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PROGRAM/PLANNING

2024-25 Request for Proposals – In preparation for the upcoming release of the priority, annual, and summer applications, we have scheduled an overview of the Council policies on funding for agencies interested in applying for CSC funding. The overview will provide details related to the application process and contractual requirements should an agency receive funding. Additionally, there will be two Bidders Conferences available for each application process to ensure agencies have the information and support needed for submission of their online proposals.

Summer Learning – As the new school year approaches, summer learning programs are wrapping up services and completing their required online reporting, including post-test results on learning gains. 1,149 children were served in Summer learning programs this year, a significant increase over last summer's total of 677.

Program Interactions - For the month of July, the following CRM interactions were recorded:

- Touchpoints: 99
- Program Monitoring: 19
- Hub TA: 6
- Convening: 8
- Funding: 4

Capacity Building Update - The last Master Class in Leadership Tier 1 class for the current fiscal year will graduate on Tuesday, August 8th. The feedback from the leadership classes this past year has been very positive. In addition to leadership training, we are also working on developing capacity building efforts around marketing and grant writing. The grant writing workshops will be in addition to Coffee with a Grant Writer which will continue this upcoming fiscal year.

Tunnels of Hope – As part of the CSC funded Kids at Hope Initiative, Tunnels of Hope are offered at the beginning of each school year to show support to students as they return to participating schools. The Tunnels of Hope include members of the community that organize to create a “tunnel” for the kids to pass through while expressing positive words of encouragement. It is a simple strategy to show kids that adults in the community care about them. Below is the schedule for the beginning of the school year:

August 10th: Fairlawn 7:50am Morningside 8am	August 11th: FK Sweet 7:50am Village Green 8:15am	August 14th: Bayshore 7:30am Weatherbee 7:30am
August 15th Lakewood Park 7:50am CA Moore 8am	August 16th Parkway 8am Rivers Edge 8:30am	August 17th White City 8am Southern Oaks 9am
August 18th St. Lucie Elem 7:45am Oak Hammock 8:15am	August 21st Savannah Ridge 8am	August 22nd Manatee 7:50am

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ENGAGEMENT

Take it to the Tee – Our first golf edition of More Than a Game wraps up the first week of August. The session was very well received by the fathers who participated. Unfortunately, the late afternoon Florida thunderstorms did not always work in our favor and a couple weeks were delayed or cancelled. Graciously, Willie Scott and Fairwinds allowed some of the dads to come in on Sundays to play quick rounds. We are working on dates for the coming year to schedule sessions and exploring additional locations.

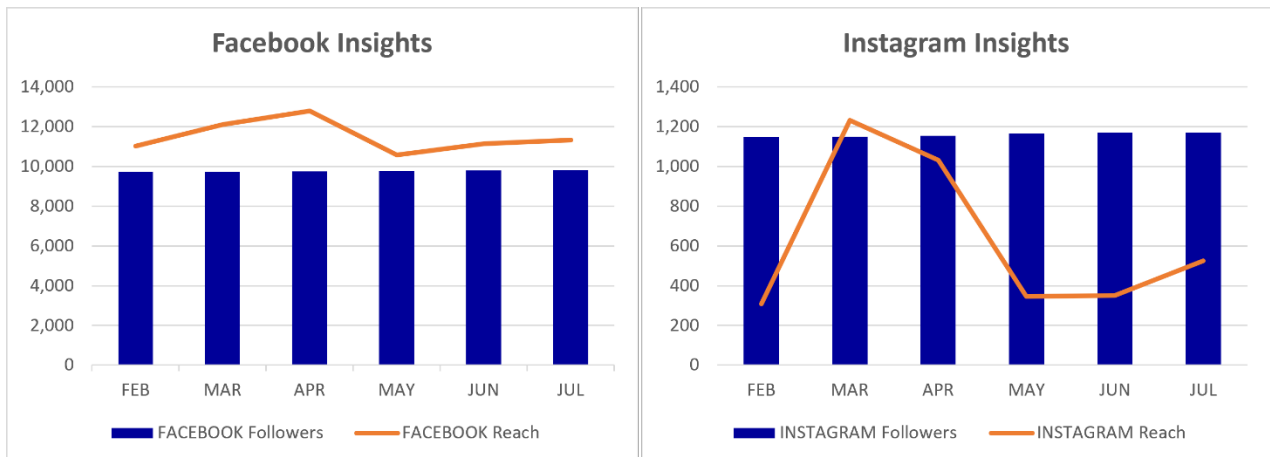
Summer Passport – As our summer learning programs are wrapping up, several of the agencies have reached out thanking us for the continued partnership with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce through the Summer Passport program. We have shared photos received from the programs on social media throughout the summer and created a page on our website to recognize the businesses and attractions that participated.

Afterschool Outreach – For the month of August our targeted outreach efforts will focus on sharing programs that serve youth during out of school times. A radio ad voiced by Council Member and Port St. Lucie Police Chief Rich Del Toro discusses the importance of safe, positive afterschool activities from a law enforcement lens. That ad, along with a video also featuring Chief Del Toro will be promoted on several platforms throughout the month.

St. Lucie Reads - We have been engaging in conversations with administration at Village Green Elementary about helping them bring a book vending machine to their campus. This would be in addition to the two that have been proposed by the Amazin’ Mets Foundation. Our commitment would be to provide books for each for one year, at which time the responsibility would transition to the school or host agency.

