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## *HISTORY*

The Lawton Chiles Foundation was created by Rhea Chiles in order to continue the Governor's commitment to children by assisting communities to become Whole Child Communities.



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The Whole Child concept presented the opportunity to provide a preventative, holistic approach - one that considers the history of the parents, the physical home environment and the social, spiritual and cultural connections that help sustain and support the family.



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In 2004, visionaries from the Children's Services Council of Martin County (CSCMC) embraced these ideals and determined that the county would become one of the pilot communities, because they recognized a need to improve access and increase utilization of services for children 0-18 years old and their families.

Partnering with the Lawton Chiles Foundation, CSCMC made the *Whole Child Connection* (previously called the Whole Child Project) a targeted initiative. Consequently, the initiative turned into an incorporated entity, the Whole Child Connection, Inc.

# How Whole Child Connection Works



- The Whole Child Connection is a comprehensive web-based service delivery system that helps families access much needed services.
- Parents can go to the WCC website to complete a profile about their family.
- The profile covers the gamut of potential needs a family might have, many that are vital: **health care**, **insurance**, **housing**, **child care**, **school readiness**, special needs programs, **parenting education** and so **much more**.



# How Whole Child Connection Works



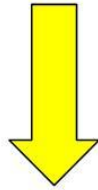
Once a profile is completed, the system identifies all the appropriate providers for the family. The families are then connected with the respective providers quickly and easily, either through the internet or with the help of an advisor.



# How the Whole Child System Works



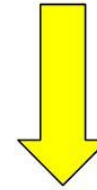
A Family Has Specific Needs



A Family Completes A Whole Child Profile



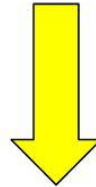
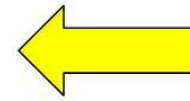
Service Providers Have Multiple Services



Comprehensive Provider Information Is Supplied



Whole Child Web System Matches Needs to Providers



Whole Child Advisor Supports The Family as They Develop And Implement a Holistic Plan To Meet Their Needs



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## *Whole Child Advisors*

Advisors are available by phone, or they can meet in person at various locations throughout Martin County. Advisors are very helpful to many families, especially those with language or other barriers that keep them from easily navigating the website and completing the profile online on their own.





*The Whole Child Connection is making a difference because it:*

-  Enables parents to examine their situation and make decisions about appropriate services to meet the needs of their children
-  Electronically and quickly links parents to available services
-  Strengthens accountability on the part of providers to be responsive
-  Provides the community with immediate information on family needs, local providers and gaps in the system that need to be closed
-  Ultimately propels families toward self-sufficiency, children toward healthy, productive lives and communities toward overall enhanced quality of life



## *Whole Child Connection Accomplishments*

- The Whole Child Connection system went live in May 2006 and has provided access to more than 300 social service programs.
- Currently, the Whole Child Connection has referred more than 2,400 families to the appropriate social service providers in Martin County.

*Nearly every service your children need is available in our community. The best way to find them is through Whole Child Connection. Get access to:*

- Adult Education
- Alternative Education
- Adult Health
- Animal Control
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Child Care
- Youth Organizations
- Child Health
- Code Enforcement
- Community Activities
- Cultural and the Arts
- Community Activities
- Faith Based, Religious Community Activities
- Mentoring Community Activities
- Parks and Recreation Community Activities
- Volunteering
- Community Support Groups
- Counseling
- Dentists
- Developmental Disabilities Screening
- Developmental Screening
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Drug, Alcohol, or Substance Abuse Emergency Services
- Clothing Emergency Services
- Food Emergency Services
- Other Emergency Services
- Shelter
- Employment Assistance
- Family Literacy
- Family Planning
- Family Practice / Internists
- Financial Counseling
- Hearing Screening
- Housing
- Immunizations
- Infant / Child Mental Health Screening
- Law Enforcement and Legal Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Nutritional Guidance
- Parenting Education
- Pediatricians
- Prenatal Care
- Safety
- School Readiness
- Speech Language Evaluation and Other Therapies
- Transportation
- Vision Screening
- Women's Health Needs





*Service Providers that participate in the WCC System have the ability to:*

- ☀️ Receive Instant Client Service Requests
- ☀️ Access Client Demographics
- ☀️ Provide Immediate Services to Referred Clients
- ☀️ Follow Clients Through Service Delivery System
- ☀️ Access Community Data





*The Whole Child Connection gives the term  
'Accountability' a new meaning*

- Identifies those Providers Responding or Not Responding to Client Service Requests
- Promotes access to competent Service Providers
- Increases the rate of utilization amongst those Service Providers

## *WCC Community Data is a Valuable Resource:*

- ☀️ The Data is Representative of the Community.
- ☀️ The Data reports on the Highest Referral Rates amongst the Service Providers.
- ☀️ The Data shows the Number of Service Requests Answered.
- ☀️ The Data identifies gaps in resources available in the community.
- ☀️ The Data identifies clients' satisfaction



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