



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

February 1, 2026 - March 1, 2026

SUMMARY
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Children's Week at the Capitol2. BLI Graduation

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING,
COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
February 2, 2026	Boys & Girls Club Leadership Meeting	ED Kiner met with the Boys & Girls Club CEO.
February 2, 2026	Alachua Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board Meeting	ED Kiner attended the meeting.
February 3, 2026	Santa Fe College Volunteer Fair	E. McCauley tabled alongside nonprofits and partners at volunteer fair.
February 3, 2026	UF Community Relations Meeting	ED Kiner met with UF Community Relations to discuss opportunities for partnerships.
February 3, 2026	Education Equalizer Foundation Meeting	ED Kiner met with Foundation Board member, Kandra Albury, to discuss funding opportunities.
February 4, 2026	Visit to Family Promise site of future shelter	ED M. Kiner, K. Goldwire, and E. McCauley met with Family Promise Director Rachael Ryan and Director of Community Engagement, Leigh Scott, to tour shelter site.
February 5, 2026	Rev. Pelham Meeting	ED Kiner met with Rev. Pelham and discussed Teen Court and the Detention Center.
February 7, 2026	Sponsored Event: 2nd Street Circus Spectacular	E. McCauley and CiviGator Intern Ava Wherley attended sponsored event with CTAC table.
February 7, 2026	Balance 180: Moonlight Muscle Family Meet	E. McCauley tabled at community event.
February 10, 2026	5th Ave. Neighborhood Association	E. McCauley attended community meeting.

February 10, 2026	Gainesville Housing Authority Meeting	CTAC met with GHA to discuss the Choices Grant. GHA asked for CTAC support and discussed future opportunities for potential partnership.
February 12, 2026	Gainesville City Commission Meeting	E. McCauley attended meeting to hear presentation from the Community Gun Violence Prevention Alliance's Strategic Plan.
February 13, 2026	Partnership for Strong Families, CRN and Help Me Grow Valentine's Day Outreach Activity in Hawthorne.	E. McCauley attended and CiviGator Intern Ava tabled with children's activity.
February 16, 2026	Boys & Girls Club Meeting	ED Kiner met with B&GC CEO and the county to discuss B&GC's future in the county.
February 17, 2026	Safe Kids of NCFL Monthly Coalition Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
February 17, 2026	Genesis Family Enrichment Center Meeting	ED Kiner met with Connie Pierre-Antoine to discuss mental health programming for children and parent engagement opportunities.
February 18, 2026	Gainesville State of the City Address	E. McCauley attended Mayor Harvey Ward's speech at the Historic Thomas Center.
February 18, 2026	United Way of North Central Florida Meeting	ED Kiner and United Way CEO met to discuss the Literacy Collaborative.
February 21, 2026	ACCESS Taskforce Maternal Health Community Day- Womb to World	Intern A. Wherley tabled with CTAC information alongside Flourish Alachua Doula Initiative Alumni at this event. M. Jones also attended as a member of the Taskforce.
February 21, 2026	Alachua BLI Alumni Learn and Lunch Session 1	M. Jones attended the 3-hour session on three core factors impacting the business of child care with 25 Early Learning Centers and Family Based Homes. The Children's Movement of Florida CEO M. Thakur provided legislative training and updates during the lunch hour.

February 23, 2026	Children's Week Advocacy Dinner and Award Ceremony	CTAC staff attended in Tallahassee, FL, as the kick-off event to the annual Children's Week at the capitol.
February 24, 2026	Children's Day at the Capitol	E. McCauley tabled with CTAC information at the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee. ED Kiner, B. James, K. Goldwire, M. Jones, and D. Cunha met with the Alachua County Legislative Delegation.
February 25, 2026	City of Gainesville Summer Blitz Pre-Event Meeting	E. McCauley attended a virtual meeting to learn event details for the Summer Blitz.
February 25, 2026	Early Learning Leadership Breakfast	M. Jones attended the leadership breakfast.
February 25, 2026	Teens Day at the Capitol	CTAC staff attended the Teens Day at the Capitol event with Pace Center for Girls and Alachua County Amplify.
February 25, 2026	Statewide Advisory Council Meeting - Early Learning Impact Network	M. Jones attended the leadership meeting and is on the advisory council.
February 27, 2026	Safety Net Collaborative Meeting	E. McCauley attended community meeting.
February 27, 2026	Tour of Gainesville Tender Care PPEC	CTAC Staff toured new medical daycare to learn about services and connect with CTAC resources and opportunities.
February 27, 2026	Education Gala	CTAC Staff attended the Education Foundation of Alachua County's annual Education Gala as event sponsors.

