



Conferences!

The Children's Forum had a wonderful time at the One Goal Conference in Tampa! The team enjoyed meeting new people, catching up with friends, networking with child care professionals, and presenting on topics relevant to the early care and education community. We're already looking forward to next year's conference!



Tamara Price, Help Me Grow Statewide Director, and **Liz Randall**, Help Me Grow Data and Research Manager, attended the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) COIIN Learning Session in Arlington, VA on behalf of the Florida ECCS Impact Project. The project, an initiative of the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions, aims to improve the developmental health of young children and family well-being in high-need communities through home visiting and early learning. The learning session provided an opportunity to learn from new partners and state teams working on the ECCS COIIN project.





Conferences



Dasiely Cruz, QCCC Director, and **Leidy Sevilla**, RCCDP Coordinator, attended World Refugee Day in Miami! The Forum was a proud partner and supporter of this exciting event that celebrated diversity and included fun-filled activities, a resource fair, refugee stories, and live entertainment!



Claudia Davant, a Forum Board Member, presented a legislative award to Senator Kathleen Passidomo. The award was given to the senator for her work on Help Me Grow and early learning issues during this past legislative session.





Congratulations!



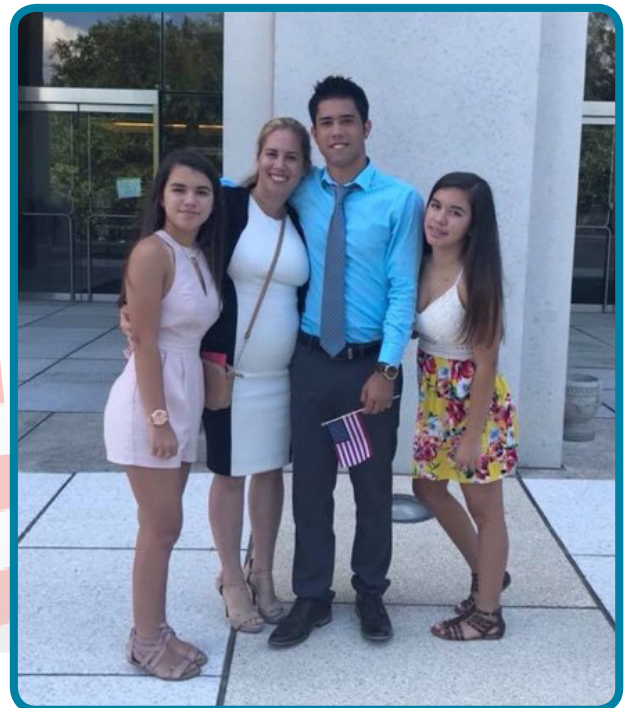
Laura Cain, Registry Coordinator, and her husband Nic are thrilled to announce the birth of James Nicholas Cain, who arrived on June 21. James is the couple's first child and he weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces. Their hearts are more full than they could have ever imagined!



Carter Roberts, son of **Lisa Roberts**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, recently graduated from 5th grade at Buck Lake Elementary in Tallahassee. He is very excited to be starting middle school at Swift Creek in the fall. Congratulations, Carter!

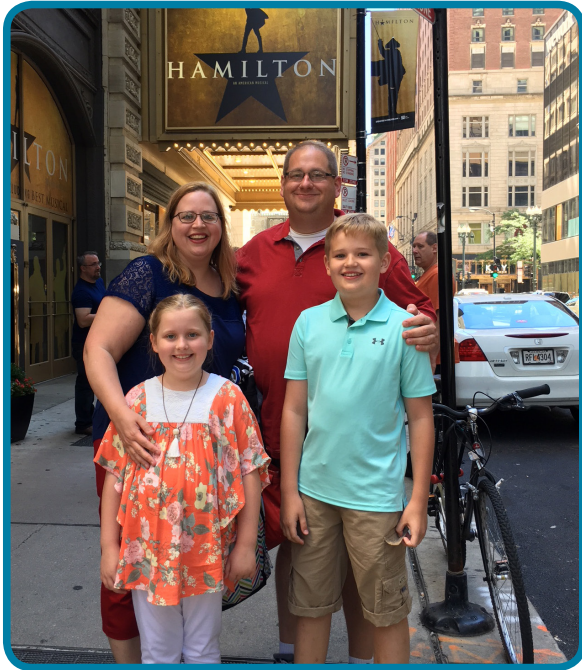


Cristian Oliva, WAGE\$ Assistant, received his U.S. citizenship on July 25! His mom and twin sisters attended the ceremony. Congratulations!





