



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

May 1, 2026 - June 1, 2026

### **SUMMARY**

1. Legislative Property Taxes Update
2. Family Evictions and Housing Stability Convening

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING,  
COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING / EVENT</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
May 4, 2026	Housing Convening Discussion	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Frank Wells, President and CEO of Bright Community Trust to discuss the upcoming Housing Convening.
May 4, 2026	Continuum of Care Meeting	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Jacob Torner and Keanna Johnson to discuss the work of the COC, the results of the Homeless Summit, and how to collaborate on behalf of families and children.
May 5, 2026	UF Community Engagement Meeting	ED Kiner met with UF Community Engagement to discuss community needs and opportunities.
May 5, 2026	Alachua County School District	COO K. Goldwire attended and supported the Alachua County Amplified student presentation at the ACPS District Meeting
May 6, 2026	Bike to School Day at High Spings Community School	E. McCauley tabled at event with Safe Kids NCFL Coalition.
May 7, 2026	Shine School Tour and meeting with Amy Padgett	E. McCauley attended.
May 8, 2026	City Hall Plaza Ribbon Cutting	E. McCauley attended.
May 8, 2026	Inspired Energy Health Fair in Newberry	E. McCauley tabled at event.
May 9, 2026	Sponsored Event: VPK Prom	ED M. Kiner and E. McCauley tabled and attended sponsored event.
May 9, 2026	Sponsored Event: Archer Cultural Arts Mother's Day Festival	E. McCauley tabled at sponsored event.

May 11, 2026	Alachua County Legislative Delegation Luncheon	ED Kiner, COO Goldwire, and CMD Cunha attended.
May 12, 2026	5th Ave. Neighborhood Association Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
May 12, 2026	Early Childhood Learning Collaborative	CTAC hosted the meeting of the workgroups to discuss emerging strategies and updates as they narrow their recommendations to bring back to CTAC as priorities for funding.
May 13, 2026	Help Me Grow Alachua: Books, Balls, and Blocks Event	E. McCauley tabled with resources at partner event.
May 14, 2026	Hawthorne Chamber Lunch and Learn	E. McCauley attended.
May 14, 2026	Alachua County Property Tax Collector	COO K. Goldwire conducted a Children's Trust Presentation for Tax Collector staff
May 14, 2026	Aces in Motion Family Banquet	M. De Zutter attended.
May 20, 2026	Healthy Afternoons with Gainesville Fire Rescue	E. McCauley tabled with resources at community event.
May 20, 2026	Amplified Student Voice Coalition EOY Celebration	COO K. Goldwire attended
May 21, 2026	Tour of Humane Society and meeting youth outreach staff.	E. McCauley attended
May 21, 2026	Sponsored Event: Mirror Image Gala	COO K. Goldwire and E. McCauley attended.
May 22, 2026	Safety Net Collaborative Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
May 23, 2026	Cade Museum Birthday Bash	E. McCauley tabled at community event.

May 26, 2026	Juvenile Prevention Strategies Meeting with Tony Jones	ED Kiner met with Tony Jones to continue discussions about opportunities to support justice involved juveniles and their families while in the detention center and upon their return from court appointed sentences.
May 27, 2026	Citizens of the Year Awards Ceremony	E. McCauley attended.
May 27, 2026	High Springs Family Resource Center Visioning & Grand Re-Opening Event	Attended by COO K. Goldwire, CMD D. Cunha, and DPO B. James
May 27, 2026	Family Eviction & Housing Stability Convening	CTAC hosted a convening on evictions and housing for homeless youth and families.

