

Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board



Quarterly Meeting

Friday, October 2, 2026, 1:00 PM

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Public Comment

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Opioid Task Force (OTF) Data Review

Handout

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BHUCC Project Update

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Home Visiting Program Presentations

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Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas, Inc.

Mary Jo Plews
Executive Director



HEALTHY START COALITION OF PINELLAS COUNTY

Programs, Impact & Opportunities

FLORIDA PRENATAL AND INFANT SCREEN

Identifies those at risk for poor health, birth and developmental outcomes, including infant mortality. Completed at prenatal provider offices and delivery facilities.



CONNECT

Connects pregnant, inter-conception women and families with infants to services, with a focus on Home Visiting Programs, as well as supportive education and other community resources.

HEALTHY START

Home visiting education, support, and resources for a healthy pregnancy, birth and child development.



T.E.A.M. DAD

National Fatherhood Initiative, 24/7 Dad evidence-based curriculum. Improves fathering/parenting, reduces risk of abuse and neglect.



PARENTS AS TEACHERS +

National evidence-based home visiting program with a focus on pregnant women & families with infants ages birth-1 and providing parent education through age 3. Priority to those with SUD and other risk factors.



PARTNER HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

HEALTHY FAMILIES

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

1ST 1000 DAYS PINELLAS

Tele-support and education including developmental, health, & safety focusing on improving access to health services and resources for those not in Home Visiting.

EMPOWER

Continuum of care prenatally with certified doula services and lactation support.

SUPPORTIVE AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Support and referrals for clients who report significant increased stress and anxiety and/or screen high level for perinatal depression on the EPDS.

STORK SUPPORT

Provides basic infant health and wellness items such as diapers, wipes, and formula to Healthy Start families in need.

BEDS 4 BABIES

Community education, resources, supplies and support on safe sleep to prevent infant sleep related deaths.

FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW

Reviews information from individual cases of fetal and infant death and community actions taken based on those reviews.

HEALTHY START PROGRAM

- ✓ Women enrolled by 28 weeks and receive at least 6 visits by Healthy Start home visitor are more likely to have a baby born full-term, preventing the leading cause of infant death. Infant mortality reduced by nearly 50%
- ✓ Services based on risk factors and choice, not on income, education or insurance status. Capacity: 350 families
- ✓ Services during pregnancy, interconception period, up to age 3. **FY 25-26**: 171 women/258 infants served
- ✓ TEAM DAD: Evidence based 24/7 Dad curriculum; improves father involvement, parenting knowledge, and family functioning
- ✓ SBIRT: Substance Use Risk Profile- Pregnancy Scale, ASQ, RAT (IPV), EPDS



- Parents As Teachers Plus (PAT+) is an evidence-based, court-approved, recognized Blue Ribbon affiliate of the national PAT program.
- Provides in-home parent education by certified parent educators. The “plus” reflects a focus on families experiencing substance use disorder, teen pregnancy, and other high-risk factors impacting maternal-child health.
- SBIRT: ASQ, RAT (IPV), EPDS, GAD-7
- **FY 25-26**: 190 families served, 140 children. Capacity: 118 families. IPV 96% completion, Safe sleep 99%

Gaps, Challenges and Opportunities

- MCH, Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse provider community - lack of connection and coordination of care. Need: BH/MH, care coordination and nursing overlay to MCH HV participants.
- Lack of decline of testing for substance abuse of Pregnant women/newborns. Need for training and SUD SBIRT for MCH/HV staff.
- Decreased in Medicaid eligibility and enrollment – restricts access to care, including treatment services, transportation and medication.
- Follow up and support to those that decline services. Overall, increased community outreach and awareness.
- Lack of awareness of impact of legal substances; marijuana, kava, kratom – need widespread education, prevention and treatment efforts.
- Behavioral health treatment, childcare, employment, housing, extra support to DCF involved families and those involved in criminal justice system.

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Florida Department of Health Pinellas- Home Visiting Program Comparison

