



# YSD SUMMER PROGRAMMING REPORT 2018

PALM BEACH COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## LETTER FROM DIRECTOR

Ahhh – Summer. Time to kick back and relax, go on vacation, hang out with friends, eat ice cream and popsicles or maybe make a little money with a summer job. What child doesn't love summer? Does every parent feel the same way? For some families, summer means no school lunches, no place for kids to hang out while parents work, summer slide in academics, and boredom, which can sometimes lead to trouble.

The programs and services administered and funded by the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department (YSD) strive to alleviate some of challenges families face while kids are out of school. Many children rely on school breakfasts and lunches throughout the school year. YSD, through funding from the Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Palm Beach County School District offer Summer Break Spots throughout the county where meals are provided for children. Many of these meals are served at summer camp locations that accept our summer camp scholarships. Summer camp is a great way to keep children active and safe during the summer months. Many also provide educational enrichment to prevent that dreaded summer slide in academics. We are very grateful to the Board of County Commissioners and the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC) for funding these scholarships each summer.

Teens are not very excited about going to summer "camp," but they still need to stay occupied during the summer. What better way than to learn employment skills, prepare for college and earn some money? We continue to expand our summer employment opportunities within the department and in other county departments. In addition, we fund opportunities with our Youth Empowerment Centers and several non-profit agencies.

Enriched, safe and fun summers will continue to be our goal for all children in Palm Beach County.

**Tammy K. Fields,**  
**Director, Palm Beach County Youth Services Department**

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# FINANCIALS

<b>2018 Summer Programming Funding</b>	
Summer Food Program	\$ 556,812.10
Summer Camp Scholarship Program*	\$ 3,271,599.92
Youth Empowerment Centers	\$ 165,000.00
Summer Community Based Agencies	\$ 336,954.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,330,366.02</b>

\*\$2,685,902.45 from the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County

‡ Funding from USDA



# SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

## History & Purpose



Palm Beach County recognizes the need to feed our children during the critical summer months. As a result, the Summer Food Service Program was established. Formerly under Community Services Department's Human Services Division, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) became part of the Youth Services Department's Outreach and Community Programming Division in 2015.

The purpose of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is to provide meals and snacks to low-income school-age children (ages 5-18) during the summer months (June-August). For some families and children, food is hard to come by, especially when school is out during the summer months. When children are home during the summer months, they do not have their school to depend on to receive meals every day. With the SFSP, children are able to receive a free meal at churches, youth empowerment centers, daycares, summer campsites, parks, and other summer food sites throughout their area. The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department (YSD) administers and monitors this program, funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Education. Sites are located throughout Palm Beach County, from Boca Raton to Jupiter, and all the way to the Glades.

SFSP sites are located within a 5-mile radius where 50 percent or more of the children residing in the area are eligible for participation in the free or reduced-price school meal program. Meals are made available to all children on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## Program Summary

In 2018, the SFSP had a total of 91 operating summer food sites with 30 of those being new since 2017. These 91 Sites served 255,418 total meals. Feeding sites are located all across Palm Beach County in 15 cities, 30 zip codes and all seven commission districts. Meals are served for 10 weeks during the summer from the first day of the Palm Beach County School District's summer break until school resumes. Over 6,000 children were served this summer. The Palm Beach County School District is also a provider of summer meals at certain schools and community locations, and YSD coordinates closely with them to ensure service is delivered throughout the County.

With new and returning SFSP sites applying each year, pre-operational site visits and trainings are conducted. Each new site is required to have a pre-operational site visit to ensure that the setting is satisfactory to feed children. Every site that applies must attend a mandatory training each year. There are at least three scheduled Site Supervisor trainings to ensure that each Summer Food Site has the proper required Food Service Training.

### Highlights:

- 30 new sites since 2017
- Working relationship with the School District of Palm Beach County to cover gaps in service
- 31 percent reduction of damaged/disallowed meals since 2012

## Meet The Staff

SFSP employs 10 college students every summer in a seasonal, full-time position to act as Summer Food Monitors. The monitors this year attended or were accepted to: Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Florida State University (FSU), Palm Beach State College (PBSC), Xavier University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), NOVA Southeastern University, Florida International University (FIU), University of Miami (UM), and Stony Brook University.

The monitors are employed to conduct site visits and reviews and to ensure that each SFSP Site is operating within regulation. This gives our young people County job experience to help them grow as individuals and into professionals.



