



Gap Analysis of Child Well-Being Indicators and Program Support

Prepared for the Children's Trust of Alachua County

By the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners'

Children's Services Advisory Board (CSAB)

The attached Gap Analysis summarizes where Alachua County stands compared to the State of Florida in addressing 29 Child Well-Being Indicators. It also lists some programs currently providing services to Alachua County's children, prenatal to age 18, in the areas defined by the Indicators.

The Gap Analysis is intended to provide guidance to the Children's Trust of Alachua County Board as they determine their funding priorities: choosing to continue to support and/or scale up existing programs and collaborations or to create new programs and new collaborative systems of services.

The CSAB recommends to the Trust Board that it consider adopting some of the goals and guiding principles that informed the CSAB's activities over the last two years. In conceptualizing, obtaining the Board of County Commissioners' (BoCC) support and launching three new children's programs (NewboRN Home Visit, Transformative Professional Development and Social and Emotional Development and Family Support), the CSAB

- Chose specific, needs-based goals that would enhance the growth and development of young children.
- Developed programs that were innovative, identified and closed service gaps, but did not replicate existing programs.
- Recommended programs that would enhance the development of children throughout Alachua County, while targeting populations with special needs.
- Required that the grantees for these programs use evidence-based practices with measurable outcomes.
- Required that the grantees work with each other and with existing programs to create a collaborative, coordinated system of care for young children.

The CSAB recommends that the Children's Trust advocate for continuing the three (3) CSAB programs and monitor implementation and evaluation. We are confident that the Children's Trust Board will find the CSAB's Gap Analysis useful as it sets its funding priorities and that it will benefit from the CSAB's experience improving services to young children as it begins to address the needs of all of Alachua County's children.



CHILD WELL-BEING INDICATORS & PROGRAM SUPPORT

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PRENATAL TO BIRTH

		State Average	County Average	Number
1	Low-birthweight Babies Source: Florida Kids Count	8.7%	10.1%	290
		2016	2016	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Florida Department of Health		Family Health Line		
Healthy Start Coalition of North Central Florida		New parent assistance program, prenatal care		
NewboRN Nurse Home Visit		Physical exam for infant and mother, assess home health and safety, new parent education		
Healthy Family Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, & Union Counties		Home based parenting education		
Catholic Charities		Baby food, formula, diapers		
WIC Supplemental Food Program		Baby food, nutrition education, breast feeding education		

		State Rate	County Rate	Number
2	Preterm Births <37 Weeks Gestation, (3-Year Rolling Rates) Source: Florida Health Charts	10.1	11.3	969
		2015-2017	2015-2017	2015-2017
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Florida Department of Health		Family Health Line		
Healthy Start Coalition of North Central Florida		New parent assistance program, prenatal care		
NewboRN Nurse Home Visit		Physical exam for infant and mother, review home health and safety, parent education		
Healthy Families Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, & Union Counties		Home based parenting education		
Catholic Charities		Baby food, formula, diapers		

3	Birth with Inter-Pregnancy Interval <18 months (3-Year Rolling Rates) Source: Florida Health Charts	State Rate	County Rate	Number
		34.7	37.8	1,834
		2015-2017	2015-2017	2015-2017
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Florida Department of Health Family Health Line		Toll-free hotline about pregnancy, breastfeeding, childbirth education, family planning, etc.		
Florida Department of Health Family Planning Waiver		Family planning services for eligible women, ages 14 through 55		
Healthy Start Coalition of North Central Florida		New parent assistance program, prenatal care		
NewboRN Nurse Home Visit		Physical exam for infant and mother, review home health and safety, parent education		
Healthy Family Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, & Union Counties		Home based parenting education		
Catholic Charities		Baby food, formula, diapers		

4	SIDS Death Per 1,000 Live Birth (3-Year Rolling Rates) Source: Florida Health Charts	State Rate	County Rate	Number
		1.0	1.6	14
		2015-2017	2015-2017	2015-2017
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Healthy Start Coalition of North Central Florida		Parenting program		
NewboRN Nurse Home Visit		Physical exam for infant and mother, review home health and safety, parent education		
Healthy Family Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, & Union Counties		Parenting program		
Safe Sleep (Department of Children and Families)		Baby safe sleeping information		
Alachua County NewboRN Home Visiting Program		Safe sleep environment screening		

