

PACES Workgroup: Kickoff Meeting April 26, 2022

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Introductions

Greg provided overview of PACES and shared an open invitation to join the group. Goals are focused on PACES education, advocacy and awareness around and how supports and resources come together. What was formerly ACES Connection is now PACES Connection—Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Overview of PACES

Dr. Abraham Salinas gave a brief presentation with opportunity for discussion

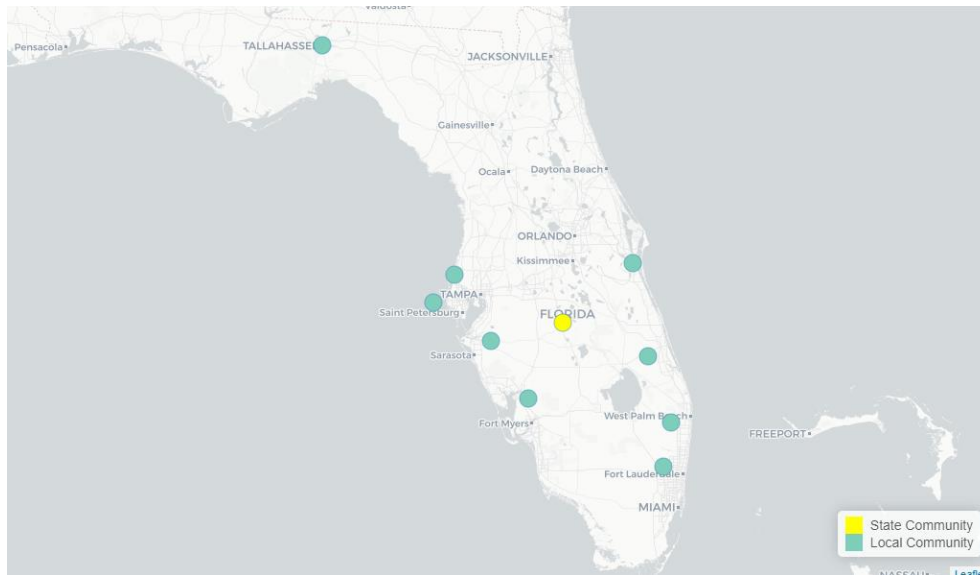
Work Group Engagement:

- The workgroup was engaged to help identify priority areas to focus on. Some of the topics included:
- Development of a speakers Bureau to provide PACES info for community members (virtual or in-person). There were thoughts maybe Dr. Phares students through USF could help to put together a directory of speakers. Information could be shared with business leaders and Greg volunteered to start with the board of directors at the Early Childhood Council.
- Hosting a single day or multi-day conference with more of the topic areas weighted towards Positive Childhood Experiences. Middle of the week may be best.
- Development of awareness materials such as brochures for families that have information and activities (small things a caregiver can do every day grounded in PCEs).

***the group seemed to gravitate most towards the ideas of a training event and awareness materials. Planning on these items will serve as the first goals to work on.*

Additional Discussion:

- Participants attending agree that a collaborative and community focused on PACES is needed and should continue. It was identified that there are missing community representatives that we should make more effort to engage. Those were identified as teachers (K-12 and early education), after school programs (YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters), law enforcement (Nanci Nolan may have a good contact), Early Steps, new dependency lead agency when they take over in July 2022, foster parents, sports coaches (Middle and High School) and the faith based community.
- Information on an upcoming virtual event through Champions for Children was shared: Hope Lives Within PCEs. [Registration Link](#).
- A “[JamBoard](#)” was started as a means of continued community engagement in sharing ideas.
- Nikki and Abraham shared info on other PACES Connection Communities. Florida Map below:



Next Steps:

- Participants are invited and encouraged to join our PACES Community at www.pacesconnection.com. Our goal is to post information and resources to this site to make it a functional PACES Community page.
- We will schedule our next meeting.
A doodle poll is developed: www.doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dyPAP7b