



Human Services Department

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (IN-PERSON MEETING)

Agenda

Friday, June 13, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Evan Goldman, Chair

| 1. | Welcome and Introductions | E. Goldman |
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| | Roll Call | |
| | Approval of April 15, 2025 Minutes | |
| 4. | Chair Report | E. Goldman |
| 5. | Impact Report | Q-Q Research Consultants |
| 6. | Center for Hearing and Communication | Dr. Tracey Perez |
| 7. | Section Report | Dr. T. Hill-Howard |
| | Baker Act Alternative Youth Transportation Pilot Upda | te |
| | 3 rd Quarter Reallocations | |
| | YTD Utilization and Outcomes | |
| 8. | Liaison Reports | |
| | • BCPS | V. Hudge |
| | • DCF | T. Schweitzer |
| | Juvenile Justice Circuit 17 | T. Bush |
| | Special Needs | M. Juarez Stouffer |
| | System of Care | E. Segrera |
| 9. | New Business | _ |
| 10. | . Old Business | |
| 11. | . Public Comment (5 minutes) – Please call (754)-900-8519 – 8 | 306053168# |
| 12. | . Good of the Order | |
| 13. | . Adjournment | |
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Next Meeting: Friday, August 15, 2025

Location: 115 S Andrews Ave. Suite A370 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners Children's Services Board Draft Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025 9:00 am – 11:01 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members. The chairman also welcomed new board member Dr. Yelena Revere.

2. Roll Call

Jarvis Brunson called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman, Monica King, Jarvis Brunson, Cassandra Burrell, Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Malena Mendez, Dr. Yelena Revere, Traci Schweitzer, Joel Smith, and Veda Hudge present via TEAMS. Teves Bush, Cara Malave, Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Elida Segrera, Yolanda Nails, Cynthia Honnick, and Saran Earle-Cunningham were present via TEAMS.

Members absent: Brenda Fam

Staff Members in attendance: Mr. Keith Bostick (Deputy Director, Human Services Department), Cassandra Evans (Community Partnerships Division Assistant Director), Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard (Children's Services Administrator), Sterling Parrish (Contract Grant Administrator Sr. CSA), and Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney, present.

Motion: To approve the CSB November 15, 2024, and February 21, 2025 minutes.

First: Traci Schweitzer

Second:

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: Result: Passed

3. Chair Report- CSB meeting being held on a different schedule due to Good Friday Holiday/ Passover, wishing well from the Chairman. Elevate what's happening in the community. Congratulated and acknowledged community events. Discussing CSB statute and identifying 4 key areas- Priority of services on behalf of children in Broward County, that we are the principal of knowledge and wisdom for the community regarding the needs of children, to be an advocate for children's services, and to provide those important funding recommendations to the county.

Joel voiced concerns about the package received from CSA not having quality information,

a board member's name being misspelled, and wanting more detailed information in CSB packets. Joel S. also said he will not be approving the minutes or approving any proposals that will be presented during today's meeting.

Vice Chair Monica King mirrored the same concerns about not receiving a more detailed agenda packet before the board meeting.

4. Section Report -

Mid-Year reallocation- Dr. Tiffany Hill- Howard discussed that continuous numbers are coming in for Year-to-date utilization. Information with the providers, programs, original contract amounts, along with increases and decreases to the original contracts.

Joel Smith voiced concerns "that there is no explanation, and asked if the board were stupid, and what are the issues for the underutilized providers if those are valid needs for the kids in our community, why are the providers underperforming? And is there a systemic problem with finding kids?" Chairman Goldman wanted it noted on record that that type of language is not allowed in this meeting.

Motion: To support the Mid-Year Funding Reallocation

First: Cassandra Burrell Second: Monica King

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: Secretary Jarvis Brunson called roll to record; Joel Smith opposed.

Result: Passed

Utilization and Quarterly Report – Sterling Parrish- Projected utilization percentage is based on whether they received the increase or decrease as of today's date.

Baker Act Pilot Update – Cassandra Evans- The pilot is set to launch 4/15/2025. Meeting with the implementation team as well as the plot site team for kick-off. Run from April until September 30.

- **5. Legislative Updates- Intergovernmental affairs-** Marty Cassini- Successful in getting \$300,000 into the Senate budget and \$200,000 into the House budget for the Baker Act Pilot Program.
- 6. Integrated Family Safety Plan- Overview given by Yolada Brown and Donna Lavalle.
- 7. NAC Committee Chair Reports: None, NAC meeting for 4/2/2025 was cancelled.

8. Liaison Reports

BCPS: Veda Hudge- BCPS is facing budget challenges due to declining enrollment as well as the end of federal funding. Conversations are being held in reference to filling staff positions. Redefining schools and renaming schools in alignment with the vision. In May, schools are preparing and preparing to make sure that we give the proper accommodation and all those things for our final testing, which will determine school grades.

DCF: None.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 17: None.

Special Needs: None. System of Care: None.

Old Business: NoneNew Business: None

11. Public Comment: None

12. Good of the Order: None

13. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the CSB meeting at 11:01 A.M.

First: Second:

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None **Result**: Passed

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated February 21, 2025, as certified by:

Jarvis Brunson Children's Services Board Secretary

Broward County, FL - Member Attendance Report - 2025

Children's Services Board

| Member | Feb 21, 2025 | Apr 15, 2025 | TOTALS |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Teves A Bush | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Maria E Juarez Stouffer | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Joel Smith | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Monica Figueroa King | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Elida Segrera | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Cassandra Burrell | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Sarah Gillespie Cummings | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Cynthia Honick | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Saran Earle-Cunningham | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Evan J. Goldman | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Veda F Hudge | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Alexandra P. Davis | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Jarvis Brunson | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Yolanda Nails | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Brenda Fam | Р | Α | 50.0% |
| Cara A Malave | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Magdalena Mendez | А | Р | 50.0% |
| Traci Schweitzer | Р | Р | 100.0% |
| Dr. Yelena Revere | | Р | 100.0% |

| Present: | 17 | 18 | 94.59% |
|----------|----|----|--------|
| Absent: | 1 | 1 | 5.41% |
| Excused: | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |

^{*} P = Present

^{*} A = Absent

^{*} E = Excused

^{*} C = Canceled



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Children's Services Administration



CSA aims to foster collaboration with Community Partnerships Division to develop and deliver innovative and responsive services that meet the diverse needs of children and their families in Broward County.

