



**CHILDREN'S TRUST**  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

June 1, 2024 - August 1, 2024

### **SUMMARY**

1. WUFT FanFares & Fireworks - Thank you to our partners
2. Finance Townhall
3. Afterschool Convening

<b>MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING / EVENT</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
6/3	TeensWork Alachua Kick-off Orientation	ED Kiner attended and spoke to the youth about their learning opportunities through the program.
6/4	Alachua Chamber of Commerce meeting	L. Cayson attended the Alachua Chamber meeting. Guest speaker, Chuck Clemons, Florida House of Representatives Speaker Pro-tempore.
6/4	Greater Gainesville Chamber - Latin Chamber meeting	L. Cayson attended the Latin Chamber meeting, part of Greater Gainesville Chamber.
6/6	GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club meeting	L. Cayson attended the High Springs Woman's Club meeting. Club members discussed fundraising efforts for the summer months.
6/5	Gun-Violence Prevention Alliance Stakeholders Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
6/6	TeensWork Alachua Orientation #2	ED Kiner spoke to the youth about their learning opportunities through the program.
6/7	Healthy Communities Meeting	L. Cayson attended the Healthy Communities meeting. Kourtney Oliver discussed the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) report and gave an update. Ms. Oliver discussed priority areas and indicated there are several meetings planned to discuss actionable ways to address improving the lives of residents in Alachua County.
6/8	Alachua County Library District - Reader Palooza Event	L. Cayson participated in the Reader Palooza event. The event was hosted by Alachua County Library District and held at Depot Park as their summer kick-off event. We

		provided a resource table and shared information with families and handed out fun promotional items for children. Pictures taken during the event and posted on CTAC's social media.
6/8	City of Gainesville Parks & Recreation- Greatest Graduation Party for the Culture.	L. Cayson participated in the event by hosting a resource table and sharing information with families. Pictures taken during the event and posted on CTAC's social media. This was a CTAC Sponsored event.
6/11	Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours Event - Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida	L. Cayson attended the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours event at Boys & Girls Club. The guest speaker was President/CEO Boys & Girls Club. He shared some of the recent accomplishments and their wish list.
6/11	The Education Foundation - Annual Year End Review & Executive Meet & Greet	L. Cayson attended The Education Foundation's end of the year meeting. Ms. Tia Brock-Paul was named the new Executive Director.
6/11	5th Avenue Neighborhood Association	ED Kiner attended.
6/13	Relay for Life, City of Alachua	L. Cayson attended the wrap-up meeting. CTAC received a certificate for participating in Relay for Life.
6/17	Gainesville Housing Authority Meeting	ED Kiner met with HGA CEO Pamela Davis to discuss opportunities for collaboration around youth programs.
6/18	High Springs Robotics Team	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Jason Sweat, President, to discuss opportunities for funding and support of the program.

6/20	ELC Board Retreat	ED Kiner participated in the ELC Board Retreat.
6/24	YMCA - Micanopy	L. Cayson participated in a site-visit with Belita to discuss community engagement and tabling opportunities during family activities or events offered by YMCA.
6/25	City of Alachua - Legacy Park	L. Cayson participated in site-visit with Belita to discuss community engagement and tabling opportunities during family activities or events offered by the City of Alachua.
6/26	Gainesville Area Women's Network (GAWN)	L. Cayson attended the luncheon hosted by Gainesville Area Women's Network (GAWN). Proceeds from the event went to benefit the Displaced Homemakers Program at Santa Fe College.
6/26	Gainesville Fire Rescue -Healthy Afternoons with Gainesville Fire Rescue	L. Cayson hosted a resource table at the event. Information was provided and fun promotional items were provided to children. Pictures were taken and posted on CTAC social media. This is a CTAC Sponsored event.
6/26	Gainesville Housing Authority Groundbreaking Ceremony - ELITE Job Training Center - E. University Ave.	ED Kiner attended the event to hear about the new training center and how it will serve families and the community of East Gainesville.
6/27	Hawthorne's Homecoming: Keeping the Dream Alive event	L. Cayson attended Hawthorne's Homecoming Opening Ceremony event held at Shell Elementary in Hawthorne. The guest speaker was Cornelius Ingram. Photos taken and posted on CTAC's social media.
7/1	Community Engagement Meeting with Addyson, TWA	L. Cayson met with Addyson L., TWA Intern to discuss CTAC's community engagement and outreach efforts.

