



## FACA Newsletter

### Message from Executive Director Faith Pullen

Greetings partners, members, and friends,

As we closeout our fiscal year, we are high off the heels of an amazingly successful 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference! I would like to thank each member agency, attendee, sponsor, presenter and friend for helping us achieve success. The dust is beginning to settle and believe it or not, we have already begun making plans for our 40<sup>th</sup> year Annual Training conference.

Every day in every way, my goal is to bring the best to the Florida Community Action Network. During the upcoming fiscal year FACA will be working to bring enhanced training opportunities, advocacy, visibility and innovation! I welcome your suggestions and feedback.

Please be on the lookout for the annual training survey which will be released in July. This survey provides the best opportunity to share agency and employee training needs. It serves as one of our major sources when planning activities. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Enjoy your upcoming Independence Day celebrations!

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More than 250 attendees gathered last month at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference. It was a great week filled with informative sessions, lively entertainment, and tons of networking. Here are just a few outstanding moments from the conference:

- Tye Maner, the opening luncheon guest speaker, set the tone for the conference with his powerful message on pushing aside doubt and fear to forage ahead into your destiny.
- Sessions hosted by Shah Software were standing room only.
- DEO chief executive officer Ken Lawson addressed the conference
- David Bradley, co-founder and chief executive officer for the National Community Action Foundation, provided legislative updates.
- Jim Masters provided an in-depth workshop on Census 2020.

A hearty thanks to every attendee, speaker, and exhibitor for traveling from near and far to make this year's conference one of the best yet!

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## Scenes from the Conference

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Here are just a few photos from the 39th Annual Training Conference. Visit the FACA Facebook page to find more pictures.



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## 40th Annual Training Conference

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The Annual Training Conference turns 40 next year! We're headed to Fort Lauderdale – the "Venice of America" – and we'd love for you to join us for another conference of empowerment, education, and of course, some fun! Stay tuned to our social media outlets and this newsletter for more information as

it becomes available.



## SEACAA Conference



### Save the Date

2019 Southeastern Association of  
Community Action Agencies Conference

Sept. 10-13

Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, in  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Visit [seacaa.org](http://seacaa.org) to register  
and book a hotel room.

## FACA Annual Close Out Board Meeting

FACA Board of Directors hosted its Annual Close Out Meeting June 6-7 in Brooksville. During the meeting, Mid-Florida CEO, Michael Georgini, and COO, Mathew Kline, treated members to a tour of several facilities including their state-of-the-art Children's Advocacy Center, Senior Services and Early Head Start and Head Start facilities. Board members also heard a presentation from Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc. The Brooksville-based agency serves seven counties: Hernando, Lake, Sumter, Polk, Citrus, Pasco and Volusia.

Through their many programs and services they are helping thousands of individuals and families. Here's a quick peek at some of their program highlights.

**Overall**  
MFCS served over 24,000 individuals and almost 10,000 families

#### Community Services

- 7 Individuals completed a GED
- 56 Individuals completed an AA Degree, BA Degree or Technical Training
- 7 Individuals obtained a job
- 52 Individuals secured a "Living Wage" job
- 6,096 Households received energy assistance to restore or prevent their electricity from being disconnected
- 1,250 Households received emergency food assistance
- 117 Households received emergency assistance for rent/mortgage, car repairs, temporary shelter or medical care

#### Head Start/Early Head Start

- 1,169 Families and 1,275 children served between Head Start and Early Head Start

#### Senior Services

- 173 Volunteers donated 19,452 volunteer hours to needy seniors
- Over 10,000 lbs. of pet food was delivered to homebound seniors
- Over 180,000 congregate meals served to more than 1,100 hungry seniors
- Over 160,000 home delivered meals served to nearly 800 homebound seniors

#### Children's Advocacy Center of Hernando County

- 806 Children and non-offending caregivers were provided with 6,541 services

#### Trans Hernando

- Trans Hernando has driven 208,600 miles providing rides to over 1,000 un-duplicated clients during 21,323 trips
- As a result of the Veterans \$1 ride program, a total annual cost of \$16,477 has been saved for veteran clients

#### Weatherization

- 79 Total homes weatherized gave a decrease in an energy burden for families as a result of weatherization services



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