



CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 09, 2026 at 4:00 PM

CTAC, 4010 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606

Call to Order

Roll Call

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

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

Consent Agenda

1. [Board Attendance YTD](#)
2. [12.8.2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)
3. [12.8.2025 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results](#)
4. FY 2026 Budget Report (January)
5. FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (December)
6. FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (January)
7. FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report
8. FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report to the BOCC
9. [December and January Sponsorship Applications](#)
10. [Emergent Need Applications](#)
11. [Proposed Funding Opportunities](#)
12. Resolution 2026-01 Authorization for Signatories

General Public Comments

Chair's Report

Installation of New Board Member

Executive Director's Report

13. [February 2026 Executive Director's Report](#)

Old Business

New Business

Presentations

14. [Enrichment Programs - Evaluation Results](#)
15. [Mental Health Programs – Evaluation Results](#)

General Public Comments

For Your Information

Items in this section are for informational purposes only and do not require any action by the Trust.

16. [Head Start Summer Bridge Reasons for Absence](#)
17. [Early Childhood Learning Collaborative Update](#)
18. [Community Literacy Collaborative Update](#)
19. [Cessation of SABP boxes](#)

Board Member Comments

Next Meeting Dates

Adjournment

Virtual Meeting Information

View or listen to the meeting: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpYNq_GkjCo9FQo3qR5-SOw

Public Comments: Submit online at
<http://www.childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us/commentcard>.

Guidelines for Public Comments

Public comments can be made in person at Children’s Trust Board Meetings. We will no longer take comments by Zoom or by phone. If you would like to submit a written comment or a written transcript of your public comment before or after the meeting, these will be provided to Board Members prior to the next Board Meeting.

Any member of the public wishing to be heard either under the agenda section “General Public Comments” or on a specific agenda item shall approach the podium at the appropriate time.

Members of the public recognized by the Chair will have three (3) minutes to speak on a single subject matter. If an individual seeks to be heard on more than one agenda item, the Chair shall

determine the amount of time allotted to the speaker. However, such time shall not exceed ten (10) minutes without the approval of the Board or Committee. The Clerk of the Trust is the official timekeeper.

Public members may not share or transfer all or part of their allotted time to any other person or agenda item, except as permitted by this Policy. To the extent a speaker has previously addressed a Board or Committee on the same subject, the Board Chair may limit repeat comments at the Board meeting by the same speaker.

File Attachments for Item:

1. Board Attendance YTD

Regular Meetings	2/10/2025	3/10/2025	4/7/2025	5/12/2025	6/9/2025	8/11/2025	9/8/2025	9/22/2025	10/13/2025	11/10/2025	12/8/2025	
Cornell	P	P	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Twombly	P	P	P	P	P	P	V	P	P	P	P	
Labarta	P	P	Absent	Absent	P	P	Absent	P	P	P	P	
Certain	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Chance	P	P	P	P	Absent	Absent	P	P	P	P	P	
Hardt	P	P	V	V	V	V	V	V	Absent	P	Absent	
Patton	P	P	P	V	V	P	P	P	Absent	Absent	P	
Pinkoson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wilson Bullard	P	P	P	P	P	Absent	P	P	P	Absent	P	
Special Meetings	Joint Board Meeting with BOCC - 4/21/2025	Board Workshop - 6/9/2025	Board Retreat - 7/17/2025	First TRIM Hearing - 9/8/2025	Final TRIM Hearing - 9/22/2025	Special Board Workshop - 11/10/2025				V = Virtual Attendance	P = Physical Attendance	
Cornell	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Twombly	V	Absent	P	V	P	P						
Labarta	Absent	P	P	Absent	P	P						
Certain	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Chance	P	Absent	P	P	P	Absent						
Hardt	Absent	V	V	V	V	P						
Patton	P	Absent	Absent	P	P	Absent						
Pinkoson	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Wilson Bullard	Absent	P	Absent	P	P	Absent						

File Attachments for Item:

2. 12.8.2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes



CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 08, 2025 at 4:00 PM

CTAC, 4010 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606

Call to Order - Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Ken Cornell - Board Chair, Cheryl Twombly – Board Vice Chair, Dr. Maggie Labarta – Board Treasurer, Tina Certain – Member, Mary Chance – Member, Dr. Kamela Patton – Member, Lee Pinkoson – Member, Hon. Susanne Wilson Bullard – Member

Agenda Review, Revision, and Approval

Member Pinkoson moved for the approval of the agenda and consent agenda with the addition of Consent agenda item 7.5 – Approval of the 2026 meeting calendar. Member Chance seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Board Attendance YTD
2. 11.10.2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. 11.10.2025 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results
4. FY 2026 Budget Report (October)
5. FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (October)
6. FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (October)
7. Sponsorship Requests
- 7.5 2026 CTAC calendar

General Public Comments - none

Chair's Report

Special Presentations -

Chair Cornell recognized Vice Chair Cheryl Twombly at her final meeting and acknowledged her longstanding involvement with the Trust prior to its inception. Board members expressed appreciation for her leadership, community impact, and spirit of service, noting her role in shaping key initiatives that positioned the Trust for success. Vice Chair Twombly shared brief remarks of gratitude and reflected on the lasting legacy of the Trust's work for children and families in Alachua County. She was presented with a floral bouquet and a commemorative lantern in appreciation of her service.

Executive Director Marsha Kiner thanked outgoing Chair Cornell for his leadership of the Trust this past year. He was presented with a potted plant in appreciation for his service.

Executive Director's Report

ED Kiner recapped her recent fly-in to Tallahassee and meetings with state legislators. She was well received by the property tax committee chair and will be back in January to continue discussions and speak on behalf of CTAC.

ED Kiner publicly thanked Junior Achievement, Eastside High School Principal Leroy Williams, and Program Coordinator Brooksie McGraw for a wonderful 3DE Case Study on CTAC. The students had great ideas and some of which CTAC will be implementing. Member Chance seconded that.

The Board agreed to hold the Strategic Planning Workshop at noon on Jan. 26, 2026, followed by a workshop on the nonprofit lifecycle.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Election of 2026 Officers

Dr. Labarta nominated Mary Chance (Board Chair), Judge Susanne Wilson Bullard (Vice Chair), and Lee Pinkoson (Treasurer); seconded by Member Certain. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Cornell administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers whose term will begin on January 1st.

Presentations

Head Start Summer Bridge Evaluation Results

Bonnie Wagner, Research, Planning, and Evaluation Coordinator, presented an overview of the Head Start Summer Bridge program, noting services at five sites across the county. Fifty-four percent of participants resided in municipalities outside the City, and demographic data on race, address, and attendance were reviewed. Ms. Wagner noted lower attendance at rural sites, with transportation identified as a primary barrier. The Board discussed attendance challenges in Hawthorne and East Gainesville. Member Certain requested further analysis to identify underlying barriers to participation in rural areas. CTAC Director of Program Operations, Belita James, stated staff would bring the requested information back for follow-up.

Martha Cox, ECS4Kids Vice President for Grants and Government Relations, shared that they are working to disenroll children for nonattendance and then replace rather than continuing to count the student and track their nonattendance. Their team is focusing more of their discussions with families on exploring ways to improve attendance. Member Certain would like to have a conversation before deciding to disenroll students. Member Certain also asked if the staff is reflective of the students they are serving, as that may contribute to the trust factor. Judge Wilson Bullard asked how participants are identified and can some of the attendance challenges be addressed upfront. Are there options that can be offered now? ED Kiner asked if there is a role the Family Resource Centers can play to assist the program coordinator in getting additional resources to the enrolled families that can assist with attendance. Dr. Labarta would like to make sure the question of "why didn't you come" is asked in a way that is not accusatory. Parent surveys shared overall satisfaction with the program. The Summer Bridge Program children's learning gains outpaced non-participants. The Board agreed the outcome data should be shared to demonstrate the benefits of Trust funded programming and used to share with the public for Trust renewal discussions.

Dr. Labarta added that she would like to see something in the curriculum about the arts. Member Chance hats off to the program coordinators for the participants' gains. Member Certain questioned how many students were involved in the summer program (94). Member Pinkoson thanked both Bonnie and Martha for the information stating that this is exactly what CTAC is trying to do.

During public comment, Ms. Cox shared that Summer Bridge is one of the most important things they are doing. As a result, ECS4Kids is going to the state legislature to ask for matching funds to expand the program, using CTAC as a standard. Cox added that 20% of their staff are former headstart parents or alums.

General Public Comments - none

For Your Information

The following items were provided for informational purposes:

- Early Childhood Learning Collaborative
- Emergency Food Initiative Update
- TWA Requested - Cost Per Student Information

Board Member Comments

Next Meeting Dates

Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 17th @ 1:30 pm

Strategic Planning Workshop - Monday, January 26th – noon to 4:30 pm

Adjournment

Chair Cornell adjourned the meeting at 5:13 pm.



**CHILDREN'S TRUST
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CHILDREN'S TRUST REGULAR MEETING

12/08/2025 from 4pm-6pm

CTAC Office, 4010 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606

Attendance List

Name	Organization	Email address	Contact number
Martha Cox	EC54 Kids	martha.cox@ec54kids.org	904-535-0420
Nick Anschutz	Mainstreet Daily News	NAnschutz@mainstreetdailynews.com	
Alison Frank	CAO		
Christine Rivers	DTBD Data to be different	info@data to be different empowerment.org	(352) 445-4551
Keely McElroy	ACPS	mccleungk@a1achua.k12.fl.us	(813) 215-9155
Mark Meredith	Goodwill	mmeredith@goodwillnorthfla.org	912 674 1464
Shandé Goodall	Goodwill	sgoodall@goodwillnorthfla.org	904.658-7356
Patricia Kason	CDS		
Grayson Valentino	AM Kids	gvalentine@am.kids.org	251-751-6446
Izzy Bared	GCC		

File Attachments for Item:

3. 12.8.2025 Board Meeting Evaluation - Survey Results



Summary of Board Meeting Evaluation Surveys

Per Board Policy 1.15, each meeting Board members will have the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of meetings and provide suggestions on how to improve and make the best use of Board meetings. The following is a summary of the input Board members provided for review by the Board, CTAC staff, and members of the public regarding the most recent Board meeting.

<u>Date of Meeting:</u>	December 8, 2025
<u>Completion Rate:</u>	89% of Board members completed (8 of 9) ¹

Evaluation of Meeting Components

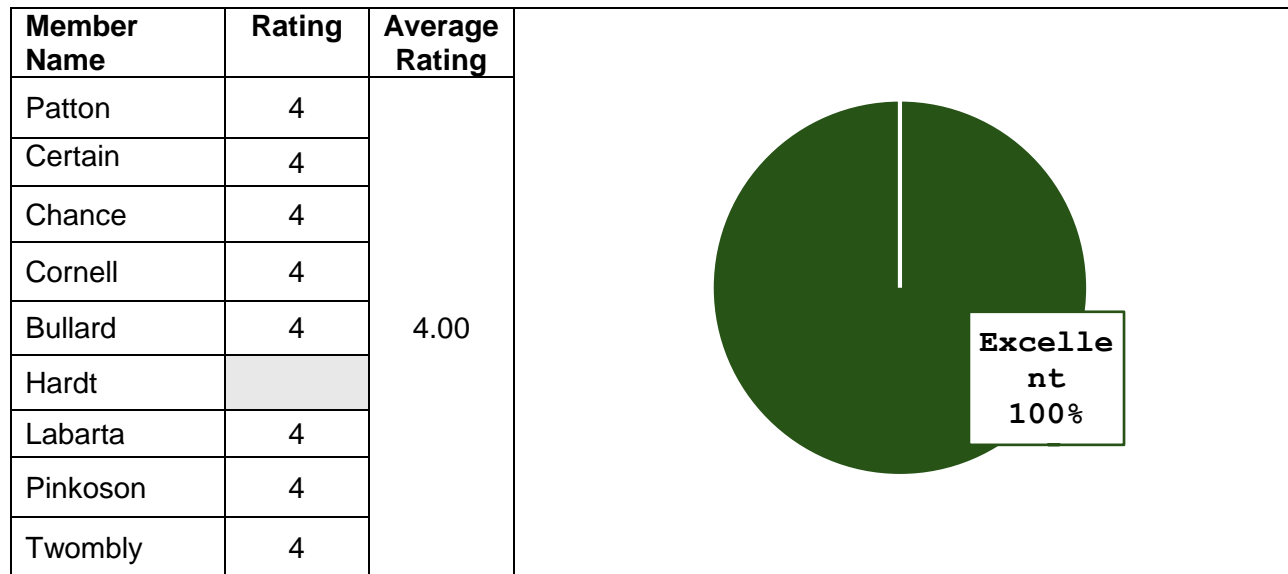
Board members rate the effectiveness and efficiency of four meeting components from 1 to 4. A rating of 1 = “*poor*”, 2 = “*fair*”, 3 = “*good*”, and 4 = “*excellent*.”

Board members provided “excellent” ratings in all meeting components: Facilitation, CTAC staff, Materials Provided, and Presentations. The Board meeting included the election of 2026 officers and an evaluation presentation of Head Start Summer Bridge.

Meeting Component				
Date of Meeting	Materials Provided	Meeting Facilitation	CTAC Staff	Presentations
December 8, 2025	4.00 ↑	4.00 ↑	4.00 ↑	4.00 ↑
Average Rating (Cumulative to Date)	3.79	3.86	3.89	3.81

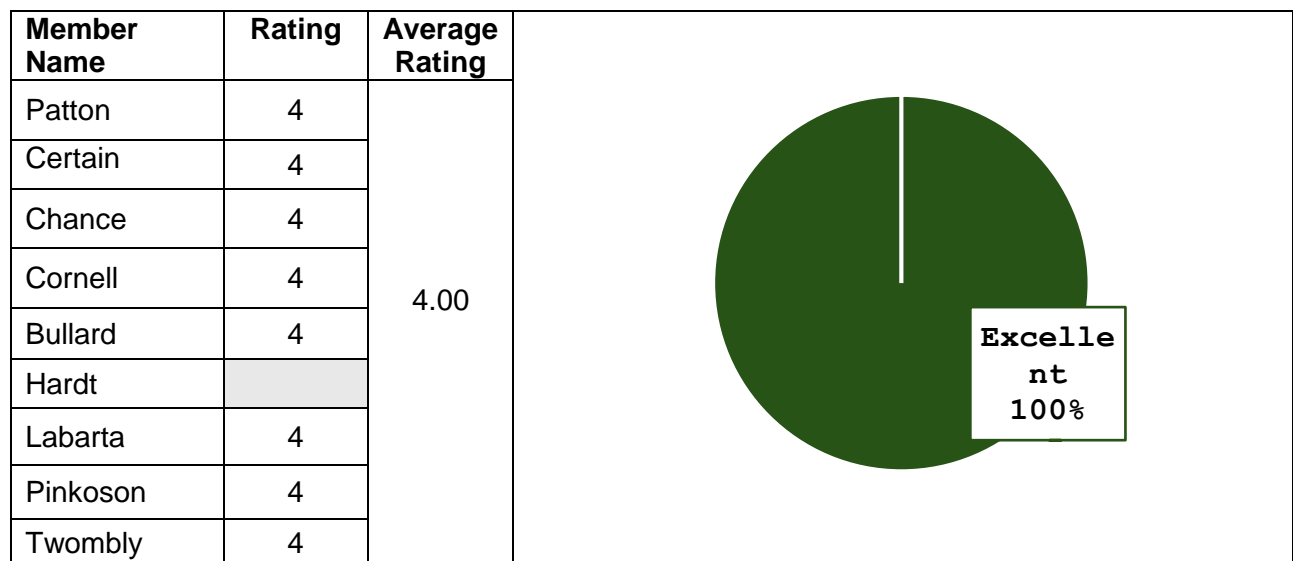
¹ Eight Board members attended in-person on 12/08/2025 and all completed a survey.

Materials Provided: The Board packet was received in a timely fashion and provided the information needed to prepare for the meeting.



