



**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.**

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EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

WHAT WE DO

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

WHY IT MATTERS

Early childhood, particularly the first 5 years of life, impacts long-term social, cognitive, emotional, and physical development.¹

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



In CHS programs statewide, **nearly 100% of families that complete our voluntary home visiting early childhood programs remain safe at home – and never enter the foster care system.**

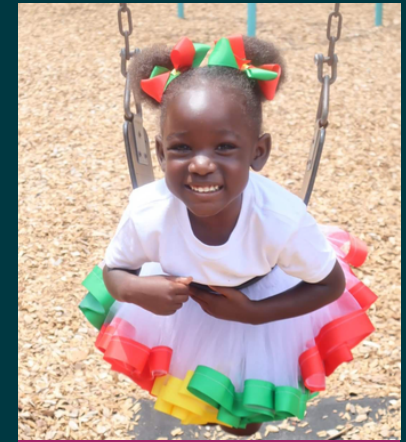
1 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - <https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/early-childhood-development-and-education>

2 - Rubin DM, O'Reilly AL, Luan X, Localio AR. The impact of placement stability on behavioral well-being for children in foster care. Pediatrics. 2007;119(2):336-344. doi:10.1542/peds.2006-1995

CHILD & FAMILY WELL-BEING

WHAT WE DO

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 the foster care system so they can bring their children safely back home. If safe reunification is never possible, then we find forever families for children through adoption.



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

WHY IT MATTERS

Children in foster care experience placement instability, and this instability has a significant impact on their behavioral well-being.²

“ CHS was more than a helping hand. You didn't just bring my family back together, you gave me back my life.
 - Richard, father reunified with his child ”





COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

WHAT WE DO

Through Community Partnership Schools and Community Impact programs we empower youth with the skills, confidence, and support networks necessary to overcome challenges and pursue opportunities for lifelong success.

WHY IT MATTERS

Children who live in poverty are 5X more likely to drop out of high school.³



With CHS, more youth in underserved communities are finding stability and success.

Community Schools provide pathways to success through **increased graduation rates** and parental involvement, and **improved student behavior** and teacher retention.



3 - <https://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/school-dropout-prevention>

4 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (2022)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



WHAT WE DO

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.

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

WHY IT MATTERS

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth ages 10-24.⁴

“ I'm very grateful that I was able to receive counseling when I had nobody; it honestly saved me and changed my life. I'm forever grateful.
-Shewendlie, 17 years old ”

