

IMPACT AREA PROGRAM OUTCOMES EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS



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.

CURRENT COMMUNITY CONDITIONS

3rd Grade Reading Rate by County (English Language Arts test for 2021-2022 school year). Scoring Level 3 and above is "on or above grade level".

District Name	# of Students (Level 3 and Above)	% of Students (Level 3 and Above)
Desoto	839	31%
Hillsborough	64,934	50%
Manatee	14,745	50%
Pinellas	26,684	51%
Sarasota	16,513	61%

Kindergarten Readiness By County (STAR Assessment for 2021 – 2022 school year)

District Name	# of Test-Takers "Ready for Kindergarten"	% of Test-Takers "Ready for Kindergarten"
Desoto	104	32%
Hillsborough	6,912	48%
Manatee	1,622	47%
Pinellas	3,744	60%
Sarasota	1,415	53%

- When a young child enters kindergarten ready for school, there is an 82% chance that child will master basic skills by age 11, compared with a 45% chance for children who are not school ready. In the 2021-22 school year, 49% of children in our five-county region entered kindergarten ready.
- A child that does not read on grade-level by the end of 3rd grade is 4 times more likely to drop out of school. In the 2021-22 school year, 50% of 3rd grade children in our five-county are reading at or above grade-level.
 - On average 62% of students who are identified as economically disadvantaged are reading below grade level per FSA scores.
 - Across our five-county region only **26%** of students identified as homeless are reading at or above grade level vs. 52% of students who are housed

WHAT UWS AND PARTNERS ARE DOING TO FILL THE GAPS:

- Beyond the work led by United Way Suncoast, we invested \$3,517,826 into improving kindergarten readiness, increasing grade level reading, and removing barriers to education access.
- 53 Strategic Community Partners conducting 60 programs geared towards Early Learning. Within this last year this partnership served 95,594 residents with 86% of those served identified as ALICE.

Who We Serve

- In collaboration with our strategic community partner programs and those led by UWS, 97,678 total children and families served in Early Learning programming. 86% of those children and families identify as ALICE
- Of the 12,981 known household receiving Early Learning support and services, 42% were single adult households with children under the age of 18.

United Way Suncoast Programming

- Through our Quality Childcare Initiative, over 800 hours dedicated to teacher development & training resources.
- 5,491 age-appropriate books and reading materials were distributed to promote early literacy to children and their families.
- Held over 500 hours of Reading Room programming, providing a space for children and families to engage with both educational and financial stability resources.

United We Learn Outcomes (Achieved by our partners and programming)

- 2,264 K - 3rd grade students achieved the goal of reading on grade level or are set on the path to achieve within the last year.
- 14,625 K – 3rd grade students who improved specific reading skills comprehension, or vocabulary
- 16,664 children aged 0-5 who demonstrate age appropriate communication/literacy skills after engaging with our partners and programming
- Additional support for barriers to kindergarten readiness: 52,747 children received an increased amount of nutritious food, and 4,749 students received additional support for asthma, dental, vision, and hearing loss issues

United Way Suncoast Programs and Initiatives:

- Campbell Park Network for Early Learning
- Quality Childcare Initiative
- Reading Rooms
- Summer Care
- United We Learn

United Way Suncoast is one of many supporters of Early Learning programs throughout the Suncoast region. Our Strategic Community Partners identified the following organizations as the top supporters of their early learning work:

- Office of Head Start, US Dept. HHS
- Children's Board of Hillsborough County
- United Way Suncoast
- Florida Division of Early Learning
- Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County