

CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023, at 4:00 PM

CTAC, 802 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Call to Order

Chair Dr. Margarita Labarta called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Margarita Labarta Vice Chair Tina Certain Treasurer Lee Pinkoson Member Shane Andrew Member Karen Cole-Smith Member Ken Cornell Member Judge Denise R. Ferrero Member Nancy Hardt Member Patricia Snyder Member Cheryl Twombly

Agenda Review, Revision and Approval

Approval of the agenda also approves all the items on the consent agenda.

Chair Labarta informed the group that the agenda needed to be revised to include the election of Treasurer and the passing of the gavel.

Motion to approve with the addition of Voting for treasurer and the passing of the gavel to the agenda made by Treasurer Lee Pinkoson, Seconded by Member Judge Denise R. Ferrero.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Consent Agenda

- 1. 2022 Board Attendance
- 2. 12.12.22 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3. Board Meeting Evaluation Survey Results from 12.12.22
- 4. Resolution 2023-01 Authorization for Signatories on the Children's Trust of Alachua County Bank Accounts
- 5. Change Order to Prismatic Purchase Agreement

- 6. 1st Quarter Financial Report Memo to the BOCC
- 7. December 2022 Checks and Expenditures Report
- 8. 1st Quarter Budget Report
- 9. Monthly Programmatic Award and Expense Report

General Public Comments

Comments were made by Andrew Miles and Carla Lewis

The group is requesting an exemption for one overnight filed trip and the vehicles for the Greater Duval organization's summer program for this contract year. The ask is that any changes to the contract happen the third year of the contract. The organization believes that it will be cheaper to use SUV's instead of the passenger vans required by the Trust. The organization suggested the Trust maintain a fleet of vehicles that organizations can use.

Discussion

ED Kiner asked for clarification on motion she reminded Member Cornell that there are two requests before the Board.

Member Ferrero asked the speakers for clarification on their ask. Speaker Lewis explained that the ask is for an exemption of rules requiring van use for transportation rather than allowing for SUV use for this year ahead of the signing the contract. Member Snyder and Chair Labarta asked to hear from staff on why the change occurred.

DOP Kristy Goldwire explained that the information was added to the transportation reimbursement portion of the provider handbook until staff can develop a better policy and review transportation options for providers. Staff plans to research if any vehicles assigned to other programs can be transferred to Greater Duval. The second issue relating to overnight fieldtrips arose due to challenges which developed last year with overnight camps and an abuse issue in a different camp. Staff needs to develop a policy to bring back to board for review and approval.

Attorney Swain spoke to the concerns stating there are two issues to consider. One being the type of vehicles and the other is ratio for supervision as it relates to overnight field trips. ED Kiner asked the provider to give the Trust staff time to bring back a policy to the Board.

Member Cornell motioned to send to staff to have staff work on policy and exemption seconded by Member Pinkoson.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chair's Report

Nomination for Treasurer

Motion to nominate Member Ken Cornell made by Member Tina Certain seconded by Member Pinkoson.

Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Recognized Member Dr. Karen Cole-Smith for her service on the Board and to the community. This was her last meeting. Member Dr. Karen Cole-Smith stated it has been a pleasure being on a board that is committed to young people.

Chair Labarta expressed her thanks for serving with people that tackle tough issues in a respectful way.

The Gavel was passed to the incoming Chair Tina Certain. Chair Certain took over the remainder of the meeting.

Executive Director's Report

10. 1.9.23 ED Report

ED Kiner directed everyone to the Annual report thanking staff for all of their hard work. Specifically thanking Dan Douglas and Bonnie Wagner in addition to all staff. She highlighted that over 18,000 opportunities were created for children and families through the work of the Trust. ED Kiner introduced the group to Finance Director Diana Sanchez who began working for the Trust right before the holidays. FD Sanchez shared her background with the Board noting her previous experience working for four different nonprofits. She stated that she is here to help the providers and the children we serve.

Committee Updates

11. Listening Project Update (Bonnie Wagner)

Dr. Stacy Williams gave a presentation on the progress of the Listening Project. She was excited to report that the project has reached statistical significance. Dr. Williams thanked everyone for their work on the project and reminded the group of the upcoming dates for the project.

