

Our Impact 2018-2019



THE FLORIDA CENTER
FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

Celebrating 40 years of helping
children reach their full potential

Our Programs

DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPIES

Diagnostic and developmental services such as speech, language and occupational therapy

STARFISH ACADEMY

A nationally accredited, inclusion preschool for children 6 weeks to 5 years

HEALTHY FAMILIES

An award-winning home visiting program for families in stressful situations

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH

Diagnostic and mental health services for children up to 8 years old

EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING INSTITUTE

A range of training and courses for professionals, parents and caregivers

EARLY CHILDHOOD COURT

A program that helps children in the welfare system achieve permanency

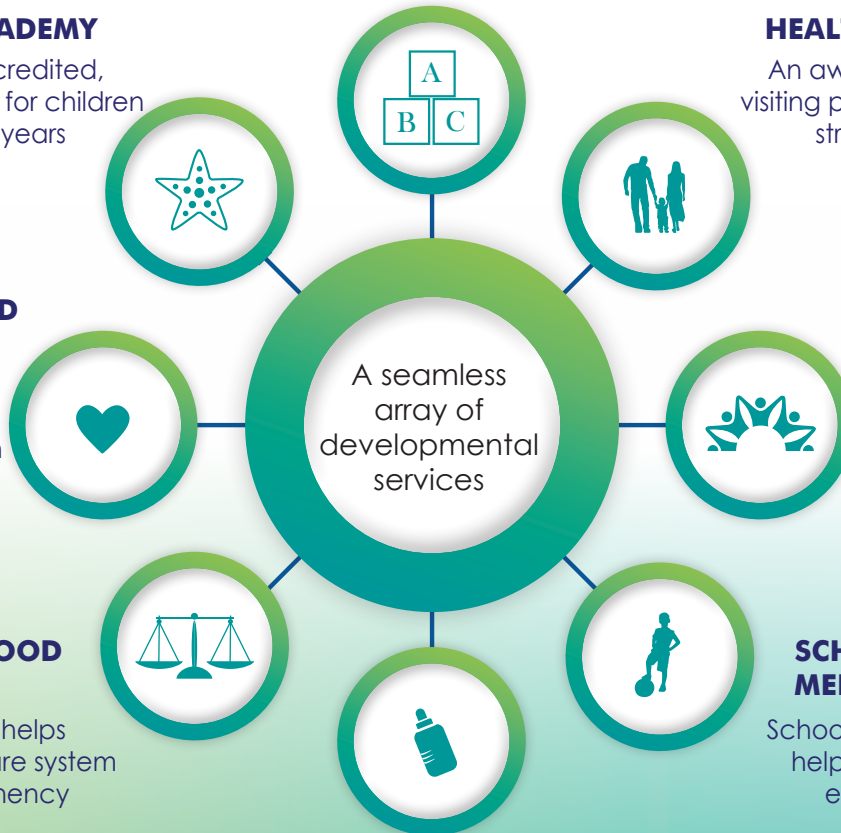
SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH

School-based therapists who help students in Sarasota elementary schools

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

Florida's only FASD clinic focused on prevention, diagnosis and support

A seamless array of developmental services



Dear Early Childhood Champions

Life is full of obstacles, as I'm sure you will agree. At The Florida Center, our focus is on helping children and families overcome the obstacles they face, which could otherwise burden them for life. For the past 40 years, caring supporters like YOU have helped make this possible. Nonverbal children learn to speak, delayed toddlers learn to walk, and families in crisis learn to heal.

In 1979, Dr. Norman Goldstein had a vision of a place where children could receive wrap-around services to fully support their special developmental needs. Today, four decades later, children have even greater needs. Toxic stress from negative economic or domestic situations are taking their toll on children, who look to their environment to learn and grow. With expanded mental health services, as well as developmental therapies and family support, children and their families can thrive!

The impact of the work we are doing together is widespread and lasting. With supporters and community partners, we are changing the stories of children and families in need. Every child deserves the chance to overcome obstacles and reach their full potential. Thank you for believing in these children and investing in their future. Together, we are truly building strong families...one child at a time.

With much gratitude,



Kathryn Shea
President and CEO



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inding His Forever Family

On his eighth birthday, Miles was presented with a handmade story book. He and the main character shared a name and a striking resemblance. The story had a surprise ending - Miles the character was adopted. Miles looked up at his foster mom, Jessica, in surprise. "The adoption went through," she exclaimed. "We are officially a family!"

The day he was adopted Miles slept through the night for the first time in three years – he no longer had to worry that he'd be placed with someone else.

After 6 years of fostering prior to his arrival, Jessica and Jason knew instantly that Miles was meant to be a permanent part of their family. In fact, Miles was the name they had picked out for their own biological child before struggling with infertility. It seemed like destiny.

