



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

June 1, 2025 - August 1, 2025

SUMMARY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Board Retreat</li><li>2. Afterschool Provider Convening</li><li>3. End of Summer - Thank you to all our Summer Camp Providers</li></ol>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
June 2, 2025	Rotary Service Before Self Recognition - Howard Bishop Middle School Graduation	ED Kiner presented the Rotary Award Service Above Self at the Howard Bishop Middle School Graduation.
June 3, 2025	Alachua County Public Schools Board Meeting	ED Kiner and UF Lastinger Center presentation of the Literacy Needs Assessment to the school board.
June 4, 2025	Tu Fiesta & The Children's Trust Morning Show	ED M. Kiner Hosted Lisa Steward of Limitless Adventures on the Children's Trust Morning Show.
June 4, 2025	UF - CTAC Evaluation Internship Partnership	B. Wagner met with University of Florida Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Program Professor to discuss the CTAC evaluation internship.
June 5, 2025	Child Advocacy Center Member Celebration	The member celebration was attended by K. Goldwire.
June 5, 2025	Meeting with Goodwill Industries, Inc.	ED Kiner met with Goodwill CEO David Rey to discuss partnership and future opportunities.
June 6, 2025	Meeting to discuss Alachua County Mentor Center	B. Wagner met with Jennifer Reeves to discuss the Alachua County Mentor Center to learn about previous local efforts.

June 10, 2025	Early Learning Council Meeting with ED & Staff	ED Kiner, and M. Jones met with ELC leadership to discuss the Childcare Tuition Assistance Program contract and budget deficits for the FY25/26 year.
June 10, 2025	Rotary Club Meeting	ED Kiner presented the Rotary Service Before Self Middle School Award Winners.
June 10, 2025	5th Avenue Neighborhood Association Meeting	ED Kiner attended the monthly meeting and shared information about upcoming Trust programs and all the summer camps.
June 11, 2025	Alachua County Teen Court Leadership Summit - Trust Visit	Hosted by Trust staff. Presentation provided by ED M. Kiner.
June 11, 2025	Impact GNV Open House	Attended by ED M. Kiner and K. Goldwire.
June 11, 2025	UFLI-Literacy Initiative Meeting	Kiner and M. Jones met with Holly Lane and staff at UFLI to discuss Literacy Initiatives. Theresa Beachy from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence joined the meeting.
June 12, 2025	Housing For Children First Meeting	Kiner attended the monthly meeting to discuss homeless youth and housing.
June 12, 2025	CTAC Early Childhood Collaborative Meeting	AC hosted the ECC at the Blount Center. Attendees learned about the Sunshine Early Childhood Portal, Florida's Early Learning Roadmap, and began discussions on Alachua County's local strategy to implement the roadmap in the community.

June 16, 2025	Literacy Initiative Meeting	Kiner met with Theresa Beachy and Anna Prizzia to discuss literacy.
June 16, 2025	Boys & Girls Club ~ Gator Tales	Kiner spoke to students at the Club through the kickoff program, Gator Tales: The Story of Alachua County." The program focused on helping youth learn more about the rich history, culture, and people of the local community. Community leaders were invited to visit and share insights and experiences on living and working in Alachua County.
June 17, 2025	Safe Kids NCFL Coalition Meeting	Attended by E. McCauley
June 17, 2025	UF Health + Doula Friendly® Launch	AC and UF Health event announcing the new Doula Friendly status of UF to the community.
June 18, 2025	Police Youth Dialogue at GPD with River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding	ED M. Kiner and E. McCauley attended
June 19, 2025	Juneteenth Breakfast at the Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center	ED M. Kiner and E. McCauley attended
June 19, 2025	Literacy Meeting with the Center for Nonprofit Excellence	ED Kiner met with Dr. Theresa Beachy from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

