



FACTS AT-A-GLANCE



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 more than 75 years, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County (JWB) has been committed to making children a priority 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 50 nonprofit agencies, and works collectively to address childhood hunger, grade-level reading, and preventable child deaths. JWB's annual impact budget of \$93 million strengthened the lives of more than 64,000 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.
- **Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect**
Children served by JWB-funded Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect Programs programs will thrive in safe and healthy environments.
- **School Readiness**
Children served by JWB-funded School Readiness programs will enter kindergarten ready to learn.
- **Strengthening Community**
Children served by JWB-funded Strengthening Community programs will benefit from collective neighborhood initiatives driven by empowered community leaders.
- **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.
- **Organizational Capacity**
JWB will have a skilled and diverse workforce powered by robust technology to enhance the well-being of children and families.

JWB GOVERNING BOARD

Michael Mikurak, Chair Gubernatorial Appointee	Kristen Gnage Gubernatorial Appointee	Hon. Sara Mollo Public Defender Sixth Judicial Circuit
Hon. Patrice Moore, Vice Chair Unified Family Court Judge Sixth Judicial Circuit	Kevin K. Hendrick Superintendent Pinellas County Schools	Melissa Rutland Gubernatorial Appointee
Brian J. Aungst, Jr. Gubernatorial Appointee	Hon. Chris Latvala Pinellas County Commissioner	VACANT Gubernatorial Appointee
Hon. Bruce Bartlett State Attorney Sixth Judicial Circuit	Division Chief Jim Millican Gubernatorial Appointee	Beth A. Houghton Chief Executive Officer

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FY22

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% (0.8508), 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.

FY22 Total Children & Family Program Investments: \$80,440,572



Investing For The Life of a Child

WHAT WE DO



INVESTMENTS

\$92,939,744
Impact Budget

Invested to impact the lives of children and their families

\$1,750,000
One-Time Funding

Awarded for non-operating and capital program upgrades

\$.87 of Every Dollar

Devoted to direct services for Pinellas County children



PROGRAM REACH

64,089 Children & Families

Strengthened by JWB investments

50 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

43 Community Council Members

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

2,698 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

6,314

Infants and toddlers given great start at life



8,388

Books given by pediatricians to parents through Read Out & Read



SCHOOL SUCCESS

35,370

Youth equipped to learn & succeed in school & community settings



15,892

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



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

3,937

Families served by 9 Neighborhood Family Centers



5,623,135

Free meals to kids from JWB & Childhood Hunger Initiative



SCHOOL READINESS

10,829

Children prepared for Kindergarten success - and beyond



315

Early childhood education degree scholarships awarded since 2018



PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

26,918

Children nurtured & families strengthened with services aimed at preventing abuse



1,400

Children had at least one visit with a therapist integrated within a pediatric practice



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

2

Data systems integrated & streamlined for greater efficiencies



2,698

Participants offered training & professional development

