



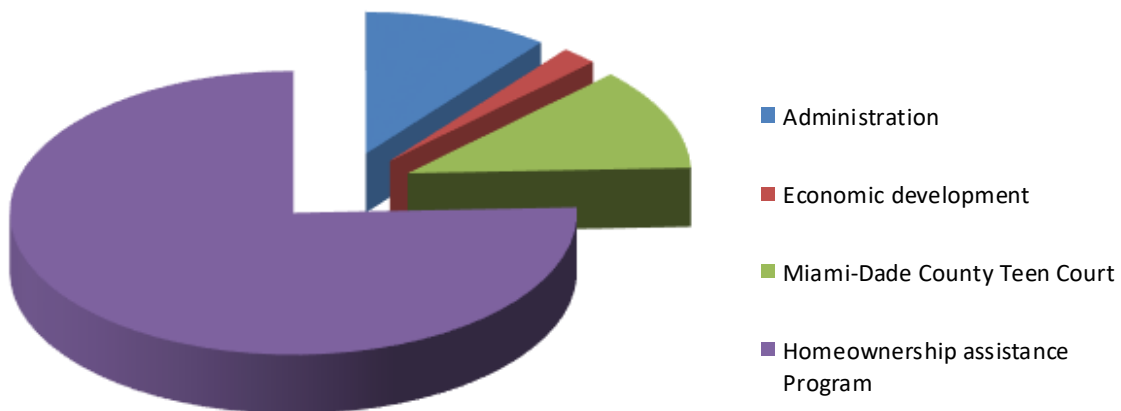
MDEAT ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018

BUDGET

MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

Division	Source	Category	Budget	Actuals
Administration	General Fund		\$579,000	\$611,417
		Programs	\$390,000	\$368,395
		Total	\$969,000	\$979,812
Economic Development	General Fund		\$191,000	\$191,000
		Donations		\$12,000
		Total	\$191,000	\$203,000
Miami-Dade County Teen Court	\$3.00 Surcharge	Surcharge	\$696,000	\$762,218
		Interest Earnings	\$1,000	\$9,783
		Carryover	\$368,000	\$651,781
		Donations		\$20,000
		Total	\$1,065,000	\$1,443,782
Homeownership Assistance Program	8% Documentary Stamp Surtax on Commercial	Surtax	\$3,200,000	\$2,892,948
		Interest Earnings	\$6,000	\$76,706
		Carryover	\$3,691,000	\$4,972,938
		Payoff	\$2,000	\$542,719
		Total	\$6,899,000	\$8,485,311
TOTAL:			\$9,124,000	\$11,099,905



HOMEOWNERSHIP

FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 HAP

Program Snapshot

Miami-Dade Economic and Advocacy Trust Homeownership Assistance Program (MDEAT HAP), formally MMAP-HAP (Metro Miami Action Plan Trust) has been a key source for down payment and closing cost assistance for first-time homebuyers for over twenty years. MDEAT HAP is designed to help Miami-Dade County residents in low to moderate income households realize the “American Dream” of homeownership and purchase a home that is affordable for them with the help of our down payment assistance program. When people move from renting to owning a home it can be a life altering experience. Some socio-economic data shows:

- ✓ Homeowners are more likely to vote and get involved in local community groups
- ✓ Studies have shown that the children of homeowners do 23% better in school (Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies)
- ✓ For every two homes sold, one job is created
- ✓ Each purchase generates as much as \$60,000 in economic activity over time.

Homeownership has also been shown to have a significant, positive impact on net worth, educational achievement, civic participation, health, and overall quality of life. As well, homeownership helps sustain small businesses and provide local employment—right here at home.

MDEAT HAP provides down payment and/or closing costs assistance to first-time homebuyers purchasing homes in Miami-Dade County. HAP provides a zero percent interest, no payment loan that is eligible to be forgiven after 10 continuous years of owner-occupancy.

Since its inception in 1995, and as of the end of fiscal year 2017-18 (September 30, 2018), MMAP-HAP/MDEAT HAP has funded more than 7,400 Miami-Dade County families, for a total investment of more than \$41.5 million dollars. HAP funds have been leveraged by

more than \$138 million dollars in other Miami-Dade County and non-Miami-Dade County down-payment assistance programs funds with aggregate purchase prices exceeding \$997,500,000 and first mortgage loan of more than \$826,400,000.

Growing Our Investment (Our numbers/statistics)

In fiscal year 2017-2018, MDEAT's Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP) funded 282 first-time homeowners for \$1,719,000 in HAP funds. This equates to an approximate 6.3% decrease from the FY2016-17, but a 32.8% decrease from FY2015-2016.

The numbers by ethnicity are relatively flat in comparison to FY2016-17. Both the Hispanic (68.09%) and Blacks/African American (23.76%) are less than 2% below previous year totals with an increase in White (Non-Hispanic/ Non-Blacks/African American) bridging the gap in those two most dominant ethnicities. While the Blacks/African Americans percentage is relatively flat over FY2016-17, it remains above both the County composition of Blacks/African Americans (~18%) as well as percentages from FY2015-16 (16.9%) and FY2014-15 (18.9%).