PROGRAMS CALENDAR

February	
February 3, 2026	Pleasant Street Site Visit
February 4, 2026	Program Specialist Interviews
February 6, 2026	Contract Check In Meeting with Doulio
February 6, 2026	Early Educators Workgroup Planning Meeting
February 9, 2026	Community Gun Violence Prevention Monthly Stakeholders Meeting
February 9, 2026	RFP Planning Meeting
February 10 2026	Freedom School Contract Discussion
February 11, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp Kids Count in Alachua County
February 11, 2026	Early Childhood Resources and Systems Workgroup Planning Meeting
February 11, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: GACTA / Aces in Motion
February 11, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Greater Duval Neighborhood Association
February 11, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Just For Us Education
February 11, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: I Am STEM
February 12, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Traveling Art Camp
February 13, 2026	Joint meeting DOP and CFO Funding Recommendations
February 16, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Community Impact Corporation
February 16, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: IGB
February 16, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: UF Veterinary Medicine
February 17, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Deeper Purpose Kids Academy

February 17, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Girls Place Inc.
February 17, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Limitless Adventures
February 17, 2026	Early Childhood Early Intervention Resources and Systems Experts Meeting
February 18, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Camp Makerie
February 18, 2026	FIMR North Central CRT Meeting
February 18, 2026	Lion's Tigers and Sharks provider trauma training with Genesis
February 18, 2026	FACCT IT Affinity Group
February 18, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Star Center Children's Theatre
February 18, 2026	UF PALS Thrive Site Visit
February 19, 2026	SAMIS S3 Meeting
February 19, 2026	FACCT Conference Planning Committee
February 19, 2026	FACCT Policy Meeting
February 19, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: The Concrete Rose Foundation
February 20, 2026	Platform and Data Meeting with Doulio
February 21, 2026	Alachua BLI Alumni Learn and Lunch
February 21, 2026	ACCESS Taskforce Maternal Health Community Day- Womb to World
February 23, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Florida
February 23, 2026	Meeting and Tour of Brownsville Preparatory Institute Tallahassee, FL
February 23, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Hagios ELC
February 24, 2026	Site Monitoring Visit: Kids Count in Alachua County
February 24, 2026	CQI FY25 Performance Discussion: Goodwill / TeensWork Alachua Co.

February 25, 2026	Contract Negotiation FY26 Summer Camp: Williams Temple COGIC
February 25, 2026	Statewide Advisory Council- Early Learning Impact Network
February 25, 2026	Advanced Human Trafficking virtual provider training with Child Advocacy
February 26, 2026	SMG Meeting
February 28, 2026	BLI Master Class Cohort 5 Graduation
March	
March 3, 2026	FACCT Program Affinity Group
March 17, 2026	SAMIS S3 Meeting
March 18, 2026	Is it Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attachment Deficit Disorder (ADD) Provider Training with Genesis
March 18, 2026	FACCT IT Affinity Group
March 25, 2026	Trust Board Enrichment & Prevention Workshop

INITIATIVES

TeensWork Alachua 2025 – Student & Business Recruitment Update

Recruitment is officially underway for TeensWork Alachua 2025, our annual summer youth employment initiative connecting Alachua County teens with meaningful paid work experiences. Student outreach is in full motion through school partners, community organizations, and digital platforms to ensure broad awareness and equitable access to opportunities across the county.

Simultaneously, business recruitment efforts are focused on expanding our network of employer partners willing to invest in local youth talent. We are engaging returning worksites while cultivating new partnerships across diverse industries to provide career exposure, skill development, and mentorship opportunities.

TeensWork Alachua continues to strengthen the pipeline between education and workforce by equipping young people with real-world experience while supporting local businesses in developing the next generation of talent.



