



**MVP Strong
Families**

2024 Annual Report

The MVP Strong Families program, facilitated by the Polis Institute on behalf of Florida Citrus Sports and other key stakeholders, was established to strengthen families through direct engagement and strategic community partnerships. The program aimed to create a comprehensive support network to cultivate parent advocacy, promote healthy child development, and provide accessible resources for caregivers and youth. Network members included early learning centers, schools, and family-serving organizations.



The initiative focused on reducing service silos and ensuring families—particularly those historically marginalized—have equitable access to quality programs that encourage long-term resilience and leadership within the home and broader community.

Guided by this mission, the network successfully coordinated and implemented a series of events and engagement opportunities designed to meet families where they are—both geographically and emotionally. Over the course of the grant period, the program hosted 19 partner-led community events, each tailored to promote connection, learning, and joy.

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**FAMILY
ENGAGEMENT
EVENTS**

633

**CHILDREN
ENGAGED**

520

**PARENTS/
CAREGIVERS
PARTICIPATED**

To better understand the program's effectiveness and relevance, an end-of-year survey was administered to all participating partners. The results strongly affirmed that the program achieved its intended outcomes and significantly enriched the work of partner organizations.

- **100%** of partners agreed the initiative strengthened their relationships with families.
- **80%** reported that participation enabled them to offer services they would not have otherwise been able to provide.
- Satisfaction with attendance and participation was high, with **80%** strongly agreeing and the remaining **20%** somewhat agreeing that events were well-attended and meaningful.
- Additionally, **100%** of partners found the quarterly network meetings to be both valuable and convenient, with 80% reporting they formed at least one new, beneficial partnership through these gatherings.
- **80%** of respondents indicated they actively shared event invitations and resources with other organizations, further amplifying the program's collective impact.

These findings underscore not only the program's direct value to families, but also its role in strengthening the infrastructure of local service providers through collaboration and shared learning.



Central to the program's success was the deep collaboration among a diverse group of mission-aligned partners. Each organization contributed specialized expertise and services, creating a holistic, wraparound experience for families.



BeeCreative - Design and facilitate supportive playgroups that scaffold children's exploration and family engagement that empower caregivers to engage in their child's development through play.



Orlando Day Nursery - Orlando Day Nursery has been providing high-quality learning experiences at affordable rates for the Central Florida community for over 100 years. Their goal is to provide a loving, nurturing, and enriching space for our children (and their families), supporting them to reach their highest potential as lifelong learners and compassionate citizens with guiding principle is to provide a safe environment where healthy, attached relationships are created with children and their families. They seek to care for our little ones in the context of our diverse surrounding neighborhood and world, helping them become confident, caring members of our local and global communities.



Trap Baby & Me -Trap Baby & Me is a pioneering early childhood education program for children ages 0-5 that blends popular and culturally diverse music with engaging lessons. Our mission is to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment where young children can learn, grow, and thrive through hands-on music and movement activities. By promoting cultural diversity and community involvement, Trap Baby & Me ensures that every child experiences the joy of learning while fostering a strong parent-child bond.



GO!MOM Empowers - GO!MOM Empowers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping single mothers transition from merely surviving to truly thriving in all aspects of their lives, enabling them to reach their fullest potential. Founder Crystal Hamilton has developed a curriculum that she shares through GO!MOM classes, fostering a supportive community where meaningful conversations and life-changing transformations take place—embodying the resilience and strength of single motherhood.



Blended Hearts Inc - Empowering Co-Parents, Strengthening Blended Families Blended Hearts supports parents in navigating co-parenting and blended family life. Our mission is to provide resources for self-healing, improved communication, and conflict reduction to create thriving families. Through workshops and support programs, we empower co-parents with the tools they need to succeed.



Bradley Otis Boys & Girls Club - Our mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

