



Message from Executive Director Faith Pullen

Greetings partners, members and friends,

I can't believe a month has passed since our first newsletter hit your inboxes! It is such an exciting time here at FACA! This edition will highlight many of the ways FACA continues to work for YOU.

Over the past month, both our partnerships and membership have grown. We are excited to announce our membership in The National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NUEAC) sponsored by our partners at Florida Power and Light (FPL) and the addition of Tampa Electric (TECO) as a new FACA conference sponsor and affiliate member.

Every day in every way, FACA continues to seek opportunities to enhance the scope of the Florida Community Action Network. I look forward to keeping you updated as we continue to move and grow!



Register now for the 39th Annual Training Conference

We're just weeks away from the 39th Annual Training Conference! This year's event will take place May 14-17 in Tampa at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. Attendees to the four-day conference can choose from several tracks, including:

Administrative/Executive Assistant
Public Agency
Case Management
Florida ROMA NCRT In-service
Poverty Symposium
Weatherization Certification Training

You can find a list of workshops the conference website at <https://bit.ly/2HLNO3t>. **Early registration ends April 5.** Sign up today!



Book Your Hotel Today

Set on 35 acres of waterfront property, the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay makes for a stunning setting for this year's conference. Just minutes from Tampa International Airport, shopping, and Tampa's booming downtown, the Grand Hyatt offers spacious rooms, fine dining, and **FREE** parking.

The room rate at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay is \$159 per night. Don't delay; the **deadline** to book your room at the conference rate is **April 12**.

To reserve a room, contact the hotel at www.hyatt.com or call at (813) 874-1234.

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FACA Day on the Hill



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On Thursday, March 17, executive director Faith Pullen and legislative committee chair Tim Center visited the Capitol to meet with legislators from all over the state. The meetings provided a chance to familiarize the following lawmakers with FACA and its mission as well as advocate on behalf of our agencies and clients:

[Rep. Kionne McGhee \(Miami\)](#)
[Rep. Adam Hattersley \(Riverview\)](#)
[Rep. Mike Beltran \(Lithia\)](#)
[Rep. Dianne Hart \(Tampa\)](#)
[Rep. Wengay Newton \(St. Petersburg\)](#)
[Rep. Tracie Davis \(Jacksonville\)](#)

The visit to Tallahassee also offered the chance to explore potential partnerships, talk to legislators about how FACA can support their initiatives, and encourage lawmakers to visit their local agencies.

Faith also had the opportunity to meet with community and government leaders, including Carlos Nathan, deputy legislative affairs director for Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and Florida A&M University President Larry Robinson.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Reauthorization Act of 2019

David Bradley, our network lobbyist, continues to work tirelessly on H.R. 1695, the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Reauthorization Act of 2019. The bill was filed on March 12 by Rep. Betty McCollum (MN) and was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. Click the video below to see Rep. McCollum introducing the bill.



FACA Board Retreat



Board members gathered March 7-8 in Orlando for two days of planning and strategizing. Board chair Berneitha McNair led the group through a self-assessment, which took a deep dive into where the new 21-member board has come from and what lies ahead.

The board spent two days working with the executive director to review, evaluate, and update the association's strategic direction. Board members participated in team building activities and breakout sessions. Overall, the retreat proved to be a fun experience where board member examined how they could contribute to the betterment of the organization.

At the retreat's conclusion, the Department of Economic Opportunity provided FACA the 2018 – 2019 Training and Technical Assistance Agreement for signature.



WANTED: Project Coordinator

We're hiring! The project coordinator is responsible for the direction, coordination, implementation, and completion of multiple assigned projects, while remaining aligned with mission, strategy, commitments and goals of the organization.

Interested individuals may apply via email by sending cover letter, resume and list of references by **April 12** to:

Faith Pullen, MBA
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[Job Description](#)

The 2020 Census soon will go live. There will be a Census information session at the 39th Annual Training Conference. Look for additional details about this in the April newsletter. To learn more about the Census, visit www.census.gov.

Census Fact Sheet

The 2020 Census at a Glance

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. We are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population.



The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will implement new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to reduce followup visits. And, we are building an accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.



KEY MILESTONES

- 2018**
 - 2018 End-to-End Census Test
 - 2020 Census questions sent to Congress by March 31, 2018
 - Six regional 2020 Census offices and 40 area census offices open
- 2019**
 - Partnership activities launch
 - Complete Count Committees establish
 - Census takers update address list in person
 - Remaining 248 area census offices open
- 2020**
 - Advertising begins in January 2020
 - Public response (online, phone, or mail) begins
 - **Census Day**—April 1, 2020
 - Census takers visit households that haven't responded
 - Apportionment counts sent to the President by December 31, 2020
- 2021**
 - Redistricting counts sent to the states by March 31, 2021

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