Presentations

12. TeensWork Alachua - Evaluation Results and Recommendations (Bonnie Wagner & Deon Carruthers) Wagner discussed the data including evaluation results. Carruthers shared the staff recommendation for a collaborative model with the two organizations for the 2023 year. Goodwill Industries will provide employment, training, job coaching, and hiring. Minority Business Listings will provide recruitment, marketing, outreach, and community relationships. Staff will work with both providers to complete scope of services and budget narratives. Staff will come back for approval of the new budget amount at the February board meeting for approval.

Board Members asked questions about retention measures, why students were let go, if it would be helpful to ask employers about dress codes and include that measurement and additional financial literacy training for this year. Carruthers explained that some programs were not the full 6-8 weeks and the Trust will be working with the providers to ensure the program is a full 6 weeks for 2023. He said due to several challenges last year, some employers were not able to host the students for the full six weeks. Wagner stated those students did not receive credit for the full program since their participation was less than the contracted 6

weeks. It was no fault of the students or the employer. Staff will be accounting for these issues this upcoming year.

Member Cornell thanked staff for their work on TeensWork Alachua. He stated the board threw a curve ball that was probably not well received last year, and he is amazed at the results of a pilot program.

Member Twombly stated that this was one of her favorite programs.

ED Kiner thanked Goodwill and Minority Business Listings for their hard work on this program. Member Pinkoson discussed the possibility of expanding the program through other funding sources asking if the state or federal government has a program. Chair Certain asked if he was thinking of JTPA. Pinkoson asked staff to investigate expanding.

Member Hardt asked if the Trust has considered hiring a grant writer to assist with applying for and receiving state and federal matching money. She stated it requires a different skill set then what we may have on staff.

ED Kiner mentioned that grant writing has come up on her listening tour as a suggestion from several providers.

Member Pinkoson added that the county has a person that can be used.

Chair Certain remined the group that we have Career Source, we may be able to say that the Trust supports these types of efforts through Career Source. Certain added that she liked that TeensWork was for all youth between the ages 14-18ages to participate. She would like to see all the municipalities participate. Chair Certain asked if Minority Business Listings and Goodwill would like to say a few words.

Representatives from both organizations spoke thanking the board for the opportunity to continue to do the work. They each spoke to the concerns that board members brought up acknowledging that they have already begun working on some of the concerns discussed by the Board.

Old Business

13. FY22 Interlocal Agreement with Children's Trust and Alachua County Discussion no motion and vote needed.

Board Member

Comments

Member Labarta acknowledged the FYI article encouraging everyone to check it out. Member Snyder thanked staff and ED Kiner for her updates.

Member Dr. Karen Cole-Smith shared that she is in favor of changing the language that is spoken about groups of children from At-Risk to At-Promise. She stated she is on the agenda to speak at the upcoming Alachua County Legislative Delegation meeting to discuss this topic. Member Cornell mentioned the county commission meeting will be held tomorrow and he will be asking for funding for GNV4AII. He will ask the county to match the city's allocation. He stated that he suspects that GNV4ALL will be coming back to the Trust for funding. Member Cornell reminded the group that fund balance has been a discussion and he would like to find ways to use those dollars.

Member Pinkoson mentioned a possible recession and the need to be prepared to figure out what we need to retain when and if funding becomes an issue.

Member Labarta stated that one-time expenditures can be a part of strategic planning process including Dr. Hart's suggestion for a grant writer. Member Labarta mentioned the child wellbeing indicator data she shared information with staff and asked that it be shared with the Board. She mentioned that changes have been made in some of the areas.

ED Kiner advised there had been an update to the financial's provided and that information was distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Chair Tina Certain adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm.

For Your Information

14. Children's Trust leader comes full circle in role – Main Street Daily News – Dec. 29, 2022

Next Meeting Date

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 4:00 PM Children's Trust of Alachua County, 802 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 4:00 PM Children's Trust of Alachua County, 802 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601



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Attendance List

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	Joseph Agula	TWA	an jagvile@ po-dwilljer.mg	23-985-978



My whole purpose is to request an exemption for one overnight trip and vehicle rentals for Greater Duval Neighborhood Associations Summer Sling.

Summer Sling is a six-week program where High-school age children are given the chance to see and experience career opportunities that will provide them with a living wage while also strengthening their self-esteem, independence, social skills, civic engagement awareness, and gives them a map to being Successful.