The poster features the TeensWork Alachua logo at the top left, which includes a gear icon and the text 'TEENSWORK ALACHUA CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY'. To the right is a photo of a smiling young woman. Below the logo is the text 'A North Florida Goodwill Program'. The main title is 'STUDENT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (JUNE & JULY 2026)'. The body text describes the program as a summer youth employment program providing paid internships and job opportunities. It lists benefits such as on-the-job training, mentorship, job readiness training, and support from job coaches. A blue banner states 'STUDENTS MUST WORK 17 HOURS EACH WEEK.' Below this are sections for 'ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS' and 'IN ADDITION TO EMPLOYMENT, STUDENTS WILL:'. A QR code and the text 'APPLY HERE!' with a URL are on the right. The bottom of the poster includes contact information and logos for Children's Trust of Alachua County, Goodwill Industries of North Florida, VyaStar, and Citrus for Financial Empowerment Fund.

TEENSWORK ALACHUA CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY
A North Florida Goodwill Program

STUDENT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (JUNE & JULY 2026)

TeensWork Alachua is a summer youth employment program that provides eligible students with paid internships and job opportunities that prepare them to succeed in employment.

Students work with local businesses that offer on-the-job training and mentorship.

In addition to a paid internship, students also receive job readiness, financial and soft skills training, along with the support of a job coach. Job coaches assist students through every step of the internship process to help make the experience as meaningful as possible.

Students can participate for up to two sessions.

STUDENTS MUST WORK 17 HOURS EACH WEEK.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 14-18 years old
- Enrolled in an Alachua County school, GED program, or high school equivalency program
- Resides in Alachua County
- Grades 7th - 11th

IN ADDITION TO EMPLOYMENT, STUDENTS WILL:

- Develop social skills
- Learn work norms and culture
- Understand career pathways
- Build professional networks
- Learn to manage money

APPLY HERE!

<https://bit.ly/3X6jczr>

CONTACT INFO: (904) 606-5178 | TWA@GOODWILLNORTHFL.ORG

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A North Florida Goodwill Program

SUMMER 2026 WORKSITE PROGRAM

TeensWork Alachua (TWA) employs eligible Alachua County students through partnerships with local businesses.

In addition to employment, students receive employability training throughout their internship and are assigned to a job coach who acts as a liaison between the student and partnering business.

A key goal of TWA is to help businesses create a talent pipeline by leveraging the strengths of local youth aged 14-18 years.



TWA'S SERVICES:

- Student recruitment
- Matching students to businesses
- HR onboarding
- Additional career training for students
- Payroll
- Support for employers

BUSINESS PARTNERS PROVIDE:

- 17 hours of work per week
- On-the-job training and mentorship
- Student feedback
- Time verification

REQUEST INTERNS BY 4/30



<https://bit.ly/3JXR5PK>

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PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

- Created CQI report for each FY2025 provider which included an evaluation of fiscal, operations, service delivery, training, data quality, and impact (performance measures).
- Facilitated internal discussion and finalization of CQI process and final reports
- Sent CQI reports to providers

Strategic Plan

- Engaged in ongoing internal development and discussion of plan components
- Met with Board member Maggie Labarta to discuss plan structure
- Refined Focus Areas and Strategies and added Rationale, Implementation Plan, Key Partnerships, and Measures of Impact to each Focus Area
- Gathered feedback from Board members on updated draft
- Worked with C. Robinson Associates to update plan delivery at Board meeting

RFP Planning

- Engaged in ongoing research, internal discussion, and planning for prevention RFP development

Board Presentations:

- Developed presentation on CQI
- FY25 Summer evaluation and presentation

Site Visits:

Visited sites to ensure compliance with contract requirements, discuss their progress in meeting performance measures, and address challenges related to data collection and SAMIS use.

