

Social Services Division





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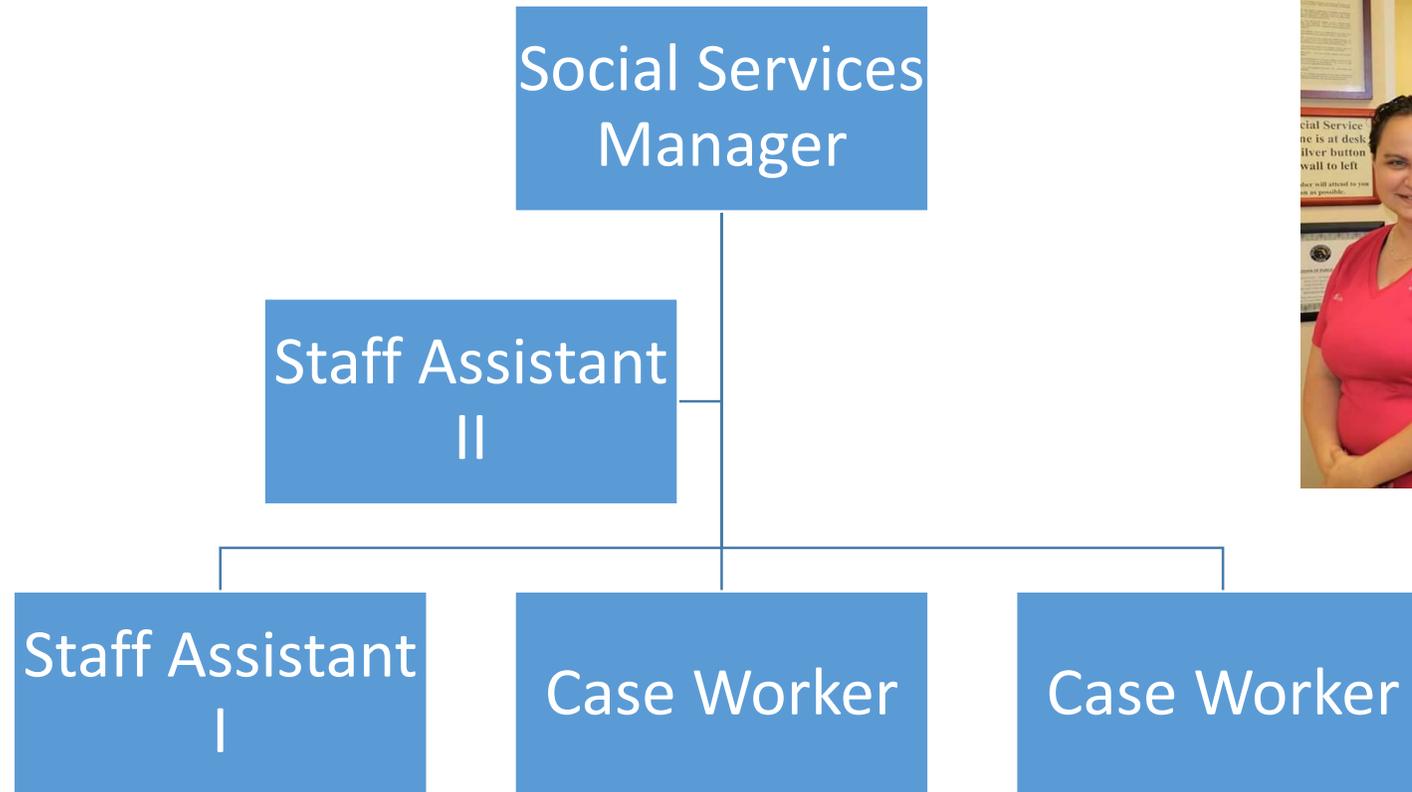
Social Services

- Our Mission is...

To ensure the availability, awareness, and accessibility of programs and resources in the community, and to assist families and individuals while improving their overall quality of life.