Program	Target Population	Delivery Model & Staff	Duration & Intensity	Key Goals & Outcomes
Nurse–Family Partnership (NFP) Funded by Juvenile Welfare Board	Pregnant Women facing social, physical and economic risk factors influencing maternal and child health outcomes. Priority is given to first-time mothers.	Visits by specially trained RNs providing pregnancy and parenting education, and breastfeeding support. Program enhancements include linkages to behavioral health services, referrals to community resources, and promotion family enrichment activities Capacity: 176 families No Waitlist	From early pregnancy until child's 2nd birthday; high-frequency visits	Improve pregnancy outcomes, child health & development, & family self-sufficiency. FY 25 JWB Monitoring report shows: Children remained in home with no verified findings of abuse and/or neglect 100%
Healthy Start Funded by Healthy Start Coalition	Pregnant women & families with children <3, plus broader community	Home visitors (varied education background)—deliver education, screenings, wrap around linkage to doula support, breastfeeding support, father services, and care coordination including mental health and substance use services. Capacity: 350 families No Waitlist	From pregnancy through age 3; frequency based on risk level	Reduce preterm birth, low birth weight & infant mortality; optimize maternal health, & improve parenting support
Healthy Families Funded by Juvenile Welfare Board and Ounce of Prevention	Expecting or new parents under stress, broad risk criteria	Trained family support specialists offering coaching & case management through use of evidenced based curriculum. Enhanced services include nurses, mental health counselors, and fatherhood and resource specialists. Capacity: 704 families No Waitlist	Voluntary, often longer-term through early childhood up to age of 5 (varies); intensity based on need	Prevent child abuse/neglect, increase self-sufficiency, improve health and development. FY 25 JWB Monitoring report shows: Children remained in home 100% of time with no verified findings of abuse and/or neglect 98%

Key Distinctions:

- **Staff Qualifications:**
 - **NFP** uses **registered nurses**, focusing heavily on evidence-based health guidance.
 - **Healthy Start** employs a **range of professionals (including social workers & certified lactation consultants, father coach)**, —for broad prenatal support including improving maternal health during and after pregnancy.
 - **Healthy Families** relies on **family specialists & paraprofessionals** for relationship-driven coaching and prevention.
- **Program Objectives:**
 - **NFP** targets **maternal and child health, development, and economic stability.**
 - **Healthy Start** emphasizes **reducing birth-related risks** and enhancing **early family support.**
 - **Healthy Families** zeroes in on **** preventing maltreatment**, boosting self-sufficiency, and ensuring healthy development.**

Resources Needed for Optimizing Programs for Greater Impact

DOH Pinellas currently serves 939 families, demonstrating continued demand for and utilization of home visiting services.

Areas for Growth:

- Strengthening Partnerships with Substance Use Treatment Providers to Expand Family Access and Support Voice & Choice**
- Advancing Family-Centered Outcomes: Improving Provider Partnerships, Strengthening Communication, and Integrating Home Visiting into Substance Use Treatment Planning**
- Building Effective Treatment Teams: Optimizing Programs Through Strong Provider Relationships, Enhanced Family Support, and Improved Care Navigation**

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Jean Pierre
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EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES & HEALTHY FAMILIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS)

Program Overview: Services are provided in the home, school, office, and community to address social-emotional, behavioral, developmental, and mental health needs.

Who Qualifies?

- Children 0-6 and prenatal/postpartum parents with mental health needs

Services

- Individual & family therapy
- Assessments & treatment planning
- Developmental support
- Parent/caregiver education
- Crisis support & referrals

HEALTHY FAMILIES

Program Overview: Services are provided in-home and community-based support to expectant families and families with newborns, focusing on parenting, family functioning, child well-being, safety, and connection to resources.

Who Qualifies?

- Expectant families and families with newborns enrolled in Healthy Families, Gold Medal Dads, or Nurse Family Partnership

Services

- Individual & family therapy
- Assessments & treatment planning
- Parent/caregiver education
- Crisis support
- Care coordination

FLORIDA ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (FACT)

- The program provides evidence-based, community-based services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness transitioning from or referred to long-term psychiatric care.
- A multidisciplinary team provides in-home and community-based support, medication management, therapy, case management, and 24/7 crisis support.
- Services may also include assistance with housing, benefits, medical needs, basic necessities, and employment or education expenses.
- The program primarily serves individuals with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar or other mood disorders, and substance use disorders



INTENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES & TOTAL FAMILY STRATEGY

INTENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES (IFS)

Target Population: high-risk youth (age 7-17) experiencing any of the following:

- SI/HI, self-harm, history of suicide attempts, aggressive/harmful behavior towards family/peers, delinquent behavior
- Youth that have exhausted lower level of care but do not meet criteria for higher level of care

Frequency: Therapy (individual and family) is provided 2-4 hours per week in-home, at school, and within the community.

On-Call: 24/7 on-call crisis response

Insurance: Commercial, Medicaid, and self-pay. A sliding scale fee may be determined by the family's income

TOTAL FAMILY STRATEGY (TFS)

Target Population: Families experiencing challenges with family dynamics, communication, and behavioral concerns.

Length of service: In home individual/family therapy provided 1 time per week (1 hour) for 6 months. Clients can also meet with the Family Mentor weekly as needed.