CHILDREN AGES 1- 5

5	Child Passengers Ages 1 -5 Injured or Killed in Motor Vehicles Crashes (3-Year Rolling Rates) <u>Source: Florida Health Charts</u>	State Rate	County Rate	Number
		358.1	539.2	222
		2014-2016	2014-2016	2014-2016
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Car Seat Checkpoint (Gainesville Fire Rescue)		Safe and proper car seat installation		
Florida Department of Health Car Seat Safety Program		Safe and proper car seat installation		
Healthy Start Coalition of North Central Florida		Parenting program		
Healthy Family Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, & Union Counties		Parenting program		

6	Children (Ages 1 -5) Receiving Mental Health Treatment Services (3-Year Rolling Rates) <u>Source: Florida Health Charts</u>	State Rate	County Rate	Number
		3.9	1.3	52
		2014-2016	2014-2016	2014-2016
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Transforming Professional Development for Early Care and Education Providers (TPD)		Training and technical assistance for parents and providers of early education and care		
Social and Emotional Development and Family Supports (SED)		Mental health and trauma focused training and technical assistance for parents and providers of early education and care		
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare		Psychiatric hospital, outpatient care, Baker Act receiving facility		
Children's Home Society of Florida		Youth counseling, in-home counseling		
CDS Family & Behavioral Services		Youth counseling		
Child Advocacy Center		Therapy for abused children		

7	Children with Verified Maltreatment (per 1,000) Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		8.3%	8.9%	404
		2016/17	2016/17	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Social and Emotional Development and Family Supports (SED)		Mental health and trauma focused training and technical assistance for parents and providers of early education and care		
National Alliance on Mental Illness		Alachua County mental health support groups, mental health information & education		
Children's Home Society of Florida		Youth counseling, in-home counseling		
CDS Family & Behavioral Services		Youth counseling		
UF Health		Psychiatric hospital, child and adolescent psychiatry		
Child Advocacy Center		Therapy for children exposed to abuse		
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare		Psychiatric hospital, outpatient care, Baker Act receiving facility		
Helping Hands Clinic		Clinical psychiatric evaluations, medication management		
Gainesville Counseling & Development Center		Individual counseling		
Azalea Health		Mental health evaluations, treatment & therapy		
Alachua County Crisis Center		Crisis line, counseling hotline, mobile outreach team, short term in-person hotline		
Peaceful Paths		Domestic violence shelter		
Girls Place		Mental health services, leadership program, social recreation program		

8	3 & 4 Year Old Children not Enrolled In School Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		49.5%	46.9%	2,703
		2012-2016	2012-2016	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County		School Readiness Program, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)		
Head Start (School Board of Alachua County)		Comprehensive early learning program		
Transforming Professional Development for Early Care and Education Providers (TPD)		Training and technical assistance for parents and providers of early education and care		
Alachua County Library System		Summer reading program, public library		

SCHOOL AGE

9	Percentage of Children Ready for Kindergarten Source: Florida Department of Education (FLKRS)	State	County	Number
		53%	58%	1,218
		Fall 2018	Fall 2018	Fall 2018
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Early Head Start (Episcopal Children's Services)		Comprehensive early learning program		
Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County		School Readiness Program		
NewboRN Nurse Home Visit		Physical exam for infant and mother, review home health and safety, parent education		
Alachua County Social Emotional Development		Early childhood mental health consultations		
Alachua County Transformative Professional Development		Early education, parenting support and education		
HIPPPY – School Board of Alachua County		Empowers parents to be their child's first teacher		
Healthy Start of North Central Florida		Childbirth education, breastfeeding, parenting support		
Healthy Families – UF Health		Home visiting program, parenting support		
Early Steps – UF Pediatrics/Health		Resources and parenting support		
Partnerships for Strong Families – Resource Centers		Resources and support to families in need		
Women Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program		Baby food, nutrition education, breast feeding education		
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Center for Building Healthy Families		Therapeutic services for children and families		

10	School Readiness at Kindergarten Entry (Single Year Rates) Source: Florida Health Charts	State Rate	County Rate	
		91.4	89.7	
		2014	2014	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Transforming Professional Development for Early Care and Education Providers (TPD)		Training and technical assistance for parents and providers of early education and care		
Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County		School readiness program, voluntary pre-kindergarten		
HIPPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Children)		Empowering parents of children ages 3-5 to be their child's first teacher.		
Early Head Start – Episcopal Children's Services		Comprehensive early learning program		
Head Start (School Board of Alachua County)		Comprehensive early learning program		

