

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

Education - Takayla's story



▲ Takayla needed extra help to stay on track in school. Her mom heard about United Way's Achievers For Life, a dropout prevention strategy, and registered her in the program. Through weekly sessions, she received one-on-one mentoring. Today, Takayla has earned a spot on the A/B Honor Roll, completed advanced classes, and qualified as a candidate for a college scholarship program.

United Way is addressing the root causes of issues in Northeast Florida.

ISSUE:

- Some children come to school struggling with abuse, hunger, homelessness and poor health due to lack of medical attention.
- Children in low-income families have elementary math and reading scores that are four to five points lower.
- Children from low-income families are twice as likely to repeat a grade and are 3.5 times as likely to drop out of school.

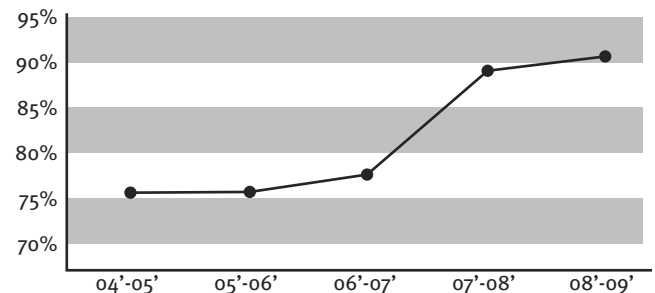
SOLUTION:

- United Way of Northeast Florida invests \$4.6 million in services to help youth succeed in life.

IMPACT:

- As a community, we have increased on-time St. Johns county high school graduations by 18% since the 2004-2005 school year.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY GRADUATION RATES



22,000 St. Johns County residents receive assistance through United Way-funded programs in Northeast Florida

39 United Way-funded programs help St. Johns County residents

85 United Way-funded programs help residents in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and northern St. Johns counties.

8,864 St. Johns County residents called our 2-1-1 helpline for information and referrals including crisis and emergency financial assistance.

2,561 St. Johns County households received free tax preparation assistance resulting in \$2.4 million dollars in refunds to the St. Johns County economy.

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

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Programs Serving St. Johns County

All Saints Early Learning & Community Care Center

- Intergenerational Care Center

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

Boy Scouts of America - North Florida Council

- *Scouting - Positive Youth Development*

Catholic Charities Bureau

- Comprehensive Emergency Services

Child Guidance Center, Inc.

- Outpatient Mental Health Counseling

Children's Home Society of Florida, Buckner Division

- Adoption Services
- Family Life Education
- Promise House
- Teen Girls Residence

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

HandsOn Jacksonville, Inc.

- HandsOn Connect

The Help Center, Inc.

- Transitional Living & Recovery

Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center

- BASICS

Hubbard House, Inc.

- 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
- Speech & Language Services

Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.

- Counseling
- Financial Assistance

Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, Inc.

- Second Harvest Food Bank

Mental Health America of Northeast Florida, Inc.

- *Mental Health Education*

New Heights of Northeast Florida, Inc.

- Respite Care

Northwest Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

- Mental Health Supported Housing

Onejax

- OneYouth

Sulzbacher Center

- Shelter Services

United Way of Northeast Florida

- *2-1-1*
- *Real\$ense Prosperity Campaign*

Youth Crisis Center, Inc.

- YCC Residential

Programs in italics are located in St. Johns County.