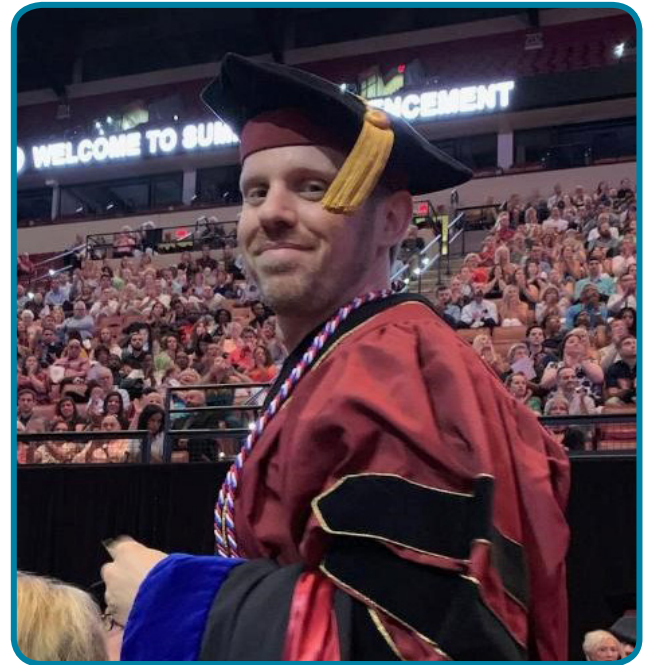




Graduations and Celebrations



Tamela Nelloms, Human Resources Coordinator, is a graduate of the Ruth Mentoring Project, a 6-month program that helps women discover purpose, develop as leaders, and live by faith. In addition, Tamela received her certification in Life Coaching through the Ruth Project and was the recipient of the Lady Entrepreneur Award and a Business Scholarship. She is very thankful for her friends and family for their love and support. Congratulations, Tamela!

Greg Seibert, son-in-law of **Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, received his doctoral degree from Florida State University. He recently accepted a research position at the University of California San Diego. Way to go, Greg!



Emily Fulkerson, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, attended the graduation of the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend's third Early Childhood Education Institute cohort. In partnership with United Way of the Big Bend, the Coalition assisted a group of early childhood educators in earning their FCCPC. They received T.E.A.C.H. scholarships as well, and Emily is so proud of their accomplishments!



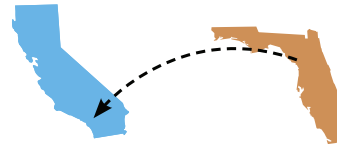
Travels and Adventures



Aymara Aguiar, Professional Development Specialist, recently took a vacation with her family to Cuba. They toured Los Caneyes and visited the El Nicho waterfall, visited with their family and friends from high school, and had a lot of fun.



Lori Stegmeyer, Director of Workforce Initiatives, took a fun road trip to help her daughter Tailor and son-in-law Greg move to San Diego. She saw a lot of amazing sites along the way and helped them settle into their new home!



Jenna Jacobsen-Brown, Communications Director, had blast in St. Augustine with her family! They explored the historic district, sampled wines at San Sebastián Winery, toured the Fountain of Youth, visited Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, and dined beachside.



Jinan As-Siddiq, Outreach Coordinator, and her fiancé, E.J., visited Chicago in July to attend a friend's wedding. While there, they explored the Windy City and saw many beautiful sites as well as tasted some delicious food!



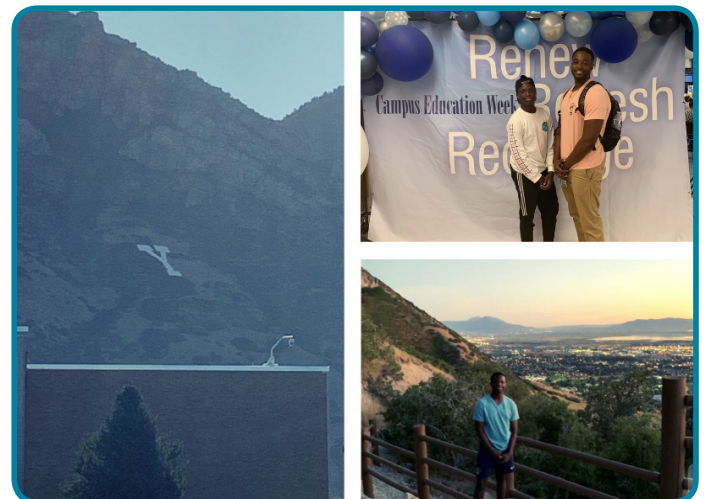
Conferences and Adventures



Phyllis Kalifeh, President and CEO, **Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation, and Training Officer, **Melissa Clements**, Vice President and Chief Research Officer, **Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, **Lisa Adams**, T.E.A.C.H. Assistant Director, **Kiki Peters**, WAGE\$ Coordinator, **Erika Williams**, Senior WAGE\$ Counselor, **Jenna Brown**, Communications Director, **Martha Grant**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, **Teresa Valentin**, WAGE\$ Counselor, and **Eric Albury**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Specialist, had a wonderful time at the One Goal Summer Conference in Tampa, Florida!