New HAP first-time homebuyers purchased homes in all but one commission district, with commission districts 9 and 8 representing 54.3% of the 2017-18 total, and districts 1, 2 and 3 comprising the next largest set at one-third (33.33%) of the total. With these five commission districts representing 87.63% of total HAP production (a five percent increase over FY2016-17), these represent the more affordable areas in Miami-Dade County and encompass predominant sectors of Miami-Dade County TUAs (Target Urban Areas).

MDEAT HAP plans to engage the Miami-Dade Regulatory and Economic Resources Department in FY2018-19 to improve the metrics and data to be used for both production comparisons, plus provide economic data and indicators to aid with the affordable housing marketing, outreach and advocacy agendas being identified for implementation by MDEAT's HAC (Housing Advocacy Committee).

The Housing Market Overview

Housing affordability in Miami-Dade County continues to erode but at a slower rate than in 2017 as housing prices steadied, then declined slightly in 2018. Housing availability has supplanted housing affordability as the most predominant factor in first-time home buyers' ability to successfully obtain purchase contracts.



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The single-family median home price rose steadily through the first half of 2017, from a \$302k price in January to a \$337k price in June. After a slight fall off, the median price peaked at \$338k in September, then settled into a median price of \$330k from the last quarter of 2017 and January 2018. The number of properties sold rose steadily through the first half of 2017 after the usual lower number for January and February, peaking in June. After a slight falloff following June, sales plummeted in correlation to the peak in the median purchase price, with September 2017 and January 2018 sales noticeably lower than at any point in the

previous twelve months. (Source: Miami Association of Realtors – Greater Miami Area Market Report-Jan.2018/Clarus MarketMetrics)

The average purchase price of HAP funded loan saw further increase in FY2017-18 versus FY2016-17. The \$206,535 was again \$10k+ above the FY2016-17 of \$196,456 which was nearly \$10k above \$186,970 average from FY2015-16, which was nearly \$20k above the \$167,517 average from 2014-15. So, the average purchase price of HAP funded loans rose more than 23% in the past three years.

While that may not seem drastic from a percentage standpoint, qualifying for a mortgage loan that is twenty-nine thousand dollars higher than it was a couple of years ago for a very low- or low-income household is traumatic and shocking to moderate income households. Taking a quick look further back, the average purchase price for a HAP funded loan in 2012 was \$142,550+. This near \$54k increase five years later represents a near 38% jump for HAP borrowers, which in reflection is a resounding testament to the dedication and persistence of our frontline HAP participants, in that the HAP Housing Counseling Agencies (HCAs) and loan officers (HAP MLOs) have prepared these first-time homebuyers to overcome these obstacles while MDEAT HAP borrowers maintain a foreclosure rate of 2% (+/).

Expanding Our Network

After three HAP Certification workshops held at the end of 2017 with more than 350 mortgage and real estate industry professionals in attendance, MDEAT Housing took a step back to assess these growing numbers. In looking at the ACTIVE number of MDEAT HAP Participants at the end on 2018, are 107 loan officers (Mortgage Loan Originators, or MLOs) and 109+ closing agents (title companies and attorneys registered with MDEAT HAP.

There were several issues that arose from this. (a) The ability to manage this continually growing demand for mortgage and real estate professionals to join our current HAP participants became insurmountable; (b) The number of active participants versus those registered ended up being a relative small percentage (roughly 35% +/- at first assessment; (c) The ability to keep track of employer

changes consumed an inordinate amount of housing staff time; and (d) The ability to generate an accurate list of HAP participants become impossible.

Adding the adverse impact that generated to simply sustaining MDEAT Housing outreach goals, and stifling advocacy efforts, it was determined that a complete review and assessment of MDEAT HAP policies, procedures and guidelines was paramount to the continued success of HAP.

So, with the continued lack of affordable housing inventory coupled by month-by-month increases in home purchase prices resulting in a decrease HAP funded loan closings, this became an opportunity to also determine, assess and evaluate possible approaches addressing the lack of available housing stock in Miami-Dade County and compare that to those in surrounding counties.

One benefit of having such an expansive network of participants was that there was no shortage of opinions, contributing ideas, methods and approaches to how to tackle the obstacles that were presented.

These conversations with participants and prospective borrowers during outreach events amplified the difficulty prospective borrowers were having finding houses they could afford exacerbated the massive competition that happens every time they place a contract on a property. While the numbers are down, the amount of time spent by MLOs, HCAs and MDEAT Housing staff increased significantly to where the amount of time taken to turn a prospective borrower into a first-time homeowner doubled if not tripled.

Expanding Our Reach (HCAs and other community partners)

People who go through pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling and learn about mortgages and the home buying process along with responsible credit management and family budgeting, and up to home maintenance tips are less likely to face foreclosure.

MDEAT HAP continues to maintain a historical (since inception) foreclosed property rate of 2% (+/-) and had no foreclosed homes in the 2016-17 fiscal year. Additionally, there were on four (4) short sales in FY 2016-17 and only 6 in the past

two fiscal years. This is attributed to the MDEAT HAP requirement that recipients of MDEAT HAP funds attend an in-person first-time homebuyer workshop conducted by a U.S. HUD certified Housing Counseling Agency, with nearly all done free of charge to prospective first-time homebuyers and most of which also offer one-on-one home buying and personal financial counseling .

