

Appendix E

Parent/Caregiver Survey Results

Four forms of the Parent/Caregiver Survey were developed and administered:

- ◆ Long version, English - received 443 valid responses
- ◆ Long version, Spanish - received 6 valid responses
- ◆ Short version, English - received 367 valid responses
- ◆ Short version, Spanish - received 32 valid responses

To gather as much information as possible on the electronic versions of the surveys, most survey questions were not required. Requiring respondents to answer questions can lead to survey abandonment, particularly if they encounter a question they find uncomfortable. This results in varying number of responses for each survey question.

To gather as much geographical information as possible, respondents were asked to provide their home zip code and their city of residence. In cases where the zip code did not correspond to the city, the city was used, with one exception. When the respondent indicated Alachua as the city, but a zip code that was not Alachua, the city was recoded to the city indicated by the provided zip code. In those cases, it was surmised that the respondent likely thought the request was for “county” instead of “city.” This led to the recoding of 81 responses from Alachua to some other city (predominantly Gainesville).

1. What is your home zip code?

Zip Code	#	%
32601	55	6%
32602	8	1%
32603	7	1%
32604	8	1%
32605	62	7%
32606	28	3%
32607	75	9%
32608	57	7%
32609	48	6%
32610	3	0%
32611	4	0%
32612	12	1%
32614	8	1%
32615	105	12%
32618	42	5%
32622	3	0%
32627	5	1%
32631	5	1%

32633	3	0%
32640	14	2%
32641	44	5%
32643	23	3%
32653	21	2%
32654	3	0%
32655	7	1%
32658	6	1%
32662	4	0%
32666	1	0%
32667	29	3%
32669	46	5%
32694	40	5%
None of the above/ No Response	72	8%
Total	848	100%

2. In what city do you live?

Recoded City	#	%
Alachua	103	12%
Archer	43	5%
Brooker	13	2%
Earleton	5	1%
Evinston	8	1%
Gainesville	394	46%
Hawthorne	19	2%
High Springs	32	4%
Island Grove	14	2%
La Crosse	7	1%
Lochloosa	2	0%
Melrose	3	0%
Micanopy	34	4%
Newberry	51	6%
Waldo	53	6%
None of the above/ No Response	67	8%
Total	848	100%

3. How long have you lived in Alachua County?

Response	#	%
Less than 1 month	30	4%
More than 1 month but less than 1 year	61	7%
1-5 years	158	19%
6-10 years	151	18%
11-15 years	79	9%
16+ years	333	39%
No response	36	4%
Total	848	100%

4. My children are aged (respondents could check all that apply, foster or grandchildren living in the household also counted):

Response	#	%
I or my partner is currently pregnant	25	2%
0-5 years old	293	25%
6-10 years old	355	31%
11-18 years old	308	27%
Older than 18 years old	63	5%
We don't have any children living in our household currently.	66	6%
No Response	40	3%
Total	1,150	100%

My Neighborhood

For these questions and similar subsequent questions, the long versions of the surveys included a 5-point Likert scale, while the short versions included a 3-point scale. Responses from the long surveys have been combined to report on the 3-point scale (“strongly agree” and “agree” combined; “strongly disagree” and “disagree” combined).

“No response” responses were ignored for these questions and similar subsequent questions.

Statement	#	Disagree	Undecided	Agree
5. My neighborhood is a good place to raise children.	827	18%	7%	75%
6. Most days, I feel that my children are safe in our neighborhood.	822	21%	7%	73%
7. I have lots of neighborhood support in raising my children, such as families/friends/neighbors who help with babysitting, transportation, schoolwork, etc.	797	33%	8%	59%
8. Our current housing situation is stable.	824	15%	6%	79%

For the next four questions, parents/caregivers were asked to respond to open-ended questions. Those responses were compiled and then coded to allow for comparisons and analysis. Respondents could provide multiple items per question; each was coded. Nonsensical or indecipherable responses were coded as “no response” and ignored.

