



Item:

Listening Project (Bonnie Wagner)

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive this update.

Background:

The Children's Trust is offering a variety of opportunities for stakeholders across Alachua County to have their thoughts and input heard. The goal of the Listening Project is to allow for a variety of stakeholders – parents, youth, providers, partners, and other interested community residents – to have meaningful input on services we fund, our approach, and how to best partner and mobilize resources to improve outcomes for children. We hope to gain insight on key priorities, existing community strengths and resources, as well as identify needs and gaps. Input gained from this process will be critical to informing our strategic plan and direction of the Trust moving forward.

Prismatic Services Inc. – the vendor selected to carry out listening activities, analysis, and reporting – submitted the project plan detailing project phases, tasks, timeline, instruments, and approach. Prismatic is deploying a variety of approaches in the coming months to hear from our community including – key informant interviews, surveys, focus groups, and community meetings. Key informant interviews have already begun and will continue throughout October. Provider and partner surveys begin in early October. Parents and teen focus groups and surveys will start in mid-October and continue through December. Finally, two community meetings will occur in November and December.

Listening activities will wrap up in late December/early January. Input derived from the variety of activities will be compiled and analyzed with initial results being workshopped by Steering Committee members in a February 2023 data party. A final report will be completed and presented to the Board during the April 10, 2023, Board meeting. Additional communication products will be used to share back results with those who have participated in the Listening Project. These communication products will highlight key findings, immediate, and long-term next steps are slated to be finalized May 30, 2023.

Attachments:

Listening Project - Project Plan

Programmatic Impact:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Receive the information.