REPORTADBJECTIVESA



Assess how effectively strategic priorities were translated into measurable outcomes.



Conduct a detailed analysis of provider performance, service utilization, and population reach.



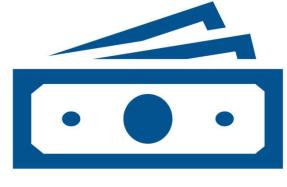
Identify areas of success and gaps in service delivery.



Develop data-driven recommendations to inform future planning and improvements.

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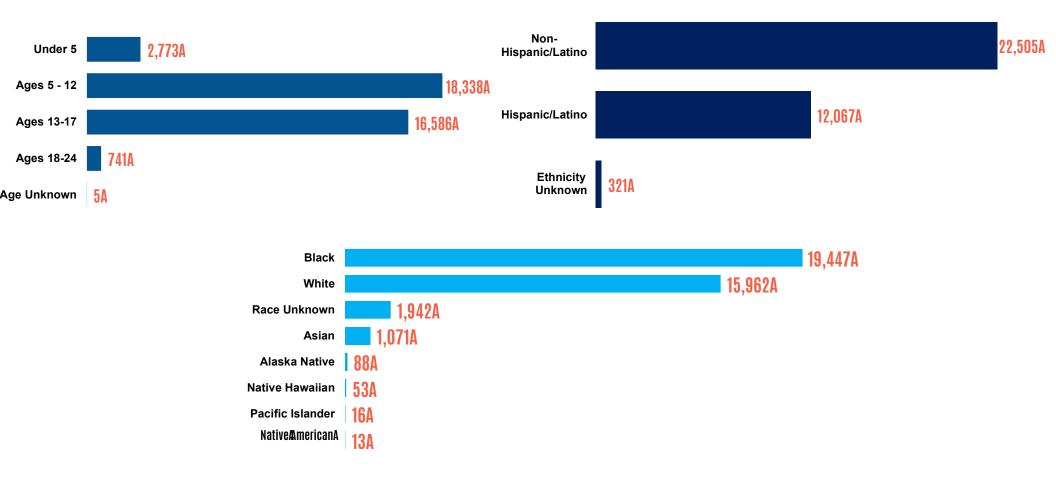




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| SERVICE AREA | TOTAL FUNDING | UTILIZATION | CLIENTS SERVICED |
|--|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| ADVOCACY SERVICES | \$ A ,298,288A | 81%A | 945A |
| COURT SUPERVISION DROP-IN CHILDCARE SERVICES | \$ <i>1</i> 94,000A | 96%A | 167A |
| INDEPENDENT LIVING AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES | \$ <i>\$</i> 750,000A | 87%A | 88A |
| MEDICAL CARE SUPPORT SERVICES | \$879,977A | 89%A | 620A |
| MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH YOUTH JUSTICE POPULATION SERVICES | \$ A 4,883,356A | 97%A | 3,649A |
| RESPITE CARE WITH ENRICHMENT SERVICES | \$ <i>I</i> B,074,554A | 94%A | 729A |
| SUBSTANCE USE AND/OR DUAL DIAGNOSIS/CO- OCCURRING DISORDERS COUNSELING SERVICES | \$ A 29,417A | 90%A | 130A |
| YOUTH ECONOMIC STABILITY SERVICES | \$ <i>1</i> 828,945A | 97%A | 197A |
| YOUTH EMERGENCY SHELTER & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES | \$A28,895A | 94%A | 36A |

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"You get a diagnosis for your kid, and everything changes... you have to pick yourself up off the floor. Without services like this, it's scary. And I hope the people listening to these stories understand just how lifechanging they are."

"They helped build a bridge between me and my kids... If you're looking for a service that can act as an advocate and support system between parents and children, this is it."



RECOMMENDED ASTRATEGIES A



Strengthen Utilization Across All Programs: Investigate and address the causes of underutilization in specific service areas.



Scale High-Performing Program Models: Identify opportunities to expand programs that have consistently exceeded outcome targets.



Deepen Community
Engagement and
Representation: Formalize
advisory structures with youth,
caregivers, and culturally
diverse community members
to co-design service
improvements.



Build Provider Capacity for Long-Term Impact: Provide ongoing technical assistance, staff development, and operational support to providers, particularly those delivering bundled interventions or working with high-need populations.



Enhance Cross-System Collaboration: Continue fostering partnerships across sectors (education, health, legal, housing) to offer holistic, coordinated care.



Monitor and Support Sustainability Efforts: Track provider progress in securing diversified funding sources or leveraging local/state/federal partnerships.



Increase Client Feedback
Mechanisms for Continuous
Improvement Justification:
Develop additional structured
opportunities for clients to
share feedback.



Who is: CHC?

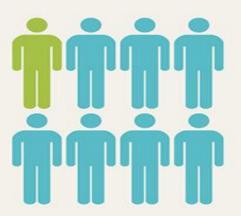


Connect to Life®

- Founded in 1910 and started in Broward in 1981, largest and only non-profit serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Mission: Provide high quality, comprehensive services to empower people affected by hearing loss, deafness, or listening challenges.
- Vision: Communication without Limits
- Services: Birth-104, Audiological, Educational, Mental Health, Case Management, and Amplified Telephone Distribution

Hearing Loss Affects Millions

One in eight people in the U.S. (13%, or 30 million) aged 12 years or older has hearing loss in both ears, based on standard hearing examinations.





