

EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Investments in education prepare the next generation to lead our families, businesses and communities. Children who have access to high-quality education from cradle to career are more likely to receive a sustaining wage and stay out of poverty. They're also more likely to avoid risky behavior and live safer, healthier lives. At the Town of Palm Beach United Way, we see education as a community responsibility. It takes all of us — parents, teachers and caring adults — to help a child succeed in school and in life.

Early Childhood

Achievement Centers for Children & Families—Early Learning

Achievement Centers' Early Learning Program serves toddlers and pre-school children ages 1 to 5 in Delray Beach and surrounding areas by providing affordable, accredited early learning programming to help them bridge the gap between their academic and social-emotional performance and that of their more privileged peers.

Adopt-A-Family—Project Grow

Project Grow, Adopt-A-Family's afterschool/summer program for elementary school students, helps children overcome the academic setbacks and emotional traumas associated with homelessness and poverty. Built on a framework of consistency and safety, Project Grow has created a robust curriculum and holistic approach designed to enrich children's lives and safeguard their futures.

The Arc of Palm Beach County—Potentials Therapeutic School

Potentials Therapeutic School serves medically fragile children with significant developmental delays from age three through eighth grade who enter the school unable to walk or talk independently. Children receive instruction based on individual needs, strengths, and abilities. Therapies are infused into students' academic school day by a highly qualified team.



Boys & Girls Clubs—Core Education and Enrichment

Boys & Girls Clubs' K-5 Core Education and Enrichment Program is designed to increase academic achievement in English Language Arts, Math, and Science. Social-Emotional Learning is infused into all program components, including Arts, Sports/ Recreation, Health and Wellness, and Leadership and Service.

Literacy Coalition—Building Better Readers

Building Better Readers recruits, trains, places and supports 150 to 250 volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring in reading comprehension. Sessions take place in the classroom, twice a week, for 30 minutes each, resulting in a minimum of 1 hour a week after school tutoring.

Literacy Coalition—Family Literacy

Literacy Coalition's family literacy programs, Glades Family Education and Village Readers, provide instruction for preschool-aged children to build strong school readiness skills, and for elementary-aged children to develop literacy skills. Children receive the help they need to succeed academically while parents develop their own language and literacy skills to support their children.

Milagro Center—Mentoring Miracles

Mentoring Miracles provides students who participate in Milagro Center's K-5 Program with one-on-one mentoring. Each mentor supports their mentee in all areas of their life, with particular emphasis on school work and social interactions. Mentors meet with the children either at Milagro Center or by virtual technology for at least one hour per week.

Early Childhood continued

Milagro Center—STARS

STARS is a year-round educational and cultural-arts-based out-of-school time program serving economically-challenged, academically at-risk children in grades K-5. The program's focus is to have each child successfully advancing to the next grade at the end of each academic school year and reading at or above grade level by 3rd grade.

Opportunity—Kindergarten Readiness

Opportunity's early childhood education program prepares at-risk children from low-income and working families to enter kindergarten, meeting or exceeding readiness standards. Curriculum is individually tailored for learning through visual, auditory, and kinesthetic activities combining creative, spontaneous play with formal instruction. The program also provides parenting skills training and family outreach services.

Urban Youth Impact—The Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academy enrolls 96 inner-city elementary age youth after school to provide homework help, literacy intervention and education classes. The goal is for 65% of youth to read on grade level or to improve one grade level.

Middle School

Achievement Centers for Children & Families—Out of School

Achievement Centers' Out of School Program currently serves middle school students, ages 11-13, with afterschool and weekend programming. The program provides a safe place for middle school children to come after school each day to engage in enrichment and recreational activities and receive assistance with homework. Through these programs, students are involved in positive pro-social relationships and activities to help them build a positive sense of self and community.

American Association of Caregiving Youth—Caregiving Youth Project for Middle School

Caregiving youth are identified through an eligibility process in sixth grade and continue through high school graduation. The population served is 84% minorities and from financially insecure households who are often victims of health disparities

YMCA of South Palm Beach County—Caridad Kids

Since 2005, the YMCA has provided free summer programming to children served by the Caridad Center health clinic. Caridad kids come from working families with incomes at or below poverty level. They attend camp weekly and participate in STEAM-based activities focused on developing cognitive, physical, and social-emotional well-being.

YWCA of Palm Beach County—Child Development Center

The YWCA Child Development Center is a school readiness program that provides free, quality childcare for children ages 3 to 5 years of age from low to moderate income families. The Center is nationally accredited and provides year-round services for a full 10 hours a day.



through no fault of their own. Through the program's many services, in and out of school and at home, 95% of middle schoolers progress to the next grade. Students and their families receive needs-driven and prioritized services for more than five years, thus helping them to be on the road to academic and personal success.

Habitat for Humanity—Seminole Ridge Home Build

The partnership between the Weitz Construction Academy at Seminole Ridge and Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County teaches vocational skills while providing housing to a low-income family. Students build a three-bedroom house as module units at school. The house is later transported to a final build site.

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HomeSafe—Education Support and LifeSkills Development

At-risk youth frequently fall behind academically and lack basic independent living skills as a result of trauma. HomeSafe's Life Skills and Education program trains resident teen boys and girls in the areas of academic progress, financial literacy, daily living skills, relationship and team-building strategies, and employment and career development.

Take Stock in Children—Middle School Expansion

Take Stock in Children's Middle School Expansion Project provides wraparound services to 25 middle school students attending low-performing schools. Each student receives direct program services and a 2-year (60 credit hour) college scholarship. Program outputs include one-on-one mentoring, college readiness coaching, monthly academic workshops, student advocacy, and post-secondary retention services.

High School and After

American Association of Caregiving Youth—Caregiving Youth Project

The overwhelming majority of caregiving youth come from financially insecure households and are minorities. The Caregiving Youth Project provides services to help these students progress to the next grade level, graduate from high school, and continue to post secondary education or careers.

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies—Caps & Cribs Teen Mom Mentoring

The Caps & Cribs Teen Mom Mentoring program is a one-on-one mentor program that supports the educational, life, career and parenting goals of teen mothers in Palm Beach County. Volunteer mentors are matched with teens in high schools throughout the county with a goal of advancement to the next grade level and ultimately graduation.

Literacy Coalition—Literacy AmeriCorps

The Literacy AmeriCorps program recruits, trains and supervises up to 40 members who each contribute 1,700 hours of service in tutoring, mentoring and participation in meaningful community service projects. Members serve at partner agencies as reading tutors, mentors, graduation coaches and college readiness coaches.

Milagro Center—Teen Leadership

The Teen Leadership Program is an arts and education-based out-of-school time enrichment program serving economically disadvantaged, academically at-risk teens in southern Palm Beach County. Students are engaged in cultural arts, academic tutoring, college preparation, career development, and mentoring during afterschool hours and summer camp.

Take Stock in Children—High School and Post Secondary

The multi-year Take Stock program provides high school students with the hands on support they need to graduate high school, transition into college and enter a post-secondary institution. Program outputs include one-on-one mentoring, college readiness coaching, monthly academic workshops, student advocacy, a full tuition 2-year college scholarship, and post-secondary retention services.

Urban League—NULITES

Project Ready NULITES is an evidenced based nationally acclaimed program that prepares low income youth ages 12–18, for post-secondary education and the workforce through academic enrichment, service learning, and career exploration. The students reside in West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, and Lake Worth Beach.

Urban Youth Impact—Reframe

Reframe is a job training program for high school youth. Youth learn from professionals through workshops, prepare college applications and resumes, get homework help, and interview for summer internships. UYI pays the youth, and the business they intern for trains them as they intern.

