

# ANNUAL GRATITUDE AND IMPACT REPORT

REDEFINING REFUGE FYE 2022



ANNUAL OVERVIEW

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

GENERAL

SAVE THE DATE

*Bubbles &  
Butterflies  
Gala*

9.30.2023

## A LETTER FROM OUR CEO



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that it's been twelve years since we began our journey of reframing the issue of [forced] 'child prostitution' so that it could take its rightful place amid other prevalent and critical Human Rights issues.

This movement is always evolving as is our understanding of the inner workings of it all, and we could not be more grateful to be supported by a Community that has empowered Redefining Refuge to take the necessary action to serve the unique and oftentimes extensive interventions of the children who need us.

While traffickers seek to dismantle the lives of children, our village of staff, patrons, sponsors, volunteers and friends makes it possible for stolen childhoods and broken dreams to be restored.

Because of you, our children have been given the chance to act like a child again, a bed is no longer something they are forced to share and they can be safely transported to school with lunch packs and backpacks! Because of you, they will graduate and won't have to wonder where their next meal will come from or what they might be forced to do for food. Because of you, they don't have to face their traffickers anymore and their abusers are behind bars.

Because of you they know that there are men and women who don't see them as a commodity to be bought and sold but as precious children to be loved and cherished.

Because of you, they have been given hope and Redefining Refuge isn't just an organization -It's a real chance.

Because of you, they are picking up the pieces and transforming themselves from victims to survivors.

Thank you for being *All Hands On Deck* with us as we continue to work hard to eradicate the trafficking of our children.

Natasha Nascimento

## **2022 PROGRAM SERVICES**

Comprehensive Care Plans

Mental Health Services

Telehealth and Teletherapy

Alternative Therapies

Treatment Planning

Healthcare Appointments

Facilitation of Non-Medical Services

Educational and Tutoring Assistance

Life Skills Management

Youth Empowerment Groups

Supervised Visitation

Assistance with Transportation

Consultation with Caregivers

Court Advocacy Assistance

Ancillary Needs Assistance

# ANNUAL OVERVIEW

\* HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FOSTER CARE/COMMUNITY YOUTH

146

YOUTH RECEIVING ASSISTANCE VIA OUR HUMAN TRAFFICKING LIAISON AND SPECIALIZED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES\*

183

ADDITIONAL YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN WEEKLY SERVICES VIA OUTREACH AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS\*

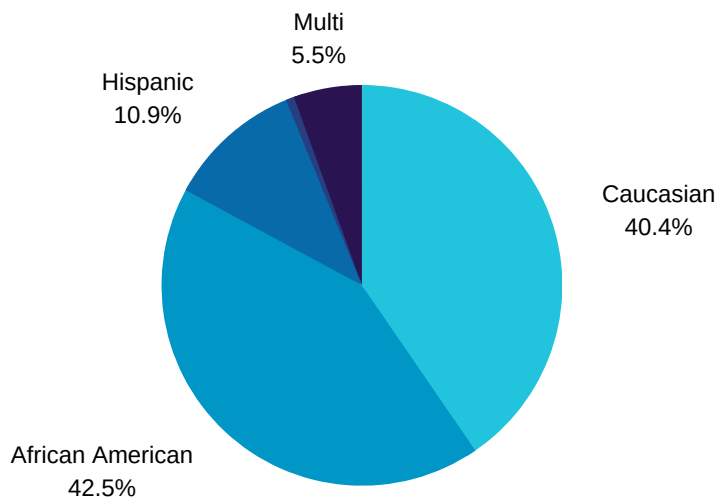
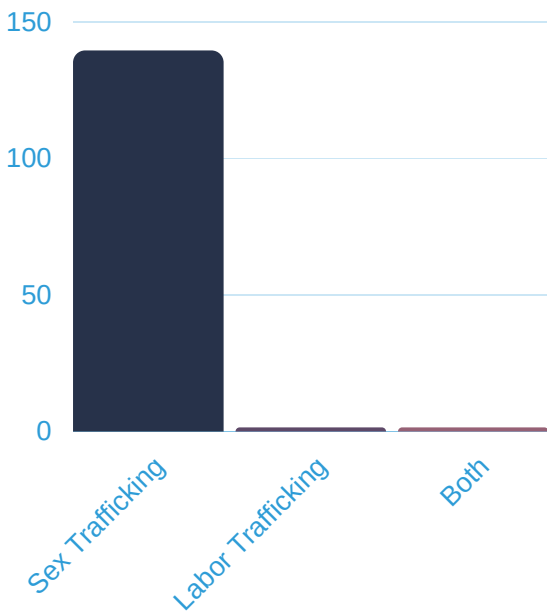


