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In the beginning...
Birth of Caregiving Youth Project - 2006
Boca Raton Community Middle School – 1st in the USA!
CYP Flowchart

**CAREGIVING YOUTH PROJECT FLOW CHART**

**ENROLLMENT**
- 6th Grade Eligibility (70%)
- Self-Referral (20%)
- School Staff Referred (8%)
- Community Referral (2%)

**Student Intake (Family Specialist)**
- Confirmed Eligible
- Parent Consents

**Out of School**
- Sponsored Activities (Staff & Volunteers)
- Camp Treasure, Reunion Camp
- Thanksgiving Meals, Holiday Celebration
- Back to School Supplies
- Fishing, Bowling, Cooking, Picnics & More

**At Home**
- Assessments & Revisits (Social Workers/Family Specialists)
- Community Referrals
- Respite
- Tutoring
- Computers
- Mentoring

**In School**
- (Youth Development & Family Specialists)
- Middle School Services
  - Skills Building 6, 7, 8th Grades
  - Lunch & Learn All Students & School Staff
- High School Services
  - Skills Building, Social Media, Future Planning, Workshops, 1:1 Support Bus Passes

**Additional Services**
- Phone Support
- Email/Text Connection
- Bereavement Transition
- Holiday Gifts & “Shoppe” “Treasure Talk”
- Internet
- Special Projects
CYP Meets Special Needs
In Honor of J. Jones
Mimi Kinsler

The decorations are amazing!

Thank you for sharing your time, talents and for Saddling Up for Caregiving Youth!
Yaacov Heller

Sixty years ago with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Forrestal. That's me on the right with crew mates docking the largest ship in the world at the time.
Thank you Veterans!
If you help someone with medicine and you give them more than what you need will it harm them?

How to remember that a person has problems but looks like a normal person.

How can I get someone out of bed if they don’t have anything to help them with

When you lost your loved ones, will it effect your life?

What happens when they need help but you can’t help them? (What can you do?)
Time for Respite and Fun!
Annual Holiday Celebration
National News: *ABC, CNN, NY Times*
Special events helped us grow...
Caregiving Youth Institute

Connect
Advocate
Research
Educate

Special thanks to the Schmidt Family Foundation!
Highlights From Conferences
Caregiving Youth Research Collaborative

Members from these universities with leadership from AACY and UNC, &
Carol Goodheart, EdD, Past President of the American Psychological Association
Pillars of Support

♥ City of Boca Raton
♥ Collaborating Partners
♥ Corporations
♥ Foundations
♥ Individuals
♥ In-kind Contributors
♥ The School District of Palm Beach County
♥ Volunteers
Future Goals

♥ Expansion of the CYP in Palm Beach County
♥ Furthering the Caregiving Youth Institute
♥ Changing legislation to include caregiving kids
♥ Reaching children in military families
♥ Development of the Affiliate Network
We MUST do better!
We CAN do better!

How Does the U.S. Compare?

Caregiving Youth in Australia and the United Kingdom Versus America

Number of Caregiving Youth

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Who Offers Government Support?

- The U.K. and Australia offer government support...
- the U.S. does not

How Many Programs in Each Country?

- United States – 1
- Australia – 3
- United Kingdom – 350

* Number of caregiving youth and age range for each country is the best representation based on most recent research.


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