



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

December 1, 2025 - February 1, 2026

SUMMARY

1. Scorpio Donation to CTAC
2. FACCT Legislative Fly-In

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
December 1, 2025	Payroll Services Meeting	CFO Greenwald and ED Kiner met with County Finance Director.
December 2, 2025	Alachua Chamber Holiday Luncheon	Attended by K. Goldwire
December 2, 2025	Help Me Grow Alachua: Books, Balls, and Blocks Event	E. McCauley tabled with resources and children's activity.
December 2, 2025	Meeting with Herman Knopf	ED Kiner, ECC M. Jones, and DOP B. James met with Dr. Knopf to discuss various early childhood initiatives and upcoming events.
December 3, 2025	3DE Culminating Event, Eastside High School	ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and Board Member M. Chance judged student presentations. CTAC staff attended.
December 3, 2025	Meeting with Erik Otte of North Central Florida Community Center	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Mr. Otte and received an update on the NCFCC. Discussions on services provided by NCFCC, organizations now located at the Center, and possible partnerships.
December 5, 2025	Women's Giving Circle Leadership Breakfast	ED Kiner, K. Goldwire, and E. McCauley attended
December 5, 2025	CHIP Annual Review/Healthy Communities Quarterly Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
December 5, 2025	Christmas on Main Street Alachua	E. McCauley and Intern A. Wherley tabled with children's activity at sponsored event.
December 6, 2025	Let it Snow! Hawthorne Christmas Festival	E. McCauley tabled with children's activity at sponsored event.

December 6, 2025	LifeSouth Operation Santa Delivery	Intern A. Wherley tabled with children's activity.
December 8, 2025	EHS Community Meeting regarding School Rezoning	ED Kiner attended.
December 9, 2025	The Education Foundation Meeting	ED Kiner, COO Goldwire, and DOP James met with Executive Director of the Education Foundation, Tia Brock-Paul and Board Chair, Dr. Naima Brown to discuss opportunities to expand the partnership.
December 9, 2026	5th Avenue Neighborhood Association Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
December 10, 2025	HPW Annual Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
December 10, 2025	Meeting with Gainesville Chamber	ECC M. Jones and ED Kiner met with Chamber COO Ian Fletcher to discuss the early childhood initiative and next steps for the Community Conversation.
December 10, 2025	Joint Meeting between the City and County	CTAC Staff attended the meeting and ED Kiner shared an update on the Food Initiative through the Resources Centers.
December 11, 2025	FACCT Policy Meeting	Attended by ED Kiner and K. Goldwire
December 11, 2025	Meeting with Springhill Baptist Church Leadership	ED Kiner met with Pastor Taylor and Pastor Coats to provide an overview of the Trust, funding priorities, and providers.
December 11, 2025	Housing First for Children Meeting	ED Kiner attended.

December 11, 2025	Lake Forest Elementary Family Literacy Night	ED Kiner attended.
December 13, 2025	PSF Winter Wonderland Event at Majestic Oaks Apartment	E. McCauley tabled with children's activity.
December 13, 2025	BLI Financial Management Session 3	ED Kiner and ECC M. Jones attended.
December 15, 2025	Meeting with the City Manager of Gainesville	ED Kiner met with Interim City Manager Andrew Persons. Discussion included partnerships, CTAC programs, and future opportunities. ED Kiner thanked the Manager for his support of the TWA Program.
December 16, 2025	Safe Kids North Central Florida Coalition Annual Review Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
December 16, 2025	GNV Holidays in the City	E. McCauley tabled with children's activity.
December 16, 2025	UF Maternal Health Meeting	CTAC finance staff met with UF to discuss the previous contract in preparation for the new year contract.
December 16, 2025	Doulio Meeting	CTAC staff met with Doulio to discuss expanding the program services.
December 17, 2025	SWAG Community Cafe	E. McCauley attended.
December 17, 2025	Finance Committee Meeting	Committee meeting.