7/2	American Heart Association Meeting	ED Kiner met with Shelby Bobbett, AHA's Senior Development Director to discuss collaboration and AHA in Alachua County.
7/3	WUFT Fanfare & Fireworks event	L. Cayson participated in the event by supporting the team and engaging with families. Took photos and shared them on CTAC's social media. All staff participate in this event.
7/9	Safety-Net meeting	L. Cayson attended the Safety-Net zoom meeting. Kourtney Oliver, DOH, called a zoom meeting to discuss her role as chair and her need to step down from serving as chair. Ms. Oliver currently chairs the Safety-Net and Healthy Communities committee meetings. There was discussion about how to move forward. Dr. Guyer agreed to chair the next meeting and committee members will discuss how to proceed.
7/9	Freedom School Summer Camp	CTAC staff visited the summer camp to discuss their potential expansion and the national award recognition they received.
7/10	Dare To Be Different: Youth Empowerment Organization	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Christine Rivers to discuss her organization and opportunities for funding.
7/10	Gun Violence Prevention Forum Committee Meeting	ED Kiner attended the meeting.
7/11	Health Promotion & Wellness Coalition	ED Kiner met with HPW staff to discuss Trust funding and opportunities to partner.
7/12	Gun Violence Initiatives Meeting with the City Manager	ED Kiner met with City Manager Cynthia Curry and Fire Chief Joe Dixon to discuss gun violence initiatives for possible funding through the Trust.

7/13	ELC Back To School event	L. Cayson participated in ELC's Back To School event by hosting a resource table and sharing information with families. Pictures taken during the event and posted on CTAC's social media. This was a CTAC Sponsored event.
7/16	Bread of the Mighty - Food Systems Coalition Conversation	This group met to begin discussions on forming some type of Food System Coalition to discuss ways to improve food insecurity and food desserts. The group agreed to continue to move forward with monthly meetings via zoom.
7/17	Gun Violence Forum Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
7/18	GINI Steering Committee, RWHP	L. Cayson attended the meeting via zoom. An update was provided on usage of Language line access in the school system. In September, plans are underway for Welcoming Week to be held in the City of Gainesville and High Springs. More information to follow.
7/18	High Springs Chamber	L. Cayson met with Sharon Decker, Executive Director to discuss upcoming events and to drop off a sponsorship check for a back to school event scheduled in August.
7/20	Howard Bishop Health & Awareness Fair	L. Cayson participated in the Howard Bishop Health & Awareness fair by hosting a resource table and sharing information with families. Pictures taken during the event and posted on CTAC's social media.
7/21	Launch of One Community Family Resource Center	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire attended the grand opening event.
7/22	City of Alachua Commission Meeting	ED Kiner and L. Cayson attended the City of Alachua Commissioners meeting. ED Kiner went before the Commissioners to highlight several funding programs including CTAC's summer camps and TeensWork Alachua.

7/24	2024 Disability Awareness Expo	L. Cayson participated in the 2024 Disability Awareness Expo by hosting a resource table and sharing information. The event was hosted by The City of Gainesville, Alachua County Disability Advisory Committee and Alachua County to Disability Awareness month.
7/24	ELC Board Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
7/25	Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Development meeting	L. Cayson attended the meeting. Kourtney Oliver discussed the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) report and gave an update. Ms. Oliver discussed some of the priority areas and survey responses. For the next meeting, members will discuss prioritizing each area.
7/26	Office of Prevention Services, Dept. of Juvenile Justice	ED Kiner met with Program Coordinator Jennifer Donald to discuss DJJ's One Mentor, One Child and Restoring Hope Community Network Programs.
7/27	P.A.V.E. Stop the Violence Back to School Event	L. Cayson hosted a resource table at the event. Information was provided and fun promotional items were provided to children. Pictures were taken and posted on CTAC social media. This is a CTAC Sponsored event.
7/31	Dance Alive, Kim Tuttle	ED Kiner & COO Goldwire met with Kim Tuttle to discuss opportunities for funding and partnering on programming for special needs children and youth.
7/31	Afterschool Provider Convening	L. Cayson participated in the Afterschool Provider Convening with CTAC's staff. Shared that we are available to host resource tables during family activity nights or other outreach events offered by our Providers.  Also, invited Providers to participate in CTAC's Lights on Afterschool event scheduled for October 24, 2024, which is a national event that highlights the importance of quality afterschool programs.