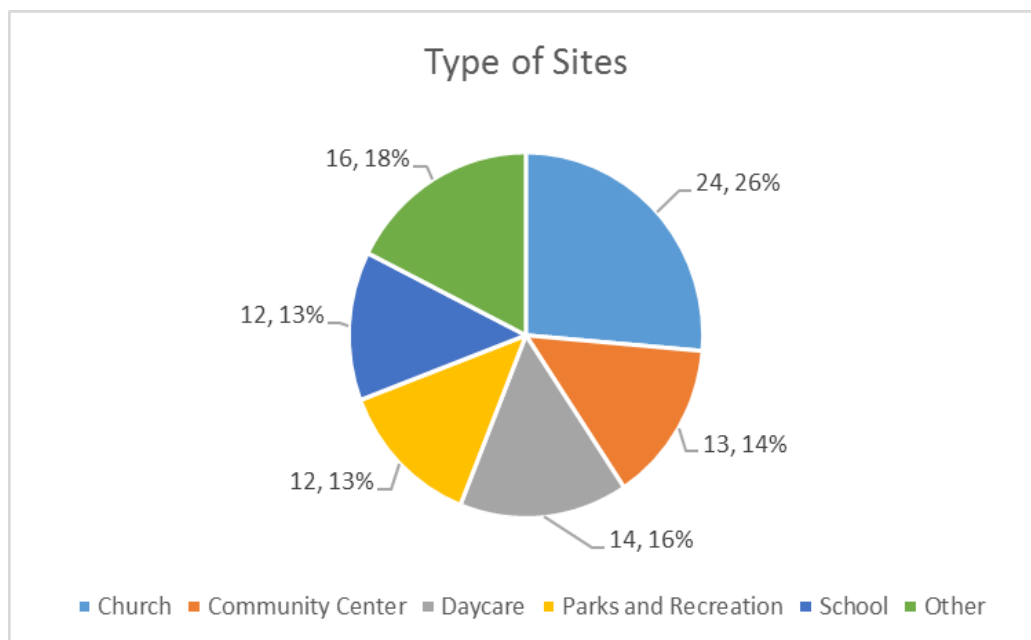
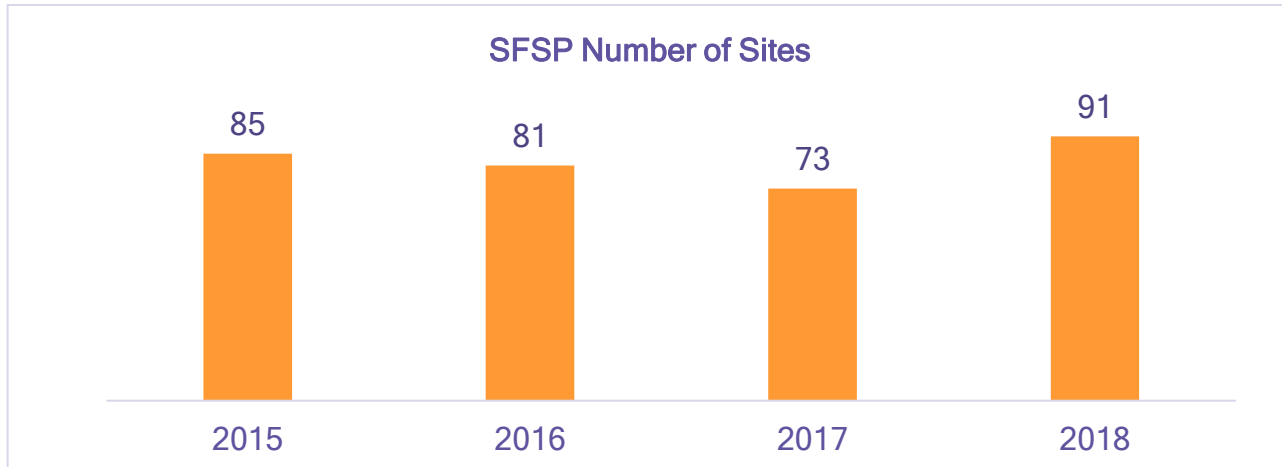
Left to right: Tyler Shoens (FAU), Mitchela Pierre (PBSC/FIU), Vandi Allen (FAMU), Sterling Valentine (PBSC/Stoney Brook), Christian Allen (PBSC/UM), Sydney Walters (FAMU), Thelmarcia Williams (NOVA), Jaquir Grimsley (Xavier), Kayla Dawson (FSU), Leslie Roman (FAU), Program Coordinator Gus Wessel



