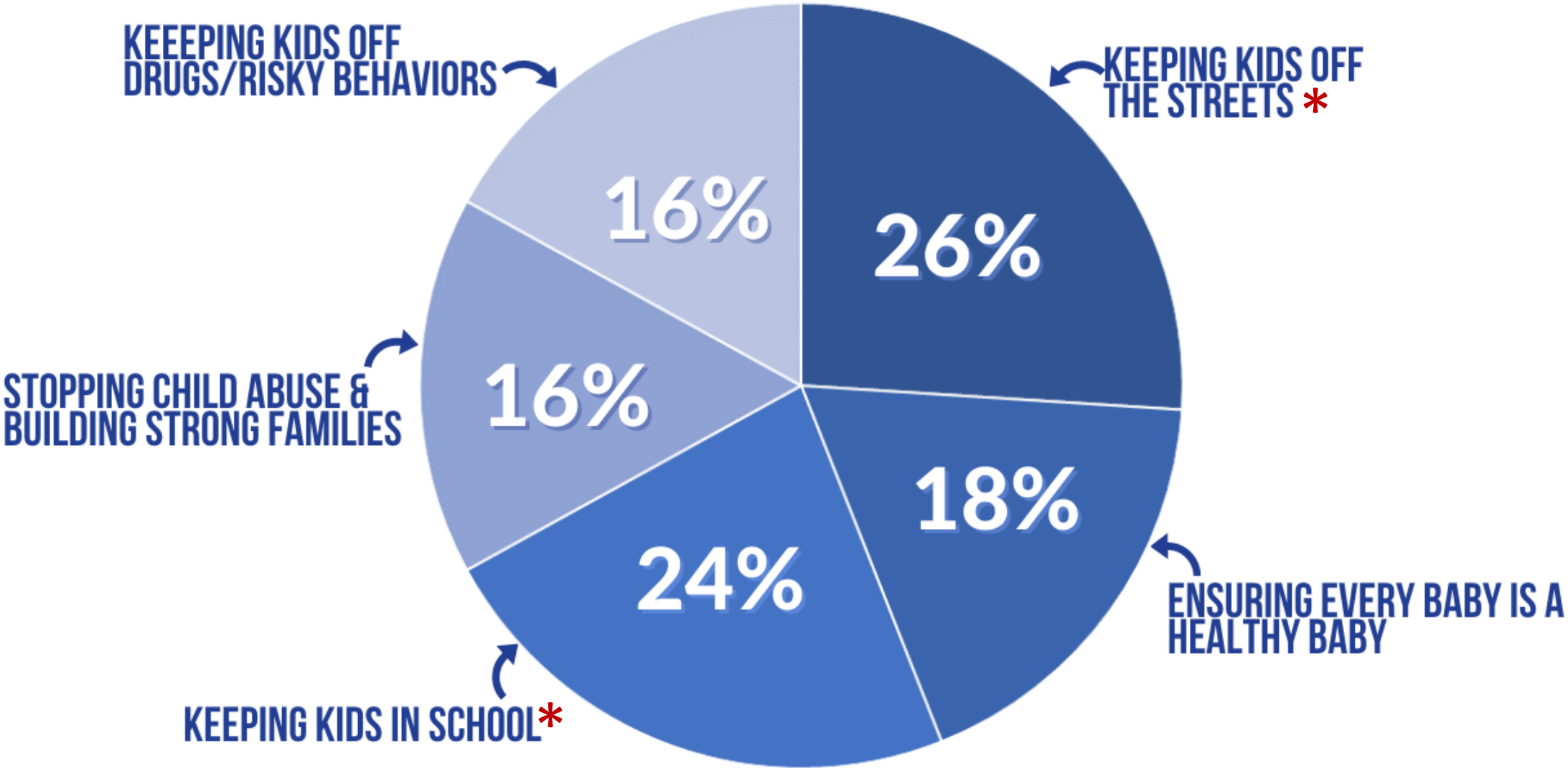




City of Port St. Lucie May 17th

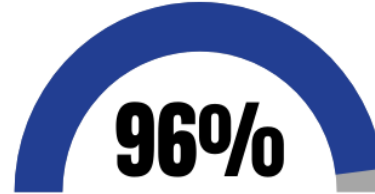
Brief Year Summary
COVID Response
Alignment with City's Strategic Plan Needs

OUR FUNDING PRIORITIES



OTHER INITIATIVES

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS



of youth participating in summer learning programs improved or maintained math and reading goals.