June 23, 2025	Literacy Planning Meeting	CTAC staff, County staff, United Way staff met to discuss literacy planning draft to be presented to the CTAC BOD and the BoCC.
June 24, 2025	Alachua County League of City meetings	K. Goldwire & E. McCauley attended and provided Trust updates and upcoming events
June 25, 2025	2025 Reading Pal Virtual Conference	Attended by K. Goldwire
June 26, 2025	Alachua County Safety Net Collaborative Meeting	K. Goldwire and E. McCauley attended
June 26, 2025	SAMIS Demo Day hosted by FACCT	B. James, B. Wagner, and D. Tyson attended a collaborative meeting where SAMIS users statewide demonstrated how they are using system features & functionality.
July 2, 2025	Tu Fiesta & The Children's Trust Morning Show	ED M. Kiner hosted JewRonda Greene of Episcopal Children Services on the Children's Trust Morning Show.
July 2, 2025	Meeting with Lena Gillis	ED Kiner met with Ms. Gillis to discuss emotional literacy programming for children and youth.
July 2, 2025	Meeting with Dr. Herman Knopf	CTAC staff met with Dr. Knopf to discuss upcoming early learning initiatives.
July 3, 2025	Board Retreat Planning Meeting	ED M. Kiner and K. Goldwire attended the final planning meeting with Robinson Associates, Inc.
July 9, 2025	Alachua County Delegation Post Session Luncheon	Attended by ED M. Kiner, K. Goldwire and the TWA interns J. Reams and J. Perry.

July 9, 2025	Alachua County Opioid Task Force - HOPE Campaign	The Committee met to review campaign video and discussed Billboard Signs and the upcoming timeline for campaign kickoff.
July 10, 2025	Akwaaba Freedom School Hawthorne Visit	ED Kiner visited the Hawthorne site.
July 10, 2025	BLI Master Class Recruitment Event & Dinner	CTAC staff attended the event.
July 12, 2025	ELC Ready to Learn Rally	Attended by E. McCauley
July 14, 2025	Parenting Playbook Update Calls	K. Goldwire facilitated calls with Tia Brock-Paul of the Education Foundation, Amber Miller of United Way of North Central Florida, and Caroline Anderson of the Alachua County Opioid Task Force, securing sponsored ads for the Parenting Playbook.
July 15, 2025	Follow-up SPARC Call with Dr. Osubi Craig	Trust Leadership and Program Dept. team met and reviewed the SPARC proposal, discussing funding possibilities with Dr. Craig.
July 14, 2025	Community Gun Violence Prevention Alliance Stakeholder's Meeting	Attended by K. Goldwire and E. McCauley

July 15, 2025	Library District Meeting	ED Kiner met with Library Director Shaney Livingston to discuss literacy initiatives.
July 16, 2025	FRC Annual Community Partner Networking Fair	Attended by B. James, E. McCauley, and K. Goldwire. Presentation provided by B. James.
July 16, 2025	Early Learning Coalition Board Retreat	ED Kiner attended.
July 17, 2025	UF Women's Basketball Team Visit - Limitless Adventures	Trust Leadership and communications team facilitated a "Play Date" with a Trust funded summer camp and the UF Women's Basketball team.
July 19, 2025	Howard Bishop Health and Wellness Expo	Attended by E. McCauley.
July 21, 2025	Read USA Meeting	ED Kiner and M. Jones met with the Read USA CEO and staff. An overview of the program was provided.
July 23, 2025	City of Gainesville Disability Fair	Attended by K. Goldwire and the TWA interns, J. Reams and J. Perry.
July 23, 2025	Meeting with Judge Wilson-Bullard	ED Kiner met with Judge Wilson-Bullard.

July 24, 2025	Alachua Co. Public Schools Back School Kick-Off	ED Kiner attended the event at Westwood Middle School.
July 25, 2025	UF CARD Autism Conference	Attended by E. McCauley
July 25, 2025	UF Community Relations Meeting	ED Kiner met with Karen Thomas to discuss opportunities for collaboration.
July 26, 2025	PAVE Stop the Violence Back to School Rally	Attended by E. McCauley and ED Kiner.
July 26, 2025	Gainesville Empowerment Zone Open House	ED Kiner attended the event.
July 28, 2025	Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County Special Board Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
July 29, 2025	Afterschool Provider Convening	CTAC to host an Afterschool Provider Convening to bring provider staff together to network, share evaluation results, reflect and plan for the future, and receive training/resources.
July 29, 2025	Literacy Planning Committee Meeting	CTAC, County Staff, United Way, the Library District, and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence met to discuss the planning draft to be presented to both the CTAC Board and the BoCC. They also discussed a timeline for receiving input at a Community Townhall and a workshop for literacy partners.



