Supporting all children while ensuring a focus on special populations.

552,000 Miami-Dade Children

32,000 Annual Births with 1,200 to Teen Moms.

Miami-Dade County is home to 13% of Florida’s children and has a population larger than 16 states.

Children with Disabilities

Children in Child Welfare System

Youth in Juvenile Justice System

Children who are Homeless

Our youngest children are least likely to be identified with a special health care need, which may include chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions.

More than 22,000 children living with a disability were served by Trust-funded programs last year – 13% of all children served and a $30 million investment.

Of over 18,000 annual investigations, about 2,600 yield verified findings of child maltreatment.

At any time, there are on average 1,900 children & youth in out-of-home care with another 1,400 receiving services through in-home care.

750 children and youth in the dependency system were served by Trust-funded programs last year.

185 youth in the delinquency system were served by Trust-funded programs last year.

58 families in homeless shelters were served by Trust-funded parenting and behavioral health programs last year. Recent funding awards will increase this number by 226 families.

1 in 5 Miami-Dade Children live in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty.

Children growing up in these neighborhoods experience higher rates of crime and violence, physical and mental health issues, and unemployment; research indicates they will likely continue to bear the burden of these disadvantages into adulthood.

More than half (53%) of Miami-Dade children live in impoverished or low-income families.

Poverty for a family of four is $24,300 or less per year; low-income is up to $48,500 annually.

153,000 (28%) children in poverty
142,000 (25%) low-income children
257,000 (47%) all other children

56,000 students receive homeless support through the school system’s Project Up-Start; research indicates the reality may be that closer to 14,000 students are in need of these services.

In 2016, 24% of youth involved in juvenile services accounted for nearly half (47%) of all arrests and citations issued.

6,100 students receive homeless support through the school system’s Project Up-Start; research indicates the reality may be that closer to 14,000 students are in need of these services.

Of the 11% of public school students with a disability, three times more have a specific learning disability than any other exceptionality.

Specific Learning Disability: 6,971
Physical/Health Impairment: 4,059
Autism Spectrum Disorder: 1,137
Special Accommodations (504 Plans): 795
Language or Speech Impairment: 670
Intellectual Disabilities: 572
Developmentally Delayed: 133
Emotional/Behavioral Disability: 97
Hearing and/or Visual Impairment: 592

6,724
2,455


In 2016, about 1,200 youth received civil citations that diverted them from an arrest.