



For Gainesville's Children

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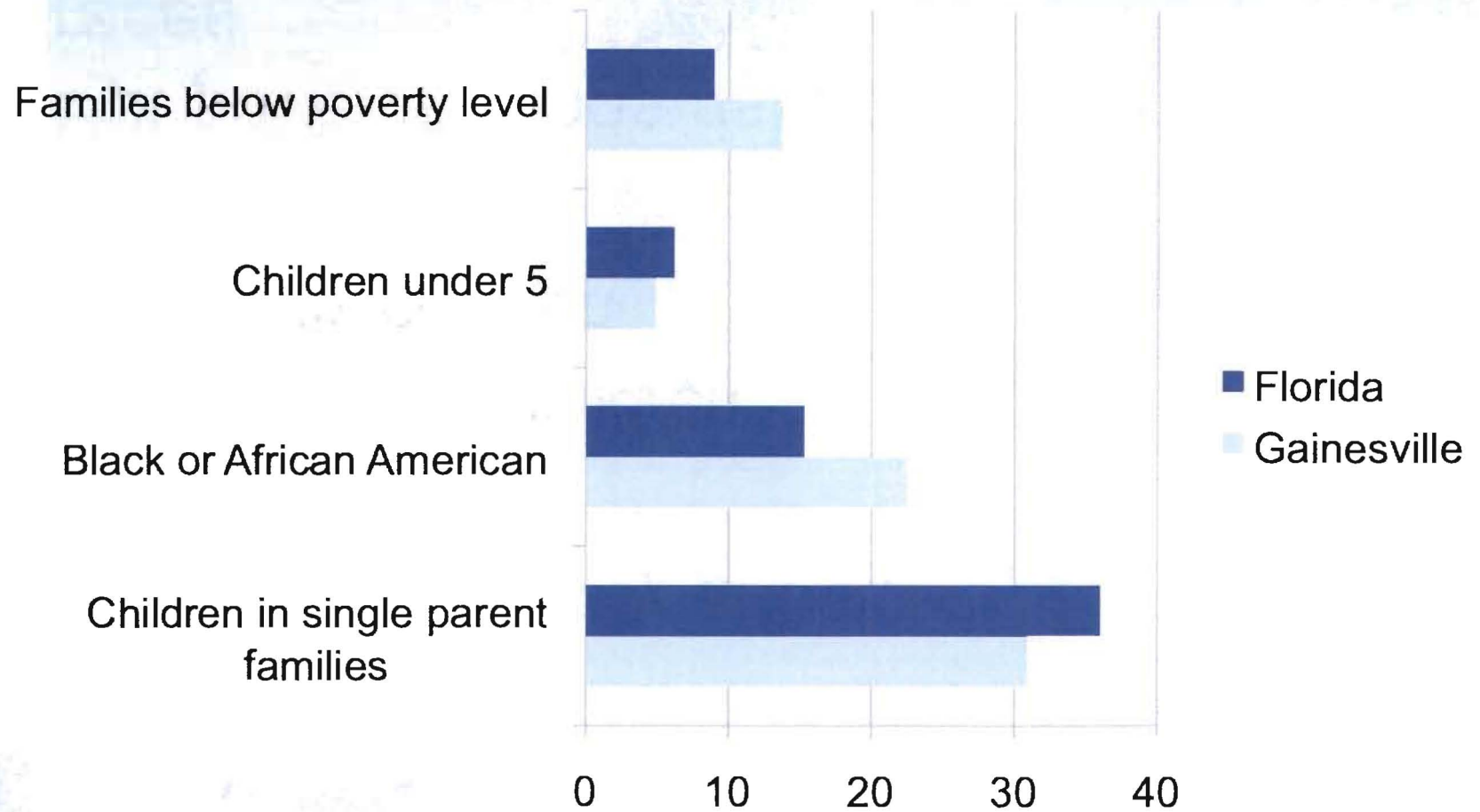
- Needed to know the current status of children, particularly relating to lower socioeconomic status families
- Needed to know the extent to which this status is improving or declining
- Wanted to understand the best ways to implement solutions to remediate unacceptable status
- Then develop and implement a plan to address concerns
- And routinely communicate status

Risks for poor outcomes



- Disproportionately affect:
 - Young children
 - Low-income children
 - Minority children
- But poverty brings risks for children of all races

A look at Gainesville



What are the disparate outcomes?



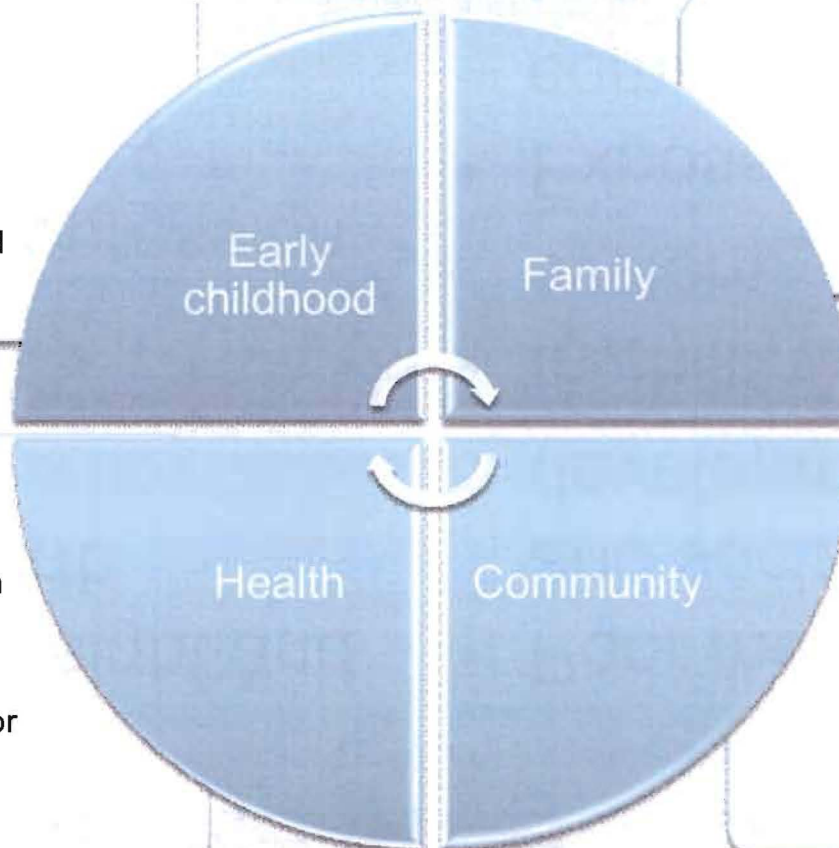
- Low birth weight and pre-term birth
- Obesity
- Asthma
- Maternal depression
- Poor parenting practices
- Unsafe neighborhood
- Poor mental health and social-emotional development
- In child welfare system
- Exposed to family or community violence
- Not ready for school

The context in which children thrive



- Early care and education opportunities in nurturing environments where children can learn what they need to succeed in school and life

- Economic environments and parenting practices that ensure children have stable and nurturing relationships with caring adults



- Comprehensive health services
- Early identification, assessment and appropriate services for children with special health care needs, disabilities, or developmental delays

- Safe and supportive neighborhoods with family-friendly amenities

Moving forward



1. Define population

2. Articulate desired outcomes

3. Determine indicators that measure desired outcomes

4. Establish indicator baselines and trends

5. Determine strategies that work and partners with a role to play

6. Plan and budget for strategy implementation

7. Establish performance measures that support strategies



**“We have it within
our power to build
the world over
again.”**

-Thomas Paine