Early Childhood Development

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

Strategy 3.1: Implement a cognitive, social, and emotional evaluation tool to link children 0-3 to critical service.
Strategy 3.2: Engage parents, grandparents, and other significant adults in a child’s life to promote healthy caregiver relationships and to provide advocates for young children.
Strategy 3.3: Launch campaign targeting parents and caregivers to ensure children 0-3 achieve critical milestones and that practical application of early childhood education principles are understandable, known, and applied.
Strategy 3.4: Invest in the expansion of capacity for high-quality child care for children 0-3 in areas of historically low opportunity, in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition.

Strategy 3.5: Strengthen and continue home visiting programming targeting high-risk populations.
Strategy 3.6: Develop or adopt Program Level Core Outcomes and evidenced-based measures.
Strategy 3.7: Collaborate with funding agencies to infuse training on best practices with data-driven outcomes in grandparent engagement.
Strategy 3.8: Implement a Workforce Stabilization Program to stabilize funded agency workforce.
Strategy 3.9: Procure and implement new programs to meet strategic goals.

School Readiness

Children will enter kindergarten ready to learn.

Strategy 2.1: Employ cross-cutting tools in all programs to measure cognitive, social, and emotional well-being. Utilize data to link to necessary services and inform programming. Delivery of service linkages and the services themselves will be high-quality.

Strategy 2.2: Continue funding of high-quality wrap services for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) in collaboration with the Early Learning Coalition.
Strategy 2.3: Implement a Workforce Stabilization Program to stabilize funded agency workforce.
Strategy 2.4: Procure and implement new programs to meet strategic goals.

Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Children will thrive in safe and healthy environments.

Strategy 4.1: Convene and train targeted JWB providers on tenets of the Families First Prevention Act designed to provide a system-wide prevention-first approach to reducing child abuse and neglect.
Strategy 4.2: Work collaboratively with child welfare system for service provisions for high-risk families to safely maintain children in their homes.
Strategy 4.3: Research evidence-based and evidence-informed programming to procure and implement high-quality respite services.
Strategy 4.4: Collaborate with funded agencies to infuse training on best practices with data-driven outcomes in father engagement.
Strategy 4.5: Continue to serve as the backbone of the Prevent Needless Death Campaign designed to eliminate preventable child deaths.
Strategy 4.6: Continue to serve as the backbone in the Children’s Mental Health Initiative, driving system-wide coordination.
Strategy 4.7: Collaborate with funded agencies to establish universal screening and linkage to treatment for children.
Strategy 4.8: Lead the Family Services Initiative (FSI) to stabilize Pinellas County families, including the prevention of homelessness, through connection to community resources and other basic needs.
Strategy 4.9: Implement a Workforce Stabilization Program to stabilize funded agency workforce.
Strategy 4.10: Procure and implement new programs to meet strategic goals.

Organizational Capacity

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

Strategy 5.1: Advocate for the interests of children in Pinellas County.
Strategy 5.2: Understand and apply cultural intelligence tenets within the organization and with our funded partners.
Strategy 5.3: Provide opportunities for staff to acquire the necessary skills to perform their jobs, fulfill anticipated skill gaps, and manage performance.
Strategy 5.4: Employ the necessary data systems to analyze information to drive agency decisions, including disaggregation of data by opportunity risk factors.

Strengthening Community

Children will benefit from collective neighborhood initiatives driven by empowered community leaders.

Strategy 5.1: Work with the Neighborhood Family Centers (NFCs) to strengthen family support services through training and coaching NFC Family Support Staff on best practices and an array of service availability, including linkages to FSI.
Strategy 5.2: NFC Family Support Staff will be trained in an evidence-based model of service delivery to enhance coordination of care.
Strategy 5.3: Employ a data-driven feedback tool annually to the Community Councils and the Youth Leadership Committee to drive a community informed programming and service approach.
Strategy 5.4: Serve as the backbone for the Childhood Hunger Initiative, driving coordination among critical partners to align and maximize resources.
Strategy 5.5: Develop capacity to engage community members as active partners to strengthen the lives of Pinellas County children and families.
Strategy 5.6: Implement a Workforce Stabilization Program to stabilize funded agency workforce.
Strategy 5.7: Procure and implement new programs to meet strategic goals.