## INITIATIVES

Since 2018, there have been 59 new nonprofit organizations established in Alachua County, many of whom are serving children and families in our community. As with most new businesses, there are growing pains on the path to sustainability. The need for training and support specific to local nonprofit businesses is greater than ever given the increase in new organizations. As a recipient of Trust funding, the Community Foundation of North Central Florida will expand services offered by the Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNE), equipping nonprofits with the necessary skill to enhance their operations. CNE will host a free grants conference open to the community, nonprofits, board members, staff, consultants, and volunteers. Click the link below for location and agenda. <https://cnencf.org/grants/>



Join the Community Foundation and the Children's Trust of Alachua County for a FREE conference on nonprofit grants. This conference is free to the community and open to any nonprofit board members, staff, consultants, and volunteers. The conference will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in the Page Parish Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ready, Write, and Grow: Winning Grant Strategies

Keynote Speaker  
Linda Peavy



Scan the QR Code to Register



Visit [cnencf.org/grants](https://cnencf.org/grants)

Breakout sessions on using AI in grant writing, federal grant policy updates, peer learning and more. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required. The Community Foundation will be making a special funding announcement during the conference.



## PROGRAMS CALENDAR

July	
Monday, July 1, 2024	Youth Health RFP Review Team Training
Monday, July 1, 2024	BLI Budget Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Mentoring Data Check-in with Big Brothers Big Sisters
Wednesday, July 3, 2024	BEAM Postpartum Training Planning Meeting
Wednesday, July 3, 2024	Virtual Death Doula Introduction Meeting
Wednesday, July 3, 2024	Fanfares and Fireworks
Monday, July 8, 2024	Enrichment RFP - Final response to written questions
Tuesday, July 9, 2024	Freedom School Site Visit
Tuesday, July 9, 2024	I AM STEM Summer Camp Site Visit
Wednesday, July 10, 2024	System Transformation Working Group Planning Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2024	Performance Measure and Data Reporting discussion with Junior Achievement
Wednesday, July 10, 2024	TeensWork Alachua Contract Monitoring
Tuesday, July 11, 2024	Enrichment RFP - Review Team Training
Tuesday, July 11, 2024	Enrichment RFP - Application Submission Deadline
Tuesday, July 11, 2024	Enrichment RFP - Virtual Public Opening of Bids
Tuesday, July 12, 2024	Finance Townhall
Tuesday, July 12, 2024	Child Advocacy Center Contract Monitoring
Tuesday, July 12, 2024	Porters Quarters Community Center - Community Navigator Meetings
Tuesday, July 12, 2024	Enrichment RFP - Review Team Training
Monday, July 15, 2024	Flourish Alachua PPD Interviews
Monday, July 15, 2024	BEAM Postpartum Training Planning Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2024	System Transformation Working Group Planning Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2024	Flourish Alachua PPD Interviews
Tuesday, July 16, 2024	Alachua County School Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2024	ECS Summer Bridge Site Visit I Rise Head Start Center
Tuesday, July 16, 2024	ECS Summer Bridge Site Visit CHILD Center
Tuesday, July 16, 2024	ECS Summer Bridge Site Visit Building Dreams
Tuesday, July 16, 2024	SAMIS S3 Collaboration Meeting
Wednesday, July 17, 2024	Gainesville Thrives Contract Review Meeting
Wednesday, July 17, 2024	North Central CRT Meeting
Thursday, July 18, 2024	ELC Quality Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 18, 2024	ACCESS Taskforce Inaugural Meeting
Thursday, July 18, 2024	Akwaaba Freedom School Media Visit
Friday, July 19, 2024	ELC Planning Discussion
Monday, July 22, 2024	Partnership Meeting with Career Source of North Central Florida
Monday, July 22, 2024	System Transformation Working Group Meeting
Monday, July 22, 2024	UF Maternal Health/ACCESS Program Follow-up Meeting
Monday, July 22, 2024	NCIT Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2024	The Future Call: Conversations on Florida's Early Learning Future
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	ELC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	Healthy Families Advisory Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	Healthy Start of North Central Florida Contract Review Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	SAMIS Metrics Kickoff Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	Gun Violence Prevention Forum Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2024	HSNCF Home Visiting Advisory Group Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2024	UF Maternal Health/ACCESS Program Follow-up Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2024	Youth Health RFP Provider Presentations (Interviews)
Friday, July 26, 2024	Roadmap for Early Learning Co-Chairs and Project Managers Meeting
Friday, July 26, 2024	BEAM Postpartum Training Planning Meeting
Monday, July 29, 2024	Demo of Compiler system with Martin County CSC
Monday, July 29, 2024	Youth Health RFP Virtual Deliberations
Monday, July 29, 2024	Voices for Healthy Children Convening Planning Discussion
Monday, July 29, 2024	Lastinger and CTAC Planning Meeting
Tuesday, July 30, 2024	GEZ and CTAC Follow-up Meeting
Wednesday, July 31, 2024	United Way and CTAC Campaign for Grade Level Reading Discussion
Wednesday, July 31, 2024	Flourish Alachua PPD Interviews
Wednesday, July 31, 2024	Afterschool Provider Convening

