



Education Task Force Meeting Agenda October 24, 2023

Chair Jeffrey Means
Vice Chair Travis White
Member Jeremy Grimm
Member Lynn Hayes
Member Tanya Floyd

City Manager Mike DaRoza

The City Commission will conduct a
Education Task Force Meeting
At 5:00 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: October 24, 2023

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers

15100 NW 142 Terr

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EDUCATION TASK FORCE MEETING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff Report - October 24, 2023

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

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Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 10/24/2023

SUBJECT: Staff Report - October 24, 2023

PREPARED BY: David Wisener, Economic Development Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Staff Report - October 24, 2023

Summary

Staff Report - October 24, 2023

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ ETF Staff Report - October 24, 2023
- ▢ Exhibit A - Alachua Education Action Plan
- ▢ Exhibit B - VPK Provider List 2023-2024
- ▢ Exhibit C - Community Partnership School Overview



City of Alachua

Education Task Force Staff Report

October 24, 2023

- **Research, recommendations, and actions regarding community early learning centers**

Staff met with Dr. Herman Knopf, senior research scientist for the University of Florida Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies on 9/12/2023. Dr. Knopf directed Staff to the Center's online Sunshine Portal to research enrollment and capacity for early learning centers within the City (<https://ceecs.education.ufl.edu/work/the-sunshine-portal>).

Additionally, part of Staff's "Alachua Early Education Action Plan" submitted as Exhibit A to Resolution 23-07 establishing the Education Task Force researched the readiness rate score for local VPK providers as determined by the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County (ELC) (included here also as Exhibit A). Per the ELC, a readiness rate is "a score from 0-100 that is intended to reflect how well the VPK provider prepared their VPK students for Kindergarten" (Exhibit B). The minimum readiness rate score for a provider to be considered satisfactory is 60. That information is included below along with enrollment and capacity data:

- Total number of early learning centers: 7
- Number of early learning centers providing data to the Portal: 5
- Number of early learning centers not included in the Portal: 2 (Education Station & Preschool Tech City; Irby Elementary [VPK only])
- Total occupancy rate: 85%
 - Capacity: 406
 - Enrollment: 346
 - Vacancy: 60
 - US Census population estimate for children under 5 (July 2022): 646
- Individual center statistics:
 - Lee's Preschool Center
 - Capacity: 75
 - Enrollment: 47
 - Occupancy rate: 63%
 - Teacher-to-Child ratio: 1:11
 - Wait list: Yes
 - VPK offered: Yes
 - VPK readiness rate: 52 (2018-2019)
 - Little Angels Child Care & Learning Center
 - Capacity: 34
 - Enrollment: 34
 - Occupancy rate: 100%

- Teacher-to-Child ratio: 1:11
- Wait list: Yes
- VPK offered: Yes
- VPK readiness score: N/A
- O2B Kids
 - Capacity: 208
 - Enrollment: 182
 - Occupancy rate: 88%
 - Teacher-to-Child ratio: 2:20, 1:11
 - Wait list: Yes
 - VPK offered: Yes
 - VPK readiness score: 86 (2020-2021)
- Bhaktivedanta Academy
 - Capacity: 34
 - Enrollment: 28.5
 - Occupancy rate: 84%
 - Teacher-to-Child ratio: 2:20
 - Wait list: No
 - VPK offered: Yes
 - VPK readiness score: N/A
- Love-N-Care Preschool
 - Capacity: 43
 - Enrollment: 42.5
 - Occupancy rate: 99%
 - Teacher-to-Child ratio: 1:11
 - Wait list: No
 - VPK offered: Yes
 - VPK readiness score: 61 (2018-2019)
- Irby Elementary (VPK Only)
 - Teacher-to-Child ratio: 2:20
 - VPK offered: Yes
 - VPK readiness score: 24 (2018-2019)

Dr. Knopf stated his opinion that 85% overall occupancy rate is very tight and indicative that additional capacity is needed in the community. He provided three recommendations:

- Contact some of the families on center wait lists to see if they are still waiting on childcare for their children and ask what variables they are most interested in regarding childcare.
- Contact the largest center in the community, O2B Kids, and encourage them to consider expanding operations by showing these statistics demonstrating a dearth of space in childcare availability.
- Home visiting programs such as those supported by the Florida Maternal Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative (MIECHV) offer, in his opinion based on statistics, more return on investment than early learning centers when it comes to improving children's development. He suggested researching the possibility of establishing such a program in Alachua. Information on MIECHV can be found here:
<https://www.flmiechv.com/about/home-visiting/>

Lastly, Bonnie Bowman, Owner and Director of Persimmon Early Learning Academy in Gainesville, has expressed possible interest in opening a location in Alachua. Staff met with Ms. Bowman on 7/6/2023 to discuss this possibility.

