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IRSC TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN PROGRAM CONTINUES 20 YEARS OF SUCCESS

2016 TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED AT MAY 9 PROGRAM

Monday, May 9 at Indian River State College 44 deserving middle and high school students from St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties will earn a valuable incentive for future achievement. Building on 20 years of success assisting and motivating students with academic promise, Take Stock In Children four-year tuition scholarships for 2016 will be awarded to Treasure Coast area students at a special recognition ceremony at IRSC.

The awards ceremony will be held Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. In addition to recognizing new recipients, the program will also acknowledge the accomplishments of 49 high school graduates and 29 IRSC graduates who participated in the program.

IRSC has been a Take Stock partner almost since the program's inception. Since 1996, 959 Take Stock in Children scholarships have been awarded by IRSC to students in the four county area.

The scholarship program is designed to motivate and assist students showing academic promise that might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college. The program works by matching scholarship recipients with adult volunteer mentors from the community who provide guidance and encouragement. The scholarship recipients sign a contract agreeing to maintain good grades, stay out of trouble, stay away from drugs and alcohol and graduate from high school. Those who meet the challenge receive a scholarship to attend IRSC for two years, followed by two years at IRSC or another Florida public college or university.

The Take Stock in Children program is coordinated locally by the IRSC Foundation and is offered in cooperation with the Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie County school districts. For more information, to donate scholarship funds or to volunteer as a mentor, visit www.irscfoundation.org or call (772) 462-4786.

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2015 **Accountability** Report



Take Stock in
Children[®]



Take Stock in Children provides an educational pathway for deserving, low-income students. We have a proven 20-year history of helping over 26,000 at-risk children stay in school, graduate from high school, complete college, and become productive citizens. This success is achieved through an innovative multi-year program model of mentorship, a college success coach, accountability, college readiness skills training, and scholarships. Over 96% of our students graduate from high school and 96% go on to pursue a post-secondary education, well over the national average.

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The Scholar's Promise

Take Stock in Children scholars promise to graduate from high school and go to college. They begin the program in middle and early high school and sign a contract, promising to achieve both academic and personal goals. These include meeting with their mentor weekly, maintaining good grades, remaining drug and crime free, demonstrating good behavior and attendance, and participating in college readiness workshops. When they reach high school graduation and have fulfilled these commitments, they are awarded a scholarship to a Florida college, university, or vocational school.

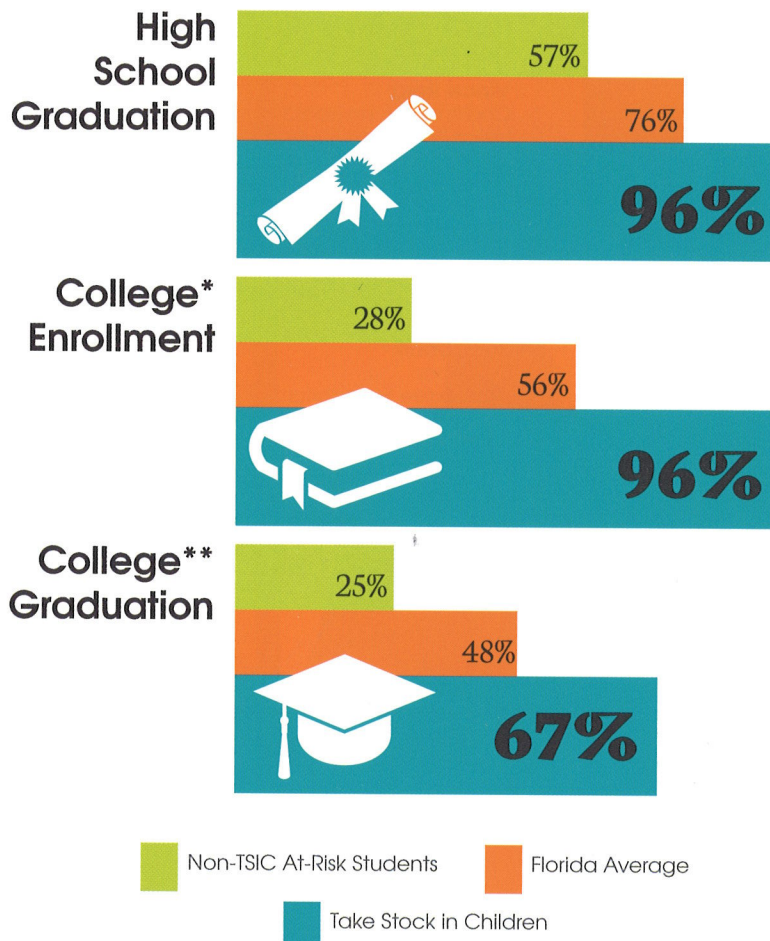
Take Stock in Children's Promise

Take Stock in Children promises scholars the support of a caring mentor, in-school advocacy, college readiness services provided by college success coaches, and a college tuition scholarship upon high school graduation.