**August**

Thursday, August 1, 2024	Advisory Grade Level Reading Campaign Quarterly Meeting
Friday, August 2, 2024	Contract Negotiation - Junior Achievement
Saturday, August 3, 2024	SWAG FRC Back to School Bash
Wednesday, August 7, 2024	Pace Center for Girls Graduation
Friday, August 9, 2024	Gun Violence Prevention Youth Forum
Friday, August 9, 2024	System Transformation Working Group Meeting
<b>Monday, August 12, 2024</b>	<b>Children's Trust Board Workshop on Maternal Child Health Initiatives</b>
<b>Monday, August 12, 2024</b>	<b>Children's Trust Regular Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, August 13, 2024	NCIT Steering Committee Meeting
<b>Monday, August 19, 2024</b>	<b>Gainesville Thrives Board Meeting</b>
Monday, August 19, 2024	Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee
Tuesday, August 20, 2024	SAMIS S3 Collaboration Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2024	Partnership for Strong Families Partner Networking Fair
Wednesday, August 21, 2024	Partnership Meeting with Alachua County Juvenile Detention Center
Wednesday, August 21, 2024	North Central CRT Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 2024	Center for Nonprofit Excellence - Grants Conference
Friday, August 23, 2024	Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Our Community
Friday, August 23, 2024	System Transformation Working Group Meeting
Saturday, August 24, 2024	Flourish Alachua PPD Training
Sunday, August 25, 2024	Flourish Alachua PPD Training

## PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

### Program Development, Monitoring, and Provider Support

- Afterschool Provider Convening – led the coordination, data analysis, and facilitation of reporting out and discussion of 2023-2024 data results.
- Enrichment RFP – review of performance measures and data reporting during the bidder’s conference.
- Provided interim program performance status updates for 16 programs (mental health, youth mentoring, and mentoring mini grants).
- Review and development of performance measures, data collection, and monthly reporting for new and continuing programs.
- Provider meetings/evaluation check ins with program staff to review results and discuss data collection, and performance measures.
  - **TeensWork Alachua**
  - **Afterschool Programs**
  - **Midnight Basketball**
  - **NewboRN Home Visiting & OB/GYN Family Partner**
  - **Mentoring Programs**
  - **Literacy Programs** (PEAK Literacy & Imagination Library)
  - **Summer Camps / Freedom School**
  - **Enrichment Programs** (Child Advocacy Center, Gainesville Orchestra, Underground Kitchen, Motiv8U, and Florida Museum)
- Updated CTAC enrollment and consent forms for program evaluation.
- Received Spanish translation of CTAC enrollment and consent forms (completed by Language Line).
- Contract close-out reminders for final evaluation deliverables (i.e., data, end of year reporting, and program reflections) to Weekend Hunger Backpack, Business Leadership Institute, and several Enrichment providers.

