



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

May 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023

SUMMARY

Highlight for the Month:

1. Community Engagement - Trust staff active and participating in community events: Caring & Sharing Learning School, Williams Elementary School, Archer PTA, Concerned Citizens of Newberry, and NAACP Youth Council Event
2. Steering Committee - Chair Twombly, Member Cornell, Member Snyder, Member Pinkoson, Barzella Papa, Candice King, Christi Arrington, Bishop Chris Stokes, and Trust Staff (also Dr. Tatia Prieto and staff, and Strategic Planning Consultants - Nikki Martin-Bynum and Vashti Rutledge)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
5/1	City of Gainesville grant review meeting	Staff attended One Nation One Project grant reviews.
5/1	Summer Planning for Youth Meeting with Reichert House & Other Youth Providers	ED Kiner attended a meeting with summer camp providers to discuss the Reichert House youths and options for placement over the summer. Discussions about summer planning and the short timeframe for determining how to help in 30 days.
5/2	Caring and Sharing Learning Center	Staff met with the team at the Caring and Sharing Learning Center. Marsha spoke to students in the 3rd grade classroom to encourage summer reading. A string-backpack, new reading book and bookmark were presented to the students.
5/2	Meeting with Alachua County Community Support Services	ED Kiner & DOP K. Goldwire met with Claudia Tuck and Tom Tonkavich to discuss mental health services, county program funding rationale, and how to potentially partner on upcoming grants.
5/2	Pace Center for Girls Visit	ED Kiner visited Pace and met with Director Becker Holland.
5/2	Concerned Citizens of Newberry Meeting	ED Kiner spoke at the Concerned Citizens of Newberry monthly meeting.
5/3	National Day of Prayer, Forte Clarke United Methodist Church	Staff attended the National Day of Prayer.

5/4	Kick-off Meeting for Neighborhood Choice Committee	Staff attended a kick- off meeting with members of the community hosted by Gainesville Housing Authority.
5/5	Juvenile Justice Council Meeting	Staff attended a meeting with members of the community and HPW. Staff shared with the group the Summer camps that received funding from the Trust.
5/6	Island Grove Blueberry Festival, Hawthorne	Staff hosted a resource table and distributed information. Also, hosted seed planting activities with children and teens. Kids had the choice of planting a sunflower seed or bell pepper. This was a fun and popular activity with parents and grandparents who enjoyed planting seeds with their kids and taking the flower pot with them. Mayor Randall and her teen daughter enjoyed participating in the activity and thanked CTAC for participating in the Festival.
5/8	Meeting with Goodwill of Jax CEO David Rey	ED Kiner and David Ray met to discuss TeensWork Alachua and Read USA.
5/8	City of Gainesville Public Safety Committee Meeting	ED Kiner & DOP K. Goldwire attended the meeting and presented on Trust summer programming and funding.
5/9	Meeting with Hawthorne Mayor	ED Kiner met with Mayor Jacquelyn Randall to provide an overview of the Trust and an update on the Listening Project and Strategic Plan.
5/9	Archer Family Fun Night / PTA meeting	Staff hosted a resource table at Archer Elementary during the Family Fun Night and PTA meetings. Staff shared with families during the PTA meeting an overview about CTAC and shared information and

		promotional swag items during the event. This was a CTAC sponsored event.
5/9	5th Ave Neighborhood Association	Meeting held at the Trust with ED Kiner in attendance.
5/10	CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services	CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Interface Youth Shelter.
5/10	Opioid Task Force Meeting	Meeting held virtually and hosted by the Trust.
5/10	Community Foundation Equity Task Force Meeting	ED Kiner attended the meeting.
5/11	Meeting with Sheriff's Office	ED Kiner met with Sheriff Watson and Staff.
5/11	County grant meeting	Staff met with County grants personnel to discuss ways to apply for grant funding opportunities.
5/11	Research Affinity Group	Staff participated in FACCT's monthly collaborative meeting with CSC evaluation professionals across the state.
5/12	Mothers Day Recognition, Joseph Williams Elementary School	Marsha handed out goody bags for moms and caregivers dropping off their children at the school. This was in honor of Mother's Day weekend. Mayor Stokes met with Marsha and appreciated the wonderful gesture. Parents loved the activity.
5/12	Meeting with Gigi Hernandez, Legislative Assistant to Senator Perry	Staff toured the new office of Senator Perry and shared summer camp booklets and information about CTAC.

5/16	Meeting with Rural Women’s Health Project Director	ED Kiner met with Robin Lewy to discuss numbers of requests through the Project SALUD helpline for mental health assistance for children and youth and language lines for non-english speakers for services in the county.
5/17	Rural Women’s Health Project	Staff attended the GINI Steering committee meeting. The steering committee reported concerns about new Immigration laws recently passed in Florida and reported families in Gainesville fear deportation. GINI Steering Committee plans to reach out to officials at the City of Gainesville.
5/18	Aces In Motion Awards Banquet	ED Kiner attended the Banquet.
5/19	We Are Here: Stories from Multilingual Speakers in North Central Florida exhibit	Staff attended the exhibit that was featured at Matheson History Museum.
5/20	Emancipation Celebration	Staff attended Emancipation Celebration held at Cotton Club Museum
5/20	Youth Council, Alachua County NAACP	Staff attended the event. This was a CTAC sponsored event.
5/22	Children’s Mental Health Needs Discussion	ED Kiner & DOP K. Goldwire attended meeting to discuss children’s mental health with school district, county support services, and community foundation.
5/23	Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce	Staff attended a diaper drive fundraiser event. Items of diapers and wipes were contributed by staff and provided to the Chamber. The Chamber provided the items to the Early Learning Center, (ELC).