December 17, 2025	Alachua Education Task Force and Children's Home Society Meeting	ED Kiner, COO Goldwire, and DOP James met with David Wisener, City of Alachua Economic Development Manager, and CHS Executive Director Tiffany Martin to discuss a community resource navigator program.
December 18, 2025	Tour of 2nd Place at Heart	E. McCauley attended.
December 19, 2025	Library Partnership FRC Food Distribution	E. McCauley, M. De Zutter, and D. Tyson attended.
December 20, 2025	LEGO FIRST Robotics Regional Championship	E. McCauley attended sponsored event.
January 2, 2026	Food 4 Kids Backpack Volunteer Opportunity	K. Goldwire, E. McCauley, and L. Means attended.
January 7, 2026	Children's Trust Morning Show and Podcast. Show topic: Family Resource Centers & The Expansion to Rural Communities	Hosted by ED Kiner. Guests were Bishop Stokes, Pebbles Edelman, and Ginger Griffeth
January 7, 2026	Continuum of Care Meeting	ED Kiner, COO K. Goldwire, & DOP B. James met with Veita Carter, Director of Students to Successful Citizens/System of Care with Alachua County Public Schools. Discussion included an overview of the services provided by ACPS for children and their families.
January 8, 2026	Goodwill Meeting	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with Goodwill CEO David Rey and VP of Mission Programs, Phillip Simmons, to discuss the Teenswork program expansion and opportunities for additional business partners.
January 8, 2026	Housing First for Children Meeting	ED Kiner, CEM E. McCauley, and COO K. Goldwire attended.

January 9, 2026	Center for Nonprofit Excellence Open House	ED M. Kiner, K. Goldwire, D. Cunha, and E. McCauley attended.
January 10, 2026	BLI Session 4 - Human Resources & Real Estate	ED Kiner and ECC M. Jones attended.
January 12, 2026	Newberry City Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	ED M. Kiner, E. McCauley attended.

January 12, 2026	Gun Violence Alliance Strategic Plan Meeting	ED M. Kiner, E. McCauley, and M. De Zutter attended.
January 12, 2026	Meeting with IGB Mentoring	ED Kiner and COO K. Goldwire met with IGB ED Jeff Parker and Dr. Karen Woods to discuss a proposal for program expansion.
January 14, 2026	UF-CTAC Communications Partnership Meeting	Attended by D. Cunha and E. McCauley
January 14, 2026	Juvenile Court & Visit to the Juvenile Detention Center	ED Kiner attended and met with Superintendent Tony McCloud and staff to discuss how CTAC may be able to assist the youth at the detention center.
January 15, 2026	Strong-Minded Mentoring Meeting	Follow-up meeting with Jarrell Whitehead and team with CTAC staff to discuss Innovation for Impact grants.
January 16, 2026	Meeting with Dr. Luz Semeah	ED Kiner and Dr. Semeah discussed the Literacy Collaborative and research opportunities.
January 19, 2026	MLK Day Celebration in Alachua	E. McCauley attended.

January 20, 2026	FRC Quarterly Partner Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
January 20, 2026	Community Impact Corporation Meeting	ED Kiner and COO K. Goldwire met with Rev. Karl Anderson to discuss CIC's programming and opportunities to partner.
January 21, 2026	Eastside High School Career Day	Attended by K. Goldwire
January 21, 2026	ELC Board Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
January 22, 2026	LTI Foundation Meeting	ED Kiner, COO K. Goldwire and Laron Barber of LTI met to discuss the plans for the LTI event in the fall. Mr. Barber discussed his new grant from the county and plans for STEM training with youth throughout the county.
January 23, 2026	Safety Net Meeting	K. Goldwire and E. McCauley attended.
January 23, 2026	Sunshine State Book Festival	E. McCauley and K. Bailey Acevedo attended.
January 24, 2026	MK Rawlings Health and Wellness Expo	E. McCauley and Intern A. Wherley attended.
January 27 - 29, 2026	FACCT Legislative Visits in Tallahassee	Attended by ED Kiner, Chair Chance, and K. Goldwire

