



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

January 1, 2023 - January 31, 2023

SUMMARY

Highlight for the Month:

1. Business and Leadership Institute for Early Learning Master Class - first session was held on January 28.
2. CTAC program staff have been selected to serve on the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Case Review Team and Community Action Group.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
1/4	Opioid Task Force Kickoff Meeting	Trust staff hosted the kickoff meeting for the Committee. Participating municipalities met to discuss their goals for the Committee.
1/4	Meeting with Aces In Motion	Trust staff met with Aces In Motion Executive Director.
1/4	BLI Masterclass and Accreditation Academy Project Review Meeting	Ongoing planning meeting for upcoming cohort 2 sessions.
1/4	CQI scorecard	Met as a team to discuss a CQI process and tool for reviewing and discussing contract goals and performance. Planning for how to gain and incorporate feedback from providers.
1/5	Campaign for Grade Level Reading (FGLRC) Meeting	First Campaign meeting of 2023. This meeting featured a presentation by local partner, Adrienne Thieke with Hands On Gainesville, Inc.
1/6	Staff strategic planning session	Staff met with Strategic planning consultants
1/10	Alachua County Legislative meeting	Marsha Kiner spoke before the Alachua County Legislative. Staff attended the meeting.

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1/10	Fifth Ave Neighborhood Association meeting	Hosted and staff participated in Fifth Ave Neighborhood Association meeting. Network of residents dedicated to celebrating, supporting, and advocating for Gainesville's neighborhoods.
1/17	ED Meeting & Tour with Project Youth Build	ED met with the ED of Project Youth Build and toured the facility.
1/17	Partnership for Strong Families	Staff attended the Partnership for Strong Families quarterly meeting. Nonprofits shared community updates and upcoming events.
1/17	PCI Grant Partner Meeting	Grant Review and Project Meeting with Department of Health WIC Department

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1/18	Tobacco Policy Initiative and Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Update	Staff met with Sarah Gehrsitz, Tobacco Policy Manager, Alachua County to learn more about tobacco free initiatives in the community and update on SWAT.
1/18	ELC Board of Directors Meeting	Trust Staff attended the ELC BOD Meeting.
1/19	Steering Committee meeting	Children's Trust strategic planning session. Discussed mission, vision, and theory of change.
1/19	Adult Education and Community Partners Roundtable, Alachua County Library	The Alachua County Library Hosted Adult Education and Community Partners Roundtable. The meeting was to discuss ways to support initiatives in the community that help families with Adult Literacy and improving literacy for K-12 students. Business leaders and Nonprofits groups shared program updates.

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1/19	Alachua County Talks Interview with ED	Trust ED interviewed by Mark Sexton for the Alachua County Talks TV Show.
1/20	Programs team meeting	Internal programs team meeting
1/20	Fetal & Infant Mortality Review	Fetal & Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Introductory Meeting
1/21	Provider CQI input session	The Trust hosted a meeting to gain the input and perspective from providers on the new CQI process and tool.

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1/24	Community Foundation- Partnership for Reimagining Gainesville (PRG)	Staff attended the PRG monthly meeting. Committee members offer opportunities for community members and organizations to receive funding and support for ideas that address issues, needs, and challenges within our community.
1/24	Partnership for Strong Families Meeting	Trust ED and ED of PSF met to discuss community needs and future partnering opportunities.
1/24	Santa Fe High School	Staff attended the School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting at Santa Fe High School, City of Alachua.
1/24	PCI Grant Partner Meeting	Grant Review and Project Meeting with ELC

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1/24	Early Learning Network Meeting	Meeting with Small World, Little People Preparatory, and CHILD Center to discuss concerns, solutions, next steps, and development of an Early Learning Alliance.
1/25	PCI Grant Partner Meeting	Grant Review and Project Meeting with Healthy Start
1/25	SAMIS Demo with St. Lucie	Met with CSC team at St. Lucie County to learn more about the information management system they use to interface with providers, manage business processes, and collect data.
1/25	CQI Debrief and Next Steps	Met with Program and Level Up team to discuss next steps for CQI process and provider input.

