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### **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND AFTERSCHOOL WORKFORCE**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL (February 20, 2014)** –The Children's Forum is celebrating 25 years of service for the early learning and afterschool workforce. As a statewide, not-for-profit membership organization, the Forum believes that high-quality early care and education and afterschool experiences provide better outcomes for young children. In addition, investments in educational opportunities and compensation supports for early learning and afterschool providers results in long-term economic stability.

Founded in 1989, the Forum has an organizational history that is grounded in the development of principles, programs and policies that serve early childhood education and afterschool professionals. Currently, the Forum provides research, advocacy, professional development, workforce studies and classroom assessment services to the early learning and afterschool fields. The Forum continues its uncompromising vision to make Florida a quality child caring state where all children succeed.

“Throughout our history, the Forum has helped to ensure that children in Florida grow and thrive,” said Phyllis Kalifeh, president and CEO of the Children’s Forum.

“Although our programs and services continue to adapt to the changing landscape, our

mission to provide leadership and advocacy to achieve high-quality, early care and education and afterschool services for all children has remained unchanged.”

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