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2022 PUBLIC POLICY VIRTUAL FORUM

OCTOBER 21, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4, 2022
10:00 AM VIA ZOOM

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00 AM

Afterschool is not an Afterthought

Engage Every Student is a national call-to-action making the case for OST advocacy and challenging all to support expanded learning opportunities.

Speakers:

- Lili Murphy, Executive Director, Florida Afterschool Network
- Bela Shah Spooner, Program Director, Education and Expanded Learning, Institute for Youth, Education and Families, National League of Cities
- Erik Peterson, Senior Vice President of Policy, National Afterschool Alliance

10:45 AM

Getting Innovative with ARPA

Facilitated panel with local school district leaders showcasing innovative uses of ARP funding to address COVID recovery and accelerate learning.

Facilitator:

- David Sikes, Associate Executive Officer, Florida Association for District School Superintendents

Panelists:

- Lori Allen, Senior Director for Preschool Programs, Polk County
- Kim Gilbert, Senior Director, Federal Programs, Orange County
- Dr. Elizabeth Glenn, 21st Century Program Director, Leon County
- Dr. Julio Nazario-Vallee, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, Volusia County

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10:00 AM

Legislative Landscape & Priorities for 2023

Facilitated luncheon panel with legislative leaders to discuss expectations for the 2023 legislative session and set priorities for OST policy asks.

Facilitator:

- Erin Smeltzer, President & CEO, Children's Forum, Inc.

Panelists:

- Senator Shevrin "Shev" Jones, D-35, Miami Gardens
- Representative Fred Hawkins, R-42, St. Cloud
- Representative Susan Valdes, D-62, Tampa
- Representative Dana Trabulsy, R-84, Fort Pierce

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

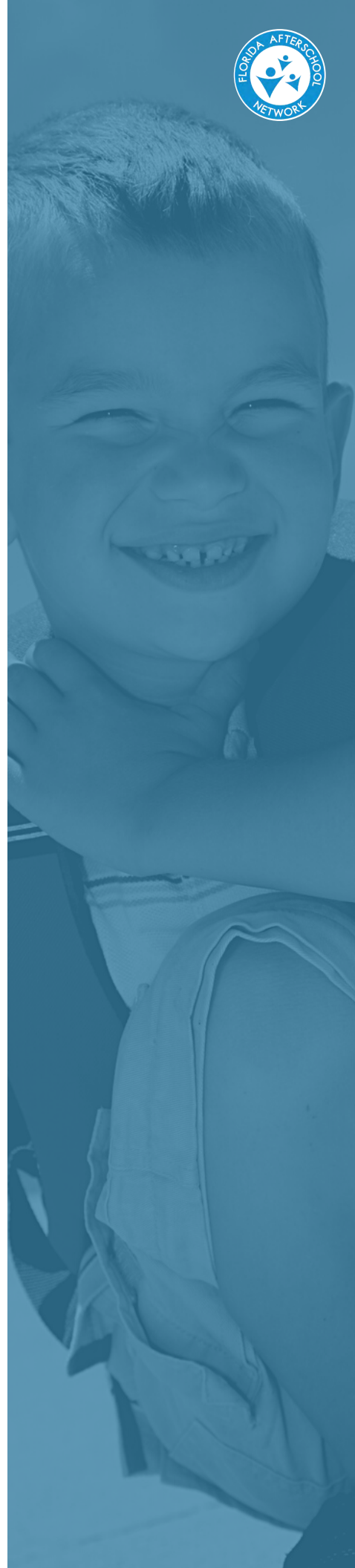
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Workforce Development

Interactive workshop to set the vision for our future workforce, and crowd source our collective assets and opportunities to attract, retain and grow the out-of-school time field.

Speakers:

- Kelly Frank, National Facilitator, Nonprofit and Philanthropic Consultant, President & Owner, Social Legends, LLC.
- John Trombetta, Advisory Council Chair, Florida Afterschool Network





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Dr. Lori Allen attended Florida Southern College to earn her bachelor's degree in 1996. She achieved her National Board Certification in 2000 and earned a master's degree in Elementary Education in 2006. She went on to earn her Doctorate in Curriculum & instruction from Southeastern University in 2018. Dr. Allen has served children and families in Polk County Schools in many capacities. She has served in PreK-5th-grade classrooms, provided teacher and administration professional development over the past 20 years, served as the director of PBIS/MTSS, and is currently serving as the Senior Director in the Office of Foundational Learning and Educational Systems, encompassing Preschool Programs, PBIS, and MTSS.