9. The best thing about my neighborhood is _____. (559 parents/caregivers responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Friendly/good neighbors	220	26%
Quiet, peaceful, beautiful	150	17%
Sense of community	100	12%
Safe	96	11%
Access to parks, nature	48	6%
Community center, non-profit agency, support from non-profits	47	5%
Family-oriented	31	4%
Proximity (to specific things like school, library, or downtown)	29	3%
Rural, little traffic	28	3%
No response	23	3%
Location	21	2%
Other	19	2%
Private	9	1%

Community events	7	1%
Affordable	5	1%
Good schools	5	1%
Walkability	5	1%
Clean	4	0%
Good roads	4	0%
Health care	4	0%
Culture	2	0%
Diversity	2	0%
Public transportation	2	0%
Total	861	

10. If I had the power to improve one thing in my neighborhood, I would _____. (506 parents/caregivers responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Better sense of community (“bring families together”, “more engagement”, “get to know neighbors”)	67	14%
Access to parks, nature, sports, playgrounds, recreational facilities	61	12%
Other (“community garden,” “more parking”)	51	10%
Activities for youth	44	9%
Traffic control	33	7%
Improve safety	32	7%
Tutoring/improved educational opportunities for youth	27	5%
Health care	23	5%
Roads, lighting	23	5%
Sidewalks, walkability, bike-ability	20	4%
Internet access	18	4%
Community events	11	2%
Improve social services supports	11	2%
Improve economic opportunities, affordability	13	3%
Affordable, better housing	8	2%
Improve cleanliness	8	2%
Utilities	7	1%
Additional funding	7	1%
Access to transportation	6	1%
Friendlier neighbors	6	1%
Community center	4	1%
Increase diversity	4	1%
Proximity	4	1%
Improve cleanliness	3	1%
Total	491	

11. The one thing my neighborhood does not have is _____. (372 parents/caregivers responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Park/playground/sports/recreational facilities	76	20%
Security	35	9%
Health center	33	9%
Activities for youth/After school programming	30	8%
Sidewalks, walkability	23	6%
Other (“affordable housing”, “other children to play with”)	22	6%
Streets, lighting	19	5%
Community center	18	5%
Internet/technology	16	4%
Friendly neighbors	14	4%
Social Services	12	3%
Academic supports for youth	10	3%
Utilities	10	3%
better sense of community	9	2%
Grocery store/access to healthy food	9	2%
Traffic control	9	2%
Child care	8	2%
Adequate transportation	6	2%
Sense of community	5	1%
Economic opportunities	4	1%
Funding	3	1%
Mail service	3	1%
School transportation	3	1%
Youth mentoring	3	1%
Music opportunities	2	1%
Total	382	

12. The program or service my neighborhood doesn’t have but really needs is _____. (218 parents/caregivers responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Welfare association	42	18%
Park/playground/sports/recreational facilities	27	12%
Health care	19	8%
Security	17	7%
Education opportunities, academic supports	15	6%
Child care	14	6%
Other	12	5%
Afterschool options	11	5%

Activities for youth	9	4%
Community Center	9	4%
Social supports	9	4%
Internet	7	3%
Traffic control/signage	7	3%
Better transportation	6	3%
economic opportunities	4	2%
Grocery store	4	2%
Lighting	4	2%
Community events	3	1%
Adequate housing	2	1%
Cleaning	2	1%
Community garden	2	1%
Meet needs of children with special needs	2	1%
school transportation	2	1%
Sidewalks, bike-ability	2	1%
	231	

Physical and Mental Health Supports

13. I would be interested in getting more mental health supports for my children, such as:¹

Response	#	%
Counseling	213	34%
Substance abuse avoidance classes	142	22%
Classes on meditation/yoga	182	29%
None, I am not currently interested in mental health supports for my children.	72	11%
Other (please specify)	23	4%
Total	632	

“Other” responses included:

- ◆ *ADHD services*
- ◆ *Affordable counseling!*
- ◆ *Already goes to therapy/has a program already (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *Better insurance coverage for mental health*
- ◆ *Counseling for medical purposes*
- ◆ *Dealing with abandonment*
- ◆ *For adults too*
- ◆ *Life skills*
- ◆ *Not from government*
- ◆ *Other things for boys*
- ◆ *Playground that helps mental health*

¹ Not asked on the short version.

