




**Florida Children and Youth  
Cabinet Meeting**  
 July 26, 2012

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## Vision

*To be an innovative leader in creating a community where children and families reach their full potential*




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## Guiding Principles



- Primary Prevention & Early Intervention
- Data Driven and Evidence-Based
- Theoretical Integrity
- Targeting the Earliest Developmental Stages
- Minimal Sufficiency
- Innovation
- Quality
- Return on Investment
- Continuous Learning




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## Video Presentation Dr. Shonkoff on Brain Power



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## Targeting the Earliest Developmental Stages

- Brains rewire themselves throughout life —but the early years are overall MOST crucial.
- Adult/child relationships are the building blocks of development.
- Developing self-regulation is key for development across all domains.
- Effective and efficient interventions = they get the intended outcomes at the most reasonable cost.



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## CSC PBC Goals

- Babies are born healthy
- Children birth to 5 are free from abuse and neglect
- Children are ready for Kindergarten
- Children have access to quality after school and summer programs



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## CSC's Role

- Funder
- Integrator
- Integree




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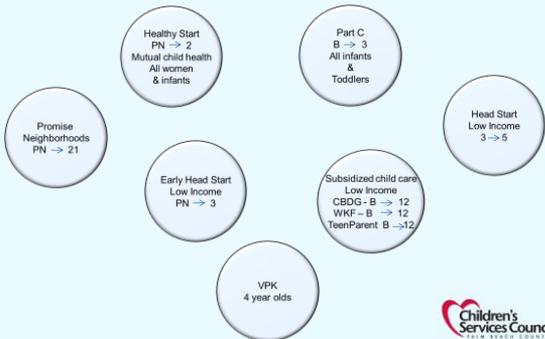
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## Federal and State Funding Core Programs




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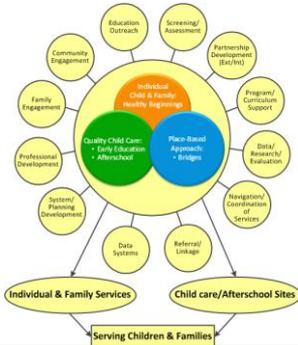
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## Palm Beach County Early Childhood Systems of Care




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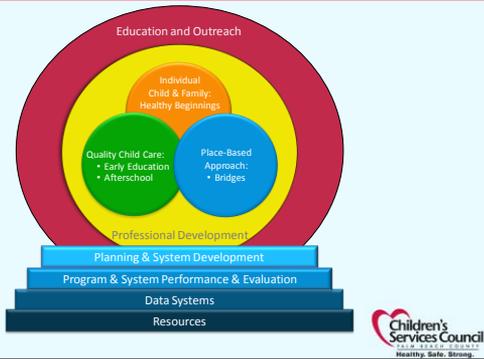
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## Building an Early Childhood System of Care



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## Community Level

- Engage and partner with naturally occurring and similar vested interests, multiple sectors who want to invest on **improving**:
  - Outcomes (individual and population level)
  - Quality and ease of care and access
  - Efficiencies - end duplication and overlays and fill gaps
  - Have sense of urgency to identify and address upstream determinants
- Really know through sound and detailed data what exists compared to what needs to be at all levels, services, programs and subsystem capacities.



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## Individual

- Data on individual clients so we can develop programs that work
- Use individual client data to develop and manage systems of care
- Integrated data systems – Healthy Beginnings System (HBDS) and AQUARIUS linked to school data
- Common identifier – school student ID number at birth



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## System Level

- Continuous learning and refinement of programs/services/systems
- Strategic planning and problem solving functions
- Cross functional system structures




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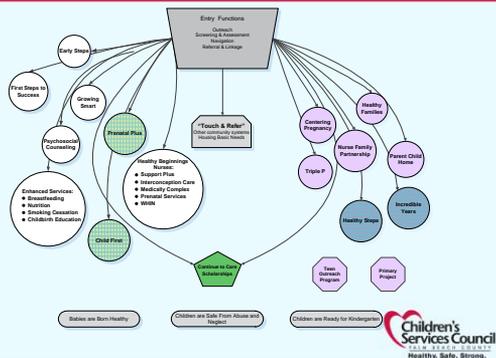
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## Healthy Beginnings: Targeted Individual Child & Family Interventions




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## Investing for Results: Big Picture

Agency & Program Performance Review  
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 Strategy Review and Allocation Analysis  
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 Zero based budgeting

GETTING TO  
 CHILD OUTCOMES

Healthy Births  
 Children Safe from Abuse and Neglect  
 Children Ready for Kindergarten




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## Key Success Elements

- Vision
- Sense of urgency
- Constant shepherding and weaving and re-weaving
- Data driven
- Adapting
- Knowing we have to find more and better solutions
- Continuous improvement
  - Constant questioning and pursuit of excellence
  - Work is ever changing and evolving
- Return on Investment (ROI)



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## Achievements

1. Implementation of 9 Evidence-Based Programs
2. Birth weights for the most high risk women are equal or better than county wide average
3. Children in Quality Counts Child Care sites with 3 star rating had significantly high kindergarten entry scores, at 36 points gain per star increase
4. Only 1 children out of 5,702 from the Healthy Beginnings System entered the foster care system
5. DCF Circuit 15 (PBC) has the second lowest maltreatment rate of any Florida Judicial Circuit
  - We dropped from 10.07 per 1,000 in January 2011 to 9.85 per 1,000 in December 2012 in spite of an increase in the state rate from 12.29 to 13.18 over the same period



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## Achievements (Cont.)

6. ↑ Trimester of entry into prenatal care
7. ↑ Adequacy of prenatal care
8. ↓ Babies born low birth weight
9. ↓ Babies born prematurely
10. ↑ Mothers initiating breastfeeding
11. ↓ Births to teens (19 and under)
12. ↓ Repeat births to teens (19 and under)
13. ↓ Infant mortality
14. In 2011 we touched 213,115 children/families



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## Efficiency Strategies

- Single plan and logic model for early childhood work to serve all funding streams
- Single/integrated approach for outreach and screening for pregnant women and families with newborns for risk – Healthy Start; Healthy Families; HRSA, etc.
- Single/integrated outreach, eligibility determination, and placement for Early Care Education/VPK; School Readiness; Workforce Alliance; Healthy Start; Teen Parent Program
- System of agreed upon child screens for young children birth to 5 – each has their own – Head Start; School Readiness; VPK; Early Steps
- Integrated approach for quality child care with licensing and quality improvement



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## We are ...

CSC is focused  
on achieving our  
goals so Palm Beach County's  
children grow up  
Healthy, Safe and Strong



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