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Working Together for Economic Change

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TO OUR COMMUNITY

Strategic Highlights

- Strengthening neighborhoods by assisting small businesses, increasing homeownership, and empowering youth
- Boosting Black business ownership through education, exposure, and funding opportunities
- Igniting wealth-building opportunities through job creation, business expansion, and homeownership assistance

We must systematically work together to effectuate economic change in Miami-Dade County's Black communities . . .

Looking Ahead

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) is entering its tenth year of service to residents across Miami-Dade County. It is well positioned to maintain a consistent focus on disparities that have historically prevented economic parity between Black Miami and the community-at-large. It is through collaborative efforts and a change in policies and concerning practices that Miami-Dade County will begin to move the needle on issues that thwart strong Black business growth, increase Black homeownership and encourage equality within the juvenile justice system.

John E. Dixon, Jr.
MDEAT Executive Director
September 30, 2019

STRATEGIC AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The focus of Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) in the area of economic development is to effectively promote Miami-Dade County by creating business opportunities to help increase the number of Black-owned businesses while inspiring entrepreneurship within the county's Targeted Urban Areas.

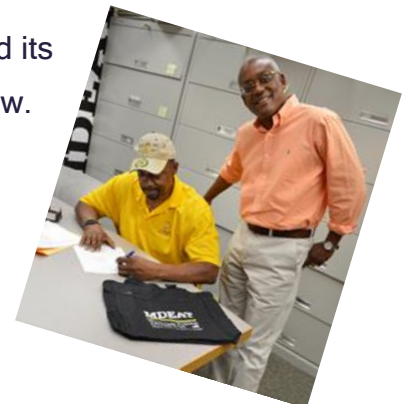
The following is a highlight of its programs and initiatives in FY2018-2019:

- Small Business Capitalization Program
- Business Breakfast Series
- MLK Busines Expo and Family Festival
- Youth Intern Partnership Initiative (Summer Jobs Program)
- BlackPagesMiami.com
- The Black World Guide

Small Business Capitalization Program



As an opportunity to infuse working capital into small business communities within Targeted Urban Areas (TUAs), MDEAT offered its Small Business Capitalization Program for the second year in a row. With a stimulant of additional funding, awardees increased from eight in FY 2017 - 2018 to 20 in FY 2018 - 2019. Also, the grant amount per recipient increased by \$1,000 to \$3,500 over the same period.



Over the past two fiscal years, MDEAT provided these 28 businesses with a total amount of \$90,000 in grant assistance coupled with technical support to help sustain their establishments. The awardees represented various industries including real estate, mortgage lending, healthcare, marketing, construction, and administrative service. The bulk of the businesses used the grant proceeds to re-tool (i.e., purchase computers, cabinetry, and machine tools) to better meet demand. In return, each grant awardee attended additional continuing education workshops/seminars sponsored by MDEAT as a program requirement.



Illustration A is a synopsis of the Small Business Capitalization Program's disbursements in FY 2017 - 2018 and FY 2018-2019. It reflects the financial impact MDEAT made over these two reporting periods within the small business community.

Illustration A

Small Business Capitalization Program Synopsis of Information		
	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
Number of Recipients	8	20
Dollar Amount Per Grant Recipient	2,500.00	3,500.00
Total Disbursed	20,000.00	70,000.00

Illustration B reflects a demographic breakdown of the grant recipients since program inception.

Illustration B

Demographic Breakdown of Small Business Capitalization Grant Recipients	2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019	
	# of Recipients	% of Recipients	# of Recipients	% of Recipients
Black Recipients	4.5	56%	16.5	83%
Latinex Recipients	2.0	25%	2.0	10%
White Recipients	1.0	13%	1.0	5%
Asian Recipients *	0.5	0%	0.5	3%
Total	8	94%	20	100%

* =The ½ Asian recipient is a result of a husband-and-wife-owned business. The husband is Black, and the wife is Asian. The business received grants each year presented.

Further, business seminars during FY 2018-2019 covered grant opportunities and technical assistance concerning access to capital was held at Miami-Dade Public Library locations. The North Miami-Dade event was held on June 20, 2019, and the South Miami-Dade event was held on June 25,



2019. Panelists represented local community-based organizations as well as small business/economic development/community development financial institutions including the Small Business Administration (SBA), Partners for Self-Employment, Neighbors and Neighbors (NANA), Miami Bayside Foundation, and Miami-Dade Library System.

Business Breakfast Series

In its continued effort to promote small business enterprise in Targeted Urban Areas, MDEAT kicked off its **Business Breakfast Series** at a southern food restaurant in South Dade called Flava's Miami. The breakfast forums are used as a vehicle to share information with the small business community and advocate for the patronage of such venues. MDEAT



held three of these breakfast forums across Miami-Dade County in highlighting Black-owned establishments in the south, north and central parts of Miami-Dade County. *Pictured above is a breakfast event at Oasis in Miami Gardens, FL.*

Illustration C is a list of establishments that hosted a forum in the Business Breakfast Series.

Illustration C

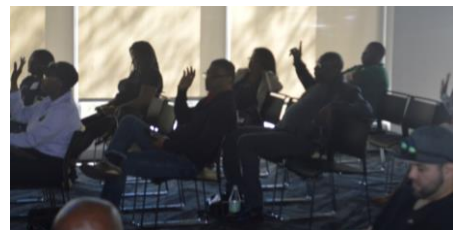
Date	Restaurant	Address
5/14/2019	Flava's Miami Restaurant	17490 SW 104 Ave B, Miami, FL 33157
6/12/2019	The Oasis at Miami Gardens	600 Miami Gardens Dr., Miami Gardens, FL 33169
9/26/2019	Sips Coffee Roasters Eatery	1951 NW 7 Avenue Suite 190, Miami, FL 33136

In helping to heighten awareness of various support services for businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs, the forums incorporated panel discussions on such topics as access to capital by local community development financial institutions; Miami-Dade County Library System's free, web-based business technical assistance portal; co-working spaces; and business incubators.