- **UF Lastinger Center for Learning holds first New Worlds Reading Expedition at Alachua Elementary School on 9/12/2023**

Staff continued to support a growing relationship with the UF Lastinger Center for Learning by helping to promote the launch of its New Worlds Reading Initiative with a special, free event open to families at Alachua Elementary School on 9/12/2023. This event was well attended and provided a free meal, free books and activities, and raffle prizes to attendees as part of the promotion for the New Worlds Reading Initiative, a free statewide program that delivers a free book each month to registered children from VPK through fifth grade who are not yet reading on grade level. Information on New Worlds Reading can be found here:

<https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/new-worlds/>

- **Staff meeting with representatives of the Children's Home Society of Florida's Community Partnership Schools on 9/11/2023**

Staff met with new Mebane Middle School principal Mike Gamble on 7/17/2023. Mr. Gamble served as principal at Howard Bishop Middle School in Gainesville for several years. During his time at Howard Bishop, Mr. Gamble helped established the school as a Community Partnership School, a program operated by the Children's Home Society of Florida (more information can be found here: <https://chsfl.org/services/community-partnership-schools/>). Mr. Gamble recommended Staff research the possibility of advocating Mebane likewise becoming a Community Partnership School.

Staff met with John Sherman, Senior Director of Community Partnership Schools, and LaToya Jennings-Lopez, Director of the Nest (Howard Bishop's Community Partnership School) on 9/11/2023 (Exhibit C). Mr. Sherman and Ms. Jennings-Lopez agreed to meet with School Board of Alachua County Superintendent Shane Andrew to seek approval for pursuing a potential expansion to Mebane Middle School.

Exhibit A – Alachua Education Action Plan

Background

The City Commission of the City of Alachua determined the development of a strategy to improve the performance of schools within the City to be one of the highest-priority strategic initiatives within the 2023 Strategic Plan. City Staff met with Alachua County School Board Superintendent Shane Andrew to receive input into how to best assist schools in improving performance. He suggested the most pressing, least-addressed need is improving readiness of children ages 0 to 5 to enter kindergarten.

Feedback

Following the advice of Superintendent Andrew, City of Alachua staff received feedback from local elementary schools regarding their experience with the average readiness level of children entering kindergarten. The unanimous consensus was that far too many children are developmentally behind upon entering the school system. This is a reality despite the fact that Florida offers free voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) programs for all children aged four (4) years. There are currently five (5) approved or pending VPK providers within Alachua: Irby Elementary, Bhaktivedanta Academy, Lee's Preschool Center, Little Angels Child Care & Learning Center and O2B Kids.

Staff Research

City staff conducted research on peer cities across the country that have become heavily involved in improving education. It was immediately evident that cities within Florida by default have an enormous advantage provided by statewide funding for free VPK as cities across the nation are otherwise actively engaged in ensuring that very thing.

The vast majority of active peer cities are far larger in size than Alachua, but the closest comparison is with the City of West Sacramento in California with a population of approximately 48,000. It has expanded its goal beyond providing free VPK to every four-year-old to providing highly-subsidized preschool programs to all children aged zero to five. According to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Educational Excellence Task Force, the City's initial action was to establish a Universal Preschool Task Force "chaired by a City Councilperson and charged with finding sustainable funding sources in order to create a comprehensive early education network." This task force was the foundation for the creation of the City's Universal Preschool for West Sacramento (UP4WS) program.

Locally, Alachua City staff found that while there are five VPK providers within the City, only one of those five currently has received a readiness rate score that is satisfactory. According to the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, a readiness rate is "a score from 0-100 that is intended to reflect how well the VPK provider prepared their VPK students for Kindergarten."

To provide context for the likely number of children aged zero to five years within the City, as of 2021, the U.S. Census estimates the overall population of the City of Alachua at 10,712 and the percentage of that population under the age of five at 6%, or approximately 643 children.

Staff Recommendations

City Staff's first and most important recommendation is that the Alachua Educational Task Force determine both the scope of preschool participation it desires to target for children in the community and to find sustainable funding sources to achieve that target.

Staff recommends that the Task Force be charged with determining how to improve communication in order to ensure that all parents of four-year-old children are aware that VPK is offered for free and to determine how to ensure that all four-year-old children within the City have available transportation to a VPK program.

Staff recommends that the Task Force also be charged with interacting and establishing relationships with all local VPK providers in order to determine how to improve readiness scores to satisfactory levels.

Lastly, staff recommends that the Task Force establish action steps, responsible parties and estimated completion dates for each of these charges.

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VPK providers must complete an annual contract renewal process with ELCAC. If a provider in this list has a “*pending*” status, that means their 2023-2024 VPK contract is still in progress, but it is expected to be approved before their 2023-2024 VPK school year program begins. You may call the provider for pending details as providers often plan in advance and may have more information to share with you. Other explanations and resources can be found on the last page of this document.

School Name: Abacus Learning Center Director: Stephanie Kolb Status: APPROVED Additional Services: snacks provided, full-time, part-time	Street Address: 5205 SW 91 Dr City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32608 Phone Number: 352-376-1492 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Other Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 93 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/23/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Archer Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 14533 SW 170th St City, State, Zip: Archer, FL 32618 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 73 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Chiles Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 2525 School House Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32608 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024

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School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Irby Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 13505 NW 140th St City, State, Zip: Alachua, FL 32615 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 24 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Kimball-Wiles Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 4601 SW 75th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32608 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 59 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Lake Forest Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 4401 SE 4th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32641 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 60 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Newberry Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 25705 SW 15th Ave City, State, Zip: Newberry, FL 32669 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 86 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024

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School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Norton Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 2200 NW 45th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32605 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: MA/MS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Rawlings Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 3500 NE 15 St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 37 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Shell Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 21633 SE 65th Ave City, State, Zip: Hawthorne, FL 32640 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 60 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Talbot Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 5701 NW 43rd St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32653 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024