## PROGRAMS CALENDAR

May	
May 1, 2026	Literacy: Alachua County Reads and BayBooks and More
May 1, 2026	AMIKids Gainesville Community Workforce Development Site Visit
May 2, 2026	CPR Training for Providers
May 4, 2026	CTAC Regular Staff Meeting
May 4, 2026	Aces in Motion: Meet and Greet with new Executive Director Dr. Vince Miller
May 4-7, 2026	Literacy: Florida GLRC Annual Leadership Symposium & Literacy Expo
May 5, 2026	Literacy: Grade Level Reading (GLR) Learning Tuesday- Successfully Implementing Strategies to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism
May 5, 2026	Enrichment Programming: Crafty Gemini Youth Development Site Visit
May 6, 2026	Family Resource Center: Partnership for Strong Families   SWAG & Library Partnership
May 6, 2026	Data review: Wellness Coordinator
May 6, 2026	Early Learning: Early Educators Workgroup, Anita Zucker Center, and Santa Fe College- Tool for Teacher (TfT) Embedded Services and Early Childhood Behavioral Support System Chart Discussion
May 6, 2026	Find help Provider Training
May 8, 2026	Literacy: Follow-up Literacy Discussion with School District and Alachua County Reads
May 8, 2026	Early Learning: Thriving Parents Workgroup Meeting
May 11, 2026	Maternal Health: UF Maternal ACCESS Navigator Contract Check In Meeting
May 11, 2026	Site Visit: UF - SPARC352 - STEAM Station Pop-Up Activities at Willie Mae Stokes Center
May 12, 2026	Early Learning: Early Learning Collaborative Meeting

May 12, 2026	Literacy: Grade Level Reading (GLR) Learning Tuesday- Advancing Early Literacy Through Afterschool, Policy, and Strategic Partnerships
May 12, 2026	Early Childhood: Alachua County Interagency Meeting
May 12, 2026	Willie Mae Stokes Family Resource Center Grand Opening
May 13, 2026	Early Learning: Check In Meeting with Dorothy Thomas
May 13, 2026	Leadership GNV
May 14, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
May 14, 2026	Early Learning: ELC of Alachua County Quality Committee Meeting
May 14, 2026	SAMIS Management Group Meeting
May 14, 2026	Literacy: Alachua County Reads Update Discussion
May 15, 2026	Aces in Motion: After School Program Family Banquet at Prairie View Elementary School
May 15, 2026	CPR Training for Providers
May 18, 2026	Early Childhood: Next Chapter First 1000 Days Florida
May 18, 2026	Education: Florida's Talent Engine: Why Postsecondary Attainment is Everyone's Business
May 18, 2026	Alachua County Sheriff Office: Readers on Duty Site Visit
May 19, 2026	Early Learning: The Future Call- Conversations on Florida's Early Learning Future
May 19, 2026	Early Learning: ELC Discuss/Speech and Language Application
May 19, 2026	Willie Mae Stokes Community Center: Meeting with Pastor Stokes - After School Program Development / 2027 Planning
May 19, 2026	Maternal Health: NCIT- Doula Integration: Increasing Collaboration to Transform Care
May 19, 2026	SAMIS S3 Meeting
May 20, 2026	Maternal Health: Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) North Central CRT

May 20, 2026	Literacy: Alachua County Grade Level Reading Campaign (GLRC) Advisory Committee
May 20, 2026	CTAC Staff meeting with Ross Ambrose
May 20, 2026	PSF SW Advocacy Group Resource Center Site Visit
May 20, 2026	PSF Library Partnership Resource Center Site Visit
May 20, 2026	Amplified Student Voice Coalition EOY Celebration
May 20, 2026	Revisiting Erickson's 8 Stages of psychosocial development provider training with Genesis
May 20, 2026	FACCT IT Affinity Group
May 20, 2026	CNE Workshop: Measuring What Matters: Program Outcomes and Impact
May 21, 2026	211 Provider Training
May 27, 2026	Early Learning: Thriving Parents Workgroup Meeting
May 27, 2026	Deeper Purpose Visioning & Grand Re-Opening Event
May 28, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
<b>June</b>	
June 1, 2026	HIPPY Graduation
June 2, 2026	The Future Call: Conversations on Florida's Early Learning Future
June 2, 2026	FACCT Programs Affinity Group
June 3, 2026	Head Start Summer Bridge Contract Site Visit- Gainesville Center
June 3, 2026	Head Start Summer Bridge Contract Site Visit- Highland Center
June 4, 2026	Head Start Summer Bridge Contract Site Visit- Martin Rochelle Childcare Center
June 4, 2026	Head Start Summer Bridge Contract Site Visit- Building Dreams
June 9, 2026	Early Childhood: NCIT Steering Committee Meeting
June 9, 2026	Enrichment Programming: Cultural Arts Coalition Site Visit
June 10, 2026	Traveling Arts Camp   Summer Camp Site Visit