For more information, please visit takestockinchildren.org or call 1.888.322.HOPE

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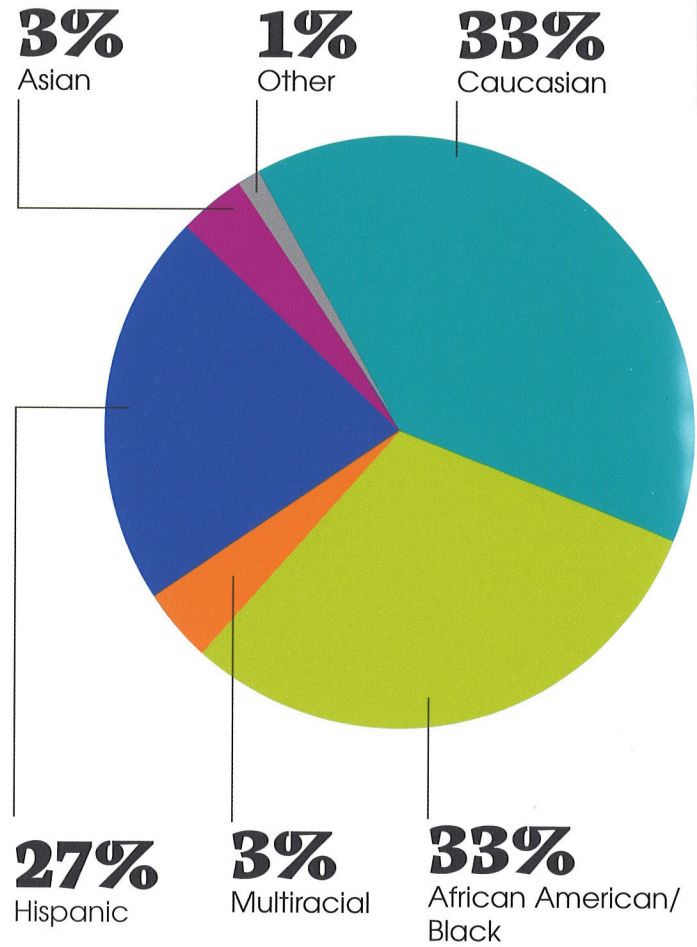
Our Results



* 2013 high school graduation cohort
 ** high school cohort of 2009 graduation rate

Scholar Demographics

Demonstrate Scalability Across All Ethnic Groups



Data Source: Take Stock in Children STAR Database

Program Model

Take Stock In Children achieves success through an innovative multi-year program model of mentorship, college readiness, accountability, and a college scholarship.



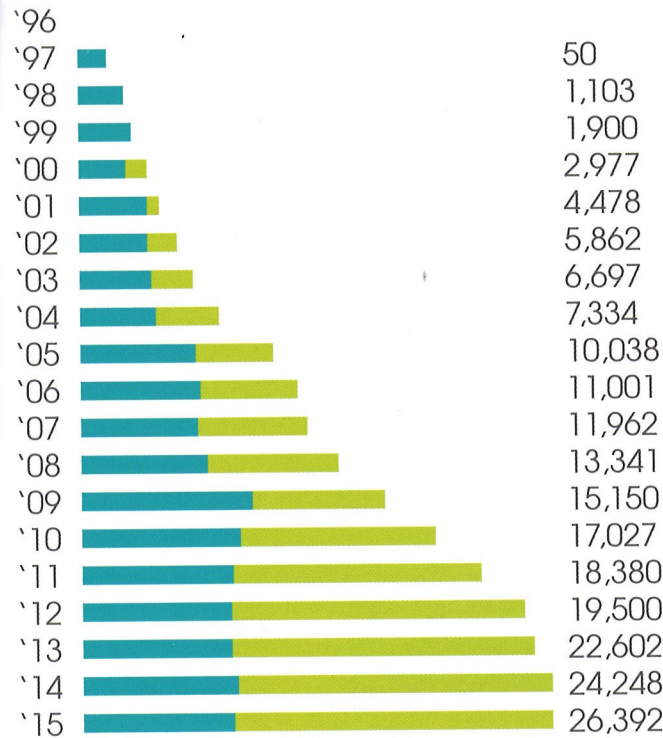
Accountability

- Students and parents/guardians sign performance contract
- Students remain alcohol, crime, and drug-free
- Students agree to get good grades and graduate high school