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School Name: Alachua County Public Schools Terwilliger Elementary VPK Coordinator: Trisha Nieves Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, free extended pre-k services	Street Address: 3999 SW 122nd St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32608 Phone Number: 352-955-6875 Provider Type: Public School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Frog Street Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS, AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 41 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public (Charter) Schools Caring & Sharing Learning School Principal: Curtis Peterson Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, summer care, camp, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 1951 SE 4th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32641 Phone Number: 352-372-1004 Provider Type: Charter School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Big Day for Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 93 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 7:45am-10:45am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public (Charter) Schools Micanopy Area Cooperative School Principal: Brenda Maynard Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, Kindergarten, meals provided	Street Address: 802 Seminary Ave City, State, Zip: Micanopy, FL 32667 Phone Number: 352-466-0990 Provider Type: Charter School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Big Day for Pre-K Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 84 VPK Schedule: Mon-Fri, 8-11am or 11:30am-2:30pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Alachua County Public (Charter) Schools One Room School House Project Principal: Jamie Reyes Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, Kindergarten, summer care, camp, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, drop-in care, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 4180 NE 15th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-376-4014 Provider Type: Charter School (license-exempt) Curriculum: Ready to Advance Early Learning Program Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 79 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/21/2023 VPK End Date: 4/8/2024

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School Name: Angel's Christian Academy LLC Director: Regina Hill Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, meals & snacks & formula provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, summer, drop-in, emergency/temporary, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 1907 SE Hawthorne Rd #1 City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32641 Phone Number: 352-374-8521 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 58 VPK Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 8:45am-12:45pm VPK Start Date: 9/11/2023 VPK End Date: 6/5/2024
School Name: Baby Gator @ Lake Alice Director: Nika Douglas Status: APPROVED Additional Services: snack provided, full-time, full year, SR	Street Address: 793 Corry Cri City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32611 Phone Number: 352-392-2330 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: MA/MS, BA/BS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm VPK Start Date: 9/5/2023 VPK End Date: 4/18/2024
School Name: Baby Gator @ Newell Drive Director: Wendy Melchior Status: APPROVED Additional Services: snack provided, full-time, full year, SR	Street Address: 1244 Newell Dr City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32610 Phone Number: 352-273-8000 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: AA/AS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm VPK Start Date: 9/5/2023 VPK End Date: 4/18/2024
School Name: Bhaktivedanta Academy Director: Vrinda Aguilera Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, Kindergarten, snacks provided, full-time & part-time, SR	Street Address: 17414 NW 112th Blvd City, State, Zip: Alachua, FL 32615 Phone Number: 386-462-2886 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Montessori Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: AA/AS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 9/11/2023 VPK End Date: 5/2/2024

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School Name: CHILD Center for Early Learning Director: Linda Garcia Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Head Start, summer care, meals & snacks provided, full-time, SR	Street Address: 820 SW 62 nd Terr City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-519-1345 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 60 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/28/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024
School Name: Cuddly Kids Academy Director: Nedra Bates Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks & formula provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 1023 SE 4 th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-336-3200 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 58 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:15pm VPK Start Date: 10/2/2023 VPK End Date: 5/24/2024
School Name: Elevations Learning Academy Director: Alycia Nattiel Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, summer camp, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 207 NW 23 rd Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-451-4533 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Gee Whiz Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 94 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Episcopal Children's Services Eastside Head Start Director: Tekela Battles Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Head Start, meals & snacks provided, full-time, full year	Street Address: 1930 NE Waldo Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-264-4023 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/28/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024

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School Name: Episcopal Children's Services Eden Park Head Start Director: Mary Strawder Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Head Start, meals & snacks provided, full-time, full year	Street Address: 1340 NE 39th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-554-4063 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/28/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024
School Name: Episcopal Children's Services Hawthorne HS/Early HS Director: Sharissa Lee Cobb Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Early Head Start, Head Start, meals & snacks provided, full-time, full year	Street Address: 5837 SE US Highway 301 City, State, Zip: Hawthorne, FL 32640 Phone Number: 352-481-1908 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/28/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024
School Name: Episcopal Children's Services Highlands Head Start Director: Diane Frazier Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Head Start, meals & snacks provided, full-time, full year	Street Address: 1132 NE 16th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-554-5005 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/28/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024
School Name: Episcopal Children's Services Gainesville Early Head Start Director: Cynthia Davis Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Early Head Start, Head Start, meals & snacks provided, full-time, full year	Street Address: 530 NE Waldo Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32641 Phone Number: 352-225-5404 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/28/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024

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School Name: Episcopal Children's Services Waldo Community Head Start Director: Loraine Perez Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Early Head Start, Head Start, meals & snacks provided, full year	Street Address: 14450 NE 148 th Ave City, State, Zip: Waldo, FL 32694 Phone Number: 352-414-3562 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/28/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024
School Name: First Christian Academy Director: Carol Combs Status: APPROVED Additional Services: full-time, summer	Street Address: 24530 NW 199th Ln City, State, Zip: High Springs, FL 32643 Phone Number: 386-454-1641 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Mother Goose Time Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS, AA/AS Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 100 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville Inc Director: Lisa Hershkowitz Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, camp, full-time	Street Address: 106 SW 3 rd St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-376-1818 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 77 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/24/2024
School Name: First United Methodist Preschool Director: Lorin Winters Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, snacks provided, full-time, part-time, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 419 NE 1 st St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-373-0108 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 91 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/23/2024