Comments: (none)

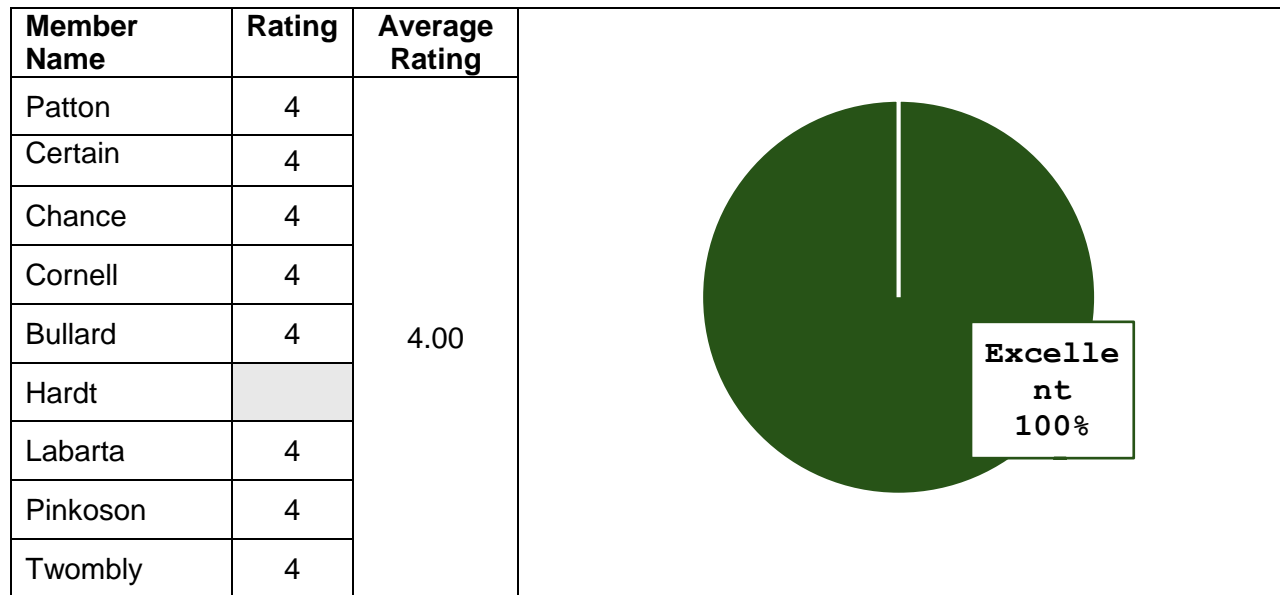
Meeting Facilitation: The Chair ensured Board members and members of the public who wanted to speak had the opportunity to be heard.



Comments:

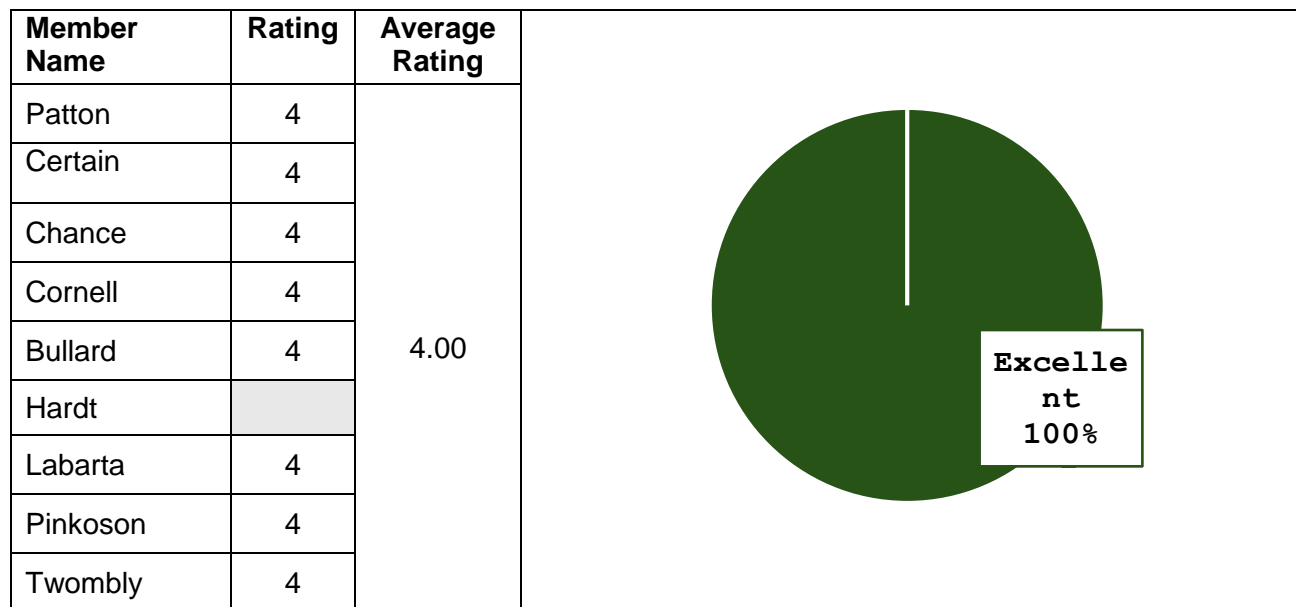
Great Chair! (Labarta)

CTAC Staff: CTAC staff were knowledgeable on their agenda items and prepared to address questions or provide a plan for follow-up.

**Comments:**

- Always appreciate Bonnie's presentations of program evaluations- the consistent format across programs is helpful. (Chance)
- The evaluations keep getting better! (Labarta)

Presentations: Presentations were helpful in providing information on programs and policies to guide decision-making and allow for input and transparency.

**Comments:**

😊 !! (Bullard)

Finally, Board members can provide general comments on the meeting overall as well as topics they'd like to see addressed on future agendas. These comments are listed below.

General Comments:

Thank you all for your kind words. I appreciate all you do and will miss being part of the CTAC Board. (Twombly)

Items, Presentations, or other Information for future Board agendas:

(no comments)

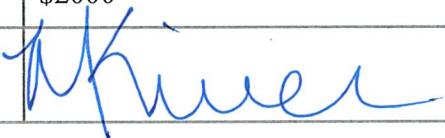
File Attachments for Item:

9. December and January Sponsorship Applications



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Trinity's Day Spa Pampering for Kids, LLC

Request Date:	12/20/2025
Requesting Organization:	Trinity's Day Spa Pampering for Kids, LLC
Contact Name:	Edwennia Moore
Event Name:	Kidpreneur Pop Up Shop
Event Date:	02/22/2026, 11 a.m.
Event Summary:	This annual event spotlights kid entrepreneurs, creating a platform for them to promote their business and sell their products and while learning what it is like to be an entrepreneur.
Number of Attendees:	100
Expenses Summary:	Kid vendor fees, entertainment, and marketing
Requested Amount:	\$2200
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2000
Authorized By:	



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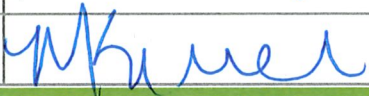
Wishful Thinking, Inc.

Request Date:	1/7/2026
Requesting Organization:	Wishful Thinking, Inc
Contact Name:	Tarcha Rentz
Event Name:	Renascence Beautillion Cotillion
Event Date:	3/28/2026
Event Summary:	Wishful Thinking, Inc. and 100 Black Men of Greater Florida Gainesville have partnered to sponsor a Renascence Beautillion-Cotillion in the Alachua County community. The purpose of the Beautillion Cotillion is to assist high school seniors in the Greater North Central Florida (GNCF) area with the college application process, securing scholarship funding, providing life skills development, financial literacy, networking, public speaking, soft skills development, and STEAM exposure. Participants complete two service projects: A Breast Cancer Survivor Brunch and Adopt A Survivor Holiday Drive. This year's 2026 Renascence Class consists of 6 young men and 6 young women who are high school seniors. These students are leaders, athletes, artists, and/or employed in our community. The culminating event is a formal ball presenting the beaus and debutantes to Alachua County and the surrounding community. The scholars and their families receive honor, recognition, and inspiring words from leaders in our community. The requested funds will be used for college and vocational scholarships for the honorees.
Number of Attendees:	200
Expenses Summary:	The funds will be used for college and vocational scholarships for the participants.
Requested Amount:	\$2000
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2000
Authorized By:	



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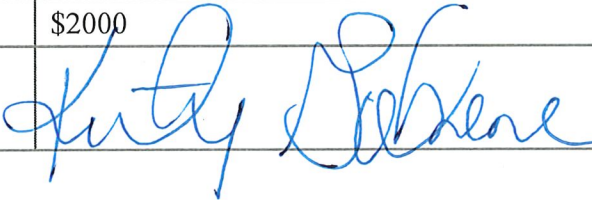
Writers Alliance of Gainesville

Request Date:	12/10/2025
Requesting Organization:	Writers Alliance of Gainesville
Contact Name:	Jenny Dearing
Event Name:	Sunshine State Book Festival
Event Date:	01/24/2026
Event Summary:	The Sunshine State Book Festival is the only opportunity in Alachua County for readers to meet authors and purchase books by local writers; for would-be writers to explore the ins and outs of writing; for families to introduce their children to a world of literature; for exposure to the cultural humanities of literature. Out of the 100 authors present, approximately a third of them will be children's book writers. This gives WAG the special opportunity to engage youth and encourage literacy. A dedicated children's area will be provided where six children's book authors will read their original works. The theme of the 2026 book festival is "From Pirates to the Present: Celebrating 250 Years of Literature in Florida," in honor of America's 250th birthday. There will be cultural programming including keynote speaker, Dr. Clark from the Florida Humanities Speakers Bureau, and a play by local actor, Pamela Marshall Koons on the life of Zora Neale Hurston. For the children, there will be a focus on the thrill of pirates and adventure. There is also a creative writing contest for middle and high school students, the Sunshine State Teen Lit Awards. This is a time to bring the community together and share the magic of reading with our children.
Number of Attendees:	4,000
Expenses Summary:	Mural for children's area, face painter, printer materials for students, advertising
Requested Amount:	\$1000
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$1000
Authorized By:	



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Gainesville Chapter of the Links, Inc

Request Date:	01/14/2026
Requesting Organization:	Gainesville Chapter of the Links, Inc.
Contact Name:	Alena Bennett
Event Name:	Black Family Wellness Expo
Event Date:	3/21/2026, 9 a.m.
Event Summary:	The Black Family Wellness Expo will be in partnership with UF Health, Church of God by Faith, Pastor Gerard Duncan and Supervisor of Elections. This Expo will address childhood obesity and diabetes, stroke prevention, heart health, and dental health.
Number of Attendees:	100
Expenses Summary:	Health & Education Materials, Bounce houses, Dental Kits, Door Prizes, Youth Healthy Food Cooking Class.
Requested Amount:	\$2,500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2000
Authorized By:	



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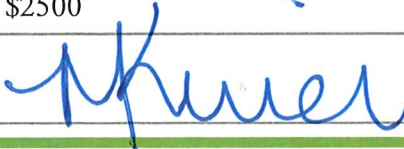
Crafty Gemini Youth Development, Inc.

Request Date:	12/2/2025
Requesting Organization:	Crafty Gemini Youth Development, Inc
Contact Name:	Brandon Wilson
Event Name:	Crafty Gemini Youth Business Fair and Bootcamp
Event Date:	12/7/2025
Event Summary:	<p>The Youth Business Boot Camp is a hands-on entrepreneurial workshop designed to equip Alachua County youth with real-world business skills, confidence, and practical experience. In partnership with the Crafty Gemini Makers' Market & Youth Biz Fair, all participants receive a free youth vendor booth, giving them the chance to sell their products to an estimated 300-500 community attendees. This combination of training and real-time vending provides an immersive learning environment.</p> <p>The Boot Camp includes a Customer Avatar Challenge, where youth identify and understand their target audience, and the Pitch It Hot! communication game, which builds branding, creativity, and public speaking skills. The youth also engage in a 30-minute Entrepreneur Panel Q&A with established business owners, learning about marketing, pricing, leadership, and overcoming challenges.</p> <p>The program concludes with a working lunch and peer-reflection session where youth discuss their market experience, share successes, and outline goals for continued growth.</p>
Number of Attendees:	25 youth, ages 10-15
Expenses Summary:	Advertising: \$400, Lunch: \$150, Boot camp materials and preparations: \$450
Requested Amount:	\$1,000
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$1,000
Authorized By:	<i>[Signature]</i>



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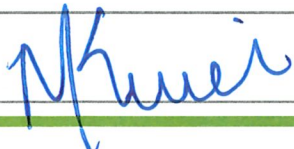
Builders of Tomorrow, Inc

Request Date:	12/10/2025
Requesting Organization:	Builders of Tomorrow, Inc
Contact Name:	Jason Sweat
Event Name:	2025 NE Florida FIRST LEGO League Regional Championship
Event Date:	12/20/2025
Event Summary:	Each year, the best youth robotics teams from Alachua and surrounding counties come together at Legacy Park in Alachua, FL to compete for the opportunity to move on to the state championship and possibly an International Invitational Competition. The Regional Championship gives these amazing young engineers the platform and the stage to showcase their amazing skills for everyone to see. It shines the spotlight on more than just their robot, it also gives them the opportunity to present their Innovation Project to a panel of judges to see who has the most creative and innovative project. What started as a modest and small event with the purpose of bringing the teams together to compete, has turned into one of the premier FIRST LEGO League events in Florida and the largest indoor event held at Legacy Park in Alachua each year hosting over 600 children and 2000+ spectators. Builders of Tomorrow partners with Swampbots Inc each year to help bring this event to Alachua County and to increase engagement from youth throughout Alachua County.
Number of Attendees:	2500
Expenses Summary:	Food for volunteers, social event for the team, trophies
Requested Amount:	\$2500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2500
Authorized By:	



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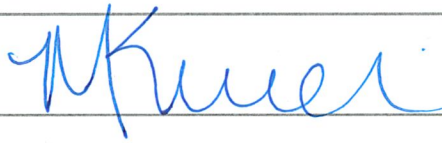
UF College of Pharmacy

Request Date:	12/11/2025
Requesting Organization:	University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Contact Name:	Nazandria Jackson
Event Name:	Gator RX Community Care Fair
Event Date:	3/28/2026
Event Summary:	The GatoRx Community Care Fair is a family-centered health and wellness event dedicated to ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to grow up healthy, supported, and connected, regardless of insurance status or income. Designed especially for uninsured and underinsured families, the fair brings together healthcare providers, community organizations, and local partners to offer essential services at no cost.
Number of Attendees:	300
Expenses Summary:	Grant funding for the GatoRx Community Care Fair will support direct health services and resources for uninsured children, youth, and their caregivers. Funds will be used for clinical screenings, immunizations, vision and dental checks, mental health consultations, caregiver education, essential event infrastructure, staffing, and community outreach focused on connecting families to care.
Requested Amount:	\$2,500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$1500
Authorized By:	



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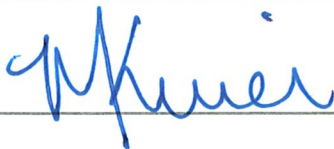
Gainesville Circus Center

Request Date:	12/5/2025
Requesting Organization:	Gainesville Circus Center
Contact Name:	Dr. Corey Cheval
Event Name:	2nd St. Circus Spectacular
Event Date:	2/07/2026
Event Summary:	The 2nd Street Circus Spectacular is an open house / ambient entertainment event at the Gainesville Circus Center. The family-friendly afternoon event hosts food trucks and local artisans in addition to the presentation of circus arts. With performances on 3 stages and kids' activities, this event truly has something for everyone! The 2nd Street Circus Spectacular is free for children ages 5 and under.
Number of Attendees:	250
Expenses Summary:	Production support from Vivid Sky Productions: stage lighting with backdrop, estimate \$2800.00.
Requested Amount:	\$2500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2500
Authorized By:	



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SWAMPBOTS

Request Date:	12/10/2025
Requesting Organization:	SWAMPBOTS
Contact Name:	Jason Sweat
Event Name:	2025 NE Florida Regional Championship
Event Date:	12/20/2025
Event Summary:	This year, Swampbots will be sending 5 Challenge Teams(middle school aged) to the NE Florida Regional Championship along with 8 Explore Teams(elementary aged). The regional championship is an opportunity for the kids to showcase their projects and engineering/coding skills with their robots and Innovation projects. The middle school teams, our Challenge program, will be competing for a chance to advance to the Florida State Championship.
Number of Attendees:	78
Expenses Summary:	Registration fees for the teams: Challenge Teams(5) - \$375 each - \$1875 and Explore Teams(8) - \$75 each - \$600 _ Total \$2475
Requested Amount:	\$2500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2500
Authorized By:	

File Attachments for Item:

10. Emergent Need Applications



RE: Limitless Emergent need request

From Marsha Kiner <mkiner@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us>

Date Fri 1/23/2026 10:06 AM

To Demetrica Tyson <dtyson@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us>

Approved.

**Marsha Kiner, MS, CAE**

Executive Director

Children's Trust of Alachua County

Office: (352) 374-1830

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From: Demetrica Tyson <dtyson@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us>

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:49 AM

To: Marsha Kiner <mkiner@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us>

Subject: Fw: Limitless Emergent need request

Do I have permission to proceed with the approval for this request?

**Demetrica Tyson**

Data Support Coordinator

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From: Demetrica Tyson

Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 12:59 PM

To: Marsha Kiner <mkiner@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us>; Kristy Goldwire

<kgoldwire@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us>; Molly Greenwald

<mgreenwald@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us>

Subject: Limitless Emergent need request

Good afternoon. Please see the attached Emergent need request from Limitless. The request is for a removable quiet area. I will look for a time for us to meet.