Stony Brook  
University



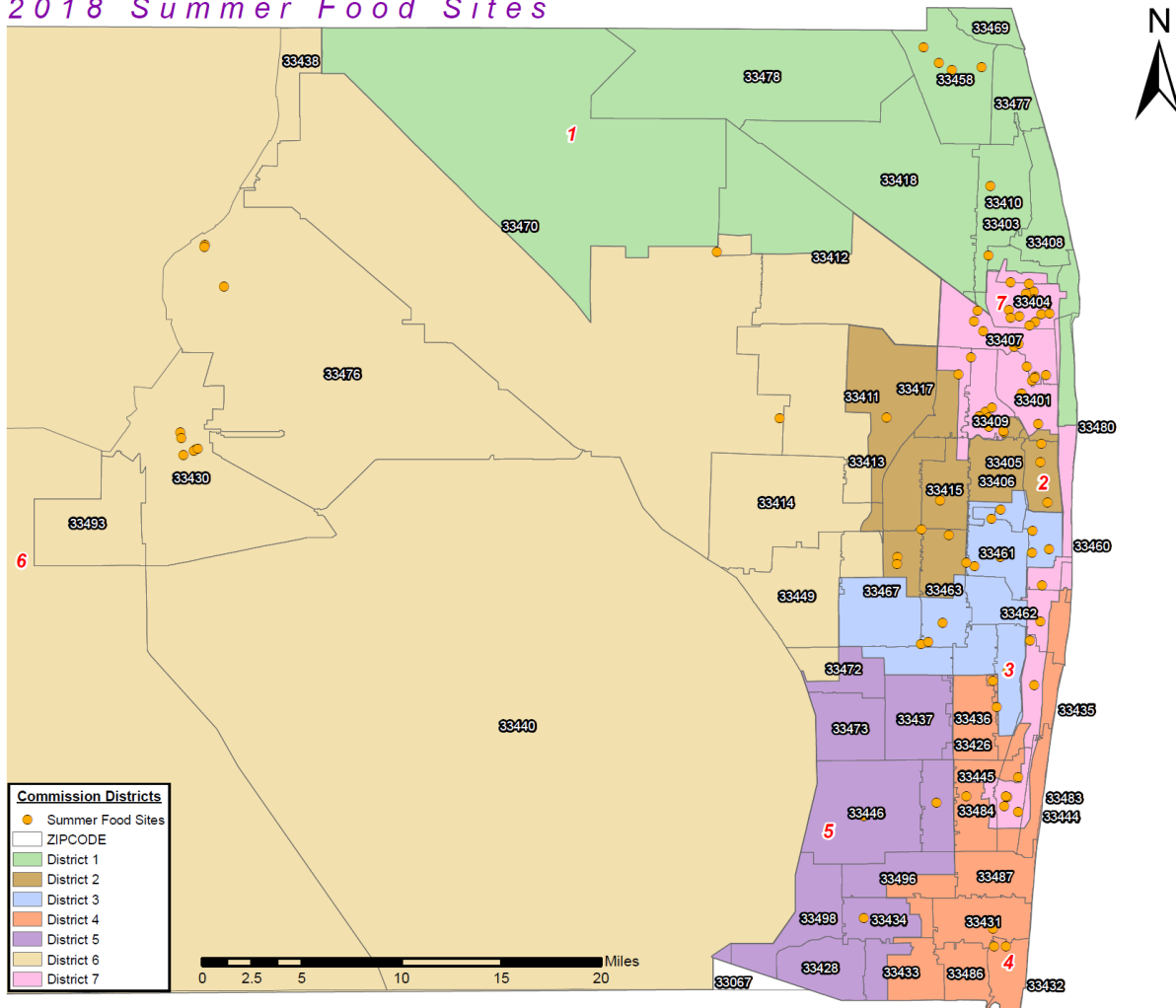
## 2018 Program Numbers





# MAPS: SUMMER FOOD SITES

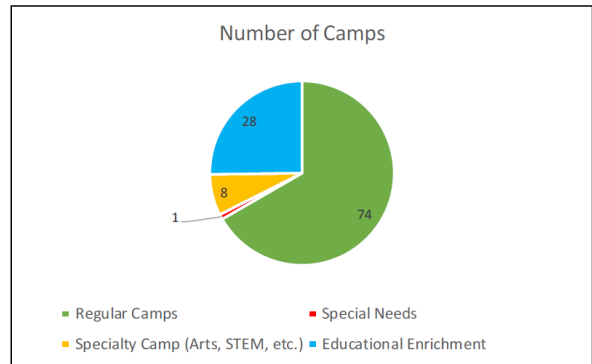
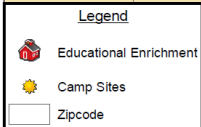
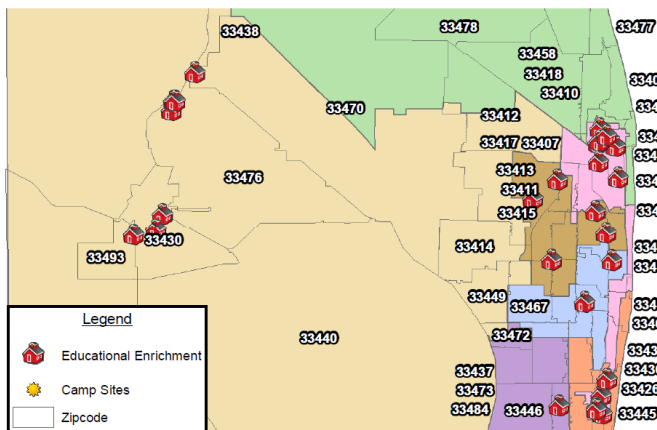
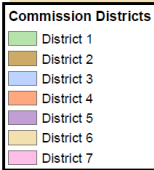
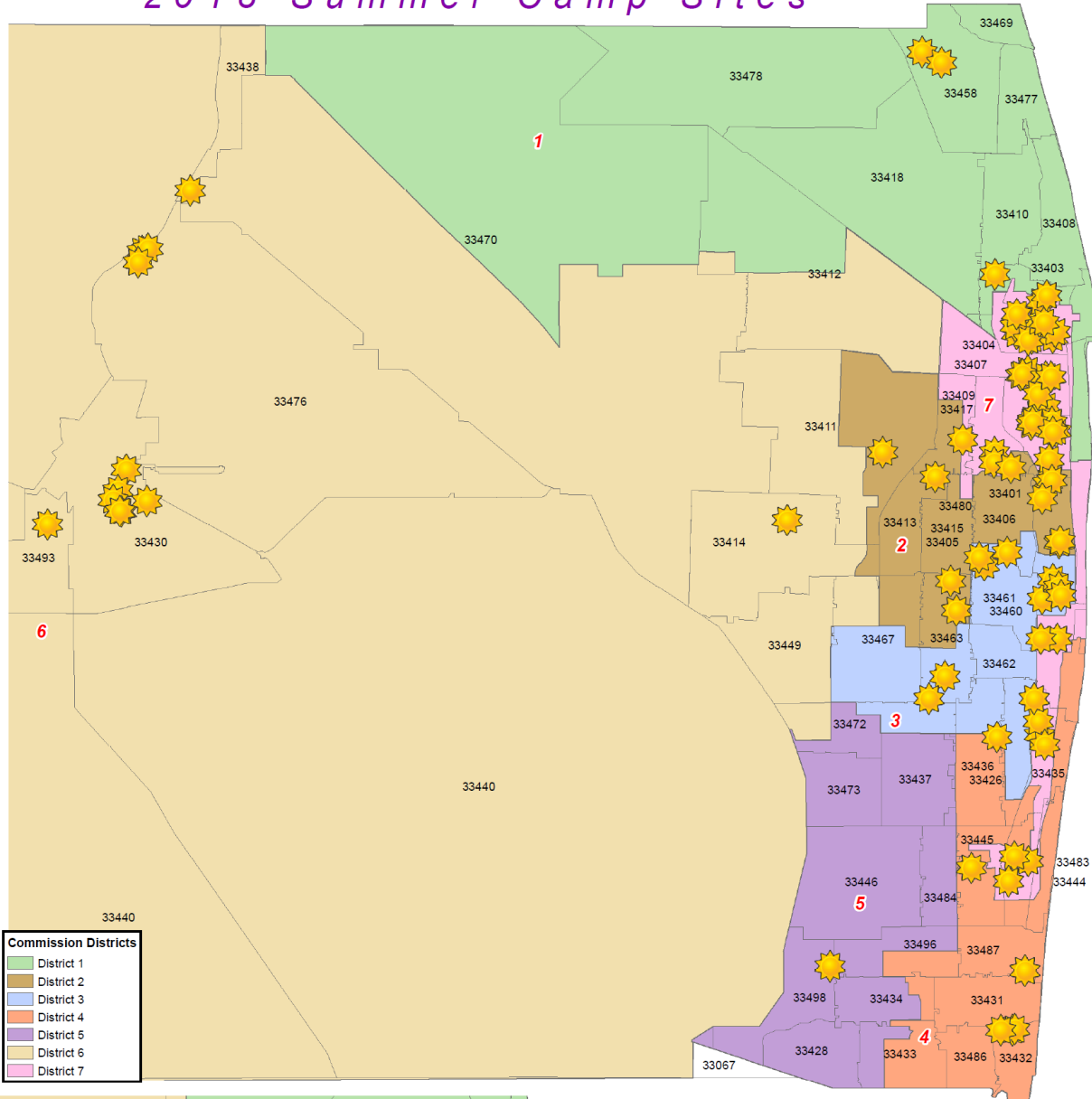
## 2018 Summer Food Sites