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1/26	100 Black Men of Greater Florida GNV's 2nd Annual 2022 End of the Year Member Meeting and Holiday Mixer	Staff attended the 100 Black Men of Greater Florida GNV's annual Board of Directors event. Children's Trust was recognized for sponsoring the 4th Annual Aviation Academy for youth held during the summer.
1/26	Early Childhood System Mapping	Project progress meeting with Kallen Shaw.
1/27	Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion (GINI) Meeting	Staff attended the GINI committee meeting. This group met to discuss the five goals and achievements made. The goals are: Engaged Communities, Equitable Access, Healthy Communities, Safe Communities and Equitable Education. The committee works towards making changes and improvements in the community. Members of the diverse group shared a potluck meal to cultivate diversity and highlight the different ethnic backgrounds in our county.
1/27	Help Me Grow Alachua Monthly Check in Meeting	Monthly review and check in meeting

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1/28	Business Leadership Institute for Early Learning Master Class Session 1	First session for the master class.
1/30	Heart of Hope Tutoring Meeting	Staff met with Heart of Hope to discuss future funding opportunities.
1/30	Mirror Image Leadership Academy Meeting	Meeting to discuss the Program and possible future funding opportunities.
1/30	Meeting with Mary Benedict, Past President & ESE Chair, Alachua County Council of PTA's	Meeting to discuss ways Children's Trust can be involved with the PTAs across the county. The Children's Trust sponsored the Disability Resource Expo hosted by Alachua County Council of PTA's.
1/31	Alachua County League of Cities	Staff attended the Alachua County League of Cities held in Waldo.

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1/31	Faith and Community Engagement (FACE) Initiative Community Kick-Off	This initiative is to connect with faith based and community/neighborhood organizations that GFR can reach out to for Emergency Management (storm Prep/evacuation/shelter) and Community Health (Prevention/education & health fairs) to share critical information. GFR hopes to build this network of organizations to share critical information relating to the two topics.

PROGRAMS Calendar

PROGRAMS CALENDAR (CALENDAR FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE UPCOMING MONTH)	
January	
Wednesday January 4, 2023	Florida Association of Children's Council and Trust Policy Affinity Group
Wednesday January 4, 2023	BLI Masterclass and Accreditation Academy Project Review Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2023	Community of Practice: Conservative States Peer Group Call
Thursday, January 5, 2023	Campaign for Grade Level Reading (FGLRC) Meeting
Friday, January 6, 2023	Staff Steering Committee Planning Session
Friday, January 6, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Coordinated, Resourced, and Equity System
Monday, January 9, 2023	Board meeting - TeensWork Alachua Presentation
Tuesday January 10, 2023	Alachua County Legislative Delegation Annual Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Connecting Adults
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	Bimonthly Pritzker Children's Initiative Community Grant Check in Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Connected Adults
Thursday, January 12, 2023	National Collaborative for Infant and Toddlers (NCIT) Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023	Help Me Grow Florida Meeting
Friday, January 13, 2023	CTAC/Help Me Grow Alachua Check-in Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023	Grant Review and Project Meeting with Department of Health WIC Department

Wednesday January 18, 2023	ELC of Alachua County Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023	Steering Committee - Strategic Planning Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2023	Fetal & Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Introductory Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2023	Community Fellow and PCI Fellow Biweekly Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Coordinated, Resourced, and Equity System
Saturday, January 21, 2023	CQI - Provider Input Session
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	Early Learning Network Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	Grant Review and Project Meeting with ELC
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	Grant Review and Project Meeting with Healthy Start
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Connected Adults
Thursday January 26, 2023	Healthy Start of North Central Florida Home Visiting Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday January 26, 2023	System Mapping Meeting
Friday, January 27, 2023	Help Me Grow Alachua Monthly Check In Meeting
Saturday January 28, 2023	Business and Leadership Institute of Early Learning Master Class- Session 1
Saturday January 28, 2023	Community Fellow and PCI Fellow Bi Weekly Meeting
Monday, January 30, 2023	PCI Community Innovation Grant Interim Report Due
February	
Wednesday, February 1, 2023	Thrive By Five Meeting with Children's Trust of Miami-Dade
Thursday, February 2, 2023	Community of Practice: Conservative States Peer Group Call
Thursday, February 2, 2023	Campaign for Grade Level Reading (FGLRC) Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023	Conservative State Peer Group Call
Friday, February 3, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Coordinated, Resourced, and Equity System
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	Pritzker Children's Initiative Fellows Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	HIPPY Advisory Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Connected Adults
Wednesday, February 8-9, 2023	Florida Grade Level Reading Campaign (FGLRC) Annual Leadership Gathering
Thursday, February 9, 2023	Summer Camp Kick Off Training - Virtual
Saturday, February 11, 2023	Summer Camp Kick Off Training - Hybrid
Monday, February 13, 2023	Board meeting - TeensWork Alachua Funding Recommendation
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Junior League Food Insecurity Advisory Group
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	Early Learning Network Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2023	Steering Committee Data Party (Listening Project)

