



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

April 1, 2026 - May 1, 2026

SUMMARY

1. Summer Literacy Convening
2. Provider Visits - Thank You ~ ACPS & Education Foundation - Amplified Student Voice; Girls Place - Cristi Arrington; Kids Count - Allysen Marks; Community Partnership Schools: Howard Bishop, Metcalfe, & Rawlings - Ms. Shorter, Ms. Hutchinson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Martin

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

DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
April 1, 2026	Pinwheel Planting at UF Shands Hospital	ED M. Kiner, E. McCauley, and D. Cunha attended.
April 1, 2026	Meeting with Judge Pena	ED Kiner met with Judge Pena to welcome him to the Board and provide an overview of Trust initiatives and practices.
April 1, 2026	Meeting with Frank Wells, Bright Community Trust	ED Kiner met with Mr. Wells to learn more about the Community Land Trust and how the Children's Trust might be able to partner on strategic initiatives.
April 2, 2026	Gainesville City Commission Meeting: Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation	E. McCauley attended.
April 3, 2026	Hope Alachua: Opioid Task Force	Fiscal year budget planning meeting with Alachua county attended by K. Goldwire
April 3, 2026	MLK Prayer Breakfast	ED Kiner attended the Prayer Breakfast.
April 4, 2026	Sponsored Event: Newberry Spring Host Day	E. McCauley and CiviGator Intern A. Wherley tabled at sponsored event.
April 7, 2026	Alachua Chamber Luncheon	E. McCauley attended.
April 7, 2026	Girls Place Playground Ribbon Cutting	E. McCauley attended.
April 7, 2026	Junior Achievement Meeting	Contract and Program review meeting attended. by ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and A. Wagner
April 8, 2026	CTAC update meeting with High Springs Chamber	E. McCauley met with Sharon Decker and Andrew Miller in High Springs.

April 8, 2026	Hope Alachua :Alachua County Opioid Task Force	Task force meeting attended by ED Kiner and K. Goldwire
April 9, 2026	A. Quinn Jones Family Fun Day	E. McCauley tabled with resources.
April 9, 2026	Housing First Committee Meeting	Attended by ED Kiner and K. Goldwire
April 9, 2026	Meeting with Commissioner Prizzia	ED Kiner met with Commissioner Prizzia to discuss Alachua Reads and other Trust initiatives.
April 14, 2026	5th Ave. Neighborhood Association Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
April 15, 2026	Just Between Friends Sale	E. McCauley tabled and shared resources with families.
April 15, 2026	Regional Juvenile Detention Center	ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and B. James were invited to tour the detention center and discuss the programmatic needs of the youth, as well as potential opportunities for partnership.
April 15, 2026	Meeting with City of Gainesville	ED Kiner attended meeting with city and county leaders to discuss homeless families and possible options for future assistance.
April 15, 2026	Provider Tour: Amplified Student Voice Coalition	Attended by ED. Kiner and CTAC Communications team.
April 16, 2026	Alachua County Citizens Academy	Presentation completed by COO K. Goldwire
April 17, 2026	Youth and Family Homelessness Meeting with Dr. Hardt and Mona Gil de Gibaja	Attended by ED Kiner and K. Goldwire

April 17, 2026	Literacy Meeting with Alachua County Reads and ACPS	ED Kiner and M. Jones attended a literacy meeting with ACPS and Alachua Co. Reads to discuss district literacy practices, needs, and professional development training for teachings using UFLI.
April 18, 2026	UF Healthy Healthy Heroes Day	E. McCauley attended and promoted CTAC sponsored car seats for families in need.
April 18, 2026	Sponsored Event: Balance 180 Carnival Classic	CiviGator Intern A. Wherley tabled at sponsored event.
April 18, 2026	BLI Alumni Learn and Lunch Session 2	ED Kiner attended the session.
April 20-22, 2026	National Afterschool Professionals Week	CTAC staff delivered sweet treats to afterschool professionals at eight CTAC-funded afterschool sites.
April 21, 2026	Ribbon Cutting: East Tumbling Creek and Forest Edge County Housing	E. McCauley attended.
April 21, 2026	Florida Prosperity Initiative Roundtable	ED Kiner attended the Anchor Institution Meeting to hear from Florida Chamber CEO Mark Wilson and Heather Cogar, Statewide Dir. of Community Engagement. The discussion centered on data specific to Alachua County's children living in poverty in 3 key zip codes and what the Prosperity Initiative could do for our community.
April 21, 2026	Provider Tour: Girls Place	Attended by ED Kiner, K. Goldwire and CTAC Communications team.
April 22, 2026	Books and Cooks Steering Committee Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
April 22, 2026	HPW Family Night	E. McCauley tabled at community event.
April 22, 2026	Provider Tour: Kids Count	Attended by ED Kiner, K. Goldwire and CTAC Communications team.