Demetrica Tyson

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LIMITLESS ADVENTURES, INC.: Emergent Needs (Submitted)

Applications

Created By	Lisa Steward
Modified By	Demetrica Tyson
Organization	LIMITLESS ADVENTURES, INC.
Organization Name	Limitless Adventures
Organization Description	After-school program
Grant	Emergent Needs


Emergent Needs

Contact Person	Lisa Steward
Contact email	info@limitlessadventures.org
Contact Phone	352-234-4576
Identify CTAC Goals the activity/event will be addressing	<div>Which Children’s Trust Goal or Strategy does your program address? Children and youth live in a safe community.</div>

Emergent needs 2

Are you a current provider?	1 (Yes)
If not, have you ever received funding from the Trust?	If not, have you ever received funding from the Trust? 1 (Yes)
Name of the program you received funding for previously.	Name of the program you received funding for previously. Limitless Adventures Summer Camp
If yes above date	6/9/2025 6 months and 1 week ago
Is your business currently registered with the Philanthropy Hub?	Is your business currently registered with the Philanthropy Hub? 0 (No)
Describe	<p>Describe your program including how your services impact the lives of the Children of Alachua County.</p> <p>Limitless Adventures provides after-school care for children with special needs in Alachua County. We are currently the only program to provide this service for children who attend Alachua County Public Schools. We offer transportation from 4 area elementary schools, as well as 1 behavior learning center. We ensure a low staff-to-student ratio to allow personalized attention to the children in our care. We provide sensory accommodations, such as headphones, crash pads, swings, and fidget toys. We have an outdoor play area where students can safely enjoy physical activity, such as climbing, rocking, running, and jumping. We provide homework help, afternoon snack, and themed daily activities. Our goal is to provide a fun, safe environment for children with special needs.</p>

Specify Need	<p>Please Specify your need in as much detail as possible. Include the dollar amount of your request. Explain how your request is an emergent need.</p> <p>Limitless Adventures is currently renting space at the North Central Florida Community Center. We have a large room that offers our kids a good amount of space to play, relax, and move. However, because we are all in one room, we don't have a safe space available for when a child is having a meltdown and making unsafe choices (throwing, kicking, hitting, spitting). When our kids are in such a dysregulated state, a sturdy, walled off area is necessary to help contain them. We have tried numerous options, but the one that's been most effective is to just bring them outside to the playground until they're able to calm down...thereby making the playground unavailable to the rest of our students.</p> <p>We have identified a vendor (OEC Business Interiors) who can build a semi-permanent structure for us. They have submitted 2 separate quotes of \$8647.24 and \$12002.84. The price discrepancy reflects the State of Florida contract price, which can be honored if the Children's Trust pays OEC directly. If the Children's Trust provides the funds to Limitless Adventures, which then uses those funds to pay OEC, then the standard commercial price of \$12002.84 would apply.</p> <p>We are requesting money from the emergent needs fund, as we believe the safety of our children is at stake. We are concerned that one child's dysregulation may cause another child to be injured. By funding this project, the Children's Trust can help us continue to provide safe, effective care for children with special needs in Alachua County.</p>
Request	<p>What dollar amount are you requesting?</p> <p>\$12,003.00</p>

Steps	<p>What steps have you taken to resolve the need on your own?</p> <p>We have attempted to make our own "quiet area" using varying pieces of furniture (bookcases, couches, etc). We purchased room dividers to provide a visual cue to our students that a certain area is for calming down. We have purchased several "pods" or privacy tents, for our kids to enter when they need a moment to calm down. We have also tried several different baby gates to try to cordon off an area. None of these potential solutions has been effective at providing a private, safe, sturdy area that is large enough to allow for movement and decompression.</p>
Service delivery	<p>How has the emergent need impacted your service delivery?</p> <p>When one child is dysregulated, which may include screaming, hitting, kicking, or throwing objects, it affects all of our students. It becomes a domino effect, causing more of our students to become dysregulated. While we have had some success using the playground as an alternative safe space for a dysregulated child, this can cause further disruption for students who want to use the playground as it's designed. It's also an option very limited by any sort of inclement weather. We anticipate that the addition of a quiet room will help us to provide a calmer, safer, and more enjoyable environment for all of our students.</p>
Name of the submitter	Lisa Steward
Signature	<p>Signature of requestor</p> 
<p>Captured: 12/9/25 9:40 PM by Lisa Steward via 2600:8807:c30b:6100:e0e1:d638:6bd1:ff97</p>	
Current budget	<p>Please provide your organization's current budget.</p> <p>LA budget.xlsx</p>

Invoice or quote

Include an invoice or quote for the Emergent Need.

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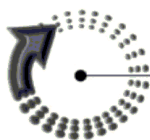
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WALLS			
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2 GPRTS - Cornice track, Straight, 120D BASIC: 4843 LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	140.49 353.00 60.20%	280.98
3 GPDFSBPW - DOOR-FRAME,SINGLE,BUTT HINGE,PW Height - Planned: 96.00000 Width - Planned: 40.00000 Frame Type: Full Height Frame Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Handedness: Left Hand Switch Cutout: No Cutout Post Extension: Recessed Ceiling Track Ref ID: DF8E31 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	608.14 1,528.00 60.20%	608.14

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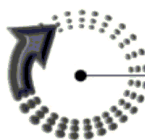
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5 GPFSHP1 - FEATURE STRIP-HALF, PKG OF 1 Base Height: 5 IN Height Height - Planned: 96.00000 Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	15.12 38.00 60.21%	30.24
6 GPFSF1 - FEATURESTRIP-PKG OF 1 Base Height: 5 IN Height Height - Planned: 96.00000 Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Wall Application: Two Painted Components STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	12	15.12 38.00 60.21%	181.44
7 GPUFG - Floor gripper-Universal, 16W STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	3	14.33 36.00 60.19%	42.99
8 GPDHCL - HARDWARE-DOOR,CYLINDRICAL Hardware Finish: Satin Chrome 9200 - SATIN CHROME Keying: Passage STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	370.14 930.00 60.20%	370.14

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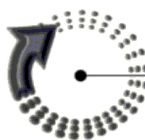
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9	GPDSBHS - HINGE-BUTT,SINGLE DOOR,SOLID Hardware Finish: Satin Chrome 9200 - SATIN CHROME Hinge Count: 4 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	120.99 304.00 60.20%	120.99
10	GPDSBS - Hardware-Door, Screw in base stop PLATE: 9200 SATIN CHROME STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	40.99 103.00 60.20%	40.99
11	GPME - MINI-END Base Height: 5 IN Height Height - Planned: 96.00000 Size: Small Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	150.84 379.00 60.20%	301.68
12	GPSP - PANEL-WALL,SOLID,PW Height - Planned: 96.00000 Configuration: Standard Width - Planned: 42.00000 Surface 1 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Surface 2 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Core: Hollow Core Post Extension: Recessed Ceiling Track Base Height: 5 IN Height Power/Communication: No Power/Communication Surface Power: No Power Locations Ref ID: PS2C99 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	677.79 1,703.00 60.20%	677.79
13	GPSP - PANEL-WALL,SOLID,PW Height - Planned: 96.00000 Configuration: Standard Width - Planned: 30.00000 Surface 1 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Surface 2 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN	2	612.12 1,538.00 60.20%	1,224.24

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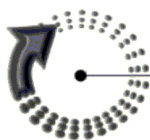
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13	Core: Hollow Core Post Extension: Recessed Ceiling Track Base Height: 5 IN Height Power/Communication: No Power/Communication Surface Power: No Power Locations Ref ID: PS2376 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS			
14	GPP2 - POST-2WAY, PW Base Height: 5 IN Height Height - Planned: 96.00000 Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Angle: 90 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	94.72 238.00 60.20%	94.72
15	GPBTCPG - TRIM-BASE,CONTINUOUS Base Height: 5 IN Height Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	51.34 129.00 60.20%	102.68
16	GPBTCRNPG - TRIM-BASE,CORNER Base Height: 5 IN Height Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Angle: 90 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	51.34 129.00 60.20%	51.34
Sub Total				6,721.33
Florida Sales Tax Exempt				0.00
Total				6,721.33
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17	GPME - MINI-END Base Height: No Base Size: Medium Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN STEELCASE Tag For xATTIC	1	160.79 404.00 60.20%	160.79

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18 GPBTPCPG - TRIM-BASE,POWER AND COMM	1	15.12	15.12
Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN		38.00	
Power/Communication: Power/Communication		60.21%	
STEELCASE			
Tag For xATTIC			
Sub Total			175.91
Florida Sales Tax Exempt			0.00
Total			175.91

WOEC

19 LABOR - LABOR CHARGE TO ANCHOR MINI ENDS TO CONCRETE	1	100.00	100.00
WALLS.		0.00	
OEC		0.00%	
Tag For WOEC			
20 SERVICE - TO RECEIVE, INSPECT, DELIVER & INSTALL	1	1,650.00	1,650.00
STATE CONTRACT PRIVACY WALLS		0.00	
OEC		0.00%	
Sub Total			1,750.00
Florida Sales Tax Exempt			0.00
Total			1,750.00

Pricing per Furniture Contract 56120000-24-NY-ACS. Please include this contract number on your PO.

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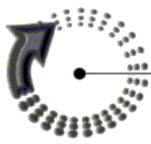
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with a \$50 minimum.

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If additional work is requested at time of service, a new quote will need to be generated and work scheduled at a later date.

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Quotation Totals

Sub Total	8,647.24
Florida Sales Tax Exempt	0.00
Grand Total	8,647.24

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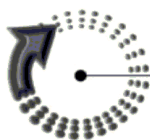
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WALLS			
1 GPRTPG - BRACKET-CORNER,CORNICE Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Bracket Type: L Corner STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	35.73 67.00 46.67%	35.73
2 GPRTS - Cornice track, Straight, 120D BASIC: 4843 LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	188.27 353.00 46.67%	376.54
3 GPDFSBPW - DOOR-FRAME,SINGLE,BUTT HINGE,PW Height - Planned: 96.00000 Width - Planned: 40.00000 Frame Type: Full Height Frame Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Handedness: Left Hand Switch Cutout: No Cutout Post Extension: Recessed Ceiling Track Ref ID: DF8E31 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	814.93 1,528.00 46.67%	814.93

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5 GPFSHP1 - FEATURE STRIP-HALF, PKG OF 1 Base Height: 5 IN Height Height - Planned: 96.00000 Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	20.27 38.00 46.66%	40.54
6 GPFSF1 - FEATURESTRIP-PKG OF 1 Base Height: 5 IN Height Height - Planned: 96.00000 Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Wall Application: Two Painted Components STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	12	20.27 38.00 46.66%	243.24
7 GPUFG - Floor gripper-Universal, 16W STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	3	19.20 36.00 46.67%	57.60
8 GPDHCL - HARDWARE-DOOR,CYLINDRICAL Hardware Finish: Satin Chrome 9200 - SATIN CHROME Keying: Passage STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	496.00 930.00 46.67%	496.00

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10	GPDSBS - Hardware-Door, Screw in base stop PLATE: 9200 SATIN CHROME STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	54.93 103.00 46.67%	54.93
11	GPME - MINI-END Base Height: 5 IN Height Height - Planned: 96.00000 Size: Small Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	202.13 379.00 46.67%	404.26
12	GPSP - PANEL-WALL,SOLID,PW Height - Planned: 96.00000 Configuration: Standard Width - Planned: 42.00000 Surface 1 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Surface 2 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Core: Hollow Core Post Extension: Recessed Ceiling Track Base Height: 5 IN Height Power/Communication: No Power/Communication Surface Power: No Power Locations Ref ID: PS2C99 STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	1	908.27 1,703.00 46.67%	908.27
13	GPSP - PANEL-WALL,SOLID,PW Height - Planned: 96.00000 Configuration: Standard Width - Planned: 30.00000 Surface 1 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN Surface 2 Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN	2	820.27 1,538.00 46.67%	1,640.54

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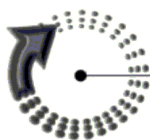
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15	GPBTCPG - TRIM-BASE,CONTINUOUS Base Height: 5 IN Height Surface Finish: Smooth Paint 4843 - LINEN STEELCASE Tag For WALLS	2	68.80 129.00 46.67%	137.60
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Sub Total				9,006.97
Florida State Sales Tax				540.42
Florida County Surtax 1.5%				75.00
Total				9,622.39
xATTIC				
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	Tag For xATTIC			
Sub Total				235.74
Florida State Sales Tax				14.14
Florida County Surtax 1.5%				3.54
Total				253.42
WOEC				
19	LABOR - LABOR CHARGE TO ANCHOR MINI ENDS TO CONCRETE	1	100.00	100.00
	WALLS.		0.00	
	OEC		0.00%	
	Tag For WOEC			
20	SERVICE - TO RECEIVE, INSPECT, DELIVER & INSTALL	1	1,650.00	1,650.00
	COMMERCIAL CONTRACT PRIVACY WALLS		0.00	
	OEC		0.00%	
Sub Total				1,750.00
Florida State Sales Tax				105.00
Florida County Surtax 1.5%				26.25
Total				1,881.25

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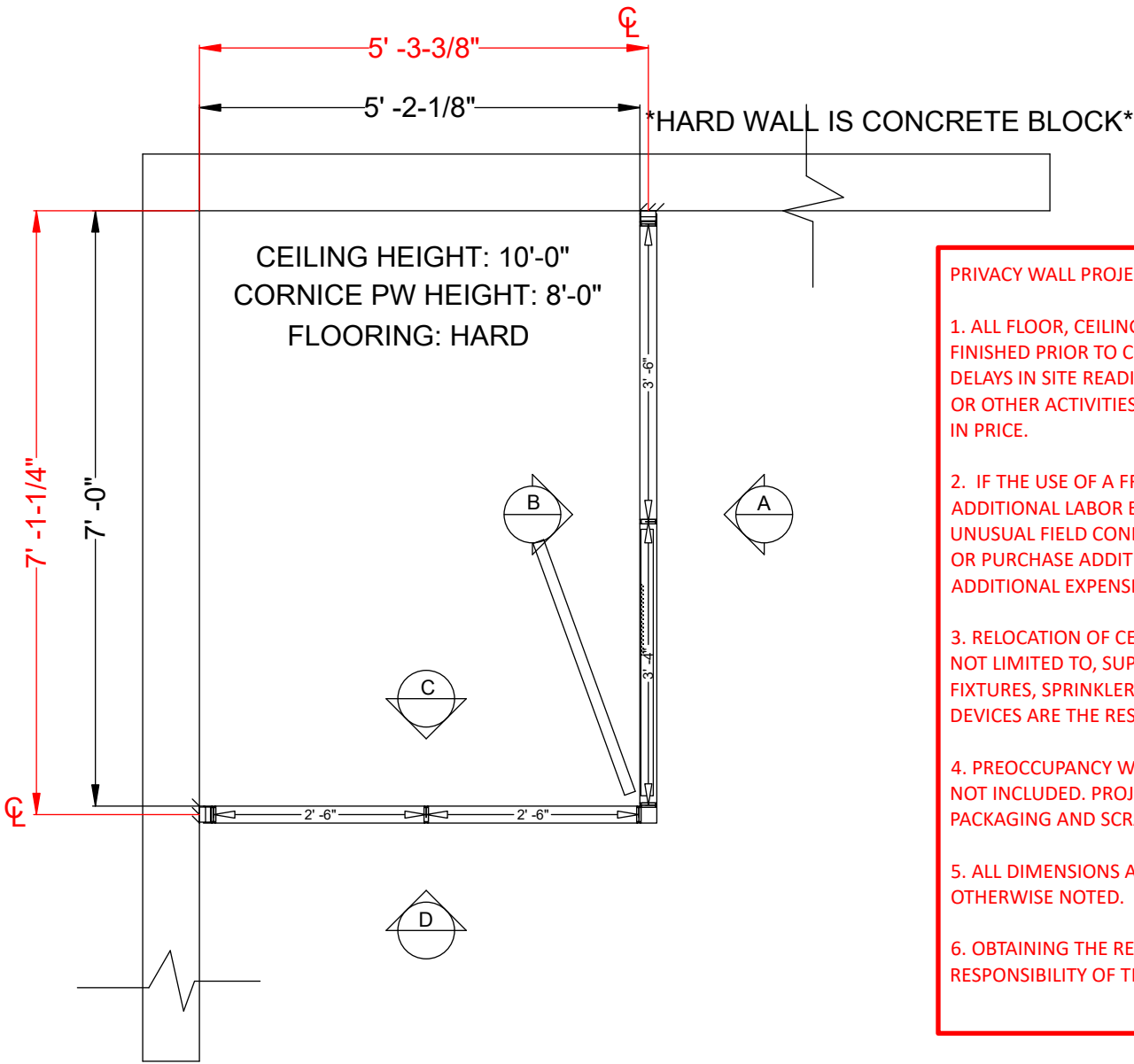
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Sub Total	10,992.71
STEELCASE Tariff Surcharge	259.97
Florida State Sales Tax	675.16
Florida County Surtax 1.5%	75.00
Grand Total	12,002.84

