



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

September 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022

SUMMARY

Highlight for the Month:

1. System Mapping project with Kallen Shaw, University of Florida doctoral student
2. Alachua County Board of County Commission presents Children's Trust with a proclamation declaring Lights on Afterschool Day on Oct. 20, 2022.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
Sept 1	GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club	Networking with Woman's Club members and discussing upcoming projects. Presentation by Pace Center.
Sept 2	Leon County CSC	Met with Leon County CSC about their needs assessment, strategic planning, and exploration of enterprise software solutions.
Sept 7	Hillsborough County CSC	Met with Hillsborough County CSC about their evaluation policies, practices, and the data system they utilize (CATS).
Sept 8	Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce	Celebrating our Nonprofit Community event.
Sept 9	New World Literacy	Meeting with Nasseka Sargine Denis to learn more about New World Literacy.
Sept 13	Fifth Ave Neighborhood Association	Hosting Fifth Ave Neighborhood Association and networking with members.
Sept 14	University of Florida Eye Opener Discovery Meeting	Update on University of Florida's achievements and networking with attendees. Over 200 attended this event.
Sept 14	Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion Initiative (GINI) Blueprint Update	A 6-month update was provided by Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion Initiative steering committee to highlight work accomplished towards the five goals to overcome inequalities: Engage communities, Equitable Access, Healthy Communities, Safe Communities, and Equitable Education. The city, county and community are working

		together to advance GINI goals to support Hispanic families and other cultures.
Sept 14	ACCPTA General Meeting	Alachua County Council of PTA's hosted a general meeting at Bishop Middle School. A tour of the school was provided, and information shared by Superintendent Shane Andrew. Great opportunity to learn from PTA members across the county.
Sept 21	Manatee County CSC	Met with Manatee County CSC about their evaluation policies, practices, and the data system they utilize (Blackbaud).
Sept 22	Every Child Deserves a Home Fall Luncheon event	Family Promise hosted a free event to educate community organizations and groups about services provided and offered to support homeless families in need.
Sept 22	EGI Forum	Santa Fe held an event to highlight 20 years of accomplishments all of the East Gainesville Initiative
Sept 23	Duval County CSC	Met with Duval County CSC about their evaluation policies, practices, and the data system they utilize (SAMIS).
Sept 23	Internal meeting	Met internally to finalize discussion for new contracts Saving Smiles, Child Advocacy Center, and Weekend hunger back program-Catholic Charities.
Sept 24	Episcopal Children's Service Wild Reading Safari event	Sponsored and provided a resource table during Episcopal's Children's Services Wild Reading Safari event at Santa Fe Zoo. Provided coloring health & safety books and info about Children's Trust.

Sept 25	Premier Moms Family Health & Fitness Day	Sponsored and provided a resource table at Premier Moms 1st Annual Family Health & Fitness Day in Alachua. Provided coloring health & safety books and info about the Children's Trust.
Sept 27	Duval County CSC	Met with Duval County CSC to learn more about how they leverage their data system, community level planning, and reporting.
Sept 27	Alachua County Board of County Commissioners meeting	Children's Trust received a proclamation by Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and presented by Commissioner Ken Cornell, declaring Oct. 20th as "Lights on Afterschool" Day. Children's Trust will host the LOA event at Harn Museum of Arts on Oct 20th from 4-6pm.