Sites visited:

- Pleasant Street Family Resource Center
- Music and Arts Program for Youth
- PALS Thrive: UF Shands Psychiatric Hospital
- Kids Count After School Program

Preparation for Summer Programming:

- Head Start Summer Bridge Planning meeting
- TeensWork Alachua meetings

- Summer Literacy Convening Planning meeting with Theresa Beachy (CNE) and Heidi Keegan (UF)
- Updated summer camp contract attachments and performance targets
- Summer Camp contract negotiations with all 21 summer providers
- Planning for March Summer Kickoff and April Literacy Convening

Provider Data Support and SAMIS

- Provided ongoing data collection and reporting support to providers
- SAMIS S3 Meeting

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports and Addendums

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **22** net followers on Facebook and **23** followers on Instagram. We also gained 11 followers on LinkedIn.
- We amassed **17.1K** views on Facebook, **215** views on LinkedIn and **2.3K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**. (this is doubled from last month)
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
 - Our post about our appearance on Tu Fiesta Radio with David Rey (**3.3K views**)
 - Our post about the Hawthorne Valentine's Day Family Craft Night (**1188 views**)
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
 - Our post about our appearance on Tu Fiesta Radio with David Rey (**341 views**)
 - Our post about the Hawthorne Valentine's Day Family Craft Night (**354 views**)

New Campaigns / Projects

- TeensWork advertising push: news release → television package, LinkedIn Posts, Facebook reel, Morning Show and Podcast pull quote packages, ads in Main St. Daily News and on WUFT
- Social Media push on Children's Week, 2 posts a day of photos and/or video highlighting different angles, events and goal fulfillment
- Summer Camp advertising push: coordinating with Fun4GatorKids for logos on camps, ads on 98.3
- NewboRN Marketing plan setup: ads, socials, video explainers and stories

Continuing Campaigns / Projects

- American Values Dinner
- Help Us Grow Luncheon
- Limitless Adventures
- Carseats
- Giggle advertising
- Summer Blitz
- CP Soccer
- 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
 - Pulling SOTs from taped podcasts

In the news:

- **Gainesville Sun:**
 - [Gainesville middle school makes attendance something to celebrate](#)
- **TV20:**

- [TeensWork Alachua portal opens for summer 2026*](#)
- [Alachua County commissioners discuss gun violence prevention five-year plan](#)
- [Alachua County Commission to hear presentation on 5-year strategic plan on gun violence prevention](#)
- **Alachua Chronicle:**
 - [City of Gainesville invites families to 2026 Summer Blitz](#)
 - [Gainesville City Commission hears Gun Violence Prevention Alliance strategic plan, expresses concerns about school closures in East Gainesville](#)
- **Mainstreet Daily News:**
 - [Mainstreet to print 1,800 extra copies for classroom use](#)
 - [TeensWork program offers new 2026 summer internships*](#)

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.	Scheduling in Progress
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
2.9.2026	Dr. Labarta moved that staff convene the major youth mental health providers and identify how CTAC can improve distribution of services and allot/distribute throughout the county;	In progress

SUCCESS STORIES

Pace Reach Community Counseling | Success Story

January Girl has been our longest-served participant in the program, for a little over two years. This young lady was initially referred for anxiety, depression, academic underachievement, parentification, DCF involvement and complex trauma. Throughout her time in Reach, she has experienced challenges that could have derailed her journey several times but she was determined to overcome them. She learned how to communicate her emotions effectively, advocate for herself, achieved Grace level in Growth and Change, and was involved in several school and community groups. Pace's January Girl always bought into the services and worked hard to make changes. She has since graduated from high school, currently works full-time and is enrolled in college classes.

TeensWork Alachua | Success Story

Anisa Page joined the TeensWork Alachua (TWA) program in Summer 2025 with enthusiasm, determination, and a strong desire to learn. As a new participant, she was eager to gain hands-on experience and build valuable workplace skills. Anisa was placed at Kidz'R'Kidz Daycare, where she quickly stood out as an intern. Her supervisors were instantly impressed by her initiative, positive attitude, and strong customer service skills, especially in her interactions with children and families. She consistently took a hands-on approach, stepped up wherever needed, and met regularly with her TWA Job Coach for support and mentoring. After completing the summer program, Anisa was excited to put her new career readiness and interview skills to work. She soon secured a position as a Sales Associate at one of the local Gainesville Goodwill stores where she has worked for the last few months. Her manager reports that she is doing an excellent job, describing her as hardworking, reliable, always on time, and detail-oriented in completing tasks. Anisa credits TeensWork and her job coach for helping her develop the confidence and skills that opened the door to this opportunity. We are incredibly proud to be part of Anisa's early career journey and can't wait to see all that she accomplishes next!