

# FIRST IN THE NATION TO MAKE CHILDREN A PRIORITY

In 1945, a group of courageous Pinellas County leaders were the first in the nation to collectively make children a priority.

At that time, few alternatives existed for troubled and dependent minors, and children as young as three and four years old were housed in adult jail.

Three early champions were Juvenile Judge Lincoln Bogue, St. Petersburg Junior League Founder Mailande Holland Barton, and Attorney Leonard Cooperman.

They drafted legislation, and on November 5, 1946, Pinellas County voters enacted the Juvenile Welfare Board Special Act into law. It was the nation's first independent board charged with guarding the rights and needs of children.



MISSION: We invest in partnerships, innovation, and advocacy to strengthen Pinellas County children and families.

**VISION:** All children in Pinellas County will have equitable opportunity to fulfill their potential and achieve meaningful and purposeful lives as a result of JWB and our partners.

**ABOUT:** For 75 years, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County (JWB) has been committed to making children a priority by guarding their rights and needs, and investing to improve their futures. Established by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature and governed by an 11-member Board, JWB is a data-driven organization that responsibly directs community investments to ensure children are ready to learn, ready to succeed, and ready to thrive in homes, schools, and neighborhoods that are healthy and safe. JWB invests in 85 quality programs with 55 nonprofit agencies, and works collectively to address childhood hunger, grade-level reading, and preventable child deaths. JWB's annual impact budget of \$87.3 million strengthened the lives of more than 58,000 children and families last year, and we invest annually across six strategic result areas: Early Childhood Development, School Readiness, School Success, the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Strengthening Community, and Organizational Capacity.

# STRATEGIC RESULT AREA GOALS



Early Childhood Development

Children zero to three will meet appropriate physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and developmental milestones.



#### **School Readiness**

Children served by JWB-funded School Readiness programs will enter kindergarten ready to learn.



#### School Success

Children served by JWB-funded School Success programs will maintain or show improvement in grades, attendance, and behavior, and will achieve promotion to the next grade.

# JWB GOVERNING BOARD

**Michael Mikurak, Chair** Gubernatorial Appointee

Hon. Patrice Moore, Vice Chair

Unified Family Court Judge Sixth Judicial Circuit

Hon. Rick Butler, Secretary Gubernatorial Appointee

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VACANT Gubernatorial Appointee

# FACTS Juvenile Welfare Board



## **Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect**

Children served by JWB-funded Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect Programs programs will thrive in safe and healthy environments.



## **Strengthening Community**

Children served by JWB-funded Strengthening Community programs will benefit from collective neighborhood initiatives driven by empowered community leaders.



#### **Organizational Capacity**

JWB will have a skilled and diverse workforce powered by robust technology to enhance the well-being of children and families

> **Division Chief Jim Millican** Gubernatorial Appointee

Hon. Sara Mollo Public Defender Sixth Judicial Circuit

Susan Rolston Gubernatorial Appointee

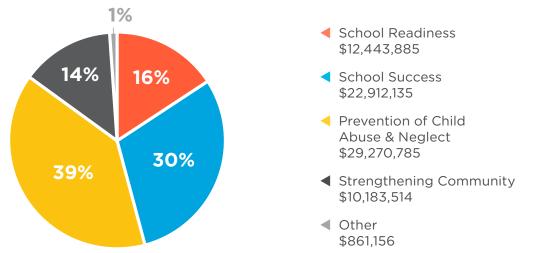
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# JWB BUDGET

JWB's revenues consist primarily of ad valorem property taxes, plus other revenue streams including interest and contributions. Our ad valorem property tax rate is less than 1% (.8981), and we invest annually across six strategic result areas: Early Childhood Development, School Readiness, School Success, the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Strengthening Community, and Organizational Capacity.

# FY21 Total Children & Family Program Investments: \$75,671,475



\*Budget category labeled "Other" includes future programming and contingency funding, and note that there were no program investments budgeted for Early Childhood Development given it was year-one for this new result area.

# WHAT WE DO



# INVESTMENTS

#### \$87,326,669 Impact Budget

Invested to impact the lives of children and their families

#### \$1,486,960 **One-Time Funding**

Awarded for nonoperating and capital program upgrades

#### \$.88 of Every Dollar

Devoted to direct services for Pinellas County children



# **PROGRAM REACH**

#### 58.366 Children & Families

Strengthened by Pinellas County citizen investments

# **55 Nonprofit Agencies**

Funded by JWB to deliver quality programs

#### **85 Quality Programs**

Aligned with JWB's Strategic Plan to improve children's lives



# **COMMUNITY REACH**

#### **42** Community Council Members

Bridging JWB to the communities they serve in North, Mid-, and South Pinellas

## 4,665 Citizens

Served through JWB-led trainings, conferences, and community outreach efforts

#### **174 Agency Partners**

Working collectively with JWB on childhood hunger, grade-level reading, and preventable child deaths

# **FOCUS & IMPACT**

# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

0-3 Think Tank members convene regularly to inform JWB's work

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## 80%

Of brain growth occurs in baby's first 3 years; a new campaign will promote this



# SCHOOL SUCCESS

19.104 Youth equipped to learn & succeed in school & community settings

## 12.799

Free books to kids, plus literacy support offered by Grade-Level Reading Campaign



# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

Families served by 9 Neighborhood



1.670

Family Centers



2,704,636

Initiative partners

Free meals to kids from

JWB & Childhood Hunger

# SCHOOL READINESS

# 3,633

Children prepared for Kindergarten success - and beyond



#### 258

Early childhood education degree scholarships awarded since 2018



# **PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT**

### 33.959

Families strengthened, stabilized & helped with real-time supports

#### 1.200

Children accessing mental health services within Pediatric practices





# **ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

# 2

New data systems launched for grants management & participant management



# 2

Main tenets to JWB's Consensus Platform - child nutrition & early childhood development