Kelly Frank is well-known and respected national facilitator and technical assistance provider for the C.S. Mott Foundation. She is president and CEO of Social Legends, a multi-state nonprofit mentoring organization focused on resource maximization by leveraging the integration of human and financial capital. Kelly started her afterschool work in central Indiana, working with College Mentoring for Kids and Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Kim Gilbert has spent over 35 years with Orange County Public Schools managing federal, state, local, contracts and donation funding supporting projects that aligned with district strategic objectives. She provides expertise in the area of state and federal guidelines, overseeing state and federal program audits and providing fiscal oversight for projects in excess of 300 million. Over the past five years, Kim has managed the grant application process, supporting program and financial oversight of Title I, Title I part C and D, Title II, Title IV, and Title IX.

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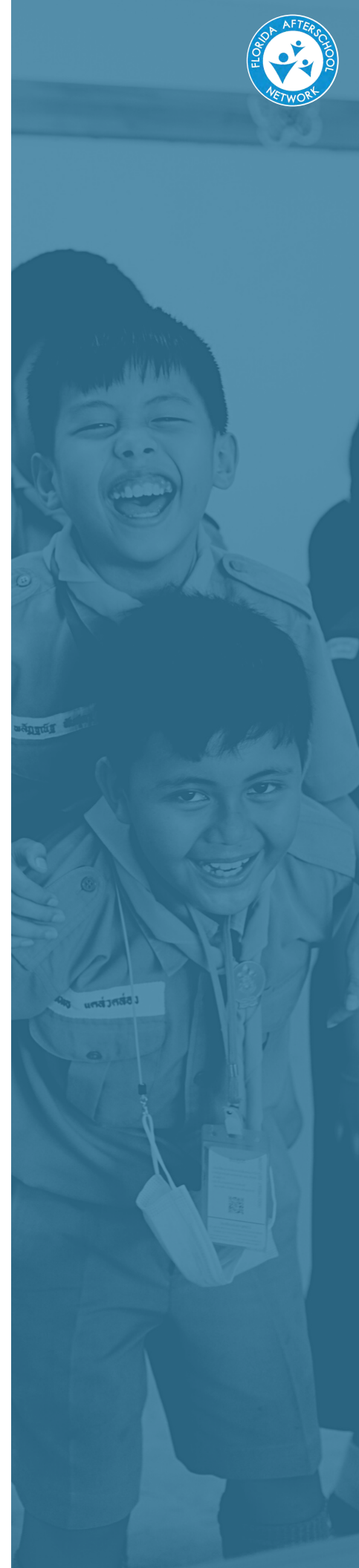
Dr. **Elizabeth Glenn** serves as the Program Director for 21st Century Community Learning Centers for Leon County Schools. She brings a record of exceptional leadership, educational knowledge, and a strategic vision with afterschool programs. Her prior positions include 10 years as an educator working in 1-12 grades in Leon County Schools, five years as a professor in the College of Education for Grand Canyon University, five years as a grant coordinator for Leon County and two years as an Adult Basic Education instructor for Tallahassee Community College. A Tallahassee, Florida native, Dr. Glenn earned her bachelor's degree from Flagler University in Elementary Education. She earned her master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Phoenix and her doctorate degree in Curriculum & Instruction in Leadership from the University of Phoenix.



Rep. **Fred Hawkins** has a long history and is no stranger to volunteering and serving on many community boards and an array of organizations. Before being elected to the Florida House of Representatives, Hawkins served three terms on the Osceola Board of County Commissioners. Since being elected to the House, Hawkins sponsored and passed HB 157, a bill requiring every Florida high school to teach CPR in 9th and 11th grades. Hawkins also co-sponsored HB 3, legislation that gives free books to students up to 5th grade that are struggling with reading. Education remains one of Hawkins highest priorities as he works for more funding and choice for Florida families. Hawkins graduated from the University of Akron with degrees in Pre-Law and Political Science and is the President and CEO of the Osceola County Education Foundation.



Senator **Shevrin "Shev" Jones** is an educator, public servant, and consensus builder. Growing up in Carol City, Jones' parents instilled in him and his brothers the values of education, faith, and service to the community. He recognized from a young age the power of education as the great equalizer, a foundation that drove Shevrin into teaching to help students reach their full potential. After teaching A.P. Chemistry in Broward County, Jones went on to found L.E.A.D. Nation, a top South Florida nonprofit organization committed to youth leadership development and social entrepreneurship training. In 2012, he was elected to the Florida House. Today, Jones proudly serves Florida's 35th Senate District, which includes portions of Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. Jones has received widespread recognition for his service, including Broward Parent Teachers Association's Legislator of the Year. Jones is completing his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at Florida Atlantic University and was recently appointed to President Biden's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).





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Lili Murphy is the Executive Director of the Florida Afterschool Network. Previously, Lili served as the statewide assistant director for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program at the Florida Department of Education. In this capacity, she was immersed in working with afterschool programs and stakeholders and administering grant resources. She has also held positions with Help Me Grow Florida and the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe. Lili serves on the Board for the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Foundation Second Circuit. She graduated from Florida State University and is bilingual.