April 22, 2026	Meeting with Representative Yvonne Hinson-Hayes	ED Kiner and Communications Director D. Cunha met with Rep. Hinson-Hayes to discuss special session, property taxes, and to thank her for her support of the Trust.
April 23, 2026	Archer Elementary Career Day	E. McCauley attended and tabled at school event.
April 23, 2026	TeensWork Alachua Planning Meeting	Planning meeting attended by ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and Goodwill representatives to discuss Summer '27 planning and fund development.
April 23, 2026	Re-Entry Partnership Initiative: Youth Dialogue	ED M. Kiner attended and E. McCauley tabled.
April 24, 2026	Safety Net Collaborative Meeting	COO K. Goldwire and E. McCauley attended.
April 25, 2026	Hawthorne Health and Hope Fair	CiviGator Intern A. Wherley tabled at community event.
April 27, 2026	Provider LifeCycle Planning Meeting	Attended by ED Kiner and K. Goldwire
April 28, 2026	Quarterly FRC Partner Meeting at SWAG	E. McCauley attended.
April 28, 2026	Safe Kids NCFL Coalition Meeting	E. McCauley attended
April 28, 2026	Provider Tour: Community Partnership Schools	Attended by ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and CTAC Communications team.
April 29, 2026	Strategic Plan Meeting	Next steps planning meeting attended by ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and Robinson and Associates.
April 30, 2026	County partnership Follow up meeting	Attended by ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and Claudia Tuck

April 30, 2026	Meeting with Tony Jones	ED Kiner met with Tony Jones to discuss juvenile justice issues including the juvenile detention center and youth gun violence.
April 30, 2026	Cade Museum Informational Meeting	COO K. Goldwire and E. McCauley attended.

PROGRAMS CALENDAR

April	
April 1, 2026	Newberry Family Resource Center Follow-Up
April 2, 2026	Literacy: Alachua Campaign for Grade Level Reading Campaign (GLRC) Community Meeting
April 3, 2026	Training Development: Advanced Human Trafficking Training
April 3, 2026	Early Learning: Thriving Parents Workgroup
April 3, 2026	Training Development: Flex Enterprise Demo & Webauthor Meeting
April 6, 2026	Literacy: UF Literacy Initiative (UFLI) and Alachua County Reads Meeting
April 6, 2026	Gun and Youth Violence progress meeting
April 7, 2026	Early Learning: The Future Call: Conversations on Florida's Early Learning Future
April 7, 2026	Literacy: Grade Level Reading (GLR) Learning Tuesdays- New Pathways Through School: Understanding Virtual Schools in Today's K-12 Landscape
April 7, 2026	Early Learning: Early Educators Workgroup
April 7, 2026	The Concrete Rose Foundation - 2026 Summer Camp Training
April 7, 2026	Wellness & Health Navigation - Data Review and Discussion - Metcalfe Elementary
April 8, 2026	Dolly Parton Imagination Library presentation review and research meeting with Gainesville Thrives
April 8, 2026	Leadership Gainesville
April 9, 2026	Maternal Health: Flourish Alachua Doula Trainer Meeting and Classroom Setup
April 9, 2026	Early Childhood: EC Leaders of Color Full Collaborative Meeting
April 9, 2026	Early Childhood: 2026 State of Childhood Poverty in Florida
April 9, 2026	FACCT Research and Evaluation Affinity Group Meeting
April 10, 2026	Maternal Health: Flourish Alachua Doula Training Session 1

April 10, 2026	Site Monitoring Visit: Kids Count After School Program at Rawlings Elementary School
April 11, 2026	Maternal Health: Flourish Alachua Doula Training Session 2
April 12, 2026	Maternal Health: Flourish Alachua Doula Training Session 3
April 12, 2026	Maternal Health: Flourish Alachua Get to Know Your Doula and Family Day
April 13, 2026	University of Florida Enrichment Program - Museum of Natural History Site Visit
April 14, 2026	Afterschool: Florida Afterschool Network Resiliency Training
April 14, 2026	Early Childhood: National Collaborative of Infant & Toddlers Steering Committee
April 14, 2026	Literacy: Grade Level Reading (GLR) Learning Tuesday- Pathways to Kindergarten Success: Aligning Systems for Stronger Transitions
April 14, 2026	Santa Fe College Enrichment Program - College Knowledge Program Site Visit
April 15, 2026	Literacy: Community Foundation- Literacy Deep Dive
April 15, 2026	Maternal Health: Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) North Central CRT
April 15, 2026	JRDC walk-through and follow-up meeting
April 15, 2026	PEAK Literacy Site Visit
April 16, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
April 16, 2026	FACCT: 2026 Conference Committee Planning Meeting
April 16, 2026	Early Childhood: State Revenue Generation for PN-3: Strategies for Sustainable
April 16, 2026	City of Hawthorne Alliance for Scholars Contract Negotiation
April 16, 2026	Enrichment Programming MOTIV8U Site Visit
April 17, 2026	Summer Literacy Convening (Virtual)
April 17, 2026	Literacy: Literacy Discussion with School District and Alachua County Reads