Our goal: is for the children to experience personal growth and feel confident in their abilities to become successful adults.

Our Objectives are

- To introduce Youth to career paths to develop a plan now for after high school
- To give youth the opportunity to practice and strengthen their listening and social skills
- To increase self-esteem by demonstrating their ability to independently <u>supervise</u> and be a subordinate while practicing team building and leadership skills among their peers.
- To increase Total independence in decision making skills and responsibilities.
- To give youth an opportunity to experience a lifestyle that can be achieved when planned out.

We take them to visit several colleges, universities, alternative programs, and job sites. Not only do they get to hear about the careers they also get the chance to see and experience by actually touring sites and actual get some hands-on experiences with what it would take to Plan for a career to have a successful life style.

They get to hear see and experience careers that requires specialized degrees or training as well as careers they can enter with a high school diploma. Our youth learn about civic engagement and have conversations with city, public officials and activist on civic duties and careers in politics.



Youth learn conflict resolution, teamwork, and decision-making skills for career options. This program is a free and we target low-income participants and those with special needs. Our end of the year excursion trips always gives them educational experiences with money management and other continued life management experiences

We have learn recently for this year only vans and transport services are to be paid for transporting. Our movement weekly requires a lot of driving and at times changes in destinations and always require space for 16 passengers.

We need two 8 passenger vehicles which they do not have the 8 passenger vans, but they do have 8 passenger SUV's which allows all participants and staff to be transported in a safe fashion. Two 15 passenger vans would not be practical for cost reasons.

Also, our overnight trip is an experience that further enhance our youth selfesteem and self-awareness. GDNA has not had one incident in 5 years of overnight trips and each person chaperoning is background screened. We are requesting an exemption for overnight trips and rental of the SUV's. This What

Others will speak more on this.

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Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

Anna Prizzia, *Chair* Mary Alford, *Vice Chair* Charles S. Chestnut, IV Ken Cornell Marihelen Wheeler Administration Michele L. Lieberman *County Manager*

January 5, 2023

GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor State of Florida/The Capitol 400 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Gubernatorial Appointments to the Children's Trust of Alachua County

Dear Governor DeSantis,

On February 27, 2018, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted local Ordinance No. 18-08 in part "Providing for the Creation of a Countywide Independent Special District to Provide Children's Services." The ordinance was adopted pursuant to section 125.901, Florida Statutes. During the November 6, 2018 General Election, 61.96% of the Alachua County voters approved the creation of the Children's Trust of Alachua County.

In accordance with section 125.901 Florida Statutes and Local Ordinance 18-08 as created, the Children's Trust of Alachua County is comprised of 10 members. Of these ten, five members are designated by Statute. The remaining five are appointed by the Governor from a list of applicants nominated by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

As two of the current Children's Trust member terms expire December 31, 2022, in accordance with Statute we solicited applications for the upcoming vacancies. The 12 applications received were reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting held on December 13, 2022. A unanimous motion was passed by the Commission nominating the following individuals for your consideration:

For the Incumbent seat of Dr. Snyder: **Patricia A. Snyder, Mary L. Chance, Adam O. Joy** For the seat vacated by Dr. Labarta: **Rachel M. Coleman, Henry S. Pennypacker, Shannon D. Prieto**

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Each of these individuals has been asked to submit the required and optional information to the Governor's Appointments Office. A copy of this letter has also been provided to each nominee so it can be included in their application package. Respectfully, we ask for your earliest possible consideration in making these appointments.

Sincerely,

Anna Prizzia, Chair Alachua County Commission Chr23.015

AP/CT

cc: Board of County Commissioners Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager Sylvia Torres, County Attorney Carl Smart, Deputy County Manager Claudia Tuck, Director, Community Support Services Patricia A. Snyder, Gubernatorial Nominee Mary L. Chance, Gubernatorial Nominee Adam O. Joy, Gubernatorial Nominee Rachel M. Coleman, Gubernatorial Nominee Henry S. Pennypacker, Gubernatorial Nominee Shannon D. Prieto, Gubernatorial Nominee

File Attachments for Item:

6. First Quarter Financial Report Memo to the BoCC



Item:

1st Quarter Financial Report FY23 to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

Requested Action:

The Trust is asked to 1) approve the report, and 2) authorize the Chair to transmit the report to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Background

Pursuant to Florida Statute 125.901(3)(f) and Alachua County Board of County Commissioners Ordinance 26.04 (5)(f), the Children's Trust of Alachua County is required to present to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners a report that lists the expenditures, receipts, statement of funds on hand invested or deposited with a qualified public depository, and total administrative costs for the quarter annual period.