11a	4 th Grade Students not Proficient in English Language Arts (Proficiency is measured at level 4 or higher on the FSA.) Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		74.0%	70.0%	1,455
		2015/16	2015/16	

Sample Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County	School Readiness Program, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)
Head Start (School Board of Alachua County)	Comprehensive early learning program
Alachua County Library System	Summer reading program, public library
Kids Count	Tutoring (only for certain elementary schools)
Boys and Girls Club	Leadership program, social recreation program, program homework help
Girls Place- ACHIEVE	Guided reading program

11b 4th Grade Students Scoring Level 3 (Satisfactory) or Above in English Language Arts Source: School Board of Alachua County

School Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
All Students in District	54%	57%	54%
White	68%	73%	70%
Black	32%	33%	29%

Sample Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County	School readiness program, voluntary pre-kindergarten
Alachua County Public Schools	Head Start
Alachua County Library System	Summer reading program, public library
Kids Count	Tutoring (only for certain elementary schools)
Boys and Girls Club	Leadership program, social recreation program, program homework help
Girls Place- ACHIEVE	Guided reading program

12a	8th Grade Students not Proficient in Math Proficiency is measured at level 4 or higher on the FSA. Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		78%	89.0%	864
		2015/16	2015/16	
Sample Programs				
		Description		
Partnership for Strong Families		Homework help, literacy (10-14 yrs.)		
Alachua County Library System		Summer reading program, public library		
Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County		School Readiness Program		
Boys and Girls Club		Leadership program, social recreation program, program homework help		

12b	8th Grade Students Scoring Level 3 (Satisfactory) or Above in Math Source: School Board of Alachua County			
	School Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
All Students in District		61%	61%	57%
White		77%	78%	76%
Black		33%	31%	23%
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Partnership for Strong Families		Homework help, literacy (10-14 yrs.)		
Alachua County Library System		Summer reading program, public library		
Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County		School Readiness Program		
Boys and Girls Club		Leadership program, social recreation program, program homework help		

13	Teens Not in School and Not Working <u>Source: Florida Kids Count</u>	State Average	County Average	Number
		8.0%	5.5%	1,202
		2012-2016	2012-2016	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Education Foundation of Alachua County		Mentorship program		
Alachua County Foster Grandparent Program		Mentorship program		
Boys and Girls Club		Leadership program, social recreation program		
Girls Place		Leadership program, social recreation program		
Junior Achievement		Work readiness, financial literacy		
Partnership for Strong Families		Financial education		

14a	High School Students Not Graduating on Time <u>Source: Florida Kids Count</u>	State Average	County Average	Number
		19.3%	21.6%	440
		2015/16	2015/16	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Alachua County Library System		Summer reading program, public library		
Boys and Girls Club		Leadership program, social recreation program, program homework help		
Junior Achievement		Work readiness, financial literacy		
CareerSource		Education assistance, work experience, skill development		
Reichert House		Tutoring, vocational training, employment assistance		
Pace Center for Girls		Alternative school, dropout prevention		
Girls Place		Leadership program, social recreation program		

14b High School Students Graduating On Time
 Source: School Board of Alachua County

School Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
State	81%	82%	86%
All Students in District	78%	83%	88%
White	85%	90%	92%
Black	67%	68%	79%
Sample Programs			
Organization/Program Name	Description		
Alachua County Library System	Summer reading program, public library		
Boys and Girls Club	Leadership program, social recreation program, homework help		
Junior Achievement	Work readiness, financial literacy		
CareerSource	Education assistance, work experience, skill development		
Reichert House	Tutoring, vocational training, employment assistance		
Pace Center for Girls	Alternative school, dropout prevention		
Girls Place	Leadership program, social recreation program		

15	Overweight and Obese 1 st , 3 rd & 6 th Grade Students Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		35.0%	27.7%	1,655
		2015/16	2015/16	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Florida Department of Health in Alachua		Family Health Line, Healthiest Weight Florida		
WIC		Nutrition education		
Children's Home Society Mid-Florida		Youth counseling, in-home counseling		
Saint Madeline Community Outreach		Food pantry		
Upper Room Church of God in Christ		Food pantry		
Catholic Charities		Food pantry		
Gainesville Community Ministry		Food pantry		
Lazarus Restoration Ministries		Food pantry		
Partnership for Strong Families		Food pantry		
Salvation Army		Food pantry		
Transformation Bible Ministries		Food pantry		

