THE FLORIDA ALLIANCE OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS'

2026 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

As a leading youth development organization, Florida's young people rely on the state's Boys & Girls Clubs to be safe and welcoming places for them to go during out-of-school time. Each year, Clubs provide increasingly critical services to the youth of working families, ensuring **great futures begin now** for Florida's children and teens.

1.1B
minutes spent in a Club in 2024

8.4M
free meals and snacks served

92%
percent of Club youth on grade level

$10.8M
cost savings from reduced detention intakes

$5.88
dollars returned for every $1 invested

The **Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs** serves as an advocate in Florida's Capitol for its 32 membership organizations, which serve over **260,600 youth** at **347 sites** in **45 counties**. We requested state support totaling **$16 million** – or just **9%** of what it takes to operate the state's Clubs – through the Departments of Juvenile Justice, Education, and Children and Families to allow Clubs to deepen their impact on Florida's youth:

$2.0M
Department of **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

SPONSORS: Senator Keith Truenow (SF 1940), Representative Danny Alvarez (HF 2233)

The Positive Youth Development Program teaches **life skills and builds resiliency** aimed at **reducing risky behaviors**. The recurring $1 million in the agency's budget was complemented with another $1 million in descrestionary funding, bringing the total award to $2 million.

$3.6M
Department of **EDUCATION**

MENTORING AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVES

SPONSORS: Senator Alexis Calatayud (SF 1407), Representative Kaylee Tuck (HF 2220)

The existing $3.6 million in the agency's recurring budget supports **academic mentoring and student assistance**.

$2.5M
Department of **EDUCATION**

WORKFORCE READINESS PROGRAMMING

SPONSORS: Senator Joe Gruters (SF 1375), Representative Dana Trabulsy (HF 2312)

A $2.5 million award for **workforce readiness programming and career exploration, as well as job skills training,** was included in the General Appropriations Act.

$2.5M
Department of **CHILDREN + FAMILIES**

OPIOID USE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

SPONSORS: Senator Jason Brodeur (SF 1755), Representative Patt Maney (HF 1861)

A $1 million award was included in the General Appropriations Act, but subsequently vetoed. *The Facts. Your Future. Prevention Initiative* was renewed for a second year at $2.5 million.

KIDS COUNT ON CLUBS for **life skills & resiliency training**; **gang & gun violence prevention activities**; **academic mentoring**; **workforce development initiatives**; and **substance abuse prevention programming**; and Clubs count on the state for their support through a $10.6 million investment in youth programming.

KIDS COUNT ON CLUBS. CLUBS COUNT ON **YOU.**

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