Directory		
District, Name		
● 1 Cabana Colony PAL	● 4 Boca Raton Housing Authority	● 7 Concerned Mothers
● 1 Digital Vibez	● 4 Clipper Cove Apartment	● 7 Ditworthmills Family Child Care
● 1 Educational Imageries	● 4 Living Word Christian Academy, Inc.	● 7 Evangelist Outreach Ministries
● 1 El Sol Jupiter Neighborhood Resource Center	● 4 M & S Community Stars of Performing Arts and Academics Inc.	● 7 First SDA of Riviera Beach Kamp Dyzkoverie Summer Camp
● 1 Generation Church	● 4 Propel	● 7 Guardian Angels After-Care
● 1 West Jupiter Recreation Center Youth Camp and Teen Camp	● 4 The Appleseed Preschool	● 7 Junior Achievement JA BizCamp
● 2 BGJ Dance Studio	● 4 Visual Adjectives	● 7 Klever Kids Learning Academy
● 2 Benoist Farms	● 5 Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church	● 7 LiF Kings & Queens Academy II
● 2 City of Greenacres	● 5 Iglesia Bautista Hispana Boca Glades	● 7 Little Angels Learning Center II (Peter Pumpkin)
● 2 City of West Palm Beach South Olive Community Center	● 5 St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church	● 7 Little Dots Learning Center
● 2 Connection Education Center of the Palm Beaches	● 6 Ascension 33, Inc.	● 7 Philadelphia Church of the Newborns
● 2 Creative Minds Academy	● 6 Belle Glade Life Center	● 7 Pleasant City / Youth Empowerment center
● 2 Future Stars Children's Academy	● 6 City of Belle Glade Youth Empowerment Center	● 7 STAMP
● 2 Palm Beach Colony	● 6 Community Connections for Life	● 7 Seagull Academy
● 2 St. Luke's United Methodist Church (All Youth Sports Academy)	● 6 K2 Mixed Martial Arts	● 7 Shiloh Church
● 2 Sunflower Learning Center	● 6 Lake Shore Park	● 7 Soaring High Outreach, Inc.
● 2 Vickers House	● 6 Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church	● 7 St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church VBS
● 2 YM Kids	● 6 New Hope Charities	● 7 T.L.C Leadership Academy
● 3 Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc. / Project Grow	● 6 Pahokee Deliverance Christian Center	● 7 The Church of The Living God
● 3 Boynnton Beach High School	● 6 Planet Kids IX	● 7 The Duo Center
● 3 CROS Ministries-Lake Worth	● 6 Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church	● 7 The Family Development Center Destiny Fulfilled Summer Camp
● 3 Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc.	● 7 Academy for Little People of West Palm Beach, Inc.	● 7 The Gymnastics Revolution
● 3 Palm Beach State College - Upward Bound	● 7 Acts of Kindness Summer Camp	● 7 The Salvation Army
● 3 Palm Springs SDA Church	● 7 CROS Ministries-Boynnton Beach	● 7 The Salvation Army NWCC
● 3 Suncoast Christian Academy	● 7 Champions Summer Camp	● 7 Totally Kidz Learning & Enrichment Center LLC
● 3 TLAP Sports Academy	● 7 City of Lake Worth (Norman J Wimberly Gymnasium)	● 7 Treasure Chest
● 3 Village of Palm Springs	● 7 City of Riviera Beach Tate Recreation	● 7 United Overcomer Church of God
● 3 West Boynton Park and Recreation Center - Teen Camp	● 7 City of Riviera Beach Wells Recreation	● 7 Urban Youth Impact
● 3 West Boynton Park and Recreation Center - Youth Camp	● 7 City of West Palm Beach (Gaines Park)	● 7 Village Academy
● 3 YMCA	● 7 City of West Palm Beach Coleman Park Community Center	● 7 Westgate Recreation Center
	● 7 City of West Palm Beach- Howard Park	

# MAP: SUMMER CAMP SITES

## 2018 Summer Camp Sites



# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

## 4th Annual Super Summer Spelling Bee

Youth Services' Outreach and Community Programming Division hosted the 4th Annual Super Summer Spelling Bee on July 12, 2018. This was the biggest Bee yet with 364 registered spellers and 349 registered attendees for other activities.

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation, with the help of Summer Food Staff, had non-competing campers participate in activities outside on the baseball field and basketball courts.

Digital Vibez also provided a Fitness Jam session for all participants.



Winners: Grade K-2nd



Winners: Grade 3rd-5th



Winners: Grade 6th-8th



Winners: Grade 9th-12<sup>th</sup>

## Book Donation to Summer BreakSpot Sites

The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County donated 12,000 books (pre-k through 5th grade) to give away at Summer BreakSpot sites. United Way of Palm Beach County coordinated volunteers to sort and organize the books, which were picked up at The School District of Palm Beach County's School Food Service Building. Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's Summer Food Service Program Monitors distributed the books to SFSP Sites throughout the County.



## SPIKE Event: Back to School Bash



Each year, YSD participates with the Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) in the Annual Back to School Bash and provides hygiene kits for middle and high school students. This year, the SFSP was included in the event at the Village Academy in Delray Beach, Florida on August 4, 2018. This event helped raise awareness to what the SFSP has to offer as well as offer a meal to every registered student that attended the event. The SFSP served 1,708 meals (819 lunch and 889 snack meals) in total at the Back to School Bash.

All 4,000+ students participating in the Back to School Bash received new backpacks and school supplies to start the new year.

# Summer Fun Collage



# SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## History & Purpose

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program (SCSP) was established in 1995 under the Palm Beach County Community Services Department's Community Action initiative as a means to ensure children, especially latch key children and those experiencing homelessness, remained safe while out of school. The SCSP later became part of the Youth Services Department's Outreach and Community Programming Division in 2015, which together with the Children's Services Council, funds summer scholarships with the purpose of ensuring all children have access to quality programming year round, structured opportunities to grow, and safe environments that contribute to their development.

Since its establishment, the SCSP has awarded an excess of 40,000 scholarships to Palm Beach County children. Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's Outreach and Community Programming Division is responsible for coordinating the operations of the SCSP. SCSP pays full tuition and associated fees 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.

The SCSP is a public and private initiative providing a summer camp experience to children from income-eligible families. Families whose income is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline (priority given to children in foster care, homeless, or involved with the delinquency system) are eligible to apply for a scholarship. The SCSP provides full-tuition and fees for summer camp for eligible children. The benefits of the SCSP include:

- Giving children educational and recreational opportunities for growth.
- Parents may choose from participating camps in Palm Beach County.
- Serving children 5 -14 years old, or up to 18 years old for special populations.
- Providing a safe space.



