



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

November 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

SUMMARY

1. Tallahassee Legislative Visits
2. Kudos To The Family Resource Centers - Stepping Up to Support Snap Families
3. 3DE Project at Eastside High School

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
November 1, 2025	Fall into Health Event at Library Partnership	E. McCauley tabled and shared resources at the event.
November 1, 2025	Tu Fiesta Festival	ED M. Kiner, E. McCauley, M. Greenwald, and CiviGator Intern A. Wherley attended.
November 3, 2025	High Springs Family Resource Center	ED Kiner, COO K Goldwire, and DOP B. James visited the High Springs Family Resource Center to discuss potential expansion opportunities and review the contracting process with The Children's Trust.
November 5, 2025	Women United Holiday Luncheon	ED M. Kiner, Board Member M. Chance, K. Goldwire, B. James, E. McCauley, M. Greenwald, and N. Odom attended the sponsored event.
November 5, 2025	Tu Fiesta Radio Morning Show and Podcast Taping	Executive Director Kiner participated in a live taping of The Trust Morning Show and also recorded the monthly episode of The Children's Trust Podcast.
November 6, 2025	Partnership for Strong Families New Location Ribbon Cutting	E. McCauley and K. Goldwire attended.
November 6, 2025	Children's Week Planning with the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County	CTAC staff and ELC staff met to discuss planning for Children's Week.
November 6, 2025	Community Foundation Meeting	CTAC staff met with the Community Foundation staff to discuss the community indicators project, My Sidewalk.
November 7, 2025	Read to Me Informational Meeting	K. Goldwire and E. McCauley met with Fotina Perry and Takeeveia McNeil-Jenkins of Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

November 7, 2025	Bread of The Might	COO K. Goldwire held an emergency call with Patrick to address the SNAP benefit crisis and explore potential support solutions.
November 7, 2025	Fun 4 Gator Kids Glow in the Dark Night	E. McCauley and CiviGator Intern A. Wherley tabled at the sponsored event.
November 7, 2025	Chris Stokes Meeting	CFO Greenwald and ED Kiner met with Bishop Stokes to discuss reimbursement funding opportunities for Afterschool Providers.
November 7, 2025	CTAC sponsored Family Resource Centers Emergency Meeting	CTAC staff met with FRCs, Partnership for Strong Families, and county staff to discuss emergency funding for SNAP recipient food boxes through the Bread of the Mighty.
November 8, 2025	AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention	M. De Zutter tabled at the sponsored event.
November 8, 2025	Just Between Friends Safe Kids Day	E. McCauley tabled at the sponsored event.
November 8, 2025	Fall Festival Community Give Back at Cone Park	CiviGator Intern A. Wherley tabled at sponsored event.
November 12, 2025	3DE Coaching Sessions at Eastside High School	ED M. Kiner, K. Goldwire, M. Greenwald, E. McCauley, N. Odom, and M. De Zutter attended.
November 12, 2025	Alachua County Opioid Taskforce Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
November 13, 2025	Legacy Awards: Celebrating Champions for Children	ED M. Kiner, K. Goldwire, M. Jones, L. Means, E. McCauley, M. Greenwald, and board Chair K. Cornell attended.

November 13, 2025	CDS Family and Behavioral Services 55th Annual Celebration	E. McCauley attended.
November 13, 2025	Dance Alive	ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and B. James met with the Dance Alive team to discuss future funding opportunities for families and children with special needs.
November 13, 2025	Housing for Children First Monthly Meeting	ED Kiner and E. McCauley attended.
November 15, 2025	Sponsored Event: Symply Baked Kidpreneur Pop-Up	Civigator Intern A. Wherley and ED M. Kiner attended.
November 15, 2025	GEZ Community Fall Festival	E. McCauley and ED M. Kiner attended.
November 17, 2025	CTAC Hosted Enrichment Provider Convening	CTAC staff presented and providers met to discuss their services, future enrichment RFPs, challenges, and successes.
November 17, 2025	Literacy Collaborative Meeting	Collaborative members met to review information from Townhalls and discussed next steps.
November 17, 2025	CareerSource Meeting	ED Kiner met with CareerSource staff to discuss partnership opportunities for youth employment programs such as TeensWork.
November 19, 2025	One Community Family Resource Center	E. McCauley tabled.
November 19, 2025	Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County	COO K. Goldwire attended the ELC of Alachua County Board meeting
November 20, 2025	Hawthorne Chamber Lunch and Quarterly Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
November 20, 2025	Newberry City Manager Meeting	ED Kiner and Dir. of Program Operation, Belita James, met with City Manager Jordan Marlowe to discuss opportunities to partner with the City of Newberry on a Family Resource Center.
November 21, 2025	Safety Net Collaborative Meeting	E. McCauley attended.

