



Item:

Family Eviction & Housing Stability Convening (Kristy Goldwire)

Requested Action:

Review, discuss, and provide feedback on the proposed eviction prevention recommendations.

Background:

At the direction of the Children's Trust of Alachua County Board of Directors, staff convened a focused gathering of community partners and stakeholders to examine the growing challenges of family eviction, youth homelessness, and housing instability affecting children, youth, and families throughout Alachua County.

The convening, moderated by Frank Wells and Traci Blue of Bright Community Trust, was held on Wednesday, May 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session brought together representatives from Family Resource Centers, Alachua County social service agencies, city and county government, legal aid organizations, emergency shelters, and other community-based organizations to discuss current trends, identify service gaps, and explore opportunities for collaboration and systems-level solutions.

Participants shared insights on the factors contributing to housing instability, the impact of eviction on child and family well-being, barriers to accessing housing resources, and strategies to strengthen prevention and intervention efforts. The discussion highlighted both immediate challenges facing families and broader systemic issues affecting housing stability across the community.

Attachments:

Family Eviction & Housing Stability Convening PowerPoint
Convening Summary

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 1: Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Review the findings and recommendations and provide direction regarding the recommendations to be presented to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).