

Enrichment

Enrichment providers travel to sites across the county to provide their FREE services to youth. To request enrichment sessions, please visit <https://www.childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us/programs/page/enrichment> or scan the QR code



All Well Health Services *Cadence and Calm*

Teaches children how sound and music can help them manage their emotions, increase creativity, develop emotional expression through sound/language, and improve focus and connection to themselves and others.

Crafty Gemini Farms *Youth Development Program*

By engaging students in diverse hands-on activities, the curriculum enhances problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and self-confidence, while also introducing them to potential career paths in creative fields.

Cultural Arts Coalition *Science Club*

Designed to academically supplement elementary school students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) areas by offering exposure to the STEM areas in ways that directly impact students' lives. Participants are expected to learn and be introduced to new concepts in the STEM areas, which ultimately will enable them to be competitive throughout their future academic and work careers.

DJ Elo Global *Let's DJ Program*

Utilizes the "Music Together" evidence-based practice to teach young children the art of DJing, as well as building students' self-esteem, character, and decision-making skills.

Dream On Purpose *DOP REACH*

Featuring the Eight Cs of Self-Leadership for Teens curriculum, this nine-week course guides youth in developing eight crucial leadership qualities to support a self-led life

IGB (I Gotcha Back) Education

Empowers Alachua County youth by teaching essential life skills and promoting emotional wellness. The program focuses on financial literacy, socio-emotional wellness, critical thinking, communication skills, and life management skills.

Infinite Dream Builders Corporation

Offers creative activities that help children learn important life skills. Through games and team building students explore different careers and gain financial literacy skills.

Lee's Preschool Center *Each One Teach One*

Offers targeted support in reading and tutoring to students who need it most.

Motiv8U of North Central Florida

Interactive and engaging curriculum-based trainings that deal with social-emotional components of youth development, helping develop strong character, effectively process emotions, resolve conflict, build successful relationships and more.

Music & Arts Program for Youth

Designed to introduce and engage youth in learning musical instruments, including the piano, guitar, xylophone, and electronic drums. The curriculum combines technical skill development, creative expression, leadership and life skills along with fun interactive activities to create a comprehensive and enjoyable learning experience.

Santa Fe College *College Knowledge Program*

Through interactive activities and presentations, the College Knowledge program will engage students as young as kindergarten age up to high schoolers about succeeding in life... with college as the launching pad. Children will see how they can turn their interests and strengths into long-term goals, getting ready for college along the way.

Underground Kitchen *Young Chefs Program*

Provides culinary training and education, with weekly cooking sessions that focus on nutritional awareness, mentoring, life skill training and the importance of culturally comforting food. Partners receive nourishment fact sheets for the youth and receive meal prep guides to assist with dietary needs.

Florida Museum of Natural History

Choose from current programs that reach children of different ages in different formats. Each initiative is categorized based on age, to offer programming that is consistent with youth development and academic needs: Early Explorers (ages 3-5) will have the objective of fostering the curious nature of early childhood audiences and help build the early foundation vital to a love of science learning; Science Surprises (ages 5-11) seeks to instill in children an interest in science and help them become better problem solvers by using creativity and scientific inquiry; and Museum in the Parks (ages 11-14) has the objective of engaging them in authentic scientific learning experiences and exposing them to diverse STEM careers and outdoor spaces.

ABOUT US

2025-2026

Mission: The Children's Trust of Alachua County funds and supports a coordinated system of community services that allows all youth and their families to thrive.

Vision: Facilitate equitable access and opportunities for all children, youth and families in Alachua County to ensure every child reaches their maximum potential.

Culture Statement: We put children first in every decision, ensuring supports that are universal, targeted, and community based. We invest in innovative, collaborative solutions that strengthen families and deliver lasting impact. Guided by integrity, respect, and inclusivity, we foster a positive culture where people and communities thrive together.