Small Business Workshop Series *facilitated by Blueprint Creative Group, Inc.*

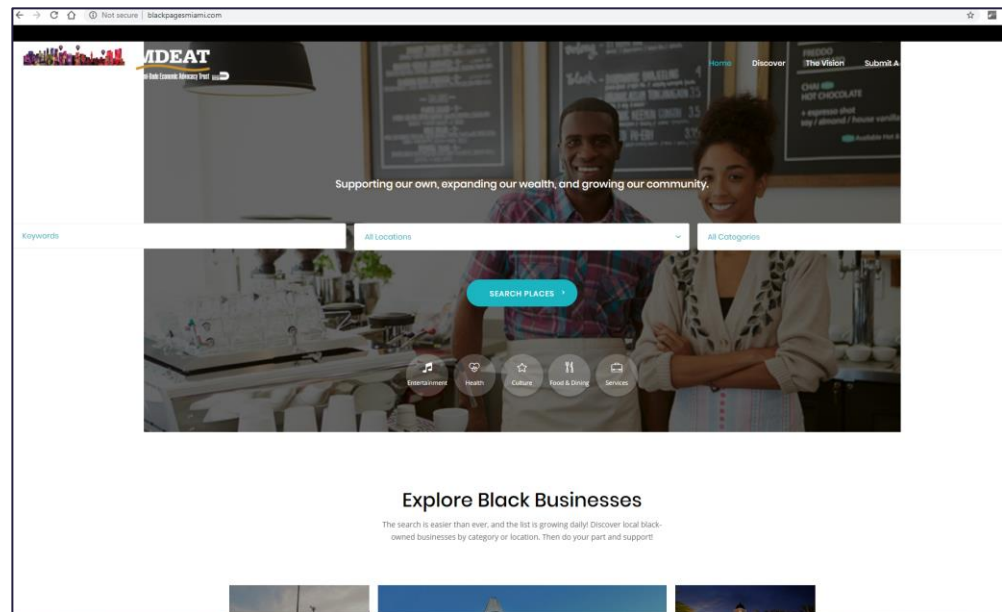
Similar in scope to the Business Breakfast Series, the **Small Business Workshop Series** is designed to increase awareness about services, techniques and strategies, and other resources to promote the creation, retention and expansion of Black-owned businesses. During FY 2018-2019, the workshop series primarily focused on marketing with a particular concentration in the digital space (i.e. social media). MDEAT sponsored two workshops during this series and hosted them in the Overtown and downtown Miami areas. Each event attracted more than 50 participants, yielding positive comments about the sessions.



BlackPagesMiami.com *powered by MDEAT*

BlackPagesMiami.com is an online resource guide of Black-owned businesses in the tri-county area. The site is operated by Blueprint Creative Group as a way of advocating business-to-business and business-to-consumer relationships for businesses based in TUAs and in other

areas in South Florida. The website helps to drive awareness and traffic to Black businesses within TUAs and to promote Black business enterprise throughout Southern Florida.



MLK Business Expo and Family Festival

MDEAT hosted its Seventh Annual **MLK Business Expo and Family Festival** on January 18, 2019, at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church in Perrine. It attracted more than 60 vendors to showcase their products and services and many residents from the surrounding South Dade community. MDEAT holds the annual event to forge business-to-business relationships as well as encourage residents in TUAs to support TUA-based businesses. Vendors that participated offered beauty products, hair care products, clothing, accessories, plants, mortgage loan products, food, arts and crafts, and the like.

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust and West Perrine CDC invite you to attend the 6th Annual

MLK BUSINESS EXPO and Family Festival

A Showcase of Nearly 100 Local Businesses

In association with the West Perrine 37th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration

Join us for a **FREE Community Event**

Friday, January 12, 2018
6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Learn about local products and services • Network with key business professionals
Gain insight on a wealth of government services
Find out about digital marketing tools to increase your business market share

Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church
10701 SW 184 Street, Cutler Bay, FL 33157

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • RAFFLES

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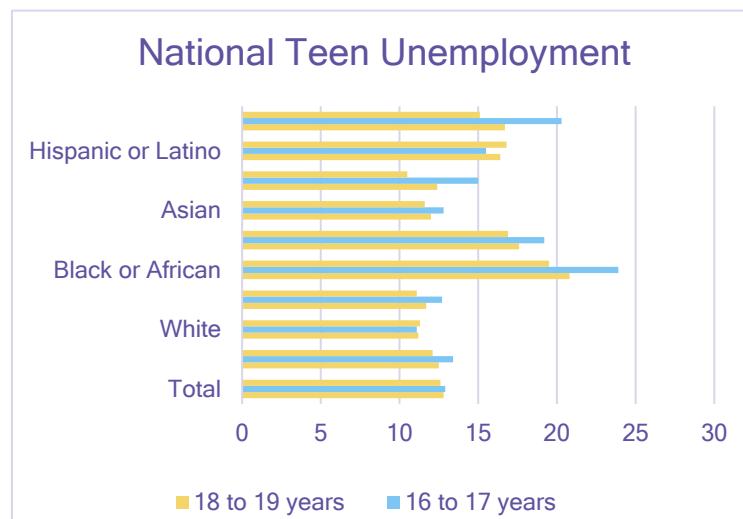
SSC Community Development Corporation of Richmond Heights
Glenale Baptist Church
West Perrine Christian Association
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Greater Goulds Optimist Club
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Summer Jobs Program

In focusing on youth empowerment through employment, MDEAT hosted its annual **Youth Internship Partnership Initiative (YIPI)** to provide jobs to teens during the summer months. Unemployment, albeit improved during FY 2018-2019, is highest among Black teens nationally as depicted below in **Illustration D**, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (*October 4, 2019*).

Illustration D: US Bureau of Labor Statistics Report



U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 4, 2019

Further, according to the *2018 MDEAT Annual Report Card and Scorecard*, juvenile crime continues at a significantly higher rate in Targeted Urban Areas. It has increased year-over-year in 15 of the 17 predominately Black TUAs. To help address the issue, nearly 40 high school students instead focused their attention on employment and participated in Miami-Dade County Teen Court for summer and after-school jobs. This program is a public/private partnership with state and local government, title companies, law offices, construction management companies and other employers. Most of these teens became county employees and placed with small businesses or government entities for exposure. Others were hired directly by the companies.

Business Assistance Services

In addition to the network of strategic partnerships supporting MDEAT small business community, MDEAT also offered **Business Plan and Proposal Preparation** during FY 2018-2019. MDEAT assisted with drafting business plan/proposal for aspiring enterprises. One particular client opened a car wash at the Brightline train station thanks to the assistance of MDEAT. The new business created new jobs and added to the small business activity near the historic Overtown community.