Special Projects – We have approved a \$2,550 request from Future Generations to upgrade technology equipment in their program. Additionally, we have approved a \$5,000 request from Bluebird Educational Foundation, Inc. to provide musical instruments to local students who cannot obtain or afford them on their own.

Social Media Analytics



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FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

CSC Ad Valorem Revenues: \$ 11,768,783 (99%)

CSC Expenditures:

Operating Expenditures	\$ 1,577,899 (74%)
Program Allocations	<u>\$ 6,318,067</u> (55%)
Total CSC Expenses	\$ 7,895,966 (58%)

APPROVED EXPENDITURES SHOWN IN BUDGET:

A. The following items were posted to the FY 22-23 budget as approved by the CEO:

- \$ 500 BTR New Horizons audit late fee
- \$ 1,722 BTR ITIOC-Youth 4 Change
- \$ 3,168 BTR HPS-HMB
- \$ 9,000 BTR New Horizons-SAP
- \$ 1,930 BTR HPS-IFR
- \$ 7,250 BTR MRC-Next Level
- \$ 2,000 BTR Special Designation
- \$ 500 BTR New Horizons audit late fee
- \$ 500 BTR MMH audit late fee

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES (per Bank Statements at 06.30.2023)

ACCOUNT	INTEREST %	BALANCE	INTEREST \$	BAUER RATING AS OF 04.05.23
TD Bank-Operating	2.94 %	\$ 1,839,498	\$ 4,912	5 Star
TD Bank-MMkt	2.94 %	\$ 8,744,229	\$ 20,793	5 Star
SBA-FL Prime	5.33%	\$268,715	\$ 1,172	NA
Seacoast	Not Given	\$ 50,175	\$ 4	5 Star
SouthState-9645	0 %	\$ 0	\$ 0	5 Star
SouthState-4504	0 %	\$ 0	\$ 0	5 Star

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023:

The Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 was presented and accepted by Council at the July 13, 2023 Council meeting. The next steps in the TRIM (Truth In Millage) process will be:

1. Notice of Property Taxes mailed by the Tax Collector in which Children's Services Council millage rate and the date, time, and location of the first public hearing will be printed.
2. First public hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, September 2, 2023 at 5:01 p.m.**
3. Two ads will run county-wide on Monday, September 13, 2021: Notice of Proposed Tax Increase and Budget Summary.
4. Final public hearing scheduled for **Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5:01 p.m.**

CSC Facilities – The Kathy Basile Center for Training and Community Development was used five times by outside organizations in the month of July.

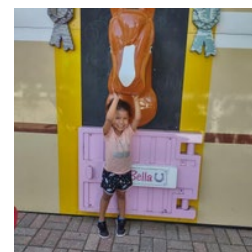
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SUCCESS

Help Me Behave: One of CSC funded programs in the category of Keeping Kids in School is Helping People Succeed's Help Me Behave program. The program provides comprehensive behavioral intervention for families of children ages 2-5 with challenges in the childcare and home settings. Please find below a success story submitted by Help Me Behave.

Anne is a three-year-old girl who was referred to the Help Me Behave Program by her school. She is a cheerful, active, and thoughtful little girl who struggles during circle time. Anne would run across the room when asked to do a non-preferred activity. Her teachers were frustrated; they felt they could not take their eyes off of her. Unfortunately, other children began imitating Anne's disruptive behavior, and the school would request that Anne be picked up early. Anne's mom was upset with the school and overwhelmed about the possibility of losing her job if she had to continue leaving work early to pick up her daughter.

At school, the Behavior Specialist understood Anne's teacher's class expectations. Circle time is an excellent opportunity for developing and promoting self-regulation, cooperative learning, listening, and social skills. The Behavior Specialist noticed Anne was the fourth youngest child of five; her family was energetic and dynamic. The Behavior Specialist modeled for Annie's teacher how to incorporate singing, movement activities, and story props, to help create engaging learning experiences. The Behavior Specialist also created a personal sensory/relaxation box that Anne could use independently to help calm and regulate her emotions.



One of the Help Me Behave goals is to build strong relationships between parents and the school. The Behavior Specialist approached this goal by facilitating a partnership between Anne's teacher and her mom. The Behavior Specialist also provided suggestions for Anne's teacher to connect with Anne and get to know her daily.

Nurse Home Visitation: One of CSC funded programs in the category of Ensuring Every Baby is a Healthy Baby is Healthy Start Coalition's Nurse Home Visitation program. The program offers a voluntary home visit to families with newborns. Please find below a success story submitted by a nurse from the program.

During a home visit, a breastfeeding newborn weighed less than she did the previous day at the pediatrician's office. Baby was stooling infrequently, indicating that baby was not thriving while breastfeeding.

A complete breastfeeding assessment was completed including proper latching techniques, suck/swallow ratios, feeding frequency, maternal nutrition and rest, and adequate voids and stools. Mom reported that extended family visiting might have distracted her from feeding baby on demand. I instructed her to feed baby on demand and to focus on rest and nutrition. She agreed.

Breastfed babies should gain 1/2 to 1+ ounces a day. During a second visit 4 days later, baby had gained 6 ounces! Her stooling had increased. Mom stated she felt like she had "turned a corner" after her initial nurse home visit. She and Dad were reassured by the weight gain and encouraged by the visit.

Dad stated that he was "amazed that a program like [the Nurse Home Visitation Program] exists!" I informed him that due to funding by CSC and United Way, we offer this program to all moms and babies in St. Lucie County.