



Helping
People
Succeed

IMPACT REPORT



2024-2025

Building Successful Families and Futures One Life at a Time.

Empower. Assess. Facilitate. Support

Helping People Succeed (HPS) is a well-established organization with over 60 years of serving the Treasure Coast.

With 160 dedicated staff members, we serve more than 7,000 people annually across three counties, with a budget exceeding \$8 million.

Our impact is powered by our specialized service areas working together to support individuals across all stages of life.

- **Baby Steps:** provides programming for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers
- **Healthy Families:** is a child abuse prevention program
- **Behavioral Health:** offers mental health and case management services to youth and adults
- **Youth Programs:** provide after school and summer experiences for youth with behavioral, developmental, or mental health needs
- **Successful Futures:** supports adults and teens with disabilities through employment coaching and an Adult Day program



Helping People Succeed transforms lives by realizing potential, creating hope and building futures through education, counseling, training and employment.

What a year it has been for Helping People Succeed – a year of growth, evolution, and renewed commitment to serving our communities with excellence.

When I joined the Helping People Succeed family as its new CEO on November 12, 2024, I had an idea that I was becoming a part of a special place, but I definitely did not fully realize the depth and breadth of the impact this organization makes in the communities we serve or the powerful collaborations and supporters who help make our mission go round.

After my first year in this seat, I could not be prouder to share our impact with you and more humbled in thanking you for your support, your partnership, and your trust in our team of professionals to serve the thousands of families and individuals that we do.

As you review this report of our impact and of our thanks, I hope you will feel the energy, the passion, and the renewed commitment we have to not just ensuring that we continue to be a trusted resource in the community, but to evolving and innovating our services to respond to the ever-changing needs of those communities.

Proud to be in this work together.

**A Note from
Kara Stimpson, CEO**



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Message From Chairperson Tom Campenni

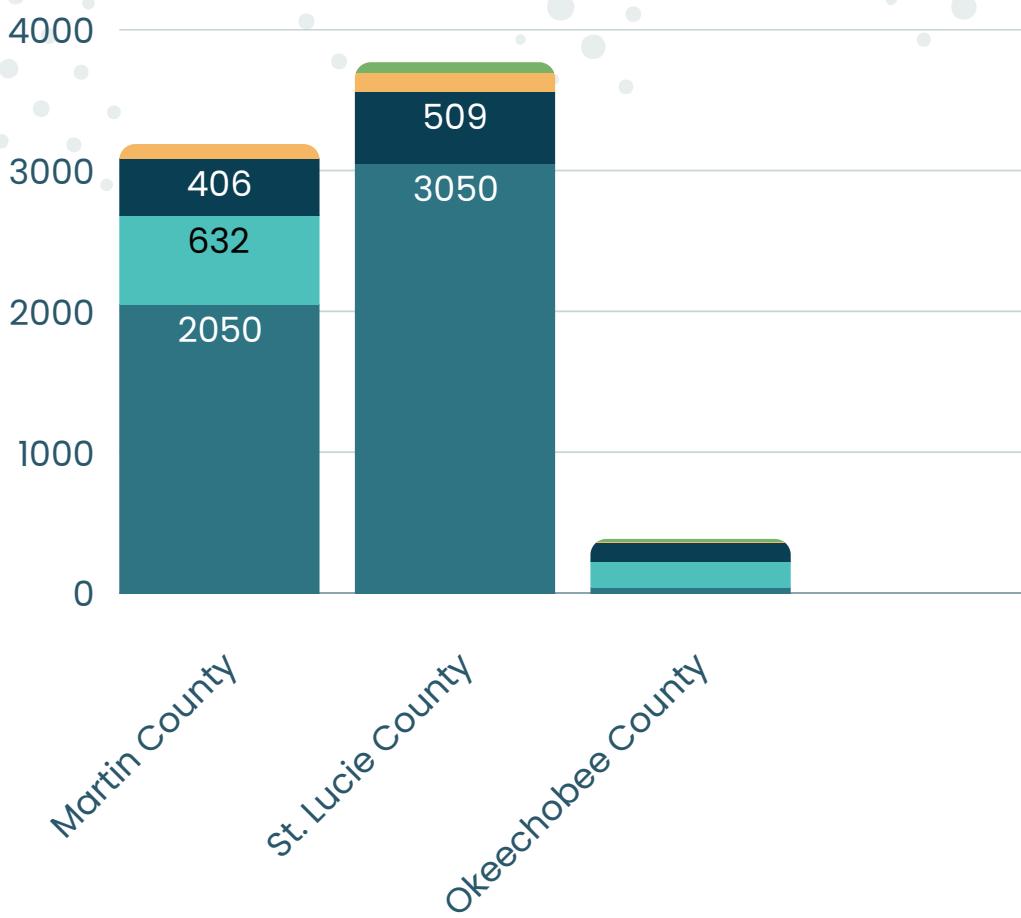
As Board Chair for Helping People Succeed, it has been my honor to be part of an organization that assists our clients in receiving services to allow them to succeed in life. Our devoted staff in the tri-county service area is critical to that success. Without our donors and funders none of the work we do would be possible. I want to thank the volunteers, board members, donors, funders, and staff for our success in 2024-2025.

