



Dear Birth to 22 supporter:

For those of you that could make it, thank you so much for joining us at our second annual Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures Business Breakfast on April 12. Our business community is vital to supporting all of the community initiatives addressing the pressing needs in our community. Without you, we would not be seeing the progress that has helped improve outcomes for thousands of young people in Palm Beach County. We know that this collective impact alliance galvanizes everyone to marshal resources—financial, human, and in-kind—to ensure that ALL of Palm Beach County's children have the chance to thrive. We had the wonderful opportunity to hear from Dr. John Stockwell of Spartanburg Academic Movement and a wonderful panel of local businesses. We were especially excited this year to share with you some of the wonderful initiatives underway that are being spearheaded by businesses across the County in our Birth to 22 Children's TV Network [video](#) and also had a chance to recognize businesses with our new awards ceremony. With more than 300 organizations/businesses now involved in the alliance, we know we are in for some exciting changes to come in the upcoming year.

We implore each of you to get directly involved in the work being done every day on behalf of Palm Beach County's children. Contact us at abc-birthto22@pbcgov.org to explore participation opportunities.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates to come and we hope to see you next year at our annual celebration.

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Take a look ahead at Birth to 22's continuing efforts with the 2020 Legislative Agenda.

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Since its inception, Birth to 22 and its community alliances, have been working towards providing youth and young adults resources to reach their fullest potential.

Events & More

Community outreach remains a great tool for gaining insight, developing alliances, and improving our goals.

Share Feedback & Stories!

Do you have feedback or have an inspiring story to share? We'd love to hear from you!

Contact us at, abc-birthto22@pbcgov.org

Birth to 22 at a Glance



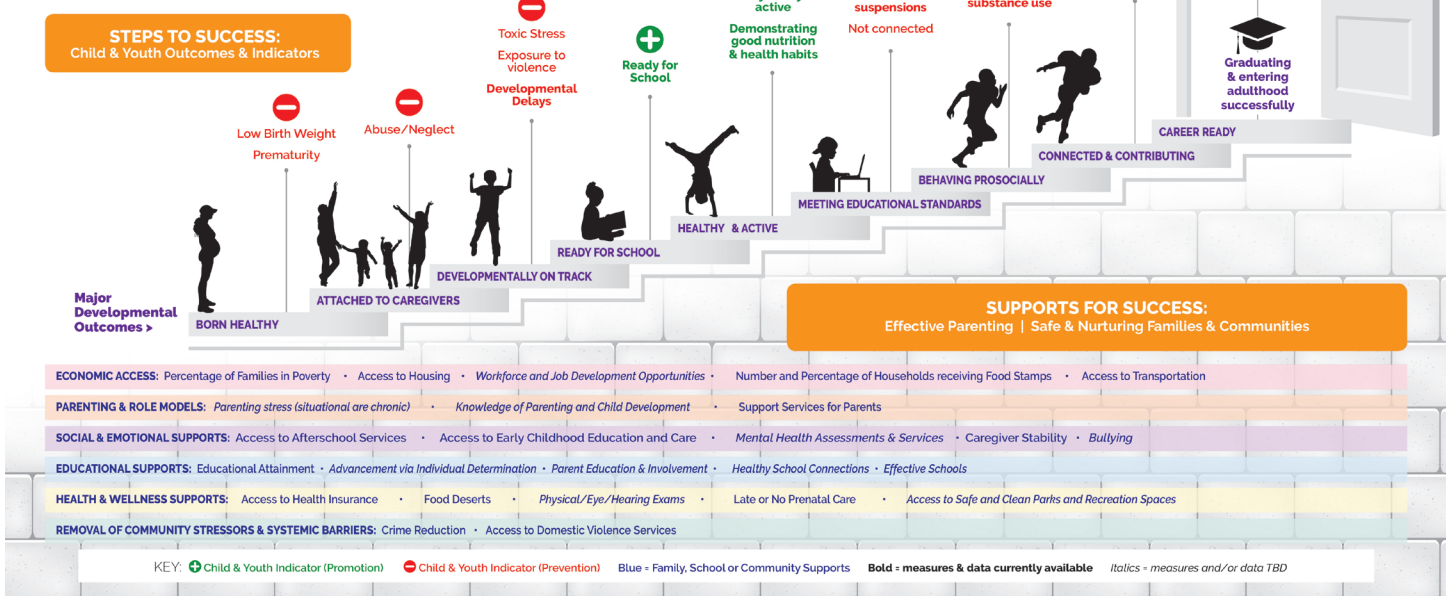
Mission: To support the healthy growth, development and education of children and youth prenatal through young adulthood so that they graduate from high school and succeed in life.

