



## Nassau County

### Early Childhood Success



▲ Born with a cleft palate, Cynthia endured years of corrective surgeries. When she enrolled in a United Way-funded early learning program, she cried each morning and refused to look at anyone. Through parent meetings, her mother learned how to redirect Cynthia's temper tantrums and create effective discipline strategies. Today, Cynthia talks more, knows almost all of the alphabet, and can write her name.

*United Way is addressing the root causes of issues in 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 that receive quality and positive care are more likely to succeed academically, socially, and financially later in life.
- Research has shown that for every \$1 invested in early childhood programs approximately is \$17 returned to the community

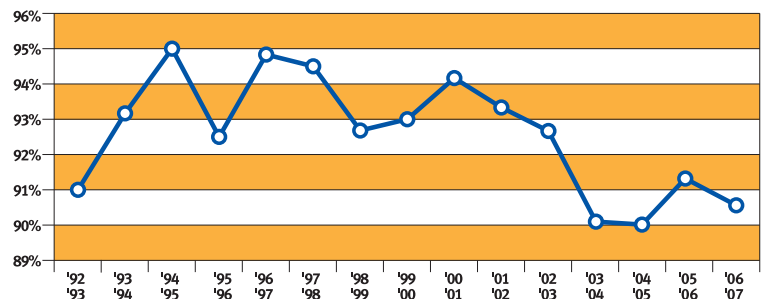
**SOLUTION:**

- United Way funds high-quality early learning for preschoolers.

**IMPACT:**

- 80% of preschoolers were ready for kindergarten as a result of the quality early learning center they attended in Nassau county.

Nassau County 1st to 2nd grade Promotions



JCCI Quality of Life Progress Report: [www.jcci.org](http://www.jcci.org)  
Data Source: Florida Department of Education

**17,756** Nassau County residents receive assistance through United Way-funded programs in Northeast Florida

**51** United Way-funded programs help Nassau County residents

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

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## Programs Serving Nassau County

**All Saints Early Learning & Community Care Center**  
- Intergenerational Day Care

**American Lung Association of Florida, Inc.**  
- Open Airways

**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  
- One-To-One Mentoring

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida**  
- Miller Freedom Center Fernandina Beach Club

**Catholic Charities Bureau**  
- Comprehensive Emergency Services

**CHILD Cancer Fund**  
- Family Support Services

**Child Guidance Center, Inc.**  
- Outpatient Mental Health Counseling

**Children's Crisis Center, Inc.**  
- Children's Protection Satellite

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

**Communities in Schools of Nassau County, Inc.**  
- Partnership for Hope

**Episcopal Children's Services, Inc.**  
- Directly Operated Centers

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

**Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville**  
- Positive Youth Development & Education

**Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.**  
- Field Services  
- Innovative Programs for At-Risk Youth

**Greater Jacksonville Area USO**  
- Cyber Cafe

**The Help Center, Inc.**  
- Transitional Living

**Hope Haven Children's Clinic**  
- Basics

**Hubbard House, Inc.**  
- Children  
- Emergency Services  
- PATH

**I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless**  
- Healthcare Clinic  
- Shelter & Services

**Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.**  
- Civil Legal Services

**Jacksonville Community Council, Inc.**  
- Quality Of Life Report  
- United Way Research

**Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce**  
- Education Workforce Preparation

**Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center, Inc.**  
- Audiology Services

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

**Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida**  
- Second Harvest Food Bank

**Mental Health America of Northeast Florida**  
- Mental Health Education

**Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc.**  
- Social Services

**Nassau County Volunteer Center, Inc.**  
- Volunteer Services

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society, North Florida Chapter**  
- Information & Referral

**North Florida Council Boy Scouts of America**  
- Scouting  
- Mohawk District

**OneJax**  
- OneYouth

**United Way of Northeast Florida**  
- 2-1-1  
- RealSense Prosperity Campaign

**YMCA of Florida's First Coast, Inc.**  
- Child Care  
- Positive Youth Development

**Youth Crisis Center, Inc.**  
- Youth Shelter, Family Counseling, & Safe Place

*Programs in italics are located in Nassau County.*