LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES
THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
LASTING IMPACT

Local property taxes. Local children. Local impact.

For nearly 25 years, The Children's Trust has invested voter-approved property tax dollars in programs that help build a stronger future for children and families across Miami-Dade County. For less than $7 per month to the average homeowner, we fund hundreds of community-based programs at more than 2,000 sites countywide, expanding access to high-quality early child care, after-school and summer programs offering literacy, STEM, sports, and arts activities, school-based health care, parenting supports, and neighborhood-based family services. What began in 2002 as a community commitment to children of all abilities has grown into one of Florida's largest local resources for children from birth to young adulthood, ensuring a stronger future for Miami-Dade.

Program Highlights 2024-2025

Thrive by 5 Early Learning

32,376 young children supported by 361 high-quality early child care programs

20,367 children under 5 received 47,488 developmental screenings, assessments, and early intervention services

98% of early intervention summer camp participants maintained or improved developmental progress

Youth Enrichment

47,148 after-school, summer camp, and youth program participants

99% of parents said after-school programs offered needed care that allowed them to work or go to school

3,661 summer youth interns from 92 high schools worked 575,831 hours in 2025, with 18,500 youth completing one or more summer internships in the first 10 years

Health & Wellness

66,871 students served through 231,195 visits to school health clinics

6,390 children had full vision exams, resulting in 3,834 free eyeglasses

5,730 young children completed more than 40,900 free water safety skills lessons (from April 2024-July 2026)

Parenting & Neighborhood-based Family Supports

63,140 children under age 5 received free books by mail from the Book Club

8,067 families chose to participate in ongoing parenting supports and behavioral health services

6,073 children and youth in need or crisis received family and community supports

Community Results for Children

Since 2002

Youth arrests decreased by

91%

Unintentional child injuries resulting in hospitalization decreased by

more than half

High school students graduating on time increased by

37%

77%

Miami-Dade County's ranking moved up 77% on the Florida Child Well-being Index since it was first measured in 2017

When we invest in our community, everyone wins.

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By the Numbers

In our first 20 years, more than **2.2 million** children, parents, and caregivers engaged with Children's Trust programs and services

730,000 annual after-school & summer program opportunities since 2004

5.6 million books provided to children since 2004

4,100 jobs created this year (2025-26) to deliver Trust-funded programs

432 community-based organizations contracted to serve children and families since 2017

$52.4 million supported children with disabilities through therapies and support services in 24-25

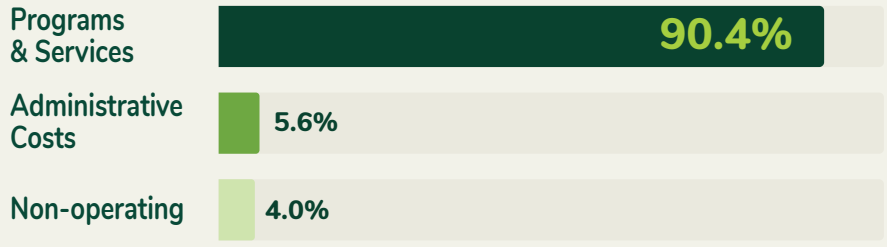
Accountability to Taxpayers

Agencies funded by The Children's Trust must follow strict accountability and reporting procedures that ensure transparency. Program performance is reviewed daily, site visits are conducted regularly, and a fiscal review is performed monthly to ensure responsible use of taxpayer dollars. These efforts are especially impressive given that administrative costs remain at a record low of 5.6% in the current budget year. The Children's Trust has earned the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 13 consecutive years.

The Children's Trust budget and funding priorities are established by an independent, 33-member volunteer board of directors representing leaders across Miami-Dade, with membership defined by the Florida Statute.

Cost to Homeowners

The average annual cost for homeowners with homestead exemption is $88.54, or less than $7.37 per month.
This is based on the current 2026-27 millage rate of 0.4638 (below the maximum of 0.5000).



$262,842,994

2026-27 Budget

Community Testimonials & Additional Impact Resources

Behind every number is a child, a family, and a success story.

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