

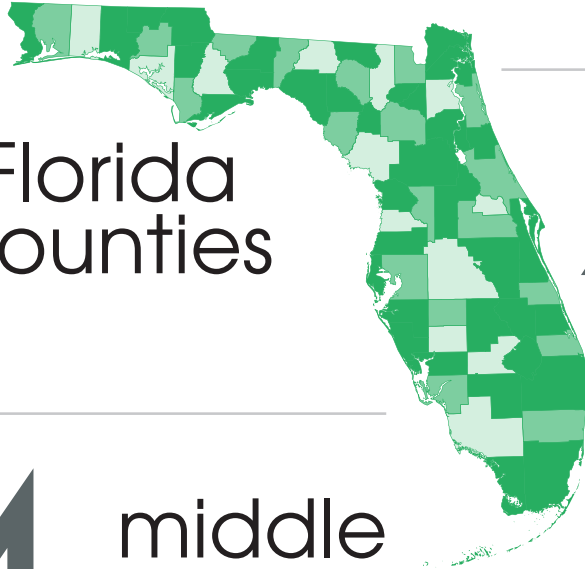


2023-24 **Accountability** Report



Our Impact Across Florida

providing scholarships, mentors, and hope



67

Florida
counties

45

local
programs

744

middle
& high
schools



40

colleges & universities



11,369

mentors

41,850



students since 1995

Take Stock in Children






Mentoring Changes Lives: Founded in 1995 as a Florida nonprofit organization by business and community leaders and built as a public-private partnership to break down barriers to opportunity and instill hope in economically disadvantaged youth, Take Stock in Children has served nearly 42,000 low-income, at-risk students throughout Florida. The Take Stock in Children program’s innovative multi-year model helps children most often overlooked and underserved through early intervention, selecting students between the 6th and 9th grades to enroll in the program. This program model benefits students by providing support services through a volunteer mentor, a college success coach, and college readiness workshops while mitigating financial barriers to higher education by providing college scholarships. Upon enrollment in the Take Stock in Children program, students and parents/guardians sign contracts agreeing that the student will remain drug- and crime-free, maintain good grades and behavior, and graduate high school. Graduates of the Take Stock in Children program earn a Florida Prepaid College Foundation Project STARS scholarship to alleviate the cost of college and are automatically enrolled in the Take Stock in College program, where student support continues until students reach degree attainment/career certification. By setting high expectations for their academic future, Take Stock in Children helps students prepare for postsecondary success.