3 IN 20 OF OUR CHILDREN SERVED ARE MALES

AVERAGE DAILY COST OF COMPREHENSIVE CARE PER CHILD

\$111.46

RESTORING HOPE



DEFENDING INNOCENCE

OVER 25,300 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:



CHILD PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATORS



SCHOOL PERSONNEL



CHILD WELFARE CASE MANAGERS



ATTORNEYS



LAW ENFORCEMENT



PHYSICIANS



JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS

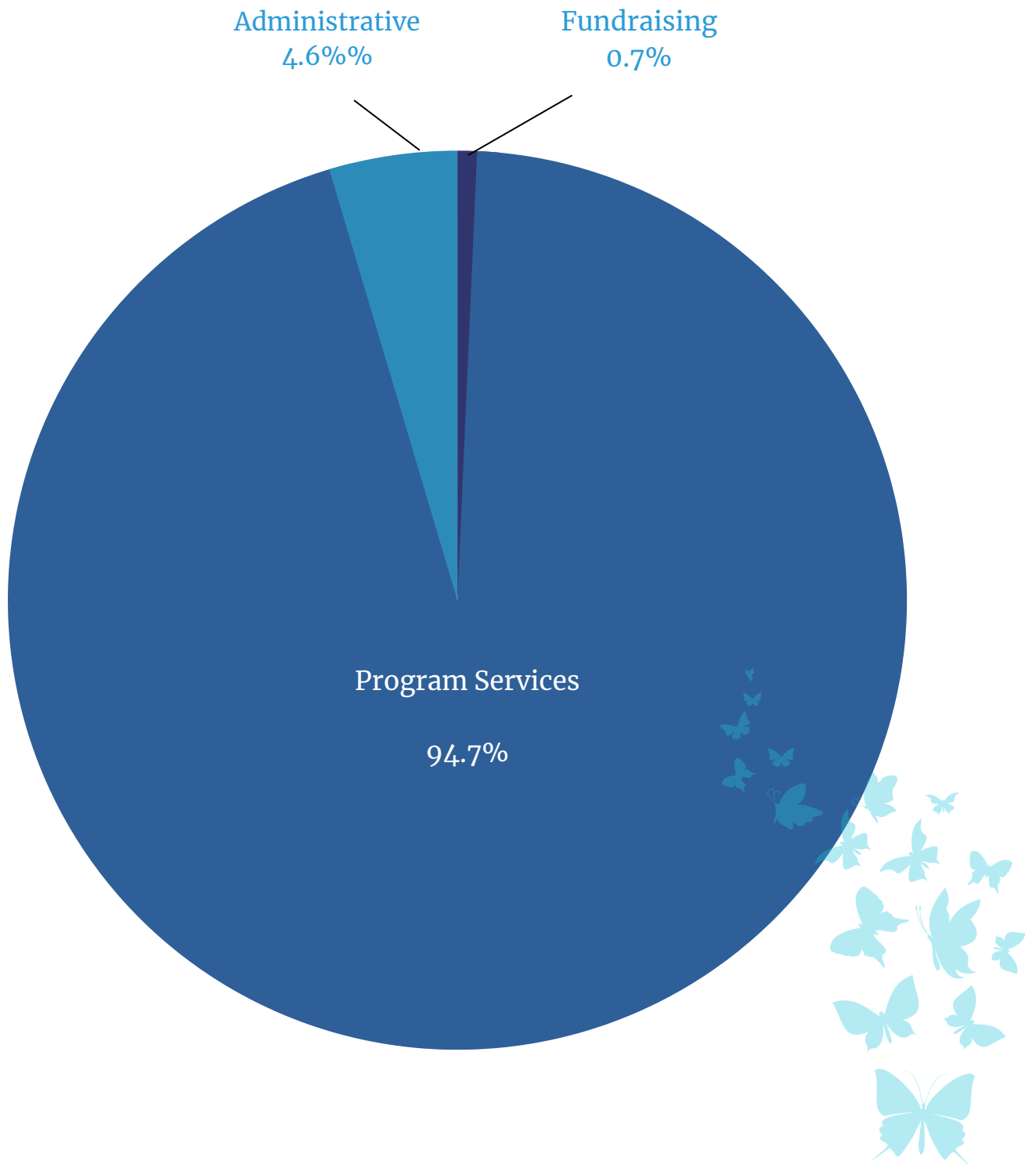


TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

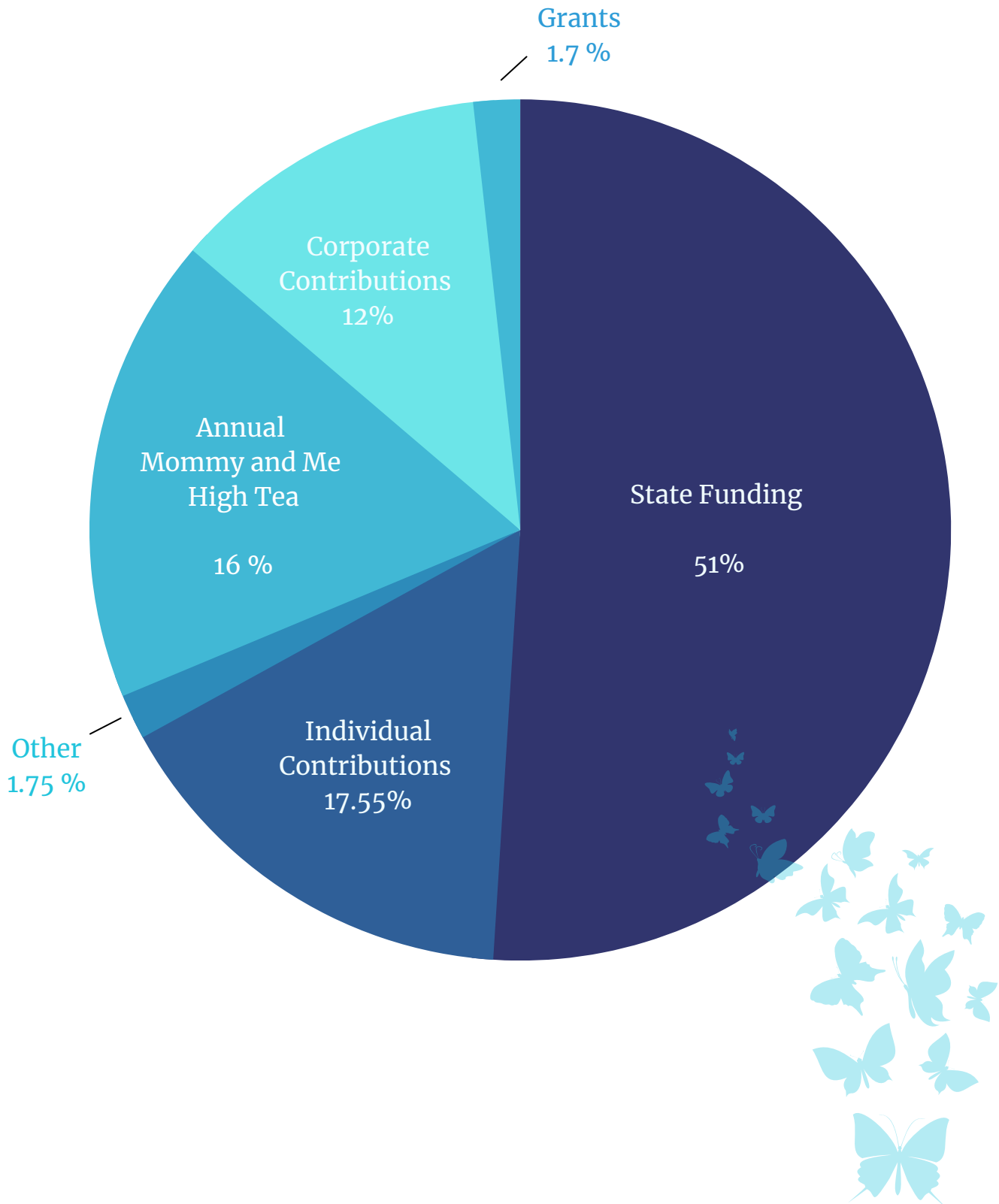
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[IRS.GOV](https://www.irs.gov)