To learn more about our Birth to 22 alliance, go to pbcbirthto22.com. Details about the Youth Master Plan, related community data, our online resource directory, and more are located here.

Steps to Success

The Steps to Success represent 6 domains of child and youth development – physical health, behavioral health, academic readiness, social/emotional well-being, career readiness and connection and contribution to community and society. These steps represent key markers of success that allows us to access developmental outcomes. As children and youth make their way up these stairs, we are able to track their progress or lack thereof. The indicators, or measures, for these different areas are shown above the stair steps in the green text (for things we are trying to promote) and orange text (for things we are trying to prevent). Understanding what this data looks like for different subpopulations within Palm Beach County is also essential. In order to achieve those outcomes, children and youth need key supports along the way, through a combination of effective parenting and safe and nurturing families and communities. A sample of possible measures are listed below.

Steps to Success & Supports for Success



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Legislative Agenda

1. **A Stronger Pathway to Kindergarten Readiness**
 - a. Enhance the VPK Assessment Policy with a higher degree of learning gains and observational assessments in the calculation of the Kindergarten Readiness Rate.
 - *Children and teacher accomplishments should be recognized.*
 - b. Create an option of additional VPK hours and learning opportunities for children to master the standards necessary to be ready on day one.
 - *Support children's learning by diving in deeper.*
 - c. Focus the state's investment on the actual cost of education. Policy and funding should mirror the results desired with a focus on quality teacher interactions and effectiveness tied to kindergarten readiness.
 - *Better results will come from a stronger focus.*
2. **Expand access and opportunities for mental health and behavioral services to children and young adults when and where they need it.**
 - a. Help children and young adults cope and prevail over traumatic experiences. Advocate for the expansion of mental health services via telehealth.
 - *Support children who are hurting whenever and wherever they need help.*
 - b. Support the "Hope for Healing Florida" campaign by working with DCF, AHCA, and First Lady Casey DeSantis to expand access and increase funding.
 - *Helping our youth heal and lead healthier lives to reach their full potential.*
 - c. Support Florida's need for more behavioral and mental health specialists in a variety of settings.
 - *Create programs and professional development to meet the needs of our children.*
 - d. Support and fund mental health and well-being initiatives on college campuses
 - *Recognize the biggest culprit that hinders higher education completion is directly related to mental and behavioral health.*
3. **Focus on Two-Generations to Interrupt the Cycle of Poverty**
 - a. Support Two-Generation (2gen) policies, which address two generations at the same time and provide opportunities for and meet the needs of low-income children and their parents simultaneously.
 - *A parent's economic well-being is critical to a child's pathway to success.*
 - b. Review and modernize Florida's policies, so well-intended programs do not disincentivize economic progression.
 - *Support the parent and child's dream of self-sufficiency simultaneously.*
 - c. Recognize a child's development is directly related to their family's economic stability.
 - *Support the whole child and family unit to end the cycle of poverty.*
4. **Increase Financial Support for Higher Education Institutions**
 - a. Adequately fund Florida College System and State University System institutions to ensure all students have access to quality education.
 - *This includes workforce training that is focused on meeting industry needs and boosting Florida's competitiveness in creating a home-grown skilled labor force.*

Collective Impact Pledge

Birth to 22 is committed to a common agenda, we are an alliance of community partners that engages and aligns existing coalitions, networks, systems and youth-serving organizations as well as connecting families, community members, and most importantly, young people.

Take the *Pledge*, be listed as a Collective Impact Partner

of the Birth to 22 Alliance to improve outcomes from cradle to career for all Palm Beach County children, youth and families, and will provide support as provided on the attached.

Click [here](#) to join us in envisioning and creating a culture that values our youth from cradle to career.

Alliance Spotlights



CareerSource
PALM BEACH COUNTY

CareerSource Palm Beach County is chartered by the state of Florida to provide employment and training services at no cost to county residents and businesses. CareerSource PBC's Young Adult department has recently introduced a new work readiness program for out-of-school youth who are between 17 to 24 years old. This intensive 4-week training, conducted at the Delray Full Service Center,

located at 301 SW 14th Ave in Delray Beach, teaches young adults valuable life skills such as financial literacy, job search techniques, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills and more. As part of the training program, participants will have the opportunity to earn a Restaurant Server credential issued by the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute. Additional training opportunities are also available to program participants.