- ◆ *Self defense/stranger danger*
- ◆ *Sensory processing therapy. Parent child interaction*
- ◆ *servicios y promoción de programas en español*
- ◆ *She's just a baby, but she needs more human interaction these days.*
- ◆ *Social security*
- ◆ *Support groups*
- ◆ *Teaching kids how to communicate*
- ◆ *Therapies, like DBT. Kids are really struggling right now and there are virtually no accessible community supports without long waits.*

14. I have challenges getting good health care services for my children that include:

Response	#	%
Lack of free time to take them to appointments	201	15%
Appointment times don't fit my family's schedules	191	15%
Lack of transportation	160	12%
Lack of money to pay for health care	182	14%
Lack of health care centers or doctors in my neighborhood	182	14%
Language barriers	59	5%
None, I have no challenges getting good health care services for my children.	286	22%
Other (please specify)	50	4%
Total	1,311	

"Other" responses included:

- ◆ *Appointment times require pulling my child out of school. This is disruptive and not the best for furthering my child's education.*
- ◆ *Appointments are 3-4 month wait*
- ◆ *Counselors*
- ◆ *Counselors need more funding*
- ◆ *Dental appointments (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *Dental coverage w/ medicaid is lacking. Can't get through to the providers. Also can't get through to medicaid office and/or health department to correct a birth date.*
- ◆ *Doctors that provide nutritional recommendations and support rather than just medicine.*
- ◆ *I cannot afford insurance for my children. They currently have no insurance.*
- ◆ *Jobs*
- ◆ *Lack of appointment times that don't conflict with school*
- ◆ *Lack of equality*
- ◆ *lack of in network providers, affordable copays for OT PT ST*
- ◆ *Lack of providers (my child has been on a waitlist for months)*
- ◆ *Length of time for appointments*
- ◆ *Limited openings for mental health counseling*

- ◆ *Medicaid restrictions or rules*
- ◆ *Need more healthcare in rural areas*
- ◆ *No dentist takes medicaid*
- ◆ *NO pediatric dentists who will sedate - we have good insurance but NO providers ANYWHERE. My child has to be sedated for teeth cleaning*
- ◆ *Specific services such as OT, tutoring*
- ◆ *Trained for Special Needs*
- ◆ *Wait times for doc appts are horrendous in comparison to other states*

15. Of these areas, the ones where I could use the most help with my children are _____: (515 parents/caregivers responded to this question).

Response	#	%
Learning how to better manage my children's behavior	126	11%
Getting healthy food for my children	121	11%
Getting mental health counseling for one or more of my children	117	11%
Access to enrichment and out-of-school time programs	113	10%
Keeping my children healthy	106	10%
Access to dental care	98	9%
Help with literacy and other academic supports	92	8%
Access to quality child care	86	8%
Keeping my children safe (i.e., violence prevention)	78	7%
Getting help supporting my special needs child	71	6%
Career exploration and development	70	6%
Something else (please specify)	27	2%

"Other" responses included:

- ◆ *Access to quality care*
- ◆ *Affordable childcare (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *Affordable housing (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *After school care (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *Afterschool programs in SW Gainesville are unaffordable. The school option cannot keep up with demand. We also need high quality daycare access for low income families. I see so many poor children unattended in the streets when I drive through some parts of Gainesville.*
- ◆ *Caregiver dental health*
- ◆ *equality support for racial biases*
- ◆ *Expand vocational training to middle school*
- ◆ *Group play in neighborhood, reduce risk of guns in others homes*
- ◆ *Gym*
- ◆ *Help understanding how to transition from K-12 into college*
- ◆ *I need help keeping him safe on internet. He is autistic and severely angry and depressed since pandemic but I am spinning my wheels trying to find real help.*