A summary for the 1st Quarter is as follows:

1) Expenditures:	\$ 395,420.46
2) Receipts:	\$ 6,637,167.56
3) Statement of Funds on Hand:	\$ 11,989,949.34
4) Total Administrative Costs:	\$ 78,878.27

Attachments

Transmittal Memo

Programmatic Impact:

NA

Fiscal Impact:

NA

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval



TO:MARIHELEN WHEELER, CHAIRALACHUA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERSFROM:DR. MARGARITA LABARTA, CHAIRCHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTYSUBJECT:1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTDATE:January 3, 2023

Pursuant to Florida Statute 125.901(3)(f) and Alachua County Board of County Commissioners Ordinance 26.04 (5)(f), the Children's Trust of Alachua County presents to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners its FY 2023 1st Quarter Financial Report for the period ending 12/31/2022.

The report includes the total expenditures, receipts, statement of funds on hand, invested or deposited with a qualified public depository and total administrative costs for the quarter annual period.

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CC: Michele Lieberman, County Manager Alachua County Board of County Commissioners Children's Trust of Alachua County Board Marsha Kiner, Executive Director, Children's Trust of Alachua County Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, Accountants for the Children's Trust of Alachua County

Children's Trust of Ala Cty LIVE Budget by Fund Category Report

12/31/2022

Prior Fiscal Year Activity Included

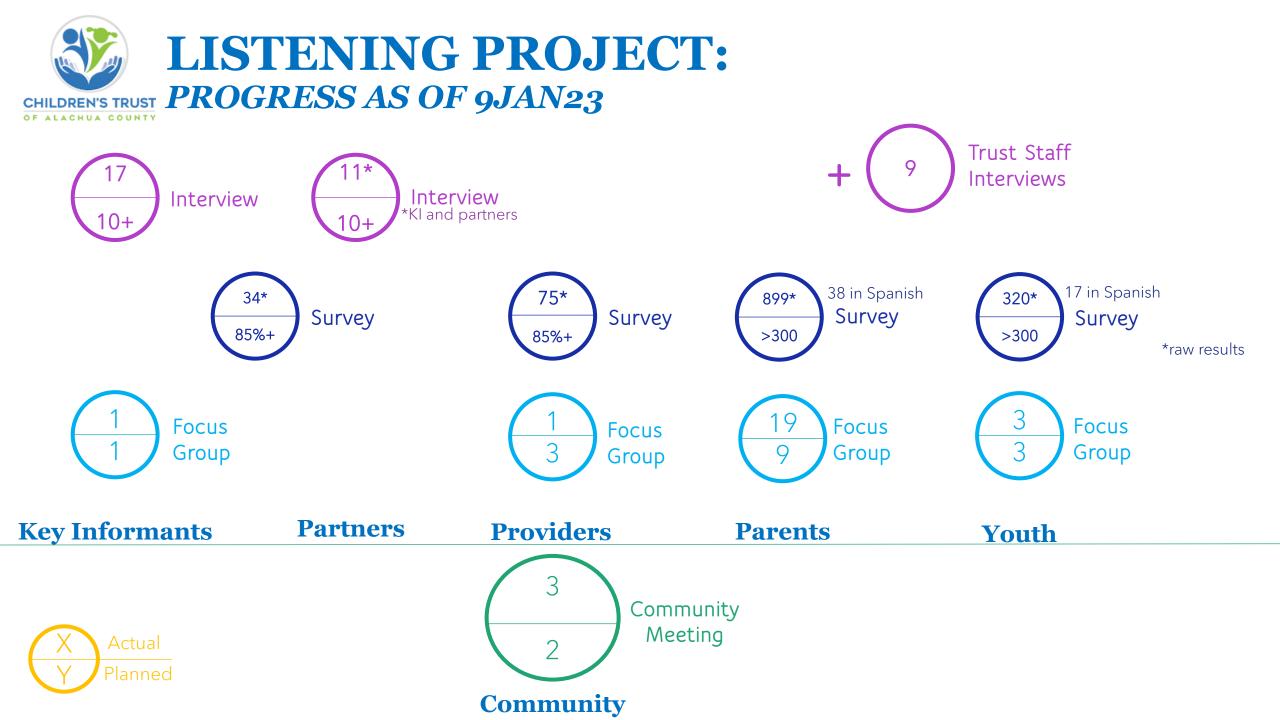
Account Classification	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year Total
1 - Governmental Funds									
Revenue									
11 - General Fund									
31 - TAXES	\$8,858,643.00	\$0.00	\$8,858,643.00	\$4,809,421.56	\$0.00	\$6,571,167.56	\$2,287,475.44	74%	\$8,262,482.06
33 - Intergovernmental Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$0.00
34 - Charges for Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$0.00
36 - Miscellaneous Revenue	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$78,144.12
38 - Other Sources	\$3,221,414.00	\$0.00	\$3,221,414.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,221,414.00	0%	\$0.00
11 - General Fund Total:	\$12,085,057.00	\$0.00	\$12,085,057.00	\$4,809,421.56	\$0.00	\$6,571,167.56	\$5,513,889.44	54%	\$8,340,626.18
12 - Special Revenue Funds									
33 - Intergovernmental Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$0.00
36 - Miscellaneous Revenue	\$41,667.00	\$0.00	\$41,667.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$66,000.00	(\$24,333.00)	158%	\$134,590.50
38 - Other Sources	\$98,219.00	\$0.00	\$98,219.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98,219.00	0%	\$0.00