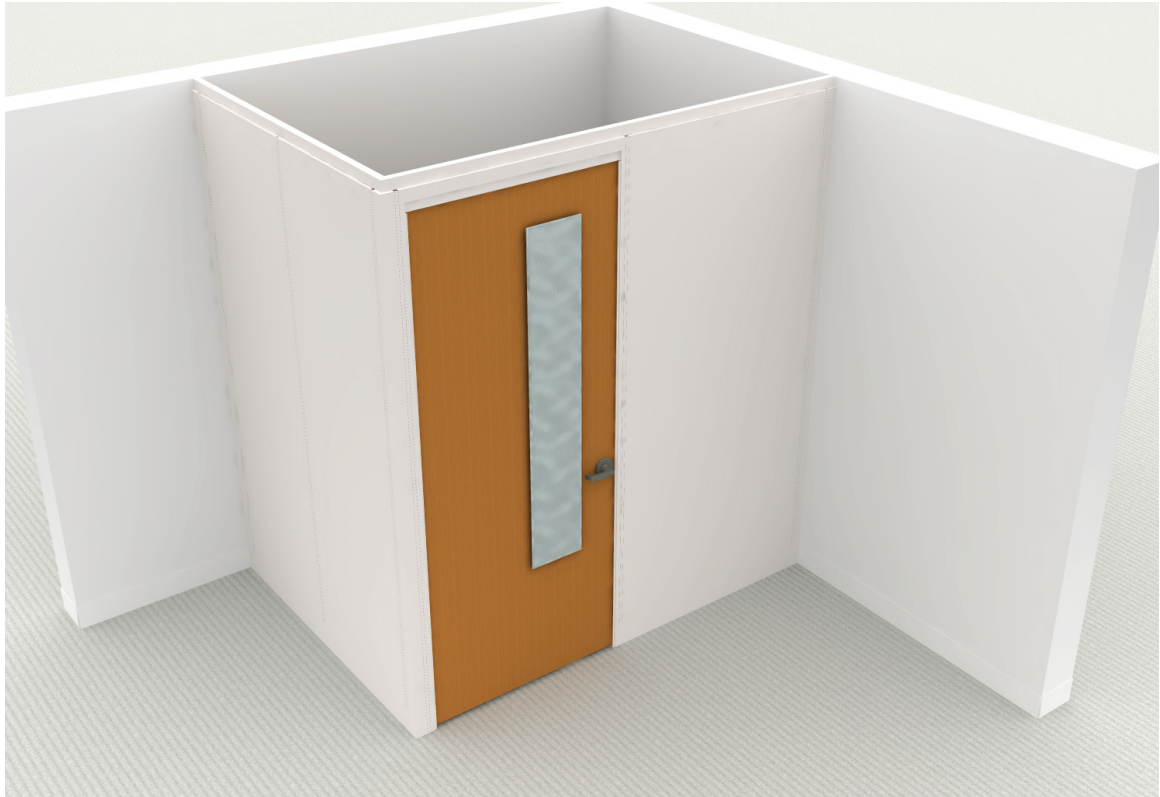
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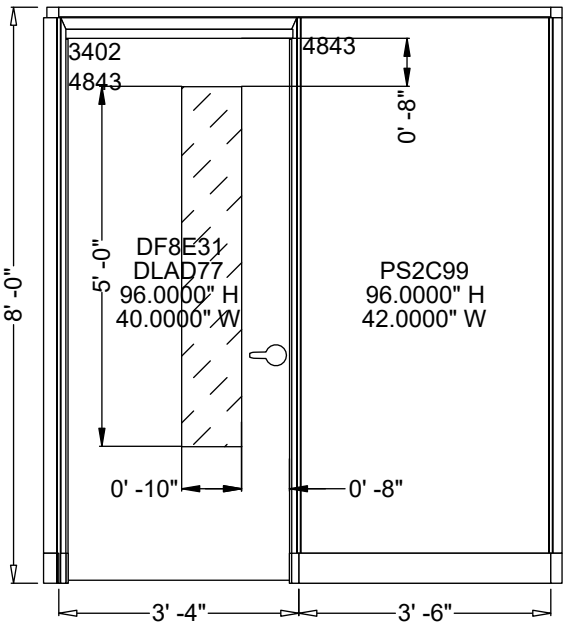
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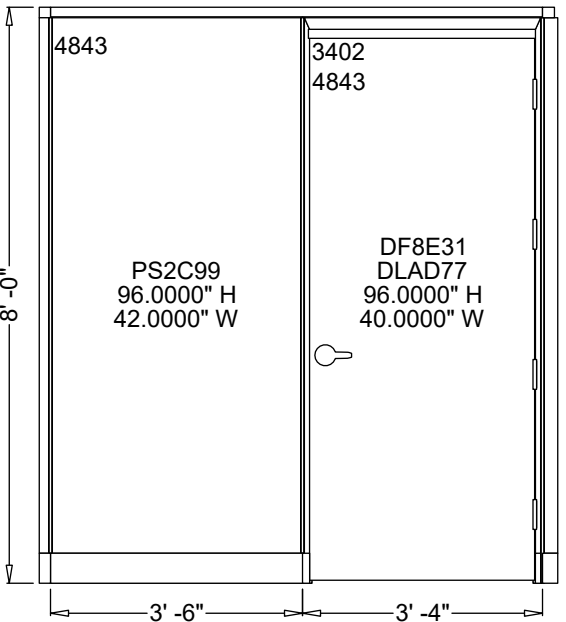
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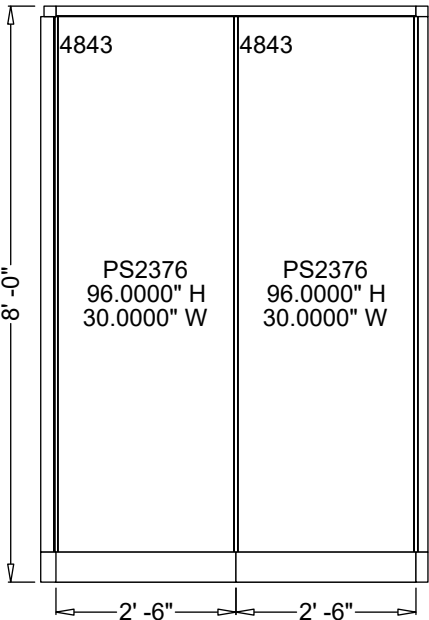
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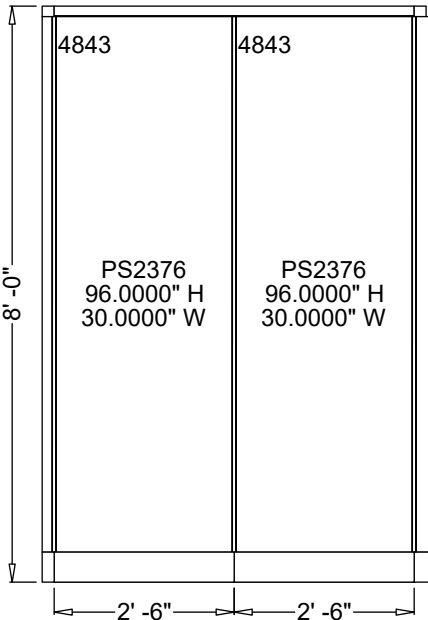
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Linear Footage Legend

Description	Linear Footage
Privacy Wall Solid Hollow Core Panel	8'6.00"
Privacy Wall Swing Door	3'4.00"
Posts, Mini-Ends, Finished End & Bypass (including LS)	4.93"
Total Linear Footage - Privacy Wall	12'2.93"
Total Linear Footage	12'2.93"

PPW small area for meltdowns

Limitless Adventures

Project No.: 5594

Scale: 1/4"= 1'-0"

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No.	Date	Description
1	12.02.25	QUOTE
Item 10.		

		August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Income	Expected	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
Private Pay	\$12,500.00	\$7,095.00	\$6,140.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,270.00										
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,190.00	\$400.00	\$13,000.00									
CTAC reimbursement			\$21,594.68												
Total	\$12,500.00	\$7,095.00	\$27,734.68	\$9,690.00	\$7,670.00	\$13,000.00									
Expenses	Expected	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Rent	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00										
Payroll & taxes	\$9,870.00	\$13,798.22	\$8,691.39	\$14,743.17	\$9,536.83										
Gas for vans	\$150.00	\$162.68	\$124.53	\$131.51	\$117.32										
Liability Ins.	\$289.00			\$308.05	\$293.62										
Auto Ins.	\$205.00	\$155.80	\$170.80		\$368.00										
Workman's Comp	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00										
Snacks	\$75.00	\$153.81	\$170.05	\$83.49											
Consumables (paper towels, soap, etc)	\$50.00	\$67.72	\$77.10	\$0.00	\$0.00										
Equipment	\$50.00	\$21.49	\$75.03	\$25.78	\$6.44										
Brightwheel	\$70.00	\$69.00	\$69.00	\$69.00	\$69.00										
Gusto	\$100.00	\$127.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00										
Google	\$45.00	\$60.41	\$60.45	\$60.43	\$60.60										
Background checks	\$69.00	\$0.00	\$12.39	\$0.00	\$276.00										
Business filings	\$0.00	\$93.33	\$174.03	\$8.97	\$0.00										
van expenses	\$0.00	\$699.88	\$0.00	\$350.53	\$819.15										
Total	\$13,828.00	\$18,264.34	\$12,614.77	\$18,770.93	\$14,536.96										
Balance	Expected	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
	(\$1,328.00)	(\$11,169.34)	\$15,119.91	(\$9,080.93)	(\$6,866.96)										

File Attachments for Item:

11. Proposed Funding Opportunities



Children's Trust Monthly Funding Request Report

Reporting Period: January 2026

Date: February 9, 2026

IGB Mentoring: Inclusive Summer Enrichment Camp

Date of Request: January 11, 2026

Requested Amount: \$45,000

Status: Denied

Request Outcome: The request submitted by IGB Mentoring was denied as it represented an extension of their current funding agreement with the Children's Trust, which is outside the scope of allowable funding requests.

Staff Actions: Provided IGB Mentoring with the tentative Request for Proposals (RFP) release dates to support their preparation for future funding opportunities. Encouraged the organization to continue developing and strengthening its proposal in anticipation of upcoming RFPs.

Shared summer camp resources for families with children with disabilities, including:

- Behavior Bricks
- Limitless Adventures
- Dance Alive

Infinite Dream Builders: Gun violence Initiative

Date of Request: January 21, 2026

Requested Amount: \$6,394

Status: Denied

Request Outcome: The request submitted by Infinite Dream Builders was denied as it sought to supplant funds previously reduced from the Alachua County Gun Violence Initiative. Although the initiative is funded by Children's Trust dollars, the County retains full management authority over the procurement process for these funds.



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Staff Actions: Children's Trust staff provided Infinite Dream Builders with contact information for organizations engaged in STEM initiatives that may serve as potential sources of funding or in-kind support. Additionally, the organization was advised of the Children's Trust Event Sponsorship opportunity and encouraged to review the eligibility requirements to assess alignment with their proposed activities.

File Attachments for Item:

13. February 2026 Executive Director's Report



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

December 1, 2025 - February 1, 2026

SUMMARY

1. Scorpio Donation to CTAC
2. FACCT Legislative Fly-In

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
December 1, 2025	Payroll Services Meeting	CFO Greenwald and ED Kiner met with County Finance Director.
December 2, 2025	Alachua Chamber Holiday Luncheon	Attended by K. Goldwire
December 2, 2025	Help Me Grow Alachua: Books, Balls, and Blocks Event	E. McCauley tabled with resources and children's activity.
December 2, 2025	Meeting with Herman Knopf	ED Kiner, ECC M. Jones, and DOP B. James met with Dr. Knopf to discuss various early childhood initiatives and upcoming events.
December 3, 2025	3DE Culminating Event, Eastside High School	ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and Board Member M. Chance judged student presentations. CTAC staff attended.
December 3, 2025	Meeting with Erik Otte of North Central Florida Community Center	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Mr. Otte and received an update on the NCFCC. Discussions on services provided by NCFCC, organizations now located at the Center, and possible partnerships.
December 5, 2025	Women's Giving Circle Leadership Breakfast	ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and E. McCauley attended
December 5, 2025	CHIP Annual Review/Healthy Communities Quarterly Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
December 5, 2025	Christmas on Main Street Alachua	E. McCauley and Intern A. Wherley tabled with children's activity at sponsored event.
December 6, 2025	Let it Snow! Hawthorne Christmas Festival	E. McCauley tabled with children's activity at sponsored event.

December 6, 2025	LifeSouth Operation Santa Delivery	Intern A. Wherley tabled with children's activity.
December 8, 2025	EHS Community Meeting regarding School Rezoning	ED Kiner attended.
December 9, 2025	The Education Foundation Meeting	ED Kiner, COO Goldwire, and DOP James met with Executive Director of the Education Foundation, Tia Brock-Paul and Board Chair, Dr. Naima Brown to discuss opportunities to expand the partnership.
December 9, 2026	5th Avenue Neighborhood Association Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
December 10, 2025	HPW Annual Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
December 10, 2025	Meeting with Gainesville Chamber	ECC M. Jones and ED Kiner met with Chamber COO Ian Fletcher to discuss the early childhood initiative and next steps for the Community Conversation.
December 10, 2025	Joint Meeting between the City and County	CTAC Staff attended the meeting and ED Kiner shared an update on the Food Initiative through the Resources Centers.
December 11, 2025	FACCT Policy Meeting	Attended by ED Kiner and K. Goldwire
December 11, 2025	Meeting with Springhill Baptist Church Leadership	ED Kiner met with Pastor Taylor and Pastor Coats to provide an overview of the Trust, funding priorities, and providers.
December 11, 2025	Housing First for Children Meeting	ED Kiner attended.

December 11, 2025	Lake Forest Elementary Family Literacy Night	ED Kiner attended.
December 13, 2025	PSF Winter Wonderland Event at Majestic Oaks Apartment	E. McCauley tabled with children's activity.
December 13, 2025	BLI Financial Management Session 3	ED Kiner and ECC M. Jones attended.
December 15, 2025	Meeting with the City Manager of Gainesville	ED Kiner met with Interim City Manager Andrew Persons. Discussion included partnerships, CTAC programs, and future opportunities. ED Kiner thanked the Manager for his support of the TWA Program.
December 16, 2025	Safe Kids North Central Florida Coalition Annual Review Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
December 16, 2025	GNV Holidays in the City	E. McCauley tabled with children's activity.
December 16, 2025	UF Maternal Health Meeting	CTAC finance staff met with UF to discuss the previous contract in preparation for the new year contract.
December 16, 2025	Doulio Meeting	CTAC staff met with Doulio to discuss expanding the program services.
December 17, 2025	SWAG Community Cafe	E. McCauley attended.
December 17, 2025	Finance Committee Meeting	Committee meeting.

December 17, 2025	Alachua Education Task Force and Children's Home Society Meeting	ED Kiner, COO Goldwire, and DOP James met with David Wisener, City of Alachua Economic Development Manager, and CHS Executive Director Tiffany Martin to discuss a community resource navigator program.
December 18, 2025	Tour of 2nd Place at Heart	E. McCauley attended.
December 19, 2025	Library Partnership FRC Food Distribution	E. McCauley, M. De Zutter, and D. Tyson attended.
December 20, 2025	LEGO FIRST Robotics Regional Championship	E. McCauley attended sponsored event.
January 2, 2026	Food 4 Kids Backpack Volunteer Opportunity	K. Goldwire, E. McCauley, and L. Means attended.
January 7, 2026	Children's Trust Morning Show and Podcast. Show topic: Family Resource Centers & The Expansion to Rural Communities	Hosted by ED Kiner. Guests were Bishop Stokes, Pebbles Edelman, and Ginger Griffeth
January 7, 2026	Continuum of Care Meeting	ED Kiner, COO K. Goldwire, & DOP B. James met with Veita Carter, Director of Students to Successful Citizens/System of Care with Alachua County Public Schools. Discussion included an overview of the services provided by ACPS for children and their families.
January 8, 2026	Goodwill Meeting	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Goodwill CEO David Rey and VP of Mission Programs, Phillip Simmons, to discuss the Teenswork program expansion and opportunities for additional business partners.
January 8, 2026	Housing First for Children Meeting	ED Kiner, CEM E. McCauley, and COO K. Goldwire attended.

January 9, 2026	Center for Nonprofit Excellence Open House	ED M. Kiner, K. Goldwire, D. Cunha, and E. McCauley attended.
January 10, 2026	BLI Session 4 - Human Resources & Real Estate	ED Kiner and ECC M. Jones attended.
January 12, 2026	Newberry City Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	ED M.Kiner, E. McCauley attended.