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School Name: Gainesville Country Day School Director: Kylie Rogers Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, summer care, camp, snacks provided, full-time, early/extended care	Street Address: 6801 SW 24th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-332-7783 Provider Type: Private School (license-exempt) Curriculum: N/A Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 100 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:50am-12:50pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 3/27/2024
School Name: Gainesville Empowerment Zone Family Learning Director: Angellia Walker Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, meals & snacks provided, full-time, SR	Street Address: 1250 NE 18th Ave, Bldg 11 City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-225-3931 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: The Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/9/2024
School Name: Greenfield Preschool East, LLC Director: Christi Raynor Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 21805 W Newberry Rd City, State, Zip: Newberry, FL 32669 Phone Number: 352-472-7977 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 90 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Greenfield Preschool West, LLC Director: Jayme Tate Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 420 SW 250th St City, State, Zip: Newberry, FL 32669 Phone Number: 352-474-6141 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 91 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024

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School Name: Hagios Early Learning Center LLC Director: Denise McGinnis-Brown Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 1704 NE 9 th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-260-4477 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: WEE Learn Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 43 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/17/2024
School Name: Holy Trinity Episcopal School Director: Norma Rivera Status: APPROVED Additional Services: full-time, SR	Street Address: 301 N Main St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-377-2290 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Beyond Centers & Circle Time Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 85 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/24/2024
School Name: I Rise Performing Kids Academy Director: Jasmine Moore Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, Head Start, summer camp, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, weekends, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 24621 Doc Karelas Dr City, State, Zip: Newberry, FL 32669 Phone Number: 352-660-2013 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:00am VPK Start Date: 8/21/2023 VPK End Date: 6/12/2024
School Name: Just A Blessing Early Learning Center Director: Zachariah Maxwell Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Head Start, afterschool, summer camp, meals provided, full-time, part-time, drop in care, emergency/temporary care, SR	Street Address: 7510 NW 4 th Blvd. City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-331-3075 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: The Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 67 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:15pm VPK Start Date: 8/21/2023 VPK End Date: 4/29/2024

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School Name: Kiddie Academy Director: Nichole Rivera Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, camp, meals & snacks provided, transportation, full-time, drop-in care, SR	Street Address: 6476 SW 75th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32608 Phone Number: 352-264-7724 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Life Essentials (Kiddie Academy) Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 68 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/24/2024
School Name: La Petite Academy Director: Nissa Pfeffer Status: APPROVED Addition Services: before & after school, summer care, meals & snacks provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 2755 SW Archer Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32608 Phone Number: 352-371-0720 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Early Innovators Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 56 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Lee's Fun to Learn Daycare & Tutoring Inc Director: Abigail Freeney Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, meals & snacks provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, emergency/temporary care, SR	Street Address: 18129 Douglass St City, State, Zip: High Springs, FL 32643 Phone Number: 386-454-5568 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Beyond Centers & Circle Time Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 88 VPK Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/21/2023 VPK End Date: 5/16/2024
School Name: Little Angels Child Care & Learning Center Director: Sylvia Mitchell Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, drop-in care, summer	Street Address: 14821 NW US HIGHWAY 441 City, State, Zip: Alachua, FL 32615 Phone Number: 386-418-2211 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024

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School Name: Little Warriors Day School LLC Director: Ebony Batie Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, summer care, snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 1300 NW 6 th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-451-4623 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: WEE Learn Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: AA/AS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 97 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/24/2024
School Name: Love N Care Christian Learning Center Director: Lanetra Bradley Status: APPROVED Additional Services: camp, full-time, SR	Street Address: 1520 NW 34 th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32605 Phone Number: 352-378-5190 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: WEE Learn Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: AA/AS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 80 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 6/4/2024
School Name: Love-N-Care Preschool Director: Tammy Parnell Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, full-time, part-time, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 12440 NW US Highway 441 City, State, Zip: Alachua, FL 32615 Phone Number: 386-418-0404 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Funnydaffer Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: 2018-2019 = 61 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:45am-11:45am VPK Start Date: 9/5/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Martin-Rochelle Learning Center Director: Betty Martin Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, Head Start, summer care, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, drop-in care, emergency/temporary care, SR	Street Address: 13645 SW State Rd #45 City, State, Zip: Archer, FL 32618 Phone Number: 352-495-9346 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: The Creative Curriculum Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 30 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/21/2023 VPK End Date: 5/23/2024

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School Name: My School Director: Renee Debose Status: APPROVED Additional Services: playgroup, summer, snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 2720 SW 2nd Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-373-1328 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Beyond Centers & Circle Time Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 76 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/21/2024
School Name: Nanny's Loving Arms Early Learning Academy Director: Tandrina Preston Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, Head Start, summer, meals & snacks, transportation, sick care, full-time, part-time, swing shift, drop-in, early/extended, emergency/temporary, evening, SR	Street Address: 5000 NW 34th Blvd, Ste #13 & 17 City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32605 Phone Number: 352-745-7217 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: WEE Learn Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 35 VPK Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-12:30pm VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/14/2024
School Name: Oh To Be Kids (Supercenter) Director: Jennifer Blalock Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, summer care, camp, meals & snacks & formula provided, transportation, full-time, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 7383 SW 17 th Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-332-5500 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Funnydaffer Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 71 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: O2B Kids College 2 (Hunter's Crossing) Director: Lissette Avalos Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, meals & snacks & formula provided, full-time, part-time, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 4929 NW 43rd St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32606 Phone Number: 352-371-4202 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Funnydaffer Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 71 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024