Chelsea Lister, T.E.A.C.H. Administrative Coordinator, and **Ashley Casey**, T.E.A.C.H. Data and Communications Coordinator, and their friend Allison created a float for their neighborhood's annual Fourth of July Golf Cart Parade. They created "George Washington" to promote their friend's HOA Board of Director campaign. The competition was fierce, but they won first place for Most Original golf cart. Lots of blood, sweat, and a few tears went into making George, but it was all worth it!



Leslie Meyers, son of **Camisha Hodge**, Front Desk Assistant, attended BYU Education Week in Provo, Utah! He enjoyed hiking the Y Mountain, meeting new friends, and growing spiritually in his faith.



Program Spotlight



Because you asked, issues of *Forum Focus* will now spotlight one of our programs or services. In doing so, other Forum departments will better understand the important role we all play in fulfilling our mission. This issue's spotlight features the **Professional Development Registries** program.

The Children's Forum maintains two registries, the Miami-Dade Professional Development Registry and the Palm Beach County Training Registry. These registries provide a central database to record the workforce qualifications of early childhood educators such as employment history, compensation, benefits, credentials earned, and college courses/training activities completed.

Funding for the registries is provided by The Children's Trust and the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

Workforce trends from the registries can be used to make policy-informed decisions to improve early care and education (ECE) programs.

Professional Development Registries Fun Fact: More than 9,900 early childhood educators are active participants in the registries.

Meet the Professional Development Registries Team!



**Laura
Cain**
Registry
Coordinator



**Kimyarra
Gardner**
Senior Registry
Coach



**Kim
McDonald**
Senior Registry
Coach



**Iesha
Grinnell**
Registry
Coach



**Courtney
Lee**
Registry Coach



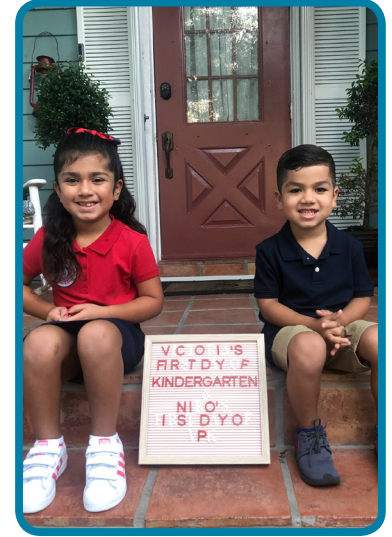
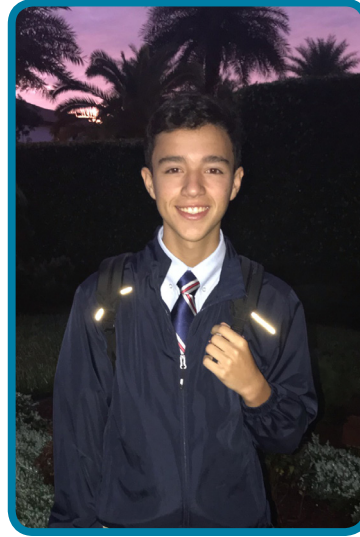
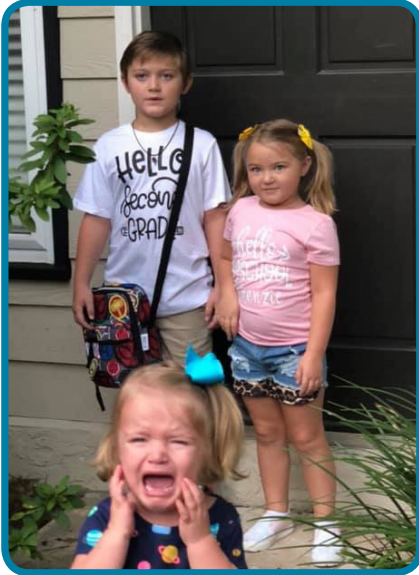
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Registry Coach



**Kathy
Moffett**
Registry Payments Specialist

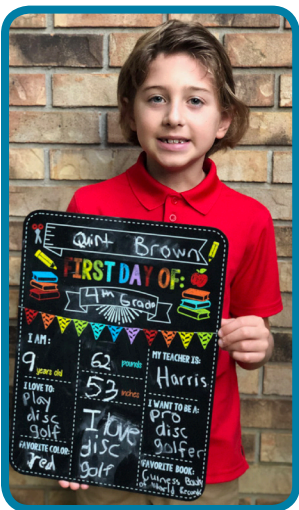


Back to School!



