

**Manatee County Government**  
**Children's Services**  
**Application Process FY26**

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Division  
Community and Veterans  
Services Department**

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# Agenda

- Ordinance – Manatee County Children’s Services Millage
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- Children’s Services Advisory Board
- Priorities
- Timeline
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- Questions



# Manatee County Children's Services Ordinances

## Requirements:

- Serve children prenatal – 17 years
- Abused, neglected, at-risk, economically disadvantaged



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# Children's Services Advisory Board

- Xtavia Bailey, Child Advocate(Chair)
- Honorable Scott Brownell, Judge (ret)
- Constance Charles-Logan, Physician
- Emily Robertson, Licensed Mental Health
- Chad Choate, School Board
- Debbie Tapp, United Way Representative
- Jannon Pierce, Child Advocate (Vice Chair)
- Carolann Garafola, Child Advocate
- Patricia Miner, Child Advocate
- Barbara Byrne, Child Advocate
- Connie Shingledecker, Criminal Justice Representative
- Vacant, DCF Representative



# Fiscal Year 2026 Priorities

**A**

Children are safe in their homes, free from abuse or neglect.

**B**

Children develop literacy skills necessary to be successful in school.

**C**

Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments.

**D**

Parents and caregivers have the skills and resources needed to stop preventable child death.



## Priority A - Child Welfare: Children are safe in their homes, free from abuse or neglect.

- A1 - Children remain in their homes free from abuse and neglect, avoiding the need to enter or re-enter foster care.
- A2 - Children who enter foster care gain a permanent, stable, and nurturing home within 12 months and remain there.



## Priority B - Education and Literacy: Children develop literacy skills necessary to be successful in school.

- B1 - Children who demonstrate below developmentally appropriate or grade level literacy skills, reduce their existing gap towards developmentally appropriate or age-appropriate literacy skills.
- B2 - Children who attain grade level or developmentally appropriate literacy skills, will maintain grade level or developmentally appropriate literacy skills.



**Priority C - Mental and Behavioral Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments.**

- C1 - Children with symptoms of adverse indicators of behavioral health as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning determined by the program, will build protective factors.
- C2 - Children who use drugs, alcohol, or other illegal substances, or are at risk of use, will stop or resist use, and establish a plan to manage triggers.



*(Continued) Priority C - Mental and Behavioral*  
Health/Wellbeing: Children have the skills necessary to function appropriately in relevant environments.

- C3 - Children with one or more incidents of referral or suspension for aggression, bullying, harassment, or other negative action aimed towards another group or individual, will reduce those incidents.
- C4 - Children will learn and demonstrate appropriate social, emotional, and impulse control and regulation skills in relevant environments as identified objectively by a measure of level of functioning as determined by the program.



## Priority D: Health and Safety: Parents and caregivers have the skills and resources needed to stop preventable child death

- D1 - Children will be safely placed to sleep in accordance with the Sleep Baby Safely initiative implemented by Manatee County.
- D2 - Children and families will implement water safety practices at home and in all environments where water safety is a concern.



# Fiscal Year 2026 Priorities and Targets

A program does **NOT** have to meet an established priority to be considered or to receive a recommendation for investment through Children's Services funding.



# Children's Services Program Categories

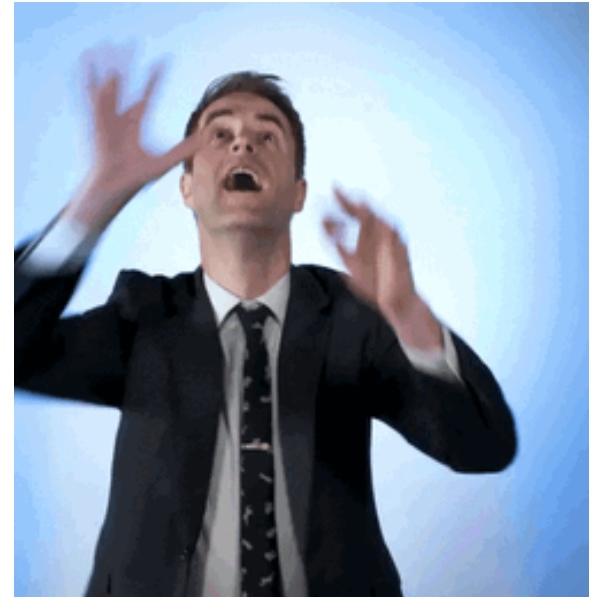
- Early Care and Education
- Food and Shelter
- Mental and Physical Health
- Special Needs
- Stabilizing Families and Parent Education
- Youth Development and Success



# Children's Services investments for FY26



Estimated at  
approximately \$17 million



# Application/Recommendation Timeline

## **December 11**

Application links open (3:00 p.m.)

## **January 29**

Application links close (11:59 p.m.)

## **January 30**

Children's Services begins review of submitted applications

## **February – May**

CSAB's review, discussion and scoring of applications

## **May 19 & 21**

Determine recommendations to provide the Board of County Commissioners



# Types of Applications

## Results First Application

- Abbreviated (invite only)
- New Program

## Results As Services Application

- Predetermined



# Accessing the Applications

- Go to [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org)



- Choose "I Want To" menu
- Choose "Get" menu
- Choose "Human Services Funding"
- Select "Apply for Children's Services Investments"



# Accessing the Applications

## Please Sign In

- If you have an account, please log in using your E-mail Address and Password.
- First time applicants, please use the "New Applicant" link found below.

E-mail

[New Applicant?](#)

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

Login

- New Applicants, use link below email input box.
- Prior applicants, funded or non-funded, please use existing email and password.



# Application Requirements

Qualifiers to access Children's Services Results First and Results as Services applications:

Insurance Requirement: Commercial General Liability Coverage (not to be less than \$1 million per occurrence).

- Ordinance #91-42
- Prohibition of supplanting
- Resolution 23-145 regarding abortion services
- Florida Statutes sections 448.095(5) and 125.0156 regarding E-Verify
- Financial Audit (less than 2 years old)

# Application Requirements

- Other requirements for contractual compliance include, but are not limited to:
  - Not-for-profit status
  - Valid tax-exempt status
  - Client Eligibility
  - Client Consent
  - Program data and client records maintenance

# Non-Profit Application - Children's Services



Our grant application system (Blackbaud Grantmaking) uses the following email domain:

[mail@grantapplication.com](mailto:mail@grantapplication.com).

Please add it to your safe-senders list to be sure you receive all communications.



# Non-Profit Application - Children's Services

Use this web address to return to applications that have already been started:

[https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_5955?SA=AM](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5955?SA=AM)



# Non-Profit Application - Children's Services

Applications

Requirements

## Applications

Welcome to your "My Application Page". This is the area where you will manage your work.

1. Select in progress or submitted in the drop down.
2. If you select submitted, you can only view the applications that you have submitted.
3. If you select in progress, you will be able to continue working on your application.
4. To delete an application, simply select the garbage can next to it.

If you would like to begin a new application click [HERE](#) to return to the application list page.

Show

In Progress Applications ▼





# Guidance and Direction

Purpose of Question  
Applications guidance  
Score Range  
Examples

Requests for Increases

- CSAB Tier Process
- CSAB Decision-Making Guide



# Reminders

Applications Open  
Wednesday- December 11  
3:00 p.m.



Applications Close  
Wednesday-January 29  
11:59 p.m.





# Questions?



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