Advocacy through Strategic Partnerships: Throughout FY 2018-2019, MDEAT participated in several partnership meetings as a part of its small business advocacy efforts. One meeting in particular was the **NAACP Economic Development Committee Meeting** in Opa-locka - one of the county's Targeted Urban Areas (TUAs). Other efforts fell within its Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) which is comprised of industry professionals across a wide spectrum of service areas. The committee identified such issues like barriers to capital and a lack of procurement contracting as leading causes of limited business expansion within the Black business community in Miami-Dade County.

STRATEGIC AREA: HOMEOWNERSHIP

In FY2018-2019, MDEAT Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP) continued to attract more resident interest than any other program operated by MDEAT. It reached more residents through community engagement and more residents in service delivery by processing 305 loan applications during this reporting period. Yet despite continued interest, this period brought a volatile real estate market for homebuyers and particularly first-time buyers. These peaks coupled with low purchase activity impacted not only HAP, but also its network of certified industry professionals. Thus, despite steady outreach efforts and, subsequently, a continued interest in HAP, these factors did not translate into an increase in home purchases with the assistance of HAP funds in comparison to the previous fiscal year of FY 2017-2018.

The following are highlights of HAP performance for FY 2018-2019:

- Provided 261 loans to first-time homebuyers that encompassed 20% of Black residents and 59% of low to extremely low-income residents
- Average home purchase price for HAP buyers was \$210,162.00 with an average HAP zero-interest forgivable loan amount of \$6,144.00
- 70% of HAP borrowers purchased homes in Miami-Dade County districts 9, 8, and 1; District 9 attracted the highest percentage at 37% of new HAP homebuyers to the South Dade region of the county

THE HAP APPROACH: MDEAT utilizes an extensive network of certified industry professionals and approved housing counseling agencies to reach out to first-time buyers to offer HAP down-payment and closing costs assistance. Yet, with a growing number of available down-payment and closing cost assistance from first-mortgage financial institutions coupled with increasing home sale prices, MDEAT experienced a 21% decrease in funding requests since FY2017-2018. Thus, despite a consistent level of outreach efforts, the impact did not equate to sustained or an increase in HAP funding requests for FY 2018-2019.



HAP Outreach and Training

During FY 2018-2019, MDEAT reached out to hundreds of potential homebuyers across Miami-Dade County to help increase awareness about the availability of down-

payment and closing cost assistance from the agency.

By participating in 29 outreach events and homebuying

training opportunities, MDEAT shared information that covered

not just HAP but other available assistance programs throughout the county. By empowering potential buyers with information on other programs that they can use in tandem with the HAP forgivable loans, the buyers were equipped to make decisions that yielded a positive impact on their debt-to-income ratio in the purchase of a home. As a result of increasing awareness about the use of multiple assistance programs, HAP borrowers secured more than \$1.8M in leveraged assistance from other government and non-government institutions during FY 2018-2019.



Some of these outreach events during the FY 2018-2019 included **NANA Goulds Business Resource Center First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop**; Miami-Dade Homebuyer Education Workshop hosted by Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida; **Overtown Music and Arts Festival**; Jazz in the Gardens; **5th Annual HBCU Picnic**; Black Professionals Network Homebuyer Education Certification Workshop; **3rd Annual City of North Miami Housing Affordability Resource Forum**; Opening Doors to Homeownership Consumer Outreach Event hosted by Bank of America and Freddie Mac; and **University of Miami Faculty and Staff Assistance Programs (FSAP) Lunch and Learn Series**.



Liberty City Trust

"Operation Home"

Workshop on

November 15, 2018

MDEAT also appeared on **Radio Haiti Antenna Plus**, a Haitian-Diaspora Radio show airing on 1580AM daily, in an effort to bring more awareness about HAP to the Haitian American community. Over this period, however, MDEAT experienced an increase in inquiries about the program based on word-of-mouth to family, friends, and co-workers over other forms of communications mediums utilized during this period.



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: MDEAT does not engage in countywide outreach alone in its efforts to promote HAP. It employs its vast network of approved housing counseling agencies as well as HAP certified mortgage industry professionals. The agency frequented day-long homebuyer workshops hosted by such entities as **Experts Resource Center**, Centro Campesino Farmworkers Center, Inc., and **Trinity Empowerment Consortium**. It is during these information-filled courses that MDEAT shared information about the HAP process. Subsequently, thanks to the comprehensive educational work offered by these



Experts Resource Center First Time Homebuyer Workshop on November 10, 2018, at Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens, FL.

housing

counseling agencies, MDEAT had a **2.6% foreclosure rate** among its HAP borrowers in FY 2018-2019 - *significantly less than Miami-Dade County foreclosure percentage for this same period.*

Centro Campesino Farmworkers Center, Inc. First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop on March 16, 2019.



OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO

HOMEOWNERSHIP: During this period, MDEAT focused its outreach on improving and expanding educational workshops and forums to combat traditional obstacles to homeownership including poor credit scores, lack of savings, and ineffective money management practices. It was an ongoing effort in helping to boost Black homeownership in Miami-Dade County during this period. But despite MDEAT's efforts, more countywide collaborative efforts were needed.

Future Economic Outlook:

This period saw a steady decrease in HAP funding requests from its height in FY 2014-2015. This decrease is due to a number of economic factors impacting not only the general homebuying population in Miami-Dade County, but specifically Black buyers in the area. In considering various solutions, MDEAT conducted an analysis of its assistance program. It considered increasing its assistance amount and increasing its sales price limits. It concluded that these factors would not attract a net increase in Black HAP borrowers over the next few years in Miami-Dade County. Since HAP does not impact the lack of affordable housing stock and sub-standard housing stock conditions in Miami-Dade County's Targeted Urban Areas and LMI communities, changes to its program will not yield a significant difference in the overall increase in Black homeownership in the area. Factors such as rapid increase in purchase prices in Miami-Dade County and thus, the availability of housing stock will continue to be a significant market issue. And it is availability of affordable housing stock will continue to cause first-time and LMI/ Affordable/ Workforce housing borrowers' considerable angst in their purchase efforts in years to come.

CONDOS

The inability to get condo projects approved through Fannie, Freddie and FHA current criteria continues to make purchasing a condo with low down payment an issue in the Miami-Dade County housing market.