MDEAT HAP currently collaborates with twelve U.S. HUD certified Housing Counseling Agencies (HCAs) throughout Miami-Dade County. These agencies hold First-Time Homebuyer Workshops in various location throughout the County with an intentional focus to have a large majority of these workshops located in TUAs.

MDEAT Housing Division conducted, coordinated and/or collaborated on 32 affordable housing community workshops, forums and events during fiscal year 2017-2018, once again providing first-time homebuyer, financial literacy and DAP/DPA (Down-Payment Assistance Programs) information to empower over 1000 Miami-Dade County and South Florida residents. The typical presentations topics were included a general overview of down-payment assistance programs, MDEAT HAPs role and usage with other DAP/DPA programs and how they integrate into the mortgage process. As needed and requested presentations covered *The Mortgage Process, Closing on Your Home, Shopping for Your Home* and general overviews of home inspections and getting insurance.

The MDEAT HAP – HCA Payout Initiative was established in April 2014 and was implemented to assist in offsetting the costs of the in-person first-time homebuyer education workshops and overhead of housing agency operations. The HCA providing the in-person first-time homebuyer education to the HAP funded borrower is paid \$250 out of the HAP assistance new homebuyers receive at time of their home purchase closing. This amounted to \$68,750.00 in fiscal year 2017-18.

This initiative has proven to be a successful mechanism in HAP outreach and education endeavors to educate the community on the first-time home buying process. However, this by no means fulfils MDEATs role or the need to provide information, education, access and empowerment to Miami-Dade County and South Florida area residents as we look to expand our reach and provide home

buying, financial fulfilment and economic growth to Miami-Dade TUAs and underserved residents.

Outreach Highlights

Looking Ahead (Forward Thinking)

With the MDEAT HAP assessment along with programmatic updates to policies, guidelines, procedures, participation and certification completed, MDEAT HAP again held HAP Certification and Education Workshops at the onset of fiscal year 2017-18. This process will continue to undergo evaluation, update and expansion as MDEAT Housing assesses better ways and more varied methods of educating our mortgage and real estate industry partners.

MDEAT and its HAP are once again evaluating the Realtor segment of HAP and DPA program training and certification. Having been separated from lender/ MLO and closing agent (title accompany & attorney) training, there is now a widening void and lack of knowledge from the Realtor side of transactions.

Focus now turns to providing this vital and essential component of the home buying process with information and education not just on MDEAT HAP, but a comprehensive overview of down-payment assistance programs in general, including but not limited to how to differentiate one DPA program from another, general guidelines, timelines, what receiving funds entails, and how to best assist their clients and colleagues when it comes to DPA involvement in real estate purchases.

The unmet need and thereby desire to expand awareness of DPA programs has sparked both the expansion of “first-time homebuyer education”, as well as evolving how financial education and services are provided, and establishing both

alternative methods and expanded venues to provide better and more far reaching community outreach, education and involvement. Taking on projects, community and financial initiatives that advocate for and overcome barriers for underserved residents and overlooked neighborhoods will become a greater focus in fiscal year 2017-18 and beyond...

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST
HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
September 2018 Production Report AND Fiscal Year 2017-18 Data**