16	High School Teens Who Used Alcohol/Drugs past 30 days) <u>Source: Florida Kids Count</u>	State Average	County Average	Number
		32.9%	35.3%	181
		2016	2016	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Children's Home Society of Florida		Youth counseling, in-home counseling		
Florida Department of Health		Family Health Line		
Boys and Girls Club		Leadership program, social recreation program, program homework help		
Alachua County Crisis Center		Counseling hotline, mobile outreach team, short term in-person hotline		
CDS Family & Behavioral Services		Youth counseling		
Girls Place- Brain Power		Leadership program, social recreation program, mental health services program		

17	Youth contacts with the Juvenile Justice System (per 1,000) <u>Source: Florida Kids Count</u>	State Average	County Average	Number
		17.8%	23.1%	461
		2016/17	2016/17	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Pace Center for Girls		Alternative school, dropout prevention		
CDS Family & Behavioral Services		Youth counseling		
Reichert House		Tutoring, vocational training, employment assistance		
Education Foundation of Alachua County		Mentorship program		
Alachua County Foster Grandparent Program		Mentorship program		
Boys and Girls Club		Leadership program, social recreation program		
Girls Place- Brain Power		Leadership program, social recreation program, mental health service program		

18	Arrests, All Offences Youth Ages 10-17 (3-Year Rolling Rates) Source: Florida Health Charts	State Average	County Average	Number
		4,028.3	6,648.3	3,790
		2014-2016	2014-2016	

Sample Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
Pace Center for Girls	Alternative school, dropout prevention
CDS Family & Behavioral Services	Youth counseling
Reichert House	Tutoring, vocational training, employment assistance
Education Foundation of Alachua County	Mentorship program
Alachua County Foster Grandparent Program	Mentorship program
Boys and Girls Club	Leadership program, social recreation program
Girls Place- Brain Power	Mental health service program

19	Nurse-student Ratio in School Grades K-12, Single Year Rates Source: Florida Health Charts	State Average	County Average	Number
		2381.5	1179.0	3,790
		2016	2016	

Sample Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
Florida Department of Health in Alachua	School nurses
Alachua County School Board	School nurses

20	Percentage of 3 rd Graders with Untreated Cavities Source: UF -Oral Health Screening (Dr. Tomar)	State	County	
		32.6%	38.5%	
		2015	2016	

Potential Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
UF College of Dentistry	Comprehensive services
Florida Department of Health in Alachua County	Comprehensive services
ACORN Clinic	Comprehensive services
We Care Network: Project Dentists Care	Dental Care for low income
Millhopper Family Dentistry "Care to Share Event"	Free dentistry offered one day a year for the first 100 patients in line,

21	Percentage of Youth (Ages 11-17) Currently Using Cigarettes, Cigars, Hookahs, Smokeless Tobacco and/or Electronic Vaping Devices Source: Florida Youth Tobacco Survey	State	County	
		19.1%	17.8%	
		2018	2018	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Florida Department of Health- Tobacco Prevention Office		Tobacco counseling, technical assistance, Health Policy Initiatives: Tobacco 21, School zone buffer, and County level ordinance requiring Retail Licensure for All Retailers (E-Cig/Vape included)		
Area Health Education Center (AHEC)		Treatment provided for tobacco users; education provided for professionals (e.g., school personnel) and families		

22	Baker Act Data (Minors) 10 Year Trend Source: DCF Baker Act Reporting Center	State	County	Number
		+56.2%	+326.4%	545
		2007-2017	2007-2017	2017
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
Meridian Crisis Stabilization Unit		Short term crisis stabilization, evaluations, medications, and discharge planning		
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare		Full continuum of substance abuse and mental health including outpatient, residential, special populations, i.e., pregnant women, criminal justice involved, etc.		
UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital		Short term crisis stabilization, medication, and discharge planning		
CDS Family and Behavioral Services		Youth counseling, in-home counseling		
Child Advocacy Center		Counseling services for neglected and abused children		

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

23	High Housing Cost Burden (>30% income spent) Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		37.3%	35.9%	34,601
		2012-2016	2012-2016	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
United Way of North Central Florida		Last resort rent fund & electric		
Catholic Charities		Financial counseling, rent/electric assistance		
Community Action Agency		SSVF fund, electric, rent payment & deposit		
Gainesville Community Ministry		Electric payment assistance		
Salvation Army		Electric payment assistance		
Family Promise of Gainesville		Emergency & transitional family shelter		
Saint Francis House		Arbor House, transitional shelter for families		
Alachua County Housing Authority		Section 8, low cost housing		
Gainesville Housing Authority		Section 8, low cost housing		
Alachua County Government		S.H.I.P program, down payment assistance, home repairs		
Partnership for Strong Families		Financial education		
Neighborhood Housing Development Corporation		Mortgage delinquency & default counseling		