Dr. **Julio Nazario-Valle** began his educational career as a mathematics teacher in Chicago. He holds a B.A. in Mathematics and Secondary Education, an M.A. in Educational Leadership, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership with a concentration in Curriculum Development. Dr. Nazario-Valle has been principal at several Title I schools in Orange and Lake counties. Most recently, Dr. Nazario-Valle served as the Lead State Executive Director at the Florida Department of Education Bureau of School Improvement leading the work of school improvement in the four regions of the state. Dr. Nazario-Valle has also served as Region Superintendent for the Office of Innovation and School Improvement Region in Duval County Public Schools, leading, supporting, and supervising elementary and middle schools in school improvement and turnaround status. Currently, he serves as the Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum & Instruction in Volusia County Schools where he leads, supports, and supervise 45 elementary schools.



Erik Peterson joined the Afterschool Alliance in July 2009 and coordinates and advances the Afterschool Alliance's policy efforts at the federal level by helping develop policy goals and implementing strategies that advance access to quality afterschool and summer learning programs for all. Erik works to build and strengthen relationships with policy makers and allied organizations to increase public support and funding for out of school time programs. Prior to coming to the Afterschool Alliance, Erik worked for the School Nutrition Association (SNA) in the Washington DC area, and as both an AmeriCorps VISTA and staff for the Sustainable Food Center in Austin, Texas. He received his Master's in Public Affairs from the LBJ School at the University of Texas, and also has a Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

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Bela Shah Spooner is the Program Director for Education and Expanded Learning at the Institute for Youth, Education and Families with the National League of Cities. Bela works with cities to increase access to afterschool and summer learning, citywide partnerships between cities, schools, and community-based organizations to support student success, and increasing postsecondary access and completion leading to workforce success. She launched NLC's Afterschool Policy Advisors Network in 2005, a national peer-learning network of senior municipal leaders focusing on afterschool programs, and has supported the growth of its Mayors' Education Policy Advisors' Network featuring the nation's largest cities. Bela has authored various publications on municipal leadership for afterschool and hosted dozens of statewide municipal summits on afterschool and expanded learning. Bela also supports cohorts of cities working in collaboration with their postsecondary institution and business partners to address students' basic needs to enable them to attain a postsecondary credential.



David Sikes serves as the Associate Executive Officer of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). He joined FADSS with 25 years of experience in education and education policy. David began his career as a social studies teacher and taught for seven years in Florida and North Carolina. He later spent seven years with the Florida Department of Education and held several positions over that time, including Director of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and Deputy Bureau Chief for Curriculum and Instruction. He also worked on education policy and budget issues for the Florida Legislature for more than 10 years, most recently as Staff Director for the Senate Education Committee. David earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies Education from Florida State University and a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from West Virginia University.



Erin Smeltzer has a 20-year reputation working tirelessly to advocate for advancements in quality early childhood education. Most recently, she served as Executive Director of the Association of Early Learning Coalitions where she actively streamlined best practices across the state's 30 early learning coalitions and built partnerships to help give all children an equitable early learning experience. She previously managed all statewide quality initiatives funded by the School Readiness Program at the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). Erin received her Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Development from the University of Georgia, a Master's degree in Education from Nova Southeastern University, and is a Zero to Three Academy Fellow.





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Representative **Dana Trabulsy** is a Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Treasure Coast Business Summit and All Things Treasure Coast. Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Trabulsy moved to Florida in 1986 and has called St. Lucie County her home since 1991. She is a member of the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, and the Place of Hope Advisory Board. An accomplished marketing and public relations professional, Trabulsy recently joined the Children's Forum as its Director of Public Relations and Special Projects.