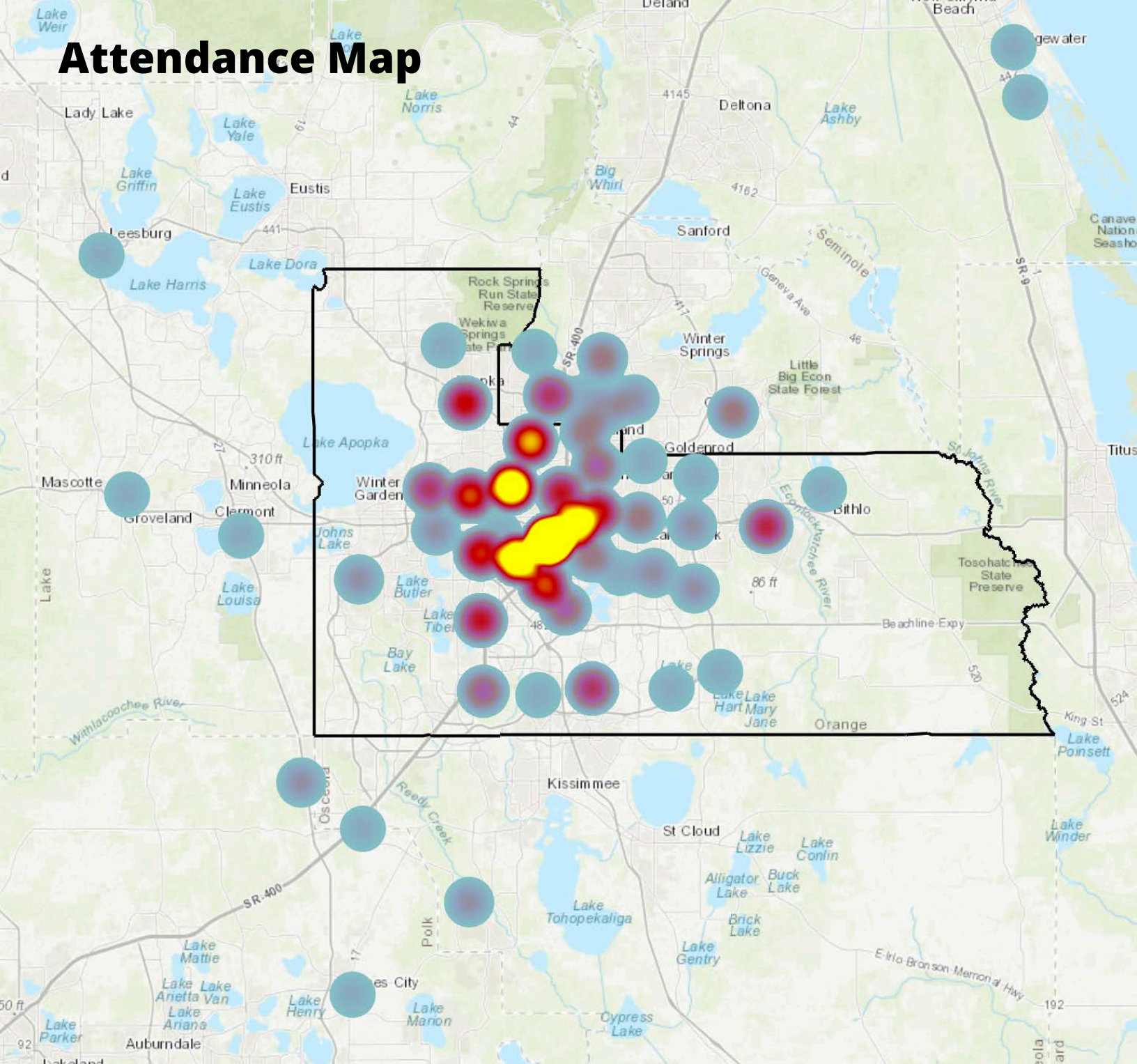


Advent Health - At West Lakes Early Learning Center, their goal is to empower children to thrive physically, mentally, and spiritually. We provide high-quality early childhood education and comprehensive health, wellness, and social services for children six weeks to 5 years of age, and their families. Their transformational education program leverages AdventHealth's CREATION Life principles and Primrose Schools'® Balanced Learning® approach, so that all of our students can learn and grow in body, mind and spirit. Children that need additional support have the opportunity to receive therapy on site such as PCS support, ABA therapy, Play therapy, PCIT, Speech therapy, Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, Music therapy, or Feeding therapy. We also provide family and community engagement activities and social services.

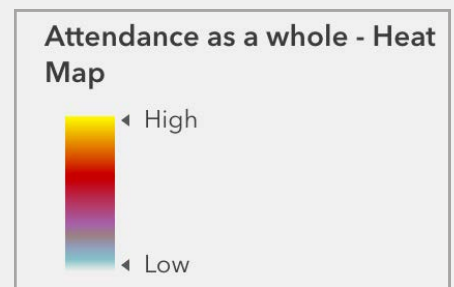
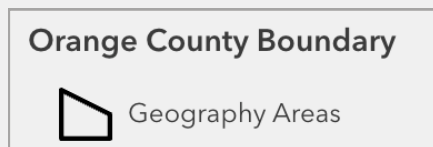
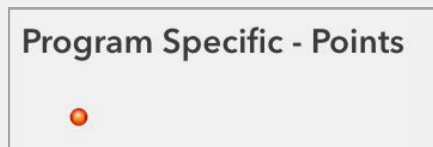
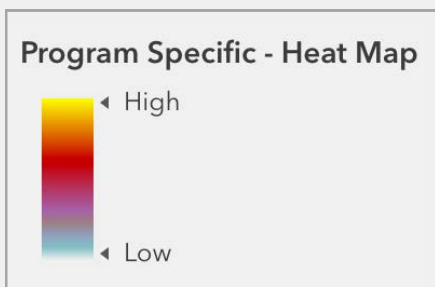
Together, these partners created a dynamic, responsive network that expanded the program's reach and deepened its impact in meaningful, measurable ways.

Thanks to your invaluable support, the MVP Strong Families Partnership Network has become a vital force in fostering family engagement, cross-sector collaboration, and equitable access to opportunity for Central Florida families. The program has catalyzed stronger relationships, meaningful learning experiences, and empowered parenting—paving the way for long-term community resilience.

Attendance Map



Legend



Zip Code	# of Children	# of Caregivers	Total
32703	13	10	23
32751	7	5	12
32789	8	7	15
32805	152	115	267
32808	62	39	101
32810	25	21	46
32811	62	55	117
32818	25	27	52
32819	17	12	29
32824	9	7	16
34758	7	5	12
32809	12	11	23
32839	18	14	32

Zip Code	# of Children	# of Caregivers	Total
32801	62	39	101
32803	25	20	45
32835	22	16	38
32804	16	11	27
32828	9	9	18
34761	8	9	17
32714	6	9	15
32765	6	9	15
32707	4	7	11
32806	3	4	7
34734	3	7	10
33897	4	6	10
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32879	4	6	10