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## Letter from the Division Director

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Another summer is behind us and our children and families have transitioned back to school and work. Although this summer was not without challenges, it was wonderful to see some sense of normalcy resume for our children - they interacted with adults outside their homes, learned through creative methods, stayed fit through dance, and explored new places and made new friends.

Our children excelled at our educational enrichment camps, with improved math and reading scores to combat COVID and summer slide. Our parents, breathed a sigh of relief as they headed out to work knowing that their children were in a safe space with caring adults, food, activities and exposure to healthy behaviors this summer.

At the end of each summer, I look to what the future will hold and how we can learn from the past. As I pause to reflect on it all, my heart is full of gratitude for our team of summer camp providers, summer feeding sites, student interns, and agencies that provided learning opportunities to our children.

To my OCP team who work year-round in ensuring that summer programming is fluid - I appreciate your ability to pivot as needed in times of uncertainty!

To the Board of County Commissioners, County Administration, Children's Services Council, and Friends of Youth Services, thank you for recognizing the importance of our children and the continued funding and support of summer programming.

To the parents who trust us with providing services to their children - we know that it takes a village to raise a child! We will continue to get your feedback, assess gaps in services and resources needed. And, we will continue to vet the services to provide quality programming to the children in this community.

To our children - we will continue to listen to your voice!

I look forward to next summer, as we continue to refine our summer camp process, work with other summer feeding sponsors to improve the quality of meals, and increase access to services.

Geeta Loach-Jacobson, Director  
Palm Beach County Youth Services  
Outreach and Community Programming

# Summer Food Service Program



# Summer Food Service Program

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## Purpose:

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides meals and snacks to low-income school aged children during the summer months (June–August).

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department – Outreach and Community Programming Division (OCP) acts as the sponsor, which entails administration and monitoring of the SFSP funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

Sponsors enter into agreements with sites to receive vended cold meals daily or shelf-stable meals weekly. Eligible sites within the community receive and serve meals in a safe and supervised setting. Sites are located within five miles of a school with at least 50% free or reduced lunch.



*Town of Lake Park mobile feeding*

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## Summer Food Service Program

### Summer Food Monitors:

Summer Food monitors are employed to assist with trainings of food sites, complete paperwork, and monitor assigned sites in compliance with USDA requirements.

Monitors are college students, who are provided structure and training, giving them exposure to the workforce and developing teamwork, leadership and effective communication skills.



Jevon Hamilton - Florida Atlantic University  
Elysa Smith - Florida State University  
Jorge Valle - Southeastern University  
Vandi Allen - Florida A&M University  
Devani Allen - Florida A&M University  
Inayat Sood - Florida State University

# Summer Food Service Program

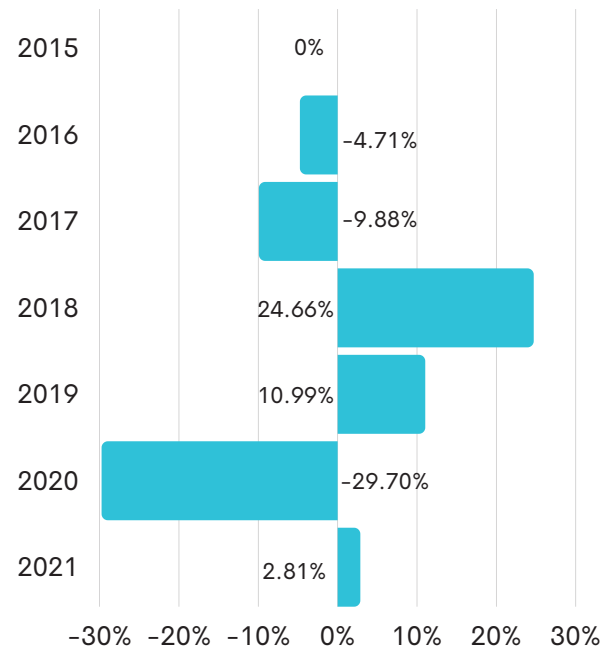
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## Total Food Sites:

The summer of 2021 saw the beginning of a rebound in available sites after the sharp decline in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the unavailability of sites.

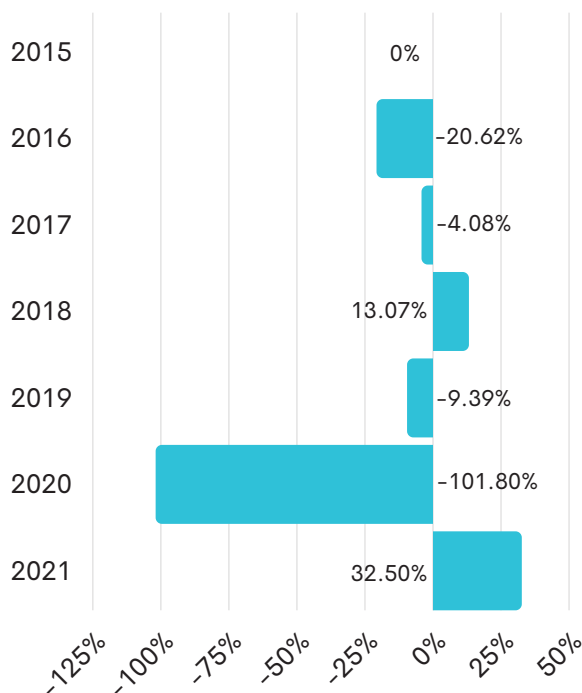


## Percent Change from Previous Year



## Total Meals Served:

### Percent Change from Previous Year

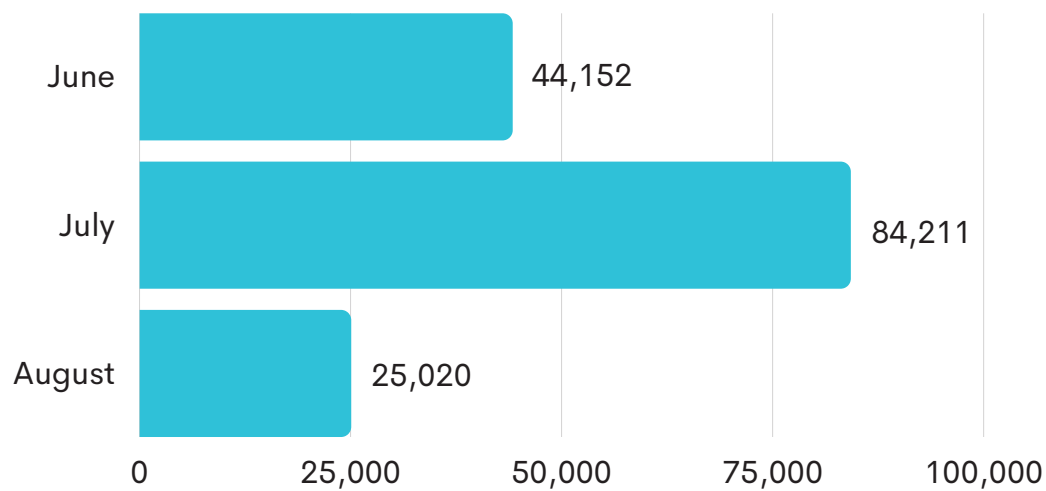


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## Summer Food Service Program

### Total Meals Served by Month:

June consisted of eight (8) service days; July had 21 service days; and August served a total of five (5) days.



Hagan Ranch Road Branch Library

# Summer Food Service Program

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## Meal Distribution Sites:



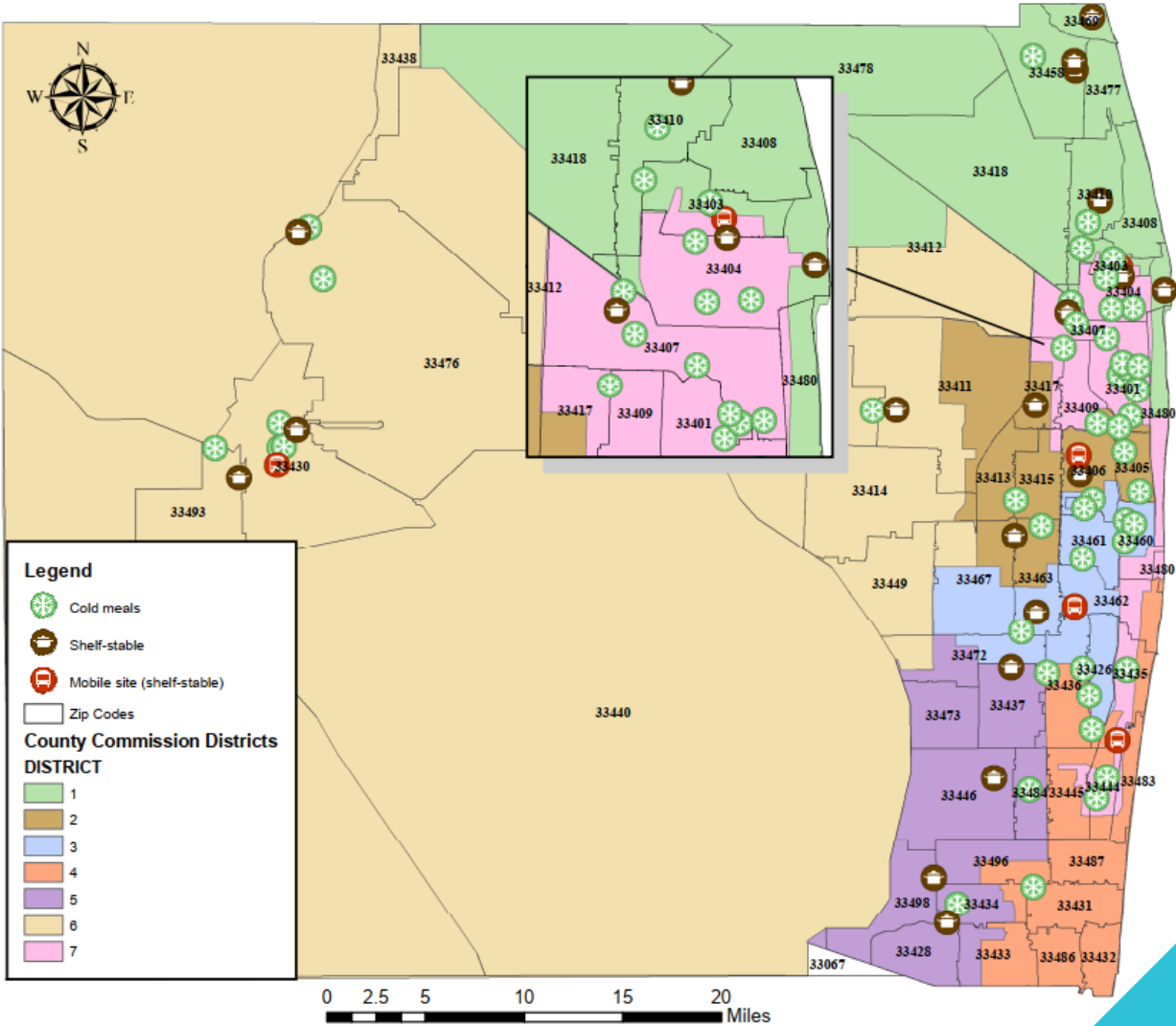
29 new sites



+3,500 individual children served



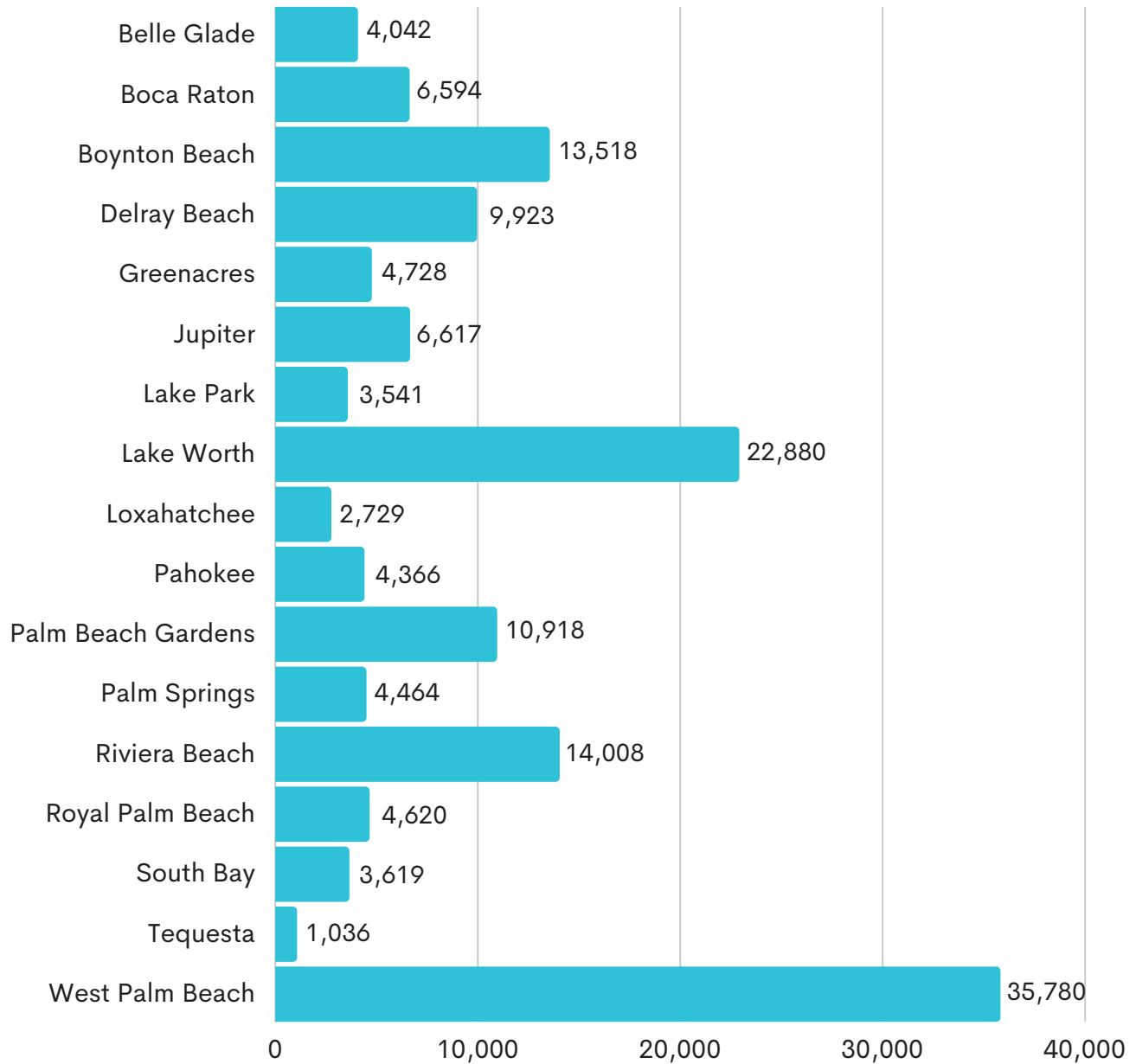
33 different zip codes  
All 7 districts



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## Summer Food Service Program

### Servings by Address:



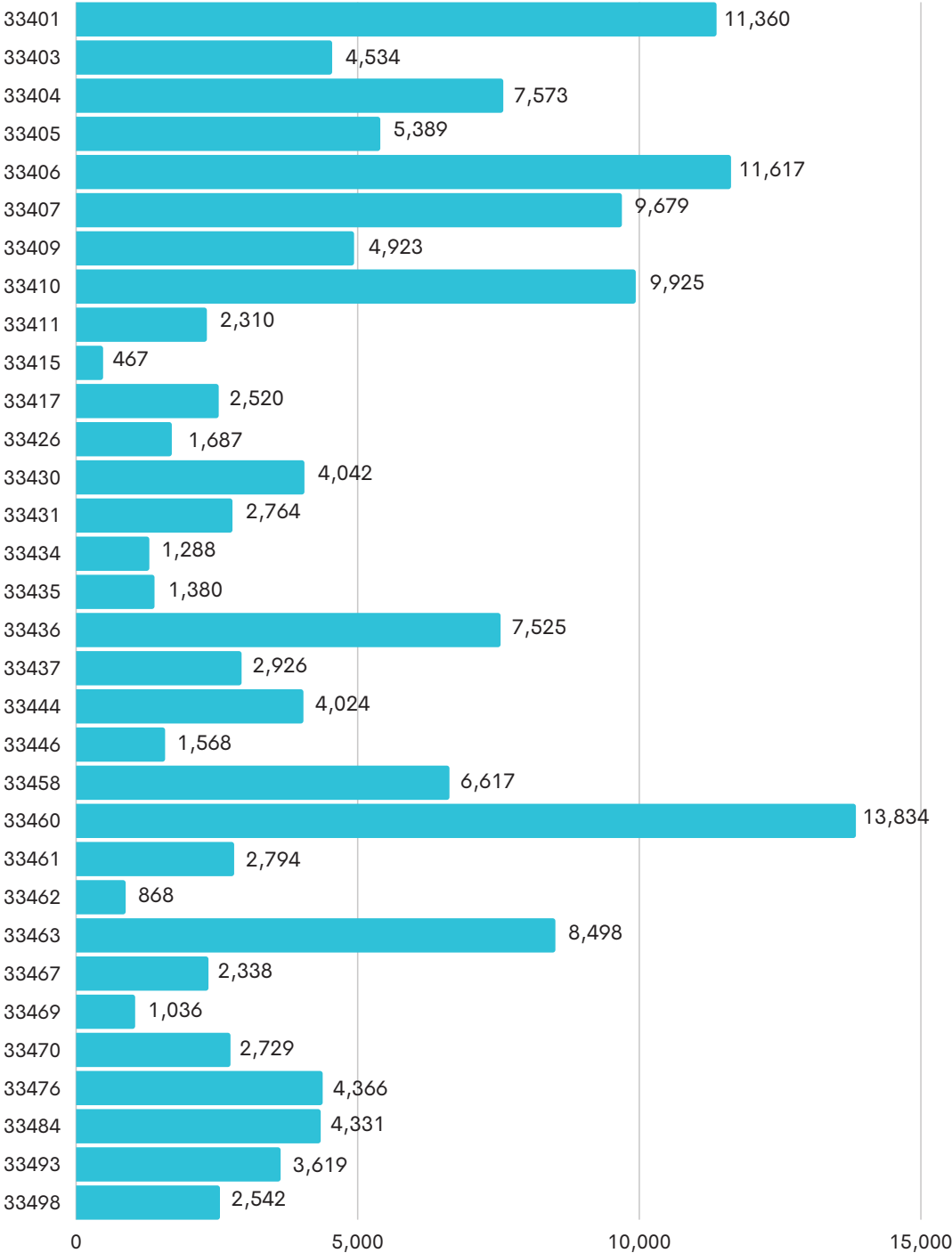
**The most meals were served in West Palm Beach.**

The city of West Palm Beach hosts 16 serving sites which is 23% of the total SFSP sites in Palm Beach County. There are also six (6) site zip codes located in West Palm Beach.

# Summer Food Service Program

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Servings by Zip Code:



Zip codes with most meals served:

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33460  
Lake Worth

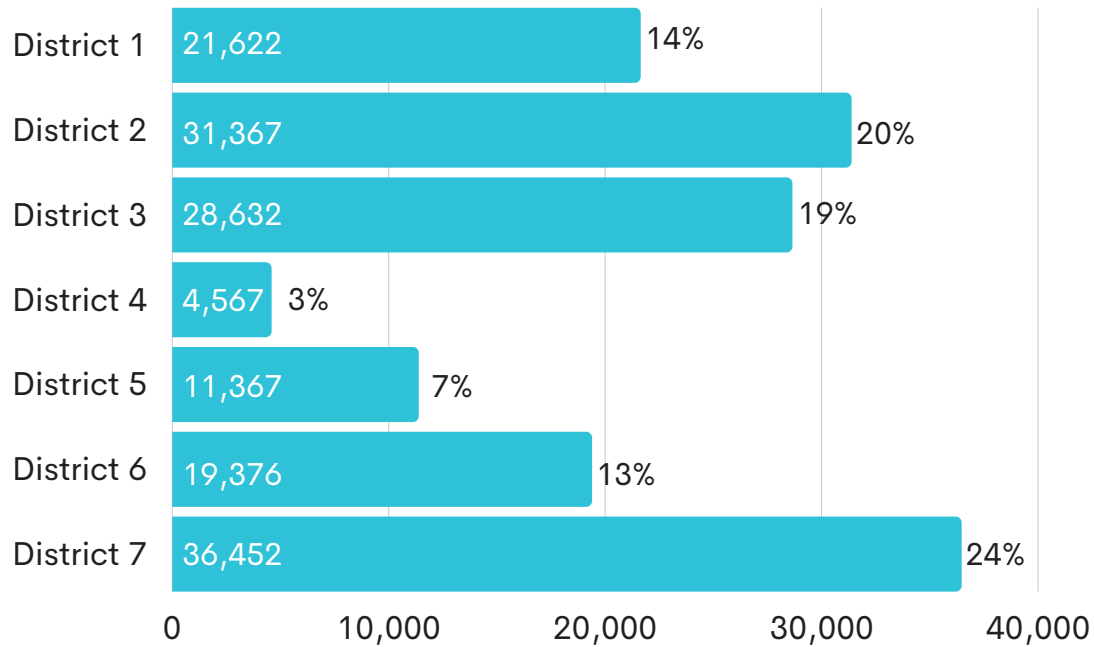
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West Palm Beach

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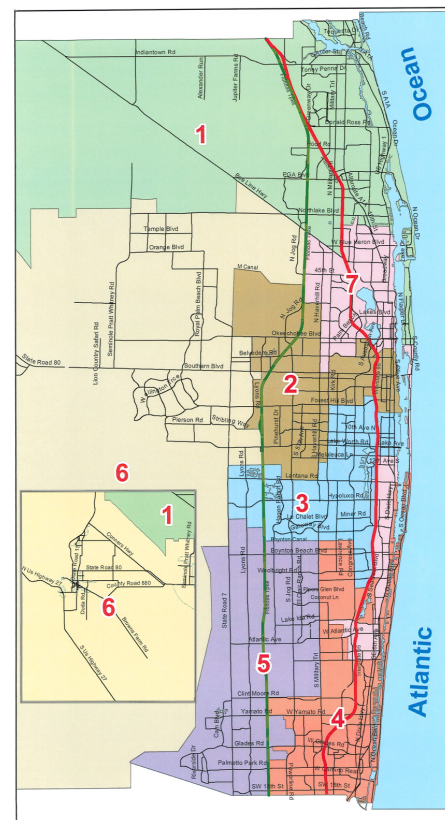
## Summer Food Service Program

### Servings by District:



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The most meals were served in District 7.