## Program Summary

In 2018, SCSP approved 123 camps of which 111 received children with scholarships during the summer. Of the 111 sites, 74 were Regular Summer Camps, 28 were Educational Enrichment Camps (EEC), eight were Specialty Camps, and one was a Special Needs Camp. Educational Enrichment Camps provided a curriculum that included educational advancements to prevent summer learning loss. Each curriculum is administered by a certified Palm Beach County School District teacher and fifty percent (50%) of activities provided were educational.

Thanks to funding from Prime Time Palm Beach County, 37 SCSPs (representing 56 summer camp sites) provided supplemental services in the form of Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOs) to 297 elementary and middle school-aged children.

In 2016, at the request of juvenile court judges, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved additional funding for youth involved in the delinquency system to participate in the summer camps in order to give participants a more structured environment. In 2018, additional scholarships served children who participated in the Bridges Summer Reading Program (SRP), funded by the Children's Services Council. Bridges is a program created to help parents raise healthy, safe and strong children. Bridges programs focus on providing children with the best possible start in life so as they get older, they are less likely to drop out of school, abuse drugs and/or end up in the juvenile justice system. In 2018, the SCSP awarded scholarships to eight Specialty Camps. Specialty camps focused on sports, dance, technology, art, wellness and special needs for autism and related disabilities. SCSP plans to continue to include these camps in the future.

As a result of the services provided throughout all participating camps, 3,931 children attended summer camp in 2018 increasing their brain power, building their bodies, and developing into Palm Beach County's Leaders!

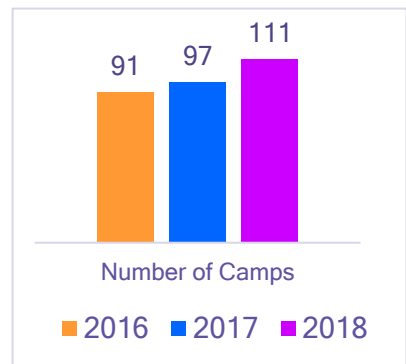
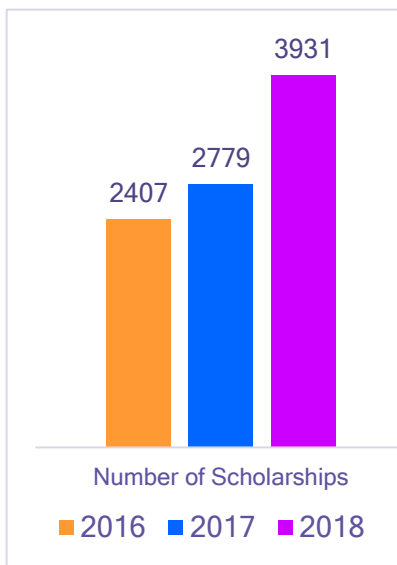
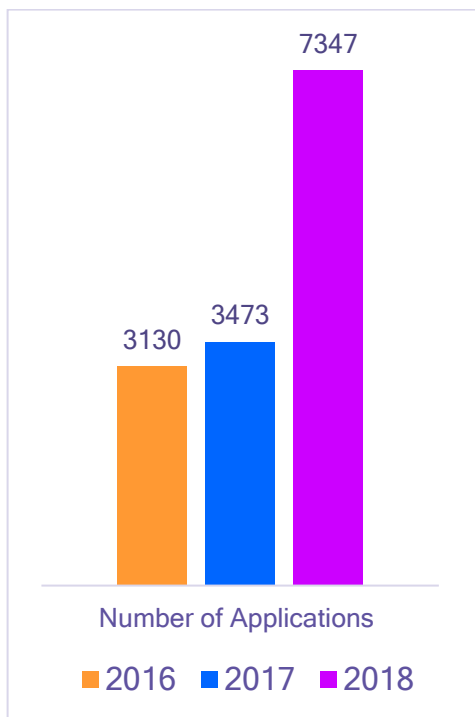
## 2018 SCSP Funding and Partnerships

<u>Average Cost Per Scholarship Awarded Per</u>	
<u>Child for the Summer:</u>	
Total Summer Camp Budget Expended	\$ 3,271,599.92
Total number of children Received Scholarship	3,931
<b>Total Average Cost</b>	<b>\$ 838.25</b>