Inside Look: Industry Dynamics . . .

While it is yet to rival home sales price increases and contracts where appraised values are waived, there were numerous purchase contracts held up, cancelled and re-negotiated based on appraised values below purchase price; and borrowers were willing to pay over value versus going back into the market to begin the house hunt again.

Biggest Competition: The biggest competition for attracting Black buyers to purchase in the Miami-Dade County market is the allure of Broward County. There is a significant percentage of the county's Black residents who desire to relocate to Broward County. More alluring housing stock, a larger Black population and a diversity of factors including social attractions that appeal to Black residents cause Broward County to serve as the leading factor in the decline in Black residents taking advantage of MDEAT Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP).



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC AREA: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TEEN COURT

Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC) provides a second chance for youth entering the juvenile justice system. It helps to educate and provide youth with competencies to lead productive lives. It also gives them tools and baseline information that will aid them in developing and enhancing teen skills. M-DCTC is also promising mechanism for holding youth charged with juvenile status offenses accountable, providing avenues for positive youth economic empowerment, and providing an alternative method of sanctioning offenders through mental health services to meet current specific needs.

Teen Court Highlights for FY 2018-2019:

- Teen Court served 170 juvenile referrals
- It held 137 court hearings, 234 life skills workshops, and six jail tours
- 54 Teen Court participants were referred for mental health services

M-DCTC is developing and implementing a coordinated and collaborative effort among law enforcement, schools, parents, youth and community groups. M-DCTC is involved in organizing the community, advocating for juvenile justice reform and analyzing legal issues such as confidentiality and youth with special needs.



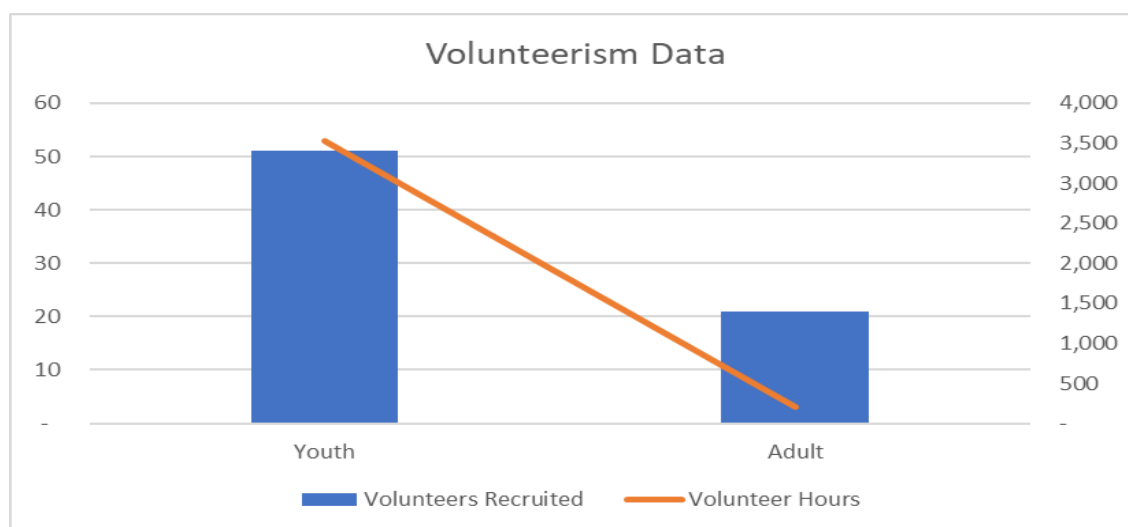
FY 2018-2019 Referrals by Miami-Dade County Commission Districts

District 1	17		District 8	30	
District 2	15		District 9	34	
District 3	13		District 10	03	
District 4	12		District 11	10	
District 5	04		District 12	09	
District 6	05		District 13	06	
District 7	08		Broward	00	

Program Highlights

Civic Engagement and Volunteerism:

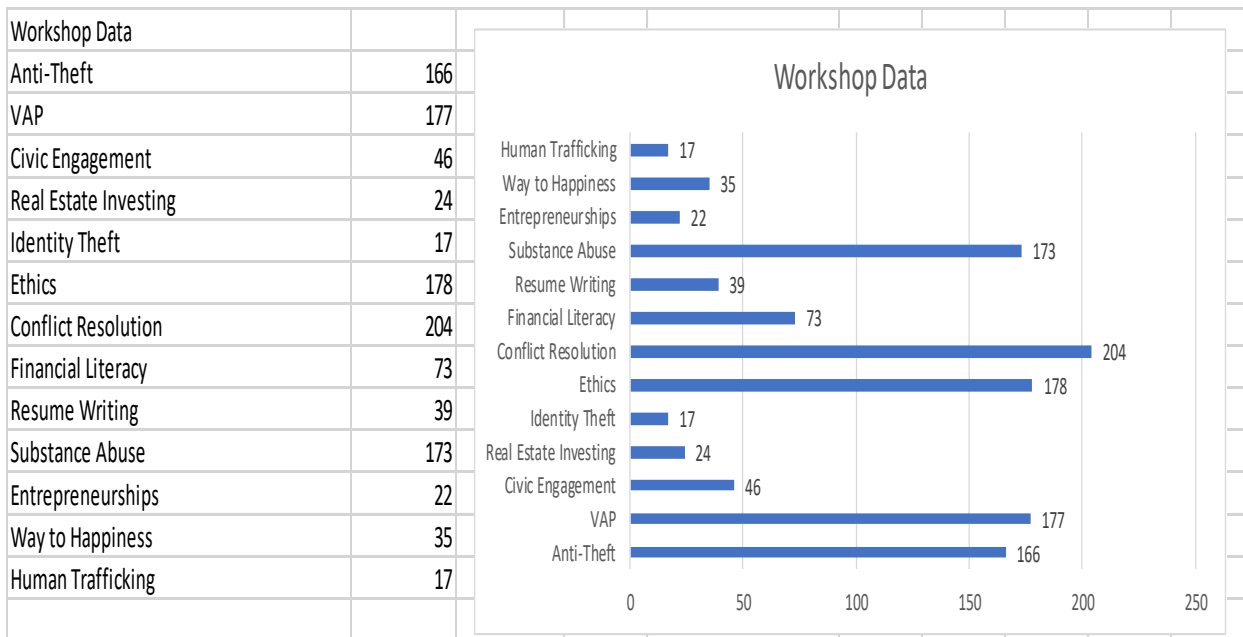
Teen Court values the energy, service, and expertise of its volunteers. The program and defendant participants benefit from the time and dedication of these volunteers who serve as ambassadors and assist with recruiting new volunteers. Civic engagement is a priority area for MDEAT and M-DCTC's volunteers demonstrate their civic engagement with each hearing, workshop presentation and educational activity. The following is a snapshot of the number of volunteers recruited as well as the number of hours served.