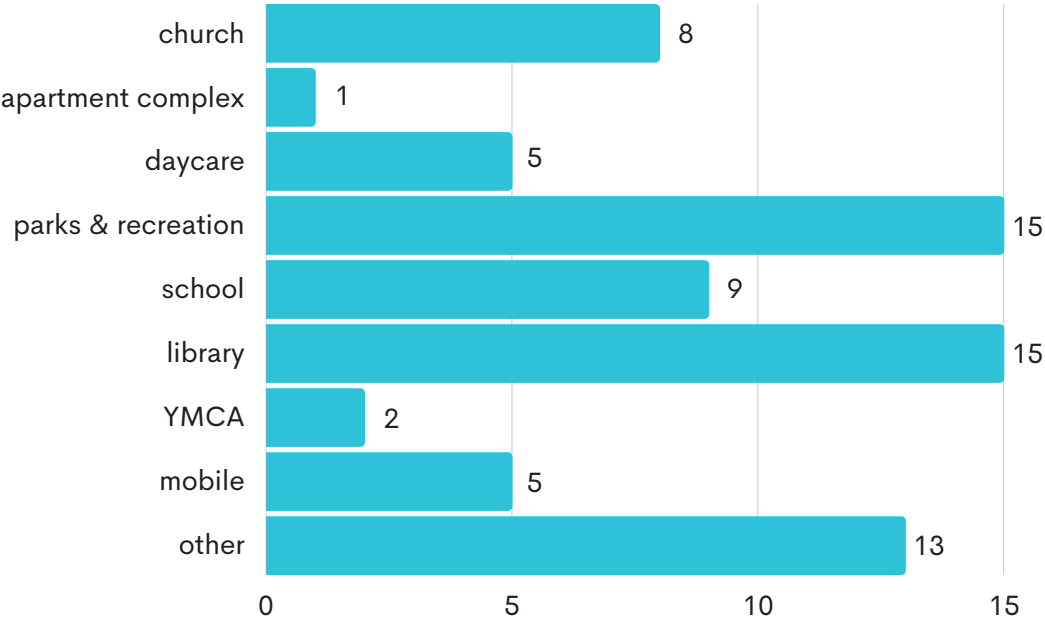
# Summer Food Service Program

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## Types of Sites:

When applying for the Summer Food Service Program, sites self-identify their site type based on the following options provided by FDACS.

The majority of feeding sites consisted of parks & recreation, library, and other (which included community centers, dance studios, non-profit organizations, and more).



parks & rec  
21%



library  
21%



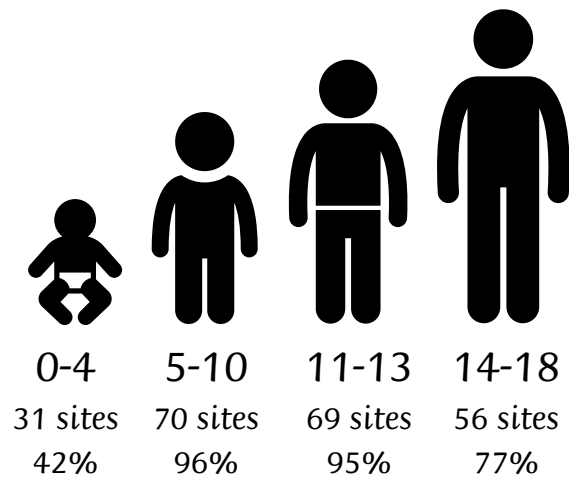
other  
18%

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## Summer Food Service Program

### Age Groups Served:

Of the 73 meal distribution sites, the following age groups were served:  
(A site may serve multiple age groups.)

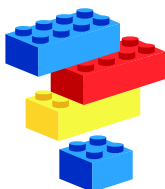


### Summer Camp Scholarship Program Sites Served



36 sites  
49% of all sites

### Early Learning Coalition Sites Served



21 sites  
29% of all sites



Town of Lake Park mobile feeding

# Summer Food Service Program

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## Shelf-Stable Feeding:

For the second year in a row, the SFSP utilized the USDA waivers related to the COVID-19 pandemic and offered shelf-stable meal kits at many locations.

The Palm Beach County Library System partnership continued with meal service at 15 library locations.



## Waivers utilized (from FDACS & USDA):

- To serve seven days' worth of meals at one time.
- Non-Congregate Feeding - Do not have to eat meals on site.
- Parents can pick up meals without children present.



## New in 2021: Mobile Feeding Sites



- SFSP monitors were trained as site supervisors to facilitate the first year of mobile feeding with five locations throughout Palm Beach County.
- These mobile locations allowed parents to utilize the Grab 'n Go feeding style; picking up 14 meals at one time (seven days' worth of breakfast and lunch).

## Mobile Feeding Sites:

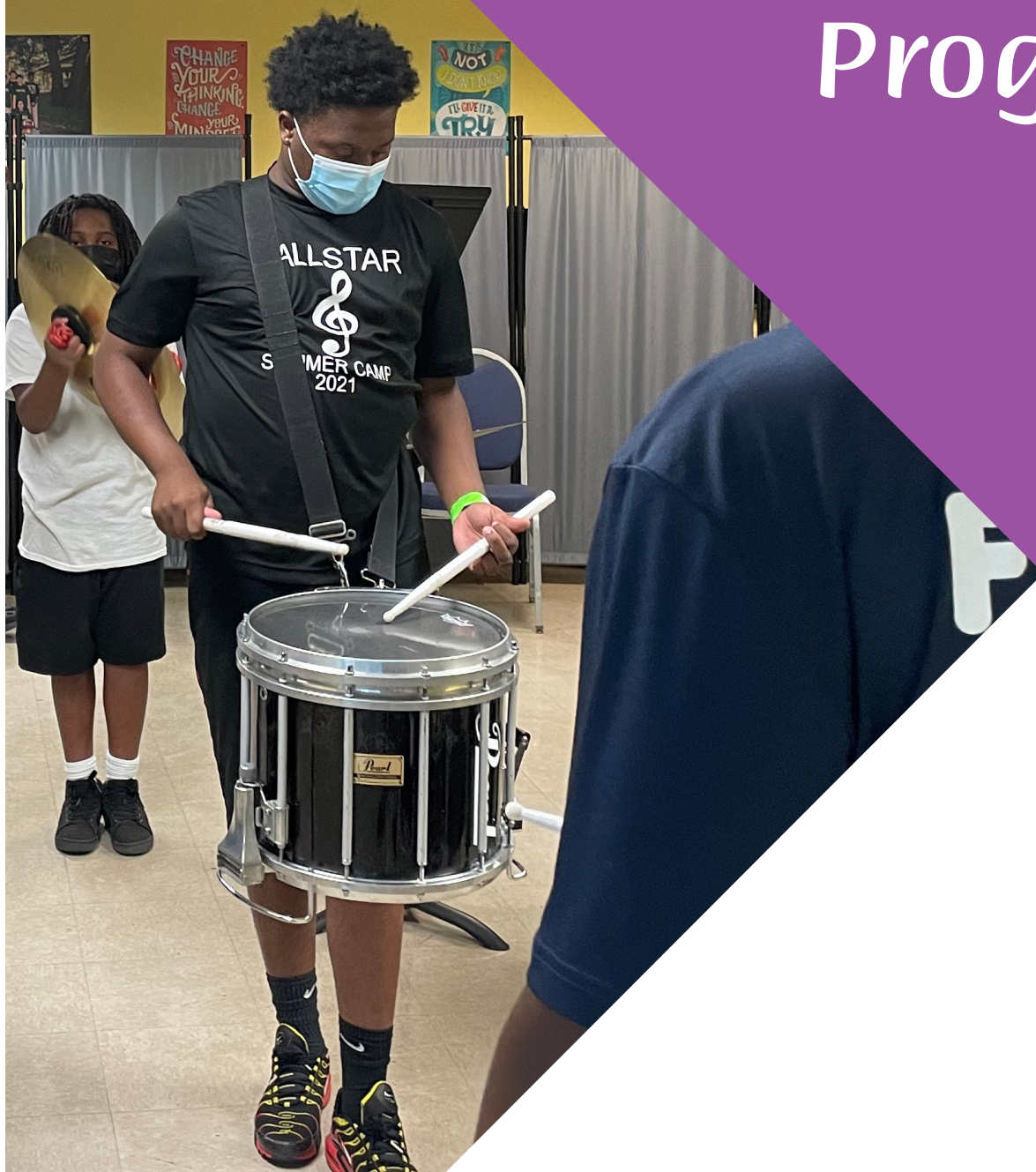
Monday: Town of Lake Park  
Tuesday: Santaluces Aquatic Complex  
Wednesday: Pioneer Park  
Thursday: Lake Lytal Park  
Friday: Aqua Crest Pool



Santaluces Aquatic Complex mobile feeding

6,443 mobile meals served

# Summer Camp Scholarship Program



# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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## Purpose:

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program (SCSP) provides full-tuition and fees for summer camp for children residing in families with income at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines or meet priority criteria (foster-care, homeless or involvement with the delinquency systems).

Funding for the SCSP is provided through a partnership between the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and the Children's Services Council. Friends of Youth Services and Palm Beach County, Inc. serves as the fiscal agent responsible for managing funds and retaining financial records.

# of Persons in Household	2021 Federal Poverty Level for the 48 Contiguous States (Annual Income)						
	100%	133%	138%	150%	200%	300%	400%
1	\$12,880	\$17,130	\$17,774	\$19,320	\$25,760	\$38,640	\$51,520
2	\$17,420	\$23,169	\$24,040	\$26,130	\$34,840	\$52,260	\$69,680
3	\$21,960	\$29,207	\$30,305	\$32,940	\$43,920	\$65,880	\$87,840
4	\$26,500	\$35,245	\$36,570	\$39,750	\$53,000	\$79,500	\$106,000
5	\$31,040	\$41,283	\$42,835	\$46,560	\$62,080	\$93,120	\$124,160
6	\$35,580	\$47,321	\$49,100	\$53,370	\$71,160	\$106,740	\$142,320
7	\$40,120	\$53,360	\$55,366	\$60,180	\$80,240	\$120,360	\$160,480
8	\$44,660	\$59,398	\$61,631	\$66,990	\$89,320	\$133,980	\$178,640

Add \$4,540 for each person in household over 8 persons

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

### Program Summary:

SCSP pays full tuition and associated fees (including field trips) for eligible children to attend day camp during the summer months. Camps across Palm Beach County are encouraged to apply to be a Summer Camp Scholarship site and offer educational, recreational, and other programming to meet the needs of Palm Beach County children.



Achievement Centers



East Coast Flame Allstars

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Homeless
- Foster Care Involved
- Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Involved
- Bridges Summer Reading Program Participants
- Any other child from a family whose income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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## Database Application:

With the implementation of the SCSP database application, the number of applications for scholarships has increased. In the years prior to 2018, all applications were in a paper format and parents were required to apply in person. Through technology, the application is accessible from any computer or mobile device. Parents still have the option to come into the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's main office to complete their application and receive assistance from SCSP staff, or take advantage of outreach opportunities within the community. The easy online access provided by the database application has proven to be successful as measured by the increased number of applications and the decrease in outreach attendance.