About
28.8 million
U.S. adults
could benefit
from using
hearing aids.



Men are almost twice as likely as women to have hearing loss among adults aged 20-69.



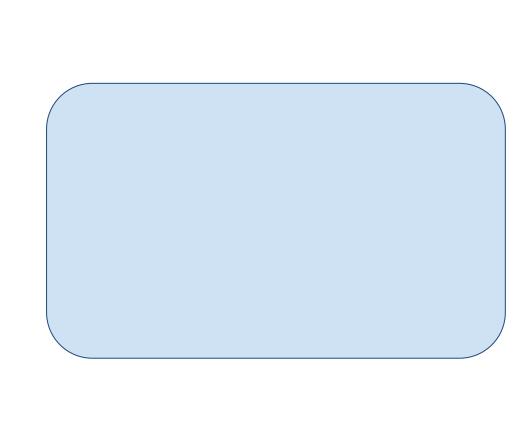
Among adults aged 70 and older with hearing loss who could benefit from hearing aids, fewer than one in three (30%) has ever used them.

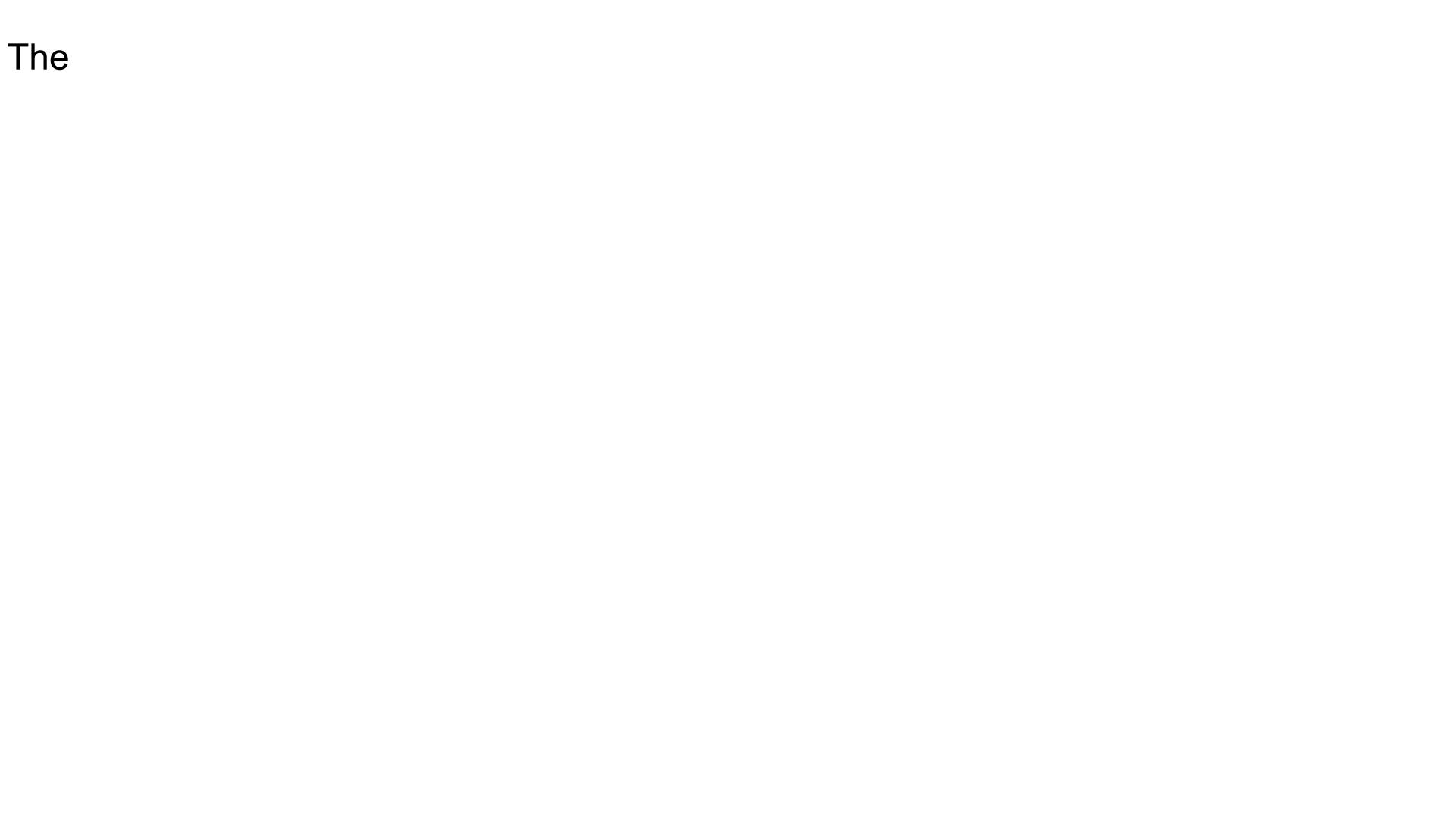
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experience ear infection (otitis media) by the time they are 3 years old.