SAFE SLEEP



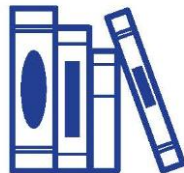
Over 100 cribs provided to families that did not have a safe sleep environment for their newborn

STRATEGIC SHORT TERM FUNDING



New computers for all after-school programs; FATES 2Gen; Summer Passports; Capacity Building partnerships, Community survey

ST. LUCIE READS



8,000

books were distributed at community events and through local partnerships



1,400

Scholastic Literacy Pro memberships were provided to give children access to a digital bookshelf



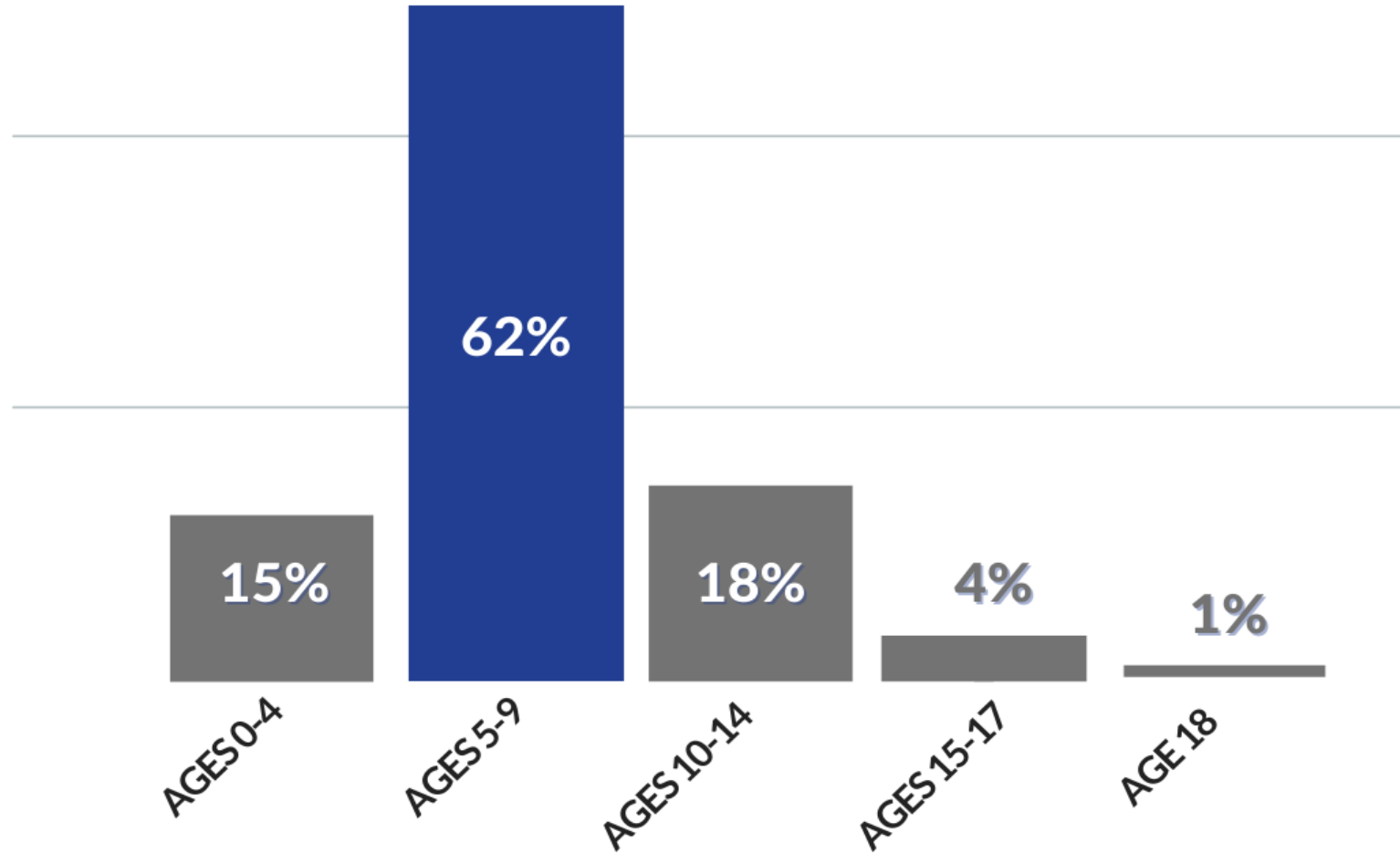
300+

children received one-on-one support from volunteer reading mentors throughout the community

OUR CHILDREN

44,622

INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN*



COVID-19 RESPONSE



- **Purchased over \$200,000** of PPE (masks, sanitation equipment/supplies), basic needs (diapers, food, etc), technology to allow for tele-health model of service delivery. Leveraged an additional \$200,000 for other funders
- **Operation Dinner Table** – partnership with Boys and Girls Club and Children’s Services Council after-school providers to provide meals to over 2,000 families
- **Small Business Big Challenge** – partnership with Chamber to support non-profit organizations and local businesses
- Partnership with St. Lucie Schools to distribute **SPARKS booklets** to all 1st - 5th grade students with integration into Children’s Services Council summer programs
- **Learning Launchpad** – partnership with BOCC utilizing CARES funding to provide COVID safe learning pods to facilitate virtual learning
- **Parent Warmline** – Families of the Treasure Coast established a warmline for struggling parents



KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL *



OUR IMPACT

2,500+

children of working parents were enrolled in quality childcare

99%

of children served in participating programs were promoted to the next grade level

90%

of children served in participating programs improved their reading skills

86%

of children in participating programs reduced their rate of unexcused absences

Alignment with City's Strategic Plan:

- Truancy Prevention –
 - BGC's Attendance Plus Program
 - Parenting courses through Families of Treasure Coast