**Provider  
Application  
[Click Here](#)**

**Parent  
Application  
[Click Here](#)**



**Am I Eligible?  
[Click Here](#)**

## Outreach Events:

### **Four Points Office**

50 S. Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415  
Friday, March 26, 2021  
4:30 - 7:00 PM

Extended hours offered at the Four Points location Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 - 7:00 PM throughout the application period.

### **Belle Glade Library**

725 NW 4th St  
Belle Glade, FL 33430  
Wednesday, March 2, 2021  
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program



### New in 2021: Provider Presentations



New to the 2021 provider application process was the Provider Presentation. Providers had 20 minutes to present their program to YSD staff.

If a camp did not meet the requirements, they were provided technical assistance or connections to additional resources.

Presentations are located on the SCSP website:  
[https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer\\_Camp.aspx](https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx).

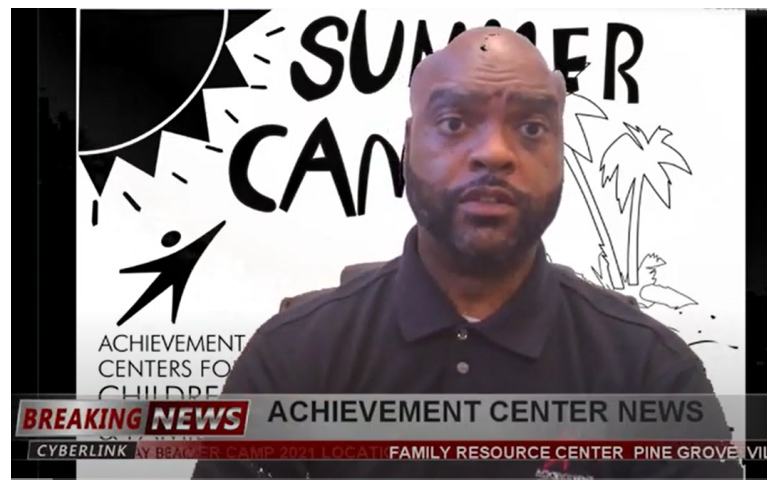
In addition to the camp directory which shows contact information and dates/times of operation, parents can now get a more complete picture of the services the camp offers.

The most common areas needing improvement included character building/ social emotional support, preventing the summer slide, and staff growth and development.

Camps were linked to Prime Time for training and Expanded Learning Opportunities, or given free curriculum to help get them to the level the team felt was appropriate to meet the needs of campers.

### Areas of Review:

1. Activities that promote skill building
2. Camp staff growth and development
3. Character building/ social emotional support
4. Well-maintained facility
5. Conflict management
6. Marketing
7. Availability of nutritious meals
8. Safety and sanitation
9. Preventing the summer slide.



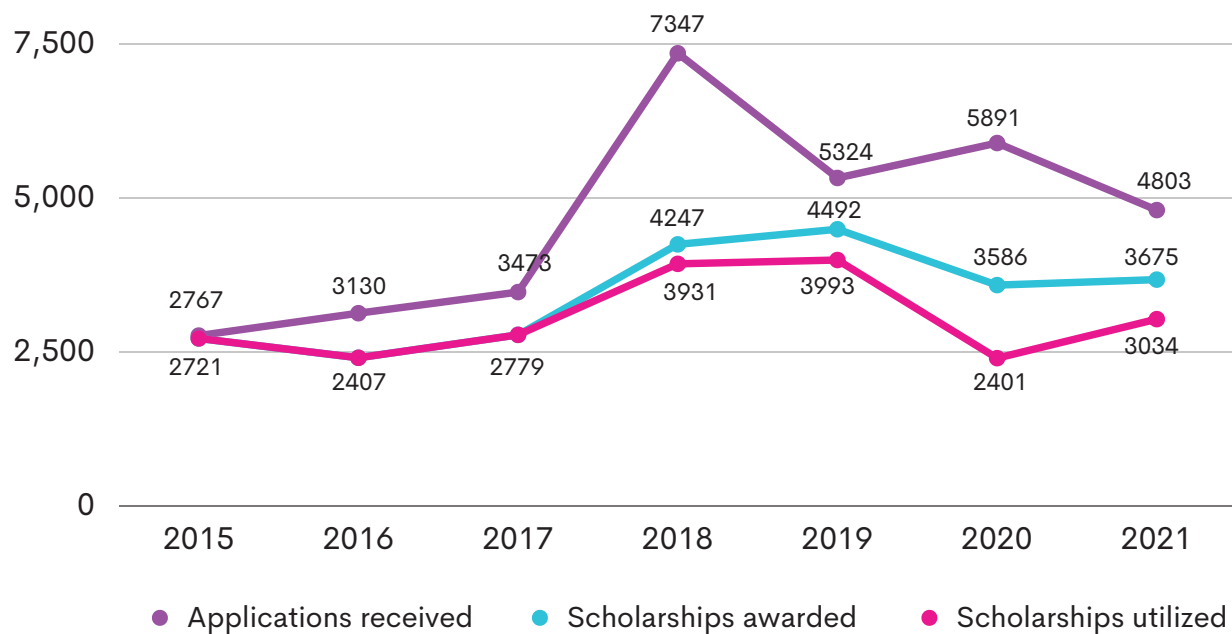
Achievement Centers

# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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## 2015 - 2021 Summer Camp Trends:

- Palm Beach County Youth Services Department assumed the SCSP in 2015.
- The SCSP database was created in 2018.
- Tracking scholarships awarded versus scholarship utilized began with the creation of the database.



Sunlight Community Church

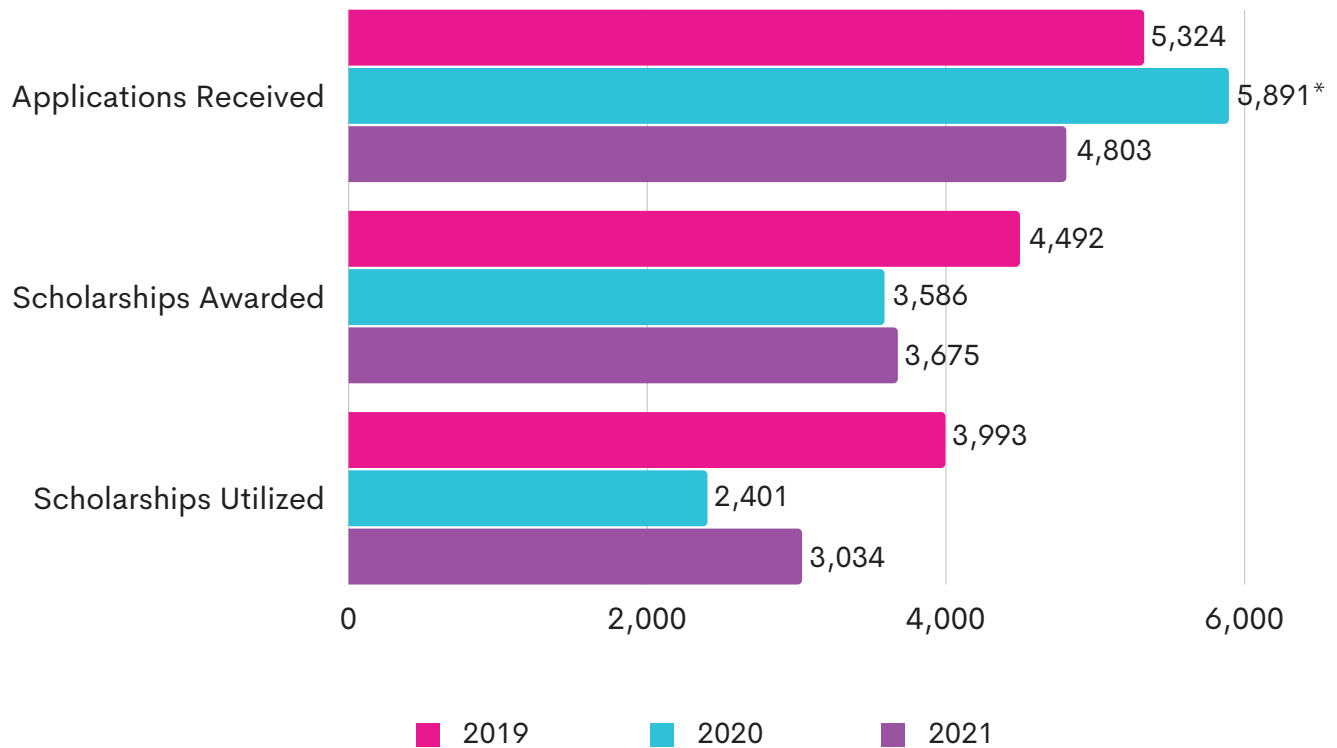


Faith's Place at Westgate

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

### 2019 - 2021 Summer Camp Trends:



\*Application deadline preceded the close of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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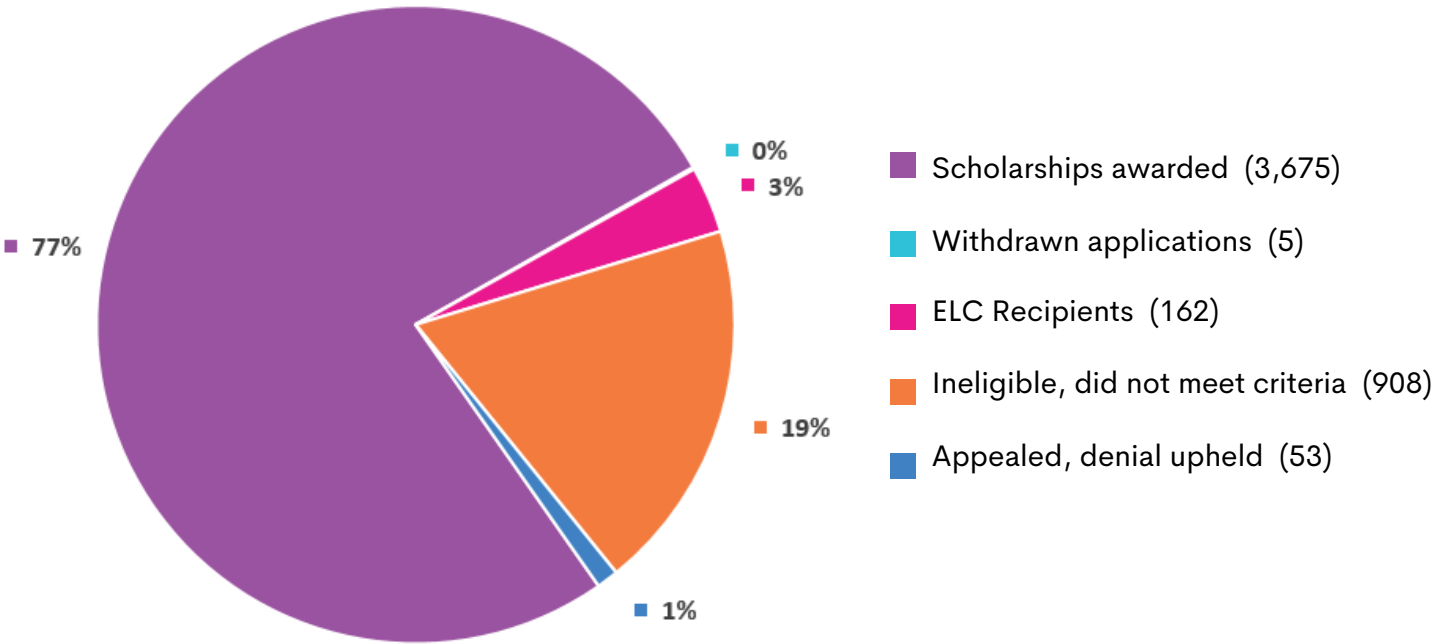
Suncoast Christian Academy

# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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## Camper Applications:

Total Number of Applicants:	4,803
Total Scholarships Awarded:	3,675
Total Number of Scholarships not Awarded:	1,128



Milagro Center

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

### Summer Camp Types:



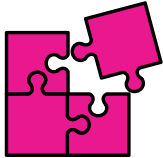
#### *Educational Enrichment Camps (EEC)*

provide a curriculum that includes educational advancements to prevent summer learning loss



#### *Specialty Camps*

focus on sports, dance, technology, art, and/or wellness



#### *Special Needs Camps*

provide support to campers on the autism spectrum and related disabilities requiring supervised daytime care



#### *Regular Camps*

all other camps not specifically mentioned above

### Camp Reimbursement:

Camp must be offered 5 days per week (exceptions including a county-observed holiday or a natural disaster).

