

100 BEST COMMUNITIES

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Coral Springs

The Youth Services Committee, formed in 2004 to promote and increase opportunities for young people, is one of the shining stars of Coral Springs, Florida. Led by the city's Youth Services Coordinator, the committee pulls together community stakeholders from public/private organizations, and local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and local government, to promote positive recreational outlets, empowering their youth to pursue city leadership opportunities, develop solutions to youth problems and facilitate communication between member organizations

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Greenacres

In recognition of being named a past 100 Best Communities winner, the city of Green Acres, Florida entered into an agreement with the Department of Health to provide the USDA snack program. The C.A.R.E.S. Council was created to provide area elementary school participants with an excellent opportunity to plan the daily snack menu, while successfully increasing active participation of other peers in nutrition education and healthy living information.

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Hillsborough County/Tampa

This 100 Best community appreciates the value young people add to the community, evident in the variety of youth-centered initiatives and the diversity of partners collaborating at all levels within the county to ensure that its young people flourish. Over the past several years, the public has demanded that schools are held accountable for educational outcomes. As a result, community members partner with the schools to bring resources that provide enhancements to the educational services delivered.

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Manatee County

Named for the adorable “sea cow” that inhabits its waters, Manatee County views one natural resource—its young people—as individuals of leadership, change and inspiration. To foster a bond between the new generation and the more seasoned, the Adopt-A-Grandparent program was born. The program allows youth to work with senior citizens by assisting them with their yard work, grocery shopping, cleaning, and a host of other activities.

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Plantation

In Plantation, Florida, The Plantation Junior Woman’s Club works with city departments to fund children’s services and programs. Additional events such as ‘Art in the Park’ and ‘Holiday Tour of Homes’ greatly benefit the Fire Department’s Care-A-Little Program. ‘Dress for Success’ provides professional resume development and clothing for graduates preparing for job interviews. The ‘4Kids of South Florida’ creates safe houses for victims of neglect and abuse.

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St. Petersburg

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