Service Areas:

Numbers Served Per County

Per Service Line

- Baby Steps
- Behavioral
- Healthy Families
- Successful Futures
- Youth Programs



Across the Treasure Coast, Helping People Succeed serves more than 7,000 children, families, and adults each year through a dedicated team committed to meeting people where they are and supporting lasting growth.

Our impact is strengthened through close collaboration with schools, healthcare providers, and community agencies across our tri-county service area. Together, we create coordinated pathways of care that turn collective effort into real success for the people we serve.

- Martin
- St. Lucie
- Okeechobee

3,188

Participants in Martin County

3,769

Participants in St. Lucie County

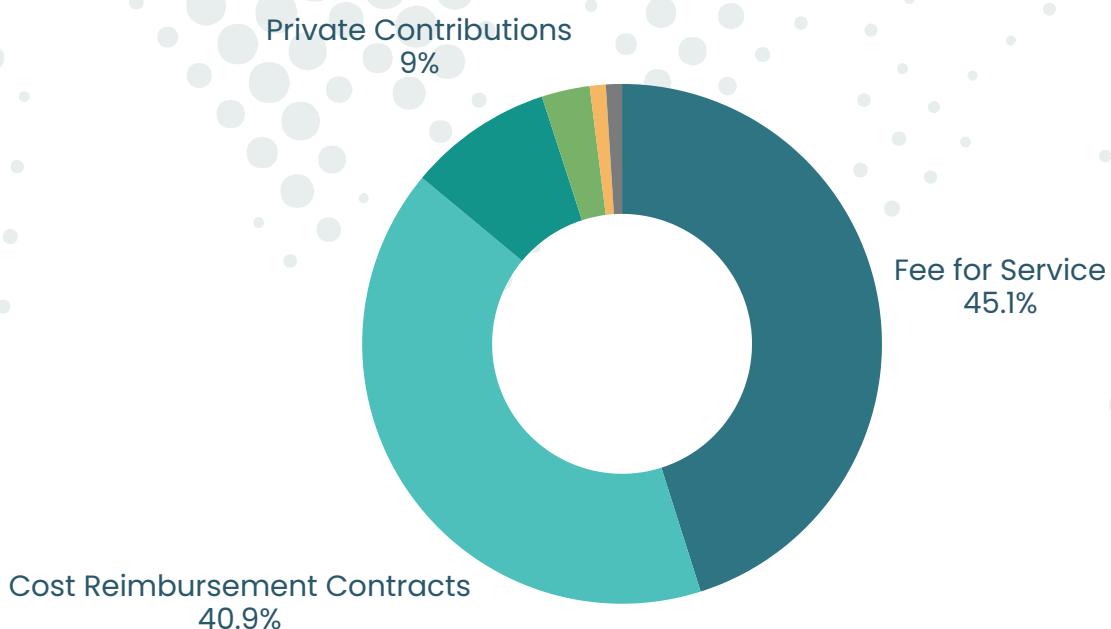
384

Participants in Okeechobee County

67

Behavioral Participants in Indian River County

Sources of Support 2024-2025



Philanthropic Gifts: \$776,343

We are deeply grateful to our donors and community partners whose generosity sustains the mission of Helping People Succeed. Every dollar invested plays a vital role in supporting the individuals and families we serve: strengthening programs, expanding access to care, and ensuring no one falls through the cracks. Your support, at every level, allows us to respond to real needs with compassion and purpose. Together, we are creating meaningful change and helping people succeed today and into the future.

85%

Program
Allocations
2024-2025

9%

Administration
Allocation

163

First-Time
Donors
2024-2025

7,408 \$8,709,385

Individuals and Families Served
Across the Treasure Coast

**Powered our mission in 2024–2025, through a
diverse range of funding sources.**

Major Donors:

\$25,000+

- *Community Foundation Martin – St. Lucie*
- *Community Foundation Palm Beach and Martin Counties*
- *Bill Crandall*
- *Hobe Sound Community Chest*
- *Bill Lichtenberger*
- *Loblolly Community Foundation*
- *Marmot Foundation*
- *William and Helen Thomas Charitable Trust*

\$10,000–\$24,999

- *Booth Foundation*
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- *United Way of Martin County*
- *Jeanine Webster*
- *Bob Weissman*

\$5,000–\$9,999

- *E. W. Consultants*
- *Bob Crandall & Ellyn Stevenson*
- *Marlene Filer*
- *Wayne and Debra Freihofer*
- *Kathy Garlington*
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- *James and Jayne Mondello*
- *William J. Motto Fund*
- *Seacoast National Bank*
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- *Treasure Coast Photography*

Baby steps

Specialty Services

Infancy:

- Baby Connections
- Infant Massage
- Happiest Baby

Social Communication

- Music & Movement
- Play Groups

1,244

Parents of newborns received a developmental visit, providing critical guidance on their child's growth, development, and early learning.