Our Strategic Plan (2024-2026):

The Strategic Plan is a roadmap to guide service delivery planning and to inform funding investments for children, youth and families in Alachua County. It is informed by the wisdom of youth, parents, service providers, community partners and the staff of the Children's Trust of Alachua County, actively solicited through a 10-month Listening Project that concluded in 2023.

Our Impact Framework aims to ensure all children and youth are Healthy, Educated and Safe. Programs are evaluated regularly to ensure processes and infrastructure are yielding meaningful progress in child well-being.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are excited to highlight all of our funded programs in this guide. All programs are funded under our Strategic Plan, which cemented our three main goals through 2026: that all children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers, can learn what they need to be successful, and live in a safe community. In our last fiscal year, we were able to reach **22,251** children and youth and **4,882** parents and professionals across Alachua County. We strive to continue to grow our reach and impact the lives of children and families in our county. We are proud to invest in programs that not only provide children with fun and enriching experiences but also provide parents with safe and reliable care for their family. We are committed to the wellbeing and success of the children, youth and families in Alachua County. We are thankful for each of our partners, providers and stakeholders that allow us to continue our journey in ensuring each child thrives and reaches their fullest potential.



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For the most up-to-date list of our funded programs, visit our website!



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CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Program Guide

Goal 1: All children are healthy and have nurturing caregivers.

Family Resource Centers

SWAG Family Resource Center | 807 SW 64th Terrace, Gainesville, FL | (352) 505-6823

Library Partnership Family Resource Center | 912 N.E. 16th Avenue, Gainesville, FL | (352) 334-0160

One Community Health Family Resource Center | 1725 SE 1st Ave, Gainesville, FL | (352) 283-2185

Willie Mae Stokes Community Center's Family Resource Center | 355 NW 6th Avenue, Micanopy, FL | (352) 466-1136

The Resource Center at Deeper Purpose | 19975 NW 244th St. Unit 30, High Springs, FL | (386) 454-8493

Provides free programs, services, and activities for the community, connecting residents with resources and opportunities that may otherwise be inaccessible due to income and transportation limitations.

Partnership For Strong Families

Community Resource Navigation Program

Alachua Branch Library | 14913 NW 140th St, Alachua, FL 32615 | (352) 363-0097

Hawthorne Area Resource Center | 21923 SE 67th Pl, Hawthorne, FL 32640 | (352) 318-9423

High Springs Branch Library | 23779 US-27, High Springs, FL 32643 | (352) 363-0097

Waldo City Square | 14450 NE 148th Ave, Waldo, FL 32694 | (352) 318-9423

Newberry Branch Library | 110 South Seaboard Drive, Newberry, FL 32669 | (352) 363-0097

Porters Community Center | 522 SW 3rd St, Gainesville, FL, 32601 | (352) 318-9423

The CRN Program targets communities that are not served by Family Resource Centers to ensure that all community members have access to support. CRN staff assist families and individuals with immediate needs like food, clothing, and housing. They also support families identify strengths and areas for improvement, such as financial stability, employment, education, and mental health, set goals, and connect them to community resources.

Healthy Start of North Central Florida

NewboRN Home Visiting Program

CALL (877) 678-WELL

TEXT "Connect" at (352) 415-0091

ASK your health provider about NewboRN Home Visiting

A free program offered to all Alachua County women who give birth in the county. Within a week after baby is born, a registered nurse or midwife will provide a physical and health assessment on baby and mom, help with breastfeeding and nutrition, show how to care for baby, share infant safety tips, check car seat installation, discuss family planning options and connect families to local resources.

UF Health

Partners in Adolescent Lifestyle Support (PALS) Thrive

A. Quinn Jones, Buchholz High, Fort Clarke Middle, Eastside High, Gainesville High, Saint Francis High, Loftan High, Westwood Middle and Kanapaha Middle schools.

Contact Yanel Casanova: casany@shands.ufl.edu

Provides peer counseling classes, therapy groups, leadership groups and targeted programming to prevent suicide, violence, and bullying at participating schools.

PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

Reach Community Counseling Services

1010 SE 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601 | (352) 374-8799

Offers counseling, clinical therapy, and case management from licensed therapists to marginalized girls in underserved areas.

