

State representative Mike Caruso presents \$1.95 million check for affordable mental health services

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Florida State Representative Mike Caruso presents \$1.95 million check in funding for affordable mental health services in South Florida (WPEC)

BOCA RATON, Fla. (CBS12) — Florida State representative Mike Caruso and Senator Shevrin Jones presented a \$1.95 million check for affordable mental health services for several different South Florida Jewish Family Services organizations on Monday afternoon.

The check was presented at Toby & Leon Cooperman Sinai Residence in Boca Raton, Florida. The check will be used to provide mental health services by a Tri-County Affordable Behavioral Health Collaboration, which includes Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS), Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (Rales JFS), Goodman Jewish Family Services (Goodman JFS), and Jewish Community Services of South Florida (JCS).

\$1.2 million is specifically being allocated to the Jewish Family Services (JFS) Affordable Behavioral Health Collaboration, which provides low-income individuals in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties with affordable access to behavioral health services to promote emotional well-being. The remaining \$750,000 in funding is being allocated to the JFS Affordable Psychiatry Access Program, led by Alpert JFS and Rales JFS, which provides underinsured and uninsured residents of Palm Beach County with psychiatric services.