Campers must attend a minimum of 12 hours per week to qualify for reimbursement.

Regular & Specialty Camps = \$130 per camper per week

EEC Camps = \$140 per camper per week

Special Needs Camps = \$350 per camper per week

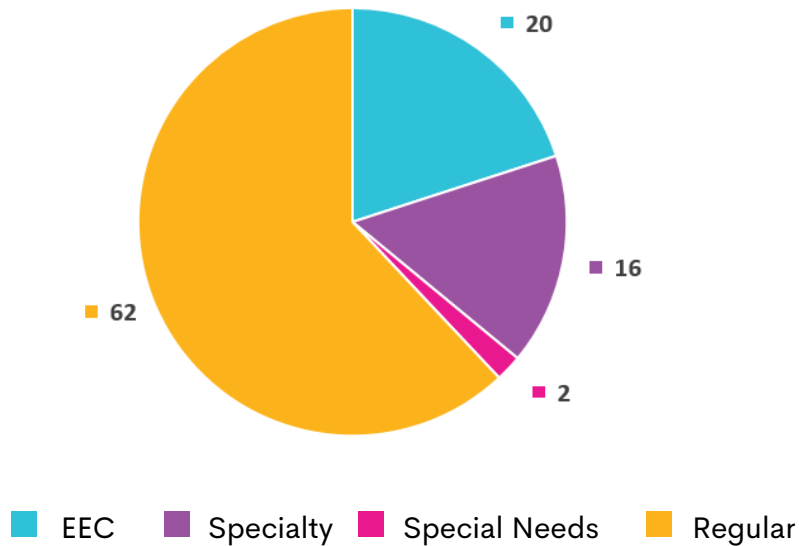


For the Children Inc.

# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

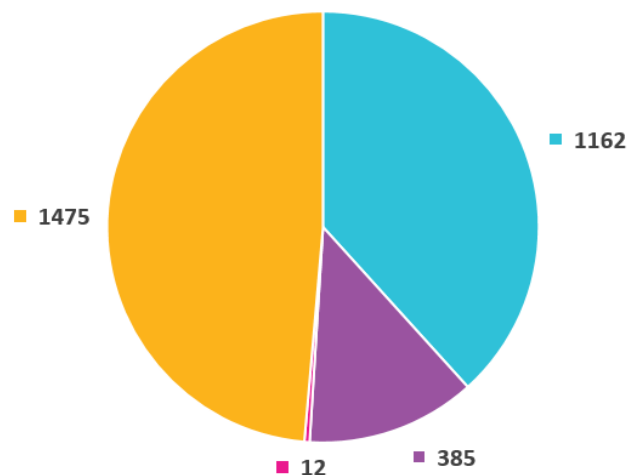
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## Summer Camps by Type:



For the Children Inc.

## Children Served by Camp Type:



The Guatemalan Maya Center

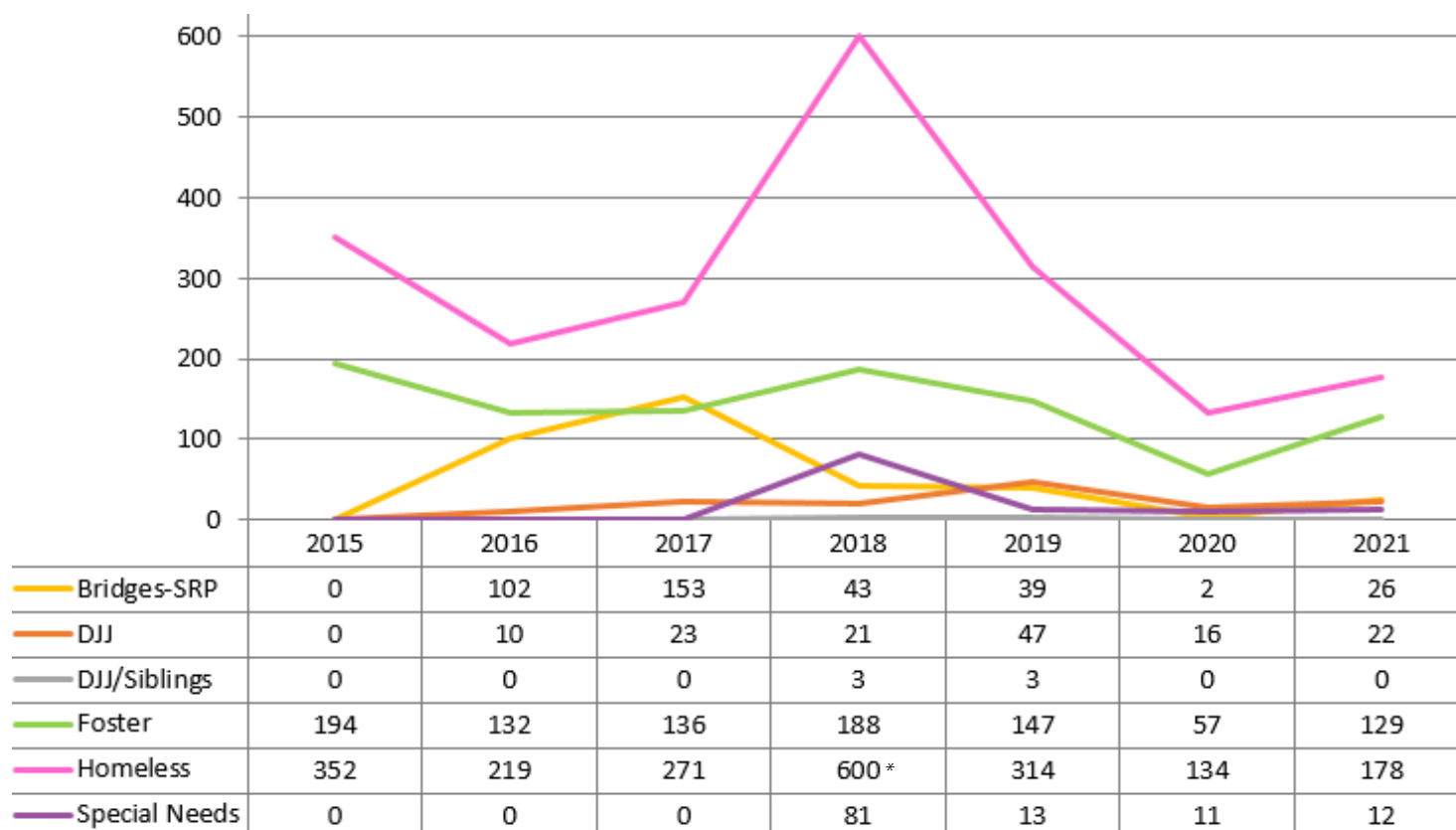
"I have worked with the Summer Camp Scholarship Program for over ten (10) years and every year is better than the last. The YSD listens and tries their best to simplify processes for providers so we can focus on making summer camps memorable for our youth!"

- City of Greenacres

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

### 2015 - 2021 Special Populations Trend:



\*The total calculated in 2018 utilized an old measurement format.

Summer 2020 experienced a decrease in scholarship utilization related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The homeless youth may also attribute its utilization decrease to the virtual learning platform shift at the end of the 2019-2020 school year which may have led to underreporting of homeless youth. As school are returning to in-person learning, the number is starting to rise.



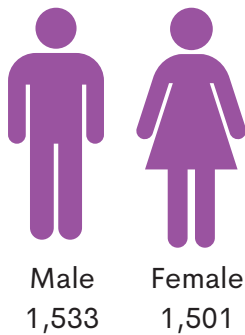
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# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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## Camper Demographics:

### Gender:

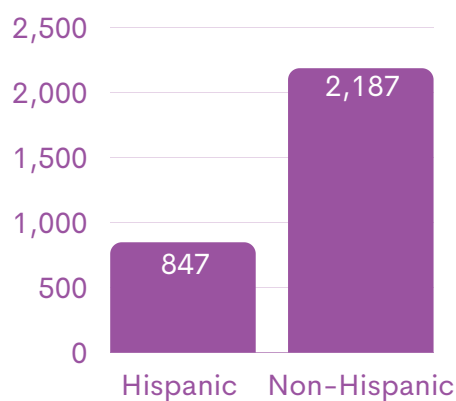


### Age:



Pioneer Park Elementary

### Ethnicity:



Destiny Fulfilled Summer Camp

"We had a great turn out for scholarship kids this year and they were so excited to be back in summer camp and to see all of their friends again. We thank you and all of the funders for helping our community year in and year out. Thanks for another wonderful summer."

