

Children's Services Council Governing Structure

Board of County Commissioners
May 3, 2016 Workshop



Authority



Option by State Statute (F.S. 125.901)



Must be Approved by Voters through Referendum



Independent Special District



Governed by Independent Council

- Membership Established by Statute



Can Levy up to 0.5 mills







- 50-cent tax for Every \$1,000 of Taxable Property Value



Reauthorization must go to Voters after every 12 Years at a Maximum

Governing Board Membership

10 Members

-  5 - Governor Appointees
-  1- DCF Administrator
-  1- Juvenile Judge
-  1- Superintendent of Schools
-  1- School Board Member
-  1- County Commissioner

County Government's Role

1

Must Adopt Authorizing Ordinance for Referendum

2

Places Referendum on Ballot

3

County Commissioner has Seat on Governing Board

4

Governor Appointees on Board are Nominated to Governor by County Commission (Three Potential for Each Seat)

5

Periodic Reporting to BoCC (Financials, Outcomes, Audits)

6

Board can Require New Referendum at Any Time

Spending

"To provide and maintain in the county such preventative, developmental, treatment, and rehabilitative services for children as the council determines are needed for the general welfare of the county." (F.S. 125.901)

How Funds are Spent
is Dictated by Statute



0.5 mills in Lee County
Generates \$29.8M
(at 95% Allowable for
Budgeting Revenues)



8 Independent Councils in Florida



Children's Board
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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Dependent CSCs

**Dependent CSC Can
be Formed**

**Perform Essentially
Same Functions as
Independent CSCs**

No Taxing Authority

**Funding Primarily
from County Property
Tax Revenue**

**Falls under County
Annual Budget**

**Two in State:
Duvall/Jacksonville
Indian River County**