



# **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

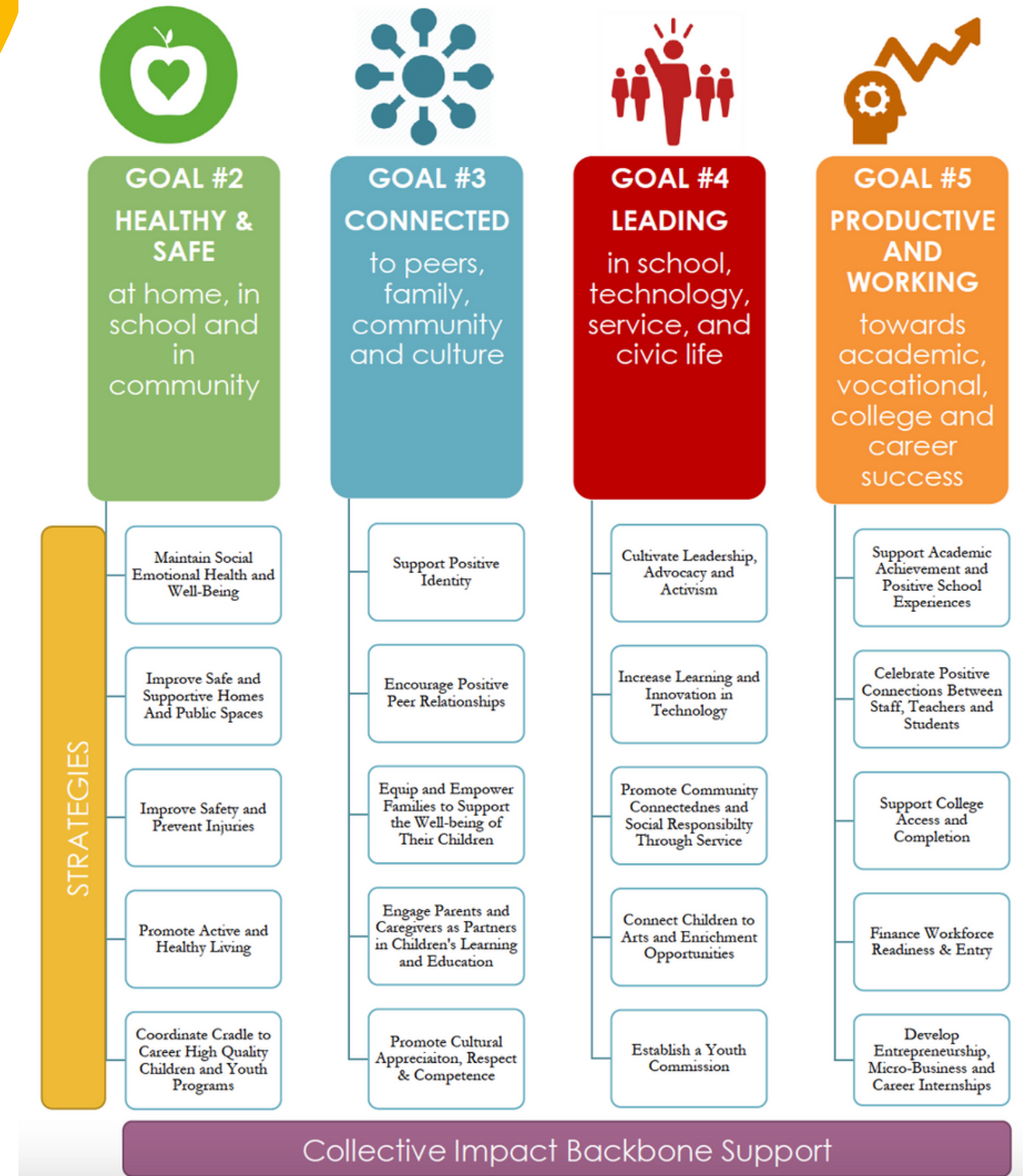
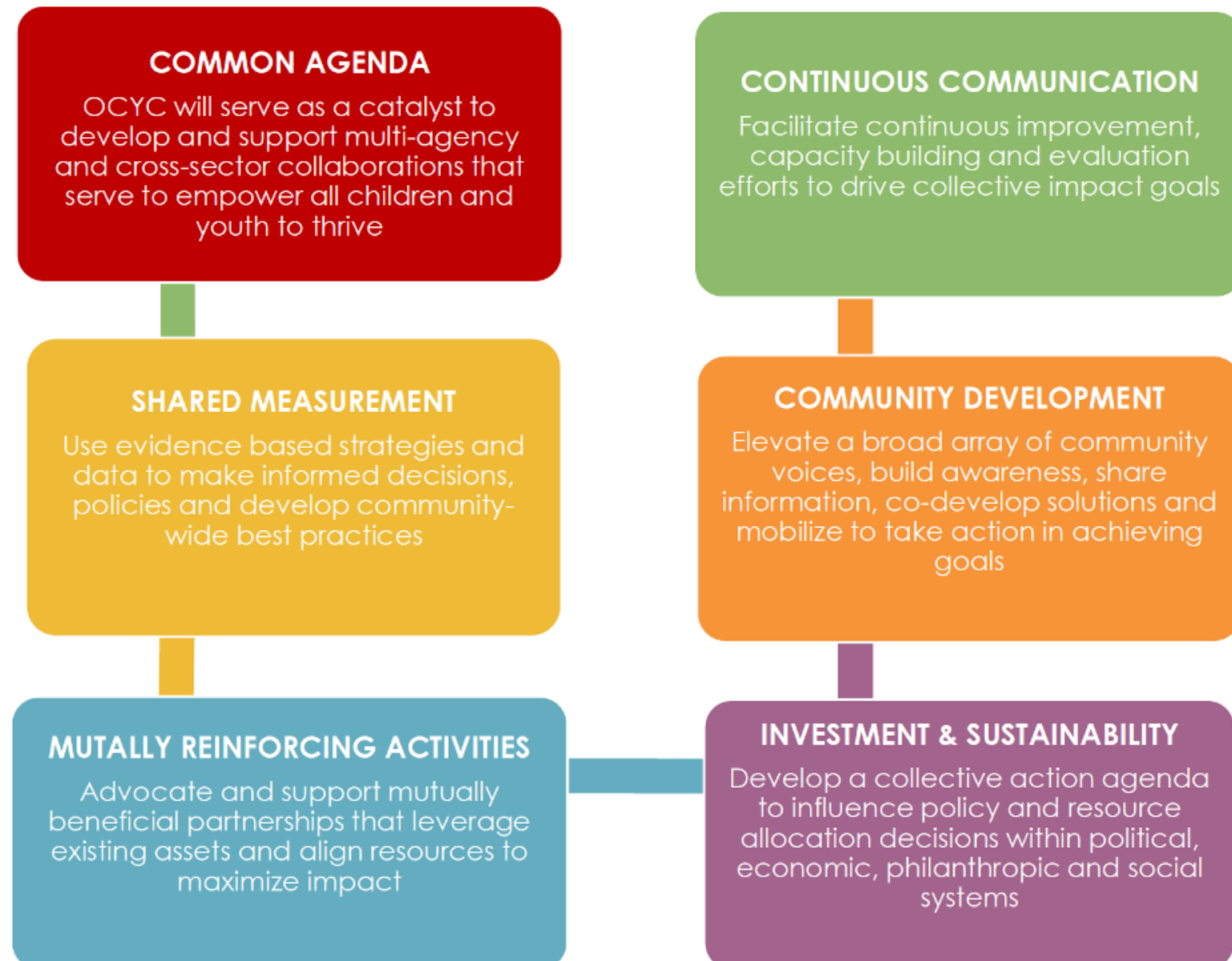
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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