- ◆ *Inclusive ESE programs needed including after school care and summer care!*
- ◆ *Less government involvement in my family's life.*
- ◆ *Most do not apply because he is 16 now, but 10 years ago our unmet needs were different*
- ◆ *Park - Playground and recreational area with pavilion (covered seating area); A pool*
- ◆ *Playground in our neighborhood*
- ◆ *Recreational sports and activities that's affordable.*
- ◆ *Safe place to stay*
- ◆ *Sex Education beyond what schools offer. I am hearing more and more about what happens in the restrooms on middle and high school campuses. I think there needs to be more safety and education and analysis done to help students overcome these destructive behaviors that many times their parents don't know they are partaking in. Many children are introduced to their first sexual encounters DURING school day or afterschool activities. This leads to distractions from learning, STDs, unwanted pregnancy, influenced behavior because they are exposed to soon. This is a REAL need for all schools in Alachua County. There is not enough attention being give to this.*
- ◆ *Substance abuse*
- ◆ *Vocational training*
- ◆ *We have behavioral therapy but it's inconsistent because they struggle to find stable staff*

Family Supports and Services

Statement	#	Yes	No	Not Sure
16. My family sometimes needs help having enough food to eat in the home.	803	39%	55%	6%
17. One or more of my children is involved with at least one social group, such as community sports, community center, church, dance lessons, community theater, book club, etc.	798	60%	32%	8%
18. I have taken my children to a local public library in the past year.	794	65%	30%	5%
19. My family often struggles with finding good childcare for our children.	793	37%	53%	10%
20. My family has reliable Internet access at home.	794	68%	23%	9%
21. I have taken my children to play in a park or other public space close to where I live in the past year.	799	70%	24%	6%
22. My family often lacks transportation to attend local activities in which we would like to participate.	797	30%	64%	7%
23. I have heard about the Children's Trust of Alachua prior to this survey.	797	50%	41%	8%

My family often struggles with finding good childcare for our children.

Family Type	#	Yes	No	Not Sure
Has children 0-5	279	44%	44%	10%
Has children 6-10	334	38%	52%	8%
Has children 11-18	290	29%	64%	5%
Has children over 18	55	40%	52%	7%
Total	958			

24. What services, programs, or opportunities are needed for children and families in your community? (372 parents/caregivers responded to this question).

Response	#
Economic subsidies/funding	44
Health care (including dental care, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, counseling)	44
Education support (tutoring, summer school)	39
Child care	25
Sports program	22
After school program	18
transportation (including access to and subsidized)	12
Other (including language translation, human rights, and housing maintenance)	11
Activities for youth	10
support for special needs children (including activities, groups, and health care)	9
Safety program, more security	7
Food program, food pantry, community garden	6
Playgrounds, play areas	6
Parenting education, parent-child activities	5
Social services	5
Clothing program	4
Youth mentoring, job opportunities	4
Teen center/community center	3
Total	274

25. I have received services or supports from a program that receives funds from the Children's Trust.²

Yes	167	40%
No	189	46%
Not Sure	59	14%

² Not asked on the short version.

If yes, which one?

Response	#
AIM	2
Alachua County Children's Trust Fund	3
Baby Plan, EETF	1
Boulware Charter School and Caring and Sharing Learning School	1
Cade Museum	1
Camp Cuscowilla	2
Children trust fund alliance	6
Children Trust of Alachua County	1
Circus Camp	1
Community Trust Fund	3
Deeper Purpose	1
Drip child support	1
Erer	1
Ewdv	1
Family	1
Gainesville Circus Center	2
Gainesville FL child support	1
I forgot their names. Sorry	1
I have worked with CT to determine summer program capacity and locations of demographics and ESE students	1
La Petite	1
Little People Preparatory Preschool Inc.	1
Montana children trust fund	8
NewboRN home visiting & Help Me Grow	1
NewboRN Program	2
revocable trust	1
Rockefeller Foundation	1
St. Barbara Leadership Institute	1
Star Center Theater	2
Support fund	1
SWAG	1
Teen Work Program	1
The cade summer camp	1
The Child Center	1
The Education Equalizer Foundation	1
The foundation of Alachua	42
The Gainesville Circus	1

Traveling Art Camp	1
Total	98

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Supports and Opportunities for Young Children

On the Long version, questions 26-29 were only asked of parents/caregivers who indicated they were pregnant with their youngest child while living in Alachua County. On the Short version, only question 26 was asked.