July 30, 2025	Human Library UF Warrington College of Business	ED Kiner spoke at the event and shared her leadership journey with the students.
July 31, 2025	Community Conversation on Childcare Planning Meeting	CTAC Staff, Chamber Staff, United Way, and Business Leadership Institute staff met to plan for the event in October.
July 31, 2025	Kristina Chance with the Play and Wellness Center of Gainesville	CTAC staff met with Kristina Chance to discuss opportunities for partnership and programming for youth.

## PROGRAMS CALENDAR

June	
June 3, 2025	FACCT Program Affinity Group
June 4, 2025	SAMIS Management Group Meeting
June 4th, 2025	Meeting with A&A Consulting: Doula Friendly Initiative; Performance measures, updates
June 10, 2025	Gun Violence Update meeting with the City of Gainesville
June 3, 2025	Future Project: Early Educator Workforce Working Group Meeting
June 3, 2025	Florida Chamber Foundation + CTAC Gap Map Tool Discussion
June 3, 2025	Literacy Assessment Presentation at School Board Meeting
June 4, 2025	Met with University of Florida Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Program Professor to discuss the CTAC evaluation internship.
June 4, 2025	DFI Meeting
June 4, 2025	HIPPY Literacy Graduation
June 4, 2025	Early Childhood Collaborative Co-Chair Planning meeting
June 5, 2025	Early Childhood Collaborative Co-Chair Planning meeting
June 5, 2025	System Transformation Co-Chairs Planning Meeting
June 6, 2025	Met with Jennifer Reeves to discuss Mentor Center
June 7-8, 2025	Flourish Alachua Training
June 9, 2025	CTAC Board Workshop FY26
June 9, 2025	UFH Doula Friendly Designation Meeting
June 9, 2025	Freedom Schools - met to finalize performance measures, data reporting requirements, and provide training on using SAMIS.
June 10, 2025	NCIT Steering Committee Meeting
June 10, 2025	Performance Measure Quarterly Meeting with ELC

June 11, 2025	Meeting with Executive Director, Gainesville Empowerment Zone; SAMIS training, performance measure review
June 11, 2025	TeensWork Alachua - Performance and Data Check-in
June 11, 2025	Children's Trust-UFLI-Literacy Initiative
June 11, 2025	Literacy Townhall Planning Meeting #2
June 12, 2025	Strategies for Deafblindness training for providers
June 12, 2025	FACCT Policy Affinity Group
June 12, 2025	Early Childhood Collaborative Meeting
June 13, 2025	ACCESS Task Force Maternal Health Summit Planning Meeting #1
June 13, 2025	Early Learning Roadmap System Transformation State Workgroup Meeting
June 16, 2025	Wellness and Health Care Navigation - New staff on-boarding, performance and data review
June 16, 2025	UFH Doula Friendly designation Final Meeting
June 16, 2025	Early Learning Roadmap Quarter 3 Co-Chairs Meeting.
June 17, 2025	UF Health Doula UFH Doula Friendly designation Launch Day
June 18, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Kids Count
June 18, 2025	Police Youth Dialogue at GPD with River Phoenix
June 18, 2025	Performance Review meeting with the NewboRN Home Visiting Program
June 18, 2025	North Central CRT Meeting
June 18, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Aces in Motion
June 18, 2025	FACCT IT Affinity Group
June 18, 2025	Performance Review Follow-up with Partnership for Strong Families
June 21, 2025	Flourish Alachua In Person Session: Building Resources and Local PPD Q&A