Take Stock in College

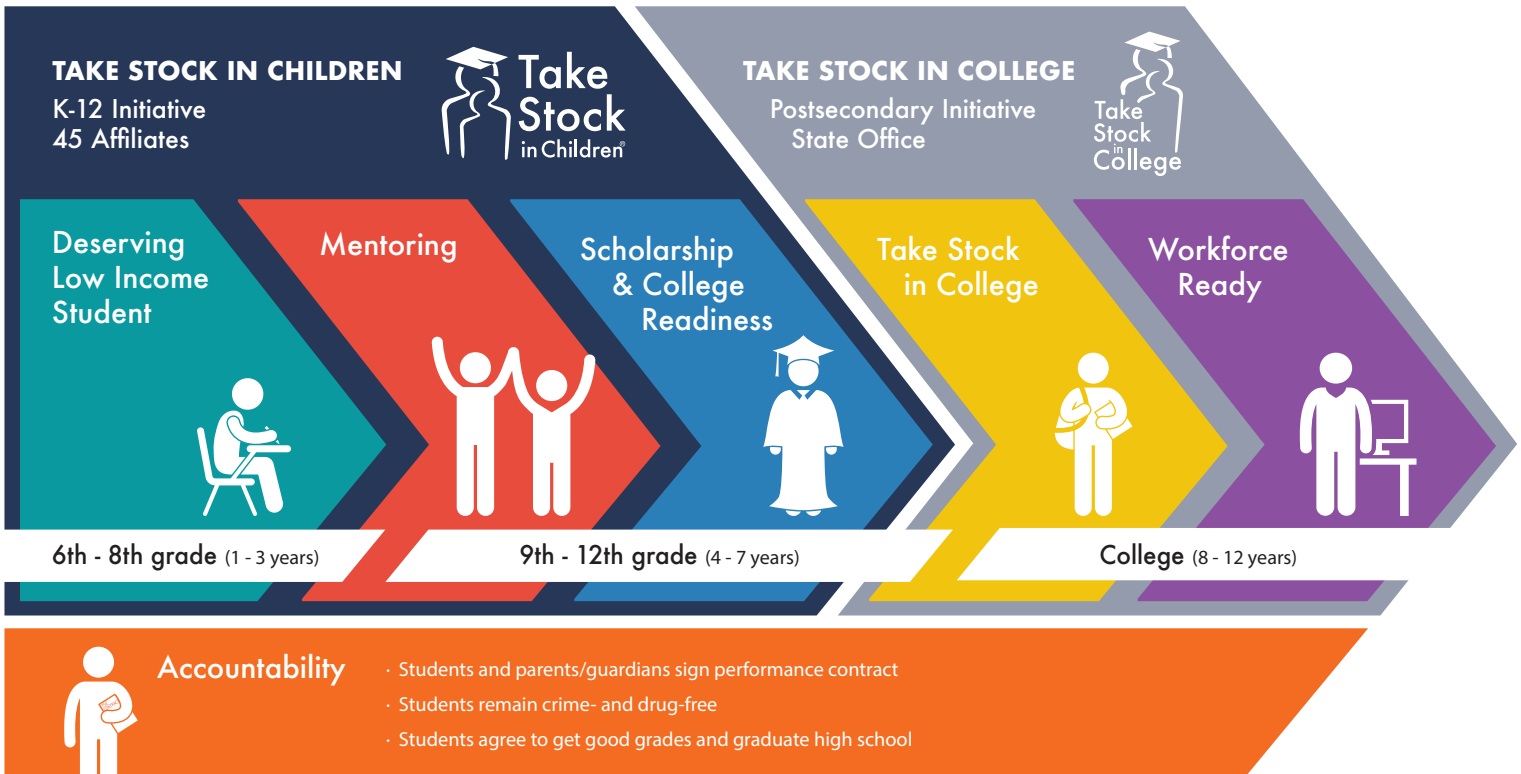
The Take Stock in College program was launched in 2018 to support over 7,000 Take Stock in Children scholarship recipients attending Florida’s 40 public colleges and universities annually. The Take Stock in College program does not duplicate the services offered on college and university campuses; rather, it develops partnerships that connect Take Stock scholars to these critical services, including academic support, financial aid, and career preparation. The holistic support offered by the Take Stock in College program helps scholars, who are often first-generation college students, overcome academic and social barriers that can derail degree attainment/career certification.

Breaking the Cycle of Generational Poverty

-  **29 Years** of providing Scholarships, Mentors, and Hope
-  **15,000+** Students Served Annually
-  **41,850** Students Served Since 1995
-  **280,947** Student Service Years Provided (starting from 6th grade)
-  Take Stock has collectively completed over **3,015,105** volunteer mentor hours for a value estimated at \$63,317,205.

Program Model – Continuum of Support

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



Take Stock serves over 15,000 at-risk students from low-income backgrounds annually through the Take Stock in Children and Take Stock in College programs. Since its founding, Take Stock has empowered students to break the cycle of poverty through education, enriching their lives and communities. Today, Take Stock is recognized for its success as one of the nation's preeminent mentoring, college readiness, scholarship, and college access and completion direct service organizations.



8,000+
middle / high school students served annually in our 6–12th grade mentoring, college readiness, and scholarship Take Stock in Children program.