Thursday, February 23, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Connected Adults
Thursday, February 23, 2023	System Mapping Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2023	Florida Association of Children's Council and Trust Policy Affinity Group
Friday, February 24, 2023	The Children's Movement of Florida- Future Project Working Group: Coordinated, Resourced, and Equity System
Saturday February 25, 2023	Business and Leadership Institute of Early Learning Master Class- Session 2

INITIATIVES

Early Childhood Network Update

Background

This update is in response to the staff report presented at the October 2022 meeting. The Children's Trust staff were tasked with:

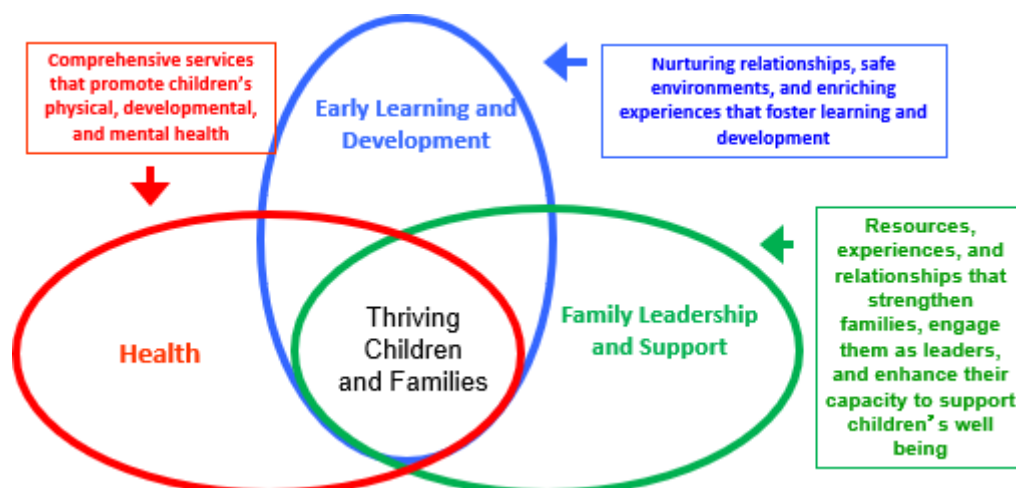
- Convene local Early Learning Experts/Leadership to create a network of collaboration and community transformation.
- Review a prior funded scope of work for early learning per child slots and consider how the model can be expanded to other centers and family-based home businesses.
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Source: Supporting Healthy Brain and Behavioral Development During Infancy, Scott, Lisa S. and Brito, Natalie H. (2022)

Goal of the Pritzker Children's Initiative Community Innovation Grant:

Build an Early Childhood System for Alachua County that addresses the 2018 needs assessment, that moves the community towards system change and collaboration, and has the potential for growth and sustainability. The community innovation grant is utilizing the following system:



Source: Early Childhood Systems Working Group (2011)

Progress On Task:

- Reviewed systems and awareness campaigns from other CSC and Early Childhood organizations.
- Researched blended funding models.
- Reviewed Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative and Educare design
- Ongoing work with mapping the system for Prenatal to age 5.
- Brainstormed on how to include and continuously update the heat maps from the 2014 report of the Women's Giving Circle within the system map.
- Convened Early Childhood Leadership
 - o A meeting held with small group of BLI Alumni and the CHILD Center Leadership.
 - o A meeting has been requested with the 4 recommended Centers.
 - o In November meet with Episcopal Children's Services to discuss summer bridge funding for head start programs located in centers to support families.
 - o A follow-up meeting held with ELC.
 - o A follow-up meeting held with Healthy Start on Community Doula projects and FIMR.
- Discussed awareness and brand campaign for Prenatal to age 8 with Frankel Agency.
- Received sustainability planning grant funds from Pritzker Children Initiative to create a family leadership and support network and awareness campaign.