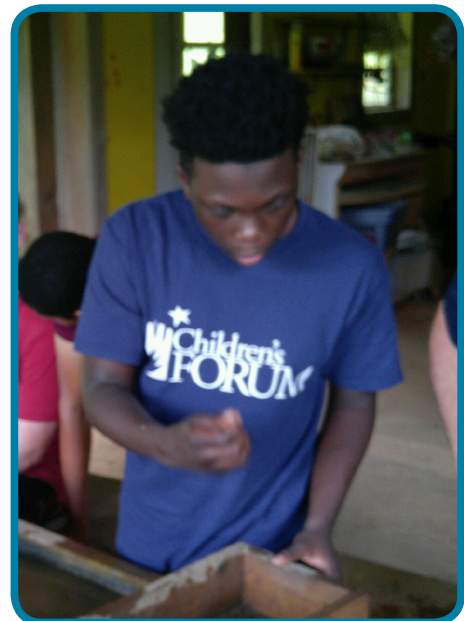
Vacations and Fun!



Lisa Roberts, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, and her family recently ventured to Chicago for a family vacation. They were able to visit with some of Lisa's cousins and explore the city! They took in a Cubs baseball game and an evening river cruise, went to see the musical Hamilton, visited four museums, ate some famous Chicago deep dish pizza, and a variety of other things. They are looking forward to their next adventure, which is yet to be determined!



Melissa Clements, Vice President and Chief Research Officer, took a vacation to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with her family. They enjoyed carefree moments on the beach building sandcastles and watching beautiful sunsets!



Leslie Meyers, son of **Camisha Hodge**, T.E.A.C.H. Assistant, went camping in Clayton, GA. He enjoyed rafting, tubing, zip-lining, hiking, swimming, and a movie night! Unbeknownst to Camisha, Leslie promoted the Forum by wearing one of her t-shirts!



Forum Happenings



Welcome to the Forum!



Melissa Quinnell
WAGE\$ Counselor



Shout Outs!



"I would love to thank ALL the T.E.A.C.H. counselors on the second floor for being so patient and friendly as I strive to get acclimated to my new position. Although every person that I have come in contact with at the Forum has welcomed me with warmth and hospitality, the counselors have mainly been the ones putting up with my 50 questions per day, all before lunchtime, and some of those questions were redundant! You are an amazing group of people and I am happy to be part of such a wonderful family."

Tomica King-Jackson



"Thank you to the Help Me Grow team for their assistance with the OEL Kindergarten Transition Summits. Tamara helped facilitate, and Alex and Liz helped with invitations."

Melissa Clements



"I want to send a heartfelt thank you to the entire Forum staff for their love and support during the time that my mom was sick and after her passing."

Camisha Hodge



Forum Happenings



SAVE THE DATE!

Use Your Noodle: Make a Difference
Forum Professional Development Conference

September 19-21

San Pedro Center in Winter Park, FL

Please note: September 19th is a Fall Holiday for Leon County Schools. Please plan accordingly.

[Click here to take the survey for the PD Conference!](#)

Stay Tuned For Details!

Happy Birthday



July

Heather Wilson , T.E.A.C.H.....	July 05
Kiki Peters , WAGE\$	July 09
Erika Pope , Registry.....	July 12
Elizabeth Randall , HMG	July 13
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.....	20 years
Tamela Nelloms , Admin.....	18 years
Bill Kirchhoff , IT	15 years
Shelley Shafer , Fiscal	8 years
Ann Marie Calderon , PAC.....	7 years
Jill Calhoun , PAC	7 years
Courtney Hutcheson , Registry	5 years
Aymara Aguiar , QCCC	3 years
Latoya Jackson , QCCC.....	3 years
Camisha Hodge , T.E.A.C.H	3 years
Jillian Davis , IT	2 years
Estela Chang , QCCC	2 years