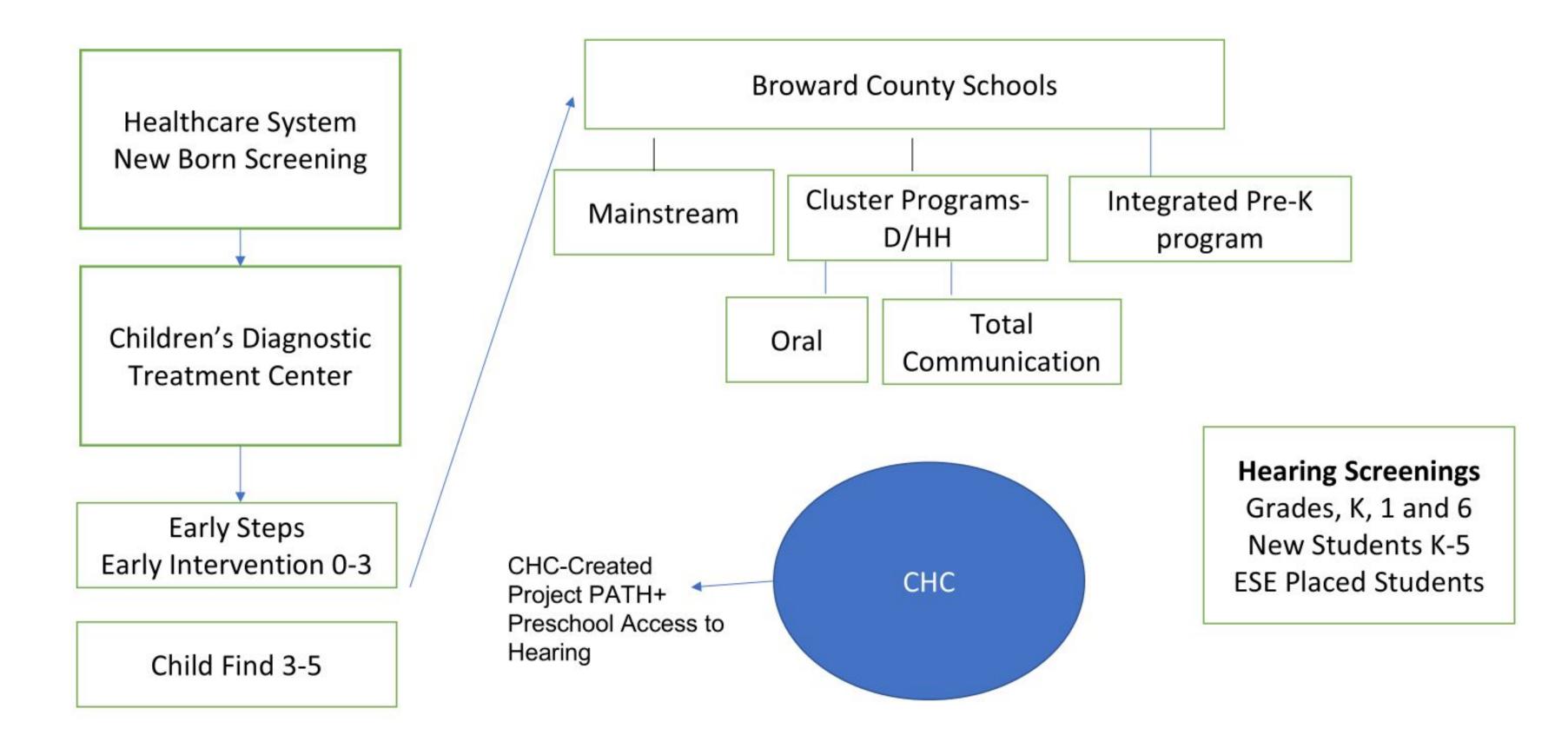


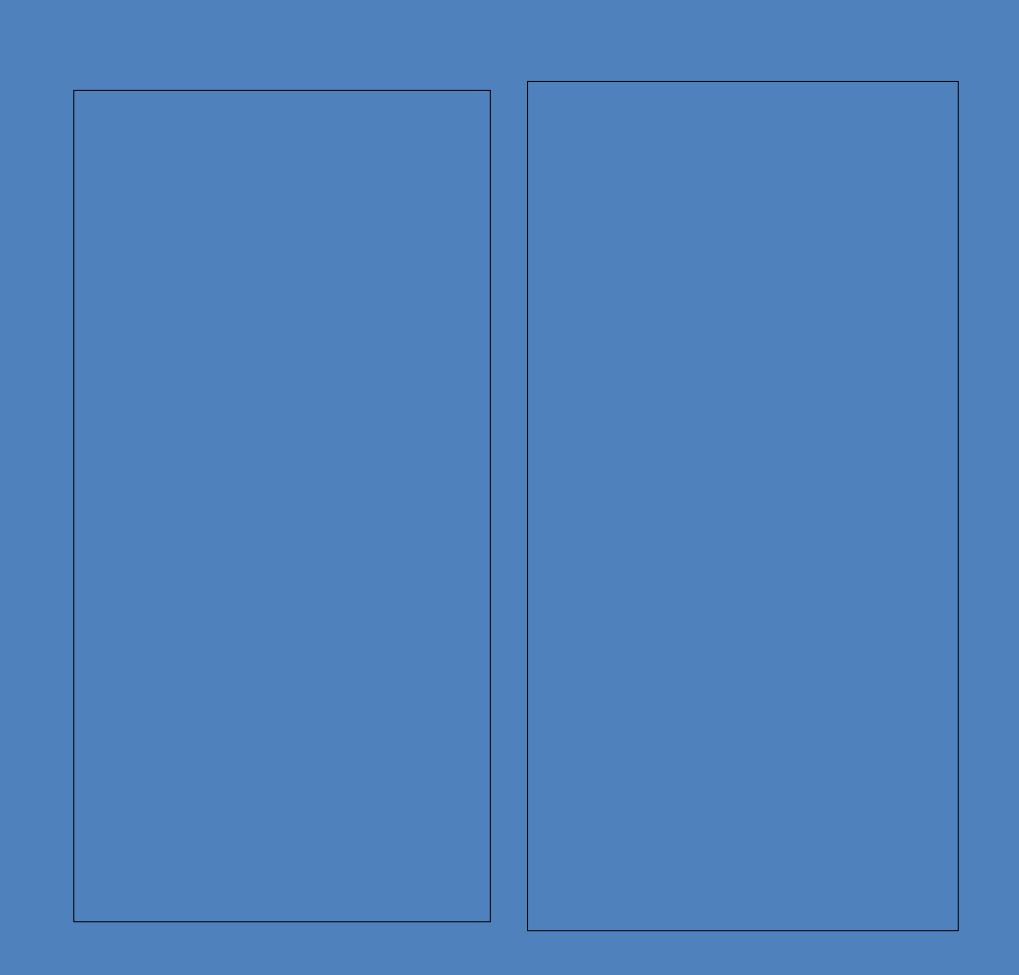






What We Understand about the System







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Children's Services Administration (CSA) FY 25 Third Quarter Reallocations