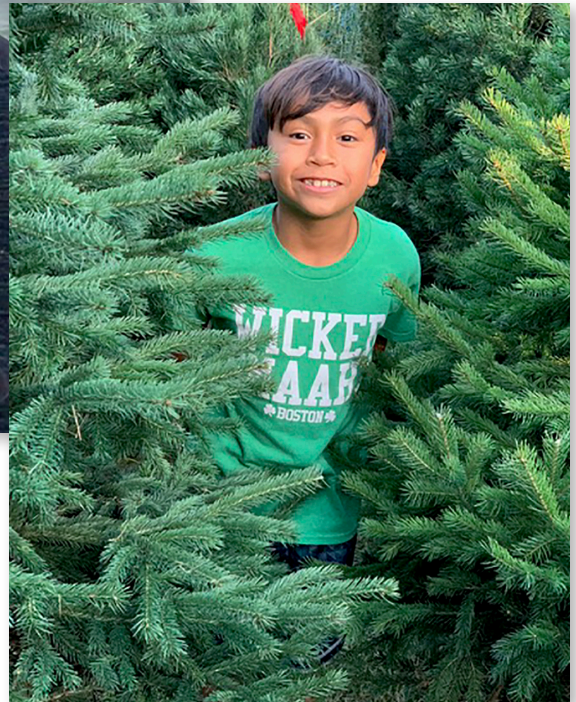
Jessica and Jason moved forward with plans to adopt Miles, but the journey to do so came with many obstacles. It took three years for the adoption to go through.

The Florida Center for Early Childhood was recommended for a bonding study to aid in the adoption process. The study concluded that the connection between Miles and his foster parents was undeniable, which helped Jason and Jessica make their case to the state and finalize their forever family.

Today, the entire family receives multi-generational mental health services at The Florida Center. For Jessica and Jason, the therapy gives them a better understanding of how Miles' trauma has and will affect his life. It has also given them the tools to strengthen their marriage, overcome stressful situations and continue to grow into the family they always envisioned.



“Thank you for fighting for me,” Miles said on the way back from the final court proceedings. “You are the best parents I ever could have ever hoped for.”



TIMELINE

Dr. Norman Goldstein, a pediatrician, and other community-minded citizens establish The Child Development Center to provide developmental services (mental health, social work and occupational therapy). They work out of a small house in downtown Sarasota.



The Suncoast Foundation provides a campus, allowing The Child Development Center to expand services.

The Child Development Center receives national accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA) for children and family services.



1974

1979

1987

1999

2001

2002



The Child Development Center is officially incorporated.



The Center becomes the provider for Healthy Families Sarasota, a national program that helps prevent child abuse and neglect among at-risk families. The program expanded to Desoto/Hardee counties in 2009 and Charlotte County in 2011.

The Suncoast Foundation dedicates an additional building to serve more children.



The Child Development Center merges with another organization, The Family Counseling Center, to form The Florida Center for Child and Family Development.



The Florida Center establishes a local Early Childhood Court initiative to help infants and young children in the welfare system.



The Florida Center expands to North Port thanks to the support of The Suncoast Foundation



The Florida Center celebrates its 40th Anniversary and looks forward many years to come.

2003

2005

2008

2011

2017

2018

2019

The Florida Center is contracted by the State of Florida to operate the first state-wide Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Diagnostic Clinic.



The Florida Center for Child and Family Development is renamed The Florida Center for Early Childhood.



The Florida Center is contracted by Sarasota County Schools to provide school-based mental health therapists in local elementary schools.







CREATING A LASTING LEGACY

As a pediatrician in Sarasota, Dr. Norman Goldstein realized that early identification and treatment of developmental delays or disabilities were critical for a child's success. He also knew that the journey needed to include the entire family. Now, 40 years later, The Florida Center for Early Childhood provides life-changing services to thousands of children and families each year.

The Goldstein Legacy Society was established to honor Dr. Goldstein and ensure his vision for children and families lives on forever. Legacy gifts to The Florida Center allow vulnerable children to continue receiving the specialized services they need to lead healthy, happy lives.



Kathryn Shea & Lee Breyer

Lee Breyer is a founding member of the Goldstein Legacy Society. He began supporting The Florida Center with donations throughout the year that commemorate the most meaningful dates in his life that were shared with his late wife, Carol Ann.

As Lee became more familiar with the organization, he decided to create a lasting legacy for himself and Carol Ann through a planned gift for The Florida Center. Lee's generosity allows his impact to extend much further than his lifetime - expanding the potential of young children for generations to come.

If you would like to learn about joining The Goldstein Legacy Society, call our Chief Development Officer, Kristen Theisen at 941-371-8820 x 1165. Planned giving information is available at www.thefloridacenter.planned.gifts

ANNUAL IMPACT

3,000+

children and families served annually



6,057

developmental therapy sessions, including speech, occupational and in-home early intervention services with 95% of children demonstrating progress after treatment.



10,462

home visits in Sarasota, Charlotte and Desoto/Hardee counties through our Healthy Families program with 99% of families utilizing strategies from the program to provide a healthy lifestyle for their babies including keeping them up to date on immunizations.

119

Starfish Academy students received on-site developmental services during their school day, preparing them for success in school both academically and socially/emotionally.