Workshop Series

M-DCTC participants, parents, and volunteers expand their knowledge base and enhance life-skills through a carefully crafted calendar of hands-on learning opportunities. Participants are required to attend life-skills workshops such as anti-theft, conflict resolution, substance abuse, ethics, and victim awareness to satisfy sanctions. Following the lead of Miami-Dade County's strategic plan, M-DCTC provide learning opportunities in the areas of entrepreneurship, homeownership, and money management to increase entrepreneurship opportunities for youth, create self-sufficient residents and reduce income disparities.

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Economic Opportunities

Youth Intern Partnership Initiative: This year's summer jobs program began June 17 and culminated on July 26 with **33 Teen Court participants and volunteers** armed with greater financial independence and a wealth of employability skills. The participants were paid \$10.00 an hour and worked 120 hours for six weeks. Three returning employers contributed to the program by covering the cost of three participants this summer. The interns were matched with 20 employers throughout Miami-Dade County representing various industries, from government, legal, distribution, real estate, and marketing. Employers spoke highly of the teens' skills and enthusiasm to learn and stated their continued support of the program. Several interns provided feedback regarding their experiences. The following is a highlight of some of their comments.

"I learned how to properly send emails, answering phones and people skills especially with the difficult people," "My biggest take away was the networking and was offered a job, but unfortunately I am attending college in the fall at University of Chicago," "Improved my public speaking by talking on the podcast," "Loved the environment at the law firm as well as went to court with the attorneys and helped with selecting the jury," and "I received a better understanding of the local politics that affects our community and state."

Perland Title and Escrow Services, Assured Title & Trust and MDEAT offered part-time employment positions to six interns at the end of the program. Parents and participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn, grown and gain income, with many requesting to participate next summer. The participants complete the program with an improved financial standing as each intern received their paychecks via direct deposit through Miami-Dade County.

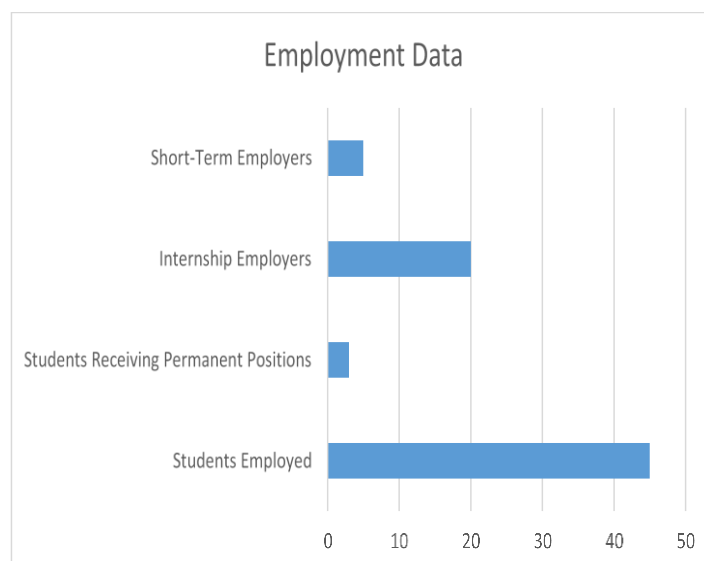
2019 Summer Y.I.P.I. Employers

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| 1. Experts Resource Community Center | 11. Sonshine Communications |
| 2. Patiño Law Firm | 12. Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce |
| 3. MDEAT Main Office | 13. Commissioner Suarez |
| 4. Perland Title Escrow Services Corp. | 14. Mountain Valley Spring Water |
| 5. Humberto R. Dominguez Law Office | 15. Black Advisory Affairs |
| 6. Assured Title & Trust | 16. Trinity Empowerment |
| 7. The State Attorney's Office | 17. Antioch Missionary Baptist Church |
| 8. MCO Construction | 18. Law Offices of Daryl Jones, P.A. |
| 9. The Henrys Firm, P.A. | 19. Kionne McGhee, Florida House Dist. 117 |
| 10. James Bush, Florida House Dist. 109 | 20. City of Miami Gardens |

First Wages Program: Miami Dade County Teen Court continued the partnership with **Adult Mankind, Inc.** this year. Twelve young people obtained short-term employment through the program and received valuable career training. First Wages focuses on developing work skills that lead individuals to career and employment opportunities. It provided youth with employability skills training and career counseling while completing 79 hours of paid work experience in a safe and positive learning environment. The program works closely with each youth to create a successful experience by matching them with employers near the home or school. The youth worked for Burlington Coat Factory, 9.95 Uniform, Exotic like me, Pet Parade, and Ace Hardware.

Employment Data
 Students Employed
 Students Receiving Permanent Positions
 Internship Employers
 Short-Term Employers

45
 3
 20
 5



Legal Educational Opportunities

Annual Youth Legal Summit: The 2019 Annual Youth Legal Education Summit was held July 29-31, 2019, at St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami Gardens. This year the summit attracted **nearly 150 young people who came from all parts of Miami-Dade County** -- from Homestead to Miami Gardens. Some youth were from various summer programs including the City of North Miami Parks and Recreation, the Circle of Brotherhood, JSS, and AMI. Many of the youth were new to Teen Court and very eager to receive training and an increased understanding of tasks and duties to serve as Teen Court lawyers, bailiffs and clerks.