## **SAMIS Management & Oversight**

- Configured, customized, and tested picklists, surveys, features, requirements, and functionality for programs.
- Survey enhancements to allow providers immediate access to results and make user friendly for respondents.
- Developed reporting views for scholarship reimbursement based on youth attendance.
- Provided ad hoc SAMIS training to CTAC staff and providers.
- Met with Travis Johnson at CSC Broward to discuss survey/assessment exports, BI, and automating calculations for performance measures.
- Submission and follow-up on tickets for enhancements and to resolve issues.

## **Community Assessment, Planning, & Indicators**

- Compiled community level indicators identified in the strategic plan.
- Received and reviewed DCF data specific to core indicators in the Trust's strategic plan for Alachua County children (i.e., child maltreatment, domestic violence) that is not readily available to the public (provided via request).
- Examine and compiled maternal child health community data for Alachua County.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on the Maternal Child Health Evaluation study proposed by the University of Florida.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on [Alachua County Literacy Needs Assessment](#) tools.
- Reviewed the Health Department Community Health Assessment.

## **Evaluation Staffing and Capacity Building**

- Continued review of applications and interviewing of candidates with committee for the Research, Planning, and Evaluation Coordinator position.
- Met with TeensWork interns to explain the role of research, planning, and evaluation, and had them each provide their feedback/perspective on surveys we use with youth to assess program quality, satisfaction, and outcomes.
- Provided supervision and guidance to graduate intern, Jordan Sutherland, from the University of Florida's Research, Evaluation, and Measurement program who joined the team in June 2024.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

FY2024 June Monthly Budget Report

FY2024 June Monthly Checks & Expenditures Report

FY2024 June Monthly Programmatic Awards & Expenditures Report

FY2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report

FY2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report to the BOCC

FY2025 TRIM Submission to ACPA (prior year millage rate, current year millage rate, and current year rolled-back rate)

## COMMUNICATIONS

For the months of June and July

The communications team (including our communications intern and occasionally the TeensWork interns) has been out and about for much of the past two months. We've taken thousands of photos ([see the best ones here](#)) and collected stories at nine summer camps, three Head Start Summer Bridge sites, and a handful of our own events and partner events. We also led the way on the Fanfares & Fireworks event on July 3, with branded giveaways and activities the kids loved.

### “Tidbits” - External newsletter

- 42.8% open rate and 5.3% click rate (both increases)
- Next edition coming in August

### Website Traffic - Key Points

- 7,392 views and 1,887 unique users in June; 5,517 views and 1,433 unique users in July
- The top-visited page was again the homepage, followed by Bids and RFPs
- Most views are again coming from organic searches, followed by direct access.

### Social Media - Key Points

- Gained 64 net followers on Facebook (^64%) and 31 followers on Instagram (^24%)
- Facebook posts reached 15,800 users (^70%), and Instagram posts reached 2,000 users (^305%), all organic reach. The reach jumped exponentially on both platforms in July. This may have been fueled by the interactions with WUFT Media during Fanfares & Fireworks.
- Top Facebook content: [Boys & Girls Club Northwest visit](#) and [tour; back-to-school multi-event post](#). The latter is notable as it came in the last few days of July.
- LinkedIn had 377 organic impressions. It also gained 17 new followers.
- Our Constant Contact open rate is a remarkable 44% over the past two months, with 6% clickthrough rate. Subscribers increased by 7 in this period.

### In the News

- Marsha Kiner on WUFT's [“Tell Me About It”](#), June 24
- [Children's Trust funded summer reading camp wins award](#), July 18
  - Also in [Mainstreet Daily News](#), July 18

### Sponsorship

- We were featured in additional radio and TV ads on WUFT in the leadup to Fanfares & Fireworks. There were also mentions throughout the event, ED Kiner spoke to the crowd, and appearances during the broadcast of the event on TV July 4.
- Our first-run ad sponsorship with Tu Fiesta Radio concluded in June, but we are looking for future opportunities to work with them.
- We have supplied an advertisement to Mainstreet Daily News for the football special section coming in August.

- The Citizen of the Month sponsorship with Mainstreet has been renewed and will pick up again in September.