For more information, please contact youthteam@careersourcepbc.com



Of all newly created jobs in Florida by 2020, 68 percent will require an education beyond high school. In Palm Beach County, however, only 44 percent of all high

school students are predicted to receive a post-secondary credential within 6 years of graduation.

To help ensure that Palm Beach County students are prepared for quality jobs, Achieve Palm Beach County strives to increase the percentage of Palm Beach County high school graduates who earn a post-secondary credential within 6 years of graduating to 60 percent by 2025.

To do this, Achieve PBC facilitates strategic collaboration among community partners in the government, education, corporate, nonprofit, philanthropic, faith-based, and other sectors. By creating a comprehensive system of supports, Achieve PBC works to ensure that every student in Palm Beach County has the access and support he/she needs to

earn a post-secondary credential that prepares him/her for a meaningful career with a sustainable living wage.

Parents are an integral part of the student support system. In fact, parental support can either propel a student to complete an education beyond high school or derail him/her. Providing parents with resources and strategies to help their children explore and complete a post-secondary education is crucial to their children's success.

To help parents support their students with exploring careers as well as the post-secondary education needed to attain their careers of interest, the Achieve PBC partners collaborated to create a series of comprehensive one-page checklists (one for each grade level from middle school through post-secondary). Adapted from the Oregon Goes to College model, these checklists outline the general steps needed to navigate the path to and through a post-secondary education.

For more information, visit www.achievepbc.org/resources



Palm Beach County community members, systems and sectors have joined together to create BeWellPBC, a new initiative focused on advancing behavioral health for children and

families county-wide. BeWellPBC is dedicating its work to increasing and improving inter-agency coordination and alignment of behavioral health efforts and more widely engaging residents in innovative solutions. The initiative is focused on 5 keys areas to promote a community culture of health and wellness:

- Changing the Behavioral Health Landscape/Approach

- Understanding and Addressing Equity Barriers in Behavioral Health Care
- Creating Greater Integration Across Youth and Family-Serving Systems for Access to Existing Services
- Supporting Community Capacity for Action
- Educating and Advocating for Behavioral Health and Wellness

Collectively, BeWellPBC strives for every person in Palm Beach County to feel hopeful, supported, connected and empowered.

For more information visit, www.bewellpbc.org



The Citizen's Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services and the Birth to 22 Alliance

launched the Securing Our Future Initiative (SOFI).

SOFI's Mission is to create a system of care that maximizes opportunity for economic mobility and reduces poverty in Palm Beach County. Organizations involved with the SOFI will seek to reduce child poverty by 10% over the next ten years by building pathways for economic mobility for 188 households (with children ages 0- 18) annually.

SOFI will focus on families who are living below the 200% federal poverty threshold, with a special emphasis on those at or below the 100% federal poverty threshold, and who have the ability to work. SOFI directly aligns with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' economic development priority that promotes economic revitalization by driving the creation of employment opportunities while reducing disparities and improving