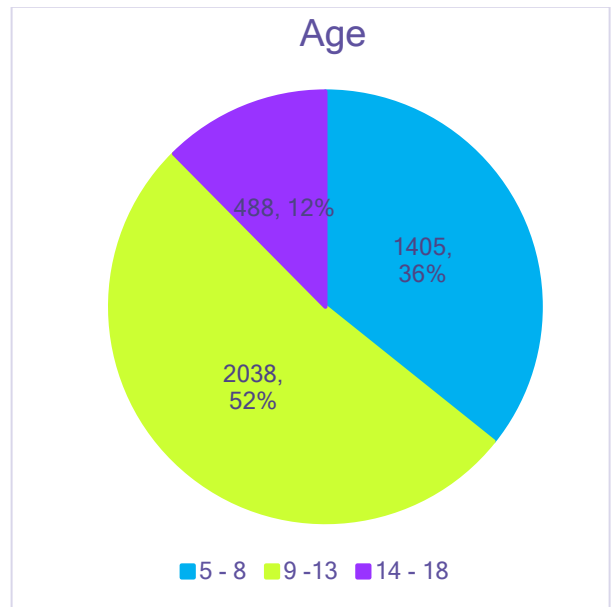
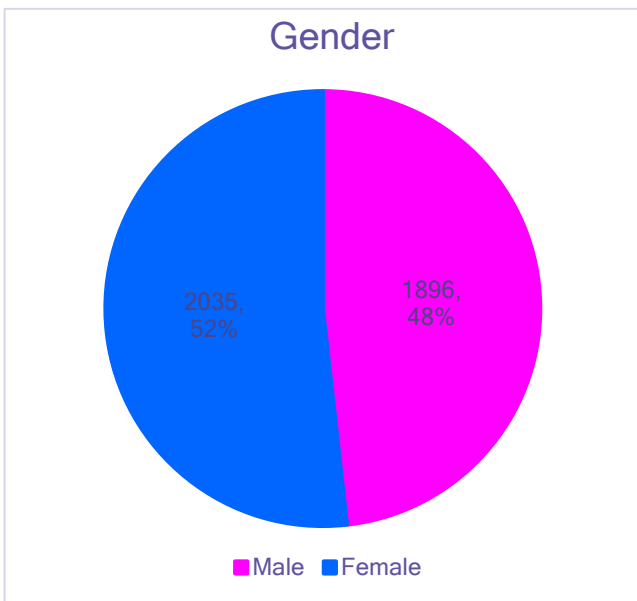
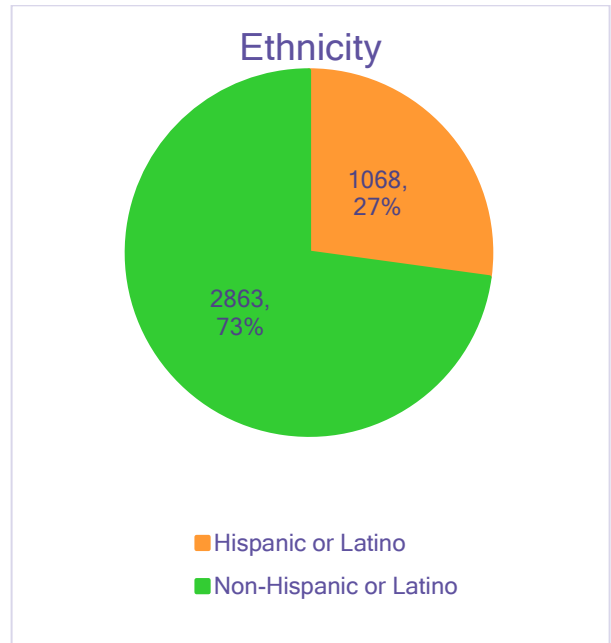
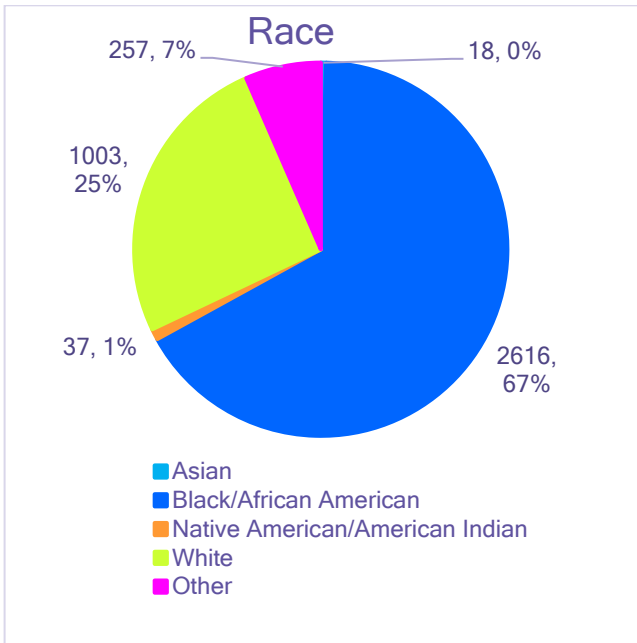
### 2016-2018 Camp Type Trend



Over 3,900 children from various demographics were able to attend summer camp this year with the use of the Palm Beach County Summer Camp Scholarship Program. Attendance was made up of fifty-two percent (52%) females and forty-eight (48%) males. Thirty-six percent (36%) of children were between ages 5 to 8, fifty-two percent (52%) ages 9 to 13, and twelve percent (12%) ages 14 to 17. The number of children who attended camps by race, was sixty-seven percent (67%) Black/African American, twenty-five percent (25%) White, one percent (1%) Asian, one percent (1%) Native American, and seven percent (7%) other. Ethnicity was made up of seventy-three percent (73%) Non-Hispanic or Latino and twenty-seven percent (27%) Hispanic or Latino.

