



..... Children's Trust of .....  
Alachua County  
and  
Alachua Board of  
County Commissioners

# BUILDING COMMUNITY LITERACY TOGETHER

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**Agenda**

**Introduction of the Literacy Collaborative: Marsha Kiner, ED Children's Trust**

**Reviewing Literacy and the Plan: Theresa Beachy, CNE**

**The Literacy Catalyst Project: Leah Galione, ED PEAK Literacy**

**Community Input: Facilitators**

**Wrap up and Questions**

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# What is Literacy?



**Literacy is the ability to read and write at a level that allows full participation in one's community and work.**





# Why we are here

## The Gap . . . . .

For many years, we have seen students and adults in our county struggle with reading and writing. The Children's Trust and Alachua County Commission had a report created that showed us where we need to make changes to do better.

## The Idea . . . . .

Local leaders agreed to put money into community-based programs that can support what our schools are doing and improve literacy for kids and for any adults that need help too.

## The Process . . . . .

We are building local teams that will create activities that families can use at home, online, and through community programs. We will see what works best and expand the programs for years to come.





# The Plan

## Teams .....

The teams of people working together to help what the schools are doing to build literacy.

## Community .....

The goal is to work in neighborhoods that need support, in all ages, and locations people can get to, so we can make change

## Growing .....

Programs that work will be grown in more community spaces so we can expand the work till we reach our goals





# PEAK Literacy

PEAK Literacy is leading the way with their Literacy Catalyst Initiative: Let's hear from them!

Leah Galione, Executive Director

- Direct Literacy Services to Youth
- Literacy Capacity Building
- Parent Engagement
- Adult Education





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## Our Facilitators

**Dr. Naima Brown, VP for Student Affairs Santa Fe College**

**Ian Fletcher, COO Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce**

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# Ground Rules

- Respectful language
- Walk up and make a line to use the mic
- Stay on topic
- Don't talk over others
- 2 minute time limit





**What things do  
you think  
get in the way of  
students and  
adults  
learning to read?**

**What kind of  
literacy  
resources or  
programs would  
help kids and  
adults in your  
community?**

**How could we  
help families to  
use literacy  
resources and  
programs at  
home or in your  
community?**





# What Comes Next

## Fund programs

In this initial round, community-based reading programs working with Peak Literacy, the Children's Trust, and Alachua County Partnership Program can apply for money for staff, materials, and training to build services starting this spring.

## Build teams

We are working with experts to create activities for kids and adults

## Train

We will train the community-based groups to use what works into their programs.

## Advisory Council

We will build an Advisory Council to get community feedback and keep us on track. If you want to join, let us know by raising your hand!





# How We Can Work Together

We will come to your neighborhood



Our team will come talk to your church, PTA, civic group or neighborhood center to hear from you

Teachers and School personnel can contact Heather Harbour for information on **how to get involved at school**

Tell us more



We want to hear from you!  
Send us your thoughts at [alachuacountyreads@gmail.com](mailto:alachuacountyreads@gmail.com)





# Questions?



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# Thank You



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