



Happy
Spring!



Legislature Approves Additional Funding for T.E.A.C.H. and Help Me Grow Programs



Florida's 2018 legislative session was victorious for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program and Help Me Grow® Florida. Legislators approved \$10 million for T.E.A.C.H. and \$2.3 million for Help Me Grow! We are excited on both fronts. T.E.A.C.H. can now provide additional outreach and scholarships for early childhood educators in Florida and Help Me Grow can now expand its parent resource system and screenings beyond the current 27 counties where it is available. This more than triples our T.E.A.C.H. budget, which was \$3 million. For Help Me Grow, this represents an increase of \$500,000.



Stay tuned for further updates on T.E.A.C.H. and Help Me Grow!



Alexandra Goldberg, Help Me Grow Program and Training Manager, was selected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) as the "Learn the Signs. Act Early." (LTSAE) Ambassador to the state of Florida. As an ambassador, Alexandra will promote the CDC's LTSAE campaign throughout the state through her work in Help Me Grow, which aims to improve early identification of developmental delays and disabilities.

Congratulations, Alex!

Save the Dates!



Lunch & Learn



Basic Investment Advice that You Can Use Immediately, No Matter What Amount of Money You Make!

April 3: 12:00-1:00 p.m. - Conference Room

Presented by **Bill Kirchhoff**, Vice President of Information Technology, who has an M.B.A. in finance and is a former stock trader for Florida's state pension fund. The training will be set up through Zoom so that our satellite staff may participate as well.

That information is below:

- Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/9573717749>
- Join from an iPhone one-tap: 1-646-876-9923, 1-669-900-6833 or 1-408 740 3766.
- The meeting ID is 957 371 7749

For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location.



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.**



Spring Egg Hunt 2018!



The Forum's Tallahassee-based employees had a great time at the annual Spring Egg Hunt on March 29! Staff enjoyed looking for yummy treats and fun prizes!

Congratulations to those who found prize eggs such as candles, stickers, and an El Jalisco Mexican Restaurant gift card. Thank you to our Morale Committee for coordinating this "eggcellent" event.



Prize egg winners, congratulations!

Children's Home Society Donation Collection



CHS Donation Drive for Tallahassee-based staff

We are collecting donations of new children's socks, underwear (toddler to teen sizes), wash cloths, and towels to benefit the children and families served by Children's Home Society (CHS). As the adopted agency for the Forum's annual United Way Employee fundraising campaign, CHS provides fostering, stable housing, and other safe havens/supports to children in need of temporary or emergency shelter.

Please drop off your donations at the designated boxes located on each floor. Your kindness and generosity are always appreciated!



April 12 and 13:

One-On-One Mutual of America Retirement Savings Meeting

Sign-up information for Tallahassee-based employees will be sent out soon. Stay tuned!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March

- Jinan As-Siddiq**, Outreach & Innovation..Mar 10
- Tamela Nelloms**, Admin.....Mar 13
- Angela Nathan**, WAGE\$.Mar 17
- Tamara Price**, HMGMar 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



March

- Jenna Brown**, Outreach & Innovation....10 years
- Rebecca Quintero-Holly**, QCCC.....4 years
- Jasmine Richardson**, T.E.A.C.H.....2 years