**FY17-18
Percent
Totals**

General Statistics	September 2018	Fiscal Year 2017-2018	
Total Applicants (Applications Processed)	29	378	
Total Purchase Price	\$6,321,740.00	\$79,350,898.00	
Total Amount in First Mortgages	\$6,001,050.00	\$73,848,422.00	
Total Miami-Dade County (MDC) & Non-County Subsidies	\$145,000.00	\$2,831,052.00	
Total HAP Loans Funded	25	282	
Total \$ Amount of HAP Fundings	\$138,750.00	\$1,719,000.00	
Total Purchase Price (funded)	\$5,694,229.00	\$58,242,780.00	
Average Sales Price (funded)	\$227,769.16	\$206,534.68	
Total Amount in 1st Mortgages (funded)	\$5,563,148.00	\$54,305,779.00	
Average 1st Mortgage (funded)	\$222,525.92	\$192,573.68	
Total Amount of Other MDC Funding (leveraging)	\$0.00	\$1,667,000.00	
Total Amount of Non-MDC Subsidy Loans (leveraging)	\$0.00	\$395,956.00	
Estimated Increase to Tax Base	\$62,500.00	\$705,000.00	
* Based on annual taxes of \$2500/yr.	Ave. HAP Ln Amt. YTD=	\$6,095.74	
	Ave. HAP Ln Amt. Sept. - 18=	\$5,550.00	
Head of Household			
Female	8	130	46.10%
Male	17	152	53.90%
Total	25	282	100.00%
Ethnicity			
Black	4	67	23.76%
Hispanic	16	192	68.09%
White	4	22	7.80%
Other	1	1	0.35%
Total	25	282	100.00%
Median Income Level			
Extremely Low	0	5	1.77%
Very Low	0	82	29.08%
Low	10	105	37.23%
Median Moderate	15	90	31.91%
Total	25	282	100.00%
Commission District			
District 1 - Barbara J. Jordan	3	51	18.09%
District 2 - Jean Monestime	1	27	9.57%
District 3 - Audrey M. Edmonson	1	16	5.67%
District 4 - Sally A. Heyman	0	3	1.06%
District 5 - Eileen Higgins	1	5	1.77%
District 6 - Rebeca Sosa	1	10	3.55%
District 7 - Xavier L. Suarez	0	0	0.00%
District 8 - Daniella Levine Cava	4	66	23.40%
District 9 - Dennis C. Moss	10	87	30.85%
District 10 - Javier D. Souto	2	4	1.42%
District 11 - Joe A. Martinez	1	6	2.13%
District 12 - Jose "Pepe" Diaz	0	3	1.06%
District 13 - Esteban L. Bovo Jr.	1	4	1.42%
Total	25	282	100.00%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (**MDEAT**) is constantly searching for approaches to impact the economic growth of Miami-Dade County's Target Urban Areas (TUA). Through its Economic Development Action Committee, MDEAT reviews its activities of the previous year and prepares a plan for the current year. Education, economic stimulation, networking, collaboration and partnering are recurring themes in all of its annual initiatives. Economic Development is viewed as a holistic activity to enhance every level of a community's existence. If the members of a community have better education or broader exposure to varied opportunities, for example, those members can enhance their economic and social status as individuals and collectively as a group. MDEAT has attempted to provide a broader perspective through endeavors such as Business Expos, entrepreneurial and business awareness, education, training, employment, economic advocacy and the maintenance and use of collaborative partners.

Business Expositions:

MDEAT sponsored the 6th annual MLK Business Expo on the Friday preceding the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday holiday. The Expo is a minority business initiative that affords entrepreneurs and business owners located in South Dade County an opportunity to showcase their goods and services. It affords the participants an opportunity to network with each other and the community they serve.

Entrepreneurial and Business Awareness:

MDEAT contracted with Blueprint Creative Group to update, monitor and oversee a digital directory of Black Businesses. The directory is entitled "BlackPagesMiami.com". The businesses included in the directory may be

searched for by clicking on the map, entering a keyword, or selecting a category. Each business listing features a dedicated page that summarizes the business, provides ownership information to confirm their ethnicity, includes social media links, and includes a rating mechanism so that patrons may leave a review of and for the business. MDEAT seeks to level the playing field in whatever small measure it can. In the new economy and social media environment it behooves businesses to have a digital presence to attract that growing portion of the public that seeks its goods and services in the virtual world.

The Black World Guide is a paper copy directory of Black Businesses in Miami-Dade County's Targeted Urban Areas (TUA). It is a quick reference document for local Black businesses. It also serves as a dynamic promotional tool as it is distributed at all events that MDEAT either sponsors or attends. The guide connects readers to the digital platform.

The small business capitalization program is a MDEAT initiative to make grants of \$2,500.00 available to small to medium size minority businesses. Eight total grants were awarded evenly divided between north and south Dade County. The potential grantees are encouraged to apply for the grants through a competitive process. The grantees are to meet certain criteria some of which are 1) business must be located in a TUA, 2) must have been in business for a minimum of three (3) years and must have less than 25 employees. This is not an exhaustive list of the requirements. Grant funds may be used for a variety of business purposes. A few of these purposes include but are not limited to: 1) acquisition of inventory, 2) offsetting business insurance expenses and 3) marketing and advertising expenses. This fiscal year recipients were of diverse ethnicities, business types and represented multiple commission districts.

Education, Training and Employment:

MDEAT historically has always had education, training and employment as its goals. The methodology for achieving these goals may be by providing the relevant service itself or by working with a collaborative partner, under contract, to provide the service.

MDEAT was fortunate to enter into an agreement with the Overtown Youth Center, Inc. that proposed to increase education options and career awareness for eligible girls and women with a focus on the occupational industry of EMT/Firefighters. The profession of EMT/Firefighter has traditionally been a male dominated field. MDEAT's limited funding supported "Many Women Strong / Inspire and Expose Women to EMT/Firefighter Careers". This is a career readiness initiative that is designed to expose and inspire girls in grades 6 through 12, and adult women throughout Miami-Dade County who are eligible for the EMT/Firefighter as a career choice. In addition to career awareness the participants are provided financial education, life skills and workforce readiness training. The outcomes garner social and intergenerational mobility for the families OYC serves, ensuring the development of workplace readiness among women and girls

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Youth Development Annual Report

2017-2018

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust's (MDEAT) Youth Development Division, helps to address Miami-Dade County's criminal justice, public safety concerns and economic opportunities specific to the transformation of young lives through the operation of Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC). The mission of M-DCTC is to advocate and create opportunities for youth to develop into responsible citizens. Miami-Dade County Teen Court is a member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, a network of teen, peer, and youth court programs throughout Florida. M-DCTC is one of over 1,200 national peer sanctioning programs.