| Service Provider | Program | Original Contract Amount | Adjustment Decreases | Adjustment Increases | New Contract Amount | Comments: |
|--|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Center for Hearing and Communication, Inc. | Advocacy Services | 55,000 | (\$15,000) | | \$40,000 | Provider has experienced challenges recruiting qualified staff. |
| Center for Hearing and Communication, Inc. | Behavioral Health and Intervention Services | \$177,943 | (\$35,000) | | \$142,943 | Provider is new to service area, working on outreach and staffing. |
| Community Based Connections, Inc. | Behavioral Health and Intervention Services | \$342,000 | (\$142,000) | | \$200,000 | Provider agency has experienced staffing challenges. Anticipates being able to maximize utilization going forward. |
| Covenant House Florida, Inc. | Behavioral Health and Intervention Services | \$239,000 | (\$89,000) | | \$150,000 | Staffing issues, along with receiving appropriate referrals for services have contributed to underutilization. |
| The Canaan Center, LLC | Respite Services | \$250,000 | (\$100,000) | | \$150,000 | New provider with the County. Has had challenges identifying eligible clients. Adding a second location to increase clients served. |
| Broward Children's Center, Inc. | Medical Care Support Services | \$135,052 | (\$125,000) | | \$10,052 | Provider is new to the service area, challenges with staffing and program Implementation. |
| Broward Children's Center, Inc. | Advocacy Services | \$113,767 | (\$15,000) | | \$98,767 | Provider has experienced staffing challenges. Has onboarded new staff and expects utilization to increase. |
| Broward Children's Center, Inc. | Respite Services | \$697,570 | (\$120,000) | | \$577,570 | Provider has experienced staffing challenges. Currently conducting mass hiring initiatives to recruit respite staff. |
| Henderson Behavioral Health, Inc. | Behavioral Health and Intervention Services | \$362,406 | | \$50,000 | \$412,106 | Provider has seen an increased need for services. Additional 15 clients to be served. |

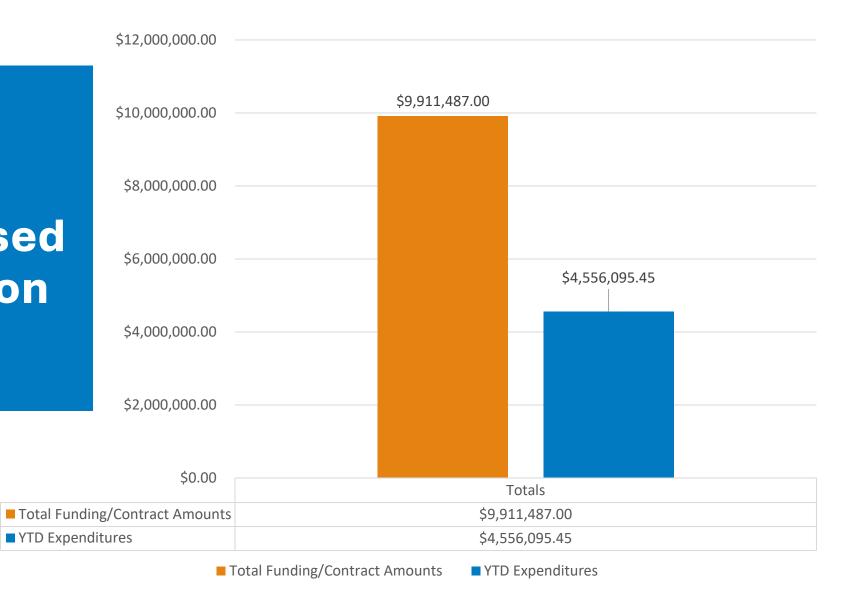
| JAFCO Children's Ability Center, Inc. | Respite Services | \$772,570 | | \$100,000 | \$872,570 | Provider reports an increased need for services, currently some families are being placed on waitlists for services. Additional 147 clients to be served. |
|--|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---|
| Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. | Child Care Expense Assistance | \$2,607,795 | | \$441,000 | \$3,464,795 | Provider will be able to serve additional families. Periodically there is a waitlist for services. Additional 278 clients to be served. |
| Sunshine Social Services, Inc d/b/a SunServe | Behavioral Health and Intervention Services | \$235,000 | | \$50,000 | \$285,000 | Provider reports an increased need for services. Additional cuts in funding from other sources impact service delivery. Additional 40 clients to be served. |
| | Subtotals: | | (\$641,000) | \$641,000 | | |

Human Services Department Community Partnerships Division (CPD)