Martin: 3,050

St. Lucie: 2,050

Okeechobee: 41

Behavioral:

- Help Me Behave
- Children's Behavioral Support

Developmental:

- Development Intervention
- ASQ Universal Screening



All programs are provided FREE of charge to families in Martin, St. Lucie & Okeechobee counties, serving children from birth to 5 years old.

Success Story

Rafaela was referred to the Developmental Intervention program after ASQ results revealed significant gross motor delays. At the start, she was fearful of being on the floor and could only stand on her tiptoes while supported by her mother.

With the support of a specialist and guided play, Rafaela gained confidence and began exploring the floor on her own. Today, she stands independently, takes steps while holding furniture, and her mother is thrilled by her progress and the tools gained through the program.



Healthy families

Martin-Okeechobee

Maria is a recent graduate of the Healthy Families program whose journey reflects the lasting impact of early support and guidance. Since enrolling in October 2021, Maria has secured full-time employment with benefits, earned her legal driving permit, and gained the independence to commute and support coworkers. She also became a homeowner, purchasing a home for her blind mother, whom she continues to care for. With support from her Healthy Families home visitor, Maria was connected to critical community resources including medical care, employment assistance, education, early learning, legal services, and basic needs support. Today, she remains a dedicated mother to her two children and is preparing to further her education through adult learning classes — demonstrating stability, growth, and long-term family success made possible through Healthy Families.



We Served:

377

families

816

children

2,814

provided referrals for education, housing, employment, childcare, etc.

99.4%

Successfully Completed Treatment

100%

of children successfully completed the program were free of verified findings of abuse or neglect within 12 months of program completion.



Healthy Families serves families who are experiencing significant and complex challenges such as childhood trauma, financial struggles, mental illness, domestic violence, and substance misuse that place their children at greater risk of abuse and neglect.



Behavioral health services

1,119

Individuals Served During Last Fiscal Calendar.

90%

Successfully Completed Treatment

94%

of children with serious emotional disturbances (SED) demonstrated improved function.

Therapists don't always get to see the long-term impact of their work, but Christine Murphy recently experienced a powerful full-circle moment. A former client she worked with at age 13 reached out years later to share that Christine inspired her to become a therapist and open her own practice. That brief message captured the profound, lasting influence of compassionate care and how one therapist's support can shape a life far into the future.

Among adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses, **96%** *showed improvement in their level of functioning*, far exceeding the target benchmark of 65%. This reflects strong engagement, effective treatment planning, and meaningful clinical progress within a highly complex population.

Specialty Services

- **A.R.T.**
- **Client Centered Therapy**
- **CBT**
- **EMDR**
- **High Fidelity Wraparound Case Management**



Youth programs

St. Lucie County: **73** youth served

100%

of the children in our afterschool and summer programs have a diagnosed need or identified need for behavioral or mental-health support.



90%

of children in our programs demonstrated measurable gains in academic progress - showing that when children receive the right support, they not only participate, they thrive.

A recently relocated military family shared that HPS provided their children with stability, safety, and a true sense of belonging during a difficult transition caring for an ill parent. Another participant, Andrea, who once struggled to engage socially, has blossomed into an active, confident leader - earning "A" Honor Roll and forming meaningful friendships through activities like "Feelings in a Ball." Together, these stories show how our programs create both emotional growth and academic success for the youth we serve.

Okeechobee County: **15** youth served

Our programs serve the children who need us most. Every single participant requires behavioral, developmental, or mental-health accommodations, yet they are fully included in enriching, community-based environments where they can learn, socialize, and thrive. This highlights both the level of need in our community and the unique capacity of Helping People Succeed to provide wraparound, trauma-informed support that many traditional programs cannot.



Successful futures

\$93,000

WORTH OF SERVICES GIVEN BACK
TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



The things my son learns while attending HPS are generalizing at home. He sees things he can help with and does them without asking. His socialization skills have improved so much. I am so happy with what he is accomplishing with HPS. His progress is amazing. Thank you for what you all are doing.

Kay F., Parent of Community Connections and Follow-Along Participant

2,825

Community Connections
Volunteer Hours at other
organizations throughout
the Treasure Coast.

57

Adults with disabilities
have found and
maintained employment.

244

Participants across
Martin, St. Lucie, and
Okeechobee.

**55 Employment Locations
Across the Treasure Coast!!!**



community partners we thank you for your continued support.

Give Today!



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COALITION OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY



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Florida

Florida KidCare



Children's Services Council
of Okeechobee County

apd
agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida



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