PROGRAMS CALENDAR

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September	
Thursday, September 1, 2022	Cade Community Forum
Thursday, September 1, 2022	Campaign for Grade Level Reading Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	Programs Team Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2022	Listening Project - Project Plan with Prismatic
Thursday, September 8, 2022	Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County Quality Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022	CTAC Renewal meetings begin
Friday, September 9, 2022	Pritzker Children's Initiative and Community Fellow Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022 BOARD MEETING	Programs Update & 1st TRIM Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2022	Pritzker Grant Partners Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022	Business Leadership Institute Masterclass Cohort 2 Planning Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2022	Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022 BOARD MEETING	Programs Update & 2nd TRIM Meeting
Friday, September 30, 2022	Capacity Building - End of the year program narrative due (Enrichment Providers)
October	
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Healthy Start Community Doula Collaboration Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022	Campaign for Grade Level Reading Meeting
Friday, October 7, 2022	UF Parade Appearance
Monday, October 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING	Gainesville Empowerment Zone - Family Learning Center Presentation
Thursday, October 13, 2022	WUFT Great Good Documentary
Saturday October 15, 2022	Pritzker Children's Initiative and Community Fellow Planning Meeting
Friday October 21, 2022	NCIT Community Monthly Meeting
Friday October 21, 2022	BLI Community Conversation on the Business of Childcare
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	Campaign for Grade Level Reading Advisory Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2022	Florida Children's Movement Advisory Meeting
Friday, October 28, 2022	Help Me Grow Alachua Monthly Meeting

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Data Technical Advisory Committee – Developed a resolution and presentation on the [Data Collection and Management Policy](#) for Board approval during the September 26, 2022 meeting. Beginning implementation of policy through carrying out identified next steps.

Data System Exploration – Continued one-on-one discussions with evaluation staff at other CSCs (Leon, Manatee, Hillsborough, Duval) regarding their data systems, evaluation practices, and policies. Received CSC contracts, data user agreements, draft RFP, and other documents for review.

End of Year Reporting - Administering End-of-Year Reporting processes for 67 contracts, which includes data submissions, reporting on performance measures, characteristics of the population served, providing narrative reflections, and feedback on how the Trust can improve.

Contract Renewal - Review, discuss, and refine performance measures, data collection, and monthly reporting with providers and contract managers.

Summer Camps – Compile and analyze data received on summer camp participants, services, and family and provider experiences to support the development of an overall report and 28 program specific snapshots for providers and Trust staff to review and plan for improvements.

Listening Project – Provide oversight and on-going input and feedback to support the completion of project plan, stakeholder lists, instruments for engaging and gathering meaningful input. Providing regular updates to colleagues during meetings and via email to ensure staff involvement in initial interviews and to help support the project work as needed.

Webinars/Articles/Professional Development:

[Afterschool Programming Efficacy Study](#). February 2022. Kids Hope Alliance. Jacksonville, Florida.

[Develop Shared Frameworks to Measure Outcomes and Assure Accountability](#). September 7, 2022. BUILD Initiative and the Center for the Study of Social Policy.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

September Bank Activity Report
September Balance Sheet Report
Monthly Programs and Aid Awards and Expenses
4th Quarter Financial Report Memo to BoCC
4th Quarter Financial Report to BoCC
4th Quarter Income Statement

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Report: August 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

[Website Traffic – Key Points](#)

Page Views 3,310
New Users 1,013

[Most Viewed Web Pages](#)

Home Page 629
Meetings 208
Regular Meeting 202
Program Directory 136
Bids/RFPs 130

[Followers](#)

Constant Contact 1,288
Facebook 997
Twitter 216
Instagram 209
LinkedIn 129

[In the News](#)

[Celebrating 20 years of SF College's East Gainesville Initiative – Gainesville Sun – September 27, 2022](#)

[Help Me Grow Alachua offers free assessments and resources to help children thrive– Gainesville Sun – September 16, 2022](#)

[SF College to host East Gainesville forum - Gainesville Sun/The Guardian – September 16, 2022](#)

BOARD MOTIONS

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

DATE	MOTION	STATUS	COMMENTS
9/26/22	Have staff create a policy, using County's policy, for natural disasters	In progress	Staff will work with HR Consultant and report back to Board for approval.
6/27/22	Request from Board to have programs staff meet with the following programs to discuss funding needs 1. Saving Smiles 2. Child Advocacy Center 3. Weekend Hunger Backpack Program	In Progress	Contract negotiations have been scheduled. Staff will report back to the Board in November

BOARD REQUESTS

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8/8/22	Research programs that address technology and connectivity needs	In progress	Program team will meet to determine the best approach

