

RESOURCE CENTER

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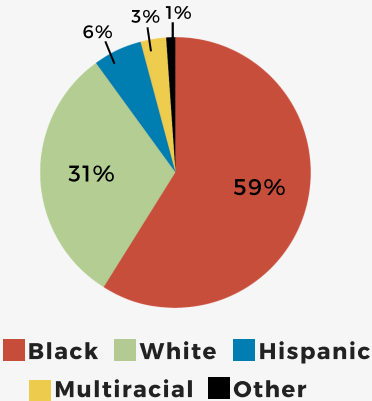
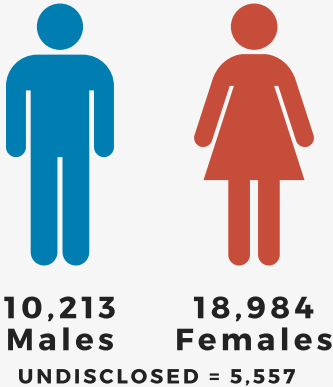
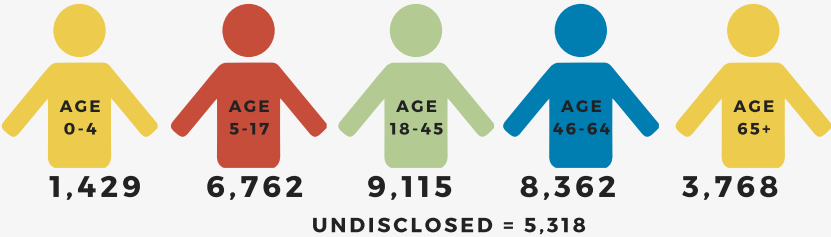
PARTNERSHIP FOR
**STRONG
FAMILIES**



IMPACT STATEMENT

Since the 2008/2009 fiscal year, data from the Department of Children and Families shows a remarkable **79% decrease in the rates of verified child maltreatment** in the five zip codes served by our Alachua County Resource Centers. To compare, Alachua County saw a 62% decrease in verified child maltreatment rates during that same time.

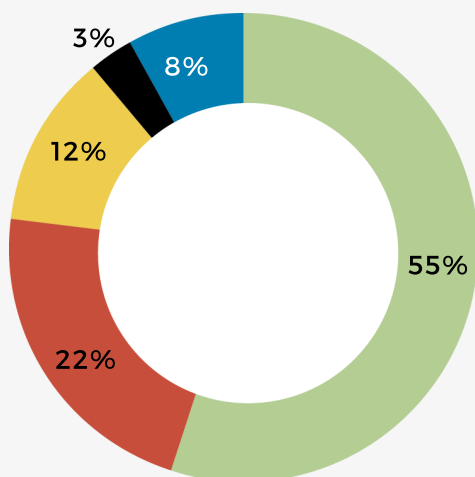
OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



49,210

SERVICES
REQUESTED

Every service is tied to one of five **Protective Factors**, which when present in families are shown to reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect.



Services requested by
Protective Factors:

- Concrete Supports
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Nurturing and Attachment
- Family Functioning and Resiliency

\$151,578

RECEIVED IN IN-KIND DONATIONS

75

PARTNERS

\$304,893

RECEIVED IN GRANTS

80

VOLUNTEERS

11,710

VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED

EXAMPLES OF OUR PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Each of the Resource Centers offer a variety of academic and enrichment activities for students in grades kindergarten through 12. One of the most popular is Homework Help where students are provided after-school assistance with their homework, additional help with challenging subjects and tutoring focused on literacy.

FINANCIAL LITERACY/FIGHT FOR YOUR MONEY

Financial literacy classes, hosted in partnership with local businesses and other financial experts, teach participants subjects such as budgeting, banking, saving, credit repair and more. Participants build a portfolio of financial management lessons that can be used to create their own plan for financial stability and increased self-sufficiency.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING

This training ranges from one-on-one assistance with developing a resume or completing a job application to a formal employability training conference with local employers. One example is the Re-Entry Partnership Initiative, an annual program at the Library Partnership that provides individuals who may have challenging backgrounds with the tools needed to re-enter the workforce, improve their current employment status or start a small business.



10 YEARS AND GROWING

On September 13, 2019, we looked back on ten years of partnership and success for our Library Partnership Resource Center. We celebrated not only the great work and collaborations built across organizations, but also the incredible community we have the honor to serve day in and day out. First, stakeholders gathered for an educational gathering that took a deeper look into what our innovative Resource Center has accomplished in the past ten years, featuring speakers Paul DiLorenzo and Anne Heiligenstein from Casey Family Programs. We then kicked off our neighborhood block party, welcoming more than 200 members of the community to celebrate the past ten years of growth. We could not be more excited for the endless possibilities ahead!



