

UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA IS CREATING POSITIVE, SUSTAINABLE CHANGE BY FOCUSING ON THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BETTER LIFE: EDUCATION, INCOME AND HEALTH.

Baker County

Education - Claire's story



▲ Before 3-year-old Claire started a United Way *Success By 6* early learning program, she was having trouble articulating words and communicating with others. Claire is now a talkative little girl eager to participate in classroom activities, has an extensive vocabulary and is on target for kindergarten. Research has shown that for every \$1 invested in early childhood programs, approximately \$17 returns to the community.

United Way is addressing the root causes of challenges facing Northeast Florida.

ISSUE:

- The first years of a child's life are critical to his or her future success. Children are born learning and research has shown that children who receive high-quality child care are more likely to succeed academically, socially, and financially later in life.
- Between 18 and 35 % of Northeast Florida children are behind their fellow students before they even start school.

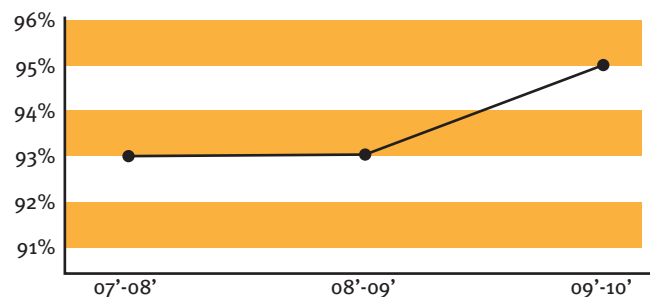
SOLUTION:

- Research has shown that for every \$1 invested in early childhood learning programs returns approximately \$17 to the community.
- United Way's *Success By 6* initiative is increasing access to high-quality early learning activities in Clay County.
- United Way partners to educate parents about the role they play in their child's development using *Born Learning* materials developed by United Way of America, The Ad Council, and Civitas.

IMPACT:

- Last year, more than 2,500 parents learned how to turn everyday activities into learning moments with their preschool children.
- Children who completed the *Success By 6* program had a 13% increase in school readiness and a 57% improvement for preschoolers with very delayed age appropriate vocabulary

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS RATES



- 3,900** Baker County residents receive assistance through United Way-funded programs in Northeast Florida
- 35** United Way-funded programs help Baker County residents
- 85** United Way-funded programs help residents in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and northern St. Johns counties.
- 1,120** Baker County residents called our 2-1-1 helpline for information and referrals including crisis and emergency financial assistance.
- 199** BakerCounty households received free tax preparation assistance resulting in more than \$300,000 dollars in refunds to the Baker County economy.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call or write:

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Programs Serving Baker County

**American Lung Association
of Florida, Inc.**

- Open Airways for Schools

**American Red Cross Northeast Florida
Chapter**

- Armed Forces Emergency Services
- Disaster Services
- Health & Safety Services

Baker County Council on Aging

- *Access to Nutrition*

***Boy Scouts of America - North Florida
Council***

- *Scouting*

Child Guidance Center, Inc.

- Outpatient Mental Health Counseling

**Children's Home Society of Florida,
Buckner Division**

- Adoption
- Family Life Education

DLC Nurse & Learn, Inc.

- Developmental Learning Center

Episcopal Children's Services

- *Success By 6*

Family Foundations

- Consumer Credit Counseling Services
- Family & Individual Counseling
- Financial Literacy

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.

- *Positive Youth Development*
- *Innovative Programs for At-Risk Girls*

Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville

- GirlStart/GirlSmart

Greater Jacksonville Area USO

- Cyber Café

Hubbard House, Inc.

- HARK (Helping At-Risk Kids)
- Emergency Services

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.

- Civil Legal Services

Jacksonville Community Council, Inc.

- Quality of Life Report/Race
Relations Study

**Jacksonville Regional Chamber of
Commerce**

- Education and Workforce Preparation

**Jacksonville Speech &
Hearing Center, Inc.**

- Adult Hearing Disorders

**Jewish Family & Community
Services, Inc.**

- Counseling
- Financial Assistance

**Lutheran Social Services of Northeast
Florida, Inc.**

- Second Harvest Food Bank

OneJax

- OneYouth

Quigley House

- Emergency Shelter &
Support Services

Sulzbacher Center

- Health Care
- Shelter Services

United Way of Northeast Florida

- *2-1-1*
- *Real\$ense Prosperity Campaign*
- *Success By 6*

Youth Crisis Center, Inc.

- YCC Residential

Programs in italics are located in Baker County.