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## INCOME DIVERSIFICATION



# OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

WE TURNED  
**12**

WE EXPANDED  
OUR SERVICES



WE STARTED A  
NEW PARTNERSHIP  
WITH CHILDREN'S  
NETWORK OF  
HILLSBOROUGH

WE CO-HOSTED  
SURVIVING  
SEX TRAFFICKING  
DOCUMENTARY  
PREMIERE AT  
TAMPA THEATER

WE  
CHANGED  
LIVES  
WITH  
YOUR  
HELP



*We are exceedingly grateful to the exceptionally resilient Survivors of Human Trafficking who lead, guide, and inform this movement. When the days with our kiddos get difficult, we are reminded of YOU!*





# WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING

OUR TAMPA COMMUNITY IS ALL  
HANDS ON DECK BECAUSE:



RESTORING HOPE  
DEFENDING INNOCENCE  
EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS

CHILDREN ARE NOT COMMODITIES

# FLORIDA REPORT CARD ON CHILD AND YOUTH SEX TRAFFICKING

## Annual Report on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Florida, 2022

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2021, 377 youth were verified as victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) in Florida. This number has decreased slightly from 2020, when 383 youth were verified. Consistent with prior reports, dependent youth have a higher rate of prior maltreatments and re-victimization than community youth. The Institute for Child Welfare completed its validation study of the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Human Trafficking Screening Tool but was unable to validate the tool.

The numbers of safe house beds and safe foster home beds have decreased over the past three years, and the number of CSE youth in out-of-home care far exceeds the number of CSE-specialized placement beds. While the percentages of time youth spent in most out-of-home care settings remained stable from 2020 to 2021, the percentage of time youth spent missing from care decreased. Re-victimized youth spent more time in safe houses and Department of Juvenile Justice facilities in 2021 compared to 2020, whereas newly verified youth spent less time in safe houses and more time in traditional foster homes.

Judges and case managers identified similar gaps and barriers to placements and services, including a lack of placements and specialized services and reported that additional resources for individuals working with these youth are needed, including training for those working with CSE youth. As in prior reports, CSE youth do not fare well in a variety of short-term outcomes. Further, CSE youth who have had at least one Baker Act examination tend to have worse dependency and delinquency-related outcomes. While state agencies have previously identified changes to improve identification and services for CSE youth, including the establishment of new placement settings and additional training for state agency staff, some of the changes have yet to be implemented.

OPPAGA recommends that DCF adopt the Institute for Child Welfare recommendations related to the Human Trafficking Screening Tool and that DCF assist lead agencies in identifying self-learning resources to share with case managers and providers. OPPAGA further recommends that the Legislature direct DCF to collect and report data on the number of youth who are determined to be appropriate for placement with a CSE specialized provider and the amounts of time these youth wait for specialized beds to become available.

#### REPORT SCOPE

Section 409.16791, *Florida Statutes*, directs OPPAGA to conduct an annual study on the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Florida. This review reports on the number of children that the Department of Children and Families identified and tracked as victims of CSE; describes specialized services provided to CSE victims; and presents short- and long-term outcomes for children identified in prior reports.