Child Advocacy Center

Reducing Trauma to Abused Children Therapy Program

 | (352) 376-9161

Provides therapy services for child victims of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse; exposure to community and/or domestic violence; human trafficking; severe forms of neglect and/or substance abuse exposure.

Play and Wellness Center of Gainesville

Harmony and Her

 | (352) 448-1134

A therapeutic group for middle school girls that uses music, lyrics, and collaborative creative activities to build confidence, strengthen self-esteem, and promote healthy peer relationships.

Children's Home Society of Florida

Wellness Program

Howard Bishop Middle School | Caressa Hutchinson (352) 955-6701 x 4320

Metcalfe Elementary | John "Wes" Phillips (904) 927-1918

Rawlings Elementary | LaKishia Shorter (904) 521-2632

The Wellness Coordinator coordinates and proactively connects children and families with primary health, dental, vision, nutrition, and mental health services, as well as promotes wellness awareness within the community.

UF College of Dentistry

Saving Smiles

(352) 278-0010

Promotes children's oral health by offering free, on-site preventive and limited dental care through collaboration with community partners. Services available for children ages 17 and under.

Business Leadership Institute

V'locity Master Class Program and Accreditation Academy

(844) 254-4005

Offers industry specific Master Classes, conferences, alumni trainings, online support, peer-to-peer meetings and advocacy engagement with key industry decision makers, legislators, and community leaders to explore better outcomes with Early Learning Owners and Directors as a larger network of small business entrepreneurs.

Goal 2: All children and youth can learn what they need to be successful.

Goodwill of North Florida

Teenswork Alachua

3520 SW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32608 | (904) 606-5178

Provides eligible students with paid internships and job opportunities that prepare them to succeed in employment. Students work with local businesses that offer on the job training and mentorship. In addition to paid internships, students also receive training in employability, job readiness, financial literacy, resume building and essential skills, such as communication and emotional intelligence. Students also receive the support and mentorship of a TWA Job Coach.

Gainesville Thrives

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

(352) 358-1877

A family-centered literacy building program for families with children birth through age 5. The program provides free books and guidance for parents and children reading together. Each child enrolled receives one book monthly until their 5th birthday.

PEAK Literacy

(352) 234-3172

Delivers focused one-on-one literacy tutoring using data-driven methods to help children who are behind in their reading level quickly catch up to their peers.

ECS4Kids (Episcopal Children's Services)

Head Start Summer Bridge

(904) 726-1500

Summer Bridge is an 8 week voluntary program, designed for families to take advantage of continued early learning during the summer when Head Start programs are normally closed.

Early Learning Coalition

Childcare Tuition Assistance Program (CTA)

(352) 375-4110

CTA funds cover 100% of tuition costs for participating ALICE (Asset Limited Income-Constrained Employed) families, reducing their financial burden while providing safe, quality childcare for children up to age 13.

Junior Achievement

3DE Program

Eastside High School | 1201 SE 43rd St, Gainesville, FL 32641 | (352) 955-6704

3DE Schools systematically address the structural inequalities in education by providing access to in-demand careers, fostering school stability through engagement, and building a culture of inclusionary instruction and individual value.

The Education Foundation of Alachua County

Amplified: Student Voice Coalition

(352) 955-7250

Amplified includes a series of opportunities to help students develop their voice and participate in educational advocacy. Our goal is to help students collaborate, plan, build confidence, and engage in civic discourse to share thoughts about their educational experience while exposing them to the operation of educational institutions and local government.

Afterschools

Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County

Woodland Park | 331 SE 20th Place Gainesville, FL 32641 | (352) 357-8003

Northwest | 2661 NW 51st St Gainesville, FL 32606 | (352) 373-6639

During the school year, all club members participate in Project Learn/Power to help with homework and improve academic achievement for five hours per week. Club members participate in enrichment activities that include Health and Wellness, Sports and Recreation, The Arts, and Service and Leadership development.

