Helping People Succeed

Turning Challenges into Success

2025 - 2026

IMPACT REPORT



Over 60 Years of Service.

Nearly 7,800 Families Reached.

One Mission: Helping People Succeed.

EMPOWERING EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

For more than 60 years, Helping People Succeed has been a trusted resource for individuals and families across the Treasure Coast. What began as a commitment to creating opportunities for children with disabilities has grown into a comprehensive network of services supporting nearly 7,800 individuals and families each year.

The 2025–2026 year marked a new chapter for HPS, with a renewed Mission, Vision and Values and a more connected approach to care. Through centralized enrollment and our coordinated service model, we are making it easier for families to access support, navigate resources and connect with services tailored to their needs.

Guided by our commitment to human dignity, inclusion and empowerment, we continue building pathways for growth, independence and belonging throughout the communities we serve.



A Note from Christine Storm,

INTERIM CEO/ CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share Helping People Succeed's 2025–2026 Impact Report and reflect on a year of meaningful progress. As you explore these pages, I hope you see what I have come to appreciate since joining HPS this spring: the extraordinary commitment of our staff, the determination of the people we serve and the generosity of the community standing beside us.

Across our programs, staff bring patience, creativity and compassion to helping people achieve goals that matter to them. Our participants and families bring courage and their own hopes for the future. Together, they give our mission meaning. This report offers an opportunity to celebrate those efforts. Each accomplishment represents people working together: a family and a trusted staff member, colleagues sharing ideas, or a community partner helping meet a need. Our donors, funders and volunteers are part of those accomplishments, too. Your support gives our team the resources to turn commitment into action.

As we look ahead, I am excited to build on this foundation—listening to the people we serve, supporting our staff and strengthening the relationships that sustain our work.

Thank you for placing your trust in Helping People Succeed. I invite you to explore these pages, celebrate the progress you helped make possible and share our pride in the people behind it.

With gratitude,

Christine Storm, MPH

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MESSAGE FROM

Chairperson

TOM CAMPENNI

I am the Board Chair for Helping People Succeed. Our organization assists those with disabilities in St. Lucie, Okeechobee, and Martin Counties. It is our mission to help and assist our clients from birth through life, and their families, with our programs assisting them to have productive lives.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated staff who are critical for our success. Just as important are our donors and funders without whom our mission could not be completed. I want to thank the volunteers, board members, donors, funders, and staff for our success in the past year as well as this year.

Service Areas

NUMBERS SERVED PER COUNTY PER SERVICE LINE

Martin • St. Lucie
Okeechobee • Indian River



PARTICIPANTS

3,190
Martin County

4,304
St. Lucie County

239
Okeechobee County

59
Behavioral in Indian River County

Across the Treasure Coast, Helping People Succeed served nearly 7,800 individuals and families last year,

providing support from birth to forever. Through comprehensive intervention and disability services, we meet people where they are and walk alongside them toward growth, belonging, and their definition of success.

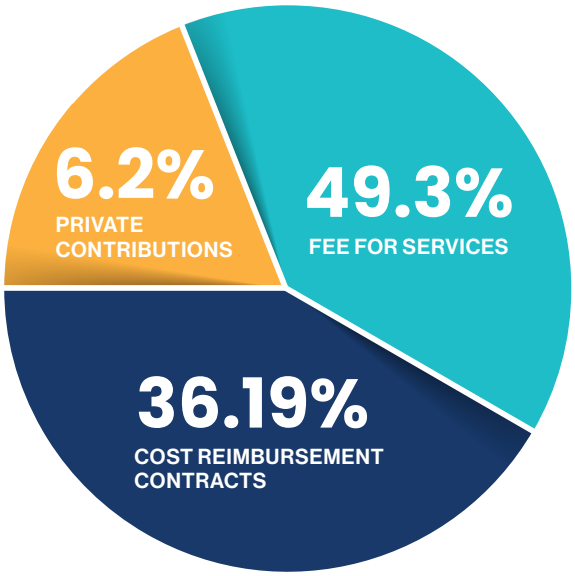
Our impact is strengthened through collaboration with families, schools, healthcare providers, employers, and community partners across our tri-county service area. Together, we create coordinated pathways of care, expand opportunities, and build more inclusive communities where individuals of all ages and abilities can reach their fullest potential.

