

2025 UNITED WAY SUNCOAST PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Advocate for additional state investments in early education, including salary increases for instructors and child care providers and support for full-day VPK programming for families most in need.
- Advocate for continued local support of early education programs and the leveraging those investments to draw down additional state funding.



HEALTH CARE

- Advocate for continued public-private collaboration to fund 211 services.
- Support efforts to educate policymakers on the impact that Medicaid disenrollment associated with the end of continuous coverage has had on ALICE families in Florida.
- Support additional state and local investments in mobile response team services (MRTs).



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Advocate for state and local investments in career and technical education and polices to align workforce development programs with the needs of local employers.



FINANCIAL SECURITY

- Lead efforts to increase Florida's utilization of available TANF funding, to educate policymakers on effective program models for promoting long-term family stability, and to share expertise in the development of criteria and metrics for measuring impact.



HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION

- Advocate for attainable housing legislation that addresses the needs of ALICE families in the Tampa Bay region.
- Advocate for policies and investments that protect renters and reduce evictions.
- Support efforts to provide additional transportation options at the local level.



United Way Suncoast mobilizes communities to action for all, with an emphasis on creating a continuum of upward mobility through Educational Opportunity, Financial Security and Community Resiliency initiatives and partnerships.



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