FROM OUR PATRONS

THE AMAZING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WE SERVE



"EVERY TIME I COME HERE THE WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE EXTREMELY NICE TO ME. THEY RESPECT ME. THEY DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A PERSON THAT COMES ASKING FOR FOOD AND CLOTHES. I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THEM. I LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND AM SO GLAD THAT SWAG IS HERE."



"VERY PLEASANT! YOU WERE ALL SO HELPFUL. I WILL DEFINITELY LOOK INTO OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE!"



"THE PERFORMANCE WAS EXCELLENT. THE JOBS YOU DO ARE REMARKABLE!"



"VERY FRIENDLY PEOPLE THAT WALKED ME THROUGH EVERYTHING AND GOT IT DONE"

FROM OUR PARTNERS

THE AMAZING PEOPLE WHO HELP US PROVIDE SERVICES



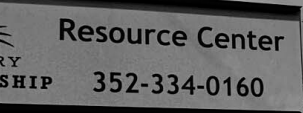
"THANKS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!"



"I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH PSF AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THESE VARIOUS RESOURCE CENTERS."



"IT'S A GREAT THING YOU ARE ALL DOING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES!"



SUCCESS STORIES

CONE PARK RESOURCE CENTER GAINESVILLE, FL (SOUTHEAST)

A single mother of five and regular patron has been working with the Resource Center manager on a “goal list” over the past two years. To date, this has included re-instating her driver’s license, getting a car, obtaining employment and securing independent housing for her and her children. Next on the list is going back to school to become a nurse!

SWAG FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER GAINESVILLE, FL (SOUTHWEST)

A mother of a one year old shared with the Family Support Facilitator her fear of becoming homeless, along with her one year old child, after receiving an eviction notice from her landlord. The mother was referred to Three Rivers Legal Services and successfully obtained an extension on the eviction date. With the encouragement from staff, the mother also reached out to her support system to raise the funds needed to avoid eviction. The mother joined the ABC Diaper Bank program, hosted by the Resource Center, and continued to work with staff on identifying and meeting self-sufficiency goals. The family is now current on their lease and avoided a disruption in housing.

LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE CENTER GAINESVILLE, FL (NORTHEAST)

An adolescent male seen over the past two years overcame multiple barriers to successfully retrieve credits through the Florida Virtual School and re-enter his high school on grade level last Fall. He previously participated with the WhyTry Youth Resiliency Program and periodically visited Library Partnership prior to his expulsion from school. He later began coming in to speak to staff on a more regular basis to share some of his personal struggles. The staff listened with an open heart and provided encouragement while often referring back to lessons learned in WhyTry. The student recently shared that he made the Honor Roll and has also been selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum this summer at Yale University.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER CHIEFLAND, FL

A mother and her two children were facing homelessness as they transitioned from a domestic violence shelter. Although the mother qualified for subsidized housing and had a part-time job, she did not have the funds to secure the available apartment. Through the TCCRC and multiple agencies, including a faith-based partner, assistance with the security deposit, utilities set-up, furnishings and household items were provided for the family. The mother maintains regular contact with staff and volunteers and has shared her appreciation for the support she received that allows her to follow her dreams.



LOOKING FORWARD

IN 2019, OUR RESOURCE CENTERS RECEIVED A \$2.7 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO EVALUATE, REFINE AND EXPAND OUR RESOURCE CENTER MODEL.

Our Resource Centers were awarded a five-year federal grant from the Children's Bureau within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Children, Youth and Families to evaluate our current Resource Center Model and eventually expand the model to Lake City. The overall goal of the Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families grant is to prevent child maltreatment and reduce entries into foster care.

The Administration for Children and Families will provide over \$2.7 million in funding over five years. During this time, services provided at our Resource Centers will undergo a rigorous evaluation. After the evaluation, these findings will be used to refine our model as we work toward expansion.

In December, our staff traveled to Washington D.C. for the Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Kick-off meeting with our grant evaluator Dr. Robin Perry. In January 2020, we also held our first Resource Center Advisory Committee Meeting in Lake City to begin the process of developing a new Resource Center. We met with over 30 community members from Lake City to collaborate on the future Resource Center and what would best benefit the community there. We are excited for the opportunity to expand our mission to prevent child abuse in Lake City.

