



Item:

Pritzker Children's Initiative Community Grant - Quarterly Update (Mia Jones)

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive this update.

Background:

Access to high quality early care and educational opportunities, particularly in the first 1000 days of life, is critical to long-term academic success. Additionally, maternal health, both emotional and physical, is the foundation for the first 1000 days of a child's life. Positive development and experiences in a child's earliest years have a lasting impact on employment, lifetime earnings, college attendance, and health.

In partnership with Pritzker Children's Initiative and Alachua County Stakeholders; Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, Alachua County Department of Health WIC office, and WellFlorida Council, the Children's Trust of Alachua County is working to transform early childhood care and education in Alachua County through the following objectives:

1. Increase participation rates of those living <200% FPL in existing federally, state, and locally funded maternal and infant health programs.
2. Improve the quality and availability of infant early care and education services by increasing the number of Gold Seal providers.

This quarterly update will share the impact numbers for 2021 (year 1) and the goal for 2022 (year 2).

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 1- All children are born healthy and remain healthy

Strategy 1.1 Supporting maternal and child health

Goal 2- All Children can learn what they need to be successful

Strategy 2.1 Supporting professional development and capacity building

Strategy 2.2 Supporting youth development

Goal 3- All children have nurturing and supportive caregivers and relationships

Strategy 3.1 Supporting initiatives that connect families to resources

Fiscal Impact:

NA

Recommendation:

Receive the information