Providing Opportunities for Low-Income, At-Risk Children

Our Private Partners Plus State Matching Funds Help Us Serve More Students

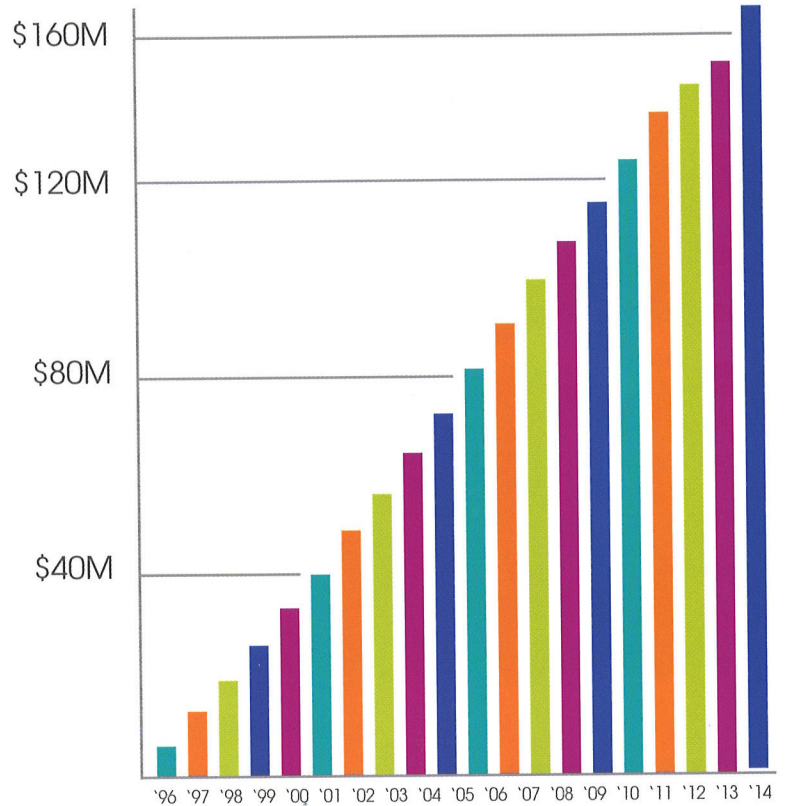
■ Middle/High School Students
■ College Attendees/Graduates



Source: Take Stock in Children STAR database

Scholarship Acquisition

Take Stock in Children is the Largest Non-Profit Purchaser of Florida Prepaid Foundation Scholarships With Assets Totalling More Than \$165M



Cumulative since 1995. Percent growth represents average yearly increases.

Source: Florida Prepaid

OPPAGA Mentoring Study Results

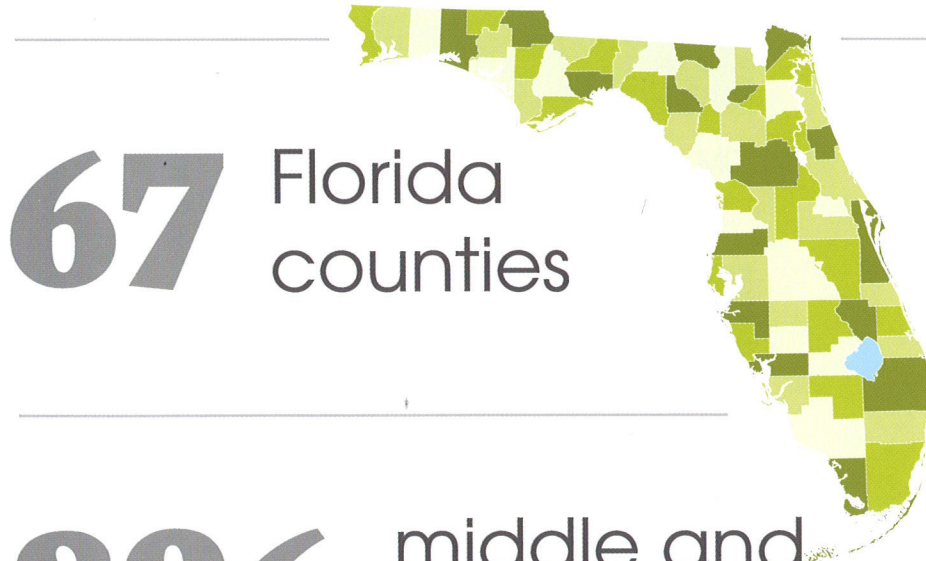
Take Stock in Children students outperformed their peers in all seven performance areas examined.

Performance Category	PERCENTAGE		Statistically Significant (95%)
	Take Stock in Children	Comparison Group	
Chronic Absences (21 or more days)	11%	13%	Yes
Discipline Incidents	15%	23%	Yes
Reading at Grade Level (FCAT)	56%	49%	Yes
Performing Math at Grade Level (FCAT)	86%	76%	Yes
Grade Promotion	97%	91%	Yes
High School Completion	94%	71%	Yes
Higher Education Participation	69%	45%	Yes

Source: 2011 OPPAGA Mentoring Study Report

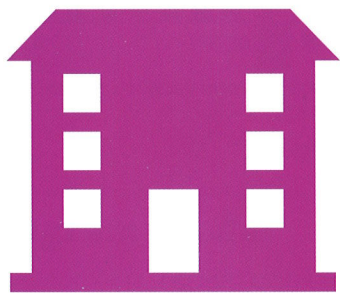
Our Impact Across Florida

providing scholarships, mentors, and hope



45 local programs

896 middle and high schools



40 colleges and universities



10,532 mentors

26,392 students since 1995



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