

Building a Culture of Student Resiliency



**Perseverance • Grit • Gratitude • Responsibility
Responsible Decision-Making • Critical Thinking &
Problem Solving • Self-Awareness & Self-Management
Mentorship • Citizenship • Honesty • Empathy**

In alignment with the state's adoption of student resiliency standards, the Consortium partnered with the Florida Department of Education to build student Resiliency Through the Community with local education foundation programs focused around 11 skills or characteristics.

Local Education Foundations in 50 districts consulted their school mental health coordinators and school safety officers, assessed opportunities and gaps in services with community organizations and built their own organizational capacity as they embarked on developing local initiatives.

Through September 2024, \$21.3 million was leveraged to engage:

- 837,000 students
- 67,275 families
- 34,150 teachers
- 350 community organizations



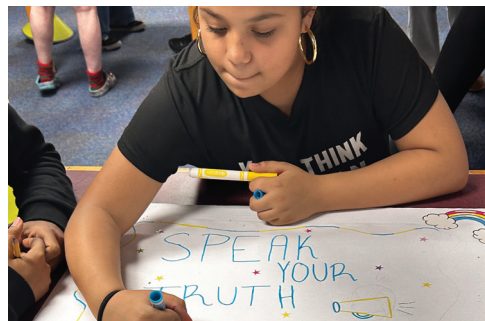
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"Part of the beauty of this groundbreaking opportunity is that we were encouraged to have conversations with both our school districts and local organizations so we could develop initiatives that made sense for our community," said Janice Kershaw, CEO of the Brevard Schools Foundation. "We discovered synergy with our Space Coast Health Foundation and were able to develop complementary efforts and engage additional partners to reach more families."

Coast to Coast Impact Highlights



Manatee Education Foundation: After interactive programs on the importance of good decision making, the average GPA of student participants increased from 2.69 to 3.17!



Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools: Teacher training and a series of family and student town halls focused on overcoming adverse childhood experiences, self-awareness and self-management.

Brevard Schools Foundation: All 5,000 6th grade students received a copy of The Coffee Bean book, a simple lesson about creating positive change. Co-author Jon Gordon spoke to the students and teachers held classroom book studies. In the period after the "Resiliency Reads" program, Suicide Risk Inventory (SRI) rates – the percentage of students asking for mental health help – dropped by 31%.



St. Lucie County Education Foundation: Through a variety of community partnerships, students developed skills in responsible decision-making and citizenship. Efforts also involved home visits for chronically absent students which resulted in a 2% reduction in chronically absent students, equating to an additional 900 in school every day.



Baker County Education Foundation: A partnership between the school district and a community organization focused on building resiliency skills with 40 high school students at risk of dropping out. Unused space in a school was repurposed for positive after-school and weekend activities for youth in an underserved area to build resiliency skills and establish trust in the neighborhood.



Education Foundation of Okeechobee: Resiliency skills were embedded in a new high school firefighter career and technical education academy, along with developing of teamwork skills and igniting a passion for public service in participating students. "Firefighting is all about getting back up again after you get knocked down," said Amber Cook, a 2024 graduate of the inaugural class who is now employed by Okeechobee County Fire and Rescue.



Nassau Education Foundation: Hope Squad, a national suicide prevention program, was established in three Nassau County high schools. Monthly activities focused on building skills to overcome adversity and help others through difficult times.



The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools: The #LeeListens initiative and peer-to-peer mentoring programs fostered student empathy and resources for students in need. "Our students were yearning to be heard. We didn't realize how much they needed this. One student stopped me in the hallway just to tell me how much this event changed the culture of the school," said Gateway High School Assistant Principal Trevon Davis.



Education Foundation of Palm Beach County: Through case management and wrap around services, chronic absenteeism was reduced by 93% of the students served. Efforts also focused on bringing diverse community partners together to identify gaps in services for families and address systemic issues.



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