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.

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.

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.

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.

JWB GOVERNING BOARD

Hon. Patrice Moore, Chair
Unified Family Court Judge
Sixth Judicial Circuit

Division Chief Jim Millican, Vice Chair
Gubernatorial Appointee

Hon. Bruce Bartlett, Secretary
State Attorney
Sixth Judicial Circuit

Brian J. Aungst, Jr.
Gubernatorial Appointee

Kristen Gnage
Gubernatorial Appointee

Kevin K. Hendrick
Superintendent
Pinellas County Schools

Hon. Chris Latvala
Pinellas County Commissioner

Michael Mikurak
Gubernatorial Appointee

Hon. Sara Mollo
Public Defender
Sixth Judicial Circuit

Melissa Rutland
Gubernatorial Appointee

VACANT
Gubernatorial Appointee

Beth A. Houghton
Chief Executive Officer
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 READINESS**

10,829
Children prepared for Kindergarten success - and beyond

315
Early childhood education degree scholarships awarded since 2018

**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

**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

**STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY**

3,937
Families served by 9 Neighborhood Family Centers

5,623,135
Free meals to kids from JWB & Childhood Hunger Initiative

**ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

2
Data systems integrated & streamlined for greater efficiencies

2,698
Participants offered training & professional development

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

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.