### **Other notables**

- The Comprehensive Literacy Survey was launched with social media posts and emails. It will be pushed multiple times in the coming months, and a version for educators is coming after school starts up again. The Lastinger Center also has Children's Trust-branded giveaways for tabling events.
- Stories released in this time: [TeensWork Fall Leadership celebration](#), [BLI recognition ceremony](#), [Flourish Alachua program](#), and a media alert about the Akwaaba Freedom School award that brought out three local media sources.
- A printed [Summer Bucket List](#) made by our intern, Miranda, has been so popular at our tabling events that we are working on an After School version. Both are in English and Spanish.
- The TeensWork interns were brought along to summer camp site visits and took turns snapping photos with the DSLR camera. They each also contributed their own pieces of social media content (a [summer favorites "This or That?"](#) for one, and a scheduled back-to-school "This or That?" to post soon). This task involved writing questions, interviewing skills, and learning to use Canva to design.
- Afterschool providers now have a press release template, a Canva social media template, and social media sample language to announce their awards. Other RFPs to come.

## BOARD MOTIONS AND REQUESTS

DATE	MOTION / REQUEST	STATUS	COMMENTS
3.25.2024	Chair Pinkoson noted the concerning numbers of maternal and child mortality rates from the Alachua County Environmental Scan. He requested a presentation by Healthy Start to the Board at a later date to discuss the causes and potential interventions.	Completed August 12, 2024	
3.25.2024	Treasurer Twombly suggested a presentation by a Medicaid outreach provider to discuss the full range of Medicaid's services. ED Kiner suggested that this be incorporated into staff's professional development and into the training offered to the Trust's providers.	In progress	
5.6.2024	Motion: Vice Chair Cornell - CTAC staff to work with the City Manager and the County Manager to provide up to \$250,000 of one-time funding to enhance the community-based program gun violence efforts and bring back recommendations within 30-60 days for the CTAC board to consider immediate funding.	In progress	
5.13.2024	Motion: Vice Chair Cornell - CTAC staff and Goodwill staff to discuss ways to modify and improve the TeensWork Alachua 2024/2025 program and provide recommendations to the Board prior to the end of this budget cycle.	In progress	
6.10.2024	Vice Chair Cornell asked ED Kiner to schedule a future workshop to discuss the percentage of CTAC funding in our provider's budgets.	In progress	



<p>6.10.2024</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion: Vice Chair Cornell asked staff to see if any of the unallocated funding of \$300K for ELC can be assigned to Goal 1 instead of Goal 2.</li> <li>2. Ask Attorney Swain to ensure that the Junior Achievement program does not violate the statute prohibiting funding for the school district.</li> <li>3. See if the remaining balance of unallocated funds, up to but not exceeding \$491,131, can be spent in Goal 1.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In progress</li> <li>2. Complete</li> <li>3. In progress</li> </ol>	
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## SUCCESS STORIES

Here is a success story shared by a CTAC partner, UF Shands - Saving Smiles.

This month, we saw a 7-year-old Hispanic child in our program who had been born with a cleft lip and palate. The child had an extensive history of oral and maxillofacial surgeries to address these congenital defects when she was younger, yet she currently did not have a dental home. During her dental exam, her first permanent molars were all found to have active tooth decay even though they had only recently erupted within the last year. In discussions with her parents, we learned that the child had been eating a soft, carbohydrate-rich diet due to the condition of her teeth, and was not brushing regularly due to the uncomfortable hard plastic of her toothbrush. We worked with the child and parent to set goals related to reducing sugary beverage consumption, and provided the child with a specialized toothbrush that had a soft silicone handle and three-sided bristles to effectively brush all tooth surfaces at once. We also began treatment to address the existing cavities, and we will see her next month for follow-up and continued care.

Here is a success story shared for another one of our partners, Partnership for Strong Families -  
Community Resource Navigator

One of our Community Resource Navigators (CRN) worked with a single mom of four children who was in need of rent assistance. The mother currently receives a housing waiver for a portion of her rent, but after a recent, unexpected rent increase and loss of income, she found herself in arrears. The CRN was able to work with a partner agency, Radiant Hands, who assisted with a portion of the past due rent. With this payment being processed, the landlord was willing to make a payment arrangement with the mother for the remaining balance, allowing the family to remain in their home. The mother also reported to the CRN that she was recently hired by UF and this income will help her continue to meet her family's needs.