



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 nearly 80 years, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County (JWB) has been making children a priority, advocating for their best interests and investing to improve their futures. JWB is a high-performing, data-driven organization established by the Florida Legislature and governed by an 11-member Board. We responsibly direct community investments to ensure children are ready to learn, thrive, and succeed in homes, schools, and neighborhoods that are healthy and safe. Last year, JWB's impact budget of \$126.4 million strengthened the lives of 77,00 children and families through 98 quality programs provided by 51 nonprofit agencies. Plus, tens of thousands more benefited from JWB's collaborative work focused on early childhood development, children's mental health, childhood hunger, grade-level reading, and preventable child deaths. JWB makes life-changing investments for children across six strategic result areas: Early Childhood Development, 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

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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% (0.8250), 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.

FY24 Total Children & Family Program Investments: \$110,224,334



INVESTING FOR THE LIFE OF A CHILD

WHAT WE DO



INVESTMENTS

\$126,408,582
Impact Budget

Invested to impact the lives of children and their families

\$14,374,175
New Investments

Strategically focused on innovative programs to address unmet needs

\$.86 of Every Dollar

Devoted to direct services for Pinellas County children



PROGRAM REACH

77,384 Children & Families

Strengthened by JWB investments

51 Nonprofit Agencies

Funded by JWB to deliver quality programs

98 Quality Programs

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



COMMUNITY REACH

40 Community Council Members

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

23,211 Citizens

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

11 Community Events

Supported by JWB funding and aligned with our strategic plan

FOCUS & IMPACT

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

8,470
Infants & toddlers given great start at life



8,681
Parents & caregivers supported as baby’s first & best teacher



SCHOOL SUCCESS

34,091
Youth equipped to learn & succeed in school & community settings



15,970
Free books to kids, plus literacy support offered by Grade-Level Reading Campaign



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

12,475
Individuals strengthened by 7 Neighborhood Family Centers and more



5,992,332
Free meals to kids by JWB’s Childhood Hunger Initiative



SCHOOL READINESS

7,956
Children prepared for Kindergarten success - and beyond



448
Early childhood education degree scholarships awarded since 2018



PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

41,329
Children nurtured & families strengthened with services aimed at preventing abuse



16,562
Children screened by pediatric providers for early detection & intervention



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

5
Data systems streamlined into one: JWB Flex



3,692
Professionals increased knowledge & skills through JWB-sponsored trainings

