

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

Clay 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.

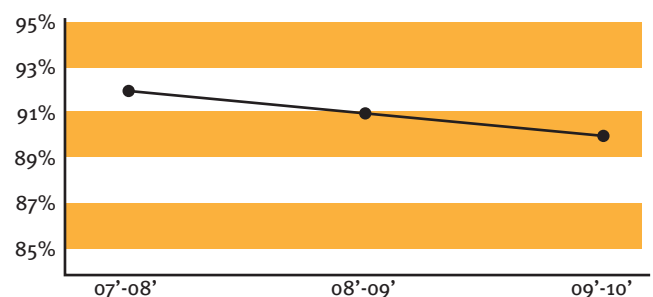
SOLUTION:

- 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

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS RATES



52,500 Clay County residents receive assistance through United Way-funded programs in Northeast Florida

41 United Way-funded programs help Clay County residents

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

9,327 Clay County residents called our 2-1-1 helpline for information and referrals including crisis and emergency financial assistance.

1,557 Clay County households received free tax preparation assistance resulting in \$1.6 million dollars in refunds to the Clay County economy.

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

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Programs Serving Clay 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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida
- *Traditional One-to-One*

Boy Scouts of America - North Florida Council
- *Scouting - Positive Youth Development*

Catholic Charities Bureau
- Comprehensive Emergency Services

Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc.
- *Lighthouse Learning Center*

Child Guidance Center, Inc.
- Outpatient Mental Health Counseling

Children's Home Society of Florida, Buckner Division
- Adoption
- Teen Girls Residence
- Family Life Education

Clay County Behavioral Health Center, Inc.
- *Social Rehabilitation and Vocational Services*

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

Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville
- GirlStart/GirlSmart

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.
- *Positive Youth Development*
- Innovative Programs for At-Risk Girls

Greater Jacksonville Area USO
- Cyber Café

HandsOn Jacksonville, Inc.
- HandsOn Connect

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

Jacksonville Urban League, Inc.
- Community Partnership

Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.
- Counseling
- Financial Assistance

Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, Inc.
- Second Harvest Food Bank

New Heights of Northeast Florida, Inc.
- Children's Therapy Services

Onejax
- OneYouth

Quigley House, Inc.
- *Emergency Shelter & Support Services*

The Salvation Army
- *Family Services Clay*

Sulzbacher Center
- Health Care
- Shelter Services

United Way of Northeast Florida
- *2-1-1*
- *Success By 6*
- *Real\$ense Prosperity Campaign*

Youth Crisis Center, Inc.
- YCC Residential

Clay County Success By 6 Centers:
Childtime Learning Center
Gingerbread Learning Center

Programs in italics are located in Clay County.