

**Whole Child Mission:**

To be a catalyst to engage the entire community in providing comprehensive services that support families to enable all children 0-5 to enter kindergarten able (ready) to learn.

**Why Focus on Early Childhood:**

The first five years of life are the most formative years in the development of the brain, including cognitive, emotional, social and physical competence. Young children who do not experience love, support, encouragement, engagement with the natural world, and positive interaction with peers and adults will have a much more difficult time participating successfully in school and becoming positive contributors to their community and society at large. (maybe add at the end some citations from supporting research)

**Required Elements for Early Childhood Success and Services Necessary for Success:**

The successful development of a child (or all children) is perhaps the most important endeavor a community can pursue. All dimensions required for successful development must be addressed. This requires a partnership between parents, educators, health care providers, social service providers, policy makers, and each and every one of us. It also requires substantial investment in the essential services related to each dimension of growth and development.

### WHOLE CHILD LEON EARLY CHILDHOOD INDICATORS

	Rate Type	Year(s)	County Number (Annual)	Leon County Rate	FL State Rate
<b>Healthy Beginnings</b>					
<b>Total population ages 0-5</b>	Count		17,897		
<b>Mothers with adequate prenatal care</b>	Percent	2015-17	1,642	71.5	70.5
Black			637	66.7	63.6
White			903	75.0	72.7
<b>Low birth weight births</b>	Percent	2015-17	286	9.4	8.7
Black			179	13.6	13.6
White			96	6.2	7.2
High poverty census tracts		2013-17	94	12.5	
All other census tracts			191	8.5	
<b>Infant mortality</b>	Per 1000 births	2015-17	20	6.4	6.1
Black			12	9.1	11.3
White			5	3.0	4.4
High poverty census tracts		2013-17	5	6.4	
All other census tracts			14	6.3	
<b>Births to teen mothers, ages 15-19</b>	Per 1000 females 15-19	2015-17	139	10.1	19.7
Black			94	19.0	27.2
White			42	5.2	17.8
High poverty census tracts		2013-17	64	8.5	
All other census tracts			92	4.1	
<b>Births to unwed teen mothers, 15-19</b>	Percent of births 15-19	2015-17	132	94.7	91.6
Black			93	98.6	97.7
White			36	86.4	88.8

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<b>Births to obese mothers at time pregnancy occurred</b>	Percent of births	2015-17	458	27.7	24.1
Black			265	36.0	33.6
White			178	21.6	21.9
High poverty census tracts		2013-17	106	14.1	
All other census tracts			233	10.4	
<b>Births to mothers who report smoking during pregnancy</b>	Percent of births	2015-17	231	7.6	5.2
Black			95	7.2	3.1
White			133	8.5	6.1
High poverty census tracts		2013-17	74	9.9	
All other census tracts			121	5.4	
<b>Mothers initiating breastfeeding in hospital</b>	Percent	2015-17	2,519	82.4	85.7
Black			952	72.3	78.0
White			1,393	89.6	87.8
High poverty census tracts		2013-17	538	71.7	
All other census tracts			1,916	85.4	
<b>WIC mothers breastfeeding at 26 weeks</b>	Percent	Dec. '18	172	25.9	35.8
Black			71	23.9	33.4
White			34	37.0	31.5
<b>Child Health and Development</b>					
<b>Obese or overweight 1st grade students</b>	Percent	2017-18 SY	627	27.0	
Students in low income schools (Title 1)			342	34.3	
Students not in low income schools (non-Title 1)			229	23.3	
<b>Obese or overweight 3rd grade students</b>	Percent	2017-18 SY	793	34.5	
Students in low income schools (Title 1)			420	39.5	
Students not in low income schools (non-Title 1)			307	29.1	
<b>Number of children 0-5 abused or neglected</b>	Rate per 1000 ages 0-4	2018	256	14.3	13.1
<b>WCL Community Development Screenings</b>	Count	2009-2019	Number	Rate	
Total Children Screened			986	100	
Children Identified with Delay			611	62	
Children Identified with Delay Referred for Services			611	100	

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<b>Physican referrals to Tallahassee Pediatric Behavioral Health Center</b>	Percent	(Aug 17-Jan 19)	Count	Percent	
<b>Ages of child referred</b>					
Total			1,568	100	
1-4 yrs			354	23	
5-8 yrs			446	28	
9-12 yrs			370	24	
13-16 yrs			322	21	
17-20 yrs			65	4	
<b>Reason for referral (may be more than 1)</b>				Percent	
Behavioral				46	
Mental Health				39	
Environment				4	
<b>Early Childhood Education</b>					
<b>Children in Pre-K Eligible for free/reduced lunch</b>	Percent	2017	475	53.0	68.0
<b>Kindergarten children eligible for free/reduced lunch</b>	Percent	2017	1,189	46.0	61.1
<b>Children in subsidized school readiness programs (child care)</b>	Rate per 1000 ages 0-4	2012-14	12,527	108.3	78.6
<b>Children enrolled in school readiness compared to children living in poverty</b>	Percent	2017-2018		49.7	75.0
Students Enrolled (paid)			2,983		
Children living at 150% below the Federal Poverty Level			5,933		
<b>Children ages 3-5 with disabilities receiving pre-K services</b>	Percent of ages 3-5	2018	770	7.9	39
<b>Children enrolled in VPK compared to those eligible</b>	Percent	2017-2018	2,008	99.9	96
Students eligible for VPK			2,010		
<b>Children ready for kindergarten</b>	Percent	2017	1,308	53.0	53.9
Students in low income schools (Title 1)		2017	404	36.5	
Students not in low income schools (non-Title 1)		2017	791	67.0	
<b>3rd graders reading below grade level</b>	Percent	2017-18	1,046	39.0	43
Students in low income schools (Title 1)			679	55.4	
Students not in low income schools (non-Title 1)			290	23.7	
<b>Economic Stability</b>					
<b>Households with children with incomes below ALICE income threshold</b>	Percent of Households	2010-16	9,795	38	46
<b>Families with children 0-5 with incomes below the poverty level.</b>	Percent	2013-17	941	42	39

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<b>Number of Children , 0-17, living at the Hope Community Family Emergency Shelter</b>	Count	2018	430		
Average Length of Stay	Average	2018	184 days		

**Anticipated Long Range Outcomes:**

- Reduction in low birth weight births and infant mortality
- Significant reduction in adverse childhood experiences
  - Reduction in abuse and neglect
- All children enter kindergarten ready to learn
- All children able to read by 3rd grade
- Reduction in school suspensions and dismissals
- Increased high school graduation rates
- Reduction in crime
- Reduction in childhood obesity