



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 the opportunity to fulfill their potential and achieve meaningful and purposeful lives as a result of JWB and our partners.

ABOUT: For 80 years, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County (JWB) has made children a priority by advocating for their best interests and investing in their futures. JWB is a high-performing, data-driven organization established by the Florida Legislature and confirmed by Pinellas County voters in 1946. We were the nation's first tax-funded organization created when people chose to tax themselves to secure a brighter future for kids. Governed by an 11-member Board, JWB responsibly directs community investments to ensure children are ready to learn, thrive, and succeed in healthy, safe environments. Last year, JWB's annual impact budget of \$133 million strengthened the lives of nearly 84,000 children and families through 98 quality programs delivered by 51 partner agencies. Tens of thousands more benefited from collective initiatives focused on preventable child deaths, children's mental health, grade-level reading, and childhood hunger. We focus our work and investments across six strategic result areas: Early Childhood Development, School Readiness, School Success, the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Strengthening Community, and Organizational Capacity.

JWB STRATEGIC RESULT AREAS



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 and 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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FY25

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.

FY25 Total Children & Family Program Investments: \$116,589,102



INVESTING FOR THE LIFE OF A CHILD

WHAT WE DO



INVESTMENTS

\$132,685,497
Impact Budget

Invested to impact the lives of children and their families

\$7,977,630
New Investments

Strategically focused on innovative programs to address unmet needs

\$.88 of Every Dollar

Devoted to direct services for Pinellas County children



PROGRAM REACH

83,622 Children & Families

Strengthened by JWB investments

51 Partner Agencies

Funded by JWB to deliver quality programs

98 Quality Programs

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



COMMUNITY REACH

41 Community Council Members

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

57,903 Citizens

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

17 Community Events

Supported by JWB funding and aligned with our Strategic Plan

FOCUS & IMPACT

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

8,681

Infants & toddlers given a great start at life



12,496

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



SCHOOL SUCCESS

34,844

Youth equipped to learn & succeed in school & community settings



16,223

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



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

12,810

Individuals strengthened by 6 Neighborhood Family Centers & more



7,034,742

Free meals to kids by JWB’s Childhood Hunger Initiative



SCHOOL READINESS

7,795

Children prepared for Kindergarten success & beyond



516

Early childhood education degree scholarships awarded since 2018



PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

48,251

Children nurtured & families strengthened with services aimed at preventing abuse



23,220

Children screened by pediatric providers for early detection & intervention



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

1 CLOUD-BASED

Data Warehouse that provides verified data for accurate reporting, strategy, and AI



5,155

Professionals increased knowledge & skills through JWB-sponsored trainings

