



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

RFP Listening Session

March 14, 2024

10:30am-12:30pm & 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Community Feedback

- Oral healthcare continues to be one of the greatest unmet needs for children and adults
- Cost is the number one barrier to dental care
- Lack of pediatric dentists in Alachua County accepting private insurance and Medicaid insurance
- Families are experiencing extremely long waits for dentists accepting private and Medicaid insurance
- Dentists are increasing the age of children they will accept as patients
- Offering healthcare services during traditional hours is a barrier for families
- Health screens offered in schools are opt in vs opt out, creating gaps in needed care for children with the greatest risk factors
- Healthcare navigators are needed and fill an important role, connecting families to additional services and resources. Navigators can also assist with health literacy barriers
- Transportation is a significant barrier for families in rural areas
- There aren't very many healthcare providers in rural areas
- Location of care is a barrier for families in rural areas, everything seems to be in Gainesville
- Reducing barriers such as transportation, limits the number of emergency room visits
- Funding for culturally competent and bi-lingual healthcare navigators could support non-English speaking families access needed care
- Mobile health and outreach clinics are helping families across the county, but more support is needed to reach children in our rural areas and children of non-English speaking families
- Translate all healthcare forms
- Consider other funding pots to support education and awareness programming