MISSION:
PACE PROVIDES GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BETTER FUTURE THROUGH EDUCATION, COUNSELING, TRAINING AND ADVOCACY.

Pace is one of the only gender-responsive, trauma-informed, and strengths-based models for girls in the country, with a proven evidence base. A 2018 third-party random control trial evaluation by research firm MDRC, found that Pace nearly doubles the likelihood of girls being on track to graduate from high school as compared to girls with the same risk factors who did not attend Pace.

SERVING 23 COMMUNITIES IN FLORIDA AND GEORGIA.

3,000+ GIRLS SERVED each year
40,000+ GIRLS SERVED since 1985

Maegan - Pace Hernando

When I started dealing with mental illnesses, it didn’t start with suicidal thoughts. It began with me dealing with my feelings of inadequacy. Soon I was at one of the worst times in my life. I felt helpless and just wanted something to make me feel better.

Shortly after my fourth Baker Act, I started going to Pace. This is where I started learning about what I was dealing with in a more precise way. Now, if I had the chance to go back in time to see my younger self I would tell her, I wanted to know that someone saw me as being worthy of life. I couldn’t get better without putting in my part, I hope that by telling my story, I can make a difference for someone else – just like one of my middle school teachers and the Pace staff did in mine.
Pace is a safe and supportive academic and wrap around social services model for girls, ages 11-17, that helps girls overcome challenges and prepare for their future. We focus on social and emotional wellbeing and academic success, to find the great in every girl.

**TRENDS**

51% WERE FAILING ONE OR MORE CLASSES PRIOR TO ATTENDING PACE

32% PRIOR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

51% WERE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED PRIOR TO PACE

**OUTCOMES**

86% IMPROVED ACADEMICALLY AT PACE

100% NO INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETING PACE

100% GIRLS WERE IN SCHOOL, HIGHER EDUCATION OR EMPLOYED ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETING PACE

Pace Reach provides social, emotional, and mental health counseling for middle and high school aged girls and their families in schools and in communities.

**TRENDS**

0% PRIOR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

95% BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES BEFORE PACE

**OUTCOMES**

96% NO INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETING PACE

100% IMPROVED BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES AT PACE

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