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

MacKenzie – Pace Polk
Before coming to Pace, I did a plethora of things that I should not have. My grades were terrible, I never paid attention in class, I tried alcohol and hung out with the wrong crowd. I was always the ‘puppet’ and did what others told me to do. Because of Pace, my grades have reached the highest they have ever been. Now I hang out with the right people and get along with my peers. I am now at the correct grade level and I will be in the class of 2021. Because of my military BRAT experiences, I was able to advocate for military girls myself and start the process of getting a Reach program on the Jacksonville Naval Base. At 17 years old I am proud to be helping girls change their lives with this opportunity. After Pace, I want to go to college and major in social work.
PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

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.

104 GIRLS SERVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

TRENDS

77% WERE FAILING ONE OR MORE CLASSES PRIOR TO ATTENDING PACE

23% PRIOR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

73% WERE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED PRIOR TO PACE

OUTCOMES

97% IMPROVED ACADEMICALLY AT PACE

90% NO INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETING PACE

98% GIRLS WERE IN SCHOOL, HIGHER EDUCATION OR EMPLOYED ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETING PACE

PACE REACH

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

58 GIRLS SERVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

TRENDS

12% PRIOR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

54% BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES BEFORE PACE

OUTCOMES

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

100% IMPROVED BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES AT PACE

EXPENSE

83% Program Services
10% Management & General
7% Fundraising

Expenses represent all Pace Centers and programs

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