In 2017-2018, Miami-Dade County Teen Court impacted the lives of 221 youth by diverting their cases from the court systems and offering them alternative sanctioning opportunities and transformational strategies integrated into an array of educational opportunities, life-skills workshops, internships, mental health services and real-world jail tours. Through these life-changing and successful initiatives, the program continues to maintain a low recidivism rate of less than 3%.

Teen Court processes cases involving youth offenders who are younger than age 18 at the time the offense was committed who have been cited for low-level offenses such as vandalism, petit theft, assault, and other misdemeanor and 3rd degree felony crimes. M-DCTC serves various populations including parent and community organization referrals, offenders issued civil citations by local law enforcement agencies, Preventive Initiative Program (PIP), and other referrals from Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JSD). Participants must admit guilt and along with their parents agree to participate in Teen Court. Participants must satisfy all peer-driven sanctions which can include community service, jury duties, written essays and verbal apologies to name a few. Mental health services are provided by a licensed therapist to address a range of issues for participants and family members. The goal is to positively impact the total person which often includes parents and caregivers.

Mental Health Services offered by Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC) are offered via a continual stream of positive reinforcement from a three-prong approach -- therapy, case management and workshop/training. M-DCTC provides its clients and their families with both peer and adult support designed to help stabilize and subsequently drive them toward their full potential in a variety of areas of their lives. Services provided by this department include family therapy, individual therapy, clinical diagnosis and assessment, educational staff meetings, grief counseling, and career and academic counseling for students. The agency's psychological services department provides services through a licensed therapist and a supervised graduate level psychology student.

Program Impact

Impact on the Judicial System and Community:

- **221 referrals**
- **161 court hearings**
- **192 workshops**
- **7 jail tours**

Referrals by Commission Districts:

District 1	17	District 8	34
District 2	22	District 9	50
District 3	23	District 10	9
District 4	18	District 11	6
District 5	12	District 12	9
District 6	7	District 13	7
District 7	6	Broward	1

Program Highlights

Civic Engagement and Volunteerism:

M-DCTC's incorporates elements of the peer-jury model which involves engaging youth volunteers to serve as attorneys, clerks, and bailiffs, as well as formerly sentenced youth offenders serving as jurors, in processing real-life offenses committed by youth offenders. Adult volunteer judges, who are licensed by the Florida Bar Association, preside over proceedings as sanctions are recommended by peer jurors. This peer-jury model also supports restorative justice ideals, whereby offenders are held accountable for harm or violations committed against the community, are required to make amends and reconcile matters.

Teen Court values the energy, service, and expertise of all volunteers. The program and participants benefit from the time and dedication of all volunteers who serve as ambassadors and assist with recruiting new volunteers. Civic Engagement is a priority area for Youth Development and M-DCTC's volunteers demonstrate their civic engagement with each hearing, workshop presentation and educational activity.

Volunteerism Data:

- **127 youth volunteers recruited**
- **6 adult volunteers recruited**
- **3678 youth volunteer hours**
- **1130 adult volunteer hours**

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.

Workshop Data:

- ***192 workshops provided***
- ***1430 workshop participants (participants attend a series of workshops)***
- ***Guest presenters***

Economic Opportunities

Youth Intern Partnership Initiative: YIPI 2018 kicked off on June 18, 2018, with a program orientation for the youth and employers. The orientation covered job skills, including appropriate work attire, punctuality, time management, and customer service. City National Bank presented a session on money management and savings. YIPI had 29 interns (17 Blacks, 12 Hispanics), who participate in Teen Court as volunteers or sanctioned participants. Through a blossoming partnership with DJJ, five youth were able to participate in the YIPI program and serve as new Teen Court volunteers. Those students worked with The City of Miami Garden's Parks and Recreation Department and the City Clerk's office. The remaining 24 participants were placed throughout Miami-Dade County, working in various sectors ranging from law offices to marketing firms, to a water company. The employers were very flexible with accommodating the schedules of the teens who attended summer school or other volunteer obligations. The employers continuously raved about the program, the skill level and professionalism of the interns, with some offering extended employment opportunities. The youth were paid a rate of \$9.00 per hour which exceeds minimum wage and affords them a greater opportunity to save and prepare for the upcoming school year. MCO Construction hired one of the interns thru out the school year, Danny Felton and The Experts extended a permanent position to one intern that is currently attending Broward College, as well as Perland Title extended an employment offer to an intern who had to decline due to school obligations. The interns provided positive feedback regarding their internship experience, with most of them being very satisfied to be placed with professionals who were closely aligned with their professional endeavors.