Children's Services Section Fiscal Year 2025 YTD Utilization



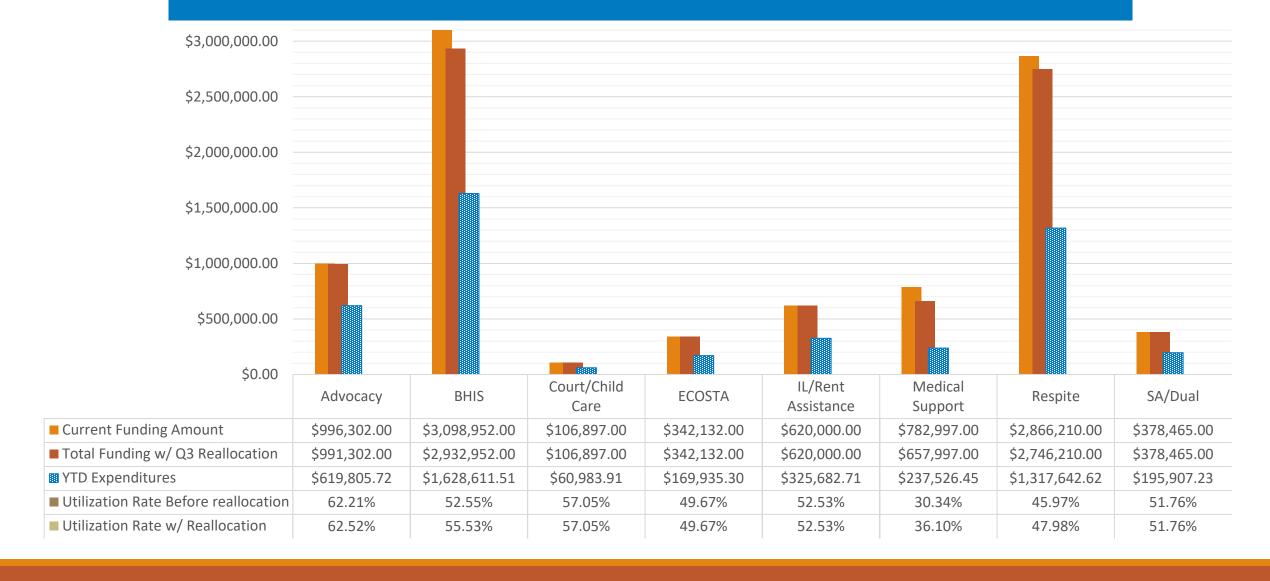
CSA FY25 Outcome-Based YTD Utilization

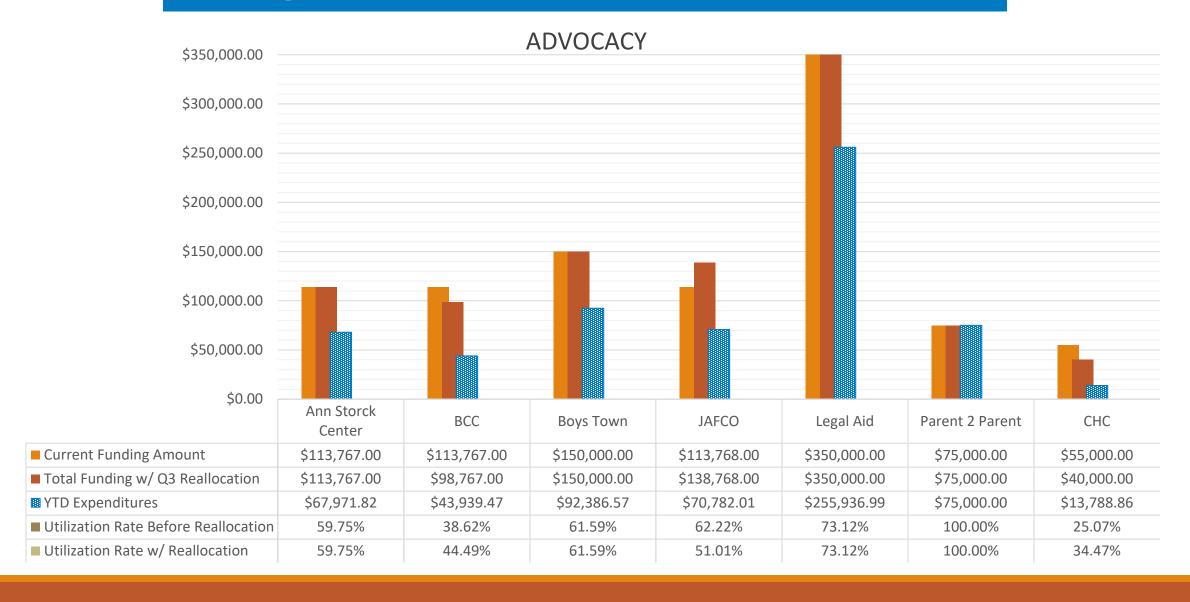


Outcome-Based Providers

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|----------------------|-------------------|------|-------|-------|------|------------------|------|
| Ann Storck Center | CHC | YWCA | HANDY | FLITE | CDTC | ARC | SBHD |
| ВСС | Covenant House | | YWCA | | ВСС | ВСС | |
| Boys Town | | | CIL | | | JAFCO | |
| | | | | | | ASC | |
| | | | | | | Cannan Center | |
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| CHC | SunServe | | | | | | |
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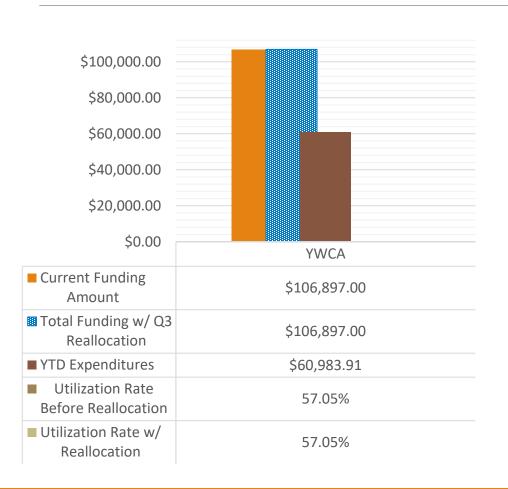
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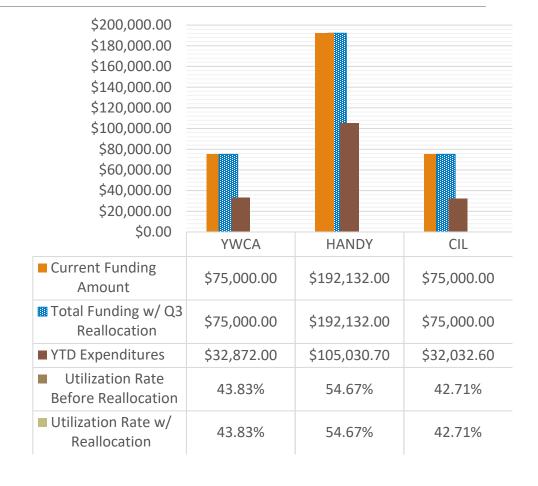


