

IMPACT AREA PROGRAM OUTCOMES YOUTH SUCCESS



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.

THE NEED FOR ON-TIME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

- Full-time workers with a high school degree earned approximately 24% more than their counterparts without a high school degree.
- In 2020, workers with a high school diploma (but without a college degree) earn an average of \$8,400 more per year than those without a diploma.
- Programs that encourage high school completion can improve the graduation rates of high-risk students and communities.

Increased educational attainment can lead to:*

- access to better living conditions
- healthier foods
- better health care services
- potential to improve population health

Current graduation rates:

- Hillsborough County- 89% (13,801 out of 15,477)
- Pinellas County- 92% (6,943 out of 7,549)

Eviction and Housing Partners in the Sarasota, Manatee, and Pinellas Counties:

- All Faiths Food Bank
- Women's Resource Center
- Glasser-Schoenbaum
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice
- Gulfcoast Legal
- Suncoast Community Mediation

High risk students are less likely to graduate than their peers. Although the average graduation rate in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties sits at approximately 90% for each, low-income students graduate at lower rates than their peers as shown in the table below:

County		% Graduated
Hillsborough County	Economically Disadvantaged Students	84.8%
	Non Economically Disadvantaged Students	95.7%
Pinellas County	Eco Disadvantage Students	89.1%
	Non Economically Disadvantaged Students	95.6%

WHAT IS UWS DOING TO FILL THE GAPS?

Investment: \$613,000 into 13 Youth Success programs

- Within this year our partners helped over 300 you gain work experience via jobs or internships.
- Our partners helped over 5,800 youth gain essential skills related to career readiness and trajectory.

In addition to United Way Suncoast investment into youth success programming, our community partners list the follow as the top supporters of their programming:

1. United Way Suncoast
2. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
3. State of Florida Department of Education

OPERATION GRADUATE

United Way Suncoast leads the Operation Graduate Program, which addresses the need for increased High School Graduation rates by providing ongoing mentoring, tutoring, credit recovery, and college enrollment programs. This year the program directly connected with 184 students to help advance their academic success.

Operation Graduate is a partnership between:

- United Way Suncoast
- Clearwater Police Department
- Pinellas County School District
- St. Petersburg College

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