



Save the Date!

All Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 17th at 10:30 a.m.

The All Staff Meeting will include Forum updates and acknowledge employees who have been selected by managers and supervisors for the semi-annual Shining Star and Team Spirit Awards. These awards recognize individual staff and teams who have demonstrated work that goes above and beyond their job descriptions over the last year. Tallahassee-based employees are invited to attend a Summer Luncheon after the meeting. For more information, please contact the Morale Committee at moralecommittee@thechildrensforum.com.

So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye...

Beverly Esposito, Vice President and Chief Quality Initiatives Officer, has officially retired and has relocated to Atlanta where she will care for her first grandchild, Nick, due to arrive August 5th. After 15 years at the Forum and 32 years in a house where she raised her family, Bev is excited for this next chapter of her life! She wishes to thank everyone for their incredible journal entries which she says is the best retirement gift ever. Bev will be working on a few Forum projects from Atlanta, so for now it's so long, but not goodbye. Best wishes, Bev; we can't wait to see pictures of Nick! Your impeccable editing skills, exemplary supervising and mentoring talents, witty sense of humor, and dedication to the Forum and the ECE field will be greatly missed!



Back to School!

Erika Frisby and **Jasmine Richardson**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselors, are both starting graduate school in the fall! As T.E.A.C.H. Counselors, they work with scholars who are pursuing credentials and degrees. They are thankful for **Lisa Adams**, T.E.A.C.H. Assistant Director, who is allowing them to work part time in order for them to attend school. In addition, they will begin their graduate degree programs at the same time that T.E.A.C.H. is launching its own Masters scholarship model! It's unrelated, of course, but a fun coincidence!



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Use Your Noodle: Make a Difference
Forum Professional Development Conference

September 20-22
San Pedro Center in Winter Park
Stay Tuned for Details!

Family Fun!



Melissa Clements, Vice President and Chief Research Officer, enjoyed spending time with her family on Clearwater Beach after the One Goal Summer Conference. They had a wonderful time!



Kerri Cloud, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and her husband Gary will welcome Andrews and Angel, both 11-years-old as the newest members of their household! After raising four daughters and enjoying the blessings of grandchildren, the Clouds are excited that the boys will join their family. The boys, who are from Nicaragua, will be entering 5th grade at Trinity Catholic School in Tallahassee. We look forward to hearing fun stories as the Clouds adapt to the inclusion of boys in the house!



Ann Marie Calderon, Early Childhood Specialist, and her family took their first trip outside the country and explored Barbados! They had the good fortune to travel with friends who have family living there, so they received the "local" experience rather than visting tourist attractions. On their best adventure to date, the family explored Welchman's Gully, Harrison's Cave, Animal Flower Cave, and amazing beaches!



Home Sweet Home!

Lisa Roberts, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, and her family recently bought a new house in Tallahassee and are excited to get unpacked and settled permanently. They are hopeful they won't be moving again for many years!



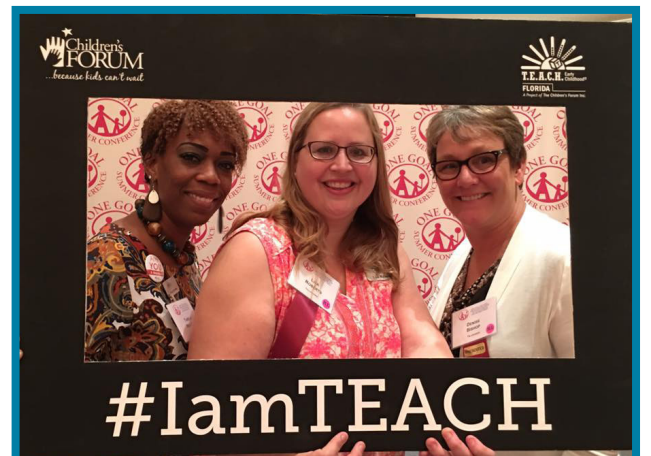


Conference Time!



One Goal Summer Conference!

Some of our Forum staff recently attended the One Goal Summer Conference in Tampa! We enjoyed networking with child care providers, T.E.A.C.H. scholars, and Forum members at our booths in the exhibit hall, moderating an inspirational T.E.A.C.H. panel presentation, and educating the early care and education community about Forum programs and initiatives.

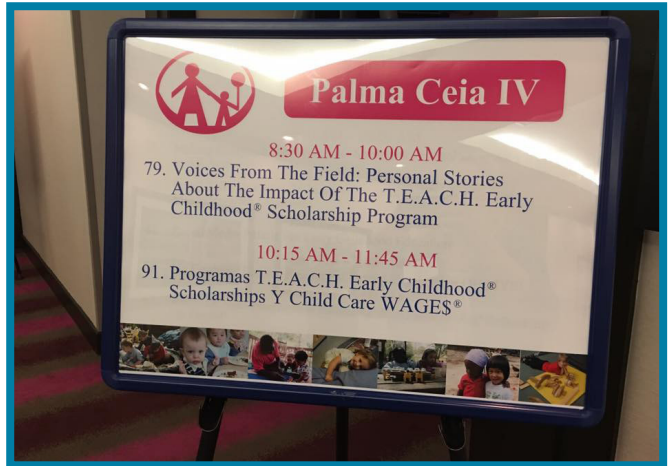




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Forum Happenings



Shout Outs!



"Kudos to **Beverly Esposito** and the **CEU team** for completing the IACET re-submission application to renew our accreditation. We still have the onsite visit which is part of the renewal process, but completing the application is a big deal!"

-**Phyllis Kalifeh**, President and CEO



"I'd like to send a shout-out to all of the **T.E.A.C.H. Counselors** for being so helpful and patient with me during training in my new position!"

-**Alex Goldberg**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor



Cristian Oliva, WAGE\$ Assistant, saved the day when he saw two baby squirrels fall out of their nest. He quickly moved them to safety, and with the help of **Courtney Hutcheson**, Registry Coach, drove them to a local animal hospital. The squirrels were then transported to a wildlife sanctuary that rehabilitates injured animals. Cristian reported that the squirrels are doing well and will be released into the area where they were found in three weeks!

Happy Birthday



July

- Heather Wilson**, T.E.A.C.H..... July 08
- Kiki Peters**, WAGE\$..... July 09
- Erika Pope**, Registry..... July 12
- Kerri Cloud**, Fiscal..... July 17
- Melissa Castro**, T.E.A.C.H..... July 27
- Lori Stegmeyer**, T.E.A.C.H..... July 31



Happy Anniversary



July

- Lori Stegmeyer**, T.E.A.C.H.....19 years
- Tamela Nelloms**, Admin.....17 years
- Bill Kirchoff**, IT.....14 years
- Shelley Shafer**, Fiscal..... 7 years
- Ann Marie Calderon**, PAC..... 6 years
- Jill Calhoun**, PAC..... 6 years
- Courtney Hutcheson**, Registry..... 4 years
- Aymara Aguiar**, QCCC..... 2 years
- Latoya Jackson**, QCCC..... 2 years
- Camisha Hodge**, T.E.A.C.H..... 2 years
- Jillian Davis**, IT.....1 year
- Estela Chang**, QCCC.....1 year
- Liliana Murphy**, Help Me Grow.....1 year