April 17, 2026	All Well Health Services Enrichment Programming - Cadence and Calm Site Visit
April 18, 2026	Early Learning: Alachua BLI Alumni Learn and Lunch Session 2-Marketing with Frankel Agency and Cyber Security
April 20, 2026	CTAC Regular Staff Meeting
April 20, 2026	Wellness & Health Navigation - Data Review and Discussion - Rawlings Elementary
April 21, 2026	Early Learning: Alachua County Head Start Summer Bridge Kick-off Meeting with ECS4Kids
April 21, 2026	Early Learning: The Future Call- Conversations with Alachua County HIPPIY on Florida's Early Learning Future
April 21, 2026	Literacy: Florida GLRC Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2026	Early Learning: Early Childhood System Coordination and Resources Workgroup -Proposal Planning
April 21, 2026	AMIKids Gainesville Community Workforce Development Program Site Visit
April 21, 2026	Family Resource Center: Deeper Purpose Community Charities Site Visit
April 22, 2026	The Education Foundation of Alachua County Amplified: Student Voice Coalition Site Visit
April 23, 2026	Literacy: Contract Review Meeting 2 with Alachua County Reads (CNE)
April 24, 2026	Early Learning: Thriving Parents Workgroup
April 27, 2026	Child Advocacy Center Reducing Trauma to Abused Children Therapy Program Site Visit
April 27, 2026	Dolly Parton Imagination Library meeting with Gainesville Thrives to discuss Board Presentation
April 28, 2026	Early Learning: Early Educators Workgroup
April 28, 2026	Literacy: Grade Level Reading (GLR) Learning Tuesday- Where Will the Children Go? FY27 Federal Funding for Libraries, Museums, and Afterschool Programs

April 28, 2026	Meeting with Just for Us Education to review revised Site Proposal
April 28, 2026	Enrichment Programming: Each One Teach One Lee's Preschool Site Visit
April 28, 2026	Gainesville Circus Center After School Program- Site visit
April 28, 2026	River Phoenix Center for Peace Building - CQI Review and Program Discussion
April 29, 2026	Early Learning: Contract Meeting 2 with BLIEL
April 29, 2026	Wellness & Health Navigation - Data Review and Discussion - Howard Bishop
April 29, 2026	Family Resource Center: Willie Mae Stokes Site Visit
April 29, 2026	Mirror Image Leadership Academy Summer Camp- SAMIS support
May	
May 2, 2026	CPR Training for Providers
May 4, 2026	CTAC Regular Staff Meeting
May 4-7, 2026	Literacy: Florida GLRC Annual Leadership Symposium & Literacy Expo
May 5, 2026	Literacy: Grade Level Reading (GLR) Learning Tuesday- Successfully Implementing Strategies to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism
May 5, 2026	Enrichment Programming: Crafty Gemini Youth Development Site Visit
May 6, 2026	Family Resource Center: Partnership for Strong Families SWAG & Library Partnership
May 6, 2026	Find help Provider Training
May 8, 2026	Literacy: Follow-up Literacy Discussion with School District and Alachua County Reads (CNE)
May 12, 2026	Early Learning: Early Learning Collaborative Meeting
May 12, 2026	Literacy: Grade Level Reading (GLR) Learning Tuesday- Advancing Early Literacy Through Afterschool, Policy, and Strategic Partnerships

May 12, 2026	Early Childhood: Alachua County Interagency Meeting
May 14, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
May 14, 2026	Early Learning: ELC of Alachua County Quality Committee Meeting
May 14, 2026	SAMIS Management Group Meeting
May 15, 2026	CPR Training for Providers
May 18, 2026	CTAC Regular Staff Meeting
May 19, 2026	Early Learning: The Future Call- Conversations on Florida's Early Learning Future
May 19, 2026	SAMIS S3 Meeting
May 20, 2026	Maternal Health: Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) North Central CRT
May 20, 2026	Literacy: Alachua County Grade Level Reading Campaign (GLRC) Advisory Committee
May 20, 2026	CTAC Staff meeting with Ross Ambrose
May 20, 2026	Revisiting Erickson's 8 Stages of psychosocial development provider training with Genesis
May 20, 2026	FACCT IT Affinity Group
May 21, 2026	211 Provider Training
May 28, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting

INITIATIVES

The Children’s Trust of Alachua County will host two upcoming training and information sessions focused on strengthening provider awareness and utilization of key community resource and referral platforms available to families.

