



2007 – 2008 CSC FUNDED PROGRAMS NARRATIVES

Boy & Girls Club of Lake-Sumter

\$25,000.00

Project Learn has been a crucial and significantly effective project of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lake & Sumter Counties (BGCLSC) for more than eight years. This after school program seeks to provide comprehensive educational and support services to increase the academic skills and performance of disadvantaged learners. The project provides a compendium of wraparound educational and support services to enable disadvantaged learners to learn easier, to learn more, to feel better about themselves, and to perform better in academic testing. The goal is both to increase the capacity of project participants to perform better in school and on academic tests, and to install a self-directed interest in the joy of learning. <http://www.bgclsc.org/index.php>

Early Learning Coalition

\$25,000.00

The primary mission of ELC is to ensure that every child is ready to learn by kindergarten. The Big Blue Bus is a mobile resource bus, which provides resources training and services to providers, family and children that are at-risk to participate in early education training. Two of the objectives of early learning programs are to serve as preventative measures for children at risk of future school failure and to enhance children's chances of academic success as they enter and progress through school. An Early Childhood Specialist/Bus Driver, employed by the ELC, provides the services. <http://www.elclc.org/>

Florida's Vision Quest (Formerly Jeppesen VisionQuest)

\$20,000.00

Vision Quest's Full Screening program is to assure that economically disadvantaged public school children have the capacity to see their world clearly in order to succeed academically and socially. Full Screening includes vision screenings for all students, comprehensive vision exams for those who fail their screenings, and finally provision of corrective eyeglasses, as needed, for those examined. The outcome will be that economically disadvantaged Lake County school children will be geared with the basic vision tools for success in school and elsewhere. <http://www.flvq.org/>

Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties

\$25,000.00

Safe Alternatives for Violence Exposed Kids (SAVE Kids) provides a safe environment and effective interventions for children exposed to Domestic Violence (DV). Problem areas caused by exposure to family violence are identified through professional interviewing and assessment, as they enter emergency shelter with their mothers, and continues on an outreach basis as part of their post shelter transition. <http://www.havenlakesumter.org/>



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Lake-Sumter Children's Advocacy Center

\$25,000.00

For the expansion of the Forensic Interviewing Program, the purpose of which is to gather facts about the abuse incident, in order to meet the current demands for this service. This would include the training of two counselors at the National Children's Advocacy Center. Following this training, the counselors would be able to conduct Forensic Interviews according to the National Children's Advocacy's standards. This would enhance their interviewing skills, as well as provide credibility when they are called to testify in court on behalf of their client.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~cac4kids/>

Lake-Sumter Community College

\$ 7,500.00

Single Parent Project is a program to provide assistance to single parents by assisting with tuition, books and supplies. This is to encourage single parents to pursue a college certificate or degree. The long term of providing assistance to single parents is to improve family economics and establish academic role models for children in the family. <http://www.lsc.edu/collegerelations/2006-2007/uploads/ur0jwv0v.pdf>

Leesburg Center for the Arts

\$18,000.00

Arts Enrichment Initiative works cooperatively with the Boys and Girls Club of Lake and Sumter Counties to expose economically disadvantaged and at-risk children from Lake County in grades 3-8 to Cultural Arts. The Leesburg Art Center will identify students who are artistically disposed, and provide intensive, ongoing training in the arts for thirty students.

<http://www.leesburgcenter4arts.com/index.htm>

LifeStream Behavioral Center

\$25,000.00

Child Care Choice Services Subsidized Child Care Program assist each family by determining their eligibility for services, and providing resource and referral information so a parent can choose services that are most appropriate for their child. The early care and educational services, which include subsidized childcare, monitor each child's full development and provides training opportunities for parents, families and child care workers.

<http://childcarechoiceservices.com/>



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Spring Creek Elementary School

\$22,000.00

Soccer League is a proposed program to build a league for economically challenged students to assist with improved personal and physical skills, improve academic performance with a goal of improved student and adult multi-cultural interaction. The rural nature of the communities further reinforces isolation of the population preventing experience in making positive life choices. Sport programs emphasize the need for cooperation, teamwork, sportsmanship and education, which in turn will help the students. Development of parent leadership skills, along with goal awareness, will contribute to multi-cultural experiences.

<http://www.lake.k12.fl.us/school-sce2/>

Youth Reach (Church Without Walls) - PACT

\$25,000.00

Parents and Children Together, is a proven effective program for first time juvenile offenders aged 8-18, and is an alternative sentence or diversion from a traditional probation sentence. PACT's strength is their strategy of working with both the youth and their parent(s). The design and curriculum provide intervention addressing the youth's problematic behaviors, attitudes and assumptions, as well as the parents. Topics include major emphases on communication, anger control and conflict resolution, self-esteem and personal responsibility, as well as substance abuse and abstinence/STDs. The program's success is measured in that 75-80% of graduating youth graduate, and 75% of graduates improve socio-academic performance.

<http://yrfl.org/>

Total 2007-2008 Funded

\$217,500.00