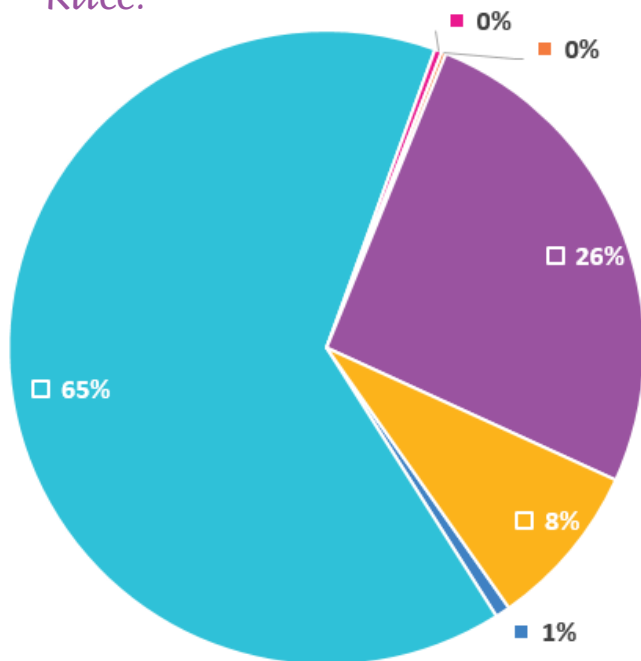
- Florence Fuller Child Development Centers

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

### Camper Demographics:

#### Race:



- Asian (23)
- Black/ African-American (1,957)
- Native American/ Alaskan Native (11)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (7)
- White (780)
- Other including Bi-Racial/ Multi-Racial (256)



Suncoast Christian Academy

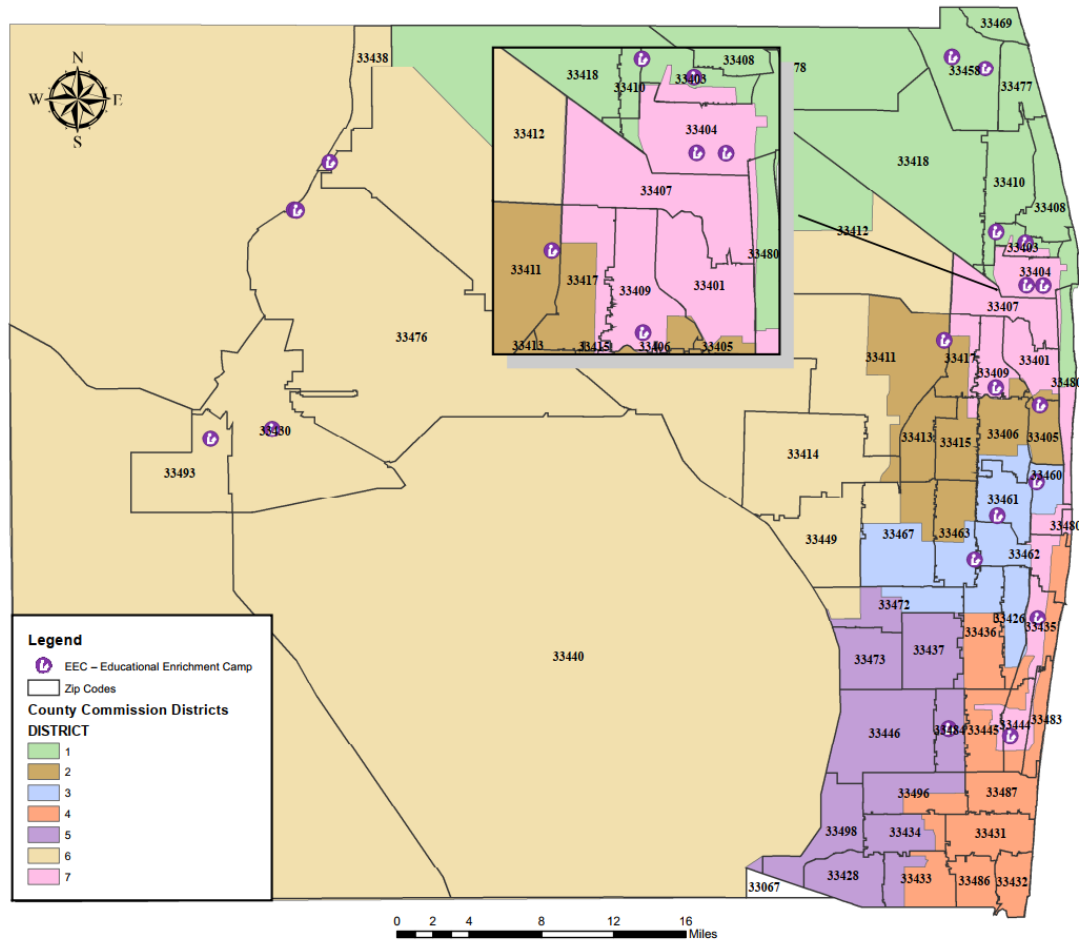


South Olive Community Center

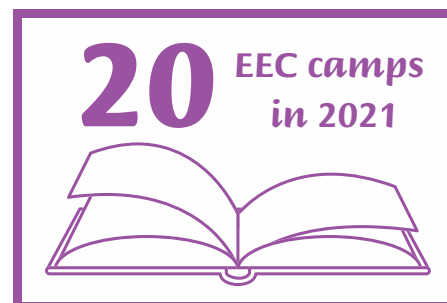
# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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## Educational Enrichment Camp Sites:



Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition  
at Digital VibeZ, Inc.



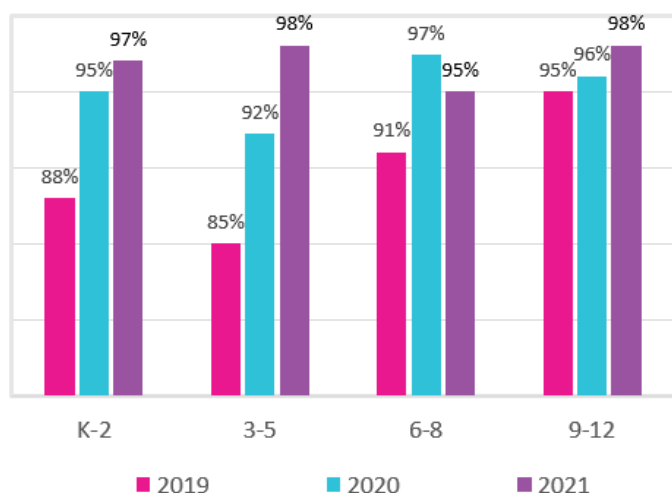
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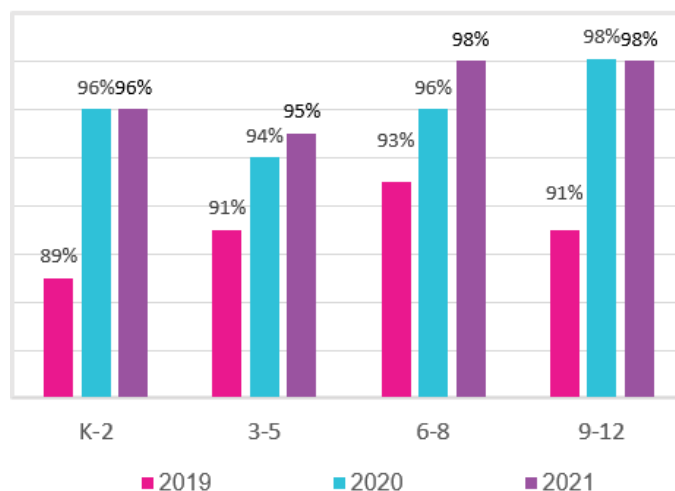
### Educational Enrichment Camps:

To qualify to be an EEC, camps must have a certified teacher on staff, provide curriculum showing that at least 50% of their activities are academic, and must submit pre and post-testing of campers.

#### Educational Gains - Math\*:



#### Educational Gains - Reading\*:



\*Based on pre and post-assessments facilitated by the summer camps



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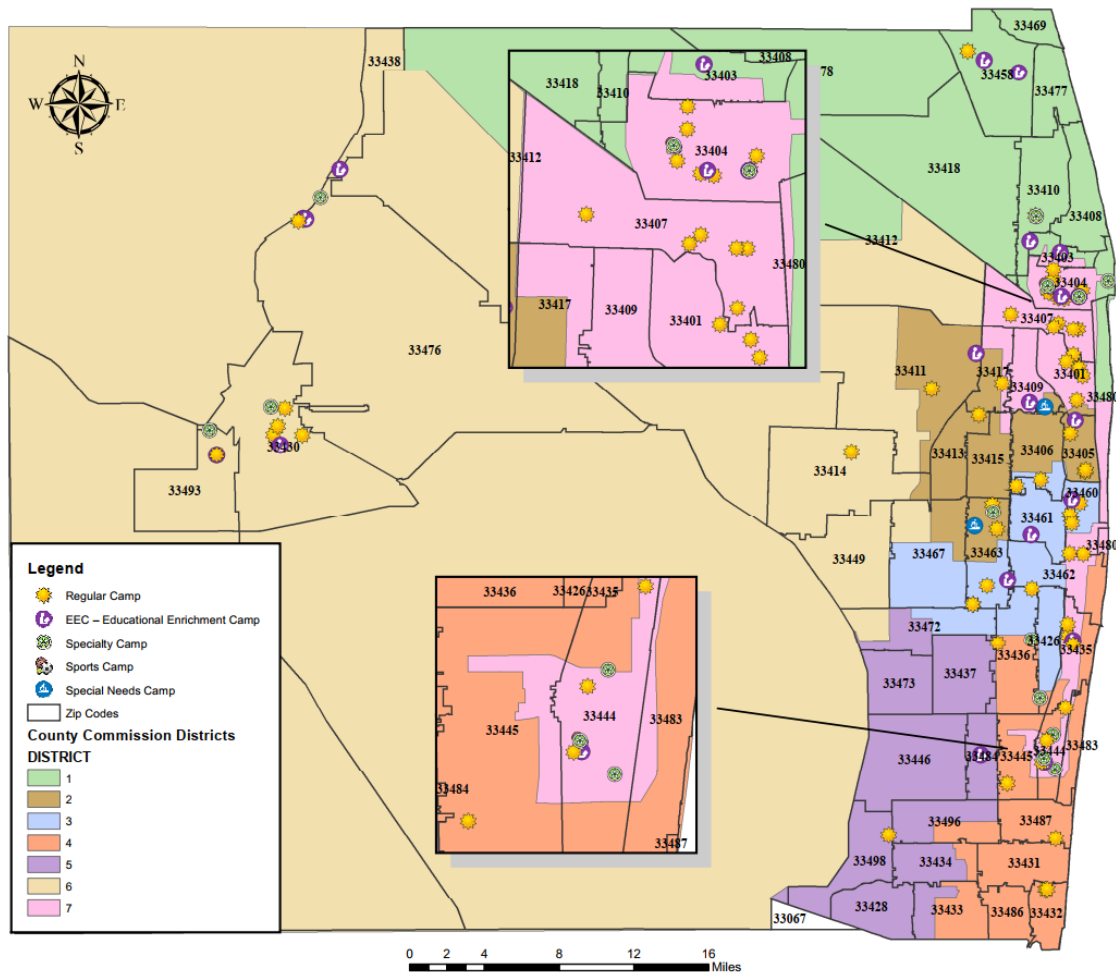


Achievement Centers at Village Academy

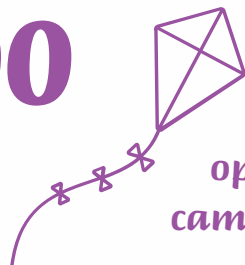
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## Camp Sites:



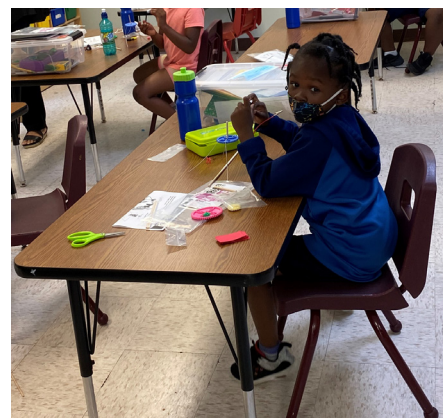
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operating  
camps in 2021

"It was a summer where memories were made and new initiatives were embarked upon."

- Ascension 33, Inc.