January 12, 2026	Gun Violence Alliance Strategic Plan Meeting	ED M. Kiner, E. McCauley, and M. De Zutter attended.
January 12, 2026	Meeting with IGB Mentoring	ED Kiner and COO K. Goldwire met with IGB ED Jeff Parker and Dr. Karen Woods to discuss a proposal for program expansion.
January 14, 2026	UF-CTAC Communications Partnership Meeting	Attended by D. Cunha and E. McCauley
January 14, 2026	Juvenile Court & Visit to the Juvenile Detention Center	ED Kiner attended and met with Superintendent Tony McCloud and staff to discuss how CTAC may be able to assist the youth at the detention center.
January 15, 2026	Strong-Minded Mentoring Meeting	Follow-up meeting with Jarrell Whitehead and team with CTAC staff to discuss Innovation for Impact grants.
January 16, 2026	Meeting with Dr. Luz Semeah	ED Kiner and Dr. Semeah discussed the Literacy Collaborative and research opportunities.
January 19, 2026	MLK Day Celebration in Alachua	E. McCauley attended.

January 20, 2026	FRC Quarterly Partner Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
January 20, 2026	Community Impact Corporation Meeting	ED Kiner and COO K. Goldwire met with Rev. Karl Anderson to discuss CIC's programming and opportunities to partner.
January 21, 2026	Eastside High School Career Day	Attended by K. Goldwire
January 21, 2026	ELC Board Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
January 22, 2026	LTI Foundation Meeting	ED Kiner, COO K. Goldwire and Laron Barber of LTI met to discuss the plans for the LTI event in the fall. Mr. Barber discussed his new grant from the county and plans for STEM training with youth throughout the county.
January 23, 2026	Safety Net Meeting	K. Goldwire and E. McCauley attended.
January 23, 2026	Sunshine State Book Festival	E. McCauley and K. Bailey Acevedo attended.
January 24, 2026	MK Rawlings Health and Wellness Expo	E. McCauley and Intern A. Wherley attended.
January 27 - 29, 2026	FACCT Legislative Visits in Tallahassee	Attended by ED Kiner, Chair Chance, and K. Goldwire

PROGRAMS CALENDAR

December	
December 2, 2025	FACCT Program Affinity Group Meeting
December 2, 2025	Early Learning Meeting with Herman Knopf
December 2, 2025	Early Educators Workgroup -Co Chairs Follow-up Planning Meeting
December 2, 2025	Anita Zucker Center Meeting on Special Needs and Early Intervention Resources
December 3, 2025	3DE culminating event at Eastside High School
December 3, 2025	ACSO: Readers on Duty contract negotiation
December 3, 2025	Business Leadership Institute for Early Learning: Performance measure and reporting review
December 3, 2025	Parent Workgroup Co-Chair Planning Meeting
December 5, 2025	Advanced Human Trafficking Provider Training
December 5, 2025	CNE Literacy Contract Discussion
December 5, 2025	Meeting with Center for Nonprofit Excellence: Literacy Collaborative contract
December 8, 2025	NCFLAEYC Chapter Meeting
December 9, 2025	B'more for Healthy Babies Peer Learning Hub Launch
December 10, 2025	A& A Contract Discussion and Next Steps
December 11, 2025	Programs' Team Meeting
December 11, 2025	HSNCF Board Meeting
December 12, 2025	AMI Kids SAMIS training
December 13, 2026	Alachua BLI Master Class Session 3
December 15, 2025	Program update meeting with Pace Center for Girls
December 15, 2025	Thriving Parent Workgroup
December 16, 2025	SAMIS S3 Meeting

December 16, 2025	City of Hawthorne Commission Meeting
December 16, 2025	Doulio Contract Meeting
December 16, 2025	UF Maternal Health ACCESS Contract Meeting
December 16, 2025	SPARC352 Performance Measure discussion
December 17, 2025	TBR Provider Training
December 17, 2025	FACCT IT Affinity Group
December 29, 2025	Discussion with UF Maternal Health Mobile Clinic team
December 29, 2025	UF MH ACCESS Performance Measures, Reporting, and Delivery Discussion
December 30, 2025	SAMIS training: Deeper Purpose Family Resource Center
	January
January 7, 2026	Continuum of Care Meeting w/ V. Carter (SBAC)
January 8, 2026	TWA Summer Planning Meeting with Goodwill
January 8, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
January 8, 2026	ACCESS Taskforce Meeting
January 8, 2026	ELCAC Quality Meeting
January 9, 2026	Roadmap Advisory Board Meeting
January 9, 2026	Maternal Health Conference Planning Meeting
January 10, 2026	Alachua BLI Masterclass Session 4
January 12, 2026	CDS Mentoring Services Meeting
January 12, 2026	Thriving Parents Planning Workgroup Meeting
January 12, 2026	NCFLAEYC Chapter Meeting
January 13, 2026	Follow-up Meeting- On Early Intervention and Support Services
January 13, 2026	Meeting with mental health providers
January 14, 2026	Early Learning Collaborative System Work Group Planning Meeting

January 14, 2026	Systems Workgroup Planning Meeting
January 15, 2026	Strong-minded Mentoring Program Review and Discussion
January 15, 2026	Budget Review with City of Hawthorne
January 20, 2026	Site visit, PACE Center for Girls
January 22, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
January 22, 2026	Family Resource Center -Quarter 1 Network Meeting
January 26, 2026	All In For Early Learning Day - Statewide
January 27, 2026	SAMIS Training: Junior Achievement
January 27, 2026	ACGLR Advisory Meeting
January 28, 2026	UF CAME SPARC352 SAMIS Training
January 28, 2026	ELCAC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
January 28, 2026	Contract Meeting BLIEL
January 29, 2026	Impact Gainesville Technology Hub Kick-off Meeting
January 30, 2026	Early Educators Workgroup Planning Meeting

INITIATIVES

Children's Trust of Alachua County – 2025 Annual Report Highlights

The Children's Trust of Alachua County has released its 2025 Annual Report, highlighting another impactful year dedicated to advancing the well-being of local children, youth, and families. The report reaffirms the Trust's commitment to its core strategic priorities: ensuring children and youth are healthy and supported by nurturing caregivers, equipped to learn and succeed, and living in safe, thriving communities.

The Annual Report is now available and will be shared with the community through our website, social media channels, and email distribution. Additionally, hard copies will be provided to all funded providers, and community partners.

We invite you to review the full report and learn more about the progress and partnerships that made this year a success: [2025 Annual Report](#).



PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Program Evaluation and Provider Support

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

- Updated template for FY25 CQI reports
- Compiled data for FY25 CQI reports including evaluation of fiscal, operations, service delivery, training (new for FY25), and impact (performance measures).
- Facilitated internal discussion and finalization of CQI process and final reports

Performance Measure and Data Reporting

- Finalized performance measures and data reporting for FY26 programs, including:
 - Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Literacy Collaborative
 - Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Provider Capacity Building
 - Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Readers on Duty
 - Business Leadership Institute, Early Learning Master Class and Accreditation Academy
 - A&A Consulting, Doula Friendly Initiative
 - SPARC352
 - UF Maternal Health Access Clinic
 - Junior Achievement, 3DE

SAMIS

- Facilitated SAMIS trainings for new and renewal programs
- Provided ongoing SAMIS and data collection support
- Attended SAMIS Collaborative and Demonstration meetings

On Site Provider Support

- Site visit, PACE Center for Girls
- Attended 3DE culminating event

Program Evaluation Presentations to the Board

- Mental Health Presentation
- Enrichment Presentation
- TeensWork Alachua Board report

RFP Planning

- Developed, disseminated, and analyzed survey of Alachua County youth, parents, providers, community members, and CTAC staff to inform the development of mentoring/enrichment/prevention RFP
- Met with leadership and staff at CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services to discuss their mentoring and prevention initiatives
- Engaged in ongoing research, internal discussion, and planning for RFP development

Strategic Plan

- Engaged in ongoing internal development and discussion of plan components
- Building on work with C. Robinson Associates, refined key terms, focus areas, strategies, and measures to align with current Results-Based Accountability impact evaluation framework
- Developed, analyzed, and reported on staff and Board member survey to assess support of community indicators
- Worked with C. Robinson Associates to update plan delivery and presentation at Board workshop

Planning, Collaboration, and Professional Development

- Planned and facilitated Family Resource Center Network Meeting for all Family Resource Center Providers: Willie Mae Stokes Community Center, Pleasant Street-One Community, Deeper Purpose Resource Center, and Partnership for Strong Families. Meeting included review of evaluation results, discussion of accomplishments, collaboration as a network, and planning for how we can enhance our success moving forward in FY2026
- Discussion with mental health providers to align and review data
- Attended FACCT Research and Evaluation Affinity Group Meeting
- Preparation for FY26 summer camp: Enrollment form development, Planning for summer literacy convening and FY25 summer provider data review

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports and Addendums

- FY 2026 Budget Report (December)
- FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (December)
- FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (December)
- FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report
- FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report to the BOCC

****Please see “Annotations to Financial Statements” that accompanies Budget Report for detailed analysis*

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **28** net followers on Facebook and **14** followers on Instagram.
- We amassed **8.2K** views on Facebook and **1.1K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**.
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
 - Our post about receiving \$1000 from Scorpio (**2.3K views**)
 - Our post about the CNE ribbon cutting (**1029 views**)
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
 - Our post about receiving \$1000 from Scorpio (**174 views**)
 - Our post about the CNE ribbon cutting (**178 views**)

New Campaigns / Projects

- Monthly community show highlighting our providers and the Children's Trust on CBS 4 / NBC 9
- Social theme posting to coordinate all the events CTAC sponsors in the area
 - Where's Emily?
- Bookmark push in libraries and school libraries, leading people to our resources
- 30-second promos attached to 30-second vignettes on 98.3 for Women's History Month

Continuing Campaigns / Projects

- Promotional coloring books for High Springs Museum
- Live monthly morning shows with Tu Fiesta
- Monthly podcast
 - Researching podcast editing programs for greater efficiency
 - Researching podcast platforms for greater reach
 - Developing promotional materials to lead people to the YouTube (and eventually the podcast platform) to hear the show

In the news:

- **Gainesville Sun:**
 - [Dolly Parton Imagination Library honors young readers in Gainesville](#)
- **Alachua Chronicle:**
 - [Center for Nonprofit Excellence obtains independent 501\(c\)\(3\) status](#)
- **Mainstreet Daily News:**
 - [Children's Trust of Alachua County selects new leadership for 2026](#)
 - [December 2025 Citizens of the Month](#)
 - [Sunshine State book festival set to return Jan. 23-24](#)
 - [Children's Trust allocates \\$150K for food assistance amid SNAP benefits lapse](#)

BOARD MOTIONS AND REQUESTS

DATE	MOTION / REQUEST	STATUS
8.12.2024	Member Chance mentioned that programmatic dashboards showing awarded amounts and actual invoiced/funded amounts for each program area would be helpful and useful for staff to create or distribute.	Delegated to Incoming Director of Mktg
3.10.2025	Member Chance suggested checking with other CSC's and considering listing funded organizations under priorities on the website for accountability.	
9.9.2024	Chair Pinkoson requested to have a discussion for future RFPs about the maximum amount of funding a provider can request of the total allocation.	Finance Committee Meeting
11.4.2024	The Board requested a joint meeting with the Alachua County Library Board.	Meeting date TBD early 2026
3.10.2025	Dr. Labarta requested a follow-up to the community needs listing.	Presentation TBA
11.10.2025	Member Pinkoson moved to: Refer to staff the family eviction issue and to bring back to the Board after the new year possible recommendations to refer to the BoCC and Family Resource Centers. Ask the chair to bring to the BoCC the Trust's concern of family evictions and to potentially put a placeholder to fund any Trust recommendations.	In progress
12.8.2025	Member Certain requested further analysis to identify underlying barriers to participation in Head Start Summer Bridge rural areas	Completed FYI section of February 9, 2026 Board meeting

SUCCESS STORIES

University of Florida College of Dentistry: Saving Smiles

This month, we were able to support a 6-year-old child with autism spectrum disorder who was visiting the dentist for the very first time. When coordinating with the family, the parents shared their concerns about their child's anxiety around people entering their personal space and noted that even routine haircuts were often challenging. Understanding these sensitivities, we worked closely with the parents ahead of the appointment, offering guidance on how to prepare their child. This included watching short, animated videos about dental visits and framing the experience as something positive and predictable. Thanks to this preparation and the family's dedication, the child arrived calm and ready. During the visit, we used sensory-support tools such as a weighted blanket and noise-reducing headphones to help create a comfortable environment. The child responded exceptionally well, remaining relaxed throughout the appointment. We were able to complete a full dental exam, cleaning, and fluoride varnish without difficulty. The parents were amazed and relieved by how smoothly the visit went, especially given their past struggles with similar situations. Importantly, the child had no cavities, and we scheduled their next routine visit for six months from now. By creating a supportive and individualized experience, we helped ensure this child could receive essential preventive care and begin building positive associations with dental visits.

Pace Center for Girls, Inc. | Rosalie

"My time at Pace was the best schooling I have received. The staff were so accepting and accommodating with my needs. Things were hectic when I applied, but they were able to get me in right away. When I met the staff for the first time, most already knew my name; it made me feel seen. When I first arrived, I was nervous, but the staff and other girls greeted me immediately. Even now after I've graduated, when I go back to visit every staff member and all the girls are happy to see me. They genuinely care about me."

File Attachments for Item:

14. Enrichment Programs - Evaluation Results



Enrichment Programs- Evaluation Results (Amy Wagner)

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive information

Background:

The Children's Trust of Alachua County has funded enrichment programs for four years. A new two-year funding cycle began in 2025. The funding has enabled youth in Alachua County to receive programming in Health and Wellness, Leadership, Life Management Skills, Career Exploration, STEM, Social Emotional Wellbeing and Awareness, and Arts and Culture. In FY 2025, 14 agencies delivered 1,644 enrichment sessions at 107 sites with a total unduplicated youth attendance of 7,570. Partner organizations who have hosted enrichment opportunities include afterschool programs, summer camps, schools, community centers, and more. These organizations report youth engagement and enjoyment with services as well as high levels of satisfaction with the quality of programming.

Attachments:

Board Presentation – Enrichment Programs- Evaluation Results on 2-9-2026

Programmatic Impact:

This program supports:

Goal 2: All children and youth learn what they need to be successful.

Fiscal Impact:

FY2025 - Enrichment Programming Allocation: \$924,226.70

Recommendation:

Receive the information.



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Enrichment Programs Evaluation Results- Year 1

Enrichment Goals

- Provide children and youth with educational programming and activities that **extend beyond** their regular school day, afterschool, and summer camp.
- Give children and youth the opportunity to learn and explore specialty activities **they would not otherwise have access to** outside their out of school time program.



What kinds of programming?