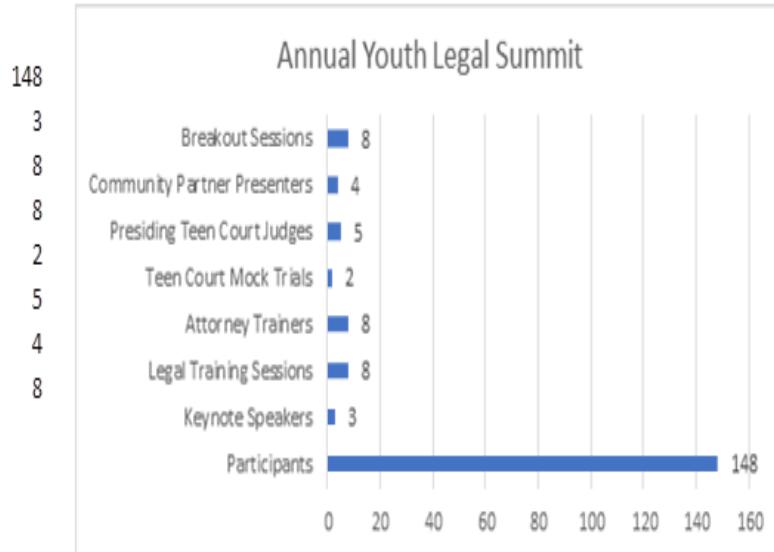
This year's slogan was, "**Strive for Greatness 2.0**" and a **continued celebration of Teen Court "Turning 21"**! This was the "Year of the Gentlemen" for the summit as it opened each day with a dynamic group of leaders including Miami-Dade County Deputy Mayor **Maurice Kemp**, MDEAT Board Chairman **Sheldon Edwards**, and MDEAT Executive Director **John E. Dixon, Jr.** The keynote speakers set the tone each day with the summit's slogan and deposited nuggets of knowledge and wisdom in the minds of the youth. State Senator **Dwight M. Bullard**, Miami-Dade Police Department Director **Juan Perez**, **Desmond Meade**, J.D., Executive Director of Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC) and City of Opa-locka Mayor **Matthew Pigatt**. There was even a special recorded message to the youth by Dr. **Corey Campbell**, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Jefferson Community College. Each speaker spoke about their individual life, educational, and career experiences while encouraging the youth to "Strive for Greatness". Teen Court partnered with **Kelli Ann Thomas** of The New Florida Majority (Civic Engagement), **Liza E. Smoker**, Esq. Managing Director of John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy (Human Trafficking), **Laura Cusack** from Place of Hope (Human Trafficking), **René Mantilla** Miami Dade Public Schools (Vocational) and **Nazhi Forrest** of Nazhi Thee Baker Angel Foundation (Entrepreneurship) to facilitate the afternoon breakout sessions.

The summit culminated with the much-anticipated mock trial competition. Participants worked with staff and legal professionals to prepare for the competitions. This year's mock trials were judged by Judge **William Altfield**, Judge **Robert T. Watson**, Magistrate **Karl Brown**, **Christopher Benjamin**, Esq., and **Houson LaFrance**, Esq. The legal/Teen Court trainings

were led by **Danelle Bernten**, Esq., **Rob Collins**, Esq., **Jeffrey Kolokoff**, Esq., **Houson LaFrance**, Esq., **Brenda Gitchev**, Esq., and **Patricia Henry**, Esq. These industry professionals worked with all students, from novice to seasoned, to provide a thorough understanding of the Teen Court process and how to be effective attorneys, bailiffs, clerks, and jurors.

Education Data:

Participants	148
Keynote Speakers	3
Legal Training Sessions	8
Attorney Trainers	8
Teen Court Mock Trials	2
Presiding Teen Court Judges	5
Community Partner Presenters	4
Breakout Sessions	8



Community Outreach

Teen Court staff participated in various outreach events throughout FY 2018-2019 including **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Miami** and **Saint Anthony's School of Higher Learning**. Teen Court was invited by **the City of Miami Gardens Police Department** to make a presentation about Teen Court at its monthly Big Brothers/Big Sisters meeting. Miami Gardens Police administration and officers serve as "Bigs" for students from Miami Carol City High School and Miami Norland High School. Teen Court staff had an opportunity to speak directly with the youth to educate them on positive decision-making, importance of volunteerism, and civic engagement. The youth were encouraged to visit the Teen Court hearing location at Miami Gardens City Hall on the first Thursday of the month and begin volunteering with the program.



Ransom Everglades hosted an Internship Forum in January to provide students with resources for volunteer and internship opportunities. Teen Court was represented by youth volunteer Tommy Graglia, a senior at Ransom Everglades. Tommy is very active at Student Court's South Dade Justice Center location and thus encouraged his classmates and friends to join Teen Court as volunteers. He worked with staff prior to the event to ensure he was prepared and knowledgeable to answer questions and provide accurate information.

Other outreach events included **Saint Thomas University Pro Bono and Public Service Fair** on February 7. The event was geared towards law students to provide information and resources regarding pro-bono services, internships, clerkships, and employment opportunities with local business and organizations. Miami-Dade County Teen Court joined the **City of North Miami at a Black History Month Community Celebration** at the North Miami Public Library on February 9. The event brought youth and families to the library to celebrate the art and culture of the African Diaspora and learn about various resources available in the city. Teen Court staff has contributed to the **recruit of 134 highly motivated teens** to push Teen Court in the 22nd year of existence.

Teen Court staff attended the **North Miami FACT Fair** on April 6, 2019. This annual community event was hosted by North Miami Police Department to inform residents about services, resources, and programs.

Miami-Dade County Teen Court also participated in **Career Day at Fulford Elementary** on May 15. Teen Court was one of more than 20 entities represented at the event. Career Day participants shared information regarding their businesses, life experiences, and joys of the job.



In extending its reach throughout the TUAs, Teen Court participated in a host of outreach activities throughout the year. The outreach extended throughout Miami-Dade County and included staff and members of the Youth Action Committee (YAC).

- JSS CBO Meetings
- MLK Business Expo
- Big Sister Big Brothers
- Saint Anthony's School of Higher Education, Inc
- Pro Bono and Public Service at Saint Thomas University
- Black History Month Celebration at North Miami Library
- Jazz in the Garden
- DJJ STEP
- Teen Court 21 Anniversary
- North Miami FACT Fair
- Big Sister Big Brothers Outing
- YIPI Kick-Off
- Drug Free World
- Place of Hope
- Power U
- Annual Youth Legal Education Summit
- Breakthrough Miami
- Youth Summit Book Bag Celebration at Greater Harvest Baptist Church

Program Partners

As a result of a previous meeting at **Acceleration Academies**, Teen Court began identifying youth who could benefit from the program due to various challenges they face which impair them from excelling in a traditional school-setting. Two young people was referred to Acceleration Academies' Homestead campus and registered in January. Teen Court also met with Officer Natalie Buissereth of the **North Miami Police Athletic League (PAL)** to discuss partnership opportunities. North Miami PAL participated in two teen court hearings at the North Dade Justice Center in January, averaging 10 youth at each hearing.