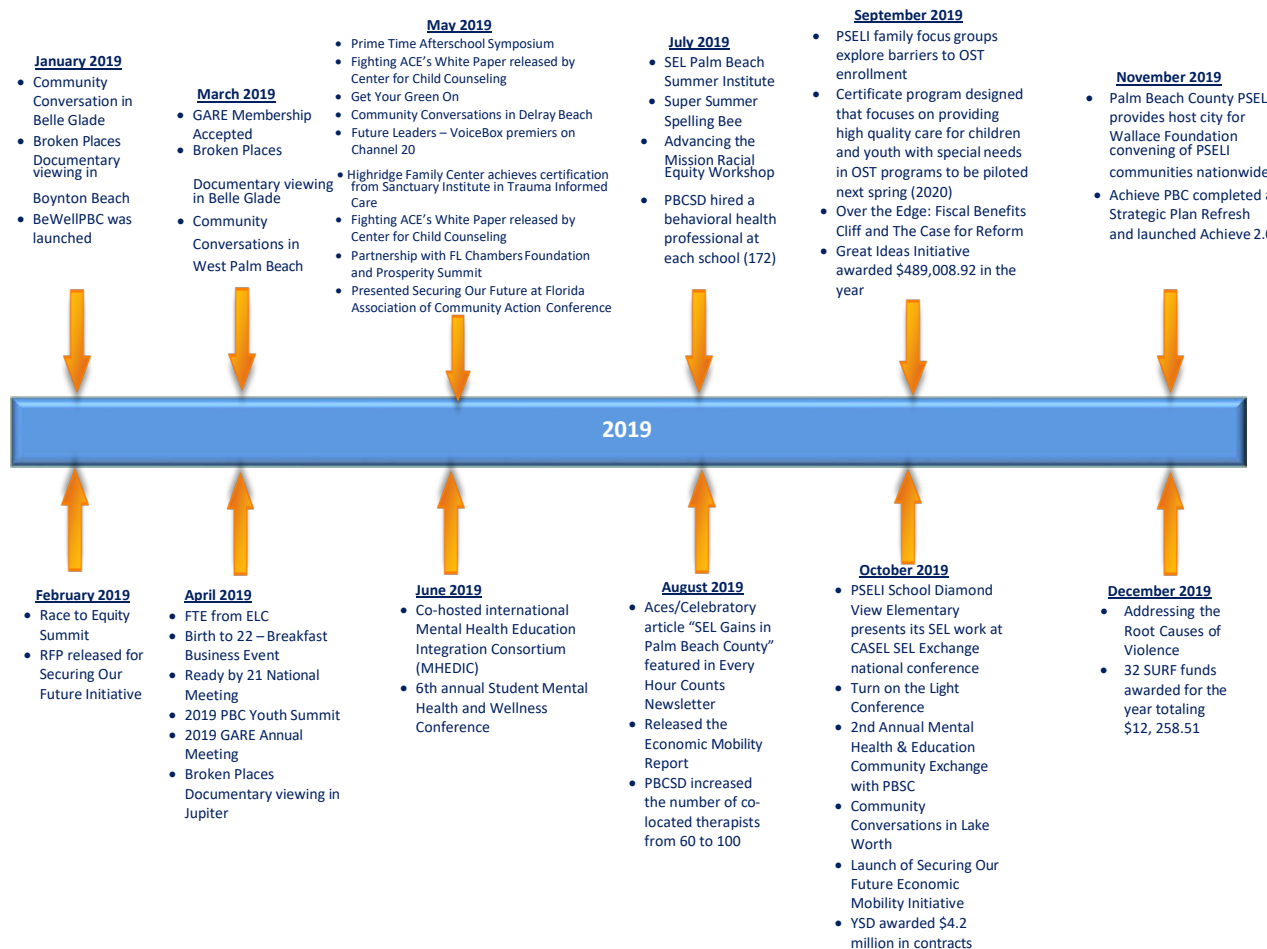
quality of life. SOFI will help families increase their income above the living wage, and accelerate the building of an integrated Health and Human Services System of Care.

The goal is that upon completion of the program, families will have gained the skills needed to obtain a higher wage job and will have increased their total household income. During the course of the program, families will have direct access to support services amongst an array of different domains, such as childcare, healthcare, and others. During their participation, families will have the opportunity to provide feedback on systemic barriers that they face on a daily basis.

Community Service Department's Community Action Program will serve as the backbone organization for the initiative and will collect data from families and other participating agencies to evaluate results and to make recommendations for policy reform.

To learn more about the SOFI, visit www.securingourfuturepbc.org.

Events Timeline



Upcoming Events



The 2019 Child Protection Summit will be held December 16-18, 2019, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Originally known as the Dependency Court Improvement Summit, over the past 22 years, the annual training conference has continued to emphasize the importance of bringing together child welfare professionals and related partners to share and exchange best practices while enhancing collaborations across professions. The Summit offers an extraordinary program of current and relevant training topics to further advance the knowledge base of child welfare staff in many critical areas of importance. As the largest child welfare event in Florida, the Department anticipates the 2019 Child Protection Summit will be attended by child welfare professionals and related partners, including: attorneys, case managers, child advocates, child protective investigators and supervisors, Child Protection Team staff, child welfare trainers, court staff, DCF staff, relative and non-relative caregivers, foster and adoptive parents, Guardians ad Litem, judges, law enforcement, juvenile justice professionals, educators, service providers, and youth.

For more information about the 2019 Child Protection Summit, visit www.child-protection-summit-2019.com



Unicorn Children's Foundation is holding their Strides for Special Needs 10K & 5K Run/Walk on April 4. The event is benefiting cradle to career pathways that help kids and young adults with special needs excel in their communities.

For more information about Strides for Special Needs, visit www.runsignup.com

CRADLE TO CAREER: PREPARING FOR TOMORROW...TODAY

2020 BIRTH TO 22 BUSINESS BREAKFAST

APRIL 17, 2020

HILTON PALM BEACH AIRPORT

7:30 A.M. NETWORKING

8:00 A.M. START



Join the conversation with business leaders supporting the Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures initiative at the 2020 Birth to 22 Business Breakfast on April 17.

For more information about the Birth to 22 Business Breakfast, visit www.unitedwaypbc.org/event/birth-22-breakfast-2020



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