On May 6 at 12:00 p.m., providers will participate in a session highlighting FindHelp, an online resource navigation platform that connects individuals and families to local support services. A second session will be held on May 21 and will focus on 211, a comprehensive community information and referral system that assists families in accessing critical services and supports.

These sessions reflect the Children’s Trust’s commitment to ensuring funded providers are equipped with knowledge of the various resource networks families may access when seeking assistance. Strengthening provider familiarity and engagement with these platforms supports more coordinated referrals, reduces barriers to services, and enhances families’ ability to access timely and appropriate support throughout the community.



211

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GET CONNECTED. GET HELP.

You are not alone. Help is available both online and from a real person, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

211 is your information and referral lifeline providing Free and Confidential Crisis and Emergency Counseling, Disaster Assistance, Food, Healthcare and Insurance Assistance, Stable Housing and Utilities Payment Assistance, Employment Services, Veterans Services, Eldercare, Childcare and Family Services, and more.

Call 2-1-1 OR 352-332-4636 | Text your Zip Code to 898211

Why FindHelp?

The Safety Net Collaborative, Alachua County, Children's Trust of Alachua County and UF Health Have aligned with FindHelp to develop an online, integrated resource guide for community support services.

How you can help

- Go to FindHelp, claim, and update your organization's information <https://www.findhelp.org/claims>
- Can't find your organization? Suggest it here. <https://findhelp.org/suggest-program>

Our community and your organization can benefit from FindHelp.

- Track referrals
- Identify gaps in support services
- User-friendly and readily accessible to all community members

Questions?
Contact lkquyer@outlook.com



PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Site Visits

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

- Deeper Purpose Family Resource Center
- Willie Mae Stokes Family Resource Center
- Education Foundation- Amplified Student Voice Coalition
- Gainesville Circus Center After School Program
- Child Advocacy Center
- PEAK Literacy
- Enrichment Providers
 - Santa Fe College- College Knowledge
 - All Well- Cadence and Calm
 - Lee's Preschool- Each One Teach One

Summer Programming Preparation

- Participated in Head Start Summer Bridge kickoff meeting
- Supported providers in summer camp preparation, including SAMIS data entry
 - Concrete Rose
 - Mirror Image Leadership Academy
 - Just for Us
- Hosted a Summer Literacy Convening for camp providers: an opportunity for summer camp providers to hear from and connect with literacy experts in our community and discuss incorporating literacy activities into summer programming. Seven local literacy experts from four organizations presented at the convening: Dr. Theresa Beachy and Dr. Heidi Keegan from the Alachua County Reads Initiative, Heather Harbour and the literacy team from ACPS, Dr. Coleman-King from Alliance for Scholars and Dr. Meg Lietzau from UF CARD. The speakers shared over a dozen resources that were made available to all summer providers. 13 providers attended.

Literacy

- Engaged in preparation and implementation efforts for Alachua County Reads Initiative. Included meetings with representatives from UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute), Alachua County Public Schools, and Center for Nonprofit Excellence.
- Participated in the Community Foundation of North Central Florida Literacy Deep Dive.

- Collaboration with Alachua County Public Schools and Gainesville Thrives on a research study to learn whether children engaged in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library demonstrate greater kindergarten readiness.