26. With our youngest child, I or my partner received great prenatal care.

Yes	521	85%
No	67	11%
Not Sure	25	4%
	613	

27. I/my partner had a hard time getting prenatal appointments with a doctor.

Yes	38	20%
No	113	59%
Not Sure	39	21%
	190	

28. Are your children receiving free books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Yes	70	44%
No	58	37%
Not Sure/ Have not heard of this program	30	19%
	158	

29. My family currently participates in these programs:

Program	#	Current	Past	Not Sure
WIC	141	44%	35%	21%
Healthy Start	141	28%	43%	30%
MIECHV	143	20%	23%	57%
NewboRN	138	24%	33%	43%
Healthy Families	146	34%	25%	41%

30. I have a child in VPK/preschool.³

Yes	78	52%
No	69	46%
Not Sure	4	3%
	151	

Which VPK/preschool?

VPK/Preschool	#
Baby Gator	4
Caring and Sharing	1
Cuddly kids Academy	2
First Presbyterian	1
Greenfield	1
Holy trinity episcopal school	1
La Petite	1
Lees' Pre-school and nursery	1
Little Debbie's Childcare	1
Little pioneers preschool	1
Little School at Santa Fe college	1
Love-N-Care Preschool	4
Martin Rochelle Learning Center	2
Micanopy Area Cooperative School	2
Millhopper Montessori	1
Montessori	1
Morning meadow	1
O2B kids Alachua	1
OakTree	1
Open Arms	1
Orange blossom prep	1
Public high school	1
Shell Elementary	1
Small steps institute	1
Small World Daycare	1
The child center	2
The Kidz House	1
The kindergarten of Alachua	12

³ Not asked on the Short version.

Statement	#	Strongly Agree + Agree	Undecided	Disagree + Strongly Disagree
The VPK/preschool program my child attends is really good.	281	81%	5%	14%
The VPK/preschool program is doing a good job of preparing my child for kindergarten. ⁴	75	63%	23%	15%

My child is not in VPK/preschool because (check all that apply):

Response	#	%
My family cannot afford it.	27	20%
There aren't any close to where we live.	26	19%
My child stays home with me or my partner.	26	19%
I don't think the centers close to me are good.	22	16%
I have no way to get them to it.	20	15%
My child stays with a family member or friend.	14	10%
Other (please specify)	0	0%
	135	

⁴ Not asked on the Short version.

Supports and Opportunities for School-Age Children

On the Long version, these questions 26-29 were only asked of parents/caregivers who indicated they had school age children currently.

Statement	#	Strongly Agree + Agree	Undecided	Disagree + Strongly Disagree
When my children get home after school, they are usually home without adult supervision for at least some time.	618	40%	4%	56%
All my school-age children are getting a good education at their schools.	629	75%	10%	14%
I know how to get academic tutoring for my children.	635	66%	9%	25%

31. One or more of my school-age children participates in some kind of afterschool programming, such as sports or Boys & Girls Club.

Yes	188	62%
No	113	37%
Not Sure	4	1%
	305	

32. The afterschool program my children attend teaches them important things.

Strongly Agree + Agree	173	92%
Undecided	9	5%
Disagree + Strongly Disagree	6	3%
	188	

What don't your school-age children participate in afterschool activities/programs?