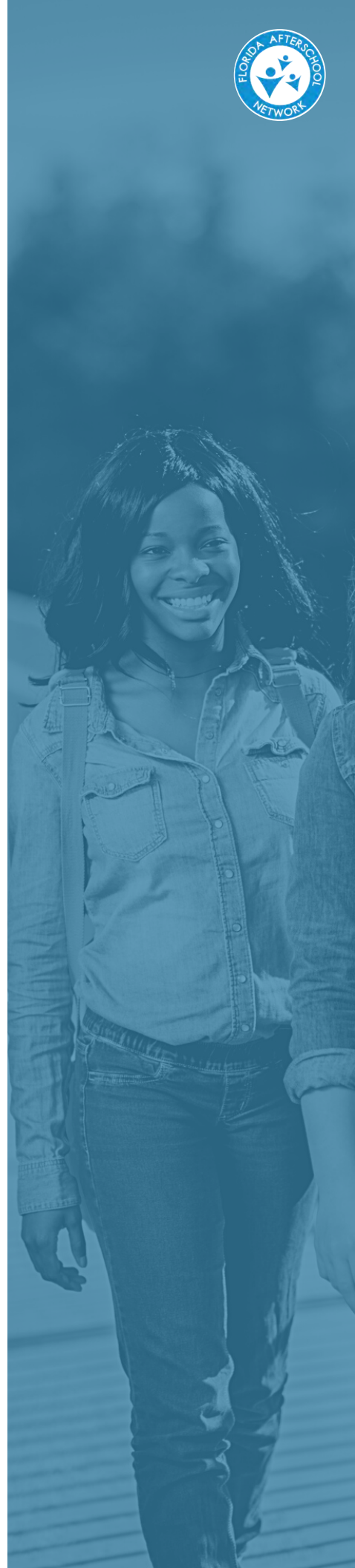


John Trombetta is the Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Project and serves as Chair on the Florida Afterschool Network's Advisory Board. Trombetta has more than a decade of experience as an executive and development leader specializing in the higher education and community-based membership and advocacy sectors. Some of his previous experience has included roles as the CEO of the Florida State Alliance of YMCAs and Director of Alumni Relations at Valdosta State University. Trombetta holds a Master of Business Administration in Management from the University of Phoenix, and graduated from Valdosta State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.



Rep. **Susan Valdes** was born the first generation child of Cuban immigrants in New York City, NY and lived in the Bronx until moving to Hialeah, Florida at the age of 8. She would permanently resettle in Tampa a short time later. Susan is a product of Hillsborough County Public Schools. Being raised by a single mother, she learned the value of education early on in life. In later years, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Masters in Organizational Leadership. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Everest University for her service to the Tampa Bay community. Susan worked as a health practice administrator until winning a seat on the Hillsborough County School Board in 2004, where she served for 14 years until being elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2018.

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No Kid Hungry

No Kid Hungry is focused on closing the gap between kids who have enough to eat and those who don't. The goal is to ensure kids at risk of hunger have access to food when they need it, regardless of zip code, age, time of year or time of day. The No Kid Hungry strategy focuses on problem-solving, working with elected officials, business leaders, educators and nonprofits to eliminate the barriers that prevent children from accessing existing nutrition resources. Connecting kids to the food they need while building capacity to tackle childhood hunger are key to No Kid Hungry's collaborative work.



Florida College Access Network

The Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida's first collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and prosper in Florida's dynamic economy. We envision a Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.



Florida Prepaid

For more than 30 years, the Florida Prepaid College Board has managed the largest and most successful prepaid program of its kind. More than 1 million families have saved for college with Florida Prepaid College Plans, and more than 561,000 students have attended college using Prepaid Plans. The legacy of Mr. Stanley G. Tate put higher education within the reach of the average Florida family and will continue to live on through the children the program helps year after year.



Startup Smartup

Startup Smartup is a 12-chapter online platform that teaches students in middle and high school the fundamentals of entrepreneurship with a focus on SEL, workforce readiness and financial literacy. We provide 11 jobs for your students to choose from and either train your staff to run the program or can provide virtual instructors to work with your staff.



Go2Science

Go2Science is an on-line platform that engages young learners in real-world, cross curricular, science research adventures. Beth and Curtis travel the globe testing real hypotheses and students have a virtual front row seat on the action through our developmentally appropriate field videos, hands-on lessons, livestream events, and more. Go2Science is highly engaging, easy to implement, and allows providers to grow professionally while working with students.



Teachstone

At Teachstone, we're working to help Head Start programs unlock the potential of great teachers, boost student outcomes, and create a culture of sustained excellence with the CLASS® tool. Our team of CLASS® consultants specialize in classroom assessment and data collection, data-driven continuous improvement, and professional development for educators, coaches, classroom observers, and administrators.



Eleyo

Eleyo provides a dynamic program management software to support child care, preschool, enrichment courses and facilities. Our platform is an end-to-end solution for your district, empowering you to elevate community engagement and program participation.



U.F. Lastinger Center for Learning

The ability to read and learn are critical skills for lifelong success. The New Worlds Reading Initiative aims to build these skills by delivering free books and family engagement resources to Florida K-5 students who are not yet reading on grade level. Through the program eligible K-5 students in Florida public and charter schools who enroll will receive one free book per month in English, Spanish, or Haitian Creole during the school year, for a total of nine books per year.



Florida KidCare

Florida KidCare is the umbrella brand for the four government-sponsored children's health insurance programs – Medicaid, MediKids, Florida Healthy Kids and the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Health Plan – available to Florida children from birth until the 19th birthday. Each program is designed specifically with kids in mind, providing children with access to the services they need at each stage of growth and development. Eligibility is based on the child's age, family income and household size.

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