



Agenda Item Summary

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Literacy Action Plan Update

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Description:

On February 11, 2025, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Children's Trust of Alachua County (CTAC) entered into an agreement to fund a comprehensive literacy needs assessment of children throughout Alachua County. CTAC contracted with the University of Florida Lastinger Center to conduct the assessment.

The CTAC and UF Lastinger Center presented the completed assessment to the BoCC on April 21, 2025, The County Commission earmarked a budget of at least \$250,000 this year from the County to partner with the Children's Trust and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence to work with key literacy organizations, stakeholders in the community, and the School Board to develop a plan for implementation and evaluation of this reform based on recommendations in this needs assessment.

On August 14, 2025, the BoCC approved \$250,000 for literacy activities. The Center for Nonprofit Excellence received \$50,000 towards program planning and development and PEAK Literacy received \$200,000 to fund implementation.

The presentation mentions an increase in funding and is not budgeted and would have to be identified.