To increase civic engagement amongst local youth, Teen Court staff met with **New Florida Majority (NFM)** Executive Director Andrea Mercado to discuss partnership opportunities. NFM seeks to create an inclusive movement to unite people across economic and racial lines. The goal of the partnership is to enhance the leadership capabilities of Teen Court youth through hands-on learning opportunities.

Advocacy

The Youth Action Committee (YAC) takes a holistic approach in providing needed resources and information to underserved communities. The committee's goal for FY 2018-2019 was to activate Miami-Dade County Teen Court's mission of advocating and creating opportunities for youth to develop into responsible citizens.

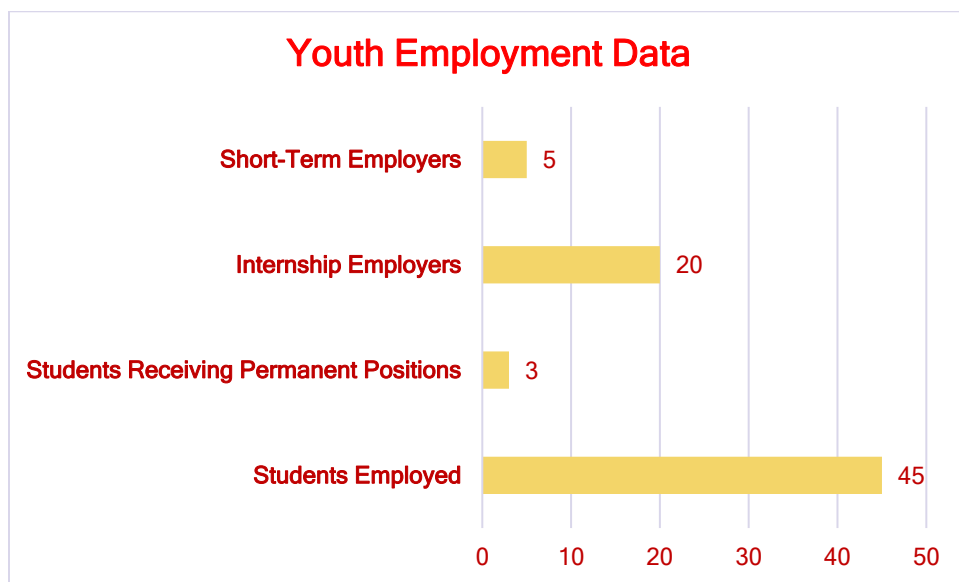
Through a multi-layer approach, the committee this year sought to:

- Provide outreach, prevention, and intervention services to maintain a juvenile recidivism rate among first-time juvenile offenders below Miami-Dade County's benchmark of 15 percent.
- Advocate for employment of Miami-Dade County youth by providing employment and training opportunities for youth volunteers and juvenile offenders. Create partnership with employment agencies providing development and placement.
- Host the Annual Youth Legal Education Summit to build awareness of the need to reduce youth crime.
- Advocate for training and internship programs that are aligned with Miami-Dade County's emerging growth industries for youth participants and volunteers.

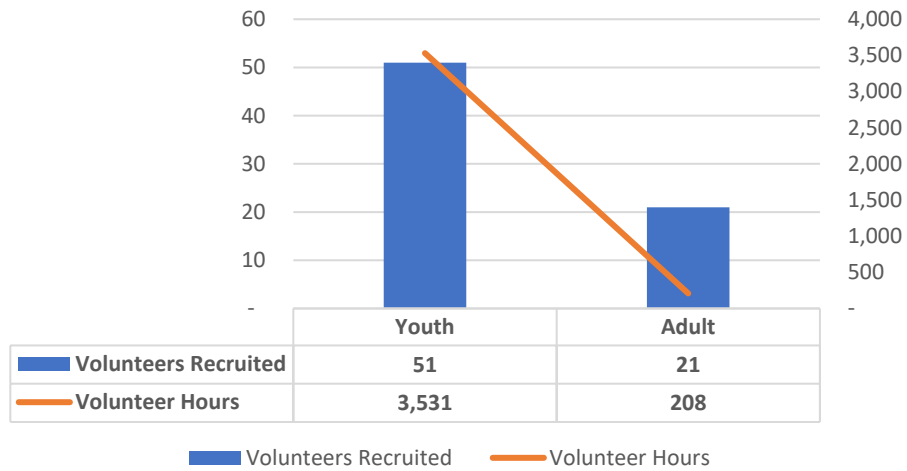
Miami- Dade County Teen Court benefits the community by reducing crimes committed by middle and high school students in local community.

It strengthens the family unit through community service referrals and building partnership with law enforcement agencies through advocacy.

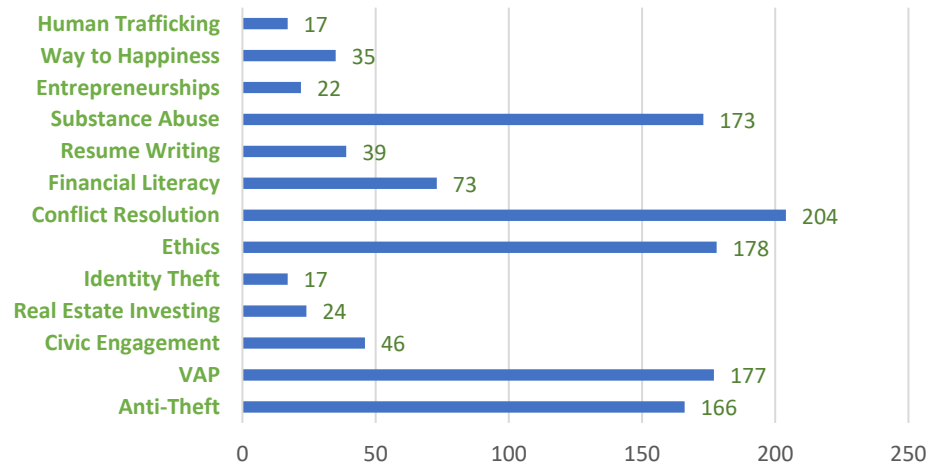
It reduces arrest incidents and intakes at JSD, DJJ probation units, the juvenile court system in Circuit 11 so these agencies can focus on more serious offenders.