PROGRAMS CALENDAR

December	
December 2, 2025	FACCT Program Affinity Group Meeting
December 2, 2025	Early Learning Meeting with Herman Knopf
December 2, 2025	Early Educators Workgroup -Co Chairs Follow-up Planning Meeting
December 2, 2025	Anita Zucker Center Meeting on Special Needs and Early Intervention Resources
December 3, 2025	3DE culminating event at Eastside High School
December 3, 2025	ACSO: Readers on Duty contract negotiation
December 3, 2025	Business Leadership Institute for Early Learning: Performance measure and reporting review
December 3, 2025	Parent Workgroup Co-Chair Planning Meeting
December 5, 2025	Advanced Human Trafficking Provider Training
December 5, 2025	CNE Literacy Contract Discussion
December 5, 2025	Meeting with Center for Nonprofit Excellence: Literacy Collaborative contract
December 8, 2025	NCFLAEYC Chapter Meeting
December 9, 2025	B'more for Healthy Babies Peer Learning Hub Launch
December 10, 2025	A& A Contract Discussion and Next Steps
December 11, 2025	Programs' Team Meeting
December 11, 2025	HSNCF Board Meeting
December 12, 2025	AMI Kids SAMIS training
December 13, 2026	Alachua BLI Master Class Session 3
December 15, 2025	Program update meeting with Pace Center for Girls
December 15, 2025	Thriving Parent Workgroup
December 16, 2025	SAMIS S3 Meeting

December 16, 2025	City of Hawthorne Commission Meeting
December 16, 2025	Doulio Contract Meeting
December 16, 2025	UF Maternal Health ACCESS Contract Meeting
December 16, 2025	SPARC352 Performance Measure discussion
December 17, 2025	TBR Provider Training
December 17, 2025	FACCT IT Affinity Group
December 29, 2025	Discussion with UF Maternal Health Mobile Clinic team
December 29, 2025	UF MH ACCESS Performance Measures, Reporting, and Delivery Discussion
December 30, 2025	SAMIS training: Deeper Purpose Family Resource Center
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January 7, 2026	Continuum of Care Meeting w/ V. Carter (SBAC)
January 8, 2026	TWA Summer Planning Meeting with Goodwill
January 8, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
January 8, 2026	ACCESS Taskforce Meeting
January 8, 2026	ELCAC Quality Meeting
January 9, 2026	Roadmap Advisory Board Meeting
January 9, 2026	Maternal Health Conference Planning Meeting
January 10, 2026	Alachua BLI Masterclass Session 4
January 12, 2026	CDS Mentoring Services Meeting
January 12, 2026	Thriving Parents Planning Workgroup Meeting
January 12, 2026	NCFLAEYC Chapter Meeting
January 13, 2026	Follow-up Meeting- On Early Intervention and Support Services
January 13, 2026	Meeting with mental health providers
January 14, 2026	Early Learning Collaborative System Work Group Planning Meeting

January 14, 2026	Systems Workgroup Planning Meeting
January 15, 2026	Strong-minded Mentoring Program Review and Discussion
January 15, 2026	Budget Review with City of Hawthorne
January 20, 2026	Site visit, PACE Center for Girls
January 22, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
January 22, 2026	Family Resource Center -Quarter 1 Network Meeting
January 26, 2026	All In For Early Learning Day - Statewide
January 27, 2026	SAMIS Training: Junior Achievement
January 27, 2026	ACGLR Advisory Meeting
January 28, 2026	UF CAME SPARC352 SAMIS Training
January 28, 2026	ELCAC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
January 28, 2026	Contract Meeting BLIEL
January 29, 2026	Impact Gainesville Technology Hub Kick-off Meeting
January 30, 2026	Early Educators Workgroup Planning Meeting

INITIATIVES

Children's Trust of Alachua County – 2025 Annual Report Highlights

The Children's Trust of Alachua County has released its 2025 Annual Report, highlighting another impactful year dedicated to advancing the well-being of local children, youth, and families. The report reaffirms the Trust's commitment to its core strategic priorities: ensuring children and youth are healthy and supported by nurturing caregivers, equipped to learn and succeed, and living in safe, thriving communities.