# FLORIDA REPORT CARD ON CHILD AND YOUTH SEX TRAFFICKING



TIER I

## FLORIDA

2022 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 1. Criminal Provisions	<b>F</b>	<b>10</b> 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 2. Identification of and Response to Victims	<b>D</b>	<b>18</b> 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 3. Continuum of Care	<b>B</b>	<b>12</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to MDT responses, services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, and appropriations. Gaps remain in areas related to community-based services and extended foster care services.
 4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	<b>C</b>	<b>11.5</b> 15	Policy goal accomplished related to restitution. Gaps remain in areas related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, civil remedies, and statutes of limitation.
 5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	<b>A</b>	<b>9.5</b> 10	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications. Gap remains related to hearsay exceptions.
 6. Prevention and Training	<b>B</b>	<b>12</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, and prosecutors as well as prevention education in schools. Gaps remain in areas related to training for law enforcement and school personnel.
<b>EXTRA CREDIT</b>	 Youth	<b>1</b>	Protection related to privileged communications is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	<b>3</b>	Protections related to restitution, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

**OVERALL GRADE**  
TIER I

**C 77**

### LEARN MORE

**TOOLKIT:** To see how Florida compares, visit [reportcards.sharedhope.org/toolkit](https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/toolkit).

**ISSUE BRIEFS:** To better understand a policy goal, visit [reportcards.sharedhope.org/issue-briefs](https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/issue-briefs).

### FLORIDA SPECIFIC RESOURCES

To better understand Florida's grade, access an in-depth analysis of its laws under the advanced legislative framework and review its historical progress by visiting [reportcards.sharedhope.org/florida](https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/florida).

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For legislators and partner non-profits that assist elected officials in creating legislation, request a consultation with our Policy Team online at [sharedhope.org/legislative-technical-assistance](https://sharedhope.org/legislative-technical-assistance). We will set up a meeting to discuss your legislative goals and create a customized goal for ongoing technical assistance, bill drafting services, and legislative support.

## REDEFINING REFUGE ROCKSTARS

Youth and Family Advocate, Celeste Williams

Celeste started her journey in Social Work as a Child Protective Investigator and then made her way over to us (thank heavens) . Celeste has an AMAZING way with our kiddos and it comes so naturally to her to build meaningful and life-changing rapport with them. She has been the epitome of a 'ride or die' during some of our most challenging times and we are just SO grateful for her genuine and sweet spirit.

CELESTE WILLIAMS



Youth and Family Advocate, Jennifer Buck  
Glaister

We're so honored to spotlight this truly amazing woman and stellar child advocate. Jen has held so many different positions at Redefining Refuge over such a lengthy period of time, that we're not even sure how to adequately thank her for all of her contribution to our agency, the children that we serve and me personally! We are SO thankful to be blessed by her strength, wit, eloquence and fierce Mama Bear-ness.

JENNIFER GLAISTER



Shelizabet Aguirre, LMFT

Sheli is the founder of Journey Forward Today, with over 15 years of experience in the social services field. She is a licensed psychotherapist specializing in serving women and girls of color with traumatic stress towards post-traumatic growth and works in - house with many children in our Program developing Treatment Plans and providing curated therapies.

SHELIZBET AGUIRRE



## REDEFINING REFUGE ROCKSTARS

Lauren Renne, LCSW

Lauren has served in various therapeutic and social work settings for the past 15 years including crisis/emergency, women's reproductive health, and mobile mental health clinics. She uses cognitive behavioral therapy and a person centered approach to create a safe environment guiding clients to positive results. She specializes in mood disorders, anxiety, and grief. She loves working with women's issues and teens, and it certainly shows! Our kiddos love "Ms. Lauren" and rarely miss a session with her. Lauren is also the founder of Internal Compass Therapy.



Alyssa Rhoads

Alyssa is the Owner and Event Planner of Eventing Tampa Bay and the Executive Director of CEO Council of Tampa Bay.

She is an award-winning Event Planner/Producer with nearly two decades of experience in the event industry and is the Founder of the *Mommy and Me High Tea*, an event that raises money and awareness for Redefining Refuge. This event is such a huge part of our annual revenue and income diversification, and most importantly places much emphasis on the prevention of trafficking by nurturing the vulnerabilities of children.

Alyssa is also our official annual *Bubbles and Butterflies Gala* Planner, and philanthropy is always at the heart of what she does.



*so grateful!*

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DEVEREUX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
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ECKERD CONNECTS  
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STOP THE MOVEMENT  
TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART



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**ALL PAWS  
ON DECK**

**COMING 2023**