November 21, 2025	Tony Jones Meeting	ED Kiner met with Tony Jones to discuss DJJ opportunities, the Pineridge Community, and Baxter's Place.
November 25, 2025	Peer Sharing with CSC Leon	M. Jones and K. Goldwire shared our successes and challenges for the BLI Initiatives with the Leon CSC.

PROGRAMS CALENDAR

November	
November 3, 2025	Parent Network Selection Committee Meeting
November 4, 2025	SAMIS Attendance Demonstration with Kids Hope Alliance
November 4, 2025	TeensWork Alachua Check-in
November 5, 2025	Sponsored Event: Women United Holiday
November 5, 2025	Meeting with the City of Gainesville regarding the Youth Violence Prevention Program
November 6, 2025	FACCT SMG Quarterly Meeting
November 6, 2025	Alachua County Grade Level Reading Campaign
November 6, 2025	FACCT Policy Meeting
November 6, 2025	AMI Kids Performance Measure Review
November 6, 2025	Community Indicator Meeting with Community Foundation
November 8, 2025	CTAC BLI Master Class Session 2- Marketing
November 12, 2025	Virtual Five State Power Sharing Meeting Day 1
November 12, 2025	Help Me Grow Florida Meeting
November 12, 2025	One Voice Advocacy Coalition
November 12-14, 2025	Annual American Evaluation Association Conference
November 13, 2025	Joint Programs' and Fiscal Team Meeting
November 13, 2025	ELC of Alachua County Quality Committee Meeting
November 13, 2025	Parent Network selection committee-finalists
November 13, 2025	Sponsored Event: Legacy Awards—Celebrating Champions for Children
November 13, 2025	Virtual Five State Power Sharing Meeting Day 2
November 14, 2025	Early Educators Workgroup Co-Chair Meeting
November 14, 2025	Thriving Parent Workgroup Co-Chair Meeting

November 14, 2025	Meeting with Business and Leadership Institute for Early Learning
November 14, 2025	NCIT Steering Committee Meeting Day 3
November 14, 2025	Alachua County Sheriff's Office Readers on Duty Internal Program Review
November 17, 2025	Enrichment Provider Convening
November 17, 2025	Meeting with the City of Gainesville regarding the Youth Violence Prevention Program
November 18, 2025	SAMIS S3 Meeting
November 19, 2025	TBR provider training with Genesis
November 19, 2025	FACCT IT Affinity Group
November 19, 2025	3DE Performance Measure Review
November 20, 2025	CTAC and City of Newberry (Family Resource Center Preliminary Discussion)
November 20, 2025	SAMIS Contracts/Grants/Applications Module Workgroup Meeting
November 25, 2025	CTAC and CSC Leon Early Learning Connection Call

INITIATIVES

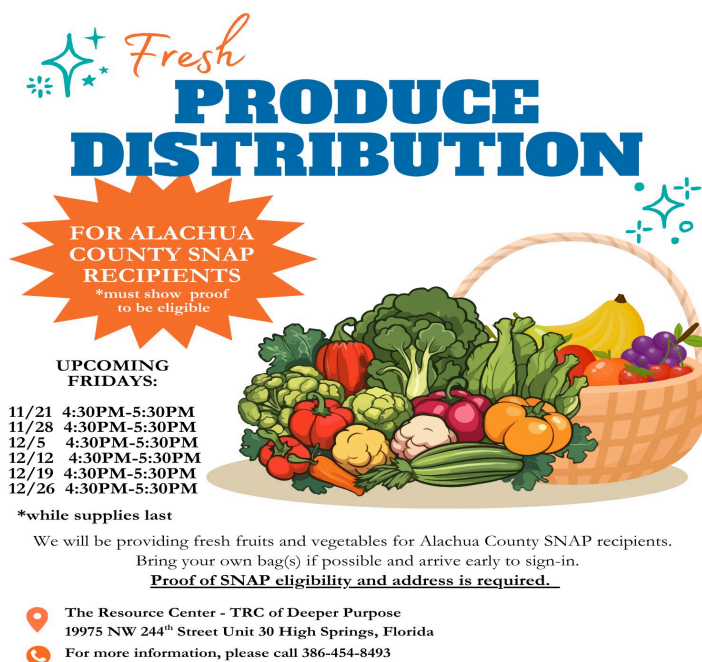
In response to the recent lapse in SNAP benefits, The Children's Trust of Alachua County has allocated \$150,000 to provide immediate relief to affected families. Of this total, \$125,000 is designated for emergency food distribution, while \$25,000 is allocated to enhance Family Supports funding for our Family Resource Center (FRC) partners.