12 - Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$139,886.00	\$0.00	\$139,886.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$66,000.00	\$73,886.00	47%	\$134,590.50
14 - Capital Project Funds									
36 - Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$5,480.04
38 - Other Sources	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	0%	\$750,000.00
14 - Capital Project Funds Total:	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	0%	\$755,480.04
Revenue Totals	\$14,224,943.00	\$0.00	\$14,224,943.00	\$4,825,421.56	\$0.00	\$6,637,167.56	\$7,587,775.44	47%	\$9,230,696.72
Expense									
11 - General Fund									
10 - Personnel Services	\$1,346,102.00	\$0.00	\$1,346,102.00	\$9,194.62	\$0.00	\$79,967.56	\$1,266,134.44	6%	\$891,925.09
20 - Operating Expenses	\$1,309,174.00	\$0.00	\$1,309,174.00	\$139,206.58	\$273,789.53	\$223,347.67	\$812,036.80	38%	\$979,746.87
30 - Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$75,101.00
50 - Grants and Aid	\$7,773,302.00	\$0.00	\$7,773,302.00	\$52,401.32	\$2,319,731.72	\$84,196.77	\$5,369,373.51	31%	\$4,486,080.34
60 - Other Uses	\$1,656,479.00	\$0.00	\$1,656,479.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,656,479.00	0%	\$750,000.00
11 - General Fund Total:	\$12,085,057.00	\$0.00	\$12,085,057.00	\$200,802.52	\$2,593,521.25	\$387,512.00	\$9,104,023.75	25%	\$7,182,853.30
12 - Special Revenue Funds									
10 - Personnel Services	\$95,864.00	\$0.00	\$95,864.00	\$658.19	\$0.00	\$7,400.68	\$88,463.32	8%	\$90,457.10
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Expense									
20 - Operating Expenses	\$44,022.00	\$0.00	\$44,022.00	\$51.39	\$5.40	\$507.78	\$43,508.82	1%	\$15,774.82
50 - Grants and Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$0.00
12 - Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$139,886.00	\$0.00	\$139,886.00	\$709.58	\$5.40	\$7,908.46	\$131,972.14	6%	\$106,231.92
14 - Capital Project Funds									
20 - Operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$0.00
30 - Capital Outlay	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	0%	\$0.00
60 - Other Uses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$0.00
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Revenue Totals:	\$14,224,943.00	\$0.00	\$14,224,943.00	\$4,825,421.56	\$0.00	\$6,637,167.56	\$7,587,775.44	47%	\$9,230,696.72
Expenditure Totals:	\$14,224,943.00	\$0.00	\$14,224,943.00	\$201,512.10	\$2,593,526.65	\$395,420.46	\$11,235,995.89	21%	\$7,289,085.22
1 - Governmental Funds Net Totals:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,623,909.46	(\$2,593,526.65)	\$6,241,747.10	(\$3,648,220.45)		\$1,941,611.50
Revenue Grand Totals:	\$14,224,943.00	\$0.00	\$14,224,943.00	\$4,825,421.56	\$0.00	\$6,637,167.56	\$7,587,775.44	47%	\$9,230,696.72
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2022 FLORIDA CHILD WELL-BEING INDEX

