

INVESTMENT & PROGRAM OUTCOMES

in DESOTO COUNTY



United Way Suncoast provides leadership that improves lives and creates lasting community change by mobilizing the caring people of our communities to give, advocate, and volunteer. United Way Suncoast provides pathways to education and financial stability that give everyone in our community the freedom to rise.

COMMUNITY CONDITIONS

ALICE

68% of community members in DeSoto county are ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). These hard-working families reside above the poverty line but stand one unexpected expense away from dire circumstances.

From July 2021 – June 2022, UWS Strategic Community Partners served 1,378 people who reside in DeSoto County; 77% of those served identify as ALICE.

\$ Invested

\$110,624 invested across five Strategic Community Partners and including the Quality Childcare initiative

of Strategic Community Partners

27, including 5 Investment Partners

Focus Areas

Early Learning, VITA, Quality Childcare Initiative

The State of Early Learning

Florida Kindergarten Readiness (FLKRS): In 2021, only 32% of kindergarten test-takers were “Ready for Kindergarten” in DeSoto County.

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA): In DeSoto County, only 36% of students in United Way Suncoast Schools of Focus (West Elementary School, Memorial Elementary School, Nocatee Elementary School) are reading on or above grade level in 3rd grade.

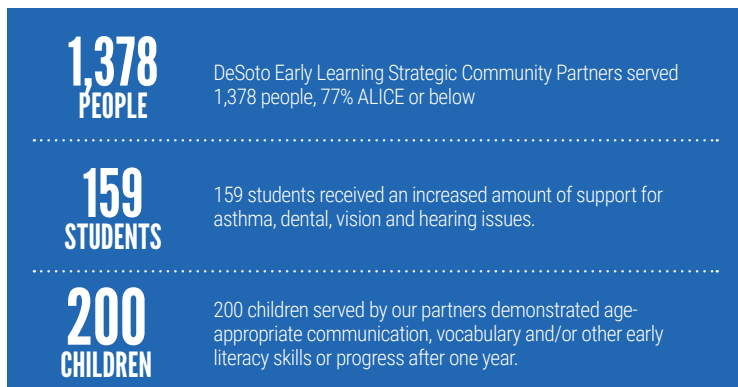
Volunteer Hours

Over 80 volunteer hours were served in DeSoto County last year.

VITA



EARLY LEARNING



QUALITY CHILDCARE INITIATIVES

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION