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School Name: O2B Kids College 3 (Archer Road) Director: Carmen Mercado Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 3989 SW 37th Blvd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32608 Phone Number: 352-378-8838 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Funnydaffer Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 44 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: O2B Kids College 4 (Midtown) Director: Lieba Gouin Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, summer care, meals & snacks provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, early/ extended care, SR	Street Address: 1555 NW 23rd Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32605 Phone Number: 352-374-2202 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Funnydaffer Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 80 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: O2B Kids College 6 (Alachua) Director: JaBrandi Calhoun Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, summer care, camp, meals & snacks provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, early extended care, SR	Street Address: 14400 NW 152nd Ln City, State, Zip: Alachua, FL 32615 Phone Number: 386-462-0092 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Funnydaffer Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 86 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: O2B Kids Newberry Park Director: Jordan Corley Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, summer, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 12186 NW 7th Pl City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-664-5437 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Funnydaffer Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: N/A VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024

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School Name: Open Arms Child Development Center Director: Angelia Burr Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, snacks provided, full-time, part-time	Street Address: 1823 NW 5th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32603 Phone Number: 352-373-5856 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 100 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/24/2024
School Name: Persimmon Early Learning Academy Director: Marissa Leslie Status: APPROVED Additional Services: Kindergarten, summer care, camp, full-time, part-time	Street Address: 1121 NW 6th St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-505-0144 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 98 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Pumpkin Patch Day Care Center Director: Jessica Baker Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, summer care, transportation, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 6105 SE 205 St City, State, Zip: Hawthorne, FL 32640-1920 Phone Number: 352-481-2709 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Wee Learn Fours Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 90 VPK Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/8/2024
School Name: Rising Star Educational Academy #1 Director: Bonita Williams Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, summer care, meals & snack provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 1938 NE Waldo Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-682-3513 Provider Type: Faith-Based Center (license-exempt) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2017-2018 = 38 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/22/2023 VPK End Date: 6/5/2024

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School Name: Santa Fe College Little School Director: Heather Doles Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, full-time, full year, SR	Street Address: 3000 NW 83rd St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32606 Phone Number: 352-395-5599 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS, AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 79 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/21/2023 VPK End Date: 5/29/2024
School Name: Small World Daycare & Learning Center Director: Alfrieda Collins Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, summer care, meals & snack provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 1214 NW 4 St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-376-0917 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learning Beyond Paper Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 58 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/10/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: Sonshine Day Preschool Director: Christine Pappas Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, summer care, snacks provided, transportation, full-time, part-time, early/extended care	Street Address: 10000 W Newberry Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32606 Phone Number: 352-333-0017 Provider Type: Faith-Based Center (license-exempt) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: BA/BS, Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 99 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/31/2024
School Name: St. Anne Early Learning Center Director: Maria Ramos Status: APPROVED Additional Services: meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Street Address: 4300 West Newberry Rd City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-448-9395 Provider Type: Faith-Based Center (license-exempt) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 99 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/15/2024

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School Name: St. Patrick Interparish School Director: Gloria Wessels Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school, Kindergarten, summer, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time	Street Address: 550 NE 16th Ave City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone Number: 352-376-9878 Provider Type: Faith-Based Center (license-exempt) Curriculum: Get Set for School Complete Pre-K Program Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: AA/AS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 95 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:45am VPK Start Date: 8/21/2023 VPK End Date: 5/23/2024
School Name: Step by Step Learning Center Director: Jennifer Saxby Status: APPROVED Additional Services: after school, summer care, meals & snacks provided, full-time, part-time, drop-in care, SR	Street Address: 2211 NW 40th Terr City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32605 Phone Number: 352-373-6988 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 74 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/24/2024
School Name: The Academy at The Family Church Director: Sandy Baker Status: APPROVED Additional Services: before & after school care, Kindergarten, summer care, snacks provided, full-time, early/extended care	Street Address: 2022 SW 122nd St City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone Number: 352-642-1290 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: ELLM PLUS Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11 Instructor Credential: MA/MS, BA/BS Degree Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 86 VPK Schedule: Monday=Friday, 8:30am-11:30am VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/15/2024
School Name: The Kidz House Director: Iris Fabian Status: APPROVED Additional Services: summer care, Spanish, meals & snacks & formula provided, full-time, part-time, early/extended care, SR	Street Address: 4232 NW 6th St, Ste 2 City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609 Phone Number: 352-371-6269 Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed) Curriculum: Learn Every Day Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 1:11 Instructor Credential: Staff Credential Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 2 VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm VPK Start Date: 8/14/2023 VPK End Date: 5/16/2024

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School Name:	Street Address: 1414 NE 23rd Ave
The Oak Tree Early Learning Academy	City, State, Zip: Gainesville, FL 32609
Director: Diane Hill	Phone Number: 352-371-9936
Status: APPROVED	Provider Type: Child Care Facility (licensed)
Additional Services: meals & snacks & formula provided, full-time, part-time, SR	Curriculum: Learn Every Day
	Teacher-to-Child Ratio: 2:20, 1:11
	Instructor Credential: Staff Credential
	Readiness Rate: 2020-2021 = 59
	VPK Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm
	VPK Start Date: 8/15/2023
	VPK End Date: 5/30/2024

