



## Youth Programs Department Monthly Report

**MEETING DATE:** March 16, 2026

**FROM:** Jowie Mohammed, Director of Youth Programs

**SUBJECT:** January & February 2026 Department Report

### PROGRAMMING

- During the months of January and February eighteen (18) days of after school with transportation provided from Greenacres, Liberty Park, Heritage, Discovery Key, L.C. Swain and Okeeheele.
- Spring Camp registration started on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.
- Summer Camp registration started on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT	AVERAGE THIS PERIOD	FY 2026 TO DATE
# of Participants	95	95
# of Participants in Sierra Club ICO	12	48
# of Part's in TOP Program	20	20
# of Licenses Coordinated	1	1
# of MOU's Coordinated	0	2
# of Part.'s in Teen Advisory Council (TAC)	8	8
# of Com. Serv. Learning Projects coordinated	1	2
# of After-hour events coordinated	2	2
# of Presidential Volunteer Service Hours	1,706	7,093

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

GRANTS COORDINATED	AVERAGE THIS PERIOD	FY 2026 TO DATE
Early Learning Coalition	\$32,307.77	\$72,569.88
Parent & Registration Fees	\$28,825.00	\$70,735.00
Youth Services Department SEL Grant	\$3,199.20	\$12,796.80
Textile Funds	\$945.00	\$945.00

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## C.A.R.E.S REPORT

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- On 1/16/26 Red Team (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade) attended a field trip to Elison Senior Living facility where the students entered a recyclable sculpture contest. The youth spent about 2 weeks gathering materials and creating their sculptures and 1 of our students won the national prize in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade age group. She created a beautiful 3D bright pink 3-tiered strawberry birthday cake.
- Literacy week was observed during 1/26/26- 1/30/26, and the CARES Program conducted various literacy activities which included story- time, reading comprehension, various worksheets, and vocabulary activities to promote literacy and the importance of reading comprehension.
- On February 25<sup>th</sup> Youth Programs celebrated Pink Shirt Day where we promoted kindness and raised awareness about bullying prevention. The youth enjoyed various anti bullying activities and received pink food/ drinks. Thank you to the departments that were able to volunteer at Youth Programs.
- On February 26<sup>th</sup> the CARES Program participated in Read for the Record where an external reader comes to read a predetermined book. This year's book was "See Marcus Grow" and our reader was Deputy Mayor Susy Diaz who is a phenomenal reader. All the youth were engaged and asking questions. Thank you to Ms. Diaz for being our reader and thank you to Tiana Garcia for putting the event together.

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## TEEN PROGRAMS REPORT

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- Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> was the first Late Night of the New Year. We successfully hosted our first late night event of the new year with approximately 20 teens in attendance. The evening focused on community building and positive peer engagement. Teens shared a meal together and participated in group games such as manhunt and hide-and-seek, fostering teamwork, social connection, and a safe recreational environment
- Jan. 26-30<sup>th</sup> was Literacy Week, and in support of Literacy Week, teens took part in a poetry contest designed to encourage reading, writing, and creative expression. This activity promoted literacy skills while allowing teens to share their voices and engage with language in a meaningful and supportive way.
- February 11-13<sup>th</sup> teen students held a Black History Month Event: Teens planned and decorated an event where they taught elementary students about Black History Month and discussed various historical and cultural topics. Teen students created coloring workbooks and fun fact coloring sheets to help students identify historical figures through art.
- Teens attended an overnight camping trip on February 11-13<sup>th</sup> with the Sierra Club, Loxahatchee Group where they participated in outdoor activities such as canoeing, making s'mores, and spending time in nature.