

## Service and Resource Needs Identified Through the Listening Project

<p><b>Afterschool &amp; Summer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More opportunities</li> <li>• Homework help</li> <li>• Recreation</li> <li>• Free or scholarships</li> <li>• More programs</li> <li>• Summer camps</li> </ul>	<p><b>Children &amp; Youth Support</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor program</li> <li>• Program for teen parents</li> <li>• Employment opportunities</li> <li>• Support groups</li> <li>• Counseling &amp; Behavioral support</li> </ul>
<p><b>Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County-wide literacy plan</li> <li>• Vocational training</li> <li>• Tutoring</li> <li>• Scholarships</li> <li>• Apprenticeships</li> <li>• Career Exploration</li> <li>• Career Center</li> <li>• Affordable/accessible PreK</li> </ul>	<p><b>Schools - General</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community elementaries</li> <li>• Revised discipline approach</li> <li>• Safety patrol</li> <li>• Mental health counselors</li> <li>• All treated with respect</li> <li>• More clubs</li> <li>• Students select classes</li> <li>• Relevant coursework</li> <li>• Improve school meals</li> </ul>
<p><b>Schools - Transportation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate elementary and high school students</li> <li>• Address bullying</li> <li>• Safer bus stops</li> <li>• Provide late buses</li> </ul>	<p><b>Schools - Facilities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean/Upgraded bathrooms</li> <li>• Fix air conditioning</li> <li>• Better desks</li> <li>• Facility upgrades so all schools have same quality</li> <li>• More playgrounds</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recreation &amp; Activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More public sports facilities</li> <li>• Greater variety of sports options</li> <li>• Free/subsidized sports</li> <li>• Larger recreational facility, open daily</li> <li>• Field trips</li> <li>• Playgrounds, Trails, Parks, Pool, Arts, Crafts, Cooking, Dance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Health</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital/healthcare accessible in rural areas</li> <li>• Dental screenings</li> <li>• Health insurance</li> <li>• 24-hour EMS</li> <li>• Address childhood obesity</li> <li>• More programs Prenatal-5</li> <li>• Behavioral support training</li> <li>• Mental health counseling</li> </ul>

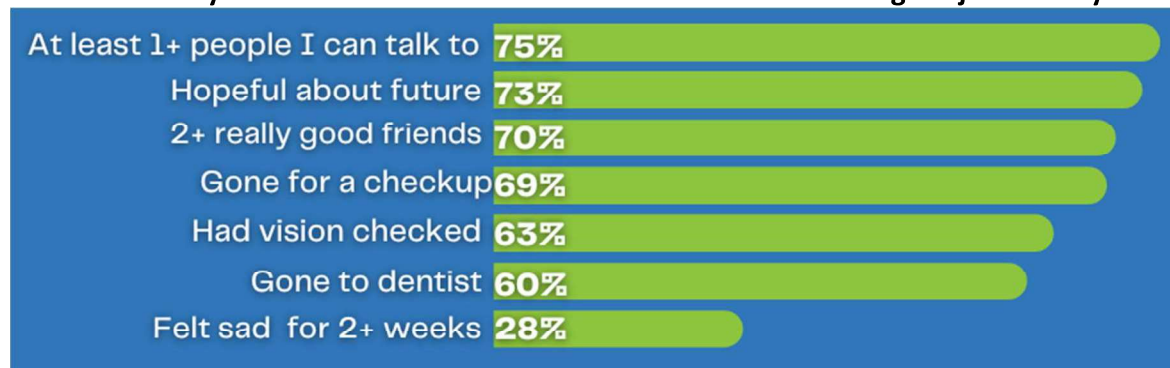
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Add police substation</li> <li>● More police patrols in communities</li> <li>● Violence prevention</li> <li>● Gun safety/awareness</li> <li>● More lights</li> <li>● Safer roads, better road maintenance</li> </ul>	<b>Public Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase services</li> <li>● Keep it free for children</li> <li>● Expand to rural areas</li> <li>● Larger buses</li> <li>● Add sidewalks</li> <li>● Safer and closer bus stops</li> <li>● Shelter and bench at bus stops</li> </ul>
<b>Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Database of services</li> <li>● Larger library</li> <li>● Technology access</li> <li>● Communications about resources</li> </ul>	<b>Parent Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parenting classes</li> <li>● Family life center</li> <li>● Family counseling</li> </ul>