PROVIDER LIST VOCABULARY:

- **SR:** [School Readiness Program](#)
- **Curriculum:** A curriculum is a planned sequence of instruction to help providers conduct age-appropriate activities and meet the required [FL Early Learning Developmental Standards](#). "Other" means that the provider is using a curriculum that is not yet recognized by the Florida Division of Early Learning (DEL).
- **Readiness Rate:** The [Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener](#) (FLKRS) is used to gather information about a child's overall development and address their readiness for kindergarten based on the Florida Early Learning Developmental Standards. FLKRS is also used to calculate VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates which measure how well a VPK provider prepares their students for kindergarten. A score from 0-100 that is intended to reflect how well the VPK provider prepared their VPK students for Kindergarten. After VPK students graduate, most of them are screened by a trained public-school teacher at the beginning of Kindergarten using Star Literacy Assessment. The results of each former VPK student (grouped by the VPK provider they attended) are averaged to get the readiness rate for the previous program year when applicable. A readiness rate between 60-100 is satisfactory. ELCAC works with VPK providers that receive a readiness rate below 60 on a structured Improvement Plan. "N/A" means "Not Applicable" and is used in this list in place of a score if the provider did not have enough students or did not offer VPK in the program year that was last scored. *The VPK Readiness Rates will be replaced by a new VPK Performance Metric for the 2024-2025 program year.*

FAMILY/CHILD REGISTRATION:

The VPK child registration process is entirely online through the statewide Family Portal (<https://familyservices.floridaeearlylearning.com/Account/Login>). For more information about VPK, please visit our website (<http://elcalachua.org/vpk/>) or call our front desk at 352-375-4110.

OTHER RESOURCES:

- Click the following link to view additional provider information and DCF inspection reports: <https://caressearch.myflfamilies.com/PublicSearch>.
- Click the following link to view a quality checklist to help you decide on a provider: <https://elcalachua.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Quality-Checklist-3.11.15-ENGLISH-ada.pdf>.



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Community Partnership Schools Overview





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Today's Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- CHS Overview
- CPS Overview
- City of Alachua Overview
- How do we align?
- Q&A
- Next steps



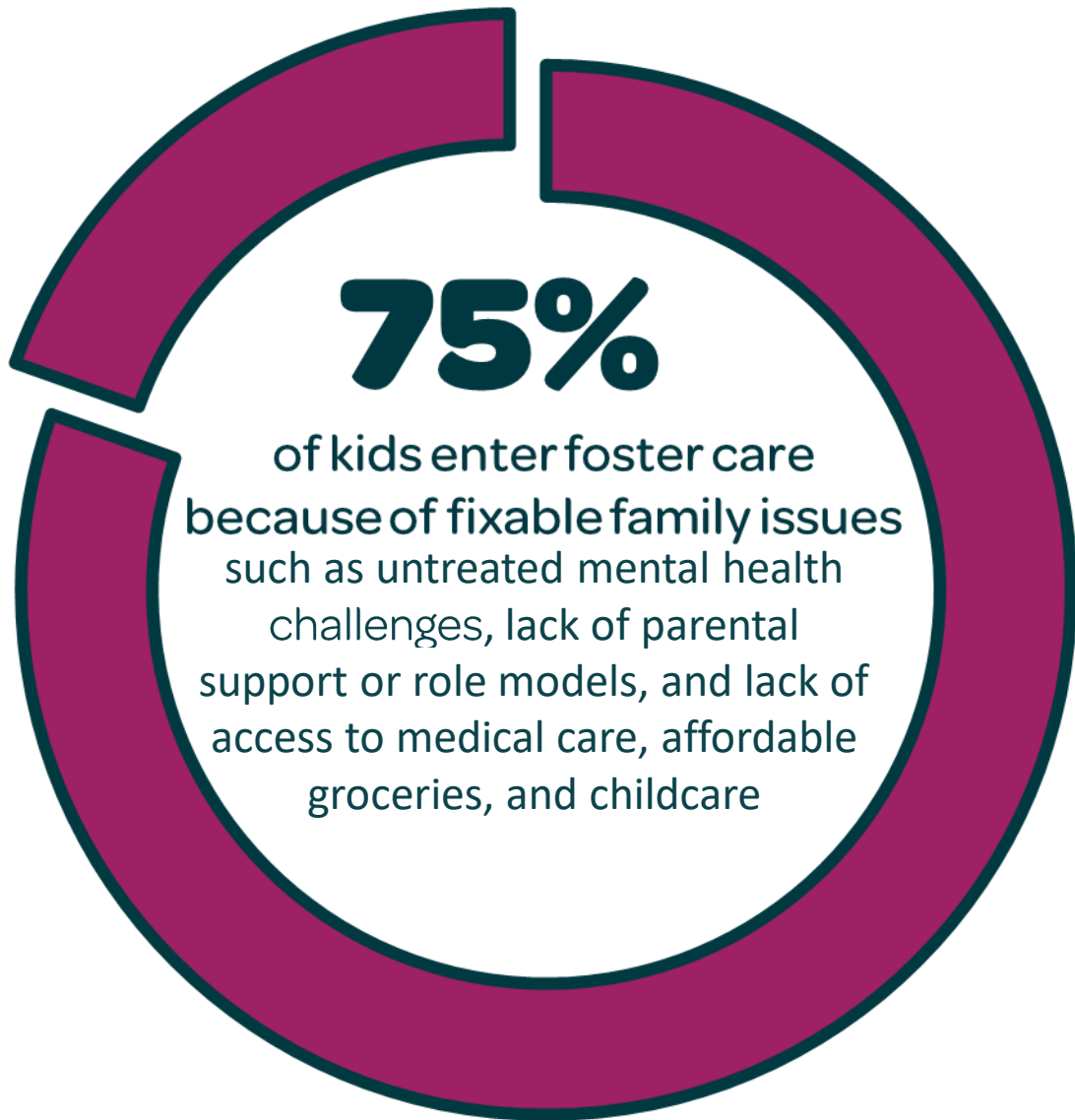
Who is Children's Home Society of Florida?