June 10, 2026	Leadership GNV
June 11, 2026	I Am STEM   Summer Camp Site Visit
June 11, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
June 16, 2026	Literacy: Alachua County Reads Contract Review Meeting
June 16, 2026	SAMIS S3 Meeting
June 16, 2026	The Future Call: Conversations on Florida's Early Learning Future
June 17, 2026	Maternal Health: Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) North Central CRT
June 17, 2026	The Concrete Rose Foundation   Summer Camp Site Visit
June 17, 2026	Behavior Bricks   Summer Camp Site Visit
June 17, 2026	What are the F's in Trauma Response-Provider Training
June 17, 2026	FACCT IT Affinity Group
June 18, 2026	Just For Us Education   Summer Camp Site Visit
June 22, 2026	Alliance for Scholars (Gainesville)   Summer Camp Site Visit
June 24, 2026	Early Learning: Early Learning Impact Network Advisory Council Meeting
June 24, 2026	Star Center Children's Theatre   Summer Camp Site Visit
June 25, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
June 25, 2026	Maternal Health: Contract Meeting- A& A Doula Consulting
June 25, 2026	Maternal Health: HSNCF Annual Meeting
June 25, 2026	Limitless Adventures   Summer Camp Site Visit
June 26, 2026	Maternal Health: Contract Meeting NHVP
June 30, 2026	Early Childhood: NCIT Five State Power Sharing Initiative Quarterly Call
June 30, 2026	The Future Call: Conversations on Florida's Early Learning Future

## INITIATIVES

The Children’s Trust of Alachua County was proud to participate in the visioning session and grand reopening celebration of the High Springs Family Resource Center, affectionately known throughout the community as *The Resource Center*. This milestone represents the Trust’s third expansion into a rural municipality, furthering our commitment to ensuring that children, youth, and families have access to essential supports and services, regardless of where they live in Alachua County.

The High Springs Family Resource Center will serve as a community hub, providing families with access to resources, referrals, family support services, parenting education, youth programming, and connections to health, educational, and social service opportunities. Through collaboration with local partners and residents, the center will help strengthen family well-being, increase access to services, and support positive outcomes for children and families in the High Springs area and surrounding communities.

**DEEPER PURPOSE MINISTRIES**  
EST. 2017

# YOU'RE INVITED!

## *Visioning Session &* **GRAND REOPENING**

Join us as we gather to share vision, celebrate growth, and mark a new chapter!

**VISIONING SESSION**  
**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
Come share ideas, insights, and help shape the future of our community impact.

**GRAND REOPENING & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**  
**12:00 PM – 12:30 PM**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Celebrate with us as we officially reopen and dedicate this space!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**

Please join us at  
**DEEPER PURPOSE – THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
19975 NW 244th St., Unit 30  
High Springs, FL 32643

*Light refreshments*  
WILL BE PROVIDED!

**CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY** | **TRC THE RESOURCE CENTER** | **STRONG FAMILIES**

## **PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION**

### Site Visits

Visited sites to ensure compliance with contract requirements, discuss provider progress in meeting performance measures, and address challenges related to data collection and SAMIS use.