 - Family/parenting issues through Hibiscus Children's Center's Supporting Families in Crisis and HBH Wrap Around program

Attendance Plus Program: Program is designed to promote regular school attendance and success through targeting of K – 5th graders with five or more unexcused absences. Services expanded to include total of fourteen schools and include case management as well as information/resource referral services



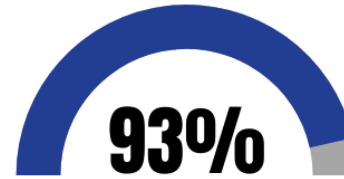
OUR IMPACT

Alignment with City's Strategic Plan:

- Before & After-School Care –
 - Between Children's Services Council's community-based programs, and school-based sites, there are:
18 Port St. Lucie locations



of youth in participating programs improved or maintained their academic performance



of youth in participating programs increased judgment, decision making and social interaction skills to avoid delinquency referrals



of youth in participating programs recorded less than 3 school absences each quarter

For the area, the average costs per child for before/after-school care is approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000 per child for a year

NEEDS FOR FAMILIES

MENTAL HEALTH

- Children's/Families' stressors exacerbated during COVID:
 - Expanding Supporting Families in Crisis
 - Pilot project to embed mental health services into after-school programs

ACCESSIBILITY

- Transportation for after-school/summer programs
- Affordable locations for after-school programs
- Costs to families particularly sibling groups for after-school and summer programs

AWARENESS

- Families' knowledge of resources
- Obstacles/fear of asking for help/assistance

POSSIBLE STRATEGIES FOR PARTNERSHIP

MENTAL HEALTH

- Partner to expand embedded mental health services into City's after-school and summer activities
- Integrate Social Emotional Learning into City's activities
- Communication strategy to change stigma of mental health and promote help available

ACCESSIBILITY

- Expand facility use for summer and after-school thru partnership with funded programs
- Apply for Summer Learning funding to help offset costs for families

AWARENESS

- Utilize communication strategies to promote services for families – centered around City of Port St. Lucie's strategic pillars
- Formalize partnership with NICE and/or citizen academies to promote available resources