June 23, 2025	Literacy Town Hall planning meeting #2
June 23, 2025	Meeting with Pastor Duncan to Develop Scope
June 24, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Greater Duval Neighborhood Association
June 24, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Deeper Purpose
June 24, 2025	Help Me Grow Florida Meeting
June 24, 2025	Alachua County Grade Level Reading Advisory Board Meeting
June 25, 2025	Florida Chamber Learners to Earners Conference
June 25, 2025	Summer Provider Training with Genesis-Managing Dysregulation through Trauma Informed Lens
June 25, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Mirror Image
June 25, 2025	Site Visit: SWAG Family Resource Center
June 25, 2025	2025 ReadingPals Conference and Celebration
June 25, 2025	Layla's House - Site Visit Maternal Health Resource Center in Tampa Florida
June 25, 2025	Sunrise Children's Service Early Learning Center - Site Visit Tampa, Florida
June 26, 2025	SAMIS DEMO day with FACCT at CSC of St Lucie
June 26, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Traveling Art Camp
June 26, 2025	Healthy Start of North Central Florida Annual Meeting
June 27, 2025	DFI Local Media Touch-Base Meeting
June 27, 2025	Maternal Health Conference Planning Meeting
June 30, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Behavior Bricks
June 30, 2025	Community Conversation on Childcare Planning Meeting #1
<b>July</b>	
July 1, 2025	AMI Contract Updates and ED Transition Plan
July 1, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Camp Makerie

July 1, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Just for Us
July 1, 2025	Protective Factors Training - Day 1
July 2, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: IGB
July 2, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: I AM STEM
July 2, 2025	Early Childhood Discussion with Dr. Knopf
July 2, 2025	Breastfriends and Doula Initiative
July 3, 2025	Protective Factors Training - Day 2
July 7, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Limitless Adventures
July 8, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Star Center
July 8, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Gainesville Circus Center
July 8, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Girls Place
July 8, 2025	Wellness and Health Care Navigation - New staff on-boarding, performance and data review
July 8, 2025	Site Visit: One Community Family Resource Center
July 8-10, 2025	FGLR Leadership Symposium and Literacy Resource Expo
July 9, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Concrete Rose Foundation
July 9, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: UF CROP
July 9, 2025	TeensWork Alachua - Performance and Data Check-in
July 10, 2025	FACCT Affinity Group Meeting: Research and Evaluation
July 10, 2025	Meeting and Technical Assistance with Ron Fairchild
July 10, 2025	BLI Master Class Recruitment Event
July 10, 2025	Freedom School Hawthorne Site Visit
July 11, 2025	Maternal Health Conference Planning Meeting
July 11, 2025	DFI FY26 CTAC Budget/HCA Discussion
July 14, 2025	Doulio Monthly Meeting
July 15, 2025	Freedom School Gainesville Site Visit

July 15, 2025	SAMIS S3 User Collaborative Meeting
July 15-16, 2025	Early Learning Roadmap Advisory Board Retreat Tampa, FL
July 16, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Boys & Girls Club - Woodland Park
July 16-18, 2025	Early Learning One Goal Summer State Conference
July 16, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Boys & Girls Club - Northwest
July 21, 2025	FGLR Leadership Symposium and Literacy Resource Expo with Alachua County Attendees
July 21, 2025	Meeting with Rob Kelly with Read USA Inc.
July 22, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Hagios Early Learning Center
July 22, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: UF Veterinary Medicine
July 23, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Traveling Art Camp: Meizon site
July 23, 2025	Summer Camp Site Visit: Williams Temple Church of God
July 23, 2025	Alachua County Grade Level Reading Advisory Board Meeting
July 24, 2025	Head Start Summer Bridge Site Visit Martin Rochelle
July 24, 2025	Head Start Summer Bridge ECS4Kids Gainesville Site Visit
July 28, 2025	SPARC352 Follow-Up Meeting
July 29, 2025	Afterschool Provider Convening
July 29, 2025	Alachua County Literacy Townhall Meeting #4
July 30, 2025	GHA Strategic Planning Stakeholder Roundtable
July 30, 2025	Site Visit: Micanopy Family Resource Center
July 30, 2025	Alachua and Suncoast CGLR Discussion
July 30, 2025	TeensWork Alachua - Performance and Data Check-in
July 31, 2025	FLGR BookSmart Ambassadors Meeting
July 31, 2025	Community Conversation on Childcare Planning Meeting #2
July 31, 2025	Healthy Start of North Central Florida HomeVisiting Advisory Group Meeting

## INITIATIVES



## FREE RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 0-8

Helping kids grow healthy and strong! Help Me Grow Alachua supports families with children ages 0-8 by:

- Answer questions about your child(ren)'s development
- Guide you through developmental and/or behavioral screenings
- Connect you to community resources
- Provide parenting tips and fun activities for you and your child(ren)



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## **PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION**

### **FY 2025 Summer Camp**

- Visited 22 summer camps with contract managers. Ensured camps are compliant with contract requirements, data collection, and maintain files with required paperwork. Also discussed with providers their progress in meeting performance measures and provided support related to data collection and using SAMIS. Observed programming in action and spoke with campers to collect qualitative data regarding their camp experience.
- On-going support provided to program staff throughout the summer with SAMIS use and to ensure data is collected to assess program performance.

