

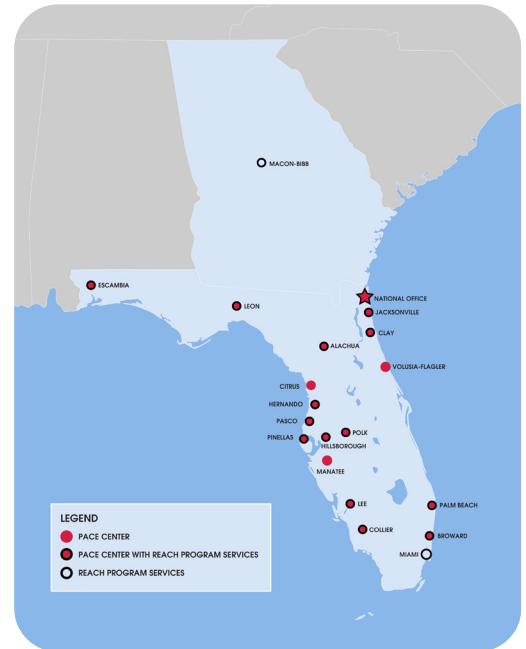
FAST FACTS 2026

Pace envisions a world where all girls and young women are safe, have economic security and an opportunity to use their voice in shaping their future.

Pace Center for Girls provides a safe and supportive environment for girls to build healthy relationships, plan for their future and overcome histories of trauma. All girls, regardless of their background, deserve an opportunity to become strong, compassionate and successful women. When properly supported, all girls have the power to achieve their vision of success, which leads to positive outcomes for themselves, their families and communities.

KEY METRICS 2025

3,049
GIRLS SERVED **14**
AVERAGE AGE **41%**
MIDDLE SCHOOL **59%**
HIGH SCHOOL



IN HER WORDS

NORA

“ I struggled when I entered high school – failing a semester and missing days because my mental health was declining. Hoping for support, my family and I discovered Pace. At Pace, I found staff and teachers who gave me structure, compassion, and guidance. They helped me set goals and rebuild my confidence. In less than two years, I caught up academically and gained emotional tools to thrive. I completed my diploma months early, earned scholarships, and now I’m pursuing a career in 3D animation at St. Petersburg College.”



Pace Center for Girls, Pinellas

Dena Hernandez, Executive Director



Day Program

Pace's Day Program provides year-round academics, counseling, life skills, and career preparation for middle and high school girls, with individualized plans tailored to each girl's strengths, experiences, and needs.

89 Girls Served FY2025

ACADEMICS



AS A RESULT OF PACE
8 in 10 GIRLS
improved academically, measured by Florida STAR testing

Before Pace, 8 in 10 girls were failing school six months prior to attending Pace.

PERSONAL GROWTH



AS A RESULT OF PACE
8 in 10 GIRLS
strengthened or maintained high self-efficacy, the belief that you can succeed

Before Pace, 6 in 10 girls demonstrated behaviors related to juvenile delinquency.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



AS A RESULT OF PACE
9+ in 10 GIRLS
are engaged in their community, measured by an increase in healthy behaviors

Before Pace, 7 in 10 girls were disengaged in school and community life.

Reach Program

The Pace Reach Program offers social, emotional, and behavioral health support for girls ages 11-17 and their families. Reach therapists provide these therapy services at community locations, such as partnering schools, homes, and at Pace Centers.

159 Girls Served FY2025

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS



AS A RESULT OF PACE
9+ in 10 GIRLS
improved healthy social relationships with peers and family members

Before Pace, 4 in 10 girls were feeling sad or hopeless, including thoughts of self-harm.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



AS A RESULT OF PACE
9+ in 10 GIRLS
are engaged in their community, measured by an increase in healthy behaviors

Before Pace, 5 in 10 girls were disengaged in school and community life.

FROM OUR COMMUNITY

The partnership between Pace Pinellas and the City of Pinellas Park extends far beyond simply assisting female students in our immediate community. Pace's reach is much larger than just our city, but because Pace helps children, we all benefit. Whether these young people reside in Pinellas Park or Largo, they are all our kids and, most importantly, our future. The work the Pace Center for Girls does to support young ladies is truly second to none. Their impact on our young ladies is far greater than any of us can truly fathom.

- Bart Diebold, Pinellas Park City Manager