14 Agencies*

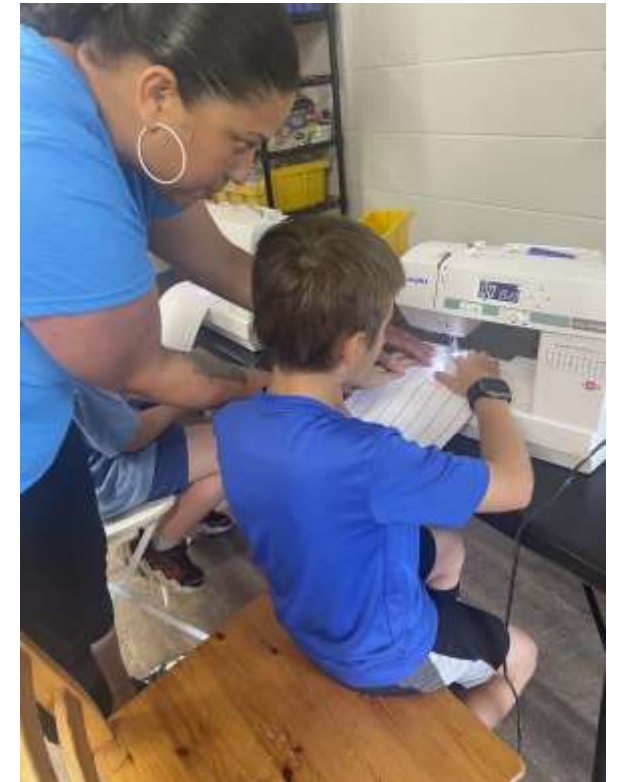
Health & wellness	Leadership	Life Management Skills	Career Exploration	STEM	Social Emotional Wellbeing and Awareness	Arts and Culture
Underground kitchen	Dream on Purpose	IGB	Cultural Arts Coalition	Cultural Arts Coalition	IGB	Cultural Arts Coalition
Gator Junior Golf	DJ Elo	Gator Junior Golf	Underground Kitchen	UF Florida Museum	Dream on Purpose	Music & Arts Program for Youth
	Gator Junior Golf	Motiv8U	Motiv8U		Gator Junior Golf	DJ Elo
	Motiv8U	Santa Fe College	Santa Fe College		Lee's Preschool	Crafty Gemini
	Santa Fe College	Infinite Dream Builders			Motiv8U	
	Infinite Dream Builders				All Well Health Services	

**Originally 15 agencies were contracted for FY25; two programs not renewed for FY26*

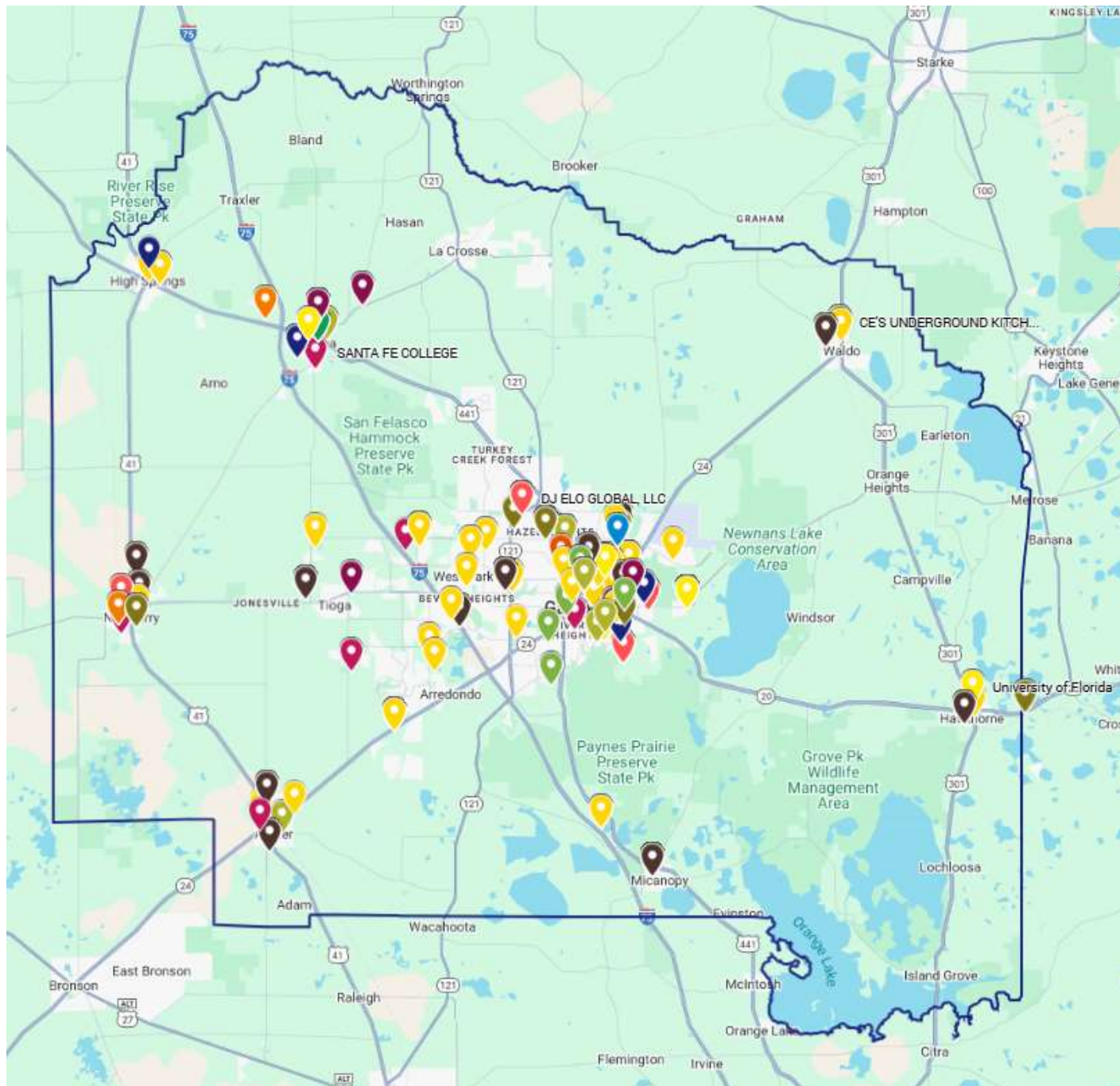
Children Served



Children served: 7,570 (unduplicated)



Average # served at each session: 8

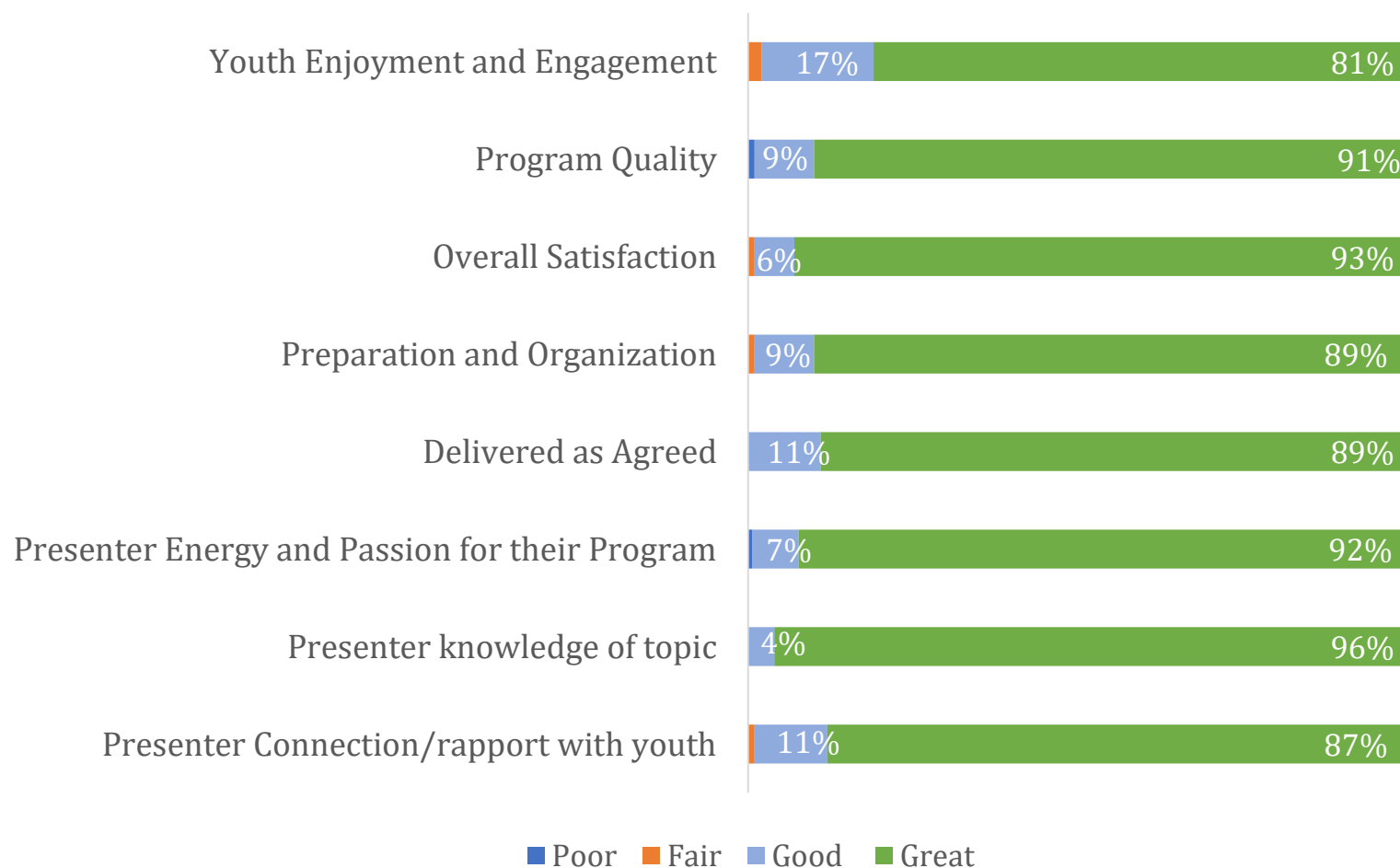


**Where did sessions
take place in
Alachua County?**

Session Quality and Delivery



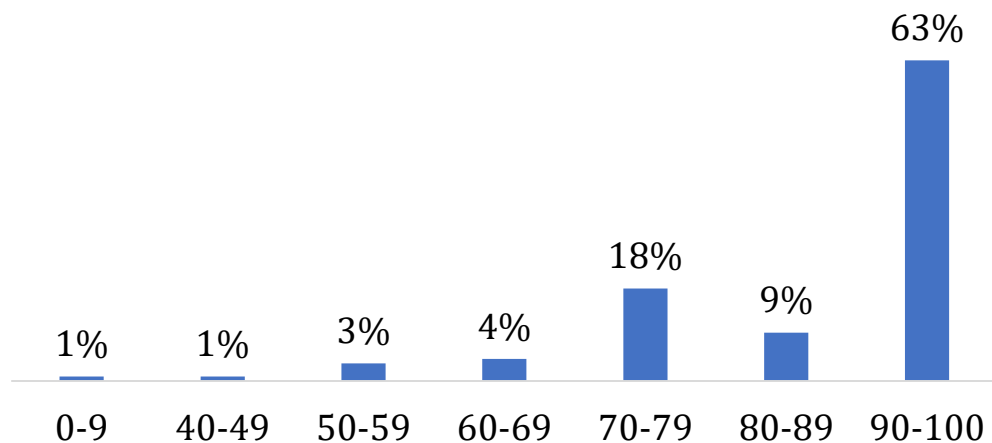
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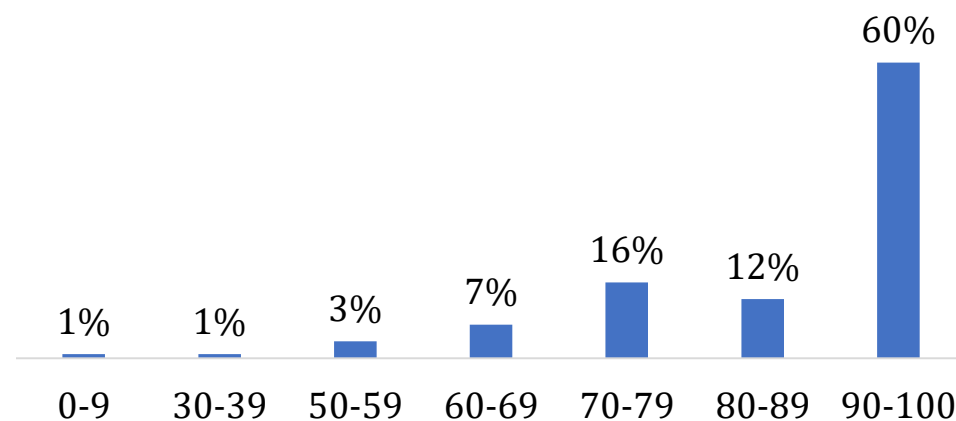
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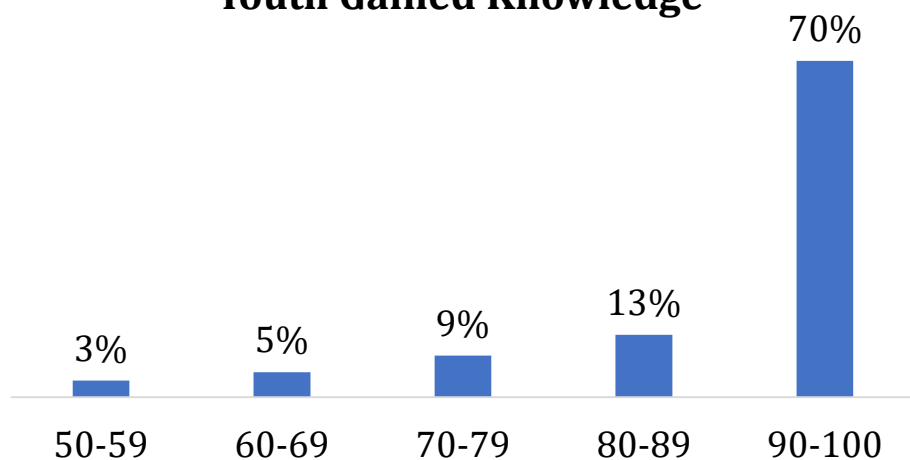
Youth Gained Skills



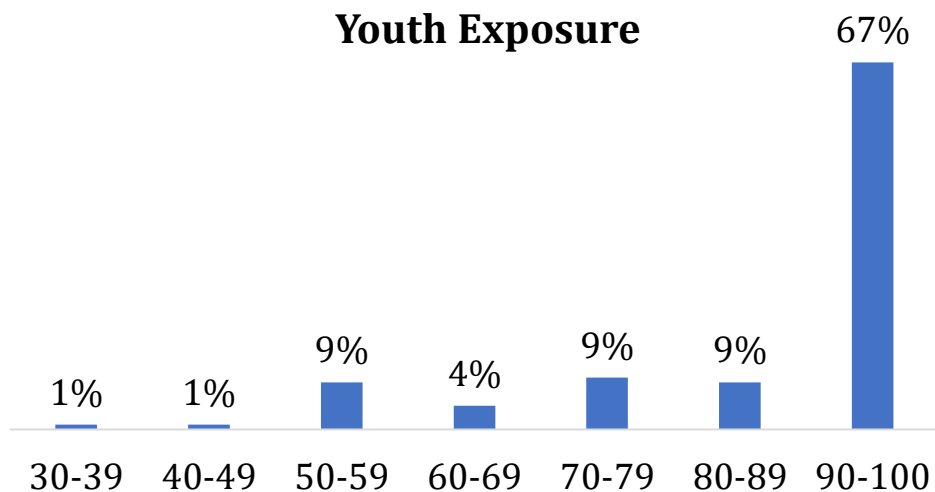
Youth Improved Behavior



Youth Gained Knowledge



Youth Exposure



Youth Experience



What did youth like best?

- Staff interaction and connection, relatability
- Activities, **hands on activities**
- Conversations/discussions during the activity
- Making things the kids could take home
- Rewards/incentives
- Exposure, learning something new

What did youth like least?

- Older youth sometimes struggled with reading, longer presentations/PowerPoints
- Wanted more sessions
- Sometimes hard for kids to focus



How did youth benefit from enrichment?

“They can learn **new ways of learning** without the pressure of school.”

“The girls walked away with **stronger confidence** and a **better understanding of themselves**. They were able to express their feelings in new ways and started to **see their voices as important**.”

“Our youth benefited from this program by not only the arts and crafts that were created but by learning **basic business principles** in the process.”

“Our students were **exposed to musical activities**... introducing [them] to possible music interests that they may not have known they had before.”

“Learning about themselves and different careers. Reflecting on their strengths and how to be **prepared for the future** and applying to college and/or trade careers.”

“Your science projects made a huge impact on our kids, sparking their curiosity and excitement about science. They talked for days about everything they learned—from bugs to weather—and we may just have some **future scientists in the making!**”

Performance Measures



How Much?	FY25 Target	FY25 Actual
Sites served	144	107
Sessions completed	2,117	1,644
Youth attendance	17,762	20,020
How Well?	FY25 Target	FY25 Actual
Service provision in rural areas	30%	38%
Partner satisfaction (as measured by Enrichment Services Survey)	90%	99%
Quality of programming (as measured by Enrichment Services Survey)	90%	99%
Better Off?	FY25 Target	FY25 Actual
Youth enjoyment and engagement (as measured by Enrichment Services Survey)	90%	98%
Youth discovery (i.e., knowledge, skills, behavior, exposure) (as measured by Enrichment Services Survey)	75%	Knowledge: 91% Skills: 88% Behavior: 87% Exposure: 88%



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Thank you!

File Attachments for Item:

15. Mental Health Programs – Evaluation Results

**Item:**

Mental Health Programs – Evaluation Results (Bonnie Wagner)

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive information.

Background:

The Children's Trust currently funds three organizations to provide mental health programming to children and youth in Alachua County.

- Child Advocacy Center – Reducing Trauma Therapy Program
- Pace Center for Girls – Reach Community Counseling
- UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital – Partners in Adolescent Lifestyle Support (PALS)

In FY2025, across these programs, 588 children and youth were served. Therapeutic services provided include individual, family, and group therapy. Additionally, funded programs offer case management, mental health education, suicide prevention, and support groups. Service provision occurs in locations across Alachua County. Mental health services are available in thirteen Alachua County schools via Reach Community Counseling and/or PALS. All programs also offer in-office sessions. Options available to meet via telehealth, at home, or in other community locations vary by program.

Each program exhibits success in meeting “better off” outcomes. These successes include children and youth improving mental health well-being and symptoms, increasing skills and knowledge in addressing trauma reactions, improving or maintaining positive relationships, being less apt to bully and accepting of differences, improving or maintaining a low risk level in substance use and mental health concerns, having no juvenile justice involvement following program completion, achievement of treatment goals, and having access mental health care that they otherwise wouldn't have been able to access.

