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More than 80% of youth served by Youth Villages' Intensive In-Home Services programs have **remained successfully in the home** at least one year after receiving services.

Background

Youth Villages expanded into Florida in 2008 after the state received a Title IVE waiver from the federal Department of Health and Human Services. This waiver allows Florida's child welfare department to utilize its main funding streams more flexibly to serve more children in community/home-based settings as opposed to traditional foster care or other out-of-home placements.

The state identified Youth Villages' Intercept program as a service option that could be provided through the flexible use of these dollars. Youth Villages holds contracts for the Intercept program with Hillsborough Kids, Inc. (24 families served at any given time), Heartland for Children (24 families served at any given time), and Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. (14 families served at any given time). When these contracts were initiated, Youth Villages served far fewer children; the contracts have increased over time as Youth Villages has demonstrated not only successful outcomes for the children and families served but also cost savings.

YOUTH VILLAGES' FLORIDA OPERATIONS | OFFICES

- Tampa
- Miami
- Lakeland

RESULTS AND IMPACT | TOTAL YOUTH SERVED STATEWIDE: 67

- Population served: Variety of youth ages 5 to 17
- Number of youth: More than 150 served since 2008; average 44/day

KEY STATE VALIDATOR

Alan Abromowitz, Director of the Office of Family Safety for the Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeff Rainey, CEO of Hillsborough Kids, Inc.

Jacque Colyer, Regional Administrator for the Southern DCF Region

PROGRAMS PROVIDED

Intercept

Intercept provides treatment to troubled children and families in their own homes at times convenient for the families.