- AMI Kids
- Readers on Duty- Oak View Middle School
- Partnership for Strong Families (SWAG, Library Partnership)

### Literacy

- Engaged in preparation and implementation efforts for Alachua County Reads Initiative. Included meetings with representatives from Alachua County Public Schools and Center for Nonprofit Excellence.
- Attended Florida Grade Level Reading Campaign (FLGLRC) Annual Leadership Symposium and Literacy Expo in Tampa, FL
- Met with Director of Community Impact and FLGLRC Coordinator, United Way North Central Florida

### Provider Support

Met with providers to review progress in data collection and contract deliverables and provide support where needed. Provider meetings included:

- Aces in Motion Meet and Greet, Dr. Miller
- Alliance for Scholars, SAMIS training/data meeting
- Wellness Coordinator data review

### Planning, Future Initiatives

- Children and Youth with Special Needs: Planning an initiative to bring together parents, professionals, and other community members who support children and youth with special needs. Through this effort, we aim to better understand family experiences, assess existing supports and resources, and identify opportunities to enhance, expand, and develop new programs and services.
- Attended CTAC convening to address homelessness

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Financial Reports and Addendums**

- FY 2026 Budget Report (April)
- FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (April)
- FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (April)

*\*\*\*Please see “Annotations to Financial Statements” that accompanies Budget Report for detailed analysis*

### **Resolutions**

*Resolution No. 2026-03*

*Resolution No. 2026-04*

*Resolution No. 2026-05*

### **FY 2025 Audit**

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **26** net followers on Facebook and **16** followers on Instagram.
- We amassed **8.7K** views on Facebook, **23** views on LinkedIn and **1.4K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**.
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
  - Our post about Bike to School day (**2.1K views**)
  - Our post highlighting the UF Gator Vet Camp (**713 views**)
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
  - Our post about our morning show on Tu Fiesta (177 Views)

### New Campaigns / Projects

- Special Session materials
- Summer Camps news release push
- Gala planning

### Continuing Campaigns / Projects

- Strategic Plan edits
- Website redesign / YouTube Redesign
- Parenting Playbook
- Board meeting video pulls for socials and youtube
- Live monthly morning shows with Tu Fiesta
- Monthly podcast
- Provider Tours

### In the news:

- **The Gainesville Sun**
  - [County program trains postpartum doulas to fill gap in maternal support](#)
- **Alachua Chronicle**
  - [Pastor Adam Joy announces grand reopening of Family Resource Center on May 27](#)
  - [Alachua County Commission asks school board to review underutilized and vacant facilities to address homelessness; SBAC Chair says he's 'against that completely'](#)
  - [Alachua County Commission Chair Ken Cornell: Alachua County's homeless children need us all at the same table](#)
- **The Independent Florida Alligator**
  - [Can AI teach kids to read? UF researchers create interactive literacy app](#)

### BOARD MOTIONS AND REQUESTS

DATE	MOTION / REQUEST	STATUS
8.12.2024  3.10.2025	Member Chance mentioned that programmatic dashboards showing awarded amounts and actual invoiced/funded amounts for each program area would be helpful and useful for staff to create or distribute.  Member Chance suggested checking with other CSC's and considering listing funded organizations under priorities on the website for accountability.	In progress pending website host update completion
11.10.2025	Member Pinkoson moved to: Refer to staff the family eviction issue and to bring back to the Board after the new year possible recommendations to refer to the BoCC and Family Resource Centers.  Ask the chair to bring to the BoCC the Trust's concern of family evictions and to potentially put a placeholder to fund any Trust recommendations.	Completed - May 27th Convening Recommendations presented at the June Board meeting.
2.9.2026	Dr. Labarta moved that staff convene the major youth mental health providers and identify how CTAC can improve distribution of services and allot/distribute throughout the county.	In progress
3.9.2026	Member Pinkoson moved to accept the CQI report and have staff bring back a recommendation to include information on providers in the emerging category, staff support, and years contracted with CTAC.	Completed - Presented at the June Board meeting

## SUCCESS STORIES

### **PEAK Literacy | Success Story**

PEAK Literacy is proud to celebrate the growth of a third-grade student who graduated from the program reading above grade level. When the student entered PEAK Literacy in November 2025, she was reading at a 1.5 grade level and needed significant literacy intervention and individualized support.

