



**Presentation to the
Low Income Pool Council**

The Children's Trust

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Who are we?

- FL statute allows local government to create an independent special taxation district (Children's Services Council)
- Created by voter referendum 2002
- Funds \$100M per year in community programs for children
- Investments: coaches for teen mothers, connection to affordable health care, summer & after-school programs, disabilities, quality ratings for early care & education



School-based health care

- Collaboration:
 - The Children's Trust
 - M-D County Public Schools
 - M-D County Health Department
- 100 public schools – selected by need
- “Health Suite” staffed by RN or ARNP, Social Worker and Health Tech
- Expansion to 150/350 schools (summer 2008)



Our Students:

- Miami-Dade has the highest rate of uninsurance in FL (28.7%)
- ...among Hispanics 32%
- 53rd in 67 counties for kindergarten immunization compliance
- Unknown number of undocumented children who are ineligible for entitlements



Nurse(RN) or Nurse Practitioner(ARNP) ?

Nurse

- Screening
- Basic school health
- Medication administration
- Chronic illness management

Nurse Practitioner

- Screening
- Basic school health
- Medication administration
- Chronic illness management
- Diagnosis
- Early illness intervention
- Immunization
- Minor procedures (e.g. sutures)

Our Experience: 100 schools

- Absentee rate has decreased.
- Emergency department deferral
- When medical problems are identified, students can receive brief medical contact, while minimizing time away from the classroom.
- Chronic illness (diabetes, asthma) can be managed within the school setting. For example, recommended influenza vaccination can be administered in health suite to children with chronic illness.
- Sustainability is greatest challenge



Budget

- ARNP 99,000
- Health Aide 41,000
- Supplies 5,000
- Administration (10%) 14,500
- Sub-Total \$159,500 per school

- **Total \$1,595,000 for 10 schools**

LIP Contribution approximately \$398,750 (4:1)



- Model Leverages Existing Resources
 - Facilities
 - Staffing
 - Organization
- Immediate integration with Medicaid intensive hospitals and agencies (JMH, MCH, UM, 5 FQHCs)
- High visibility, accessibility and trust