



# SUMMER CAMP

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



# Purpose

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program is a public and private initiative providing a summer camp experience to children from low-income families. Families whose income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline are eligible to apply for a scholarship. In 2011, over 64,000 children aged 17 and below were identified as living in poverty. Many children are spending too much of their day without adult supervision or protection. Often, due solely to their family's inability to afford a summer day camp program, children are left alone in their homes, left in the care of older siblings or unsupervised on the streets. Children who are idle during the summer time are more likely to become involved in the juvenile justice system, join gangs, use illegal drugs or become pregnant. Without summer camp and other child care measures, hundreds of children are left home alone in substandard child care situations or caring for each other. Constructive activities, good supervision and positive relationships with adults and other children are needed to gain positive outcomes. Summer camp programs contain those needed items. However, without a scholarship, they are beyond the reach of most low-income families in Palm Beach County.

# Background

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program was established in 1995 and since that time has awarded in excess of 32,542 of scholarships. The Palm Beach County Division of Human and Veteran Services assumed the operational responsibility for the Summer Camp Scholarship Program from August 2006-2014, serving all of Palm Beach County. As of January 2015, Palm Beach County's Youth Services Department's Outreach and Community Programming Division assumed all responsibilities for the Summer Camp Scholarship Program. This Program pays full tuition and associated fees for eligible children to attend day camp during the summer months. To be eligible, the household income must fall within 150% of the Federal Poverty Level Guideline. Parents select a camp choice from a list of approved providers that accept the summer camp scholarship.

# Program Summary

This year, the Summer Camp Scholarship Program funded 91 Summer Camps, of which 76 were Regular Summer Camp Providers and 15 School Readiness Providers in low-income areas throughout Palm Beach County. School Readiness Summer Camp Providers have increased by almost 50% from 2015. School Readiness Programs provide a curriculum that assist in preventing summer learning loss. For the second year, the Spelling Bee Competition was held for all Summer Camps to participate. More than 50% of the approved camps and their children participated in the competition. The Youth Services Department extended scholarships to children involved in the Juvenile Justice System and Bridges for the 2016 Summer Camp Scholarship Program and plan to continue to include them each summer.

# 2016 Poster



**SUMMER CAMP**  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
KEEPING KIDS SAFE ALL SUMMER LONG

**OFFERS LOW INCOME CHILDREN, AGES 5-14, A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO DAY CAMP FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER.**

**AGE REQUIREMENT**  
**5-14**  
REQUIRES 5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN TO HAVE COMPLETED VPK TO BE ELIGIBLE

**INCLUDES ALL TUITION AND FEES**  
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING  
**February 2016**  
Incomplete applications will not be processed.

**ALLOWS PARENTS TO CHOOSE FROM PARTICIPATING CAMPS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT MEET THEIR CHILD'S NEEDS AND INTERESTS**

@PBCYSD  
FAMILIES MUST MEET INCOME GUIDELINES  
FOR INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS  
**1-866-728-1427**



# 2016 Program Numbers

## Approval Priority:

1. Homeless and foster care children
2. Full-time working parents
3. Children of part-time working parents (parents working 25 hours or more per week)
4. Children who are in legal custody of their grandparents (must have custody documents)
5. Children of OEF and OIF veterans recently returned from active duty
6. Children of disabled parents (parents receiving SSDI/SSI benefits)
7. Children of parents who are full-time students (ongoing, degree seeking students)

## 2016 Applicants (Number of Children)

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Total Number of Applicants   | 3,130 |
| Total Approved, Scholarships Awarded   | 2,407 |
| Total Number of Children Denied<br><i>Denied for various reasons, e.g., subsidize funding (ELC), not meeting criteria, age, etc.</i> | 723   |
| Wait List  | 0     |

## 2016 Scholarships Awarded

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Homeless                                       | 219          |
| Foster Care                                    | 132          |
| BRIDGES  | 102          |
| Division of Juvenile Justice                   | 10           |
| Other (including 15 School Readiness Programs) | 1,944        |
| <b>Total Scholarships Awarded</b>              | <b>2,407</b> |