Through consistent tutoring and the encouragement of her volunteer tutor, she made tremendous progress in just a few months. By April 2026, she graduated from the program reading at a 3.8 grade level. Exceeding grade-level expectations and demonstrating exceptional literacy growth.

Stories like this highlight the powerful impact that individualized tutoring, consistent support, and meaningful tutor-student relationships can have on a child's confidence and academic success.

### **Child Advocacy Center | Success Story**

A six-year-old female was referred for trauma-focused therapy following disclosure of sexual abuse perpetrated by her father. As a result of these traumatic experiences, the child demonstrated significant difficulties with emotional regulation and daily functioning, particularly within the school environment. Presenting symptoms included heightened anxiety, hypervigilance, exaggerated startle responses, increased aggression, and limited understanding of personal space and healthy boundaries. These trauma-related symptoms negatively impacted her sense of safety, peer interactions, and ability to engage consistently in academic settings.

In addition to the child's participation in therapeutic services, her mother has actively engaged in parenting support services aimed at increasing her understanding of trauma responses and strengthening her ability to respond to her child's emotional and developmental needs. Through ongoing support and psychoeducation, the mother has demonstrated increased attunement, responsiveness, and consistency in caregiving behaviors, contributing to the strengthening of the parent-child attachment relationship.

Since beginning services, the child has demonstrated notable progress in several areas of functioning. There has been a reduction in trauma-related symptoms, including decreased hypervigilance, fewer aggressive behaviors, and improved emotional regulation. The child has also shown increased understanding of personal boundaries and safety skills. Play therapy interventions have been utilized to support the processing of trauma-related fears and experiences in a developmentally appropriate manner. Through therapeutic play, the child has developed improved coping strategies, increased emotional expression, and greater feelings of safety and stability.

### **University of Florida Saving Smiles | Success Story**

This month, we supported a 4-year-old child from Gainesville who initially presented for a dental checkup with her father. During her first visit, a small cavity was identified on a back baby molar; however, the child was extremely fearful of dental treatment and was unable to tolerate the

procedure at that time. Rather than forcing treatment, our team scheduled a second visit and worked closely with the father to help prepare his daughter in a positive, supportive way. We coached him on framing the upcoming appointment as fun and routine and encouraged practice at home using a plastic mirror and a dental applicator brush near her mouth to reduce fear and sensitivity.

When the child returned for her second visit this month at TB McPherson Center, she arrived excited and immediately climbed into the dental chair. She opened wide and calmly allowed the dental team to complete her treatment without difficulty. The cavity was successfully treated using a baby tooth filling that required no dental injection or drilling, making the experience especially comfortable for such a young child while protecting the tooth until it naturally exfoliates around age 10.

The child was praised for her enthusiasm and cooperation and received a prize at the end of her appointment. We also recognized and commended her father for his commitment and preparation efforts, which were key to the success of the visit. The child is now scheduled to continue routine dental checkups every 3–6 months, ensuring ongoing preventive care and positive dental experiences moving forward.

### **University of Florida Saving Smiles | Success Story # 2**

This month, we had the opportunity to support an 18-year-old high school senior who presented with his mother due to noticeable decay on an upper front tooth. The family had traveled from Hawthorne and shared that they do not have dental insurance nor an established dental provider. The mother explained that the condition of her son's tooth had significantly impacted his self-esteem, particularly as he prepared for important milestones during his senior year. During the visit, the patient received a dental cleaning and a tooth-colored composite filling to restore the front tooth. The transformation had an immediate positive impact, and the patient expressed excitement and relief to have the treatment completed in time for his high school prom. In addition to the restorative care, we reviewed proper oral hygiene practices and discussed strategies to prevent future cavities.