Participating FRC partners include:

- City of Hawthorne
- HARC (Hawthorne Area Resource Center)
- Deeper Purpose
- Pleasant Street Civil Rights and Cultural Arts Center, Inc.
- Partnership for Strong Families, Inc.
- Willie Mae Stokes Community Center, Inc.

These partners will coordinate the distribution of up to 150 medium and/or large food boxes per week, for a period of up to six weeks, or until the emergency needs subsides.

To initiate services, an initial payment of \$20,000 will be disbursed. The Trust will continue to monitor community needs and evaluate whether additional funding is necessary as the situation evolves. A sample flyer from one of the Family Resource Centers can be found below.



Fresh
PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION


FOR ALACHUA COUNTY SNAP RECIPIENTS
*must show proof to be eligible


UPCOMING FRIDAYS:

11/21	4:30PM-5:30PM
11/28	4:30PM-5:30PM
12/5	4:30PM-5:30PM
12/12	4:30PM-5:30PM
12/19	4:30PM-5:30PM
12/26	4:30PM-5:30PM

*while supplies last

We will be providing fresh fruits and vegetables for Alachua County SNAP recipients. Bring your own bag(s) if possible and arrive early to sign-in.
Proof of SNAP eligibility and address is required.

 **The Resource Center - TRC of Deeper Purpose**
19975 NW 244th Street Unit 30 High Springs, Florida

 **For more information, please call 386-454-8493**



PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Evaluation Planning, Data Analysis, and Support

- Review and development of performance measures, data collection, and monthly reporting for new and continuing programs.
- Provider meetings/evaluation check-ins with program staff to review results and discuss data collection, and performance measures.
- Initiated TeensWork Alachua Alumni survey to learn about long-term impact.
- Facilitated an Enrichment Provider Convening (11/17) to review evaluation results, discuss accomplishments, collaborate as a network, and plan for how we can enhance our success moving forward in FY2026. The convening was attended by 19 provider staff representing 13 organizations.

Program Evaluation and Reporting

- Analyzing data for all programs funded in FY2025.
- Annual Report features for selected programs.
- Annual report of individuals served by goal and program to goal pathway.
- Presented evaluation results for TeensWork Alachua.
- Developed reports and presentations for: Enrichment Services, Head Start Summer Bridge and Summer Camp programs.

SAMIS Administration & Oversight

- Configuring, customizing, and testing picklists, surveys, features, requirements, and functionality for programs.
- Initiated a trigger to automate enrichment satisfaction surveys and reminders to organizations who've received services.
- Explore and develop specifications for data imports.
- Design, implement custom data entry for new programs.
- Attended SAMIS Collaborative and Demonstration meetings.

Planning, Collaboration, and Professional Development

- Attended American Evaluation Association Conference in Kansas City, MO
- Met with Community Foundation to discuss Community Indicators and MySidewalk Platform on 11/6/2025.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports and Addendums

- FY 2026 Budget Report (October)
- FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (October)
- FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (October)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **45** net followers on Facebook and **25** followers on Instagram.
- We amassed **18.4K (89% increase)** views on Facebook and **3.4K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**.
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
 - Our post about our Enrichment provider convening (**1527 views**)
 - Our promotion post about The Parenting Playbook Fall issue (**1452 views**)
 - Our Florida Afterschool conference recap (**3.3K views**)
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
 - Our post recapping the Florida Afterschool conference (**334 Views**)
 - Our Post featuring the Center for Nonprofit Excellence on the Tu Fiesta morning show (**366 Views**)

In the News

<https://www.mainstreetdailynews.com/education/citizens-of-the-month/october-2025-citizens-of-the-month>

<https://www.mainstreetdailynews.com/news/childrens-trust-alachua-county-reviews-strategic-plan>