Alexander, Mackenzie, and Elliot May, children of **Sami May**, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist, were excited for their first day of school! Alexander is entering 2nd grade at Kate Sullivan while Mackenzie is attending VPK at Easthill Baptist. Elliot currently chills with her friends James Cain and Mikael Bushnyakova, sons of **Laura Cain**, Registry Coordinator, and **Anita Bushnyakova**, Contracts and Grants Manager, at Mrs. Jennifer's family child care home.

Dasiely Cruz, ELCC Director, anticipates the new experiences her son, Jason, will have on his first day at Columbus High, an all boys school in Miami. In addition, Victoria and Nikolas, Dasiely's niece and nephew, started kindergarten and VPK. They were so giddy they didn't finish their breakfast and asked their mother to take them to school early!



Quint and Sydney Brown, children of **Jenna Jacobsen-Brown**, Communications Director, had a wonderful summer, but were ready for their first day of school in Tallahassee! Quint began 4th grade and Sydney started kindergarten at Florida High.

Andrew Morgan and Angel Mora, foster children of **Kerri Cloud**, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, both started 7th grade at North Florida Christian School in Tallahassee. The 13-year-olds were happy to begin their third year of school in the United States!



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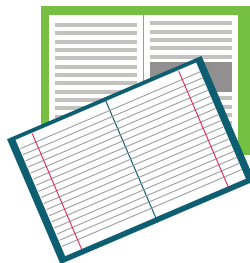
Madison Wolfe, granddaughter of **Phyllis Kalifeh**, President and CEO, began her junior year at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee. Phyllis wonders where the time went, as it seems like yesterday that Madison was in kindergarten!



Tristen and Adalynn Wulfekuhl, grandchildren of **Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, began their school year at DeSoto Trail Elementary School in Tallahassee. Adalynn started 3rd grade and Tristen began the 5th grade. Her foster grandson enjoys his days at Growing Room!



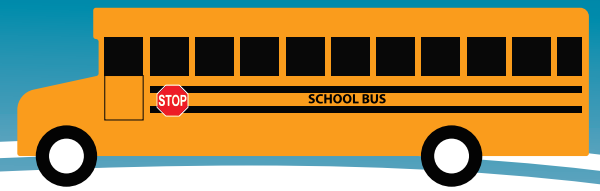
Caleb and Natalie Sevilla, children of **Leidy Sevilla**, Program Support Specialist, had a fun first day of school in Miami! Caleb is a 3rd grader at William Lehman Elementary and Natalie is going into 7th grade at Arvida Middle School!



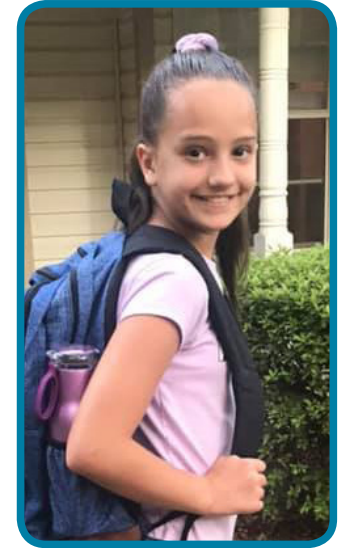
Bridget Mooney, daughter of **Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation, and Training Officer, was ready for her senior year at Lincoln High School. Denise is so proud of the wonderful person Bridget has become!