Attachments:

Board Presentation – Mental Health Programs – Evaluation Results on 2-9-2026

Programmatic Impact:

Mental Health Programs support the following Trust goal:

Goal 1: All children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers & relationships.

Fiscal Impact:

Budget Allocation – FY2025

Overall Total - \$303,884

Partners in Adolescent Lifestyle Support (PALS) – \$114,442

Reach Community Counseling – \$114,442

Reducing Trauma Therapy Program – \$75,000

Recommendation:

Receive the information.



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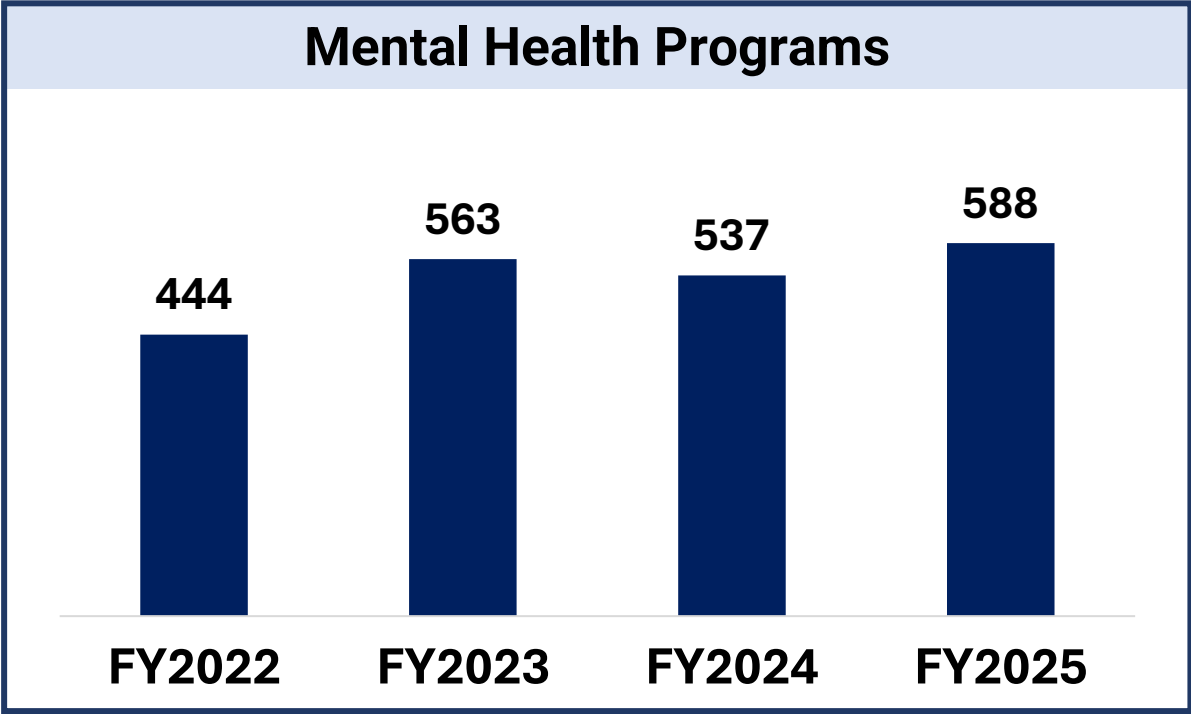
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Mental Health Programs – Evaluation Results

Children Served



Children served with funding from Children’s Trust of Alachua County:

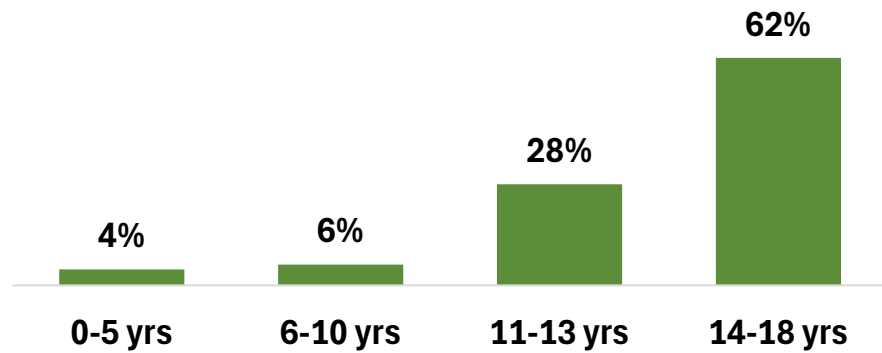


- In FY2023, an additional program (Reducing Trauma Therapy Program) was added.

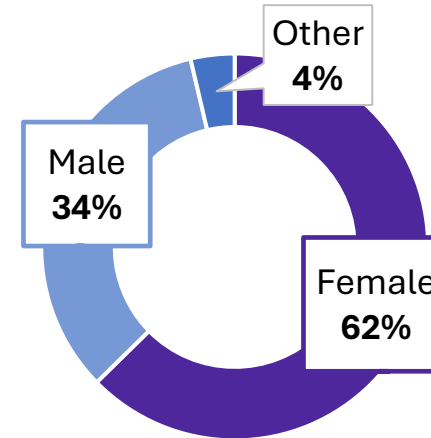
Who are Children Served?



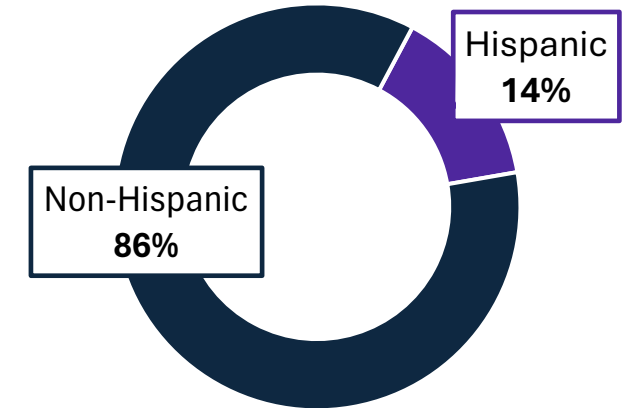
Age



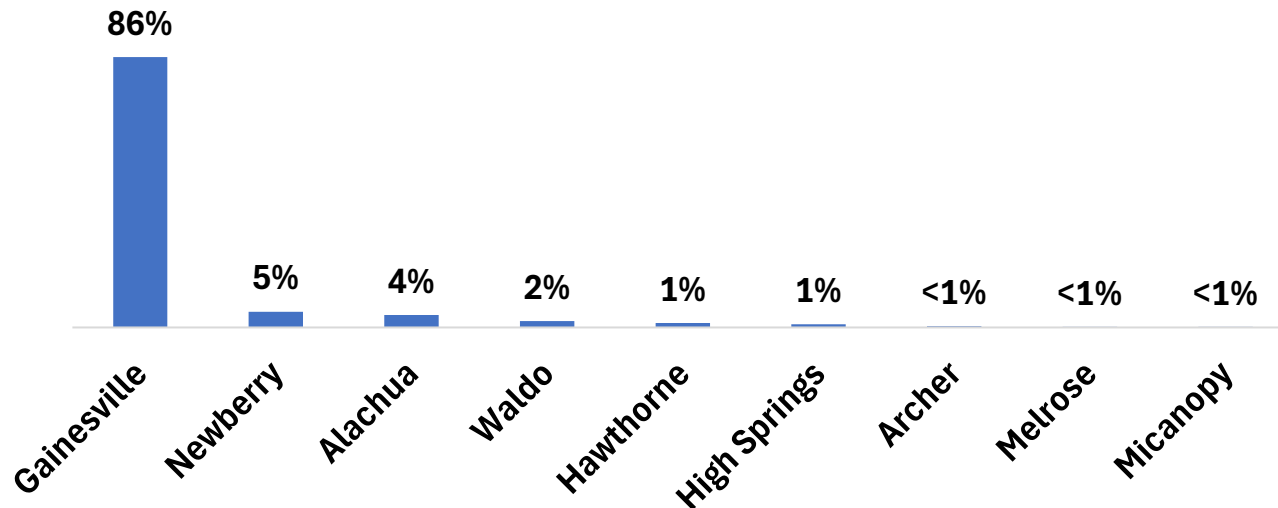
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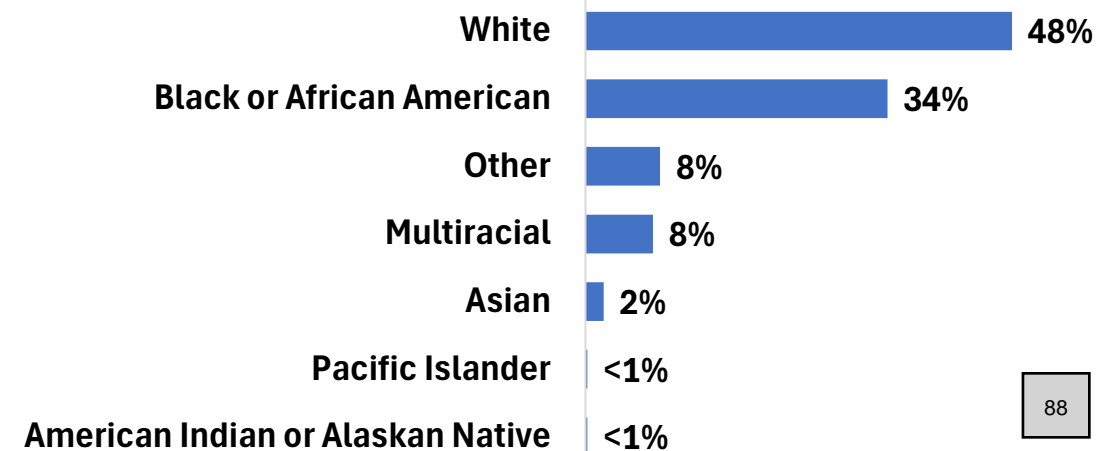
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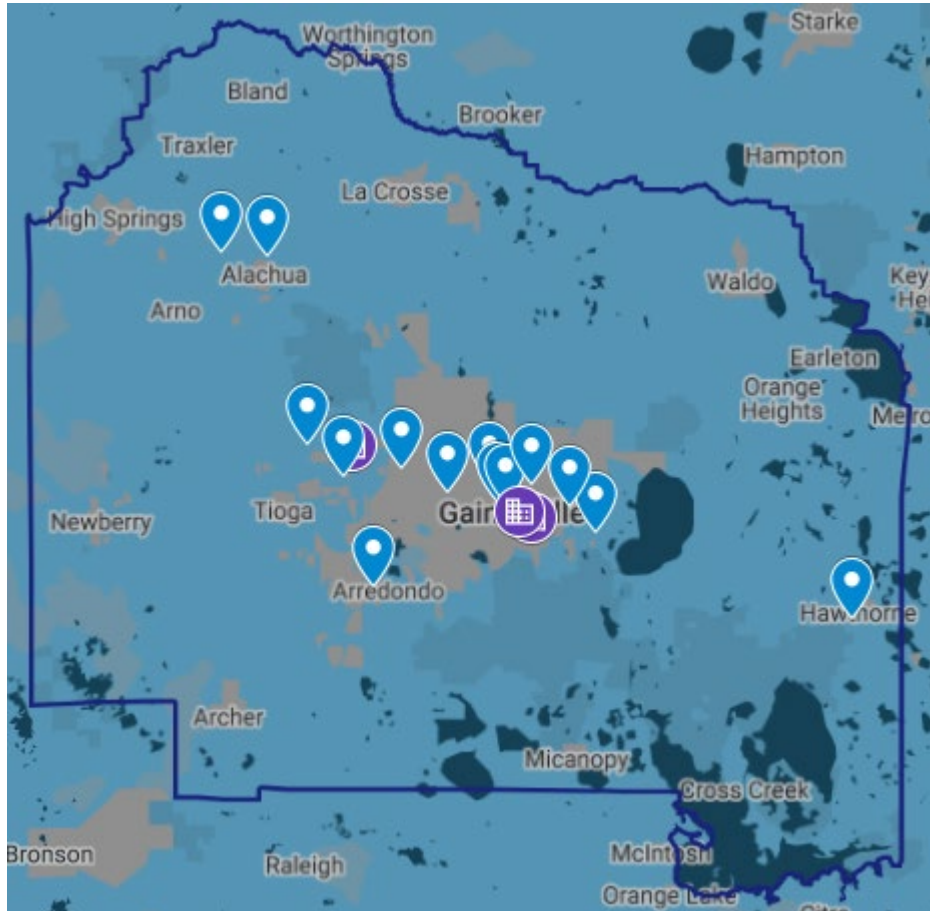
City of Residence



Race



Where are Services Provided?



- Fort Clarke Middle School
- Howard Bishop Middle School
- Kanapaha Middle School
- Mebane Middle School
- Westwood Middle School
- Hawthorne Middle-High School
- Buchholz High School
- Eastside High School
- Gainesville High School
- Lofton High School
- Saint Francis Catholic Academy
- Santa Fe High School
- A. Quinn Jones School
- Project YouthBuild
- **Child Advocacy Center**
- **Pace Center for Girls**
- **UF Shands Psychiatric Hospital**



Provider Agencies



Missions

- **PALS:** Provide free individual, group, and family counseling in Alachua schools and UF Health Psychiatric Hospital. Offering mental health education, suicide prevention, and support groups for adolescents.
- **CAC Reducing Trauma:** Provide free individual, group, and family therapy for children that were exposed to severe abuse and neglect and non-offending family members. The program serves children ages 2.5 – 18 years old.
- **Pace Reach:** Provides free therapeutic mental health services to girls ages 11-17 who exhibit risk factors in 3 of 5 domains (school, family, health, behavior and victimization).

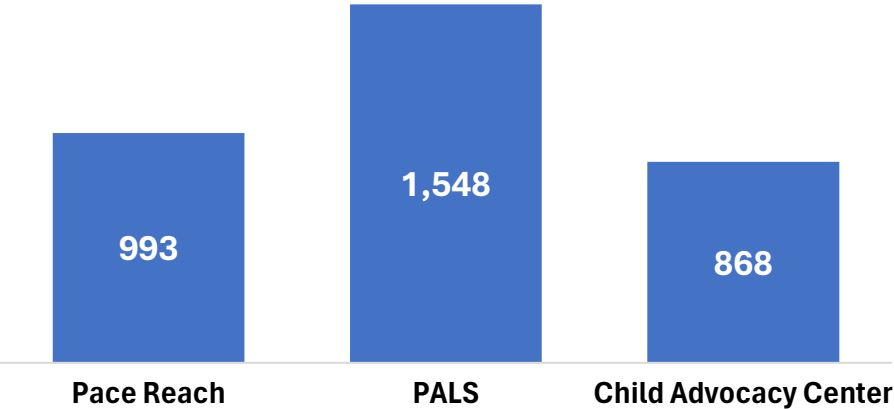
How Much Service Was Provided?

Individual Sessions

Individual Sessions: 3,409

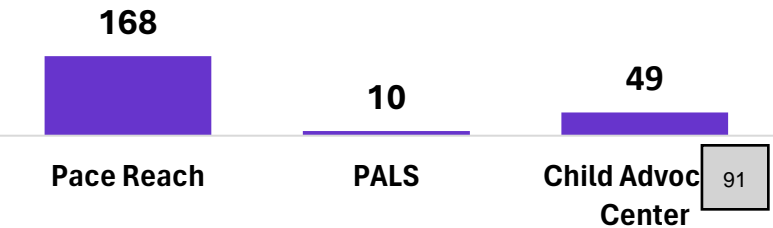
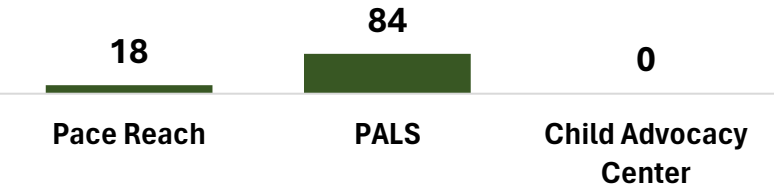
Family Sessions: 227

Group Sessions: 102



Group Sessions

Family Sessions



Performance Measures: How Much?



Pace Reach Counseling

Measure	Target	Actual
Girls Receiving Therapy	30	49
Individual Therapy Sessions	480	993
Group Therapy Sessions	20	18

UF Health PALS

Measure	Target	Actual
Total Adolescents Served	350	451
Adolescents Receiving Individual Therapy	250	235
Adolescents Receiving Group Prevention	175	223
Adolescents in Peer Leadership Groups	12	12

Child Advocacy Trauma Therapy

Measure	Target	Actual
Children Receiving Therapy	60	88
Parents Participating in Therapy	40	45
Total Therapy Sessions	550	917

Performance Measures: How Well?