- ◆ *Autism (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *Because I can't afford it*
- ◆ *Because of an illness (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *For my 5th grader at Oak View, opportunities are limited for after school programs. Other programs do not fit in with our schedules. Our 7th grader is involved in an after school program, limited. Both parents work full time and so it makes after school programs difficult since coordinating that with two full time, not in Newberry jobs requires a lot of coordination and time off work.*
- ◆ *I can't afford them (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *I don't have enough gas to get everyone where they need to be and pick them up and take them home.*

- ◆ *I get afraid because I'm not assured for their safety (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *I like to have time to spend with them because am busy with work.*
- ◆ *It's hard to get them in a after school program.*
- ◆ *Lack of time (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *Lack of transportation*
- ◆ *Mostly because there won't be any one around to help pick them up. Everyone at home is always busy.*
- ◆ *My children cannot always participate in afterschool because it is upwards of 400.00 a month per kid. The school afterschool has not had availability in recent years unless your child is in KG.*
- ◆ *My children DO participate in after school activities. Cost and transportation logistics prohibit us from participating in MORE programs though. I wish there were more options at the school after the school day --- languages, music, book or science or math club.*
- ◆ *My child is not interested in any after-school activities. (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *No reason (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *nos se donde hay pues todo llega en español y nadie ayuda en las oficinas llamo*
- ◆ *Not allowed due to intellectual disability and needing extra attention and assistance*
- ◆ *Opportunities (multiple responses)*
- ◆ *They are always busy doing their homework*
- ◆ *They are far away*
- ◆ *They do participate but not always.*
- ◆ *Transportation/scheduling complications*
- ◆ *We cannot find one that is affordable and that our child enjoys.*

Demographics

33. Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household?

# in Household	#	%
2	123	16%
3	164	22%
4	246	33%
5	130	17%
6	53	7%
More than 6	31	4%
Total	747	

34. Considering all sources, what is your family's approximate annual income?

Response	#	%
Less than or equal to \$25,000	182	24%
\$25,001 - \$50,000	216	28%
\$50,001 - \$75,000	133	18%
\$75,001 - \$100,000	89	12%
More than \$100,000	73	10%
Prefer not to say/don't know	65	9%
Total	758	

35. What language does your family mostly use at home?

Home Language	#	%
English	708	93%
Spanish	38	5%
Other	12	2%
Chinese	2	0%
Haitian-Creole	2	0%
Total	762	

Other languages:

- ◆ Chuj
- ◆ English/French/German
- ◆ English & Spanish
- ◆ French
- ◆ Portuguese
- ◆ Q'anjo'bal
- ◆ Vietnamese

36. I would be interested in serving on a parent advisory committee for the Children's Trust.

A total of 156 indicated interest and provided a valid email address.

37. I would like to be kept informed of what the Trust is doing in my neighborhood.

A total of 218 indicated interest and provided a valid email address.

38. I would be willing to complete an additional Trust surveys or Listening Project opportunities such as focus groups or community meetings, to provide my thoughts and input on the resources and supports for children and families.

A total of 187 indicated interest and provided a valid email address.

39. Is there anything else you'd like to share regarding the Children's Trust or supports/opportunities for youth and their families in Alachua County?

- ◆ *A concern about Head Start/VPK in general. I think the program is wonderful and helpful and necessary. However, the times make it very difficult for working parents to enroll their children. I and my husband both work full time. We can't afford to work partial days and pick our child up in the middle of the day, so we have to pay for roll-over care. That is really difficult for us, financially. Additionally, the school has "planning days" 2x a month in the middle of the week, which isn't how it is in Alachua County Public Schools VPK- one of us being able to take a day off once or twice a month is becoming problematic, but we can't afford full day drop off care. We stay at MRLC because we love the teachers and they have wrap around care. But the planning days are tough on us.*
- ◆ *A member of the advocacy group.*
- ◆ *By focusing on churches you are excluding people with minority religions.*
- ◆ *Children's trust is doing a great job. I really appreciate the support to GCC which is also support for my kids and my family!*
- ◆ *Each small incorporated city in this county need a recreation facilities with a pool!*
- ◆ *Get enough teachers for pre school*
- ◆ *Hay muchos niños en mi comunidad que necesitan ayuda con tutoría para sus clases Más programas a través de la biblioteca para leer*
- ◆ *Help to provide quality education*
- ◆ *Hopefully, these institutions will bring better benefits to the children*
- ◆ *How does School Readiness obtain more funding? The wait list is seems to be over 6 or more months*
- ◆ *I excited to learn more about the Children Trust Fund and what they can offer my neighborhood and those in need*
- ◆ *I am happy to have you in the community. Partner with Alachua County Schools, Alachua County Athletics, Community Team Sports Clubs, Local Faith Based Organizations, and other local non-profits that can help you reach those most in need. Always consider the fact that parents or lack of parental is often in the way of the child*