Florida's leading, largest and oldest statewide nonprofit serving children and families.

When children and families face hard situations, we empower them to find—and pursue—opportunities for success and happiness.

60K+ children and family members served annually



1 in 5 children live in poverty

Children in poverty are:

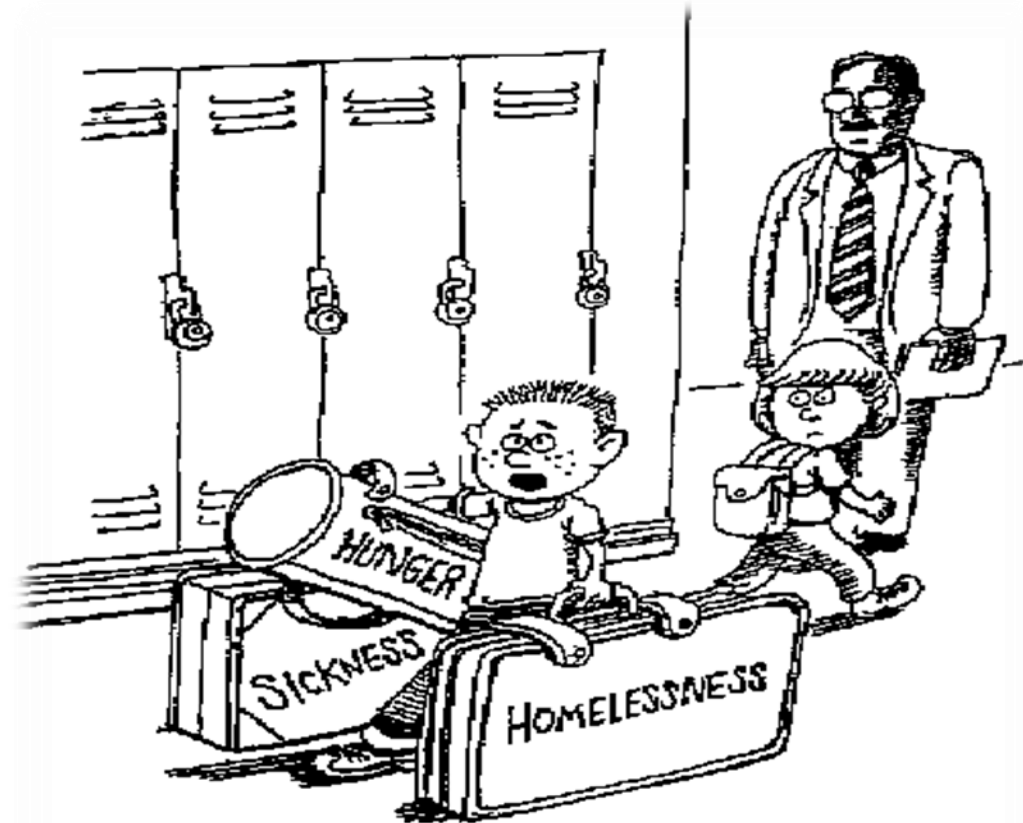
7X more likely to experience neglect

3X more likely to experience abuse

5X more likely to 'drop out'

And if they drop out, they are **63X** more likely to be incarcerated as an adult

The Challenge



The Solution: A Community Partnership School

The four partners and pillars of Community Partnership Schools form a collaborative infrastructure to eliminate barriers and bridge a foundation for success!



Expanded Learning



Wellness Supports



Family & Community
Engagement



Collaborative Leadership

The model helps to provide the learning environments that offer equitable opportunities and success for all students.

What is a Community Partnership School and why is it so unique?