The Annual Report is now available and will be shared with the community through our website, social media channels, and email distribution. Additionally, hard copies will be provided to all funded providers, and community partners.

We invite you to review the full report and learn more about the progress and partnerships that made this year a success: [2025 Annual Report](#).



PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Program Evaluation and Provider Support

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

- Updated template for FY25 CQI reports
- Compiled data for FY25 CQI reports including evaluation of fiscal, operations, service delivery, training (new for FY25), and impact (performance measures).
- Facilitated internal discussion and finalization of CQI process and final reports

Performance Measure and Data Reporting

- Finalized performance measures and data reporting for FY26 programs, including:
 - Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Literacy Collaborative
 - Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Provider Capacity Building
 - Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Readers on Duty
 - Business Leadership Institute, Early Learning Master Class and Accreditation Academy
 - A&A Consulting, Doula Friendly Initiative
 - SPARC352
 - UF Maternal Health Access Clinic
 - Junior Achievement, 3DE

SAMIS

- Facilitated SAMIS trainings for new and renewal programs
- Provided ongoing SAMIS and data collection support
- Attended SAMIS Collaborative and Demonstration meetings

On Site Provider Support

- Site visit, PACE Center for Girls
- Attended 3DE culminating event

Program Evaluation Presentations to the Board

- Mental Health Presentation
- Enrichment Presentation
- TeensWork Alachua Board report

RFP Planning

- Developed, disseminated, and analyzed survey of Alachua County youth, parents, providers, community members, and CTAC staff to inform the development of mentoring/enrichment/prevention RFP
- Met with leadership and staff at CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services to discuss their mentoring and prevention initiatives
- Engaged in ongoing research, internal discussion, and planning for RFP development

Strategic Plan

- Engaged in ongoing internal development and discussion of plan components
- Building on work with C. Robinson Associates, refined key terms, focus areas, strategies, and measures to align with current Results-Based Accountability impact evaluation framework
- Developed, analyzed, and reported on staff and Board member survey to assess support of community indicators
- Worked with C. Robinson Associates to update plan delivery and presentation at Board workshop

Planning, Collaboration, and Professional Development

- Planned and facilitated Family Resource Center Network Meeting for all Family Resource Center Providers: Willie Mae Stokes Community Center, Pleasant Street-One Community, Deeper Purpose Resource Center, and Partnership for Strong Families. Meeting included review of evaluation results, discussion of accomplishments, collaboration as a network, and planning for how we can enhance our success moving forward in FY2026
- Discussion with mental health providers to align and review data
- Attended FACCT Research and Evaluation Affinity Group Meeting
- Preparation for FY26 summer camp: Enrollment form development, Planning for summer literacy convening and FY25 summer provider data review

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports and Addendums

- FY 2026 Budget Report (December)
- FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (December)
- FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (December)
- FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report
- FY 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report to the BOCC

***Please see “Annotations to Financial Statements” that accompanies Budget Report for detailed analysis

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **28** net followers on Facebook and **14** followers on Instagram.
- We amassed **8.2K** views on Facebook and **1.1K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**.
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
 - Our post about receiving \$1000 from Scorpio (**2.3K views**)
 - Our post about the CNE ribbon cutting (**1029 views**)
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
 - Our post about receiving \$1000 from Scorpio (**174 views**)
 - Our post about the CNE ribbon cutting (**178 views**)

New Campaigns / Projects

- Monthly community show highlighting our providers and the Children's Trust on CBS 4 / NBC 9
- Social theme posting to coordinate all the events CTAC sponsors in the area
 - Where's Emily?
- Bookmark push in libraries and school libraries, leading people to our resources
- 30-second promos attached to 30-second vignettes on 98.3 for Women's History Month