### **Family Resource Centers**

- Completed and shared a preliminary report that summarizes Family Resource Center performance per data entered in SAMIS in order to highlight accomplishments and areas for improvement so providers are aware and can work to address challenges, make improvements and work collectively and strategically toward shared outcomes.
- Site Visits completed to observe programming in action, discuss progress in meeting performance measures, and provide support related to data collection:
  - SWAG Family Resource Center (6/25)
  - One Community Family Resource Center (7/8)
  - Micanopy Family Resource Center (7/30)

### **Akwabaa Freedom Schools**

- Revised performance measures, entry processes, tools, data views, and training guides for Freedom Schools expansion and summer on-boarding.
- Met with Freedom School program staff to negotiate and finalize performance measures, data reporting requirements, and provide training on using SAMIS.
- Completed site visits with contract managers to observe programming in action, discuss progress in meeting performance measures, and provide support related to data collection:
  - Freedom Schools - Hawthorne (7/10)
  - Freedom Schools - Gainesville (7/15)

### **TeensWork Alachua**

- Met with program staff (6/11, 7/9, 7/30) to discuss program implementation, progress in meeting performance measures, and provide support related to data collection.
- Developed added additional functionality and views in SAMIS to help aid efficiency and awareness of program performance status.

### **Wellness & Health Care Navigation**

- Met with program staff (6/9 and 7/8) to discuss program implementation, progress in meeting performance measures, on-board new staff, and provide support related to data collection.



### **Afterschool Programs**

- Analysis of data from the 2024-2025 program year is underway with reports being developed for each program to share performance results and outcomes.
- Hosted an Afterschool Provider Convening on 7/29 to bring provider staff together to network, share evaluation results, reflect and plan for the future, and receive training/resources.

**Mentoring Consultation** - Met with Jennifer Reeves to discuss the Alachua County Mentor Center to learn about previous local efforts. Requested technical assistance from Florida MENTOR affiliate.

**Data Sharing Agreement** - A data sharing agreement between the CTAC and the School Board of Alachua County has been written, submitted, and is under review.

### **Performance Measure Reviews and Data Support**

- Meeting and communication with providers to offer support in data collection and review performance measures. Providers supported include:
  - BEAM Birth Network
  - A&A Consulting: Doula Friendly Initiative
  - Gainesville Empowerment Zone
  - Early Learning Coalition
  - Newborn Home Visiting Program
  - TeensWork Alachua
  - Akwabaa Freedom Schools
  - Wellness & Health Care Navigation
  - Family Resource Centers
  - Imagination Library
  - Head Start Summer Bridge
  - Amplified Student Voice Coalition
  - Business Leadership Institute for Early Learning
  - River Phoenix Center for Peace Building

### **Workshops and Trainings**

- Participated in FACCT Programs and Research and Evaluation Affinity meetings (7/11)
- Assisted in preparation for CTAC Board Workshop on FY26 Budget and CTAC July Board Planning Retreat
- Attended American Evaluation Association Workshop: Equitable Communication (6/12)
- Participated in Early Learning Collaborative
- Participated in Literacy Town Hall planning meeting
- Participated in SAMIS learning day in St. Lucie, hosted by FACCT (6/26)
- Participated in two day Protective Factors Framework Training, hosted by Partnership for Strong Families (7/1, 7/3)

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

June 2025 Checks & Expenditures  
June 2025 Programmatic Awards & Expenditures Report  
3rd Quarter Financial Reports with memo to BoCC.

### Other Items

Finance has reviewed preliminary provider budgets for FY26 and provided feedback to the Programs Department.

Finance continues to work with the auditor to prepare for FY25 year end.