# MASTER PLAN 2015-2025

## GOAL #1 COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY





# COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

This figure represents the ways in which OCYC operates through our children, youth, families, our partners and our committees, with the Accountability Committee and the Board of Directors facilitating efforts and progress driven by the community



Purpose: The purpose of the Accountability Committee is to help make collective impact easier to determine by driving problem-solving processes of OCYC. This Committee presents an evaluation framework that guides performance measures, evaluation protocols, and learning activities within the coalition committees and selected programs in efforts to uphold and inform accountability of OCYC to the Overtown community. We discuss and develop collective Data Sharing strategies, protocol for specific programs, and potential funding opportunities.

## ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE



### By the Numbers:

**38** Organizations across OCYC Committees

**13** Dashboards on OCYC Data Portal

### Member Testimonials:

"OCYC has been a model partner in elevating community partnerships that can sustain the effective use of data and research to shape policy in local communities"

*-Miami-Dade IDEAS Consortium for Children*

"The OCYC partnership has added greatly to our ability to realize our mission to engage with the community"

*-University of Miami*

### Summary Statement:

In 2022, the Accountability Committee drove build out of the OCYC Data Portal, hosted by UpMetrics. We led the collection of several datasets and creation of dashboards to inform committee and initiative work. We also launched our Policy efforts with a series of workshops and discussions.

Goals for 2023 will focus on leveraging data-sharing.

### By the Numbers:

- 40** Childcare Center Needs Assessment Responses
- 103** Completed Park Usage Assessments
- 107** Ounce of Prevention Participants

### Member Testimonials:

"OCYC has helped us to understand the needs of the community and connect with existing partners"  
*-Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc.*

"[Due to our engagement with OCYC] our efforts of providing elementary age students engaging social emotional learning has been a success."  
*-Touching Miami with Love*

### Summary Statement:

In 2022, with support from the FL Dept of Health the Healthy & Safe Committee launched the Overtown Parks Group in collaboration with Urban Health Partnership, engaging in the 5 Overtown parks and initiating linkage to health services. This committee also also guided efforts of the Women's Fund Early Childhood Initiative to assess and support childcare centers in the community.

Purpose: To increase and improve mental resilience, wellness, and healthy lifestyle choices by designating and creating safe community spaces and addressing food insecurity & nutrition issues within the community. This committee's goals are to support, develop, and/or execute community health and resource Fair, provide health education and awareness workshops, and professional Development for organizations serving children and youth in Overtown.

## HEALTHY & SAFE COMMITTEE



Purpose: To serve as the community's key strategic partner in the following impact area(s): Youth Development, Youth Economic Development & Career Development Pathways, Quality K-12 Education, Higher Education Access, and Retention & Completion, Physical, Mental Health & Well-Being, Resident and Youth Engagement, Organization Capacity Building.

## EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE



### By the Numbers:

**8552** Youth enrolled in Overtown schools

**6** Workshops held on Educational advocacy

**130** Laptops awarded to youth K-12

### Member Testimonials:

"OCYC has impacted in a positive way our ability to provide services to students from Overtown"  
*-Mahogany Youth Corporation*

"OCYC provides a connective link to schools, churches and community organizations to facilitate planning and collective action."  
*-Urban Corridor Education Advocacy Task Force*

### Summary Statement:

Several initiatives of focus for the Education & Engagement Committee included School Board policies and updates, Together For Children initiatives, OCYC's Learning Portal, Educational Advocacy efforts, Policy Development, Summer Educational Programs, the Department Of Education grant, and after school programming.

### **By the Numbers:**

**100** Youth Attended Work Readiness Fair

**18** Youth participants in STEM Focus Groups

### **Member Testimonials:**

"OCYC has allowed us to serve more youth and families and to expand opportunities through prevention education programming, youth employment, college tours/exposure trips for students, technology supports, and job readiness events"

