



Item:

Gainesville For All Follow-up on Gainesville Empowerment Zone (GEZ) Family Learning Center (James Lawrence)

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive this update.

Background:

The Gainesville Empowerment Zone (GEZ) Family Learning Center is a joint project by Gainesville for All and the Alachua County Public School District. It is located on the property of W.A. Metcalf Elementary School. GEZ presented an update to the board at the April 8, 2024 Children's Trust of Alachua County Board Meeting. GEZ committed to providing a follow-up response to the following tasks at the June 10, 2024 Children's Trust of Alachua County Board Meeting:

1. Evaluate and provide income projections based on the school readiness rate increase, School Readiness Plus program, after school programming, and future designation as Gold Seal.
2. Utilize the Accreditation Specialist to strategize any barriers or challenges as they move through Accreditation Academy to Gold Seal.
3. Look into Trauma Informed Care training as suggested by Member Judge Ferrara.
4. Complete the budget and enrollment numbers. Determined how many kids GEZ needs to be paid to break even as suggested by Member Cornell.
5. Schedule a meeting with Angela Moore with ELC for training on the application process, qualifying criteria, resources, and the different funding categories.
6. Work on completing the criterion/policy for scholarship funding as suggested by Member Certain.
7. Exploring opportunities to collaborate, to share back-office services or training and to connect with various childcare providers in the area as suggested by Member Chance.

For this presentation the board will be provided with the follow up response to the tasks above.

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 2- Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

The board is asked to receive the report.