



## PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY -- July 7, 2022

1. **Nonprofits First Accreditation** – We have been renewed with our accreditation again! We are pleased that we made it through the process and are reaccredited.
2. **Transition Planning** – I have been working to ensure that we have covered the major areas for transitioning. The transition is much easier since Erin is in this ECE world.
3. **Early Childhood Policy Works Fellowship** – We have been actively planning for our Fellows and our first meeting in person will be at the One Goal Summer Conference. Marica Cox Mitchell, our grants officer at the Bainum Foundation, will be joining us in Tampa. The Fellows selected are very excited about the opportunity this affords them for a deeper dive into advocacy for early childhood.
4. **Legislative Planning** – Erin and I met with Claudia to plan our strategy for the Help Me Grow funding expansion. Erin has also been making key visits and contacts with legislative staff following the legislative session that I believe will be valuable for the Forum going forward.
5. **Nonprofit Organizational Support** -- Consistent with our strategic plan, the Forum provides the following supports and services to other nonprofit organizations. Additionally, the Forum provides “fee for service” for other needs as identified (graphic design, IT services, event planning and management, etc.):
  - a. **Florida Head Start Association** – We maintain their bookkeeping and accounting systems and work with them as collaborative partners for the Early Learning Consortium. <https://www.flheadstart.org/>
  - b. **Florida Afterschool Network** – We are their fiscal agent for their grants and contracts and serve on their executive committee. We provide office space, maintain their website, and they are co-located with us. <https://flafterschool.com/>
  - c. **Ladies Learning to Lead** – The Forum provides an office and two cubicles for this organization that equips and empowers young ladies to learn leadership skills, career mentoring, Dress for Success, and provides other valuable services. The organization received legislative funding to expand into five other counties this past session. I also had an opportunity to speak at their annual conference for young ladies at FSU, which was very gratifying. <https://www.l3ladies.org/>
  - d. **The Giving Closet** – Located in Jacksonville, we are negotiating with this organization to provide fiscal and support services. The organization has also expanded to Palm Beach County and provides clothing to school-age children and other supplies by recycling “lost and found” clothing, negotiates with other companies for new clothing, and organizes volunteers to distribute resources where they are most needed. <http://www.givingclosetproject.org/>
  - e. **Children’s Movement of Florida** – We have been providing cubicle space for the Children’s Movement for their north Florida staffer. In Miami, we are reducing our costs and giving up our leased space. The Children’s Movement will be providing us space for our staff to rotate office coverage. Otherwise, staff will be working remotely from home and in the field.
  - f. **Early Learning Consortium** – The Forum is the fiscal agent for the Early Learning Consortium’s funds. This responsibility was originally maintained by United Way of Florida and when Ted retired, the Forum assumed those responsibilities.