

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR MANATEE ROOM  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
APRIL 29, 2026**

Present were:

Xtavia Bailey, Chairperson  
Jannon Pierce, Vice-Chairperson  
Heather Felton  
Kristin Gallagher  
Carolann Garafola  
Michelle Laughrey  
Cassandra Mitchell  
Patricia Miner  
Debbie Tapp

Absent were:

Hon. Scott Brownell  
Connie Shingledecker  
Rita Smith

Two seats are vacant.

Also present were:

Tracie Adams, Deputy Director, Community and Veteran's Services  
Melissa Bomar, Interim Children's Services Coordinator  
Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst  
Johanna Beville, Program Analyst,  
Caitlin Dixon, Board Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Bailey

**AGENDA and SIGN-IN SHEET**

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3. **ROLL CALL**  
A quorum was declared
4. **MINUTES**  
A motion was made by Member Garafola, seconded by Member Felton, and carried 9-0 with members Smith, Shingledecker, and Brownell absent, to approve the minutes of April 22, 2026.
5. **ALL STAR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION, TRAUMA ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS**  
Program did not claim a priority, and this a new program

6. **YMCA OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, Y-READS**  
 Program claimed priority B, Children develop literacy skills necessary to be successful in school. This is a new program
7. **MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, MANATEE COUNTY SUMMER BLAST CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
 Program claimed Priority D, Health and Safety: Parents and caregivers have the skills and resources needed to stop preventable child death. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
8. **UNIDOSNOW, FUTRUE LEADERS' ACADEMY**  
 Program is not claiming a Priority. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for Tier 3.
9. **FAMILY RESOURCES, SAFEPLACE2B**  
 Program claimed Priority A, Children are safe in their homes, free from abuse or neglect. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for Tier 1
10. **FAMILY RESOURCES, COMMUNITY EFFORT TO REDUCE TURANCY BY ASSESSING INDIVIDUALIZED NEEDS (CERTAIN)**  
 Program is not claiming a Priority. Program is requesting a funding increase, and eligible for Tier 1
11. **JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDRENS SERVICES OF THE SUNCOAST, COMMUNITY YOUTH RESPONSE SERVICE**  
 Program claimed Priority C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
12. **JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF THE SUNCOAST, ADOLESCENT DIVERSION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP)**  
 Program claimed Priority C, Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in all environments. Program is not requesting a funding increase.
13. **STAFF UPDATES**  
 Brenda Marquez Facio, Human Services Analyst, visited Safe Children Coalition, Inc., Family Preservation and Reunification Program, and Step-Up Suncoast, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPPY), with no concerns found.  
  
 Melissa Bomar, Interim Children's Services Coordinator, noted that next week's buffer meeting will be held in Chambers, and the recommendation meetings are on May 18, 2026, and May 20,2026, is at 2:30.  
  
 Johanna Beville, Program Analyst, had no updates.
14. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES**  
 There were no Commissioner comments or updates
15. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**  
 There is no new or old business

16. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stephen Fancher, All Star Children's Foundation, discussed the organizations financial stability, and responded to Board members' questions regarding the budget.

Kimberly Treharne, The Florida Center for Early Childhood, clarified program overlap concerns.

Brian Nason, YMCA of Southwest Florida, addressed the concerns the members had about the Y-reads program.

Marcus Francis, Manatee County Government, addressed concerns the members had about the summer program, and adjustments they have made to the program.

Andrew Coble, Family Resources, thanked the Committee for everything they do, and provided information regarding the program.

Abby Krouse, Family Coordinator for Jewish Family and Children Services, discussed the programs milestones, and collaboration with Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

Alex DeMartino, Senior Operation Manager for Unidosnow, Future Leaders' Academy, thanked the Board for its work this year, and clarified the services the program provides to children.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Bailey closed public comment.

17. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will occur May 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., in the Manatee County Administrative building, 1112 Manatee Avenue W, Bradenton, First Floor, Honorable Patricia M. Glass Chambers.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairperson Bailey adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