*-Overtown Youth Center*

### **Summary Statement:**

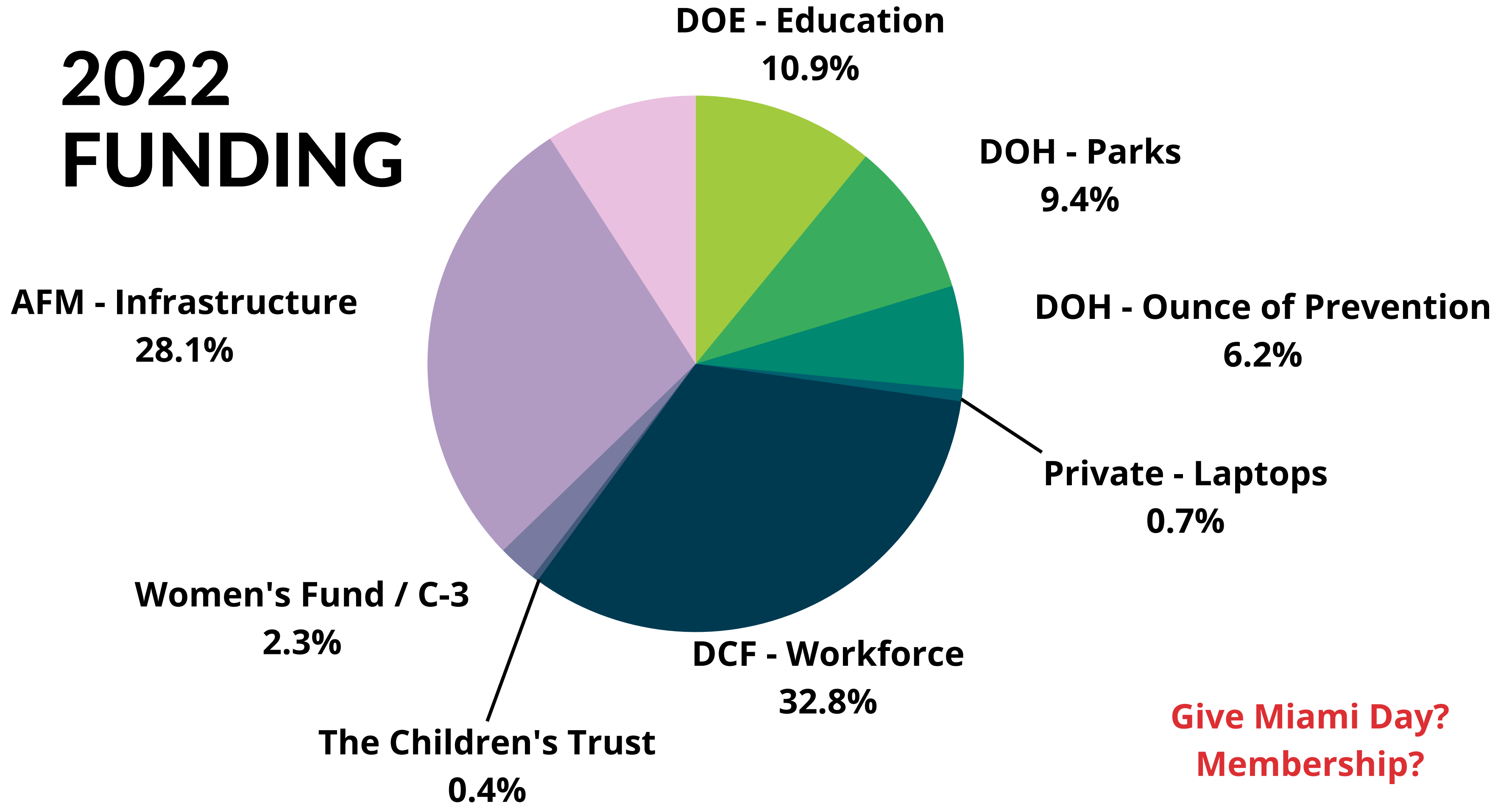
The Working and Productive Committee planned and hosted the 4th annual "I am the Boss of my Life" Work Readiness Conference in May 2022. They also informed the allocation of DCF funds to three partners to support job readiness, career knowledge, and positive youth development programming, as well as conduct college visits and professional development training.

Purpose: To ensure and work towards every youth in Overtown achieving academic, vocational, college and career success. The committee will engage strategies to support Academic Achievement and Positive School Experiences, celebrate Positive Connections Between Staff, Teachers and Students, support College Access and Completion, and finance Workforce Readiness & Entry and Develop Entrepreneurship, Micro-Business and Career Internships.