SUCCESS STORIES

Florida Institute of Workforce Innovation- Project YouthBuild

There is a 23-year-old young woman who has 3 children ages 4, 2 and 3 months. She dropped out of high school early in her senior year with the intention of returning, but never re-enrolled. As the mother of 3 young children, she knew it was important for her to earn her high school diploma, so she could provide the best future for her and her children. She applied to Project YouthBuild and was invited back to the Mental Toughness Training (MTT) along with over 60 other young people. She did an outstanding job throughout the MTT and was 1 of 38 young people selected to be a member of the Project YouthBuild Class of 2023. She is excited for the opportunity that she has before her and plans on walking across the stage to accept her high school diploma in the Spring of 2023 at the PYB graduation ceremony.

I AM STEM Summer Camp shared the following successes from their program:

There was a growing number of African American girls engaged in STEM activities. Regardless of the student's age - they were able to individually participate in the dissection of specimens, which is typically introduced in the secondary school grade levels. Students experienced engineering through a hands-on car-building activity. Our high school scholars completed an average of 100 volunteer hours, helping them qualify for future scholarships.

Peaceful Paths, Inc.

The dawn of the school year brings Peaceful Paths back into Eastside High School for our 12-week curriculum with 11th-grade Medical Skills students. Since we will delve into emotionally charged content, I wanted to spend the first session building rapport. On day one, we played a couple of rowdy icebreaker games and had entirely too much fun for 10:30 am on a school day. I was even dubbed "lit" by a 16-year-old male, which (to my knowledge) is the highest honor. I provided our pre-test and ironed out our expectations for behavior.

When I came in the following week, the students were visibly excited. Our second lesson examined the harmful impact of gender stereotypes, and it pleasantly surprised me how invested the students were in the conversation. When I introduced the stereotype box activity, female-identifying students shared how it feels more socially acceptable for them to step out of the "stereotype box" than men. They even conveyed that they felt sorry for their male counterparts for how restricted they are by rigid gender norms. We

had an insightful conversation about how standards for masculinity can negatively impact men's well-being and mental health. We ended with the students promising to promote acceptance and call out stereotypes they encounter.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, Inc.

This month we wanted to share a match closure story. As much as we would love all of our matches to continue on forever, life is continuously bringing on change. For Big, Sasha, this change would require her to move all the way to the west coast. Little, Tanisa, and Big, Sasha, have been matched for just under two years. This match hit it off from day one. When these two first met Tanisa was in 7th grade at Westwood Middle School and it was in the middle of Covid. Tanisa's mom, Bri, came to us for support for her daughter as she felt Tanisa's mental state was being impacted negatively by the pandemic and her isolation at the house. Bri shared that she works many hours as a CNA, days and nights, in order to provide for her family. This leaves her very little time to spend with her children. The time Sasha was able to invest in Tanisa not only gave Tanisa an opportunity to get out of the house and explore our community, but Sasha provided Tanisa with conversation and support for Tanisa's future goals. Tanisa is very smart and tenacious toward reaching her goals. Through the guidance of Sasha, Tanisa was accepted into the graphic design program at Loften High School in which she began last week. Tanisa was also awarded two summer scholarships to attend the Hippodromes Acting Camp. These are only two of the gains that were made and easy to identify; however, Tanisa was quoted as stating, "My life was completely changed by meeting Sasha. She will forever be my Big".

For Sasha, she will be moving to California to continue her law career by now working for the FBI. At the match closure meeting Sasha said, "I believe Tanisa and I were always supposed to be friends. She is my soul sister and I love her.". Big Brothers Big Sisters will continue to stay connected to both Big and Little. Once family...always family.

Gainesville Thrives, Inc.

Gainesville Thrives is pleased to report that we have reached over 1,000 children registrations for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and that we are making tremendous strides in our outreach to targeted communities. We are especially enthusiastic about the very positive results of our parent survey and would like to share those results with the Children's Trust. We have increased our registration drives and volunteers to assist in neighborhood canvassing. We are participating in back-to-school events and local programs have been able to table and actively enroll attendees. We are excited that our enrollment numbers are increasing, and we are exceeding national averages in some areas.