Philanthropic Gifts: $777,213

91%
Program Allocations

9%
Administration Allocation

145
First-Time Donors



2025 - 2026

Sources of Support



We are deeply grateful to our donors and community partners whose generosity makes our mission possible. Together, we are expanding opportunities, building more inclusive communities, and turning challenges into success across the Treasure Coast.



OUR MISSION WAS POWERED BY

2025 - 2026

$8,926,924

in diverse funding sources.

Major Donors

$25,000+

- United Way Of Martin County
- Community Foundation Martin - St. Lucie
- Lost Tree Foundation
- William Lichtenberger
- The William & Helen Thomas Charitable Trust
- William Crandall
- United Way of St. Lucie & Okeechobee, Inc.
- Hobe Sound Community Chest
- Loblolly Community Foundation, Inc.
- Thomas Campenni

$10,000 - $24,999

- Allen Herskowitz
- Dale Forbes
- EW Consultants
- Fidelity Charitable
- James Mondello
- Jeanine Webster
- Mariner Sands Country Club
- Martin County Board of Commissioners
- Mary Funston
- Mary Kay Buckridge
- Patrick Irvine M.D.
- PNC Foundation
- Robert J. Weissman

$5,000 - $9,999

- Bessemer Trust
- Diane Schachter
- Gordana Uscumlic Foundation
- John Dixon
- Kenneth Waskom
- Leonardo & Company
- Marlene K. Filer
- Mary Ciardullo
- Nelson Mead Fund
- Otto Vitale
- Robert L. Crandall
- Volunteer Florida

Birth to Five

PLAYGROUPS

Music & Movement

226

Families Served

BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

Help Me Behave & Children's Behavioral Support

287

Families & Teachers Served

541

Community Members Educated







YMCA-Teddy Bear Academy Staff Training (Liz Singleton & Samantha Burrows)

Behavior Specialists provided professional development trainings to school staff in St. Lucie and Martin counties, supporting educators with behavior strategies and classroom practices.





HEALTHY FAMILIES

293
Families Served

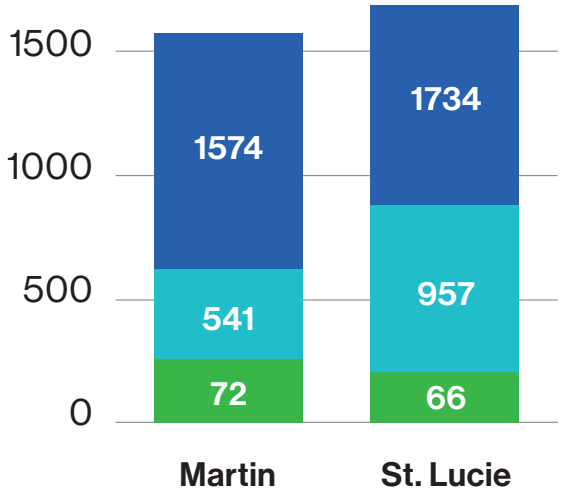
2,105
Referrals Given

100%
of Families Remained Free From Verified Findings of Abuse or Neglect





EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES



- **Baby Connections** (Families Served)
- **Developmental Intervention** (Families Served)
- **ASQ (Ages & Stages Questionnaire)** Successfully completed assessments at different stages of development

Help Me Behave Highlight

Help Me Behave has truly been life changing for us. Erik was at the point of almost being removed from school twice and we were so lucky to have Karisa step in. She is so personable and so good at what she does. She had a resource and suggestion for literally everything, even the most specific little difficulty we were dealing with. It's crazy how such small changes can make such a huge difference. Things that were right in front of our faces ended up having such a big impact on how his little brain processes things and responds. Karisa truly helped us and the school understand what he needed and gave us real strategies we could implement. That support helped him find stability and stay in school. We're super grateful for her and for ***Help Me Behave***.