2018 Summer Y.I.P.I. Employers:

1. The Experts Resource Community Center
2. Patiño Law Firm
3. MDEAT Main Office
4. Perlard Title Escrow Services Corp.
5. Humberto R. Dominguez Law Office
6. Assured Title & Trust
7. Office of State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle
8. MCO Construction
9. The Henrys Firm, P.A.
10. Cynthia Stafford, Florida House Dist. 109
11. Kionne McGhee, Florida House of Rep. Dist. 117
12. Sonshine Communications
13. Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce
14. Commissioner Suarez Summer Job Program
15. Mountain Valley Spring Water
16. Black Affairs Advisory Board
17. The King David Foundation



First Wages Program: Miami Dade County

Teen Court continued the partnership with Adult Mankind, Inc. to assist 12 Teen Court participants and volunteers with obtaining short term employment. The First Wages program focuses on developing work skills that lead individuals to career and employment opportunities. The program affords participants the opportunity to complete 79 hours of paid work experience while receiving life and employability skills training and career counseling. The activities of the program not only provide on the job training, but also 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 12 youth worked for the following employers: Bravo Supermarket, Flowers by Grace, 9.95 Uniform, Style Fashion, Miami Uniform, New Hope Development, The Resource Room, and ACE Hardware.

Employment data:

- **41 students employed**
- **3 students received permanent positions**
- **17 internship employers**
- **5 short-term employers**

Legal Educational Opportunities

Annual Youth Legal Summit: The 2018 Annual Youth Legal Education Summit was held Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Thomas University School of Law 16401 NW 37 Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33054. This year's summit was one of the highest attended summits in Miami Dade County Teen Court history, with a total of 140 participants. Many of the youth were new to Teen Court and very eager to receive training to become Teen Court lawyers, bailiffs and clerks. The youth were very engaged and participatory throughout the two-day summit. This year's slogan was, "*Strive for Greatness*" and the two keynote speakers set the tone each day with that slogan and imparted nuggets of wisdom and knowledge in the minds of our youth. Captain Barrington Irving, Founder and CEO of Flying Classroom, provided a very interactive presentation and challenged the youth to be creative and out of the box thinkers. Miami Dade County School Board Member for District 1, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, allowed the youth to see themselves in him and encouraged them to bet on themselves to be great. Teen Court partnered with Opa-Locka CDC, The Melissa Institute and St. Thomas University School of Law for the 3 breakout sessions focusing on financial empowerment, anti-violence, and college preparedness. Youth continued to recite the lessons learned from the workshops throughout the duration of the summit. The summit experienced a 21st Century technology shift in 2018 with the pre and post surveys being done via Survey Monkey to allow a more efficient and accurate data collection to measure the participant's learning experience during the event. St. Thomas opened their campus to Miami Dade Teen Court not just with classroom space but provided guided tours of the campus for the participants. These tours allowed the youth to learn additional details

about St. Thomas University, its history, and student body. This year's summit could not have been successful without the dynamic partnership with St. Thomas University School of Law and its staff. We acknowledge Cee-Cee Dykas, Associate Dean for Administration and Clinical Programs and Andrej Milic, Associate Director of Student Admissions for their tireless dedication to the success of the 2018 Summit.

Education Data:

- **140 participants**
- **2 keynote speakers**
- **4 legal training sessions**
- **7 attorney trainers**
- **3 breakout sessions**
- **3 community partner presenters**
- **1 Teen Court Trial**
- **5 presiding TC judges**



Community Outreach

In extending our reach throughout the TUAs, Teen Court staff participated in a host of outreach activities and make an impact in Youth Development. The outreach extended throughout Miami-Dade County and included staff and YAC members being engaged at the following events:

- March 2018:** Miami Arts Studio
Miami Community Leadership Forum
City of Miami Gardens Coffee with a Cop
- April 2018:** Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting
Judicial Educational Forum
- May 2018:** Bully Awareness Forum
Mock DUI Presentation City of Miami Gardens' PTA: Community Conversation and Resource Fair
City of Miami Gardens Police Department Role Calls
- June 2018:** Legal Eagle Summit
- July 2018:** Urgent Inc's, Miami's Youth Careers Conference
Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline Summit
Gang Alternative Community Meeting
- August 2018:** City of North Miami's Book Bag Giveaway
Project Peace Community Outreach and Food Giveaway
- September 2018:** Brownsville Middle School Open House
Unrepresented People's Positive Action Council Meeting
Touching Miami with Love
Barry University's Community Engagement Fair
Michael Krop Senior High School history class and Law Club
Black Professionals Network Summit
City of Miami Gardens Police Power Walk





Advocacy

MDEAT remains dedicated to the organization's mission by advocating for communities and residents, starting with the executive level. In an effort to expand the reach of M-DCTC, Executive Director John Dixon, tirelessly works with the Mayor's office, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County department leaders and many others to garner support and resources for under-represented youth by way of Teen Court. As a result of the organization's advocacy efforts program youth have had the opportunity to meet and talk with Miami-Dade County Deputy Mayor Maurice Kemp to learn about his journey through dedication and persistence that lead him to his current role where he is providing leadership for all county residents, young and young at heart. Through these interactions, government officials, business executives, and resident leaders learn first-hand the impact Teen Court has on the lives of youth and the overall community.

MDEAT's Youth Action Committee (YAC) continues to demonstrate commitment and passion towards ensuring youth development. Advocacy efforts are geared towards reducing crime in Targeted Urban Areas (TUAs), which are segments of the Miami-Dade community that have been identified as lagging behind in the following policy areas: Jobs/Economic Development, Housing, Education, and Criminal Justice, with a special emphasis on black males. The 11-member committee is comprised of residents who possess a passion and dedication to youth development. The Youth Development department has benefited from the unwavering commitment of YAC members which has resulted in financial support from local police municipalities led by the Dade Chiefs Committee and Miami-Dade Police Department.