Keeping a focus on making life better for our children

Baseline Year % Current Year % Number Change Children 2016 21.8 2020 15.1 7.189 BETTER in poverty ECONOMIC Unemployment 2017 3.9 2021 3.7 SAME 5,142 WELL-BEING rate High housing cost burden **DOMAIN RANK:** 37.0 2011-15 2016-20 35.0 35,729 BETTER (>30% income spent) **〔15**〕 Teens not in school 2011-15 6.1 2016-20 5.9 1,148 SAME and not working **Baseline Year** % **Current Year** % Number Change 3 and 4 year old children 2011-15 44.12016-20 49.6 2,986 WORSE not enrolled in school 4th grade students not proficient **EDUCATION** 2016-17 74.0 68.0 2020-21 1,631 WORSE in English Language Arts **DOMAIN RANK:** 8th grade students not 2016-17 2020-21 93.0 839 91.0 WORSE proficient in math 41 High school students not 2016-17 17.3 2020-21 13.4 BETTER graduating on time % **Baseline Year** % **Current Year** Number Change Low-birthweight 2013-15 9.4 2018-20 11.0 879 BETTER babies Uninsured HEALTH 2015 6.6 6.1 3,081 2020 SAME children **DOMAIN RANK:** Overweight and obese 1st, 28.4 2019-20** 31.8 2016-17 WORSE 2,216 3rd, and 6th grade students **〔55**〕 High school teens who used 2016 35.3 2022 28.1 BETTER alcohol/drugs (past 30 days) **Baseline Year** % **Current Year** % Number Change Children in single 2011-15 32.7 2016-20 14,664 WORSE 34.3 parent families FAMILY AND COMMUNITY Children living in 2011-15 24.2 2016-20 16.0 7,707 BETTER high poverty areas Children with verified **DOMAIN RANK:** 2016-17 11.6 2020-21 7.6 385 BETTER maltreatment (per 1,000) 51 Youth contacts with the juvenile 2016-17 22.5 2020-21 564 BETTER 11.2 justice system (per 1,000) **2020-21 data are unavailable FLORIDA facebook /flpolicyinstitute 407.440.1421 phone address 1001 N. Orange Ave POLICY email info@floridapolicy.org Orlando, FL 32801 twitter @floridapolicy INSTITUTE

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ALACHUA COUNTY

RANK: 43

FOSTERING CHILD WELL-BEING

Florida's future depends on the health and well-being of all children

All communities can access shared prosperity when we make wise investments in children and families and have policies in place that close opportunity gaps. As laid out in FPI's **Roadmap to Shared Prosperity,** data-driven policymaking and investments in the following areas can help to move the needle for Florida's kids:

- prioritizing child well-being and quality of life by preserving and expanding basic household supports like nutrition, housing, and income assistance.
- nurturing children by investing in affordable, quality early learning, thriving public schools, and well supported teachers.
- building a stronger workforce by expanding access to higher education and job training.
- ensuring all Floridians have access to affordable, quality health care.



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The policy choices we make today should lay the foundation for children to become thriving adults who will join the workforce and contribute to their communities. Smart investments will help cultivate strong families who, in turn, will raise strong, healthy children. To guide these policy choices, we need timely, relevant data that document the challenges and successes facing Florida's children and families. That's the impetus behind the **Florida 2022 Child Well-Being Index.**

These rankings were developed using **KIDS COUNT**[®] data to show where more investments can be made. The outcomes in communities are not accidental. Counties with higher rankings tend to be well-resourced places, where families can afford to invest in things like high-quality child care, education, and other opportunities for their children. Counties that rank near the middle tend to have a mixture of well-resourced and less well-resourced areas, such as some larger counties with a combination of big cities and suburban and rural areas. Counties with lower rankings tend to be places that have borne the brunt of the state's disinvestment in public services and where people face historic barriers to economic opportunity.

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