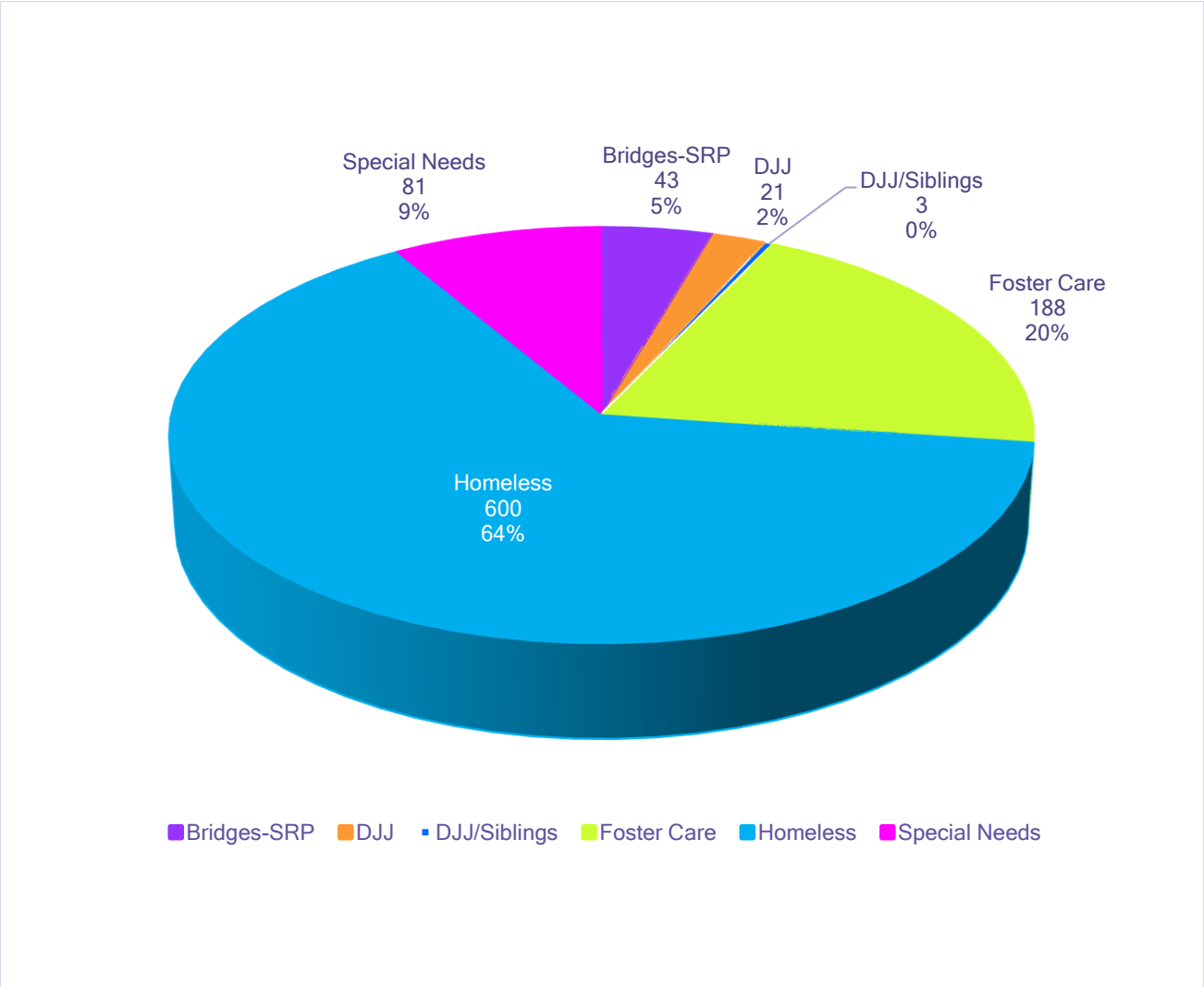






### Specialized Population Scholarships

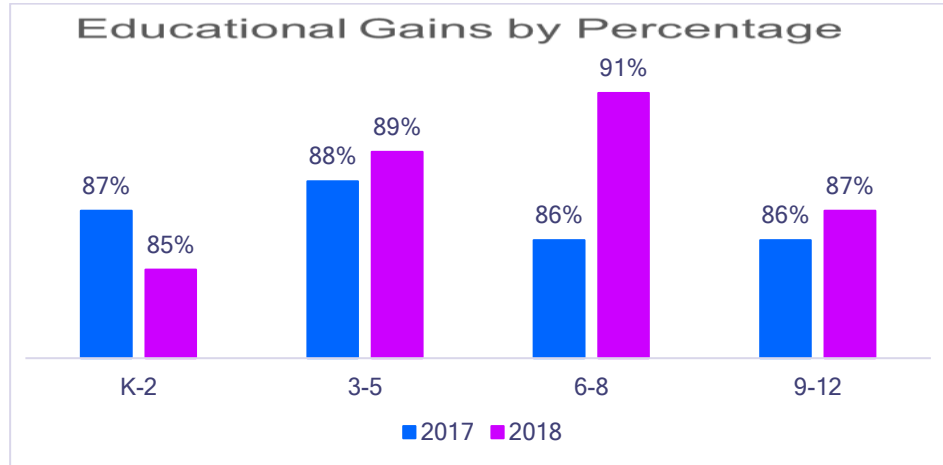
Of the 936 children in specialized populations receiving scholarships, the breakdown is reflected in the chart below:



## Decreasing Summer Slide

The primary goal of our Educational Enrichment Camps (EECs) is to decrease summer slide through educational enhancements, such as keeping children engaged in reading, math, science, history, technology, and the arts.

Through the EECs, campers are able to increase or remain the same in their academics during the summer. As seen in the graph, there is an increase with each grade level (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades) in summer 2018 in comparison to summer 2017. The most important benefit of the EECs is to maintain an educational component to prevent summer slide.



All camps administer a pre and post assessment aligned to their specified curriculum to measure gains.

## Promoting Pro-Social Behaviors

Programs offer inspiration and strive to validate and empower our children and youth to succeed in life throughout Palm Beach County. Camps aspire to increase their academic achievements through Reading, Math, Science and Character Development through social and emotional learning.

“We provide activities that inspire the creative minds of our youth allowing them to express themselves through the Arts. We also give our youth the capability to invest in themselves by learning new skills pertaining to technology such as computer building & social gaming.” – Digital Vibez



# SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

## 2018 Summer Internships and Employment Opportunities

Summer internships and employment opportunities for youth and young adults remained a priority in 2018 for the Youth Services Department. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) through its Youth Services Department provided funding for the Youth Empowerment Centers (YEC) in Belle Glade, Lake Worth, and Riviera Beach to provide summer internship opportunities for youth. Additionally, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County were provided funding for summer youth internship opportunities. These internships provided a meaningful work experience and assisted youth with developing employment skills that ultimately foster successful transition to adulthood and the workforce.

The internships are summarized as follows:

Internship Type	Positions	Organization	Scope of Internship/Employment Program/Summary	Duration & Pay Rate	Economic Impact*
Summer Youth	6	City of Belle Glade YEC	County funded paid summer internships in various city departments including Information Systems, Building & Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Marina/Campground, Golf Course.	9 weeks at 28 hours per week (pay rate: \$10/hour)	\$15,120.00
Summer Youth	18	City of Riviera Beach YEC	County funded paid summer 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.	8 weeks at 25 hours per week (pay rate: \$8.25/hour)	\$29,700.00
Summer Youth	10	For The Children (FTC), Inc. YEC	County funded paid summer internships at FTC main office, YEC, Barton Elementary School, and Early Childhood Academy.	10 weeks at 20 hours per week (pay rate: \$8.50/hour)	\$17,000.00
Summer Youth	40	Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County (BGCPBC), Inc.	County funded paid summer employment as Junior Staff at various BGCPBC summer camp sites.	10 weeks, 20-40 hours per week (pay rate: \$9-\$10/hour)	\$134,479.10
Summer Youth	24	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties Inc.	County funded paid summer internships at various local businesses.	20 hours total (pay rate: \$8.10/hour)	\$10,799.73
Summer Food Monitors	10	Youth Services Department (YSD)	YSD funded summer employment opportunities for college students to service and monitor all of the Summer Food Sites across the County.	14 weeks at 40 hours per week (pay rate: starting at \$10/hour)	\$56,000.00