Continuing Campaigns / Projects

- Promotional coloring books for High Springs Museum
- Live monthly morning shows with Tu Fiesta
- Monthly podcast
 - Researching podcast editing programs for greater efficiency
 - Researching podcast platforms for greater reach
 - Developing promotional materials to lead people to the YouTube (and eventually the podcast platform) to hear the show

In the news:

- Gainesville Sun:
 - [Dolly Parton Imagination Library honors young readers in Gainesville](#)
- Alachua Chronicle:
 - [Center for Nonprofit Excellence obtains independent 501\(c\)\(3\) status](#)
- Mainstreet Daily News:
 - [Children's Trust of Alachua County selects new leadership for 2026](#)
 - [December 2025 Citizens of the Month](#)
 - [Sunshine State book festival set to return Jan. 23-24](#)
 - [Children's Trust allocates \\$150K for food assistance amid SNAP benefits lapse](#)

BOARD MOTIONS AND REQUESTS

DATE	MOTION / REQUEST	STATUS
8.12.2024	Member Chance mentioned that programmatic dashboards showing awarded amounts and actual invoiced/funded amounts for each program area would be helpful and useful for staff to create or distribute.	Delegated to Incoming Director of Mktg
3.10.2025	Member Chance suggested checking with other CSC's and considering listing funded organizations under priorities on the website for accountability.	
9.9.2024	Chair Pinkoson requested to have a discussion for future RFPs about the maximum amount of funding a provider can request of the total allocation.	Finance Committee Meeting
11.4.2024	The Board requested a joint meeting with the Alachua County Library Board.	Meeting date TBD early 2026
3.10.2025	Dr. Labarta requested a follow-up to the community needs listing.	Presentation TBA
11.10.2025	<p>Member Pinkoson moved to: Refer to staff the family eviction issue and to bring back to the Board after the new year possible recommendations to refer to the BoCC and Family Resource Centers.</p> <p>Ask the chair to bring to the BoCC the Trust's concern of family evictions and to potentially put a placeholder to fund any Trust recommendations.</p>	In progress
12.8.2025	Member Certain requested further analysis to identify underlying barriers to participation in Head Start Summer Bridge rural areas	Completed FYI section of February 9, 2026 Board meeting

SUCCESS STORIES

University of Florida College of Dentistry: Saving Smiles

This month, we were able to support a 6-year-old child with autism spectrum disorder who was visiting the dentist for the very first time. When coordinating with the family, the parents shared their concerns about their child's anxiety around people entering their personal space and noted that even routine haircuts were often challenging. Understanding these sensitivities, we worked closely with the parents ahead of the appointment, offering guidance on how to prepare their child. This included watching short, animated videos about dental visits and framing the experience as something positive and predictable. Thanks to this preparation and the family's dedication, the child arrived calm and ready. During the visit, we used sensory-support tools such as a weighted blanket and noise-reducing headphones to help create a comfortable environment. The child responded exceptionally well, remaining relaxed throughout the appointment. We were able to complete a full dental exam, cleaning, and fluoride varnish without difficulty. The parents were amazed and relieved by how smoothly the visit went, especially given their past struggles with similar situations. Importantly, the child had no cavities, and we scheduled their next routine visit for six months from now. By creating a supportive and individualized experience, we helped ensure this child could receive essential preventive care and begin building positive associations with dental visits.

Pace Center for Girls, Inc. | Rosalie

“My time at Pace was the best schooling I have received. The staff were so accepting and accommodating with my needs. Things were hectic when I applied, but they were able to get me in right away. When I met the staff for the first time, most already knew my name; it made me feel seen. When I first arrived, I was nervous, but the staff and other girls greeted me immediately. Even now after I’ve graduated, when I go back to visit every staff member and all the girls are happy to see me. They genuinely care about me.”