Deeper Purpose Community Church, Inc.

19930 N US Hwy 441 Suite A, High Springs, FL 32643 | (386) 454-5300

Offers a structured afterschool program that includes a top rated curriculum as well as tutoring and homework help. Snacks and meals are provided.

Gainesville Area Tennis Association (Aces in Motion)

1700 SE 35th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641 | (352) 758-2435

Offers afterschool programming for middle and high school students from 2:30-6 p.m. AIM staff and community partners help students embrace healthy lifestyles and learn essential academic and leadership skills. The program includes exposure to many different types of enrichment activities (museum visits, college tours, etc.) Transportation is provided from school.

Gainesville Circus Center

1925 NW 2nd St Ste B, Gainesville, FL 32609 | (352) 316-0682

The Afterschool Circus program is offered from end of school day until 6 p.m. Children will engage in all of the wonderful circus arts training offered in the weekly circus kids classes, plus additional theater arts & dance skills. Daily snack included. Pick-up available from select local public schools.

Girls Place, Inc.

2101 NW 39th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32605 | (352) 373-4475

Provides afterschool care until 6 p.m. for girls K-8 (must be at least 5 years old). Girls Place emphasizes homework completion and offers a wide variety of activities, including arts and crafts, field trips, and guest speakers, to provide a well-rounded experience. Girls have access to five acres of green space, a gymnasium, and classrooms. Transportation from several Alachua County Schools is provided.

Kids Count in Alachua County, Inc.

(352) 244-9723

Rawlings | 3701 NE 15th St. Gainesville, FL 32609

Duval | 2106 NE 8th Ave Gainesville, FL 32641

Provides one-on-one reading tutoring twice per week, daily homework assistance, and literacy activities that serve as social-emotional learning opportunities. Enrichment opportunities are provided through partnerships in the community and consist of tennis, gardening, dance, art, science, etc., as well as field trips that provide exposure and learning opportunities.

Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

356 NW 6th Avenue, Micanopy, Florida 32667 | (352) 466-1136

Provides afterschool care for children ages 5-17. The program offers homework help, learning activities, social skills enrichment and snacks. School pickup is available for Idylwild Elementary, Lincoln Middle, and Micanopy Area Cooperative School.

Goal 3: All children and youth live in a safe community.

AMI Kids

Gainesville Community Workforce Development Program

(352) 395-6193

Students will participate in a specialized workforce development program that also provides academic support for those pursuing a high school diploma or a GED.

Alachua County Sheriff's Office

Readers On Duty

(352) 367-4129

The Readers on Duty, Building Trust initiative promotes literacy, community trust, and positive engagement between law enforcement and youth. Through monthly interactive literacy events, deputies will read with children, host themed games and movie activities, and provide a safe, welcoming environment that encourages learning and relationship-building.

Capacity Building

Center For Nonprofit Excellence

3919 W Newberry Rd, Ste. 3, Gainesville, FL 32607 | (352) 367-0060

The CNE was launched to enhance the effectiveness of North Central Florida's nonprofit organizations. The CNE is designed to provide Executive Directors, and their respective staff and Board members, with information on best practices, tips and tools for organizational operations, and links to resources on a variety of topics.

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding

(352) 234-6595

Provides training to equip youth programs and providers with an overview of restorative practices and how to implement them as a means of addressing behavior with non-punitive discipline strategies that empower young people and build community.

Child Advocacy Center

Training Program

 | (352) 376-9161

Provides training to youth-serving providers on a variety of topics to inform providers of best practices and techniques to better serve youth and families.

Genesis Family Enrichment Center

(352) 219-1620

Provides training to strengthen families and transform communities using trauma-informed, evidence-based, attachment-centered education and therapeutic interventions that enhance the parent/caregiver, professionals/organizational and community's work with children & families.

Summer Camps

The Children's Trust of Alachua County funds numerous summer camps to provide children with safe and fun experiences during summer break. Many of these programs also include a learning or literacy component. A full list of funded summer camps can be viewed at our website below.