<b>Student Clerical</b>	2	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/hour)	\$2,460.00
<b>Summer Youth</b>	3	CareerSource Palm Beach County	CareerSource Palm Beach County funded youth internships designed to provide work experience and career pathways.	12 weeks at 40 hours per week (pay rate: \$8.25/hour)	\$11,880.00
<b>Summer Youth</b>	9	PBC Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Department and Youth Services Department Collaboration	"Green Futures Internship/Mentorship Program" funded by County ERM Dept. Youth Services Dept. collaborated to recruit, screen and connect youth with ERM internship. Interns assist ERM staff with performing basic field and office tasks including compliance inspections, plan review, environmental sampling, laboratory work, environmental monitoring, and producing educational, marketing, and social media content.	4 weeks at 30 hours per week (pay rate: \$8.25/hour)	\$8,910.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>122</b>				<b>\$275,549.10</b>

*\*Economic Impact defined as the financial effect (income) of summer employment. 122 youth across Palm Beach County earned \$275,549.10*

## Youth Empowerment Centers – Summer Internships

*City of Belle Glade* – provided paid summer internships for 6 students to work for 10 weeks at 28 hours per week in various City departments including Information Systems, Building & Planning, Parks & Recreation, Marina/Campground, and Golf Course.



*City of Riviera Beach* – provided paid summer internships for 18 students to work for 8 weeks at 25 hours per week 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.



*Lake Worth (For the Children Inc.)* – provided paid internships for 10 students to work for 10 weeks at 20 hours per week at the FTC main office, YEC, Barton Elementary School, and Early Childhood Academy.

## Community Based Agencies

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc.* provided a unique mentoring program combining college readiness training, employment training, and business internships for 24 youth. Youth were paired with business mentors and attended a variety of workshops to increase their career readiness and employability skills.

School to Work Student  
Receives Scholarship



*Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Inc.* provided paid summer internships for 40 students who were employed as “Junior Staff”. Youth received work-based coaching and service learning.



## Youth Services Department

*Summer Food Service Program Monitors* - Internally, we provided 10 summer jobs to college students through our Summer Food Service Program. These students represented nine colleges — as Monitors, they serviced and monitored all 91 Summer Food Sites across the County.



*Student Clerical* – YSD provided two student clerical positions internally for Palm Beach State College students to gain work experience and develop their skills.

## **Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Department Green Futures Summer Internships**

Youth Services Department collaborated with Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management Department (ERM), to recruit, screen and connect 9 youth with ERM paid internships for 4 weeks at 30 hours per week. The interns assist ERM staff with performing basic field and office tasks including compliance inspections, plan review, environmental sampling, laboratory work, environmental monitoring, and producing educational, marketing, and social media content.



## **CareerSource Palm Beach County**

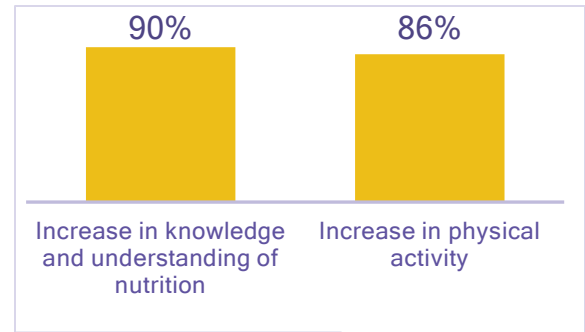
CareerSource Palm Beach County collaborated with Youth Services Department to provide 3 youth with paid summer internship opportunities. The program starts with CareerSource providing 5 weeks of employability skills training and subsequently assigning youth/young adults to Youth Services Department to further develop their workplace and general office skills through a 12 week paid summer internship.



# SUMMER COMMUNITY BASED AGENCIES

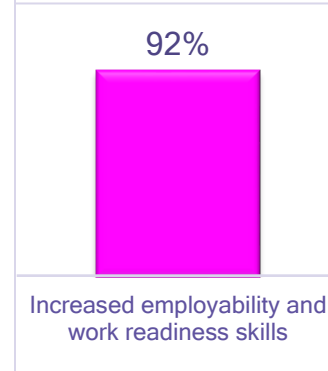
## Digital Vibez *Wellness Workshop Program*

- 350+ youth served across 6 program sites
- Services: Fitness and physical activity through dance, pedometer tracking, journaling
- Highlights: 3,000+ participants at the Kids Fit Jam-a-thon



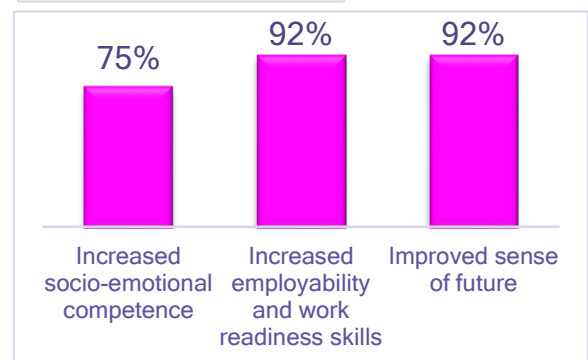
## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach & Martin Counties *School To Work Program*

- 24 youth served
- Services: College readiness training; employment training; college tour
- Highlights: Access to business mentors and internships



## Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County *Career Bound 2.0 Program*

- 140 youth served across 4 sites
- Services: Career exploration and workplace readiness; PSAT, SAT, ACT prep; mentoring; college tour
- Highlights: 40 Internships

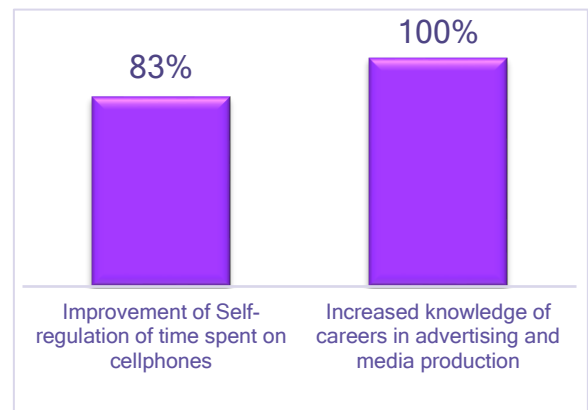


## Youth Speak Out International *Today's Technology and Communication Program*

- 80 youth served across 2 program sites
- Services: Video production skills
- Highlights: produced 12 Public Service Announcements

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