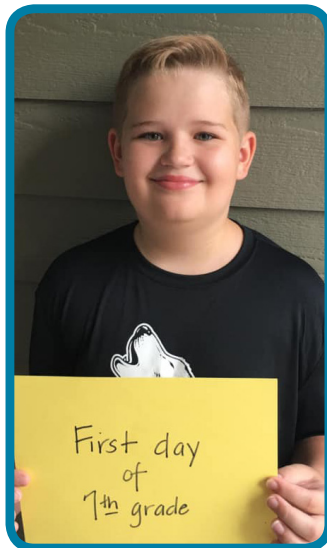
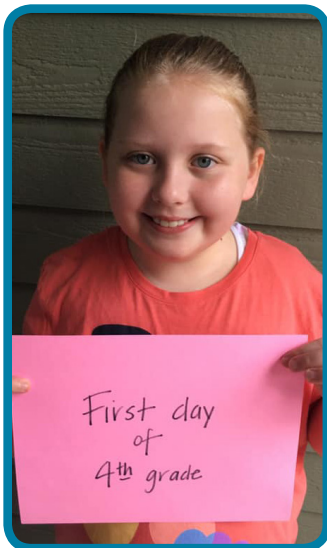
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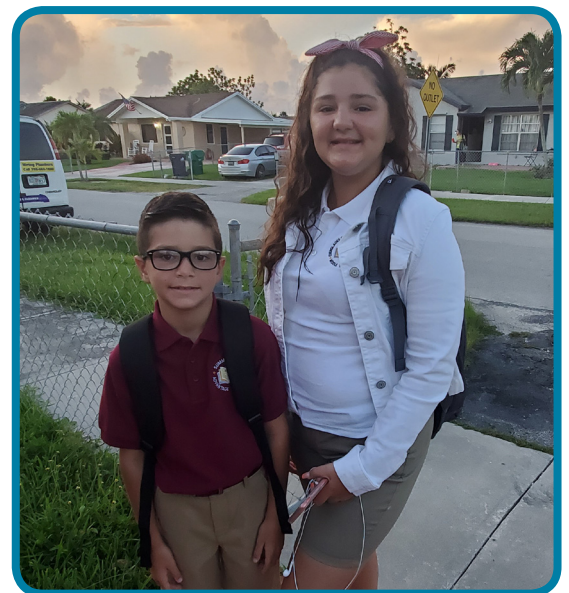
Leah and Leslie Meyers, children of **Camisha Hodge**, Front Desk Assistant, were excited for their first day of school at Godby High School in Tallahassee! Leah is a freshman and Leslie is a junior.



Hailey and Brooke McElhenney, daughters of **Melissa Clements**, Vice President and Chief Research Officer, were all smiles at the start of a new school year at Killearn Lakes Elementary School in Tallahassee. Hailey started first grade and Brooke began the 5th grade!



Carter and Sydney Roberts, children of **Lisa Roberts**, Assessment and Coaching Project Services Manager, were happy for their school year to begin in Tallahassee. Carter is a 7th grader at Swift Creek Middle School while Sydney is a 4th grader at Buck Lake Elementary!



Karla and Giancarlo Aguiar, children of **Aymara Aguiar**, Professional Development Specialist, were ready for their first day of school in Miami. Karla began 7th grade at Everglades Preparatory Academy and Giancarlo started 3rd grade at Summerville Advantage Academy!



Forum Happenings



Happy Birthday

July

Cheslee Williamson , T.E.A.C.H	July 03
Eric Albury , Outreach	July 04
Heather Wilson , T.E.A.C.H.....	July 08
Kiki Peters , WAGE\$	July 09
Erika Pope , Registry.....	July 12
Elizabeth Randall , Help Me Grow	July 13
Kerri Cloud Fiscal	July 17
Alexis Shoemaker , WAGE\$	July 17
Grace Moore T.E.A.C.H.....	July 22
Melissa Castro , T.E.A.C.H	July 27
Lori Stegmeyer , T.E.A.C.H.....	July 31

August

Martha Grant , T.E.A.C.H.....	Aug 04
Tomica King-Jackson , T.E.A.C.H.....	Aug 05
Jenna Jacobsen-Brown , Outreach.....	Aug 06
Phyllis Kalifeh , Administration	Aug 25
Shelley Shafer , Fiscal	Aug 30

Happy Anniversary

July

Lori Stegmeyer , T.E.A.C.H.....	21 years
Tamela Nelloms , Administration	19 years
Bill Kirchoff , IT.....	16 years
Shelley Shafer , Fiscal	09 years
Courtney Hutcheson , Registry	06 years
Aymara Aguiar , ELCC	04 years
Camisha Hodge , T.E.A.C.H.....	04 years
Jillian Davis , IT	03 years

August

Kate Nielsen-Nunez , Fiscal	17 years
Chelsea Lister , T.E.A.C.H.....	15 years
Kiki Peters , WAGE\$	15 years
Jessica Long , T.E.A.C.H.....	13 years
Flor Brito , ELCC.....	11 years
Laura Cain , Registry.....	11 years
Felicia Bonner , CCES	08 years
Martha Grant , T.E.A.C.H.....	05 years
Robert Rittwage , IT.....	01 year
Lolita Hawkins , T.E.A.C.H.....	01 year
Julia Edwards , WAGE\$.....	01 year