Pace Reach Counseling

Measure	Target	Actual
Girls Participate for 3 months or Longer	80%	90%
Girls Receiving 10 or more Therapy Sessions	80%	90%
Girls Successfully Complete the Program	80%	70%

UF Health PALS

Measure	Target	Actual
Staff Receive Weekly Clinical Supervision	90%	96%
Staff Receiving Quarterly Written Evaluations	90%	100%
Adolescents retained in Individual Sessions	80%	82%
Adolescents report Improvement due to Services	90%	100%

Child Advocacy Trauma Therapy

Measure	Target	Actual
Prompt Referral Response	90%	93%
Child/Caregiver Satisfaction with Services	90%	100%
Services Helped Children Feel Safe	85%	95%
Children have Specialized Treatment Plans	80%	91%

Performance Measures: Better Off?



Pace Reach Counseling

Measure	Target	Actual
Improve/Maintain Low Concerns in Mental Health	60%	82%
Improve/Maintain Low Risk in Substance Use	70%	72%
Improve or Maintain Positive Relationships	80%	89%
No Involvement with Juvenile Justice System	95%	100%

UF Health PALS

Measure	Target	Actual
Improved Mental Health Well-Being	70%	87%
Allowed for Access to Mental Health Services	70%	95%
Less Likely to Bully and More Accepting of Difference	70%	99%

Child Advocacy Trauma Therapy

Measure	Target	Actual
Children report Decrease in Symptoms	80%	81%
Successful Progress Toward Treatment Goals	75%	80%
Skill & Knowledge in Addressing Trauma Reactions	80%	90%

Impact on Children and Youth

Partners in Adolescent Lifestyle Support (PALS) - Impact Story

“My experience with PALS has been an emotional roller-coaster and through that I gained happiness, hope and modesty and lost sadness, a sense of not belonging that cringe worthy feeling that used to stab inside of me and now I’m a trillion or more times better.”

Pace Reach Counseling - Impact Story

‘Girl’ was referred for issues with family conflict, lying, stealing, and vaping. She and mom struggled with communication and effective skills to regulate disagreements. Girl and mom participated in family sessions to learn and practice communication skills and implement “fair fighting rules”. Girl participated in individual and group sessions to focus on values, respect in interpersonal relationships, substance use, and healthy coping skills. Girl has had a significant decrease in substance use and continues toward the goal of stopping use completely. She regained trust from her mom, learned to express her emotions effectively, and increased her consequential thinking.

Child Advocacy Reducing Trauma Therapy - Impact Story

When referred to therapy, this 12-year-old girl presented with significant trauma following having endured prolonged sexual and physical abuse. She initially struggled to articulate her emotions and demonstrated self-blame, shame, and diminished self-worth. Through consistent, trauma-responsive therapy, she began developing the capacity to recognize, name, and process her emotions. A key milestone in her progress has been her growing ability to practice self-compassion. Most notably, she no longer blames herself for the abuse she experienced. Where she once internalized shame and responsibility, she now understands that what happened was not her fault. This re-framing has supported the rebuilding of her self-esteem and sense of personal safety.



File Attachments for Item:

16. Head Start Summer Bridge Reasons for Absence

**Item:**

For Your Information

Head Start Summer Bridge Reasons for Absence

Requested Action:

This item is provided for informational purposes.

Background

During the December 9, 2025 Board meeting staff delivered an evaluation presentation on the Head Start Summer Bridge program. Board members made inquiries as to why some children were not meeting program attendance expectations. Staff agreed to look further into this and bring back information. This FYI item responds to this inquiry.

Attachments

Board FYI Reasons for Absence – Headstart Summer Bridge Program

Programmatic Impact:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board receives the report.

Board FYI –
Reasons for Absence
Head Start Summer Bridge

2/9/2026

During the December 9, 2025 Board meeting staff delivered an evaluation presentation on the Head Start Summer Bridge program. Board members made inquiries as to why some children were not meeting program attendance expectations. Staff agreed to look further into this and bring back information. This FYI item responds to this inquiry.

Regular attendance is essential for children to fully benefit from the program. Evaluation results demonstrate significant learning gains occurring among Head Start Summer Bridge children which in turn will prepare them for success in kindergarten. Children attending every day will maximize positive outcomes from the high-quality learning opportunities provided in the program. We wanted to learn more about the reasons why children were absent to determine potential solutions.

Head Start Summer Bridge offered 34 days of programming. On average children attended 25.5 days. Most parents planned for their child to attend all days offered. Relative to their anticipated attendance, on average, children attended 75% of expected days.

In summer 2025, 94 children were served with attendance ranging from one to 34 days. There were 29 children who missed more than ten days and participated in less than 70% of programming. Program staff added additional information detailing reasons for absence for the children who missed more than ten days. In some cases, there are multiple reasons and in others, children stopped attending and there was limited or no response from the family to determine why.

Among the known reasons for absence, transportation was the most common. It is also worthy to note that attendance at rural sites – Hawthorne and Archer particularly – is markedly lower than at other locations.

Reasons for Absence	Frequency
No Response from Family	10
Transportation	8
Family Emergency	6
Family Event Birth	5
Health Appointments	4
Illness/Health Issues	3
Death in Family	2
Had Different Care Options	1
Overslept	1
Inclement Weather	1

ECS4Kids and CTAC have a planning session scheduled for early February 2026 and will prioritize strengthening efforts for improving attendance in summer 2026.

File Attachments for Item:

17. Early Childhood Learning Collaborative Update

**Item:**

Early Childhood Learning Collaborative Update

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive this update.

Update:

This is an update of the activities of the Early Childhood Learning Collaborative and the workgroups:

Workgroups:**Thrive Parents**

- Workgroup Leaders- Yolanda Hagley, Lisa Heath, and Stacey Williams.
- Next Workgroup Planning – February 2, 2026
- Next Workgroup Meeting- To Be Scheduled

In January, the workgroup leaders convened in person to determine next steps and clarify the intended outcomes of the workgroup. During this meeting, they reviewed a project proposal and agreed to prioritize launching a caregiver survey. The survey is designed to assess community needs, gauge interest in participating in a parent group, and gather feedback on the proposed project.

In addition, the leaders plan to host focus groups by partnering with community organizations that work directly with caregivers. These focus groups will also serve as workgroup meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, with the goal of launching the survey at that time. Several key workgroup deliverables have already been completed, including the caregiver application, survey instrument, and a draft of the proposed project.

Early Learning Educator Workforce and Supports

- Workgroup Leaders- Elizabeth Woods, Heather Dole, and Arlene Lambert
- Next Workgroup Planning- January 30, 2026
- Next Workgroup Meeting- To Be Scheduled

This workgroup has experienced leadership transitions and requires time to align on a new shared direction. At the next meeting, members will establish a meeting cadence and timeline, develop a guiding framework, and create an agenda for subsequent sessions.

System Coordination and Resources

- Workgroup Leaders- Bonnie Bowman, Terri Robinson, and Dorothy Thomas.
- Next Workgroup Planning – February 11, 2026

- Next Workgroup Meeting- February 17, 2026 and March 3, 2026

Workgroup leaders met with the Anita Zucker Center on January 13 to discuss early intervention and support services for children ages 0–5 with special needs in early learning centers and family home-based settings. The conversation focused on embedded instruction, access to related services such as occupational and physical therapy (OT/PT), and strategies for strengthening teacher capacity. The Anita Zucker Center shared research on embedded instruction and examples of successful implementation across multiple settings. Participants also examined challenges related to therapy access, policy changes impacting service delivery, and opportunities for collaboration among schools, early learning coalitions, and other providers.

On January 14, workgroup leaders reconvened to identify next steps. Discussions included budget considerations for hiring an occupational therapist and the need to develop a clear service pathway for early childhood education, incorporating assessment and coaching components. The group agreed to develop a written framework, with a meeting scheduled for February 17 to gather subject matter expert input and a follow-up session on March 3 to share progress with the full workgroup.

An update was shared with the broader workgroup and subject matter experts, along with a link to register for both upcoming meetings.

Alachua Business and Leadership Institute (BLI)

Community Conversation

The next community conversation is tentatively scheduled for March 11. This meeting will convene workgroup leaders to share updates, discuss progress on their ongoing work, and align on next steps.

Business and Leadership Institute (BLI) Alumni Chapter Learn and Lunch Series

This year, BLI Alumni launched a four-part Learn and Lunch Series in partnership with the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. Alumni created this local opportunity to continue learning from one another and to strengthen local peer support after completing the Master Class Series and Accreditation Academy. Each Learn and Lunch features a three-hour skills-building workshop followed by a networking lunch with local stakeholders.

The first Learn and Lunch is scheduled for February 21, 2026. Madeleine Thakur, President of the Children’s Movement of Florida, has been invited to provide an overview of current legislative initiatives and their progress through the Florida legislative session.

Session 1 Learning Objectives:

1. Increase understanding of legislative initiatives currently moving through the Florida legislative session and their potential impact on childcare businesses.
2. Strengthen organizational systems and team-based approaches for monitoring, documenting, and implementing regulatory changes to maintain ongoing compliance.
3. Identify opportunities to adapt programming and service hours to better align with parent and workforce needs.
4. Examine key factors contributing to enrollment fluctuations in center-based and family home-based childcare programs.

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 1- Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships.

Goal 2- Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Receive the information

File Attachments for Item:

18. Community Literacy Collaborative Update

Community Literacy Collaborative: Town Hall Summary and January 2026 Update

Executive Summary

Community members from across Alachua County met at two town halls to discuss challenges and opportunities for improving literacy. Key findings include:

- **Barriers to Literacy:** Families face challenges tied to early childhood development, inconsistent diagnostic access, poverty, food insecurity, and mental health. Screen time and limited parental engagement were also cited as barriers.
- **Gaps in Resources:** The community needs more early childhood programs, faster and more equitable screening processes, culturally relevant learning opportunities, and clearer communication about available services.
- **Family Engagement:** Participants emphasized the importance of centralized information, streamlined support, and stronger partnerships across schools, libraries, clinics, and nonprofits.
- **Adult Literacy:** Many parents struggle with reading themselves, making it difficult to support their children's education.
- **Community Vision:** Literacy must be treated as a community responsibility—beginning at birth, supported across generations, and integrated with broader efforts to meet families' basic needs.

Overview: Alachua County has many strong programs and committed organizations, but families need easier access, coordination, and encouragement to use the resources already available.

Community Literacy Collaborative: Town Hall Summary and January 2026 Update

Eastside High School (Oct. 29, 2025) & Santa Fe High School (Oct. 30, 2025)

1. Barriers to Literacy

Participants identified multiple, interconnected barriers to literacy for both children and adults:

- **Early Foundations & Home Environment**
 - Many children enter school without basic pre-reading or language skills.
 - Families often lack time, resources, or knowledge to support literacy at home.
 - Parents need guidance on how to talk with children, integrate learning into play, and establish early reading routines.
- **Access & Equity**
 - Students in rural communities and families with disabilities face unequal access to literacy programs and testing.
 - Early screening and diagnostic processes are slow and inconsistent, creating barriers to interventions.
 - Testing, IEP, and 504 processes are confusing and unevenly communicated to parents.
- **Socioeconomic & Basic Needs**
 - Food insecurity, housing instability, and other economic challenges compete with literacy as priorities.
 - Families under stress find it difficult to advocate for or support their children's education.
 - Attendance, sleep, and general well-being were highlighted as core needs linked to literacy success.
- **Motivation, Shame, and Mental Health**

Community Literacy Collaborative: Town Hall Summary and January 2026 Update

- Shame, low confidence, and mental health challenges discourage struggling readers.
- Students and adults often feel disconnected or embarrassed about their reading levels.
- Stress, trauma, and lack of motivation are major barriers, especially among teens.
- **Technology and Culture**
 - Increased screen time and social media use compete with reading.
 - Literacy must be made relevant and engaging, integrating student interests and real-life applications.

2. Needs and Resource Gaps

Participants identified opportunities for new or expanded resources:

- **Early and Accessible Support**
 - More early childhood parenting classes and pre-literacy skill development.
 - Streamlined, accessible diagnostic tools and quicker pathways to intervention.
- **Community-Based and Culturally Relevant Programs**
 - Literacy efforts must expand beyond university-centered hubs to rural and under-resourced areas.
 - Programs should include play, arts, music, and hands-on learning to build engagement and sensory skills.
 - Opportunities for creative expression (e.g., poetry, writing contests) help reduce fear of reading.
- **Information and Resource Navigation**

Community Literacy Collaborative:

Town Hall Summary and January 2026 Update

- Families need a clear, centralized roadmap to find literacy programs and testing options.
- Materials should use plain language, visual aids, and video supplements to improve accessibility.
- Consistent communication between schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations is needed.

3. Helping Families Engage with Literacy Resources

Suggestions focused on improving awareness, accessibility, and family involvement:

- **Centralized Information**
 - Create a single, community-wide database or hub to list local literacy resources.
 - Update and unify existing tools (e.g., 211) rather than duplicating efforts.
- **Streamlined Support**
 - Reduce paperwork and ensure that families don't have to repeatedly provide information.
 - Assign dedicated advocates or “navigators” to follow students and families through systems (education, healthcare, social services).
- **Community Partnerships**
 - Strengthen collaboration among schools, clinics, libraries, churches, and nonprofits.
 - Explore data-sharing and joint programming to better coordinate literacy and wellness services.
- **Incentives and Engagement**

Community Literacy Collaborative: Town Hall Summary and January 2026 Update

- Provide incentives (e.g., “literacy bucks,” free books, family events) to encourage participation.
- Use familiar community spaces and activities like “Books and Cooks” or home-based learning with cookbooks, manuals, and hobbies.
- Leverage social media, local TV, and public access channels to share reading lessons and raise awareness.
- **Adult Literacy**
 - Recognize that many parents struggle with reading themselves and may lack high school diplomas or GEDs.
 - Build adult literacy programs that help families learn together and equip parents to support their children.

4. Overarching Themes

- Literacy is **intergenerational** — it begins at birth and is sustained through family and community involvement.
 - Solutions require **wraparound services** addressing mental health, nutrition, and economic stability.
 - Programs must be **inclusive, locally relevant, and accessible** across all communities — not just those near large institutions.
 - A coordinated approach is essential: **“Don’t reinvent the wheel — get everyone on the same page.”**
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Community Literacy Collaborative: Town Hall Summary and January 2026 Update

Next Steps and January Updates

- Since securing its 501(c)(3) status, CNE has made significant progress in advancing this initiative. The organization has hired two team members with expertise in community engagement, education, and literacy to help lead the work. The team has already begun developing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with subject matter experts and prospective Literacy Hub locations across the county.
- CNE is also partnering with a media and marketing vendor to develop a dedicated landing page for the initiative.
- In addition, CNE has compiled a preliminary list of potential community partners (Team 2) eligible for funding under this initiative by reviewing CTAC and CAPP funding lists. This list has been shared with the Advisory Committee for feedback and review.
- CNE continues to engage with the community to promote collective impact, its organizational mission, and the Community Literacy Collaborative. The team is scheduled to present to the Safety Net Collaborative on March 27.
- Immediate next steps include finalizing MOUs, confirming the community partner application invitation list, and convening with the Advisory Committee.

File Attachments for Item:

19. Cessation of SABP boxes

FYI-Cessation of Emergency Food Distribution (SNAP Boxes)

Background:

CTAC entered into an emergency contract with the **Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida, Inc. (Contract No. 14933)** to support the distribution of supplemental food boxes to participating Family Resource Centers (FRCs) in response to the SNAP benefits disruption.

Update

The Regional Food Bank has formally decided **not to request any additional withdrawals** from the CTAC emergency allocation and has initiated termination of the agreement.

Effective **January 20, 2026**, food box distributions under this contract will be **discontinued**, and **no additional food deliveries** will occur beyond this date.

Rationale Provided by Partner:

The partner cited two primary reasons for ending the agreement:

1. **Operational Capacity:** The program proved highly labor-intensive and required significant staff and resource reallocation from core operations. The partner will continue limited distribution using **Alachua County funding**, independent of CTAC.
2. **Limited Provider Demand:** FRC feedback did not demonstrate strong demand for a second distribution cycle:
 - Cessation of SNAP emergency
 - Responses received from 4 of 6 FRCs.
 - Only 3 FRCs requested additional boxes.
 - One FRC reported slow distribution and requested only 60 additional boxes.

Provider Communication:

CTAC issued a formal notification to all participating FRCs confirming:

- Contract termination effective January 20, 2026.
- Discontinuation of all CTAC-funded food box deliveries via the SNAP Emergency Initiative
- Appreciation for provider participation and collaboration.

- Distribution of a **provider survey** to gather feedback on implementation, communication, and overall impact to inform future planning and funding strategies.
- Commitment to sharing any alternative food assistance resources should they become available.

Next Steps:

- Administration of the FRC feedback survey and internal review of findings.
- Documentation of lessons learned to inform future emergency response models.