



**CHILDREN'S TRUST**  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

**Item:**

Head Start Summer Bridge Overview for Children 3-5 Years Old (Mia Jones and Bonnie Wagner)

**Requested Action:**

The Board is asked to receive this overview.

**Background:**

Head Start is a free program for children of families with low incomes, providing comprehensive early learning in both center-based and home-based settings. Episcopal Children's Services programs use a "whole child" approach that helps kids grow intellectually, emotionally, and socially. This successful program helps ensure children's readiness for school and increases parental knowledge in children's growth and development.

In March 2023, the Children's Trust Board approved one time funding to pilot Head Start Summer Bridge. The extension of this program during the summer months was an opportunity to help with summer slide, provides continued support to families, and retain talent at the early learning center.

This overview will highlight the outcomes of the Head Start Summer Bridge pilot.

**Programmatic Impact:**

These are the goals as they were for fiscal year 2022-2023

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:**

\$50,546.01

**Recommendation:**

Receive the information.