## **PRODUCTIVE & WORKING COMMITTEE**



# 2022 FUNDING



**Give Miami Day?  
Membership?**

# KEY INITIATIVES - PART 1

- **Department of Children and Family Services:** OCYC launched a new initiative to support partners, URGENT Inc., Overtown Youth Center, and the Allapattah Collaborative, in engaging youth in year-round work and career development opportunities. The initiative aims to provide a comprehensive range of Professional Development Services, including in-service training for partners, business development and entrepreneurship programs, Early Childhood Training, Parent Advocacy support, college tours, the I'm The Boss of My Life work conference, workshops, capacity building, and other educational support. Through these initiatives, OCYC strives to empower youth and equip them with the necessary skills and resources to thrive in their future careers.
- **Department of Education:** OCYC spearheaded a new round of funding to support partners in providing academic enhancement, tutoring, and mentoring programs for students from kindergarten to 12th grade. Collaborating with Level Up For Success, CARE Elementary School, and the Overtown Optimist Club, OCYC aims to ensure that students receive the necessary support to excel academically. In addition to these programs, OCYC also organized a professional development series that includes workshops, conferences, and college tours, enabling educators and mentors to enhance their skills and stay up-to-date with the latest educational practices.
- **Department of Health:** OCYC took the lead in implementing the Health Hubs Initiative, a project officially rolled out in August 2022. This initiative brings together partners such as the Urban Health Partnership, Parks and Recreation, residents, and youth to address health-related disparities and advance health equity in public green spaces and parks in Overtown. The Health Hubs Initiative focuses on creating accessible and inclusive health resources, programs, and services to promote the well-being of the community. Through collaborative efforts, OCYC and its partners aim to improve the overall health outcomes and quality of life for residents, with a specific emphasis on engaging and empowering the youth.
- **Women's Fund:** In collaboration with Sant La (North East Corridor / Little Haiti), ConnectedFamilias (Little Havana), the University of Miami, and the Miami-Dade IDEAS Consortium, OCYC embarked on a new initiative to address the childcare center needs in the community. OCYC, Sant La, and ConnectedFamilias formed a cross-community collaboration known as "C-3." The initiative involves collecting data on emerging needs from forty (40) childcare centers and conducting focused discussions with center representatives to drive policy and advocacy work. Through this initiative, OCYC and its partners aim to ensure that childcare centers have the necessary resources, support, and policies in place to provide high-quality care for children in the community.

# KEY INITIATIVES - PART 2

- **Department of Agriculture:** OCYC secured funding to implement wellness, health, and educational programming for children and youth. This initiative, developed in collaboration with the Mahogany Youth Corp. and the Optimist Club of Overtown, aims to serve 100 children and youth. Proposed experiences include fishing trips, culinary exploration, kickboxing classes, and more, providing opportunities for personal growth, physical well-being, and educational enrichment. Additionally, OCYC awarded funding to Touching Miami With Love, Optimist Club, and other partners to purchase food for their children, youth, and family programs, ensuring access to nutritious meals for those in need.
- **Ounce of Prevention:** OCYC continues to support Touching Miami With Love and Overtown Youth Center as they offer anti-drug and anti-violence programming for their K-5th population. OCYC has provided consistent funding for these programs over the past five years, with this year marking the final year of support. Through these initiatives, OCYC aims to create a safe and nurturing environment for young children, helping them develop positive behaviors, make healthy choices, and stay away from drugs and violence.
- **UM IDEAS to Action (I2A) Grant from The Children's Trust:** OCYC has received funding for the first year of a 5-year grant cycle to support the Early Childhood collaboration with the University of Miami. The grant focuses on two primary deliverables: 1) Development of an equitable learning community, and 2) Development of a population-level measure around early childhood education, development, and well-being. Collaborative activities include data analysis and discussion, surveys and focus groups, mapping resources, creating sustainability plans, and defining research questions to inform community organization work. Through this grant, OCYC aims to promote equitable access to quality early childhood education and improve the overall well-being of young children in the community.
- **OCYC's Laptop Program (LTP):** Over the past two years, OCYC has awarded over 130 students with laptops through the OCYC Laptop Scholarship Program. These laptops have been presented to deserving students during a series of ceremonies. The program aims to bridge the digital divide and provide students with the necessary tools for academic success, ensuring equal opportunities for learning and skill development.



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