



COMMUNITY PARTNER  
*Spotlight*

INDIAN RIVER  
**IMPACT 100**

The Learning Center benefits children and young adults (ages 5-24) living in Indian River County.

- **100%** of our children come from low-income homes.
- Approximately **50%** are being raised by single parents.

The age breakdown of our students is as follows:

- 38 are ages 5-7
- 79 are ages 8-12
- 66 are ages 13 and up

Our long-term goals are as follows:

**GOAL 1:** We will ensure that **100%** of Youth Guidance students will advance to the next grade level on time or graduate from high school.

Impact 100 supports our tutoring and homework help program. Children participate in tutoring Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. We communicate directly with parents and teachers to make sure students stay on track academically.

**GOAL 2:** We will expand our pre-apprenticeship program to serve **20** high school students in 2022-23 and **30** high school students in 2023-24.

Impact 100 funding helped us launch the only pre-apprenticeship in Indian River County. This program is available free of charge for young adults ages 16-24. Participants gain six professional certifications and experience in five trades: Welding, plumbing, carpentry, HVAC and electric.

We partner with the Indian River County School District, Salvation Army, and Florida Training Services, who provides the instructors and the curriculum for the program. Florida Training Services has over 30 years of experience implementing state-accredited pre-apprenticeships across Florida.

**GOAL 3:** We will place **75%** of our students ages 18 and up, into internships, apprenticeships, or employment with local businesses.

Impact 100 is helping us reach this goal by supporting our life skills and vocational training programs. Our children and teenagers are learning how to sew, cook healthy meals, create budgets, write resumes, gain professional certifications, demonstrate professionalism in the workplace, and more.

A viable path for many of our children is a career within the trade sector. **In Indian River County, there remains a huge demand for qualified workers within the trades** (plumbers, electricians, chefs, HVAC technicians, mechanics, etc.).

With this grant from Impact 100, we are helping young people in Indian River County secure jobs within the trades as well as other sectors that are in-demand locally. They are also building self-confidence, positive academic habits, and life skills they need to make a positive difference in our community.

During the first 10 months of the grant period:

- **183** students were served in the Learning Center.
- **4** teenagers secured their first jobs in the community.
- **2** students are working as paid apprentices in local bike shops

- **8** young adults earned professional certifications in our pre-apprenticeship program.
- **97%** of children graduated high school on time or advanced to the next grade level in 2021-2022.
- **100%** of students in our tutoring program maintained or improved their grades in one or more core classes (math, language arts, and science).

For the remainder of the grant period, our goals are as follows:

- Serve **250** students in the Learning Center.
- Ensure that **100%** of children graduate high school on time or advance to the next grade level in 2022-23.
- Ensure that **75%** of students ages 18 or older obtain an internship or apprenticeship after high school graduation.

Youth Guidance has many opportunities for volunteers to get involved with our mission and make an impact on children living in Indian River County! Consider being a **Group Mentor, One-on-One Mentor, Guest Speaker, or Program Presenter**. Visit our website at [youthguidanceprogram.org](http://youthguidanceprogram.org) or contact us at 772-492-3933 to learn more.