Annual Report for Psychological Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (MDEAT's Miami-Dade County Teen Court

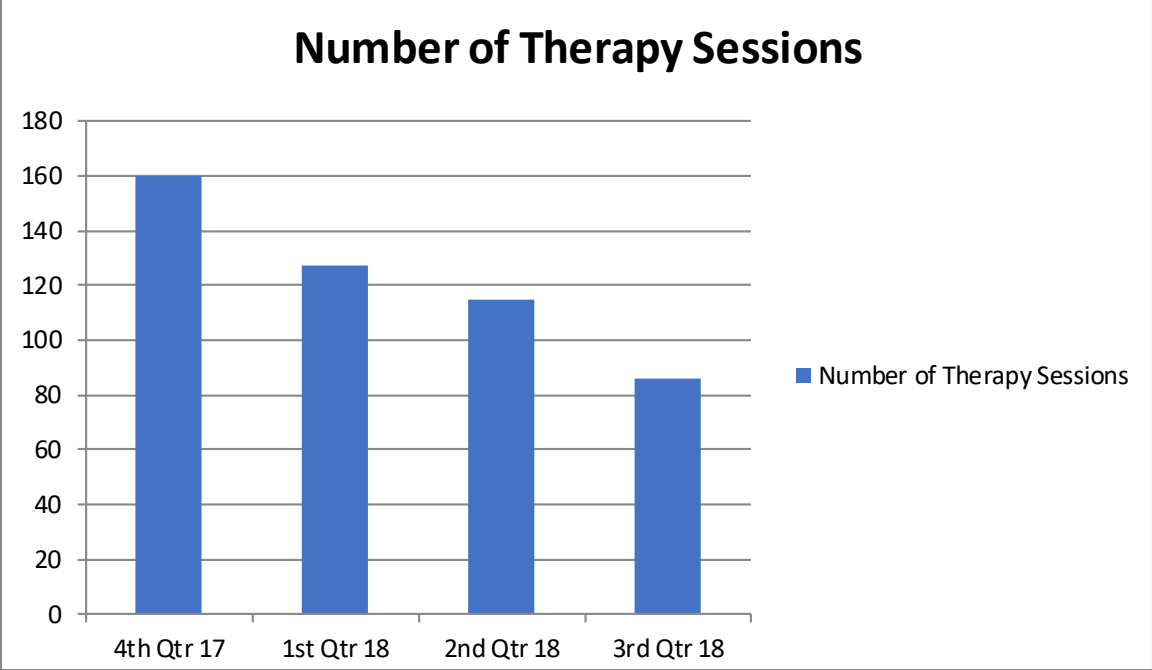
Psychological Services had a direct impact on youth participants of Teen Court and the communities of the Target Urban Areas of Miami-Dade County (TUA's) through several initiatives, including, direct services. First, Dr. Ischaji Robertson, Psy.D, the staff clinical psychologist, aimed to assist Teen Court participants and their families through several types of treatment approaches consisting of individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy and parent training seminars. Jordan Pate, psychology trainee, was also a part of Psychological Services for the majority of this fiscal year. Finally, Psychological Services was successful in engaging more youth and adults to volunteer at Teen Court.

I. Clinical Services

Fifty-nine Teen Court participants were referred for clinical services during this fiscal year. Fifty-three of those referred entered services. In addition to providing psychological and psycho-educational services on topics such as anger management and the benefits of psychotherapy, the Clinical Psychologist, in coordination with the Juvenile Service Department and mental health providers within the community, made ten referrals for therapy services to be in place to address the child and family's ongoing needs for services when applicable upon their completion of the Teen Court process. In some instances, mental health services such as Family Therapy took place outside of Teen Court concurrently while the child also took part in counseling at Teen Court. **Approximately 85 % of the youth served through Psychological Services were from commission districts most likely as being within a TUA.**

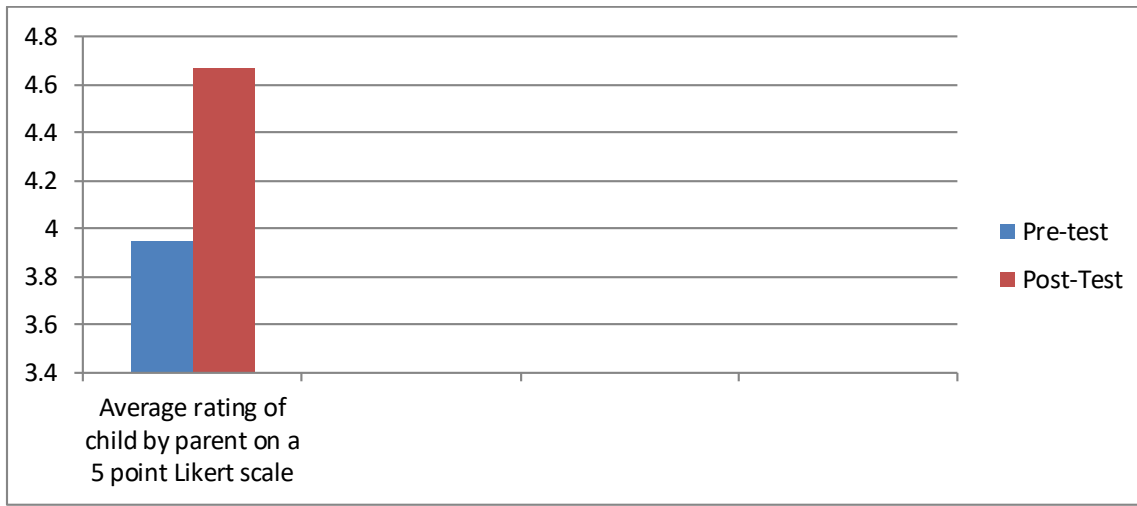
Teen Court Psychological Trainee (Completed by Ms. Jordan Pate)