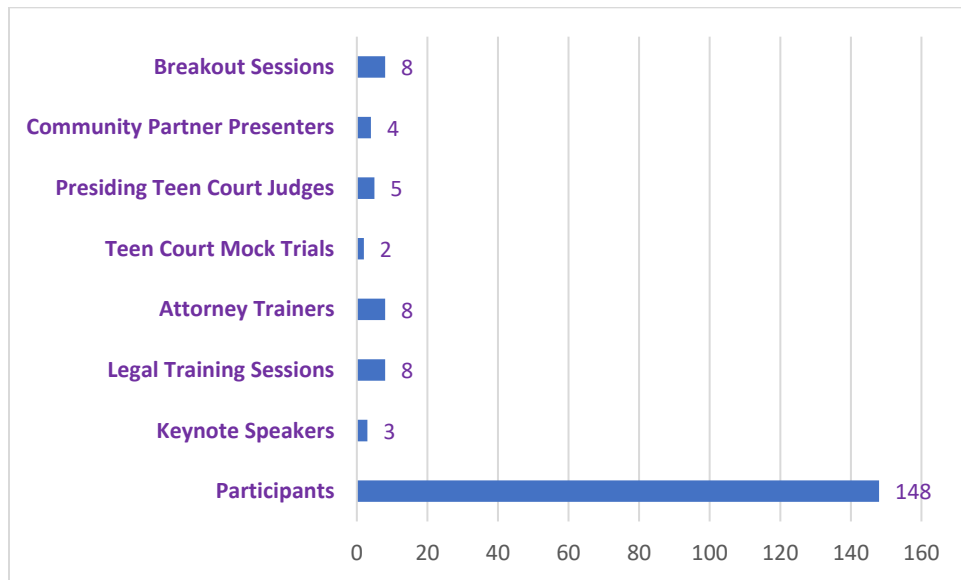


Volunteerism Data



Workshop Data



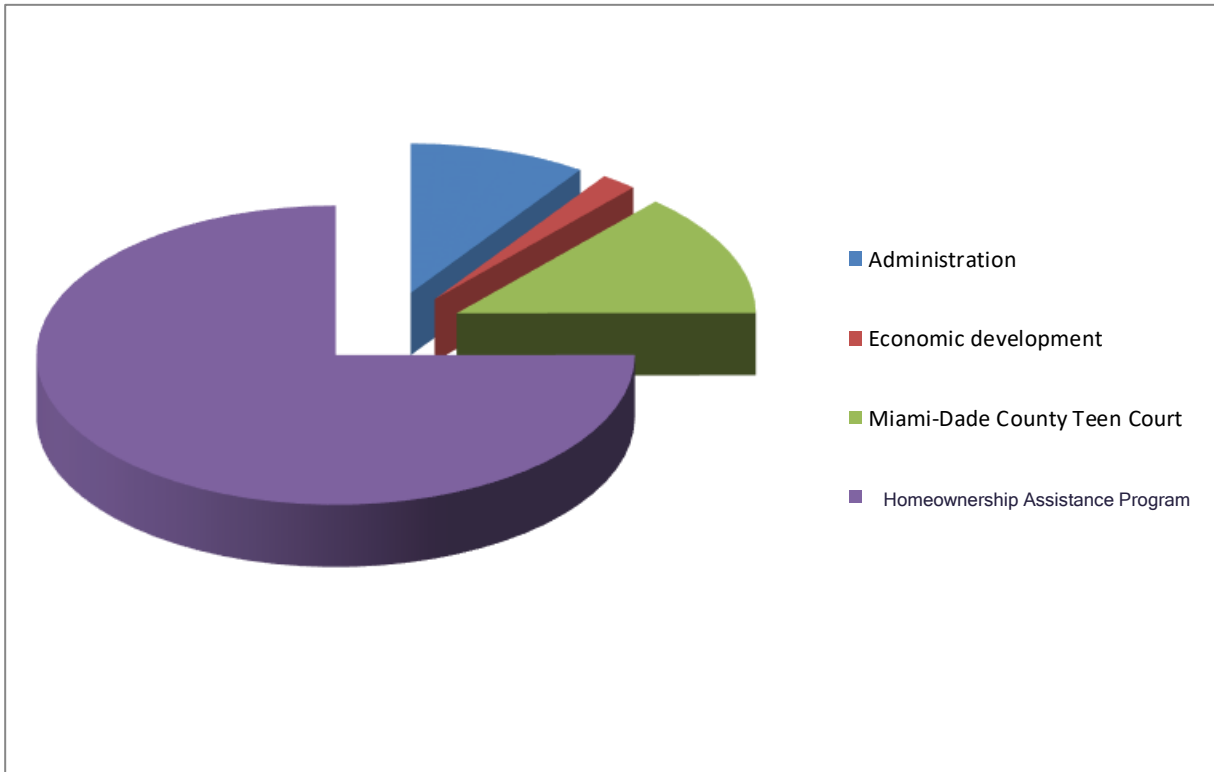


MDEAT FISCAL REPORT: FY 2018-2019

Division	Source	Category	Budget	Actuals
Administration	General Fund Programs		\$680,000	\$530,471
			\$350,000	\$350,000
		Total	\$1,030,000	\$880,471
Economic Development	General Fund		\$211,000	\$182,062
	Donations			
		Total	\$211,000	\$182,062
Miami-Dade County Teen Court	\$3.00 Surcharge	Surcharge	\$776,000	\$784,148
		Interest Earnings	\$3,000	\$16,643
		Carryover	\$659,000	\$690,445
		Donations		\$5,000
		Total	\$1,438,000	\$1,496,236
Homeownership Assistance Program	8% Documentary Stamp Surcharge on Commercial	Surcharge	\$2,700,000	\$3,207,732
		Interest Earnings	\$21,000	\$129,813
		Carryover	\$5,326,000	\$6,056,157
		Payoff	\$2,000	\$642,707
		Total	\$8,049,000	\$10,036,409
TOTAL:			\$10,728,000	\$12,595,178



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