



Who We Are

The Florida Children's Council is a non-profit organization leading businesses, agencies and other key stakeholders in work efforts that support Florida's children, youth and families.

The Florida Children's Council serves as the statewide umbrella organization for the Children's Services Councils. With intentional focus on collective impact and evidence-based strategies, Children's Services Councils work in partnership with federal, state and community partners to fund services that improve outcomes for children, youth and families.

The Florida Children's Council coordinates resources and system development activities to enhance Florida's collective efforts and ensure children are healthy, well cared for, learned, and prepared for a successful future.

What is a CSC?

A Children's Services Council provides funding for programs and services that improve the lives of children and their families. Chapter 125 of Florida Statutes (passed in 1986) governs the creation and operation of a Children's Services Council, commonly referred to as a CSC. Florida is the only state in the nation with laws that allow local county leaders and the residents of those counties to create a special entity that's sole purpose is to invest in the well-being of children and families.

2Gen

With the support of national foundations, Children's Services Councils have set out to better understand the impact of poverty to our economy, our communities, families and children. As part of this effort, we've conducted analysis on social services and policies to identify what is working well and where more effective policy considerations and practices may be beneficial.

Reassessing current policies with a 2gen approach provides a framework for reducing government dependency and spending, while improving the outcomes of children and families. Our recommendations encourage the integration of graduated phase-outs and alignment with workforce services to improve the financial outcomes for families and the development of young children.



Member Children's Services Councils

Broward

Children's Services of Broward County
Executive Director: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer

Duval

Kids Hope Alliance
Chief Executive Officer: Joe Peppers

Manatee

Community Services of Manatee County
Director: Cheri Coryea

Martin

Children's Services of Martin County
Executive Director: David Heaton

Miami-Dade

The Children's Trust of Miami
Executive Director: Jim Haj

Palm Beach

Children's Services of Palm Beach County
Executive Director: Lisa Williams-Taylor

St. Lucie

Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County
Executive Director: Sean Boyle

Initiatives

The Florida Children's Council also houses the **Florida Afterschool Network** and Florida's **Grade Level Reading Campaign**. FAN and FGLRC both foster improved student outcomes through focused work on increasing third-grade reading proficiency and promoting quality afterschool and summer learning opportunities.