| Service | Outcome/Indicator | Attainment by Provider |
|----------|---|---|
| Advocacy | Clients increased access to community or school resources and opportunities. 1.1: 80% of Clients access two (2) or more new community or school resources and opportunities within the first ninety (90) days of each initial term and option periods. 1.2: 80% of Clients implement two (2) or more strategies to navigate systems of care for their children within the first six (6) months of each initial term and option periods. | • Ann Storck Center, Inc. Outcome 1.1: MET Outcome 1.2: MET • Boys Town South Florida, Inc. Outcome 1.1: MET Outcome 1.2: MET • Broward Children's Center, Inc. Outcome 1.1: N/A Outcome 1.2: N/A • Center for Hearing and Communication, Inc. Outcome 1.1: MET Outcome 1.2: N/A • JAFCO Children's Ability Center, Inc. Outcome 1.1: MET Outcome 1.2: MET • Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc. Outcome 1.1: PENDING Outcome 1.2: PENDING • Parent to Parent of Broward County Inc. d/b/a Family Network on Disabilities of Broward County Outcome 1.1: MET Outcome 1.2: MET |

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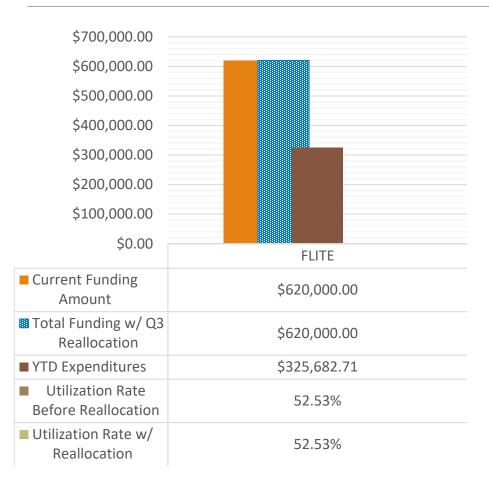


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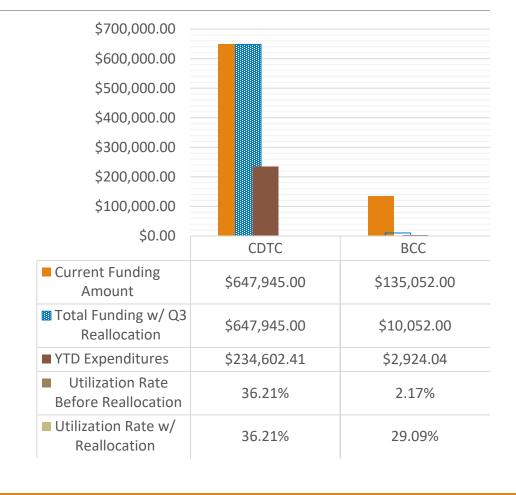


| Service | Outcome/Indicator | Attainment by Provider |
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| ECOSTA | Clients will obtain employment, intern, apprenticeship placement 2.1: 80% of Clients obtain job placement, or apprenticeship placement within six (6) months of starting the program. | •YWCA South Florida, Inc. Outcome 1.1: PENDING |

IL/ RENTAL ASSISTANCE

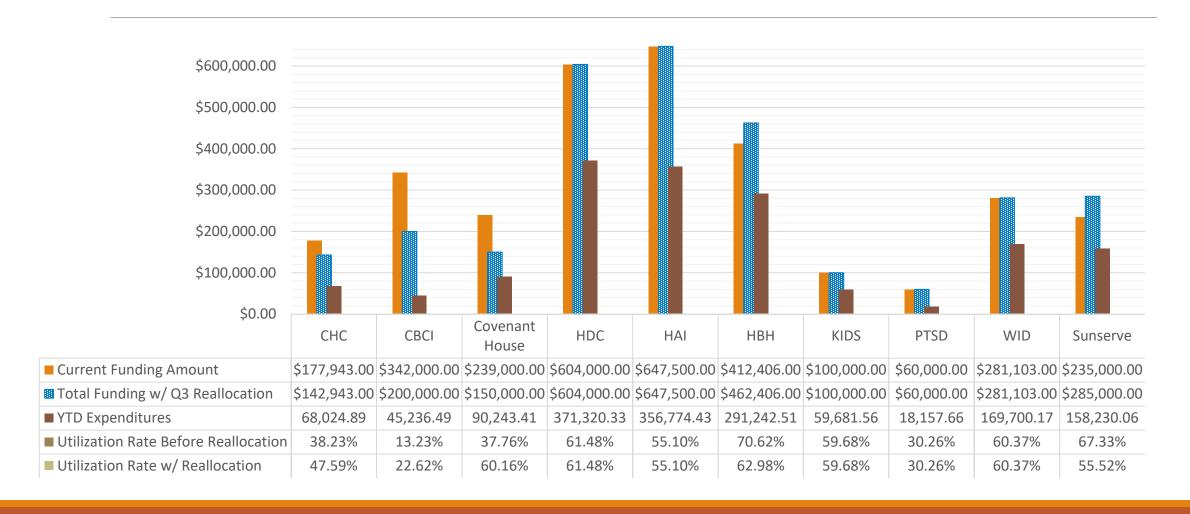


MEDICAL SUPPORT



| Service | Outcome/Indicator | Attainment by Provider |
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| Independent Living/ Rent Assistance | • | •Fort Lauderdale Independence Training & Education Center, Inc. Outcome 1.1: MET Outcome 2.1: MET |
| | | |
| Medical Support | | •Broward Children's Center, Inc. Outcome 1.1: MET |
| | on their FSP each quarter. | Outcome 2.1: MET Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Inc. Outcome 1.1: PENDING |
| | , - | Outcome 2.1: PENDING Outcome 2.1: PENDING |

