likely to use ER

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