Provider Support

Met with providers to review progress in data collection and contract deliverables, and provide support where needed. Provider meetings included:

- Jr. Achievement- 3DE
- Gun and youth violence initiatives
- Wellness Coordinator data reviews with sites at Metcalfe Elementary, Rawlings Elementary, and Howard Bishop Middle School
- Center for Nonprofit Excellence Capacity Building quarterly meeting
- PEAK Literacy SAMIS support
- Business Leadership Institute for Early Learning quarterly meeting
- River Phoenix Center for Peace Building - CQI Review and Program Discussion
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library presentation review and research meeting with Gainesville Thrives

Professional Learning and Collaboration

- FACCT Research and Evaluation meeting
- SAMIS S3 meeting

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Financial Reports and Addendums

- FY 2026 Budget Report (March)
- FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (March)
- FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (March)
- FY 2026 2nd Quarter Financial Memorandum to BoCC

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

Resolutions

Resolution No 2026-01 - Adoption of Changes to Board Policy (Fund Reserves)

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **45** net followers on Facebook and **22** followers on Instagram.
- We amassed **23.8K** views on Facebook, **23** views on LinkedIn and **10K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**.
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
 - Our post about the Just Between Friends sale (**2.6K views**)
 - Our post highlighting the Willie Mae Stokes afterschool program for Afterschool Professionals Week (**2.2K views**)
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
 - Our post about Child Abuse Prevention Month Pinwheels (**362 views**)
 - Our post highlighting Aces in Motion for Afterschool Professionals Week (**310 views**)

New Campaigns / Projects

- Summer Camp T-shirts
- Special Session planning
- Provider Tours
- Program Guides

Continuing Campaigns / Projects

- Strategic Plan edits
- Website redesign / YouTube Redesign
- Parenting Playbook
- Board meeting video pulls for socials and youtube
- Live monthly morning shows with Tu Fiesta
- Monthly podcast

In the news:

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- **TV20:**
 - [Healthy Heroes Day returns to Gainesville to share child safety tips, car seat checks](#)
- **Mainstreet Daily News:**
 - [March 2026 Citizens of the Month](#)
 - [Hawthorne celebrates groundbreaking for new food bank, resource center](#)
- **352Today**
 - [North Central Florida Kids' Charity Receives Grant, Distributes Free Child Car Seats*](#)

BOARD MOTIONS AND REQUESTS

DATE	MOTION / REQUEST	STATUS
8.12.2024 3.10.2025	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. Member Chance suggested checking with other CSC's and considering listing funded organizations under priorities on the website for accountability.	In progress pending website host update completion
11.4.2024	The Board requested a joint meeting with the Alachua County Library Board.	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 - A Convening is planned for May 2026
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
3.9.2026	Member Pinkoson moved to accept the CQI report and have staff bring back a recommendation to include information on providers in the emerging category, staff support, and years contracted with CTAC.	In progress

SUCCESS STORIES

PEAK Literacy

PEAK celebrates the remarkable journey of a student who recently graduated from the PEAK Literacy program reading well above grade level. When she first joined PEAK Literacy, she was reading at a 4.6 grade level and needed targeted support to continue building her literacy skills and confidence.

Through consistent, high-dosage tutoring, personalized instruction, and the unwavering encouragement of her volunteer tutor, she made extraordinary strides. Over two years in the program, she grew an impressive 2.3 grade levels, ultimately graduating at a 6.9 reading grade level; a testament to the power of individualized literacy support.

Perhaps most meaningful was the impact beyond academics. Her mother shared that the program brought about a 100% boost in her daughter's confidence, and that their volunteer tutor had truly become like family. Stories like this remind us why individualized, relationship-driven tutoring is at the heart of everything we do at PEAK Literacy.

Gainesville Circus Center - After School Program

During the Gainesville Circus Center's first ever participation in the Groundhog Day Jugglers Festival located in Atlanta, GA, Jackie Kramer & Sky Vaknin competed against jugglers from across the country and took home the Phil Award with their act "Wicked Cool." We are so proud of these brilliant young artists!

TeensWork Alachua Success Story: Travis Carter | Jacob M. Fenn Appraisal Company, LLC

TeensWork Alachua continues to foster meaningful partnerships that create lasting opportunities for local youth. One standout example is our collaboration with Jacob M. Fenn Appraisal Company, LLC and its owner, Jacob Fenn. After learning about the program's mission, Jacob immediately recognized its value and chose to support our efforts not only by serving as a worksite partner but also by fully funding his intern's wages through monthly donations. His generosity reflects the true spirit of community investment.

During Summer 2025, Jacob welcomed intern Travis Carter, a motivated student with a strong interest in real estate. From his first day, Travis demonstrated professionalism, curiosity, and a strong commitment to learning. His drive to learn and grow did not go unnoticed. Nearly a year later, as Travis approaches his high school graduation, Jacob is exploring the possibility of hiring him as a permanent member of his team. This represents exactly the kind of long-term impact TeensWork Alachua strives to create—career pathways that extend far beyond the summer experience.

We are proud of Travis's dedication and grateful for Jacob's ongoing support, mentorship, and investment in our youth. Partnerships like this strengthen the program and help build a more vibrant and opportunity-rich community.