24	Uninsured Children Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		7.3%	6.6%	3,212
		2015	2015	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
University of Florida, Community Health & Family Center		Community health clinic		
Palms Medical Group		Community clinic		
Equal Access Clinic		Community clinic		
Gainesville After Hours Clinic		Community clinic		
Helping Hands Clinic		Community clinic		
Westside Samaritans Clinic		Community clinic, dental care		
Florida Department of Health in Alachua		Community clinic		
Rahma Mercy Clinic		Community clinic		
Azalea Health		Community clinic, dental care		
Santa Fe College		Dental care, cleanings		
Gainesville Community Ministry		Dental care		
University of Florida, College of Dental		Dental care		
Affordable Dentures		Dentures		

25	Children in Poverty Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		21.3%	21.8%	10,289
		2016	2016	

Sample Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
Boys and Girls Club	Leadership program, social recreation program
CareerSource	GED preparation, college preparation, skill development, job experience
Institute for Workforce Innovation	GED/high school diploma, work experience, college preparation
Saint Madeline Community Outreach	Food pantry
Upper Room Church of God in Christ	Food pantry
Catholic Charities	Food pantry
Gainesville Community Ministry	Food pantry
Lazarus Restoration Ministries	Food pantry
Partnership for Strong Families Resource Centers (SWAG, Cone, and Library Partnership)	Food pantry
Salvation Army	Food pantry
Transformation Bible Ministries	Food pantry
Girls Place	Leadership program, social recreation program

26	Children in Single Parent Families Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		35.7%	32.7%	13,361
		2012-2016	2012-2016	

Sample Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
Florida Department of Health Family Health Line	
Healthy Start Coalition of North Central Florida	New parent assistance program
Healthy Families Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, & Union Counties	Home based parenting education
WIC	Nutrition education, breastfeeding support
Partnership for Strong Families	Financial education
Salvation Army	Food pantry
Girls Place	Leadership program, social recreation program
Resource Centers (SWAG, Cone, Library Partnership)	Resources and support to families in need

27	Children Living in High Poverty Areas <u>Source: Florida Kids Count</u>	State Average	County Average	Number
		12.3%	19.8%	9,164
		2012-2016	2012-2016	
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
ACES in Motion		Promotes health, character development, and academics through tennis		
Alachua County Crisis Center		Crisis line, counseling hotline, mobile outreach team, short term in-person counseling		
Children's Home Society of Mid-Florida		Youth counseling, in-home counseling		
CDS Family & Behavioral Services		Youth counseling		
Boys and Girls Club		Leadership program, social recreation program		
CareerSource		GED preparation, college preparation, skill development, job experience		
Education Foundation of Alachua County		School and classroom support, teacher professional development, college scholarships, preparing for post-secondary success		
Institute for Workforce Innovation		GED/high school diploma, work experience, college preparation		
Catholic Charities		Food pantry		
Girls Place		Leadership program, social recreation program		
River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding		Violence prevention, community and victim restoration		
Resource Centers (SWAG, Cone, Library Partnership)		Resources and support to families in need		

28	Homeless Students <u>Source: Florida Department of Education</u>	State Average	County Average	Number
		3.2%	3.3%	1,021
		2017-2018	2017-2018	2017-2018
Sample Programs				
Organization/Program Name		Description		
United Way of North Central Florida		Homeless Continuum of Care		
Interface Youth Shelter		Emergency shelter, counseling and case management services for youth		
Homeless Education Program of Alachua County Schools				

29	Unemployment Rate Source: Florida Kids Count	State Average	County Average	Number
		4.9%	4.3%	5,638
		2016	2016	

Sample Programs

Organization/Program Name	Description
Partnership for Strong Families	Financial education
CareerSource	GED preparation, college preparation, skill development, job experience
Institute for Workforce Innovation	GED/high school diploma, work experience, college preparation
Junior Achievement	Work readiness
Reichert House	Vocational training, employment assistance
Gainesville Job Corps	Technical training program
Kelly Services	Job Search
Center for Independent Living	Skill development, translation/interpretation
The Arc of Alachua Co	Skill development, support