

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

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Requested Action

Approve the 2002 Legislative Agenda as proposed.

Options

1. Approve the 2002 Legislative Priorities as proposed
2. Approve with amendments or additions
3. Return to staff for revisions

Recommended Action

1. Approve the 2002 Legislative Agenda as proposed.

Source of JWB Funds

N/A

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Narrative

The 2002 Legislative Priorities has been devised in a three-pronged approach encouraging the Legislature to 1) Maximize revenue taking into consideration federal match dollars and successful programs while resisting cost shifting to local governments, 2) Utilizing legislative authority to eliminate ineffective or non-performing programs and audit license plate trust fund accounts to ensure appropriate spending, and 3) Legislation is in three primary areas of concern Florida Healthy Kids Corporation/KidCare, School Readiness, and Teen Court.

As these and other issue progress through the legislative process, the Board will be updated as to their status. The 2002 Legislative Session will begin January 22, 2002.

**Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Inc.
2002 Legislative Priorities**

1) Revenue Maximization

a) Support Federal Programs that leverage local dollars

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - (H.R. 3113) Reauthorization 2002
- Temporary Assistance for TANF Supplemental (S.942/H.R.1930)
- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
- Certify local dollars as "non-federal" match

b) Reward programs with national-state successes

- Full-Service Schools
- Healthy Families/Start
- Tobacco Free Kids
- School Readiness
- Guardian Ad Litem

c) Resist cost shifting to local government

- Juvenile Assessment Centers
- Detention Centers
- Medicaid Hospital/Nursing Home Stays

2) Legislative review and oversight

- Eliminate ineffective, low, or non performing programs
- Increase efforts to recover Medicaid fraud and upgrade punitive sanctions
- Audit license plate trust funds to ensure funding levels and appropriations (DJJ)

3) Legislation

a) Florida Healthy Kids Corporation

- Eliminate Local Match (HB 31/SB142)
- Oppose allowing 25% reserve amount of operating funds (HB 297)

b) School Readiness

- Support Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) Rule Making Authority Glitch
- Maintain or reduce match allocation
- Maintain before and after school child care

c) Teen Court

- Allow for flexible use of funding and extend inclusion of Juvenile Drug Court