



**NAPLES
CHILDREN
FOUNDATION**

A Force for
Transformational Change



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Transformational change doesn't happen by chance. It happens through discipline, accountability and long-term stewardship. This Impact Snapshot reflects the scale of that responsibility—and what's possible when an organization like NCF brings groups together to solve issues with purpose.”

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Maria Jimenez-Lara
Chief Executive Officer

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A Trusted Leader. A Community Anchor.

Founded in 2000, the Naples Children Foundation, Inc. (NCF) was established to significantly improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of vulnerable children in Collier County. To meet this challenge, NCF's annual event, the Naples Winter Wine Festival, was created to fuel its investment in stronger futures, smarter solutions and strategic opportunities for outcomes that last.

Since its inception, NCF has emerged as the largest single source of funding for children's essential services in Collier County, investing more than \$366 million, supporting nearly 90 nonprofit partners, and providing vital services and opportunities to 385,000 vulnerable children in our community.





Built for Results

Strategic Investment Across Four Service Categories

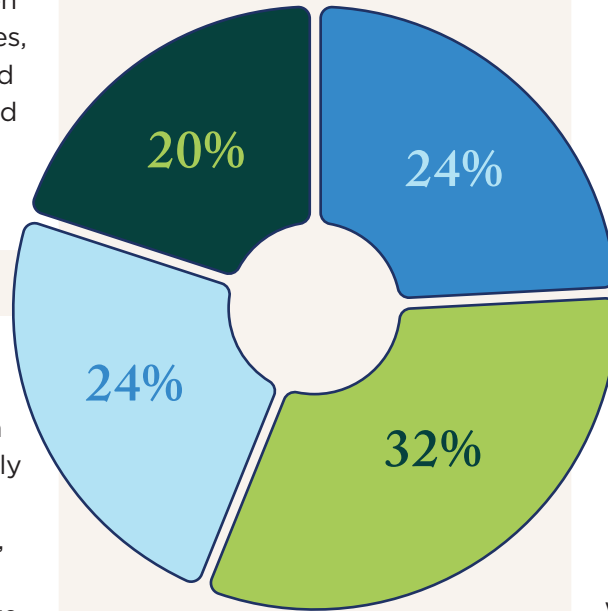
NCF directs funding across four core service categories, creating a comprehensive, child centered approach that addresses both immediate needs and long-term outcomes.

Child Advocacy

Programs that provide children with basic needs, social services, legal assistance, resources and referrals, early intervention and crisis counseling, as well as whole family support.

Early Learning

Educational programs serving children from birth to 5 years old that support social and emotional growth, as well as help engage and develop problem-solving skills.



Out-of-School Time

Programs that serve children in grades K-12 during previously unsupervised non-school hours, such as before-school, after-school, holiday breaks and summertime, that promote future opportunities and build confidence.

Healthcare

Programs that provide integrated family-centered medical support or services to children (including those with disabilities) to sustain long-term treatment, prevention and positive health.



Blueprint for Success

Guided by Data. Strengthened by Partnerships. Focused on Results.

NCF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration among organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for transforming a community, one issue at a time.

The Blueprint Partners included within the NCF Strategic Initiatives exemplify the highest levels of efficacy and accountability. These partners work together to optimize funding and develop innovative programs that deliver high-quality services.

Proof That This Strategy Works

NCF's Seven Strategic Initiatives

In dynamic collaboration with public and private partners—including local nonprofits, colleges, universities and foundations—NCF has launched seven bold Strategic Initiatives designed to tackle the complex challenges facing children and youth.

- ▶ Early Learning
- ▶ Healthcare
- ▶ Hunger
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Oral Health
- ▶ Out-of-School Time
- ▶ Vision

Early Learning

Enables equitable early learning and long-term development by ensuring children from birth to 5 years old have access to education-focused care, enhanced programming and teacher quality, as well as the encouragement of parent and caregiver participation.



Since August 2025, three-year-old Souline has been building essential developmental skills through daily hands-on learning at the NCF Early Childhood Development Center.

Our Impact: Since 2008, **close to 53,000 children** have been educated through high-quality early learning programs.

Blueprint Partners: ABLE Academy's STAR Initiative, Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, Early Literacy & Learning Model (ELLM), Guadalupe Center, Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee, RCMA (Redlands Christian Migrant Association)

Healthcare

Integrated family-centered programs that target a child's whole development—from prenatal to adolescent care—eliminating access barriers to ensure life-changing impact and long-term health.



Born with dangerously high bilirubin and thyroid levels, baby Maya received life-saving care with Healthcare Network's support—and is now a healthy toddler.

Our Impact: Since 2006, **nearly 359,000 pediatric patient visits** have been conducted through Healthcare Initiative partner campuses.

Blueprint Partners: FSU College of Medicine—SSTRIDE, Golisano Children's Rehabilitation Center, Healthcare Network, NCF Pediatric Health Center, University of Florida—College of Medicine

Hunger

Addressing food insecurity so children have consistent access to nutritious meals that support health, learning and stability.



Mateo, a Collier County Public School student, receives a Feeding Dreams Power Pack each Friday, helping bridge weekend hunger so he returns to school nourished and ready to learn.