5/24	UF EyeOpener	ED Kiner attended the presentation by Dr. Phil Poekert, Dir. of Lastinger Center for Learning at UF.
5/24	City of Gainesville-Never Had A Friend Play & Youth Opportunity Mixer	Staff attended the city's hosted event. This play was directed by Dr. Johnson, who talks about his own personal lived experiences and challenges. Through it all, he was able to overcome his challenges. Afterwards, staff had the opportunity to connect and engage with the youth. Several of the youth requested that CTAC consider bringing the Play to all the schools in Alachua. As a pilot, this was only offered to a few schools.
5/24	GNV4All meeting	ED Kiner was the guest speaker and made a presentation to the members. The presentation was well received and members from the group were glad to hear about all the wonderful programs CTAC is offering families.
5/24	Meet & Greet Pamela Hawkins: Grace to Overcome: Love Blossoms Here event	Staff attended the event and learned about different programs that will be offered during the summer.
5/24	Williams Elementary SAC meeting	Staff attended the School Advisory Committee at Williams. Liz was elected by the SAC to serve as a Community representative beginning in August.
5/30	Comprehensive Literacy Plan Meeting	ED Kiner led the kickoff meeting
5/31	Meeting with Joe Lowry on 3DE High School Reengineered sponsored by	ED Kiner met with Joe Lowry to learn about the 3DE program at EHS.

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PROGRAMS CALENDAR

June	
Thursday, June 1, 2023	GROW Doula Planning Meeting
Thursday, June 1, 2023	BEAM Community Doula Follow-up Meeting
Thursday, June 1, 2023	Community and Pritzker Children's Initiative Fellow Call
Thursday, June 1, 2023	Food4Kids School liaison Focus Group Meetings
Friday, June 2, 2023	Choice Neighborhood Grant Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2023	Meeting with the Lastinger Center for Learning
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	FAACT Program Affinity Group
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	Pritzker Children's Initiative Monthly Fellows Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	Afterschool RFP Review Team Training
Wednesday, June 7, 2023	Mentoring RFP Community Input Session
Thursday, June 8, 2023	CTAC/SAMIS Implementation and Building Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2023	FACCT Policy Affinity Group Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2023	Afterschool RFP Review Team Training
Monday, June 12, 2023	CTAC Board Workshop on Strategic Planning
Monday, June 12, 2023	Children's Trust Workshop - Strategic Plan
Monday, June 12, 2023	Children's Trust Board Meeting - Budget and Audit
Tuesday, June 13, 2023	Early Childhood Collaborative Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023	National Collaborative for Infant and Toddlers Steering Committee Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2023	System Mapping Follow-up Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2023	Resource Guide Magazine Kickoff Meeting with Frankel
Wednesday, June 14, 2023	GROW Doula Planning Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2023	Opioid Taskforce Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2023	2023 Reading Pals Conference and Celebration
Friday, June 16, 2023	Afterschool RFP Due Date
Friday, June 16, 2023	FIMR Community Review Team Meeting
Friday, June 16, 2023	National Collaborative for Infant and Toddlers Community Monthly Meeting - Alachua
Tuesday, June 20, 2023	SAMIS State Collaboration Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	FIMR Community Action Group Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	Future Project Workgroup- Coordinated, Resources, Equitable System
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	Children's Mental Health Needs Discussion
Monday June 26, 2023	HBCD Monthly Study Team Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2023	Rockwood Institute Prenatal to Three Fellowship Community Call #2
Tuesday, June 27, 2023	2023 Florida Learner to Earners Workforce Solution Summit
Thursday, June 29, 2023	Healthy Start of North Central Florida Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 29, 2023	Future Project - Steering Committee Meeting

INITIATIVES

In March, the Children’s Trust approved one time funding for two early childhood pilot projects: Head Start Summer Bridge and Healthy Social Emotional Development. Both projects will begin in June. This is an abbreviated update as to implementation:

Healthy Social and Emotional Development

Background: Early Childhood Educators and caregivers' ability to recognize and respond properly and collaboratively to the signs and symptoms of childhood trauma is fundamental to a child thriving in school now and in the future. This project aims to look through the lens of engagement at home and school and empowering the caregiver alongside the Early Childhood Educator.

Target population: Caregivers with infants through rising kindergarteners. Early Childhood Educators and support staff.

Intervention: Circle of Security Parenting and Circle of Security Classroom. This is an Evidence-Based Practice and utilized by the circuit 8 Early Childhood Court.