receiving or having access to these resources so you may have to transport the resource to the children. Also realize that many local educators are burned out and that the educators need to be supported and educated as well too. MANY educators need lessons on diversity and inclusion especially in this small town. As active as I am as a parent there has been too many incidents of a teacher attempting to label my child or another child or not responding to needs in the classroom adequately when I know it my heart that it really boiled down to deep seated beliefs and not having the knowledge or understanding of how young people communicate. They are quick to say a kid has an attitude and writing them off without any consideration for what burden that child may have walked into the classroom carrying. A different approach solicits a different response. Respect is earned and some teachers aren't educated to know how to earn respect before demanding it.

- ◆ I am having a really hard time finding and financially accessing existing services for my son who is autistic. I am worn out and exhausted and need support for me so I can support him better. I am a single mama. There are few supports for children with disabilities and it feels like the constant run around to try to find them. Also, there are hardly any tutors for dyslexia and NONE for dysgraphia in our community. I need help and it needs to be affordable because I am a single mama.
- ◆ I am not sure of the role of the children's trust.
- ◆ I appreciate Trust's efforts towards the neighbourhood
- ◆ I love the programs my daughters are currently involved in. I participate in Healthy Families for my baby and I like how it keeps me in the know of what's going on in my community. I also like that they reassure me that I am doing good for my baby. My older daughter is a part of BBBS and it's good for her to have another person outside our family to go to for support.
- ◆ I think it's great when you're doing wonderful things to help the community 🙏
- ◆ I think they are doing a great job
- ◆ I want all families to have access to the things they need
- ◆ I want to get it as soon as possible. This is a good help children's trust fund. Thank you
- ◆ I would like to see you guys out in the community more. We supported the trust but have been disappointed by the lack and quality of communication and outreach. In order for the Trust to succeed, it needs to provide services to everyone at varying levels — not just to some at high levels.
- ◆ I'd like to see more paid youth internships for high school youth in the summer and during the year, connecting students to job opportunities and providing positive experiences
- ◆ If the trust can fund tutoring for dyslexia, dyscalculia, and other LDs in schools, that would be my top priority.
- ◆ I'm really not familiar with the Children's Trust, I don't know if they help families without a legal status in the country.
- ◆ I'm very grateful for the opportunity and it's a big help for us
- ◆ Impressed with what you have been doing so far
- ◆ Improved language learning & support would be great, e.g. Spanish
- ◆ Increase the intensity of publicity.