### Budget FY26

We are on schedule with our TRIM process and the FY26 Budget.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **23** net followers on Facebook and **20** net followers on Instagram.
- We amassed **17.9K** views on Facebook and **5.2K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**.
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
  - Our post welcoming our new Community Engagement Coordinator Emily McCauley to the Children's Trust (**3.8K views**)
  - Our post recapping the UF women basketball team's visit to Limitless Adventures, one of our summer camp providers (**1.8K views**).
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
  - Our post welcoming our TeensWork Alachua interns to the Children's Trust, Jakayla and Jaden, and Evaluation intern, Tram (**432 views**).
  - Our post recapping the Children's Trust staff retreat (**416 views**).

### In The News

- <http://www.msn.com/en-us/health/other/uf-health-recognized-for-doula-services/ar-AA1GR1YW?apiversion=v2&noservercache=1&domshim=1&renderwebcomponents=1&wcseo=1&batchservertelemetry=1&noservertelemetry=1>
- <https://www.wcjb.com/2025/06/17/uf-health-recognized-doula-services/>
- <https://www.mainstreetdailynews.com/education/citizens-of-the-month/citizens-of-the-year>
- <https://alachuachronicle.com/uf-health-earns-nations-first-doula-friendly-designation/>
- [TeensWork Alachua: Building skills for future success](#)

## BOARD MOTIONS AND REQUESTS

DATE	MOTION / REQUEST	STATUS
3.25.2024	Vice Chair Twombly suggested a presentation by a Medicaid outreach provider to discuss the full range of Medicaid's services. ED Kiner suggested this be incorporated into staff's professional development and into the training offered to providers.	Scheduling in progress
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.	Draft in progress
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.	In progress
11.4.2024	The Board discussed the need for affordable housing for families with children, with a focus on those living in cars or motels. Member Hardt suggested contacting Anne Ray from the Shimberg Center to give a presentation on local issues and potential solutions.	Scheduling for the September Board Meeting
11.4.2024	The Board requested a joint meeting with the Alachua County Library Board.	Scheduling in progress
2.10.2025	Member Hardt requested the Board invite Theresa Beachy to discuss affordable housing, ALICE report, and the work she's doing with the chamber. She would also like to discuss housing challenges in Gainesville, particularly among our "heroes" - teachers, law enforcement, fire rescue, and nurses.	Scheduling In progress
3.10.2025	Member Chance suggested checking with other CSC's and considering listing funded organizations under priorities on the website for accountability.	In progress
3.10.2025	Dr. Labarta requested a follow-up to the community needs listing.	In progress (Researching)
3.10.2025	Dr. Hardt requested a follow-up report on future agenda from Partnership for Strong Families.	Completed
4.7.2025	Member Chance requested more information about national and state campaigns for grade-level reading that have/are successful in increasing 3rd grade reading scores. (Backbone organizations and their models).	In progress

4.7.2025	Member Chance expressed interest in learning whether other Trusts prioritize zip codes with identified gaps in funding decisions (FL Chamber Gap Map)	In progress
5.12.2025	Member Pinkoson moved CTAC staff engage with BoCC staff in the development of a 24-hour childcare center and workforce development pilot program for first responders and essential public workers	Completed  (County Staff and CTAC Staff met to discuss the county's plans. CTAC agreed to assist when needed and has included County Staff on all early learning initiatives. CTAC staff will collaborate with the county once notified of the county's next steps.
5.12.2025	Member Pinkoson moved staff work with the Community Foundation and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence to coordinate the next steps in the creation of the comprehensive literacy plan within 90 days.	Completed (August 2025 Board meeting presentation)
6.9.2025	Dr. Labarta requested data on which after-school program sites are also utilizing CTAC enrichment programs.	Completed (FYI section, August 2025 Board packet)
6.9.2025	Member Pinkoson requested a report at the next meeting showing which programs have a 3-6 month invoicing lag.	Completed (FY 2025 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (June))

## SUCCESS STORIES

### Goodwill Industries Inc: TeensWork Alachua

We are thrilled to highlight the ongoing success of one of our incredible TeensWork Alachua interns, Demari Owens, who continues to shine long after his 2024 summer internship!

Demari was placed with *Curia on the Drag*, a vibrant and inclusive local café, as part of his TeensWork Alachua internship. From day one, he brought dedication, enthusiasm, and a strong work ethic to the team. Demari's strong contributions did not go unnoticed. His supervisors have shared that "Demari is doing a wonderful job" and has quickly become a valued member of their staff.

