



**Children's Home Society
of Florida**

**Life can be hard — and no child,
no family should face the tough
times alone.**

When children and families face hard situations, we empower them to find – and pursue – opportunities for success and happiness.

With a cradle to career approach, CHS meets kids and families where they are, delivering the right services at the right time so more families are safe, strong and together.



Early Childhood Services

Primarily serving families in poverty, we empower families to create safe, strong, solid foundations so their children can grow up in healthy, nurturing homes.

Why it matters:

Children in poverty are **7X more likely to experience neglect** and **3X more likely to experience abuse.**¹



With CHS, more children are safe at home with their families.

Nearly 100% of families that complete our voluntary home-visiting early childhood programs remain free from abuse or neglect – and never enter the foster care system.



Community Partnership Schools

By addressing barriers to learning—poverty, mental health struggles, homelessness and others – Community Partnership Schools bring together high-quality academic supports, health care, counseling, mentoring and more. Community Partnership Schools improve student behavior, increase academic gains and graduation rates, and enhance parental involvement, offering equitable learning opportunities for all students.

Why it matters:

Children in poverty are **5X more likely to drop out of high school.**²

With CHS, more students in marginalized communities graduate high school.

Graduation rates have increased **30%** with the Community Partnership Schools model.³



Child Welfare

When families become involved in the child welfare system, we help to ensure kids have safe, stable homes while we help them through their trauma. We also work with parents to overcome challenges that led to involvement in the foster care system so they can bring their children safely back home. If that's never possible, then we find forever families for children through adoption.

Why it matters:

Consequences of youth exiting foster care at 18 without a family are devastating: **40% are homeless, 52% are unemployed and 60% of young men are convicted of a crime.**⁴



With CHS, more children in foster care find safety and stability.

CHS brought stability to more than 2,000 children just last year, with 58% safely reunifying with their families, 37% finding forever through adoption and 13% joining the family of a relative.

1 - Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect (NIS-4) Report to Congress.
2 - <https://www.apa.org/pi/ses/resources/indicator/2013/05/poverty-dropouts>

3 - Graduation rates based upon data from Edward H. White High School, 2015 to 2019
4 - <https://www.adopt.org/content/effects-foster-care-children>

Counseling & Mental Health Services

Mental health issues can significantly impact children's educational, mental, social and physical well-being, as well as their family peace and stability. We provide personalized treatment and support to equip children and families with tools, coping skills and connections so they can find hope, stability, and opportunities for happiness and success.

Why it matters:

90% of people who die by suicide show symptoms of a mental health condition.⁵

With CHS, more children and families have access to trauma-informed, caring mental health services during their greatest times of need.



Offering the state's only free Family Support Warm Line – available to anyone in Florida – CHS provides immediate access to counseling and support for individuals in their greatest time of need. **In just one year, 5,000+ individuals reached out through the confidential Warm Line.**

Mentoring, Outreach & Job Training

Youth and young adults at the crossroads of struggles and success receive services and practical guidance to make positive decisions and pursue opportunities that can lead to lifelong success.

Why it matters:

Youth without a high school education are 3.5x more likely to be arrested than those who have a high school diploma.



With CHS, more youth are finding stability and success.

81% of youth participating in our job training program secured stable employment, earned their GED or diploma, or began post-secondary education.



Children's Home Society of Florida has been changing children's lives since 1902 ... annually, we serve nearly 60,000 children and family members throughout Florida, creating an impact that will last for generations.

**Join us.
Get involved today.**

**Volunteer,
Donate,
Advocate.**

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5 - <https://www.nami.org/mhstats>

6 - <https://ed.stanford.edu/in-the-media/schools-v-prisons-educations-way-cut-prison-population-op-ed-deborah-stipek>