- ◆ *It would be great if you could help provide after school care for children in Southwest Gainesville.*
- ◆ *It would be nice to receive gas cards sometimes. Discounted or free (variety) sports programs. Maybe more transportation options. Healthier food pantry of neighborhood garden.*
- ◆ *It's a great thing that can help a lot*
- ◆ *Learning more about the program*
- ◆ *Love the Dolly Parton Library program! Love the circus camp that was paid for a friend of ours to attend - she loves it! What a great resource you are!*
- ◆ *More help for single moms with special needs children*
- ◆ *more, easy to access reporting on where the Children's Trust funds go and what the outcomes are (e..g. how many ADDITIONAL children served, fed, etc by organizations with the CT monies; what have the improvements in grades, literacy, enrollment in after school programs been, etc.)*
- ◆ *no se que es children trust*
- ◆ *Not even sure what you have done*
- ◆ *Not sure if this is something this program would assist with, but we have a hard time getting reliable transportation for our kids to and from school. Often the bus isn't available or doesn't show up. I currently only have one bus rider, but next year may have 3 and I'm concerned about reliability and room on the bus.*
- ◆ *Our school needs more funding, not just for books but for the safety of our kids..like helmets for football...*
- ◆ *Over the summer both of my children with 504's participated for a limited time at Camp Cuscowilla in the day camp. I understand the 504 and IEP are for classroom accommodations and do not necessarily apply to summer camps. However, many of the minor camp attendees were participating on a scholarship from the Children's Trust due to their IEP and 504 which implies they have some sort of disability. I was disappointed to learn that none of the adults overseeing the camp had any experience in interacting with or managing children with needs. I ended up pulling my children out of the summer program for multiple reasons, but several of my reasons boiled down to the fact that the camp counselors overseeing my boys didn't know how to or have the patience to manage a child with ADHD. I feel that if they did have an adult that better understood how to redirect them or put them in situations that weren't overstimulating my boys could have thrived and had an amazing experience. My recommendation would be to utilize the funds to hire more experienced camp directors and counselors.*
- ◆ *Please also focus on literacy for all our kids. It is the focus faction for our kids and it is deplorable in Alachua County!!*
- ◆ *Please consider weekly transport services to Ironwood for Junior Gator Golf. Offer scholarships to elementary and middle students in East Gainesville. Focus on vocational programs for guaranteed professional incomes!!!!!!!!!!*
- ◆ *Special needs families are struggling a lot in this city. Accessibility to tutoring and child care is almost non existent. Medical bills and travel bills are high and these items are not taken into consideration for us. Some don't qualify for wic or any other form of assistance but spend the majority of our income on therapies and specialists.*

- ◆ *Thank you for supporting the Gainesville Circus Center afterschool program! Three out of our four kids attend their own scholarship and love it!!*
- ◆ *Thank you for what you have been doing and all future support.*
- ◆ *Thank you for your help.*
- ◆ *THANK YOU!!! We come from a different Florida county and never would've had these opportunities somewhere else. The kids have experienced and learned so much. We deeply appreciate both the trust and all the child care programs that chose to be involved!!*
- ◆ *Thanks for supporting the Gainesville Circus center. My daughter really enjoys being active after school and it's gotten me and my older daughter to join and stay active.*
- ◆ *thanks for your support to families and helping children*
- ◆ *That the are doing a good job*
- ◆ *The children trust is really needed and important in our society today.*
- ◆ *The hope is to provide more help for the physical and mental development of teenagers, and to provide employment direction for young people who graduate or drop out of school*
- ◆ *The school system mostly frustrates me because they are inconsistent, they can't even get my name correct on his IEP. I really don't think they are doing anything with him at school. Also, the bus is so inconsistent and they can't even text me if the bus is 40 minutes late. The staff at the Alachua County Transportation department are rude and don't understand that my 17 year old needs supervision at ALL times. They could really use some customer service training. There is little or no communication between his school and the transportation department. They act like they work separately.*
- ◆ *They are doing a great job.*
- ◆ *They do an incredible job.*
- ◆ *This is a waste of tax money. People shouldn't have children that they cannot afford and if they do the children should not be in the care of parents who cannot be responsible for them, afford them, and/or properly parent them*
- ◆ *Was great to learn a lot*
- ◆ *We hope that there will be no racial or regional discrimination and that we will help families with children in real need*
- ◆ *We need to deal with security, night life in our town and improve our services*
- ◆ *We need to make sure all the teachers and staff in the school district are trained to deal with behavioral issues caused by students with mental health problems and/or invisible disabilities. The highly punitive paradigm currently employed in most school systems is highly ineffective, and there are alternative evidence-based approaches that have been proven effective at dealing with these children.*
- ◆ *What is its mission statement?*
- ◆ *While it doesn't impact my kids now. I strongly believe in apprenticeship programming with stipends for teens. Afterschool matters in Chicago being one model*
- ◆ *Why you never reach out to the caregiver on resources for the kids that we take end to give extra support*
- ◆ *You are doing a recommendable job that benefit children in Alachua County*

- ◆ *Youth and families in Alachua county need help with mental health services, community services, transportation and clothing banks.*