<https://www.mainstreetdailynews.com/education/lights-on-afterschool-2025-2>

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.	Embedded in the Strategic Plan Review and Update
11.4.2024	The Board requested a joint meeting with the Alachua County Library Board.	Meeting date TBD early 2026 per discussion with Lib. Dir and CTAC ED
3.10.2025	Dr. Labarta requested a follow-up to the community needs listing.	Scheduling In progress
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
11.10.2025	Dr. Labarta asked staff to bring back what the cost/per child would be if there was another funding source or funder for TeensWork Alachua that could partner with CTAC so more teens can participate in the program.	Completed - FYI section of December packet

SUCCESS STORIES

Success Story - PSF - FRC/CN/HMG | One of our HMG Outreach/Care Coordinators initially met with a parent to discuss appropriate milestones for one of her children, specifically related to language/communication, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and social/emotional development. The mother was also provided with HMG Alachua materials (e.g., developmental wheel, social/emotional booklet, rack card) so she could work with her child at home. At a later date, the mother reached out to seek assistance after leaving a domestic violence situation. At the time, she was staying in a shelter with her four children, including an infant. She urgently needed essentials such as baby formula, a stroller, and diapers. We connected her with one of our Family Resource Centers to receive these supplies and provided information about an alternate shelter option more appropriate for families. We also helped her connect with Career Source for employment resources. These supports gave the mother some stability and provided hope during a difficult time. She has since been able to move back to her own home.

Success Story - PSF - FRC/CN/HMG | When one of our CRNs first met with a patron, she was in crisis and needed urgent support for herself and her children. After initial assistance, the patron continued to face ongoing challenges, including relocation, a personal tragedy, unemployment, and housing instability. The CRN helped connect the patron with some existing community resources. At a recent check-in, the patron had completed a program at Santa Fe College, secured stable housing, and started working at a local business. The patron also shared that she had left an unhealthy relationship and felt emotionally stronger and better able to provide for her family.

Success Story - PEAK Literacy | Supporting Foster Youth Through Advocacy and Literacy

PEAK Literacy collaborated with the Guardian ad Litem program to support foster youth in accessing academic resources. One ninth-grade student reading significantly below grade level benefited from guidance on navigating the school system. The guardian shared, “I would be so lost in all this without your direction.”

Success Story - PEAK Literacy | Transformative Growth Through Consistent Tutoring

A sixth-grade student improved her reading level from 1.9 to 5.5 within one year. Her standardized test scores reflect gains in both reading and math, now within a few points of grade-level benchmarks. Her mother expressed deep gratitude for the support and guidance provided by PEAK Literacy.

Success Story - PEAK Literacy | Empowering English Language Learners to Thrive

Two siblings who joined as English Language Learners made remarkable progress. The younger sibling advanced from 1.2 to 2.8, and the older sibling from 3.1 to 5.6. Both graduated from the program reading above grade level.

Success Story - Enrichment Programming - Florida Museum of Natural History | | In our current Early Explorers series, “Prehistoric Life,” we have had the great opportunity to teach our young students all about fossils at Head Starts. We have found that many children have never heard of fossils before and could not give a clear description as to what they could possibly be. Throughout our series, we allow students to touch, examine, and play with fossils so that they can grow more familiar with

the subject. We enhance their critical thinking skills by asking them to identify animal trackways and the appropriate tools a scientist would use to dig for fossils, as well as by having them match fossils to their prehistoric counterparts.

With hands-on engagement at the forefront, these children end their weeks with us with a heightened understanding of a scientific topic that they will more than likely encounter at school in the years to come. They understand what fossils are, what they look like, and how they are retrieved. These successes contribute heavily to their academic trajectory and lay the groundwork for further curiosity and interest.

Success Story - TeensWork Alachua | Students Earn Florida Ready to Work Certificates

Each of the 40 students participating in the TeensWork Alachua Fall Civic Leadership program successfully passed the State of Florida, *MyFlorida Ready to Work Assessment* and earned their official certificates.

This outstanding accomplishment reflects the dedication and hard work of the TWA Job Coaches who provided tremendous support to each participant as they strengthened key employability skills through the program's training modules. Students completed lessons in areas such as communication, critical thinking & problem-solving, teamwork, and professionalism — all designed to prepare them for real-world success in today's workforce.

We are proud of this accomplishment and the students' commitment to growth and achievement!

Success Story - Junior Achievement 3DE Program at Eastside HS. | Student Earns Internship

An Eastside High School sophomore student impressed the judges during his portion of his presentation at the recent case study challenge presentation. In fact, so impressed was case Vystar Credit Union President David Bulley that he offered the student a mentorship opportunity. Case Study judge and Vystar Business Development Leader, Cindy Ann Michel, said the student did so well that he could be offered a job at Vystar upon graduating.