Our Impact: Since 2011, **close to 51 million meals** have been distributed to children and families in need.

Blueprint Partners: Feeding Dreams, Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, Meals of Hope, Midwest Food Bank, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

Mental Health

A carefully created multidisciplinary system that identifies, treats and prevents children's mental health issues by employing early intervention tools, whole family support and timely acute behavioral services.



Following his father's death, five-year-old Lukka received therapy at Healthcare Network, learning coping skills that improved behavioral challenges, reduced his anxiety and helped him thrive.

Our Impact: Since 2012, **nearly 93,000 youth** have received effective and coordinated mental health services and treatment.

Blueprint Partners: David Lawrence Centers, FSU College of Medicine—Center for Child Stress & Health, Golisano Children's Hospital, Healthcare Network, NAMI Collier, Nicklaus Children's Hospital

Oral Health

Provides dental care for vulnerable children through the NCF Pediatric Dental Center, Healthcare Network's Nichols Community Health Center and prevention-focused outreach programs that sustain long-term treatment and prevention.



After an autism diagnosis, eight-year-old Noah found sensory-friendly dental care at the NCF Pediatric Dental Center, transforming once overwhelming visits into safe, positive experiences.

Our Impact: Since 2008, **over 200,000 pediatric dental visits** have been provided by the NCF Pediatric Dental Center.

Blueprint Partners: Healthcare Network, University of Florida—College of Dentistry

Out-of-School Time

Ensures partner organizations develop innovative programming that addresses gaps in education—during after-school, holiday and summertime hours—and offer enhanced services such as collaborative projects, camps and career development opportunities that expose children to future possibilities.



Supported by The Immokalee Foundation, Alex Soriano earned his Mechanical Engineering degree from Florida State University and now works at Moses Engineering on large-scale projects across Florida.

Our Impact: Since 2012, **close to 64,000 children** in Immokalee have participated in out-of-school time programs.

Blueprint Partners: Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Guadalupe Center, RCMA (Redlands Christian Migrant Association), The Immokalee Foundation

Vision

Removes systemic barriers to vision screenings and ocular care to ensure early detection and treatment, as well as support academic success and long-term developmental outcomes for children, including those with blindness or significant vision impairments.



Since infancy, Lighthouse of Collier has supported Aria through vision loss, providing therapy, friendships and inclusive programs that strengthen her confidence and independence.

Our Impact: Since 2012, **nearly 49,000 pairs of glasses** (one for school and at home) have been distributed to children in need.

Blueprint Partners: Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Florida Lions Eye Clinic, Lighthouse of Collier

Why This Work Matters—Now

As our community continues to grow, the breadth and complexity of the needs affecting vulnerable children expand. Shifts in public funding, economic pressures and population growth have placed increased strain on the systems designed to support children. While progress has been made, significant gaps remain—underscoring the importance of sustained, strategic investment to ensure those systems can meet today’s needs and adapt for the future.



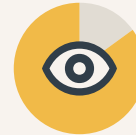
63% of Collier County Public School students are eligible for free or reduced lunch



75% of 4-year-olds were not participating in Voluntary Pre-kindergarten programs



80% of children screened through the NCF Oral Health Initiative experienced tooth decay due to insufficient treatment



85% of students in low-income schools have undetected vision problems



65% of foster care children don't have placement within Collier County



Building on Momentum

NCF continues to evaluate, refine and expand its work to meet emerging needs. Guided by data and informed by partners, the Foundation is focused on piloting innovative health solutions, expanding access in underserved areas and directing resources where they can deliver the greatest benefit for children.

Looking forward, just a few of the exciting, life-changing programs NCF will invest in during the coming year are... →



Expanding Access to Care

Critical occupational, physical and speech therapy services are being restored in Immokalee through a partnership with Golisano Children’s Rehabilitation Center—providing nearly 4,000 therapy visits each year to children with the greatest needs.



Advancing Early Detection

A new countywide pediatric screening initiative, developed in collaboration with the University of Florida and community pediatricians, will identify children at risk for Type 1 diabetes before symptoms emerge, enabling earlier intervention and improved outcomes.



Strengthening Mental Health Support

Investment in a Mental Health Registered Intern Program designed to build a sustainable pipeline of qualified mental health professionals in Collier County, while concurrently expanding access to critical mental health services for children in need.



Be Part of What's Possible

Lasting change is built through shared commitment. Every investment, every partnership and every act of generosity helps move this work forward. NCF invites you to be part of what's possible—investing in solutions that create opportunity and improve outcomes for vulnerable children.

There are many ways to be part of this work.

Each pathway represents an opportunity to invest in solutions that strengthen outcomes for vulnerable children.

Donate

online by scanning the QR code or visiting napleschildrenfoundation.org.



Join the Legacy Society

to be remembered for your contribution to support the mission of NCF and leave an impact on future generations.



Support Our Endowment

with a current gift, pledge or planned gift to ensure NCF's continued operations and grantmaking activities.



Volunteer

and join the over 300 people who work behind the scenes to help make NCF and the Naples Winter Wine Festival a success.



Because lasting change requires more than generosity—it requires commitment.

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