



Item:

Maternal and Child Health Initiative and Listening Sessions

Requested Action:

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Background:

The Children's Trust of Alachua County intends to release the Maternal and Child Health RFP in November. The Children's Trust of Alachua County has partnered with UF Maternal Health to conduct listening sessions, interviews, and convene the ACCESS Taskforce.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the maternal and child health initiative and share the listening session activities for the month of August.

ACCESS Taskforce is made up of community leaders and partners who can offer insight and guidance and amplify the voices of the broader affected community. The introduction and inaugural meeting were held on July 15 and July 18. The objective of the inaugural meeting included engaging in discussions regarding the specific needs of the community, reviewing available resources and assets, formulating effective strategies for disseminating recruitment materials for community listening sessions, and discussing plans for the recently funded perinatal mobile outreach clinic. The Taskforce will convene bi-monthly for a year, following which we will reevaluate continued need. Future meetings are scheduled for:

September 12, 2024

March 13, 2025

November 14, 2024

May 8, 2025

January 9, 2025

Listening sessions and interview have started with additional to be scheduled in September. UF Maternal Health Team has partnered with Rural Women's Health for a few listening sessions, focus groups, and interviews that focus on Creole and Spanish speaking residents.

August 27, 2024

Community Listening Session

August 28, 2024

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Lactation Specialist Focus Group

September 7, 2024

Doula Town Hall and Focus Group

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 1- Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships.

Fiscal Impact:

\$343,700.00

Recommendation:

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- And people who serve them

Why Attend?

- Share your experiences and perspectives.
- Identify gaps and needs in current support systems.
- Collaborate on actionable solutions to improve health outcomes.

 Date: Tuesday, August 27

 Time: 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

 Location: Online via Zoom

Compensation: \$50

To register and attend the meeting, please use the QR code or link below.



<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/84461234567>

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PI: Adetola Louis-Jacques

Protocol #: ET00023775

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 Date: Tuesday August 27 and Wednesday, August 28 (Please only register for one of the sessions)

 Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

 Location: Online via Zoom

Compensation: \$50

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[https://ufl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwud-qprTMjH9aSB-CIXD_IkKXo4VPwS8-u](https://ufl.zoom.us/join/register/tJwud-qprTMjH9aSB-CIXD_IkKXo4VPwS8-u)

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Connecting Care: Doula Town Hall

Who: All Doulas serving Alachua County and surrounding areas

What: We will gather to share and discuss:

- The Doula Friendly® Initiative
- Results of the Alachua County Doula and UF Health Shands Survey
- Discuss the needs of pregnant and postpartum people
- Share where doulas can help our residents and what doulas need to be successful

When: Saturday, September 7th @ 12:00 p.m.

Where: Florida School of Traditional Midwifery
810 E University Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32601

Childcare available upon request



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For questions, please contact:

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