School Age

YOUTH SERVED

229
St. Lucie County

+

53
Martin County

+

12
Okeechobee County

=

294
TOTAL

Youth Services continued to significantly expand its programming footprint,

offering 12 separate program opportunities during the 2025–2026 year across three counties. Programs ranged from year-round after-school support to summer camps, inclusive community programming, social-development experiences, and multiple Career Camp cohorts for teens and young adults.

Youth Services more than doubled its reach in St. Lucie County - a

214% GROWTH

in service delivery over the previous year.







Success Story

A parent of a Social Lab participant shared that the program was “so much more than JUST a summer camp.” She described watching her son build confidence, practice real-world social skills, learn to navigate conversations and relationships, advocate for himself, and feel a true sense of belonging. As he prepared to enter high school, she said the experience changed the way she viewed his future: “You gave him confidence. You gave him skills. You gave him a place where he truly belonged.”

Adult

ADT contributed **3,008** hours of **volunteer services which equates to a value of**

$104,919.04

Success Story

"HPS has been beneficial to me in more ways than one. I've gained many new skills, like communication, leadership, reliability, and all the other steps to be a good worker and better person. I had a headstart into the workforce, being met with patience and understanding while taken through different and all-new situations. HPS has taught me that I can still succeed and grow in the workforce, even when I thought my disability would make it impossible."

– Madison O., Participant- Workforce Development

ADULTS SERVED

67
St. Lucie County

\+

63
Martin County

\+

10
Okeechobee County

=

140
TOTAL













Mental Health

SERVED BY COUNTY

570
St. Lucie County

+

459
Martin County

+

113
Okeechobee County

+

59
Indian River County

=

1,201
TOTAL

14,100 Mental Health Therapy Sessions

were provided, delivering compassionate, evidence-based care to individuals and families throughout our community.

1,733 Psychiatric Evaluations and Medication Management Appointments

were completed, ensuring clients received timely assessments, ongoing medication monitoring, and coordinated psychiatric care to support their overall mental health and well-being.







Success Story

"Before therapy, I had a hard time with my anxiety and would shut down when I felt overwhelmed. Therapy helped me learn how to talk about how I'm feeling, ask for help, and use coping skills when things get hard. I'm really proud that I made the A/B Honor Roll and am now in high school taking advanced classes. I feel more confident in myself and know I can handle things that used to feel impossible." **– Jordan**

ALL AGES

Case Management

At **Helping People Succeed**, our case management services connect individuals and families with resources, help them overcome barriers, and build the skills and confidence needed for greater independence. We provide support that empowers people to move forward and strengthens their ability to meet their own needs.

This year we added a specialized Case Management Service to our portfolio - **The Autism Resource Navigator (ARN) Program.**

ARN is a specialized, free program designed to walk alongside families as they navigate the complex systems surrounding autism and developmental services. Rather than simply handing a family a list of resources, our Autism Resource Navigator helps families understand what they need, where to find it, and how to access it.

44



Families served this year

Through the ARN Program

SERVED BY COUNTY

261
St. Lucie County

+

102
Martin County

+

28
Okeechobee County

=

391
TOTAL







Success Story

"Without the persistence of this program I wouldn't have the extra therapies my daughter needs and to be completely honest I don't know where I would have turned! This program has not only helped me get the things my daughter needs but has also provided me with emotional and group support with other families who understand what I am going through" **– ARN Parent**

Community Partners

We thank you for your continued support!

Healthy Families Florida

Children's Services Council of Okeechobee

Children's Services Council Martin County — "Investing In Our Future"

Lost Tree Foundation

The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida

Hobe Sound Community Chest, Inc.

Women Supporting the Arts

St. Lucie County Florida

St. Lucie County Children's Services Council — Our Children · Our Community · Our Future

United Way St. Lucie & Okeechobee

United Way Martin County

Florida KidCare

FDOT

The Community Foundation Martin St. Lucie

Healthy Families America

Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network

County of Martin State of Florida

Mariner Sands Charity Week

Aspire to Excellence carf Accredited

Loblolly Community Foundation

Vocational Rehabilitation

PNC

Truist

apd — agency for persons with disabilities — State of Florida

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