Adopt-A-Family

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

### 2021 Camps in Operation:

#### Educational Enrichment Camps

- A Reading and Math Academy Military Trail
- Acts of Kindness at Judge Rogers Developmental Center (formally Maritime Academy)
- Belvedere Elementary School
- Bethel Evangelical Church, Inc
- Destiny Fulfilled Summer Camp Lake Park
- Destiny Fulfilled Summer Camp Riviera Beach at Lincoln Elementary
- Digital Vibez at Somerset Academy JFK
- Digital Vibez at St. John Missionary Baptist Church
- Digital Vibez at West Jupiter Recreation Center
- Digital Vibez, Inc.
- Faith's Place at Westgate
- Jeaga Middle School (Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today)
- Jupiter Community High School (Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today) formerly Jerry Thomas Elementary
- KEC/Canal Point Elementary
- Milagro Center
- Pahokee Elementary IB World School
- Pahokee Middle School
- Pioneer Park Elementary
- Rosenwald Elementary
- Sunlight Community Church

#### Specialty Camps

- Achievement Center Family Resource Center at Morton Downey Family Resource Center
- Achievement Centers at Pine Grove Elementary
- Achievement Centers at Village Academy School
- All Starz Cheer and Dance Camp
- Ascension 33, Inc
- Basketball & Books at JFK Middle (STAMP)
- Boldin Community Impact Camp
- Broadway Theatre Camp
- Digital Vibez at Crossroads Community Center
- East Coast Flames Allstars
- M & S Community Stars of Performing Arts and Academics Inc.
- Palm Beach County Summer Camp of the Arts (East Campus)
- Palm Beach County Summer Camp of the Arts (West Campus)
- Talented Teen Club Summer Camp
- The Quest
- Visual Adjectives

#### Special Needs Camps

- Connections Education Center
- Our Sacred Academy, Inc.

# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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2021 Camps in Operation:

## Regular Camps

- A Reading and Math Academy Inc
- Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
- Atkins Tender Loving Care
- Atkins Tender Loving Care, RJ Hendley Avenue
- Belle Glade Elementary Boys & Girls Club #61
- Boca Raton Boys & Girls #80
- Boca Raton Housing Authority
- Boynton Parks and Recreation
- Breakout Sports Academy
- Canal Point Boys & Girls Club #62
- City of Boynton Beach - Carolyn Sims Center
- City of Boynton Beach - Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center
- City of Greenacres
- City of Pahokee After School Program
- Clifford O. Taylor/Kirklane Afterschool Program
- Coleman Park Community Center
- Destiny Fulfilled Summer Camp Riviera Beach II
- DeVos-Blum Family YMCA
- Duo Center
- Florence De George Boys & Girls Club #70
- Florence Fuller Child Development Ctr. (East)
- Florence Fuller Child Development Ctr. (West)
- For the Children Inc
- Freedom Shores Elementary School
- Gaines Park Community Center
- Glade View Boys & Girls Club #63
- Gove Boys & Girls Club #64
- Highland Elementary
- Howard Park Community Center
- International Kids Zone (45th Street)
- International Kids Zone (Haverhill)
- International Kids Zone (Okeechobee)
- Klever Kids Learning Academy
- Lincoln Elementary
- Little Angels Learning Center II
- Marjorie S Fisher Boys & Girls Club #20
- Max M Fisher Boys & Girls Club #40
- Naoma Donnelly Haggin Boys & Girls Club #5
- Neil S Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club #30
- Northmore Elementary Afterschool Program
- Orchard View Elementary
- Pioneer Park Boys & Girls Club #65
- Plumosa School of the Arts
- Pompey Park
- Smith & Moore Family Teen Center Belle Glade
- South Bay Boys & Girls Club #66
- South Olive Community Center
- South Olive Elementary School
- Suncoast Christian Academy, Inc
- Sunflower Learning Center
- Tate Recreation
- The Guatemalan Maya Center
- The Guatemalan Maya Center OSL
- The King's Learning Center
- The Salvation Army Northwest Community Center
- The YMCA of the Palm Beaches
- UB Kinsey/Palmview ESOA
- University Learning Academy
- Vedado 3710 Community Center
- West Boynton Recreation Center - Park Vista High School
- West Jupiter Community Group Inc.
- Youth Zone at Barton Elementary School

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program



New in 2021: Increasing Educational Resources



### School District of Palm Beach County's L.I.T. Summer Curriculum

The L.I.T. (Liberating Inspirational Transformative) Summer Curriculum was created by the School District of Palm Beach County's Teaching and Learning Division Office of African, African American, Latino, Holocaust, and Gender Studies. It provides free content that consists of culturally relevant activities for participants in grades 6 – 8. Although the curriculum is aimed at the secondary grades, it also provides resources for primary grades K – 5. The goal of the program is to engage and inspire students through movement, art, music, and real-world experiences. All camps were encouraged to participate in this program.



Visual Adjectives



Destiny Fulfilled Summer Camp

### Scholastic LitCamp Pilot Program

Scholastic's LitCamp is a literacy program appropriate for all Regular and Specialty Camps. It provides a curriculum for teachers/counselors and a library of over 250 books that camps can keep and reuse. It is comprised of "bunks" providing curriculum and books based on a campers grade level. LitCamp provides the one-hour of daily summer reading that is suggested by the School District of Palm Beach County, as well as songs, reading comprehension activities, and discussion topics.

Funding for this program was provided by Friends of Youth Services.

*"My campers and staff members really enjoyed using the Scholastic LitCamp curriculum. We've decided to incorporate it into our afterschool program throughout the school year."*

- Boca Raton Housing Authority

*"The coaches and campers found the curriculum to be very engaging and interactive. It certainly addressed the social and emotional challenges which many of our campers were experiencing."*

- The Quest



17

participating camps

# Summer Camp Scholarship Program

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## Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO):



Broadway Theatre Camp

Through Prime Time of Palm Beach County, 36 approved Summer Camp Scholarship providers, including 14 EEC sites received services.

Of the 36 camps, 2,510 elementary and middle school children received services.

ELO services included:

Visual and performing arts, supporting educational subject matter in alignment with Florida State Standards, social/emotional learning, physical activities, healthy behaviors, nutrition, culinary education, promoting positive self-images and relationships, and more.



YSD provided 30,000 disposable masks to summer camp providers.

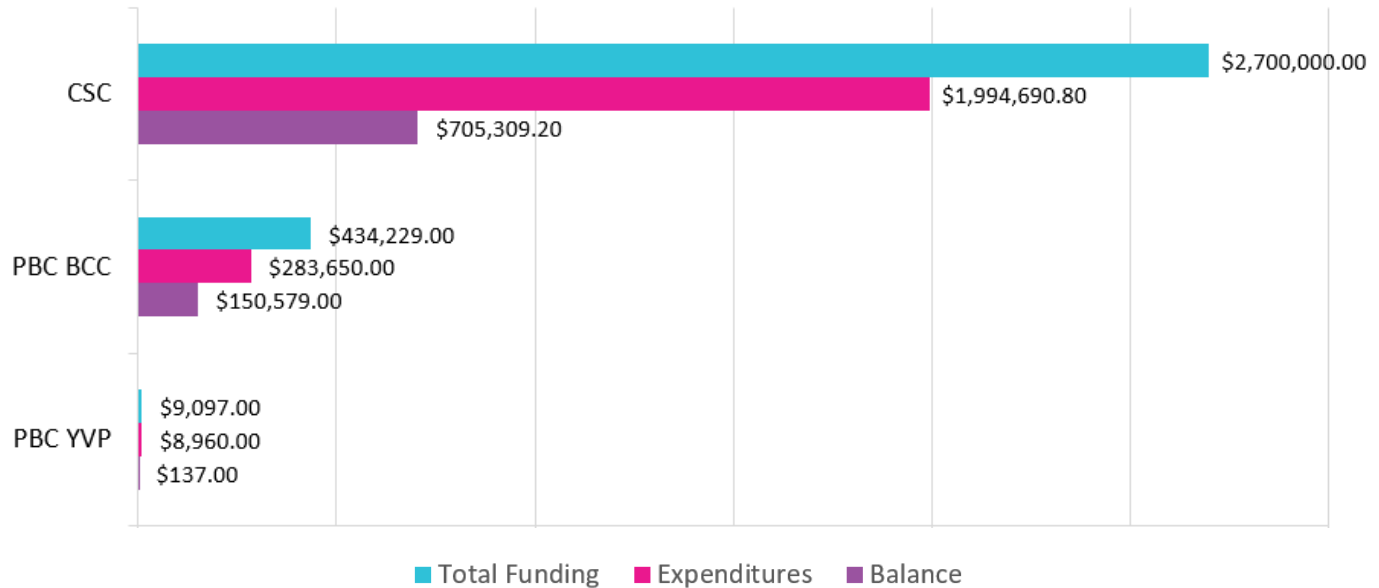


Boys & Girls Club

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## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

### 2021 Funding:



	PBC YVP	PBC BCC	CSC
Total Funding	\$9,097.00	\$434,229.00	\$2,700,000.00
Expenditures	\$8,960.00	\$283,650.00	\$1,994,690.80
Balance	\$137.00	\$150,579.00	\$705,309.20

**CSC** = Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County  
**PBC BCC** = Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
**PBC YVP** = Palm Beach County Youth Violence Prevention program through the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Total Summer Camp Budget Expended: **\$2,287,300.80**

Total Number of Scholarships Used: **3,034**

Average Cost Per Camper for the Summer: **\$753.89**



Sunlight Community Church

# *Super Summer Spelling Bee*



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## Super Summer Spelling Bee



Held on July 21, 2021, this virtual event utilized Kahoot!, a virtual learning-based platform that tested campers on spelling skills through identifying the correct spelling of a spoken word, filling in the blanks, listening and typing the correct spelling of a word, and selecting the correct word in a sentence. The spelling bee provides academic activities to encourage the spirit of learning while preventing summer and COVID slides. The top three winners from each grade category were awarded trophies and a book; the 1st place winner of each category received a Kindle.



*"In an effort to combat the summer and COVID slides, we have encouraged our camps to integrate education into their curriculum daily. Campers have practiced their spelling words over the last five weeks and the Super Summer Spelling Bee is the culmination of their hard work."*

– Valerie Messineo  
OCP Senior Program Specialist

### Grades K - 2nd

**Jaidah Joseph**  
Boys & Girls Clubs

**Natalya Gomes**  
Boys & Girls Clubs

**Robert Welsh**  
Preparing Tomorrow's  
Leaders Today

### Grades 3rd - 5th

**Sean Turpin**  
Digital Vibez

**Andres Suarez**  
Boys & Girls Clubs

**Neysa Justabe**  
Boys & Girls Clubs

### Grades 6th - 8th

**Sanai Desroches**  
Bethel Evangelical  
Church

**Alexzander Fils-Aime**  
Bethel Evangelical  
Church

**Jamiriah Talmadge**  
Preparing Tomorrow's  
Leaders Today

### Grades 9th - 12th

**Jay'Shawn Talmadge**  
Preparing Tomorrow's  
Leaders Today

**Valerie Fils-Aime**  
Bethel Evangelical  
Church

**Amelia Mohammed**  
City of Greenacres

**Virtual Event**

**129 Spellers**

**34 Registered  
Camps**

# Internships & Employment Opportunities



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## Internships & Employment Opportunities

### Summer Internships & Employment Opportunities:

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and partners provided funding to:

#### Youth Empowerment Centers (YEC)

- Belle Glade
- Lake Worth
- Riviera Beach

YECs were created to provide a safe nurturing environment and services focused on the prevention of youth violence, empowering youth, promoting education, health and wellness, career opportunities and leadership development in areas of high violence.

#### Summer Youth Internships

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

Summer Youth Internships provide a meaningful work experience and assist youth with developing employment skills that ultimately foster successful transition to adulthood and the workforce.