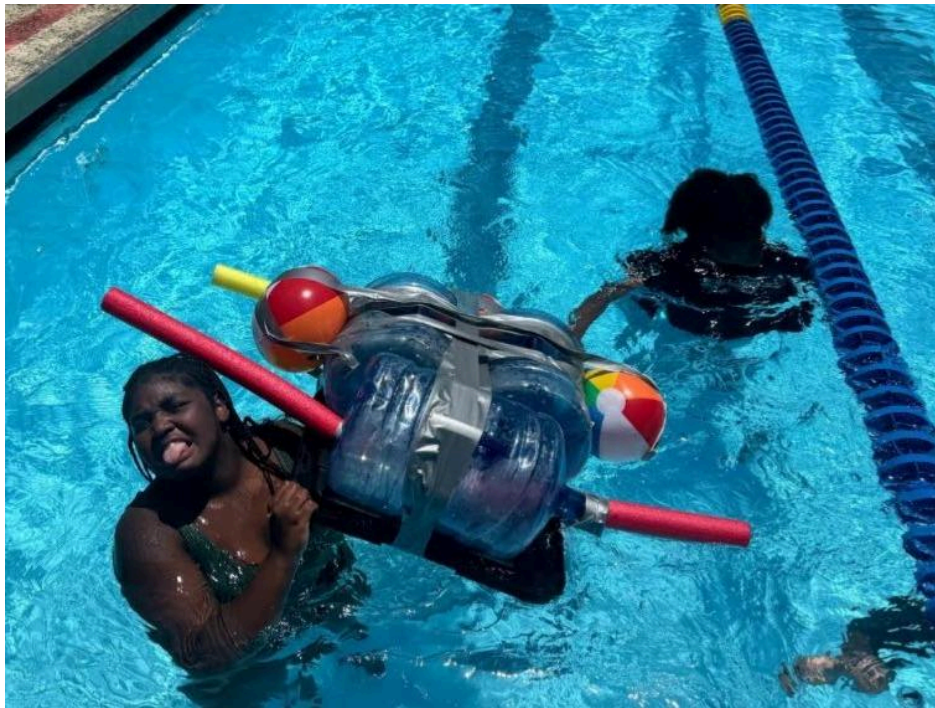
A year later, we're proud to say that Demari is still happily employed at Curia, and is continuing to grow professionally and personally in a supportive environment. His journey is a great example of the impact TeensWork Alachua is making in the community!



### Aces in Motion Summer Camp: STEM Boat Challenge

During week 3 of Aces in Motion Summer Camp, campers dove headfirst into the annual *STEM Boat Challenge*!

AIM Summer Camp Participants worked in teams throughout the week to conceive, design, and build boats capable of transporting a person one pool length. Through managing project budgets, obtaining construction materials and experimenting with design, AIM summer campers strengthened their collaboration, problem-solving, and engineering skills. The week culminated in a day of friendly competition at TB McPherson Pool where teams showcased their ingenuity and teamwork as their boats were put to the test. Big shoutout to The Clovers for taking home 1<sup>st</sup> Place!



## **NW Boys and Girls Club: After School Success Story**

When I think of success stories at the Northwest Boys & Girls Club, the first name that comes to mind is Skylar.

I first met Skylar when his grandmother introduced him during my early days at the Club. She described him as a quiet, reserved child, who preferred to stay to himself. She expressed concern that he might be struggling socially and asked that we keep a close eye on him, to ensure he wasn't being bullied.

What has happened since then is truly inspiring. Over the past year, Skylar has blossomed into one of the most dependable and impactful members of our Club. His academic confidence has grown, his personality has flourished, and his maturity has developed in ways that set him apart. Today, Skylar is not just a participant, he's a role model.

He regularly assists staff with classroom setup, supports his peers during activities, and often offers guidance to friends going through tough times. His kindness, leadership, and willingness to help others have made him a difference-maker in our community.

Skylar represents everything we hope for in our mission to help young people reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. We're proud to have him as part of our Northwest family, and we're even more excited to see where his journey leads next.

### **Deonte Lee**

Club Director, Northwest Boys and Girls Club