The psychology trainee, a Masters in clinical psychology student from Barry University, completed over 500 hours of practicum and internship work at Miami-Dade Teen Court. Over this time, she has worked with children and adolescents ranging from 9 to 18 years of age. She has serviced approximately 20 males and 20 females with a variety of ethnicities, males being predominately Black from the Diaspora. The psychology trainee has also engaged in many parent-education and training sessions with both mothers and fathers separately and few together. During session many psychological techniques are utilized including mindfulness, anger management, and cannabis use treatment series for teens, college prep, and theoretical based techniques that highlight cognitive-behavioral theories, intersubjectivity, psychodynamic, client-centered/humanistic, and existentialist theories. Outside resources have been utilized including my classmates and outside supervision to establish multiple perspectives but Teen Court resources have proven to be most successful in creating therapeutic outcomes i.e. Psychologist I, Training Specialist, and Case Managers.



The trend has been down in terms of number of therapy sessions since the beginning of this fiscal year. The overall number of referrals from the main referral source has decreased, however, the number of therapy sessions, is beginning to increase again. This trend appears to be cyclical, in part, and follows the opening and closing of the public-school year. However, overall, MDCTC has seen a lower number of referrals for the entire program. Outreach within the community and communication among MDCTC staff has helped to increase the number of referrals to Psychological Services. Further outreach will undoubtedly help to support the upward trend.

Average Pre-Test and Post-Test scores of Three Randomly selected Teen Court Participants



The data shows a significant difference between pre and post-test ratings of their children in three major domains (at home, at school, and within personal-social development) This level of improvement (.7) shows that the three children overall moved from good(4 points) to excellent (5 points) within the course of therapy. However, this trend may hold true for some children but not for all. More analysis of the data and review of the questions for reliability and validity is needed. However, overall the utility of therapy within the context of therapy can be quantified.

II. Advocacy, Training, and Other Services offered:

The process of applying for a grant through the Children's Trust has begun. The Special Projects Manager (Operations), Psychology Trainee, and Clinical Psychologist have begun the process of developing a grant proposal for the Black Male Youth Mental Health Conference which is likely to include a community outreach portion for Black Males, which will include the promotion of services offered by Miami-Dade County Teen Court and Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust as a whole.

Seven trainings have been led by Psychological Services and presented to Miami-Dade County Teen Court staff. Topics have included discussions on Autism, case presentations, discussions of personality related issues with youth, and ways of approaching children with specialized needs and diagnoses. In addition, due to staff absences, Psychological Services has conducted approximately 7 Life Skills' Workshops, including, Anti-theft, Ethics, Conflict Resolution, and Substance Abuse.

In addition, the Clinical Psychologist has provided supervision to the Psychology Trainee on a weekly basis since January 2018. This partnership has allowed the clients to have more of a variety of therapists i.e. a male and female as well as increased the age variation. The inclusion of a Psychology Trainee has also increased the exposure of Teen Court to Barry University and offered more exposure to the general population about the mission of MDEAT.

III. Teen Court Legal Summit (Completed by Ms. Jordan Pate):

A Teen Court survey was conducted via SurveyMonkey at the summit. It revealed some useful information towards making the event more successful in the future. Teens found the summit interesting and engaging overall, rating it an 8.66 out of 10 with 10 representing the highest level of satisfaction. They were fond of both speakers that were presented, majority of students attending the Financial Empowerment workshop, and 92% rated that they would recommend this summit to their peers.

Their suggestions included the following: Increase training of students, teaching them how to develop opening statements, closing statements, direct examination, and cross examination questions i.e., the process. Some participants recommended making it longer by 1 to two days. Other suggestions included increasing the discussions around law, changing the selection of food, involving attendees in the mock trial at the end instead of more experienced volunteers and participants. More opinions included, allowing all attendees to attend all the break-out sessions instead of pre-selecting some to attend a specific session, and assigning smaller groups in the classrooms. Suggested speakers for the future include Barack Obama, FBI or CIA representative, Florida Supreme Court Justice, Sherman Lewis, Jay-Z, Olanike Adebayo and a Successful Lawyer/Judge/Politician.