Community Partner: Genesis Family Enrichment Center.

Serving: Around 100 caregivers and professionals

Implementation: 6 weeks summer project beginning June 24th through July 29th

Head Start Summer Bridge

Background: Head Start is a free program for children of families with low incomes, providing comprehensive early learning in both center-based and home-based settings. Episcopal Children’s Services programs use a “whole child” approach that helps kids grow intellectually, emotionally, and socially. This successful program helps ensure children’s readiness for school and increases parental knowledge in children’s growth and development. The extension of their program during the summer months helps with summer slide, provides continued support to families, and retains talent at the early learning center.



Target population: Alachua County Head Start enrolled students who are not receiving and do not qualify for school readiness vouchers from the Early Learning Coalition.

Community Partner: Episcopal Children’s Services

Serving: 5 Early Learning Centers and 148 children

Participants: Building Dreams, I Rise Performing Kids Academy, Just A Blessing Learning Center, Nanny’s Loving Arms, The CHILD Center.

Implementation: 8-week summer project beginning June 5 through July 28

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Listening Project - Staff continued to work internally and with Prismatic to finalize “*Communication Products*” to thank residents who took the time to participate, share what we learned, and what actions we plan to take as a result. Several versions of these “*Communication Products*” have been developed for parents, youth, and providers, most of which are one-page front and back documents, as well as, a stand-alone Executive Summary.

SAMIS Implementation - Staff continued to work internally and with the IT vendor and FACCT collaborative to configure and customize our data system.

Strategic Planning – Staff continues to host and participate in internal and collaborative meetings and support the strategic planning process as it nears finalization.

Programmatic Research - Staff consulted with experts, practitioners, and professionals in the field; conducted literature reviews of research/evaluation, performance measures, assessment tools, with regards to:

- Head Start Summer Bridge
- UFLI
- Afterschool Programs
- Mentoring & Character-Building

Provider Training, Support & Collaboration – Review and follow-up on monthly provider data reporting, sharing and receiving responses from CQI reports.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

FY2022 Audit completed

Monthly Checks and Expenditure Report for April and May 2023

Monthly Budget Report through May 31, 2023

FY24 Annual Proposed Budget

Continued Funding increases as signed contracts are returned by providers.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

DATE	MOTION	STATUS	COMMENTS
5.8.23	To make bidder’s conferences highly recommended, but not required to apply for funds.	Complete	
5.8.23	<p>To change the requirement that a program must provide services a minimum of 4 days per week to 5 days per week.</p> <p>Modified to:</p> <p>Keep the requirement of 4 days per week, but provide bonus points when scoring the applications of those providers who are open 5 days per week.</p>	Complete	
5.8.23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask staff to change some wording of the RFP to say that “The Children’s Trust believes strongly in literacy and math improvements.” and ask “What as an organization will you do to address this issue?”. 2. Ask staff to meet with stakeholders and providers in Alachua County to discuss a Comprehensive Literacy Plan for Alachua County and bring recommendations to the board in advance of the next Afterschool RFP. 3. Ask the Chair to send a letter to the School Board Chair emphasizing the importance of literacy in Alachua County. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete 2. In progress 3. To Do 	<p>2. We held the first meeting and will keep the Board updated on work progress.</p>

5.8.23	To approve Resolution 2023-06, approve the release of RFP 2023-01, authorize \$1,000,000 for Afterschool programming for school year 2023-2024, and authorize the Executive Director to appoint a review team.	Complete	
5.8.23	To modify the language in RFP 2023-01 to include the text, "The Trust recognizes there will be the need for flexibility for the first three months with SAMIS."	Complete	
5.8.23	To authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the potential purchase of the property in question and come back to the Board with a contract of sale as prepared by the County.	In progress	

BOARD REQUESTS

DATE	REQUEST	STATUS	COMMENTS

SUCCESS STORIES

Success Story from University of Florida, Partner's In Adolescent Lifestyle Support (PALS), Mental Health Program

One success story came from a student who had been cyberbullied and was feeling suicidal. The student luckily was brought to a PALS counselor by a friend and slowly began to understand that they had a “core that could not be shaken” and regained a love

Success Story from Partnership for Strong Families-Family Resource Center

A mother attending the Fight for Your Money financial literacy program at one of our sites opened up about additional struggles faced by her family. The mother had reportedly left a family violence situation and had recently been reunited with her child. The child was experiencing behavioral issues that the mother did not feel equipped to manage. FRC staff were able to coordinate with the mother and her local case manager to ensure both the mother and child receive intensive counseling services. When the mother experienced a financial crisis impacting her ability to pay the next month's rent, she used some of the skills she learned in the financial literacy sessions to be proactive about seeking support, not waiting until the last minute to find a solution. With assistance from FRC staff, the mother was able to complete an application for support – a step she stated would have been overwhelming on her own. Although the mother did not qualify for the support she initially applied for, FRC staff were able to assist with funding through another partner organization. The mother is feeling optimistic about her child welfare case closing later this month, and plans to enroll her son in our summer programming to help him get caught up in school.