



## EDUCATION

**434** pre-school children with identified delays showed developmental growth<sup>1</sup>

**531** parents are more engaged in their child's education<sup>2</sup>



**72%** of school-aged children in education programs are academically on-track<sup>3</sup>

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

**352** homeless individuals and families moved into permanent housing<sup>4</sup>



**274** individuals increased their income<sup>5</sup>

**71%** of individuals increased their financial literacy and developed financial plans<sup>6</sup>



## HEALTH

**76%** of individuals improved their mental health through health programs<sup>7</sup>

**3,573** individuals accessed health and safety services<sup>8</sup>



**86%** of individuals made positive gains toward their treatment plans<sup>9</sup>

1: Easterseals; Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia

2: Girl Scouts of Gateway Council; MidFlorida Community Services; The House Next Door; Volusia Literacy Council

3: PACE Center for Girls; The House Next Door

4: Beacon Center; Family Renew; Halifax Urban Ministries; Neighborhood Center; SMA Behavioral Health

5: Girl Scouts; MidFlorida Community Services; The House Next Door; Volusia Literacy Council

6: Beacon Center; Family Life Center; Family Renew; Girl Scouts; Neighborhood Center

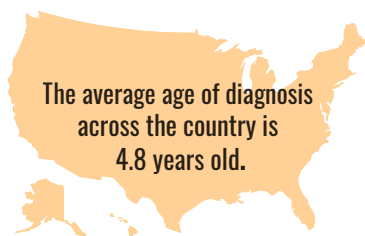
7: Easterseals; SMA; The House Next Door

8: Council on Aging; Easterseals; Family Life Center; Healthy Start Coalition; SMA; Volusia-Flagler Coalition for the Homeless

9: Easterseals; Family Life Center; The House Next Door

## Reduction of Local Autism Diagnosis Age

In July 2017, the average age of children diagnosed with Autism in Volusia and Flagler Counties was **7.9 years old**.



Over the last 14 months, United Way's Help Me Grow team and our partners collaborated to increase outreach and early intervention.



Now, the average age of diagnosis in Volusia and Flagler Counties is **5.9 years old**.

## Stories of Impact

### The Power of Community Impact



Because of United Way Community Impact funding, Family Renew Community (FRC) has been able to follow-up with families who have overcome homelessness with help from the FRC Housing Program. **96% of families** who received assistance from FRC last year **remain stably housed today**, and **83% are earning more money** today than when they left Family Renew. With United Way funding, FRC will continue to follow-up with families to establish a long-term picture of the effectiveness of the services the program provides.

Gloria, a young mom and survivor of domestic abuse, began working with an advocate from the Family Life Center Economic Justice Program after becoming discouraged when her job reduced her hours from full-time to part-time. With the help of her advocate, Gloria revised her resume and began applying for new jobs.

Now, she has **gained a better job**, is training with the Florida Department of Children and Families, and will pursue a career in childcare.

### Economic Justice



### Housing the Chronically Homeless



Since the start of Community Impact funding in July, 2017 the Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless Coordinated Entry Outreach program has **placed 31 chronically homeless individuals into housing**. Chronically homeless individuals on average cost the community \$31,000 a year in community services (ER visits, incarceration, mental health crisis units, etc.). Housing these individuals costs on average \$10,000 a year. Because of this program, **our community has saved an estimated \$651,000** to date, and 31 homeless individuals are now in safe, stable housing.

### Join the Fight

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#### ADVOCATE

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