9,697

hours of mental health therapy through various channels including outpatient services, social-emotional counseling, on-site therapy in elementary schools, family counseling and Early Childhood Court.



91%

of every dollar goes back into our programs!



Wish List

Our work is not possible without financial contributions. This list provides a variety of items that are needed for us to serve our clients.

Healthy Families Needs

Children's board books (\$15 value)
New infant hooded towels (\$15 value)
New infant receiving blankets (\$15 value)
Diapers (\$25 value)

Developmental Therapy Needs

Therapy tools for fine motor skills (\$100 value)
Fidget toys for hand strengthening (\$100 value)
Books for parent library (\$300 value)
Communication book set for non-verbal children (\$280 value)
Evaluation materials (\$1,500 value)
Staff training (\$1,200 value)

Early Childhood Mental Health Therapy Needs

Professional training (\$2,000 - \$10,000 value)

School-Based Mental Health Therapy Needs

School craft supplies (\$25 value)
Posters and decorations that help children identify emotions (\$50 value)
Dolls, toys & books for students impacted by trauma (\$100 value)
Worksheets, books & therapeutic toys for childhood anxiety (\$200 value)

Starfish Preschool Needs

Decorative rugs for classrooms (\$650 value)
Water tables for outdoor play (\$1,000 value)

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

We are grateful for support from our community and volunteers. You can pick the most rewarding opportunity to contribute besides making a gift:

Volunteer: Just a few hours of your time can be so meaningful by helping in our classrooms, serving on a committee, assisting with office work, or lending a special talent.

Corporate Sponsor: Your company will be recognized for its generosity while your customers and potential customers appreciate your efforts in contributing to a caring community.

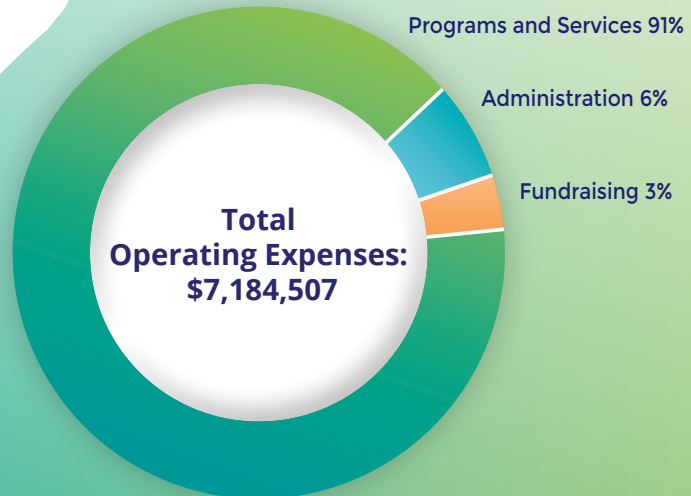
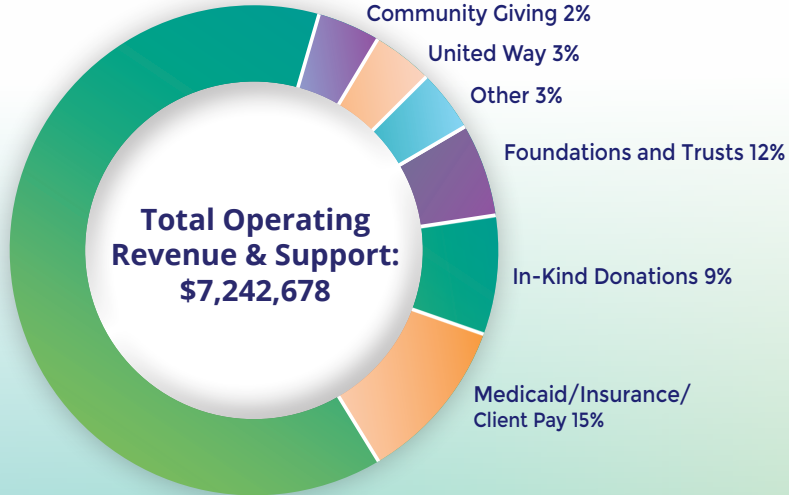
Committee Member: Party person? Help with an event! Thought leader? We need you on an advisory committees. Bring your ideas and experience to help drive our success.

Group Givers: Looking for employee team-building activities or service days? Contact us at least 2 weeks in advance to discuss options for your group. Past projects include painting, landscaping, and updating teacher or parent spaces.

Special Talent Supporter: Share your gift with children at The Florida Center. Are you a painter? woodworker? musician? Your specialty can open up a new world for our students.

BY THE NUMBERS

Federal, State, Local
Contracts 56%



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2020 GIVING CHALLENGE - APRIL 28

Be the one to help children overcome
OBSTACLES and reach their **full potential**

Support The Florida Center on April 28-29, noon to noon,
during the 2020 Giving Challenge!



The Giving Challenge is an exciting 24-hour giving event that connects nonprofit organizations with passionate donors. During this time, donors can maximize impact throughout the day. The Giving Challenge is hosted by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. www.givingpartnerchallenge.org.

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