



FOUNDATION FOR  
*Foster Children*



# 2025 Annual Impact Statement

## A Year of Connection, Growth, and Opportunity

Since 2008, the Foundation for Foster Children (FFC) has been guided by a simple but powerful belief that every child in foster care deserves to be seen, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive. Through intentional relationships and individualized support, FFC has walked alongside more than 7,800 children and young adults across Central Florida creating more than 28,600 hours of connection and opportunity through our core programs, **ENRICH**, **EDUCATE**, and **EMPOWER**.

In 2025, that mission translated into deeper relationships and broader reach. From January through December [1], 530 children and young adults (ages 0–24) received consistent, trauma-informed support during some of the most uncertain moments of their lives. Through 1,406 hours of tutoring and educational coaching and more than 7,377 hours of dedicated advocacy, young people gained more than the assistance, they gained stability, encouragement, and renewed belief in what their future could hold.

Because of our generous donors, partners, and community champions, FFC continues to transform the moments of uncertainty into milestones of growth, helping our foster youth build confidence, resilience, and hope for what comes next.

[1] Data gathered as of Dec 15, 2025.

# Program Impact - At a Glance!

## ENRICH

### Not Just Access - An Invitation to Thrive

In 2025, ENRICH created meaningful moments that helped children and youth in foster care feel safe, valued, and included. Through welcoming spaces, opportunities to explore new interests, milestone celebrations, and everyday moments of normalcy, ENRICH fostered connection and joy during times of transition and uncertainty.

This year, ENRICH served 299 children and youth in foster care and provided more than 11,500 hours of enriching experiences and opportunities including community events, celebrations, and exploration opportunities. By welcoming 184 new youth and strengthening partnerships with caregivers, group homes, and community organizations, ENRICH has ensured young people were not just served but truly seen, supported, and empowered to grow.

## EDUCATE

### Closing Gaps - Opening Futures

EDUCATE program continues to strengthen academic success for children and young adults in foster care through personalized, trauma-informed tutoring, academic coaching, and access to essential learning tools. By deepening partnerships with schools, tutoring agencies, and placement providers, EDUCATE has delivered consistent, student-centered support.

This year, 103 students served through the EDUCATE with more than 1,406 hours of one-on-one tutoring and educational coaching delivered, while 43 students gained critical resources including school supplies, laptops, workshops, and college tours. Through hands-on engagement and advocacy, students demonstrated measurable academic gains and progressed confidently towards graduation and future opportunity. On an individual level, students demonstrated measurable gains in reading skills, received meaningful educational advocacy, and gained access to safe, quiet learning spaces which is especially critical for youth in group home settings.

Beyond academics, EDUCATE supported family stability and housing transitions, recognizing that educational success is rooted in safety, security, and overall well-being.





## EMPOWER

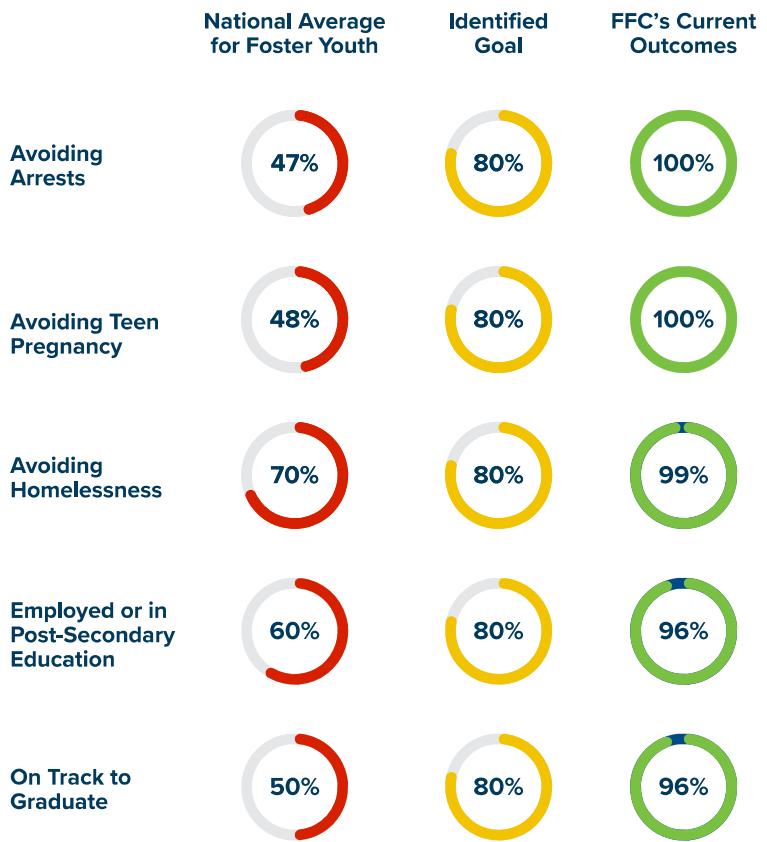
### More than Mentoring - A Path to Independence

In 2025, EMPOWER supported youth ages 14–24 as they built confidence, life skills, and independence through consistent mentoring and real-world coaching. Our Advocates provided trusted, one-on-one guidance helping young people navigate challenges, clarify goals, and prepare for the adulthood.

Through 7,377 hours of dedicated advocacy (out of which 5,155 hours were direct services), 128 young adults received individualized support that led to meaningful milestones, including graduations, workforce certifications, and earning driver's licenses. Strengthened training, intentional workshops, and a growing advocate team positioned EMPOWER to sustain long-term relationships and deepen this impact in the years ahead.

## FIVE FACTORS

Our Five Factors showcase the life-changing impact of FFC's personalized support



Based on 2025 Programs Outcome Data



## Meet Thermon Watkins

**Because of you, foster youth like Thermon are achieving their dreams!**

Thermon has been connected to the Foundation for Foster Children for several years. After working as a cook at a local BBQ restaurant, he dreamed bigger, he wanted to become a Trained Chef. With the generous support of our donors and partners, Thermon enrolled in a culinary school at Second Harvest Food Bank and proudly graduated in 2024.

Today, he works at a restaurant in Universal's new Epic theme park, excited about the future and inspired to pursue his ultimate goal i.e. opening his own BBQ restaurant one day. Through weekly in-person meetings with his Advocate, hands-on workshops, and Connection Club events, FFC has become a consistent source of encouragement and community for Thermon. While part of a broader support network, the Foundation has become his "village" of care, guidance, and opportunity helping him stay focused, resilient, and hopeful.

**Thanks to YOU, youth like Thermon are building meaningful futures, knowing they don't have to face life's challenges alone. Your support is transforming lives, and we are deeply grateful.**