Meet Our Staff



A Day in the Life of Social Services

- Caseworkers provide direct services for financial assistance.

In fiscal year 17/18;

- Prescreened 652 clients
- Completed 521 applications
- Entered 11 Access Points



- Staff Assistants provide administrative support.

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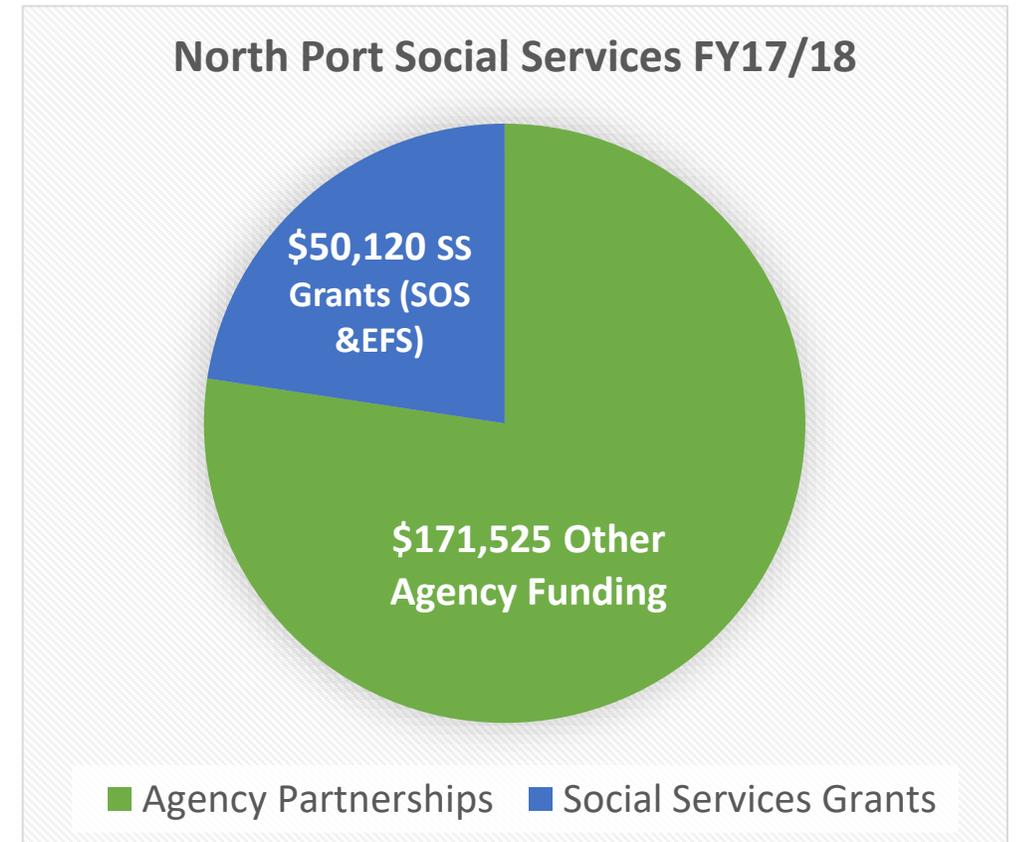
- Provided 3,464 information requests
- Provided support to Family Service Center tenants
- Responsible for procurement, budget development, and event coordination



