

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

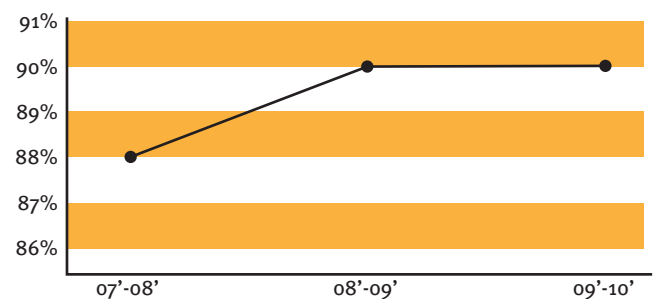
SOLUTION:

- 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 Nassau 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

NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS RATES



17,750 Nassau County residents receive assistance through United Way-funded programs in Northeast Florida

44 United Way-funded programs help Nassau County residents

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

2,022 Nassau County residents called our 2-1-1 helpline for information and referrals including crisis and emergency financial assistance.

619 Nassau County households received free tax preparation assistance resulting in more than \$700,000 dollars in refunds to the Nassau County economy.

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

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Programs Serving Nassau 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

ARC Nassau

- Adult Day Training

Barnabas Center, Inc.

- Housing Emergency Assistance

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida

- In-School Mentoring
- Traditional One-To-One

Boy Scouts of America, North Florida Council

- Scouting - Positive Youth Development

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida

- Traditional Clubs

Catholic Charities Bureau

- Comprehensive Emergency Services

Child Guidance Center, Inc.

- Outpatient Mental Health Counseling

Children's Home Society of Florida, Buckner Division

- Adoption
- Family Life Education

Communities In Schools of Nassau County, Inc.

- Dream Team for Student Achievement

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

The Help Center, Inc.

- Transitional Living & Recovery

Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center

- BASICS

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

Mental Health America of Northeast Florida, Inc.

- Mental Health Education

Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc.

- Social Services

Nassau County Volunteer Center, Inc.

- Volunteer Services

OneJax

- OneYouth

Sulzbacher Center

- Shelter Services

United Way of Northeast Florida

- 2-1-1
- Bridging Elder Care Networks
- RealSense Prosperity Campaign
- Success By 6

YMCA of Florida's First Coast, Inc.

- Nassau Child Care

Youth Crisis Center, Inc.

- YCC Residential

Nassau County Success By 6 Centers:

- Building Blocks Academy*
- Island Academy*

Programs in italics are located in Nassau County.