- Community School model, uses a multiple core partner approach to help close the achievement gap for students and families to succeed in school and in life
- Requires a long-term partnership with the school district, a college or university, a health care provider, and a reputable nonprofit organization
- Certification process to ensure quality programming, framework and continuous improvement
- CHS' unique role convenes partners and key players; leads community collaboration to bring resources and opportunities to students and families



Strategic Role of CHS in Community Partnership Schools

Founding and Strategic Partner



Together, CHS and UCF's Center for Community Schools are responsible for the Community Partnership Schools™ model:

- Sustainment
- Support
- Growth and Expansion
- Advancement

Operational Role of CHS

Backbone Organization

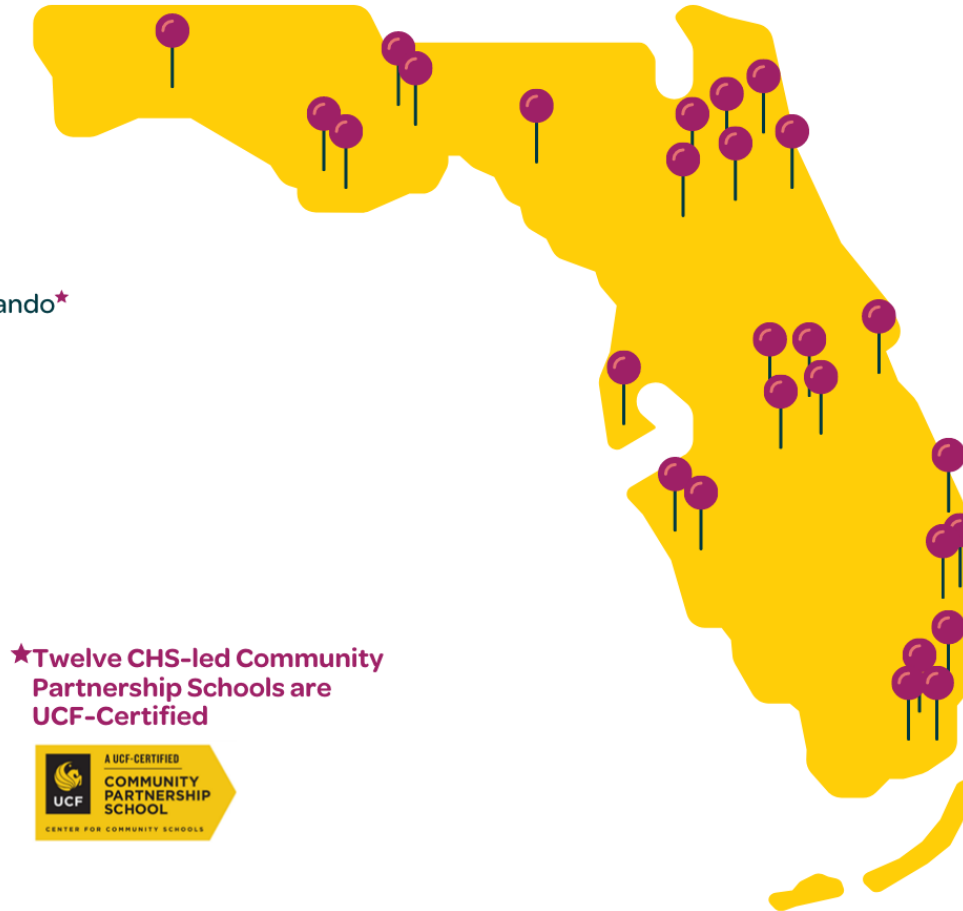


- Dedicated Team (Maintain & Sustain)
- Community Convener
- Leader Among Equals
- Partner Connector
- Day-to-Day Operations & Support

Where are we today?

Children's Home Society of Florida serves more than 26,000 students in 27 Community Partnership Schools from Pensacola to Miami

- Evans High School - Orlando★
- Endeavour Elementary - Cocoa★
- C.A. Weis Elementary - Pensacola★
- Mort Elementary - Tampa★
- Edward H. White High School - Jacksonville★
- Howard Bishop Middle School - Gainesville★
- South Woods Elementary - Elkton★
- The Webster School - St. Augustine★
- OCPS Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) K-8 - Orlando★
- Wilkinson Junior High School - Middleburg★
- Sabal Palm Elementary - Tallahassee★
- Keystone Heights Jr/Sr High - Keystone Heights★
- Orange Park High School - Orange Park
- Dodgertown Elementary - Vero Beach
- Miami Southridge Sr. High - Miami
- Manatee Elementary - Bradenton
- Eccleston Elementary - Orlando
- Jones High School - Orlando
- Homestead Middle School - Miami
- Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts - Miami
- Parker Elementary - Panama City
- Daughtrey Elementary - Bradenton
- Jefferson County K-12 - Monticello
- Pine Forest High School - Pensacola
- JFK Middle School - Riviera Beach
- Lake Worth High School - Lake Worth



★Twelve CHS-led Community Partnership Schools are UCF-Certified



Impact Snapshot

Edward H. White High School *Jacksonville, FL*

Increased Graduation Rates

Graduation rates increased from 67% to 96% between 2015 and 2021. As a result, we've seen 102 additional Ed White graduates over 5 years.

Financial impact:

+\$102M in income earned per year (high school graduates earn +\$10K more per year*) and +\$29.78M in lifetime societal cost-savings.

Endeavour Elementary *Cocoa, FL*

Improved Academics

We have seen a 10% increase in English language arts, math & science proficiency at Endeavour Elementary between 2016 and 2020.

C.A. Weis Elementary *Pensacola, FL*

Improved Behavior

Disciplinary referrals dropped by 90% and out-of-school suspensions decreased by 94% since implementing the model in 2016

Evans High School *Orlando, FL*

Increased College Acceptance Rates

Since implementing the Community Partnership Schools™ model in 2012, Evans High School has seen a 185% increase in college acceptances.



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