

Enrichment

Enrichment providers travel to sites across the county to provide their 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.

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

Gator Junior Golf

Provides educational golf programs that build character, promote team-building, and establish mentorship for youth. The program focuses on life skills, academic skills, literacy, healthy habits, and golf fundamentals through engaging, hands-on experiences.

Grace to Overcome

"Growing Young Minds" focuses on improving the nutrition behaviors of youth and food sustainability through two forms of gardening, hydroponics and container-grown.

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

Creative activities that allow youth to learn life skills through team-building activities. The students will learn about different types of careers through different activities.

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.

Santa Fe College

College Knowledge Program

Reaching and engaging students as young as kindergarten age with relevant and consistent content to prepare for college.

Underground Kitchen

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

Offers programming, categorized by age, Early Explorers (ages 3-5), Science Surprises (ages 5-11) and Museum in the Parks (ages 11-14)

University of Florida

Upward Bound

The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession.

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ABOUT US

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 thier maximum potential.

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, Thriving 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 **21,118** children and youth 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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2024-2025



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 32607 | (352) 505-6823
Library Partnership Family Resource Center | 912 N.E. 16th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 | (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 32667 | (352) 466-1136
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, 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 and Kanapaha Middle schools.
For more information contact Yanel Casanova at 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.
1010 SE 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601 | (352) 374-8799
Reach Community Counseling Services offers coueseling, clinical therapy, and case management from licensed thereapists 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.

Children's Home Society of Florida
Wellness Program
Howard Bishop Middle School | Samantha Jamison (352) 562-5232
Metcalfe Elementary | John “Wes” Phillips (904) 927-1918
Rawlings Elementary | Contina Carr (904) 927-9244
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.

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 will be released in April.

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 five. The program provides free books and guidance for parent and child 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.

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 5 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 very 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 activites, including arts and crafts, field trips, and guest speakers, to provide a well-rounded experience. Girls have access to 5 acres of green space, a gymnasium, and classrooms. Transportation from several Alachua County Schools is provided.

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.

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.

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.

North Central Florida YMCA
Level Up Youth and Teen Nights
5201 NW 34th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32605 | (352) 374-9622
Provides monthly activites and services for youth including STEM, arts & humanities, sports, food, bounce houses, DJ's, speakers, and more.

Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters
(813) 769-3600
Matches students (Littles) with adult mentors (Bigs) to spend quality time and help children realize their potential. Littles must be Alachua county students between 5 and 13 years old.

Community Impact Corporation
(352) 264-0006
A Christian faith-based program that focuses on life skills development, character building and educational enhancement aimed at motivating the students to address and overcome factors such as low self-esteem, trauma, truancy, victimization, gang involvement, juvenile delinquency, violence, substance use, academic needs, goal setting, depression, bullying, peer pressure and other high-risk behaviors.

IGB (I Gotcha Back) Education
(352) 664-8534
Empowers students grades 5-12 to maximize their potential and enhance their developement. Address issues such as employability skills, problem solving, financial awareness, emotional wellness and literacy.

Made for More Foundation
(352) 234-6201
A Christian faith-based mentoring program that targets male student athletes to help them overcome challenges and grow. Includes weekly group meetings, weekend trips, tutoring, community service projects and individual mentoring.

The Education Foundation of Alachua County
Take Stock in Children
(352) 955-7250
Take Stock in Children (TSIC) breaks the cycle of poverty by identifying high-achieving, low-income public school students who show the potential to go to college and providing them with holistic support. Upon high school graduation, each TSIC scholar receives a two-year Florida Prepaid College Scholarship. This scholarship can be used at any college, university, or technical program.

Capacity Building Grants

Community Foundation of North Central Florida
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 provide 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
Providers 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.