

# 100 BEST COMMUNITIES



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## Florida

### City of Greenacres, FL

Greenacres is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because, through collaboration with Palm Beach County, numerous initiatives have been implemented. For example, the city's partnership with The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC) enables the city to provide aftercare for 120 participants in the K-5 program, and 40 participants in the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade program.

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### City of Hollywood, FL

Hollywood is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because City of Hollywood employees are encouraged to mentor the youth at a local elementary school through the "Bigs in Schools" mentorship program. Thanks to the effort, teachers reported 64% of students developed more positive attitudes toward school; 58% achieved higher grades in social studies, languages, and math; 55% were better able to express their feelings; and 62% were more likely to trust their teachers.

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### Coral Springs, FL

Coral Springs is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because its PTA/City Schools partnership consists of over 4,000 members, providing thousands of man-hours to help educate children and raise money for schools. Another City/County partnership. The Family Success Center, provides underprivileged families human services like child/family therapy, financial assistance resources, job search training for teens, and referrals to social services

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## **Manatee County, FL**

Manatee County is receiving the *100 Best* honor, in part, because of programs like the ManaTeen Club, organized through the local Volunteer Center. Volunteer Services of Manatee encourages the 571 registered not-for-profit agencies to engage youth as decision makers on their boards and within their organizations. The *ManaTEEN* Club connects youth to meaningful volunteer opportunities and leadership training to help youth find and express their voice, and receives local and national recognition for its efforts. Teens identify needs in the community and develop projects and programs to address those needs.

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## **St. Petersburg, FL**

St. Petersburg is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of the “Mayors Mentors & More” program where Mayor Baker created partnerships between 47 St. Petersburg schools and 78 businesses. Each school has one or more partners that contribute resources, mentors, and strategic thinking to the school. The partnerships are two-way the schools provide value for the businesses and are facilitated by the Mayor’s office. Results include over 1,000 mentors and more than \$1.2 million in private investment in schools.

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