Therapeutic groups: Court-approved Active Parenting Now groups are available year-round

Eligibility: available to all Pinellas County residents with a child living in their home.

Services are provided at no cost – Program funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board

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Parenting Services-Prior

Largo Campus

- **Nurturing Parenting Program** is a family-centered trauma-informed initiative designed to build Nurturing Parenting® skills. Primarily Groups via in office or virtual. Funded by JWB.

Highpoint Campus

- **Motivating New Parents Program** offers an intensive intervention program that assists parents who will deliver or who have delivered a substance exposed infant in accessing and preparing for treatment and learning effective parenting skills. Services are designed for both mothers and fathers who use substances and are parenting children ages 0-5. The program intervention modalities revolve around the best practices of Wraparound case management, creating linkages to treatment, the provision of parenting education alongside the utilization of Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Nurturing Parenting/ Nurturing Fathers and Seeking Safety clinical frameworks. Couples Counseling, Family Counseling, and Fatherhood Mentoring are overlay services available to parents and families as they work towards creating and maintaining a healthy enriched family environment.



Parenting Services-Current

The program features activities to foster positive parenting skills and self-nurturing, home practice exercises, family nurturing time, and activities to promote positive brain development in children birth to 18 years. Parenting Services are part of a multidisciplinary approach to addiction prevention and treatment that integrates parenting and child development strategies to strengthen parent/child bonds.

Men and women ages 16 and over, who are parenting, are eligible to participate in Parenting Services. The focus on fathers is designed to empower men with information that will open their minds to new thinking to promote effective responses towards feelings and experience the freedom associated with letting go of negative parenting styles from their childhood. The program encourages men to maintain or become an active participant in their children's lives.

Nurturing Parenting curriculum is the educational tool used. These materials include Nurturing Parents and Nurturing Fathers focused lessons and discussion. It is facilitated during in-person or virtual small group sessions once per week for 12 weeks by Prevention Specialists. In addition to the weekly groups, individual support, resources, **home visits**, and warm connections to treatment services are provided by Prevention Specialists as needed. Intensive parenting observations as needed.

FIS Case Management

FIS Case Management is targeted at serving families struggling with substance use issues who have lost custody of their children or are at-risk of losing custody. This may include parents, expecting parent or other adults within the home where minors reside. Children may be up to age 18. Funded by CFBHN.

Services include:

- In-home support
- Referrals
- Financial Literacy
- Post Partum support
- Incentives for participation to support children
- Nurturing curriculum



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Family Support Services (FSS)

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Case Management Services

WHO WE ARE

A community-centered
child welfare partner

We strengthen families,
reduce trauma, and help
children achieve safety,
stability, and permanency.

PASCO + PINELLAS

Transforming a system of care through partnership and measurable results

FSS brings families, providers, caregivers, and community partners together to keep children safe and help families thrive.

8.8 → 2.3

Removal rate

per 100 alleged victims

2,670 → 1,013

Children in out-of-home care

fewer children growing up in care

30% → 95%

Case management staffing

a stronger, more stable workforce

1:26 → 1:13

Case manager-to-child ratio

capacity for more timely, quality work

**Our impact is more than
improved numbers.**

It is children remaining safely with family, caregivers receiving stronger support, and young people reaching permanent homes sooner.

Pinellas County Front-End Service Array

Engage early. Match the level of support to the family’s needs. Keep children safe and families together whenever possible.



Our goal: get involved as soon as someone notices an issue, then provide the right support before concerns escalate.



HOPE FLORIDA

First level of service for families needing referrals to local community-based partners • Care Navigators: 850-300-HOPE

High-Risk Newborn: An Early Bridge for Substance-Exposed Infants

A proposed Pinellas model connecting maternal recovery, infant development, safe caregiving, and child welfare prevention.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Prioritize infants with prenatal substance exposure and provide coordinated, relationship-centered support from birth through age five.

1

ENGAGE EARLY

Birth through age 5, prioritizing prenatal substance exposure or significant caregiver risk.

2

BRING CARE HOME

Infant mental health therapy, developmental screening, parenting support, and relationship-based intervention.

3

COORDINATE CARE

Connect maternal treatment, pediatric care, Plans of Safe Care, basic needs, and family preservation.

4

MEASURE IMPACT

Track engagement, development, caregiver progress, safety, removals, and repeat maltreatment.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Infants affected by prenatal opioid exposure may require coordinated care, and family-centered approaches support both the caregiver and infant.

PROPOSED PINELLAS USE

A specialized in-home bridge that complements maternal treatment and existing child welfare services.

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Next Steps

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Next Meeting

To Be Scheduled (January 2027)