#### Palm Beach County Youth Services Department (YSD)

Student positions provide work experience and career pathways for college students. While the positions provide support to the summer programs, they are not limited to the summer timeframe; several positions are available year-round.



Youth Empowerment Center, Lake Worth

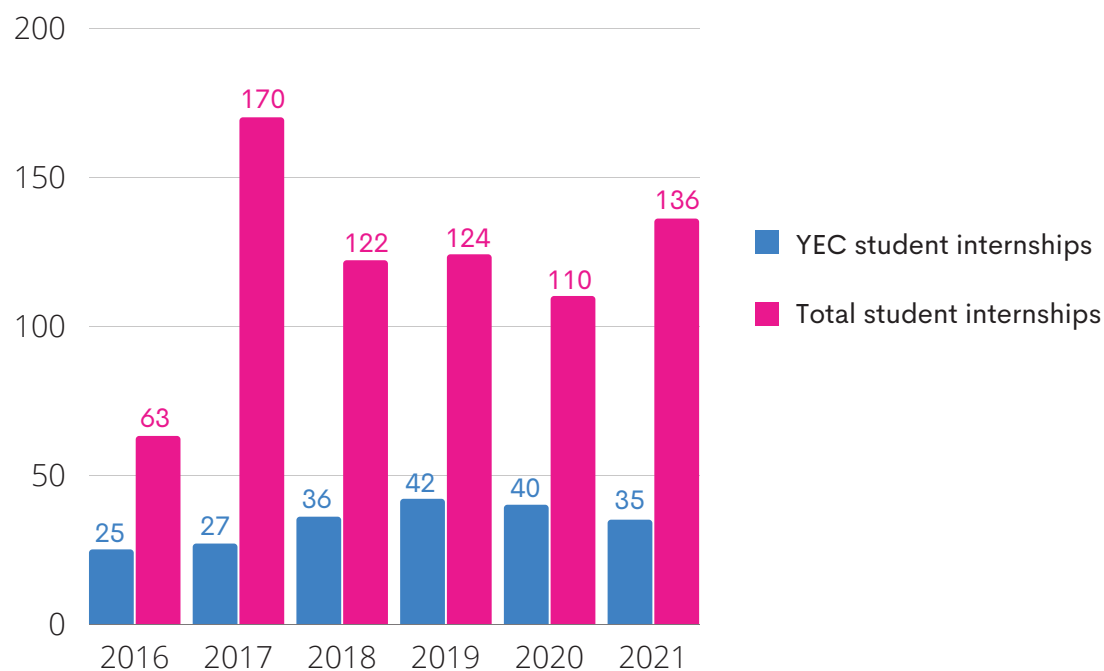


YSD, Summer Camp Scholarship Program paraprofessionals

# Internships & Employment Opportunities

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## Summer Internships & Employment Opportunities:



Youth Empowerment Center, Lake Worth



Youth Empowerment Center, Belle Glade

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## Internships & Employment Opportunities

### 2021 Internship Summaries:

Internship Type	Positions	Organization	Scope of Internship/Employment Program/Summary	Duration & Pay Rate	Economic Impact*
Summer Youth	7	City of Belle Glade Youth Empowerment Center (YEC)	County-funded paid internships in various city departments including Information Systems, Building & Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Marina/Campground, Golf Course. Student ACES, Inc. provided supplemental funding to support 14 paid internships at local businesses.	7 weeks at 28 hours per week (pay rate: \$10/hour)	\$40,000.00
Summer Youth	8	City of Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Center (YEC)	County-funded paid internships in various city departments including YEC, Information Technology, Marina/Event Center, Utilities, Storm Water, Code Enforcement, Library, Fleet, and other local businesses including summer camps, Café Hub, University Learning Center, and Riviera Beach Food Bank.	7 weeks at 25 hours per week (pay rate: \$9.00/hour)	\$56,698.59
Summer Youth	10	For The Children (FTC), Inc. Youth Empowerment Center (YEC)	County-funded paid internships at FTC main office, YEC, Barton Elementary School, and Early Childhood Academy.	10 weeks at 20 hours per week (pay rate: \$9.00/hour)	\$44,999.92
Summer Youth	43	Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County (BGCPBC), Inc.	County-funded paid employment as Junior Staff at various BGCPBC summer camp sites.	10 weeks, 20-40 hours per week (pay rate: \$9-\$10/hour)	\$82,387.79
Summer Youth	48	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties Inc.	County funded paid internships at various local businesses.	20 hours' total (pay rate: \$8.65/hour)	\$17,737.00
Summer Youth	5	Palm Beach County Youth Services Department (YSD)	YSD funded student clerical positions to provide work experience and career pathways for college students.	1,000 hours maximum (pay rate: \$10-13/hour)	\$41,049.16
Summer Youth	6	Palm Beach County Youth Services Department (YSD)	FDACS funded SFSP monitors to provide work experience and career pathways for college students.	10 weeks, p to 40 hours per week (pay rate: \$10-12/hour)	\$10,271.16

\*Economic impact defined as the financial effect (income) of summer employment.  
One-hundred thirty-six youth across Palm Beach County earned \$293,143.62

137  
Positions

\$293,143.62  
Economic Impact\*

# Summer Community Based Agencies



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## Summer Community Based Agencies

### Digital VibeZ

#### Wellness Workshops and Family Fitness Events

Contract Dates: 6/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

The Wellness Workshop and Fitness Jamz Program is designed to combat childhood obesity by fostering a love of fitness and teaching youth at an early age how to incorporate physical activity, healthy behaviors and good nutrition into their everyday lives.

Projected number of clients:	1,000
Actual number of clients served:	1,000
Total funding allocation:	\$169,999.00
Total expenditure:	\$167,856.16

### Outcomes

- (85%) of youth participants demonstrated an increase in knowledge and understanding of nutrition and diabetes.
- (85%) of youth participants demonstrated an increase in knowledge and understanding of stress management.
- (80%) of youth participants demonstrated an increase in physical activity.
- (80%) of youth participants attended the annual KidsFit Jamathon.



## Summer Community Based Agencies

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### Youth Speak Out International, Inc. Today's Technology and Communication

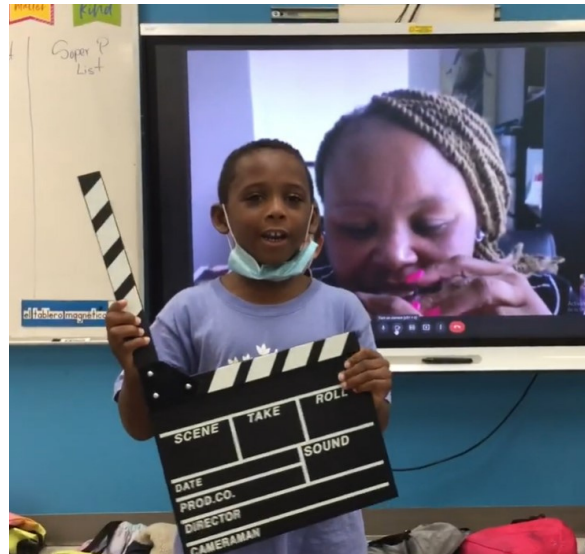
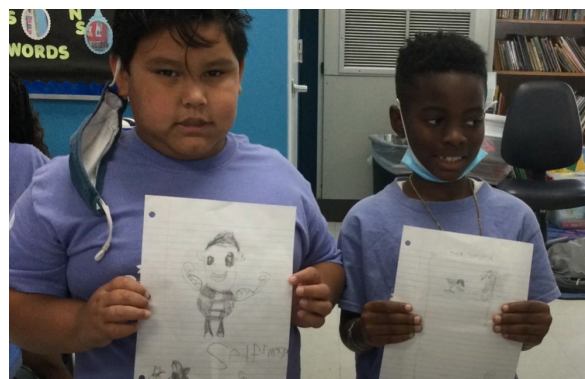
Contract Dates: 6/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

The purpose of this program is to help students build their media literacy, media production and interpersonal communication skills so they will become critical thinkers of media messages and improve their abilities to self-regulate the time they spend communicating using on-screen technology as they learn to become responsible digital citizens.

Projected number of clients:	145
Actual number of clients served:	145
Total funding allocation:	\$28,342.00
Total expenditure:	\$28,342.00

### Outcomes

- (90%) of students increased their media literacy skills.
- (86%) of students increased their knowledge of self-regulating their time communicating using on-screen technology.
- (91%) of students increased their knowledge of media production and will record peer interviews.
- (91%) of students participated in a community forum.



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## Summer Community Based Agencies

### Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc. Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO)

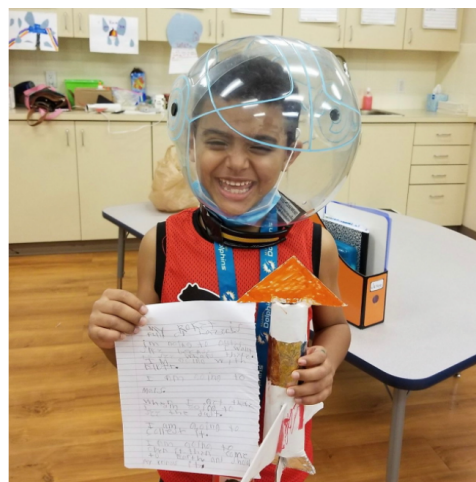
Contract Dates: 6/21/2021 - 9/30/2021

Prime Time coordinates with the summer camp programs who provide camp opportunities to low income children, for expanded learning opportunities (ELOs.)

Projected number of clients:	778
Actual number of clients served:	778
Total funding allocation:	\$170,628.00
Total expenditure:	\$170,000.00

### Outcomes

- (75%) of ELOs, OST staff reported perceptions of youth engagement that average at least 7 out of 10 or at least 3 out of 5, depending on the rating scale for the question. Results from this Adult Perceptions of Youth Engagement Survey indicated that youth were cognitively, socially, and emotionally engaged by the activity.
- (75%) of ELOs, OST practitioners on average reported high satisfaction with the provider (giving average rating of at least eight on the Prime Time Customer Impact Survey; scale is 1 to 10, with 1 as "Not at all True" and 10 as "Very True").
- (100%) of expanded learning opportunity providers received a modified, exploratory quality assessment using the ELO Observation Feedback and Coaching Tool. The tool is designed to assess live virtual sessions and emphasizes social and emotional dimensions of quality. Providers received coaching responsive to the strengths and growth areas indicated by their assessments.



# NACo 2021 Achievement Awards



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## 2021 NACo Achievement Awards

The National Association of Counties (NACo) announced that Palm Beach County Youth Services' Outreach and Community Programming Division won two 2021 NACo Achievement Awards.

NACo Awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

In the category *Children and Youth*, awards were received for:

- Summer Camp Scholarship Program During a Pandemic
- Summer Food Service Program During a Pandemic



Town of Lake Park mobile feeding



Achievement Center



# We Thank You



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Administer programs and initiatives of the Board of County Commissioners to ensure the healthy growth, development, education, and transition of children and youth to young adulthood and the workforce.



Children's Services Council invests its resources in programs that help Palm Beach County children begin life healthily, enter school ready and thrive in quality after school activities.



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To enhance complement and provide support for the resources and service capacity of the Department of Community Services to meet the needs of underserved or low-income residents of Palm Beach County.



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