



2024-2025 Grant Finalist Summary

Hispanic Human Resource Council, Inc. (HHRC) – Feeding Preschool Children

Impact Focus Area: Health and Wellness

The Organization:

Hispanic Human Resource Council, Inc (HHRC) addresses the social service needs of the community by raising cultural awareness and improving the socioeconomic status of families. HHRC provides free quality education to 300 low-income, at-risk children aged 1 to 4 years at two bilingual Child Development Centers. Disadvantaged families receive resources and support that strengthen the family structure. HHRC improves a family's ability to survive life's struggles, helps them thrive as a sustainable family unit and prepares children for kindergarten.

The Project:

It aims to enhance children's health by revising the Child Care Food Program (CCFP). To achieve these goals, HHRC must purchase storage shelving and sinks for two serving kitchens; equipment for the safe transport of hot meals served in classrooms; serving equipment (trays, portion cups etc.) to improve the family-style experience; and training for all staff in the safe handling of food that elevates meal service standards. These changes increase the number of hot meals served to children daily/weekly, allow for improved nutritional value of food served and increase the efficiency of food service.

How will this program impact Palm Beach County?

Family and Community Engagement Specialists (FACES) are dedicated to working with families through a Family Needs Assessment Survey that assesses families housing, employment and other needs including food. FACES conduct biweekly check-in with families and monthly parent meetings with community partners to provide resources and education. Nutrition and well-being are consistent topics addressed due to increased levels of food insecurity experienced by the families served. HHRC's parents would be educated on changes to the CCFP meal program including ways to increase nutritional value of meals implemented in the home. Every year HHRC educates 300 children and almost 1000 family members. Offering a high-quality education year-round with three nutritious meals a day in a safe environment while working closely with parents to elevate them from poverty leads to a thriving community.

Measurable Outcomes:

- Decreased number of overweight and obese children
- Decreased number of underweight children
- Increased number of hot meals served
- Increased number of Nutrition Assessments completed
- Decrease the meal prep and serving time

How will Impact Palm Beaches grant be used?

\$4,500 for Commercial grade kitchen sink and faucet, \$38,000 for dishwasher for trays, \$26,000 for food transport systems, \$9,000 for warming tray, \$800 warming tray containers, \$5,000 for insulated serving bowls, \$1,500 for portion control measuring equipment, \$400 for thermometers, \$11,500 for shelves/cabinets, \$675 for food handling certification and \$2,625 for plumber to install sinks.