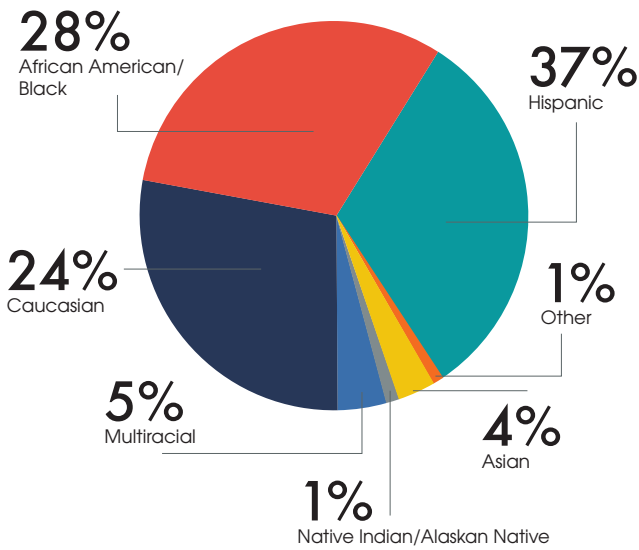


7,000+
college scholars served annually in our postsecondary degree attainment/certification Take Stock in College program.



15,000+
The Take Stock in Children organization and network serves over 15,000 student scholars annually.

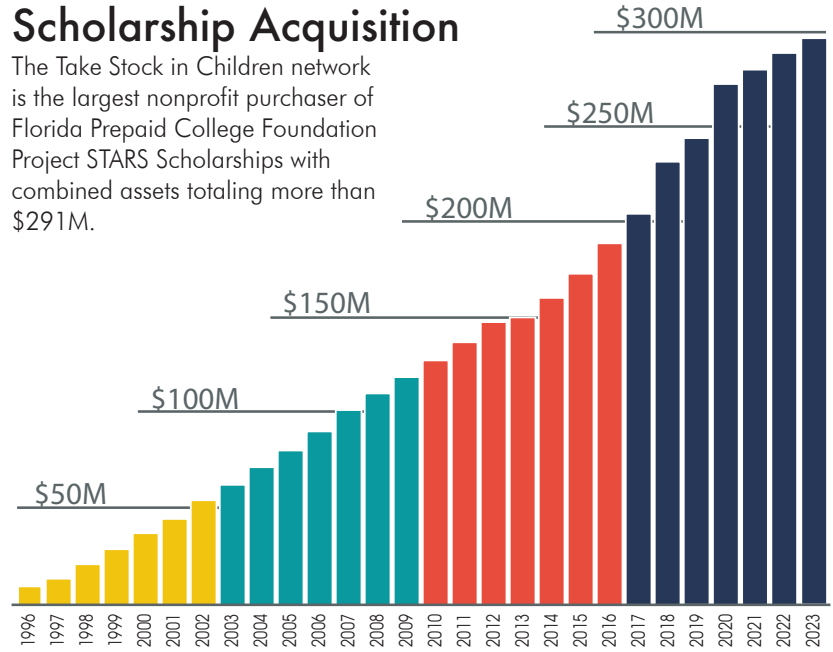
Scholar Demographics



Data Source: Take Stock in Children STAR Database

Scholarship Acquisition

The Take Stock in Children network is the largest nonprofit purchaser of Florida Prepaid College Foundation Project STARS Scholarships with combined assets totaling more than \$291M.



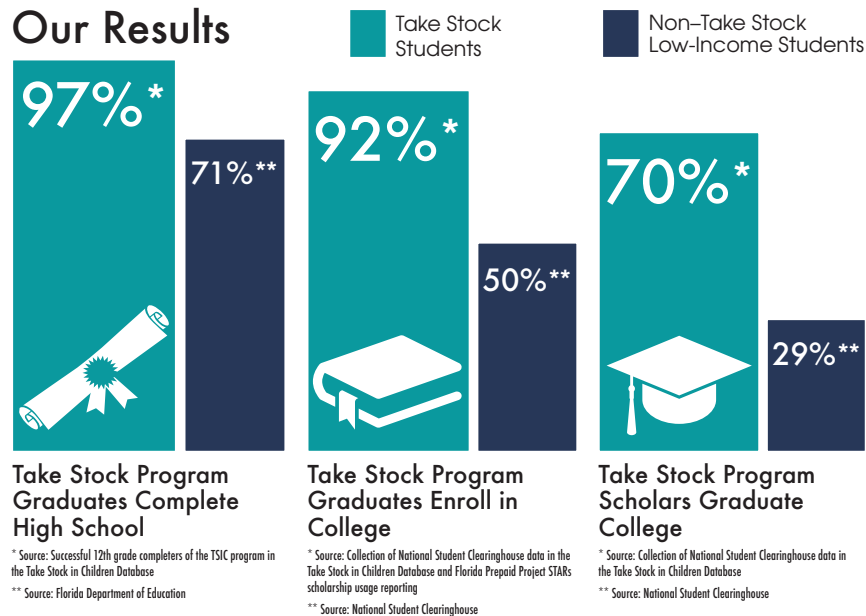
Cumulative since 1995. Source: Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

