

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, thrive, and succeed in homes, schools, and neighborhoods that are healthy and safe. JWB invests in 100 quality programs with 53 nonprofit agencies, and works collectively to address childhood hunger, grade-level reading, and preventable child deaths. JWB's annual impact budget of \$110.8 million strengthened the lives of more than 68,000 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 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.

JWB GOVERNING BOARD

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

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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% (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.

FY23 Total Children & Family Program Investments: \$95,086,104



WHAT WE DO



INVESTMENTS



PROGRAM REACH

COMMUNITY REACH

\$110,827,082 **Impact Budget**

Invested to impact the lives of children and their families

\$17,140,886 **New Investments**

Strategically focused on innovative programs to address unmet needs

\$.86 of Every Dollar

Devoted to direct services for Pinellas County children

67.982 Children & Families

Strengthened by JWB investments

53 Nonprofit Agencies

Funded by JWB to deliver quality programs

100 Quality Programs

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

40 Community Council Members

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

12,494 Citizens

Benefited from JWB-led trainings, events, and community outreach

296 Partner Organizations

Working with JWB on initiatives, collective impact, and campaigns for kids

FOCUS & IMPACT

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

4,012

Infants and toddlers given great start at life

5,641

Parents & caregivers supported as baby's first & best teacher





SCHOOL SUCCESS

29,937

Youth equipped to learn & succeed in school & community settings





Free books to kids, plus

literacy support offered by

Grade-Level Reading Campaign

16,483

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

1,714

Families served by 9 Neighborhood Family Centers

5,818,758 Free meals to kids from JWB & Childhood **Hunger Initiative**





SCHOOL READINESS

2,762

Children prepared for Kindergarten success - and beyond



385

Early childhood education degree scholarships awarded since 2018



PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

31.880

Children nurtured & families strengthened with services aimed at preventing abuse

14,506

Children screened by pediatric providers for early detection & intervention





ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

5

Data systems streamlined into one for greater efficiencies

2,907

Professionals increased knowledge and skills through JWB-sponsored trainings