## 2016 Funding Received

|  |           |                     |
|--|-----------|---------------------|
| Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners                      | \$        | 442,329.00          |
| Children Services Council  | \$        | 1,732,372.00        |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,174,701.00</b> |
| <b>Average Cost Per Scholarship Awarded Per Child for the Summer</b> |           |                     |
| Total Summer Camp Budget   | \$        | 2,174,701.00        |
| Total Number of Children Received Scholarship                        |           | 2,407               |
| <b>Total Average Cost</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>903.00</b>       |

## 2016 Regular Camps Summer Camp Providers

A Step Above Early Learning Center  
A+ Kidz Academy  
Adopt A Family  
Atkins Tender Loving Care, Inc  
Belvedere Elementary  
Benoist Farms Science & Nature Camp  
Bentley's Child Development Center  
Boys & Girls Belle Glade Elementary  
Boys & Girls Belle Glade Gove Elementary  
Boys & Girls Belle Glade Pioneer Park  
Boys & Girls Belle Glade Teen Center  
Boys & Girls Gladeview Elementary  
Boys & Girls Canal Point  
Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton  
Boys & Girls South Bay  
Camp Change  
Camp Fusion  
City of Greenacres  
City of Pahokee  
Clifford O. Taylor Kirklane Summer Camp  
Coleman Park (City of WPB)  
Delray Beach Community Center  
Ephesus Christian Center  
Fannie Mae Tot's Inc.  
Federation of Families of Florida Youth Camp  
(Royal Palm)  
Florence De George (Boys & Girls Club)  
Florence Fuller (west)  
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For The Children  
Future Stars Learning Center Inc.  
Gaines Park (City of WPB)  
Graham Private Christian Summer Camp  
HomeSafe  
Howard Park Community Center (City of WPB)  
Jupiter Elementary School  
Kidz Exploration Center for Early Development Inc.

Life Span  
Lil Kings & Queens Academy  
Little Angels Learning Center II  
Marjorie S. Fisher (Boys & Girls Club)  
Max M. Fisher (Boys & Girls Club)  
Naoma Donnelley Haggin (Boys & Girls Club)  
Neil S. Hirsch (Boys & Girls Club)  
New Beginning Global Outreach Ministries, Inc.  
New Beginnings Community Development Center  
North Grade Elementary School  
Northmore Elementary  
Our World Learning Center  
Pitts Enterprises Inc.  
Pompey Park Community Center  
Sabrina Davis DBA Klever Kids Learning  
Small World of Values (The Vine's Academy)  
South Olive Community Center (City of WPB)  
St. George's Center, Inc.  
Suncoast Christian Academy  
Tate Recreation Center (City of Riviera Beach)  
The Duo Center  
The Family Development Center, Inc.  
The Safe Haven Community Resource Center, Inc.  
The Salvation Army  
Treasure Chest ELC (Girtman Child Care Centers Inc.)  
University Learning Center  
Vedadao Park Community Center (City of WPB)  
Washington Elementary  
Wells Recreation and Community Center (City of  
Riviera Beach)  
West Boynton Recreation Center (PBC Parks &  
Recreation)  
West Jupiter Community Group, Inc.  
West Jupiter Recreation Center (PBC Parks &  
Recreation)  
Westgate Recreation Center (PBC Parks & Recreation)  
Westward Elementary School Summer Camp  
YMCA

**>> In addition to the list, please see map next page.**



## 2016 School Readiness Summer Camp Providers

Achievement Centers at Orchard  
View Elementary

Achievement Centers- Family  
Resource Center

Achievement Centers- Pine Grove

Achievement Centers- Village Academy

CROS Camps Boynton Beach

CROS Camps Lake Worth

Faith's Place Center for Arts Education

Family Development Ctr/  
AOK Bethune Elementary

Inner City Youth Summer Camp

KEC/Canal Point Elementary School

Milagro Center

Pahokee Elementary Summer All Stars

Pahokee Middle School Summer Academy

Plumosa School of the Arts

Starlight Cove Elementary School

**>> In addition to the list, please see map next page.**







# 2016 Application Locations

Applications were accepted at various intake locations throughout the County:

**Community Services Department  
Human Services Division Building**

1440 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404

**Lantana Library**

4020 Lantana Road  
Lake Worth, FL 33462

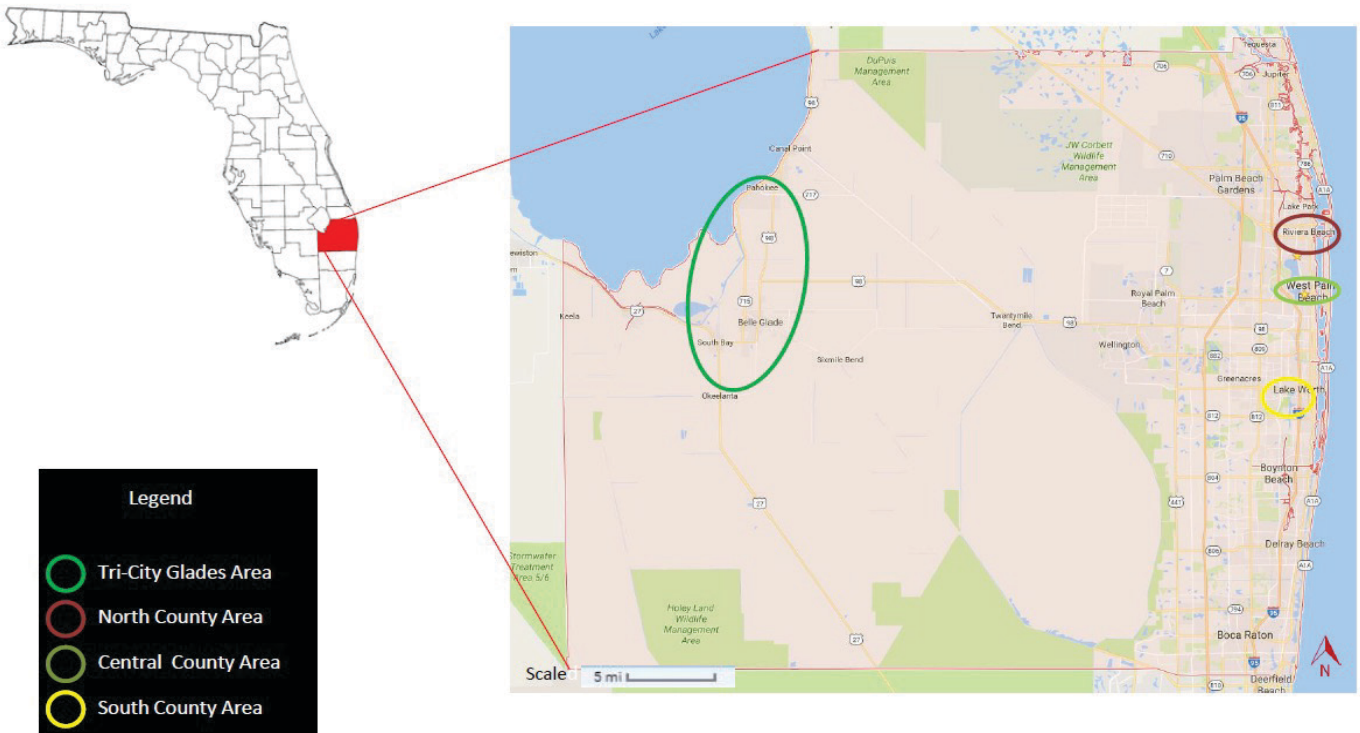
**Community Services Department  
Community Action Program**

810 Datura Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**Belle Glade Boys & Girls Clubs Locations**

Belle Glade Elementary  
Gove Elementary  
Pioneer Park  
Teen Center  
Gladeview Elementary  
Canal Point  
South Bay

## Application Intake Locations



# We Thank You



Children's Services Council invests its resources in programs that help Palm Beach County children begin life healthily, enter school ready and thrive in quality after school activities.



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners serves as the legislative and policy setting body for County government; enacts Countywide laws and authorizes programs and all expenditures of County funds. They also act as the Child Care Facilities Board, the Solid Waste Authority, the Environmental Control Board, the Transportation Authority and the Zoning Authority.



Administer programs and initiatives of the Board of County Commissioners to ensure the healthy growth, development, education, and transition of children and youth to young adulthood and the workforce.



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Community Services, Inc.

To enhance, complement and provide support for the resources and service capacity of the Department of Community Services to meet the needs of underserved or low-income residents of Palm Beach County.



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**Youth Services Department**  
**Outreach and Community Programming Division**  
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