Next Steps

- Present project plan and recommendation at March board meeting.
- Review the listening tour data and strategic planning to consider a strategy for early childhood funding including Head Start summer bridge, and overall system design.
- Connection call with [Prenatal To Five Fiscal Strategies](#)
- Publish system map and create a visible platform for community partners and families.
- Build an early childhood education consortium.
- Convene families and community partners for the creation of a family leadership and support network led by families for families.

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) – Collaboratively develop a process for shared review, reflection, and planning on a regular systematic basis. Define shared goals, evaluate results, and identify ways to improve and better support services and systems.

- Develop an initial concept and tool.

- Seek Provider input.

- Seek Board input.

- Continue piloting and refinement.

Information System – identify information management tools needed to help more efficiently execute business processes, manage work, communicate efforts and results in real time. Communicating and meeting with other Children’s Services Councils (CSCs) to gain a detailed understanding of the modules, features, timelines, and costs of implementing an information management system.

Listening Project – final push and receipt of surveys as surveys were closed on 1/7/23. Prismatic is compiling the input received from the various listening endeavors (i.e., interviews, focus groups, community meeting, and surveys). Completing a quality review of the inputs and planning for analysis and communication of results to various stakeholder groups.

Strategic Planning – provided support coordinating the internal staff (1/6/23) and steering committee (1/19/23) strategic planning. Supporting Prismatic in planning for the February data party.

Provider Visits and Support – completed site visits with eight (8) afterschool programs to review and provide feedback on data quality as well as progress towards performance measures. Also met with Wellness Coordinator to receive programmatic updates and to ensure clarity and shared understanding of the data to be collected for performance measures and monthly reporting. Sent emails to follow-up, provide a summary of our discussions, and ensure access to tools and clarity on instructions.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

January Checks and Expenditures Report

FY23 Programmatic Report

COMMUNICATIONS

January 1 - 30, 2022

Website Traffic – Key Points

- Page Views – 3,563
- New Users – 988

Most Viewed Web Pages

- Home Page - 762
- Bids/RFPs – 194
- Program Directory - 155
- Meetings - 140
- Staff Directory - 129

Followers

- Constant Contact - 1,289
- Facebook - 1040
- Twitter - 490
- Instagram - 263
- LinkedIn - 138

In the News

[Alachua County Talks: Marsha Kiner, Alachua County Children's Trust Executive Director](#)



BOARD MOTIONS

Motions included in this section are incomplete as of the previous meeting.

DATE	MOTION	STATUS	COMMENTS

BOARD REQUESTS

DATE	REQUEST	STATUS	COMMENTS

SUCCESS STORIES

A success story shared from Pace Center for Girls-Alachua, Reach Program Services-Therapeutic Mental Health Therapy for Adolescent Girls

Girl began Reach therapy due to struggles with abandonment and trauma. This adolescent has utilized therapy to practice effective communication skills to effectively work through concerns with a parent. Girl also has started to implement new coping techniques to help her when overwhelmed. In a recent session, girl reported feeling “like her old self”. Girl’s Mom has reported improvement in her daughter’s communication skills and her ability to open about her emotions.

A success story shared from UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital-Partners in Adolescent Lifestyle Support (PALS)

One success story involves a seventh grader at Ft. Clarke. This was witnessed by several staff members as Dr. Marrero (Director), the PALS intern and the hospital CEO were making a site visit to the school early in the morning right before classes began. A young girl getting off the bus walked up to the PALS counselor with tears in her eyes saying she just could not go on and asked for help. The PALS counselor took her into the counseling room and later told her that the girl was very depressed and did not know if she could live on. However, after a session she agreed to come to counseling at school and said she now had hope. Teens are often impulsive and attempt suicide due to current circumstances they view as catastrophic but as with this child realized through counseling there was hope and a future. Perhaps this was one life saved.