Measuring Program Impact

National Student Clearinghouse releases an Annual High School Benchmarks Report measuring college enrollment and completion by income sub-group. The current version of this report (as of publication of this document) analyzed college enrollment for the class of 2021 and college completion for the class of 2015. Take Stock in Children utilizes the same cohorts in order to effectively measure program impact.

National data shows that low-income students generally take longer to complete their postsecondary course of study (150% compared to the national average). With this timeline in mind, the 2015 cohort of Take Stock high school graduates would have been approaching the end of their postsecondary journey when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and would have been impacted. Take Stock and National Student Clearinghouse research continues to monitor the effects of the pandemic on postsecondary enrollment and completion.

Our Results



* Source: Successful 12th grade completers of the TSIC program in the Take Stock in Children Database

** Source: Florida Department of Education

* Source: Collection of National Student Clearinghouse data in the Take Stock in Children Database and Florida Prepaid Project STARS scholarship usage reporting

** Source: National Student Clearinghouse

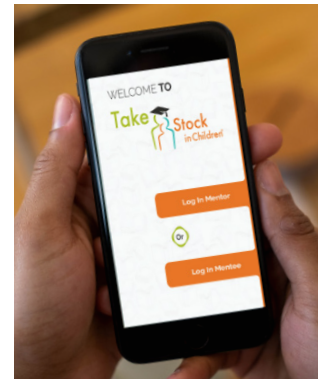
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Supporting Students for Success Through Technology and Innovation

THE TAKE STOCK APP

No longer is mentoring exclusively an in-person experience. Thanks to the Take Stock App, launched in 2020, virtual mentoring allows students to remain connected to their Take Stock mentors, facilitating mentoring to occur from anywhere worldwide at commonly convenient times. Developed by a Take Stock mentor, the Take Stock App facilitates connectivity to community members, business professionals, snowbirds, and other dedicated volunteers.



The Take Stock App Allows Mentors / Mentees to:

- Schedule a virtual mentoring session.
- Video or text chat in a secured and monitored environment with built-in security and supervision (based on keyword alerts from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children).
- Log a mentoring session to help standardize session reporting for the Florida Department of Education, creating efficiency for our Take Stock in Children mentors.
- Access the Take Stock in Children Mentor Toolkit and other college readiness resources used during mentoring sessions.
- Access student mental health and wellness workshops and other student support services.



SUNNY, TAKE STOCK'S AI CHATBOT

Take Stock in College is harnessing the power of artificial intelligence (AI) to engage and empower scholars across Florida's 40 public colleges and universities. Sunny, Take Stock's AI Chatbot, impacts over 7,000 economically disadvantaged, underrepresented Take Stock scholars, many of whom are first-generation college students. Sunny's AI capabilities allow the chatbot to engage in conversations centered on student success and provide resources specific to each scholar's campus and needs. Through Sunny, Take Stock in College is harnessing technology to increase student retention while providing the Take Stock in College team a platform to learn about real-time challenges that may derail students from success in college, career, and life.



Sunny provides:

- An increase in student engagement and establishes high-touch student services while allowing the team to scale efforts.
- Personalized interactions and suggestions for over 7,000 Take Stock in College scholars attending a Florida public college or university.
- Check-ins with students to learn in real-time about challenges hindering their educational success and then connect them with needed resources.
- A way to use data to identify and provide tailored services to postsecondary students to help them achieve certification/ degree attainment for success in college, career, and life.

For more information, please visit takestockinchildren.org

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