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & INTERVENTION SERVICES



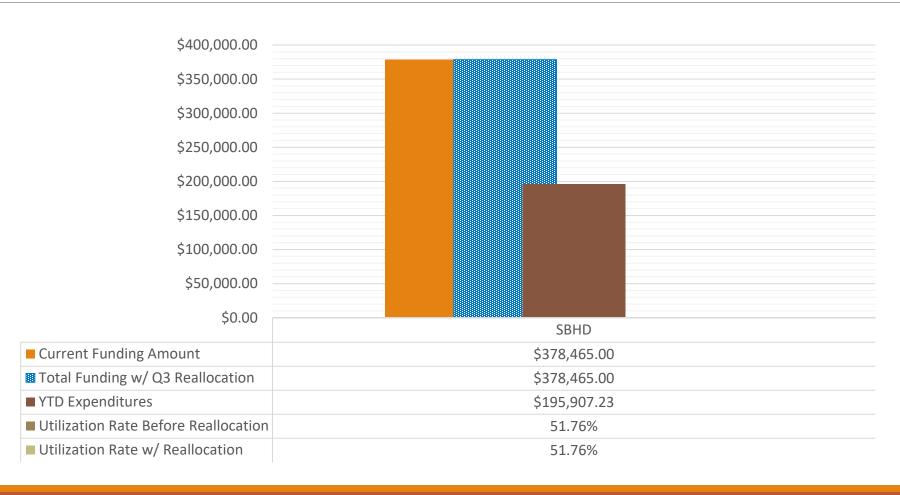
| Service Outcome/Indicator | | Attainment by Provider | |
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| | Clients improve wellness and wellbeing. | | •Henderson Behavioral Health, Inc. |
| | | | Outcome 1.1: MET |
| | 1.1: 80% of Clients improved their assessment score from | | Outcome 1.2: MET |
| | the highest previous Assessment. | | Outcome 2.1: MET Outcome 3.1: MET |
| | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Outcome 4.1: MET |
| | | Outcome 1.2: MET | Outcome 4.1. WET |
| | 1.2. 80% of Cheffs achieve one of more care Flan goals | | •Kids in Distress, Inc. |
| | by the designated target date. | | Outcome 1.1: MET |
| | | Outcome 4.1: N/A | Outcome 1.2: MET |
| | | | Outcome 2.1: MET |
| | Clients remain engaged. | Community Based Connections, Inc. | Outcome 3.1: MET |
| | | Outcome 1.1: PENDING | Outcome 4.1: N/A |
| | 2.1: 80% of Clients will decrease emotional and/or | Outcome 1.2: PENDING | |
| | · · | Outcome 2.1: PENDING | Parakletos Therapeutic Services & Discipleship, LLC |
| | behavioral disturbances requiring therapeutic | | Outcome 1.1: N/A |
| | interventions while receiving services. | | Outcome 1.2: N/A |
| | | | Outcome 2.1: N/A |
| | | · | Outcome 3.1: MET |
| | | | Outcome 4.1: N/A |
| Behavioral Health and | | Outcome 1.2: MET | |
| Intervention Services | | | •Sunshine Social Services, Inc d/b/a SunServe |
| | Clients improve ability to function in the community. | | Outcome 1.1: MET |
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| | | | Outcome 2.1: MET |
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| | lemergency department any crisis stabilization services | | Outcome 4.1: N/A |
| | or a mental health inpatient department for behavioral or | Outcome 1.2: MET | aThe Caheel Deard of Draward County, Florida |
| | mental health-related conditions while receiving Services. | | The School Board of Broward County, Florida Outcome 1.1: N/A |
| | - | | Outcome 1.1: N/A Outcome 1.2: N/A |
| | | | Outcome 2.1: N/A |
| | | | Outcome 3.1: N/A |
| | | | Outcome 4.1: N/A |
| | Decrease recidivism. | Outcome 1.2: PENDING | 5 4.555 HALLY !! |
| | | | Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc. |
| | | | Outcome 1.1: MET |
| | 4.1: 80% of Clients who are involved in the juvenile justice | | Outcome 1.2: MET |
| | with the decrease lead into mentions with the juveline justice | | Outcome 2.1: MET |
| | system decrease legal interventions while enrolled and | | Outcome 3.1: N/A |
| | receiving Services." | | Outcome 4.1: N/A |
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RESPITE



| Service | Outcome/Indicator | Attainment by Provider |
|---------|---|---|
| | Clients maintain or increase developmentally appropriate skills. 1: 80% of Clients served for at least six (6) months maintain or increase developmentally appropriate skills as evidence by the Assessment. | •Ann Storck Center, Inc. Outcome 1: MET Outcome 2: MET •Arc Broward, Inc. Outcome 1: N/A Outcome 2: MET |
| | Caregivers experience improved wellbeing 2: 80% of new Clients' Caregivers demonstrate a decreased level of stress every three (3) months after initial intake, as indicated on the Assessment. | •Broward Children's Center, Inc. Outcome 1: MET Outcome 2: MET •JAFCO Children's Ability Center, Inc. Outcome 1: MET Outcome 2: MET •The Canaan Center, LLC Outcome 1: N/A Outcome 2: MET |

SUBSTANCE USE- DUAL DIAGNOSIS- CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS COUNSELING SERVICES



| Service | Outcome/Indicator | Attainment by Provider |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| Substance Use- Dual Diagnosis- Co- Occurring Disorders Counseling Services | | |

CSA FY25 YTD Special Projects Utilization