How We Provide Social Services

Grants and Partnerships

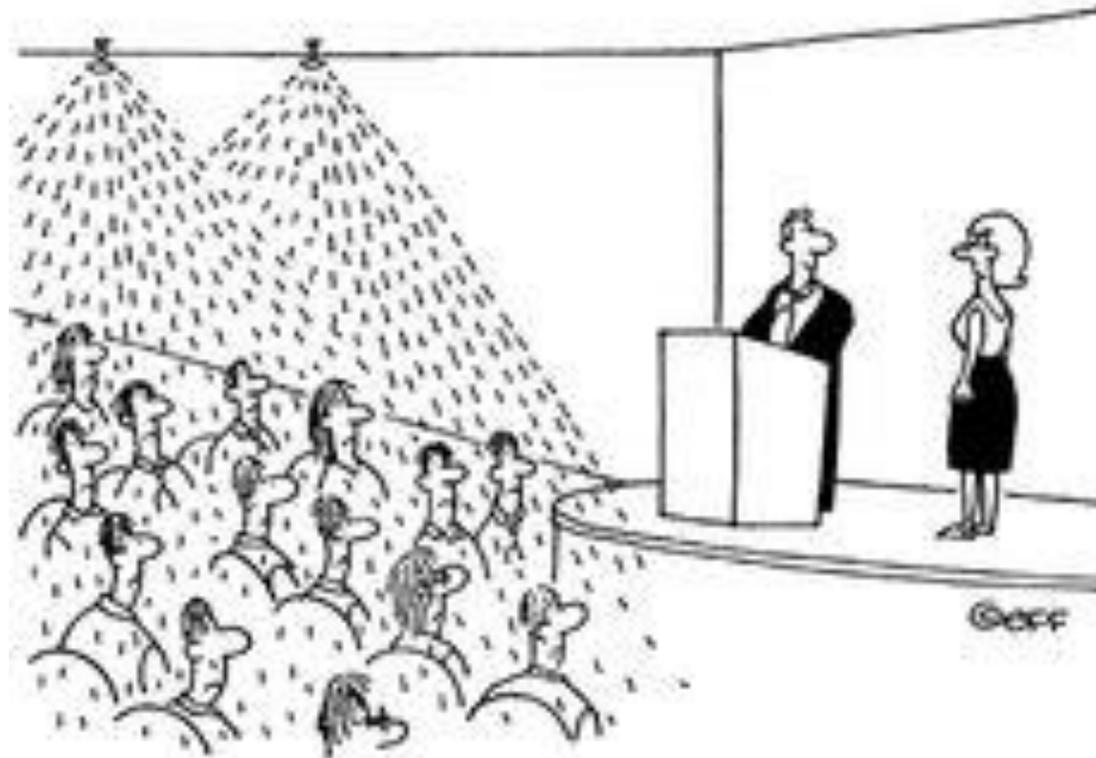
- Through grants received in Social Services (SOS and EFS) \$50,120 was used for rent/mortgage and utilities.
- We facilitate about \$171,525 annually of other agencies' funding to help assist local, North Port families/individuals in crisis.
- All funding received helps with...
 - Rent/mortgage assistance
 - Utility payments



Where are We Located?

- The Social Services Division is housed at the Family Service Center (FSC)
- Currently there are six community agencies housed at the FSC.





"You're not allowed to use
the sprinkler system to keep
your audience awake."

We Conduct Three Community Events:

- Community Baby Shower & Pre-School EXPO
- Back-to-School Resource Fair
- Home for the Holidays Program



Community Baby Shower & Pre-School Expo

- In April 2018, there were 356 attendees.
- This event is in partnership with The Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County.
- Our goal is to connect parents with young children up to age 4, and pregnant mothers, to a variety of community resources.



Back to School Resource Fair

- In August 2018, 507 backpacks were distributed to North Port school aged children; 800 people were in attendance.
- Our goal is to connect parents with resources that supplement the costs associated with student expenses.



Home for the Holidays

- In December 2017, the Home for the Holidays Program consisted of two components; The Adopt & Shop and Toy Chest Programs.
- Participants must be low-income and North Port residents to be eligible
- 117 families and 317 children received gifts through our Toy Chest Program.
- 113 Families and 293 children were adopted through our Adopt and Shop Program.



Highlights for Current Year

- Updates to The Family Service Center
- New program for seniors under our Home for the Holidays
- Increased outreach efforts highlighting the Social Services Division and Partnering Agencies



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Questions?