As the Children’s Trust moves forward in supporting the children of Alachua County, Prismatic recommended that it focus on the development and embedding of processes that will outlive the tenure of current staff, steering committee members, and board members and become part of the fabric of the organization and county.

### Mental and Physical Health

The mental health of children in Alachua County was repeatedly referenced by all participant groups. Of the youth surveyed, 75% agreed that they have at least one person they can talk to, but 28% reported they had felt sad for two or more weeks within the past year.

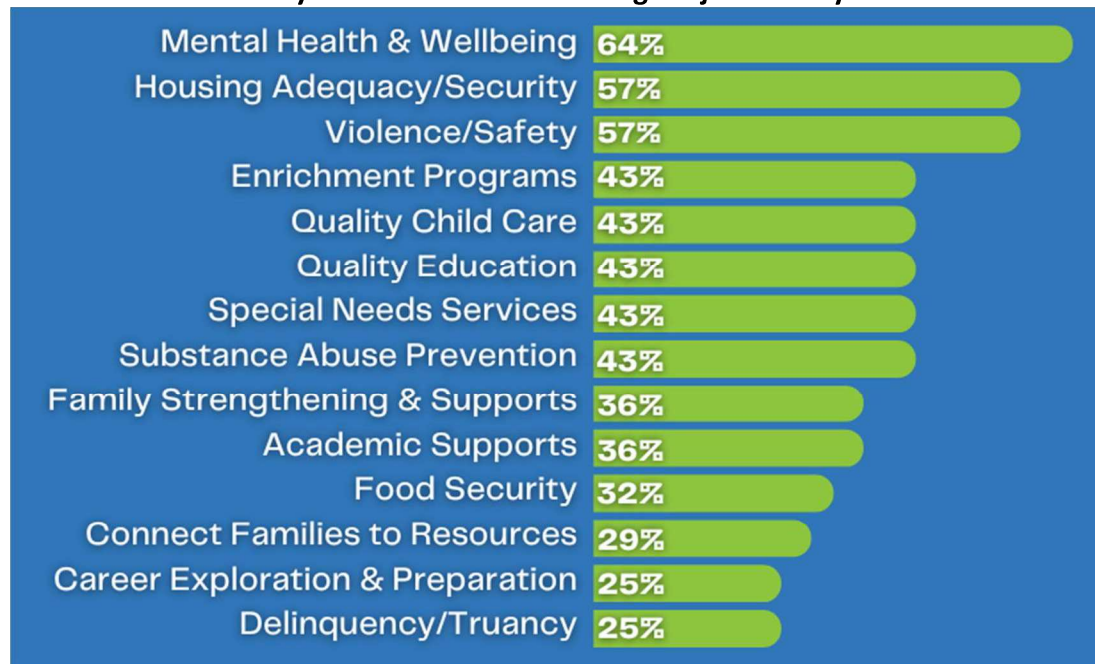
#### Mental and Physical Health Needs Youth Identified on the Listening Project Survey



Of the parents/caregivers surveyed, 34% expressed a need for more mental health supports for their children. Parents/caregivers stated a desire for substance abuse avoidance classes (recommended by 29%), and classes on meditation/yoga (recommended by 22%) to support children’s mental health.

Mental health was ranked as a top priority for both providers and partners. They also expressed concerns about children going without services -- 59% of partners and 43% of providers reported their organization is not able to provide services to all the children in need resulting in waitlists.

**Concerns Identified by Partners on the Listening Project Survey**



**Concerns Identified by Providers on the Listening Project Survey**

