



## PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

**March 23, 2018**

- The Forum received re-accreditation through *Nonprofits First* for Governance, Administration, and Fiscal Management. The accreditation period is for five years with annual submission of financial records compliance. Kudos to the administrative team!
- The Forum received re-accreditation from the *International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET)* for CEU. This authorizes the Forum to partner with organizations to offer high quality professional development opportunities for the field.
- The Forum was successful this legislative session as follows:
  - \$10M for T.E.A.C.H.
  - \$2.2M for Help Me Grow Florida
- HB 1091 affecting Accountability for School Readiness passed which is the first step in identifying quality in statute, and using CLASS to establish baseline scores for ECE programs, among other provisions. We are pleased that Florida is moving in the right direction.
- The Forum was monitored by Thomas, Howell, and Ferguson, CPA firm on behalf of the Florida Office of Early Learning for financial and program compliance with our contracts. There was only one finding regarding stale checks. Otherwise, it was a very clean monitoring!
- On the Federal level, the Child Care and Development Block Grant will be doubled for the next two years as a part of the negotiated deal with Congress. This will provide opportunities for additional children to be served in Florida and hopefully, consideration of statewide WAGE\$ support for salary supplements for the early childhood workforce.
- There will be another meeting in Chapel Hill, N.C. for the Compensation Task Force Team which will focus on progress made and strategies implemented in the eight states participating in the project. Florida will be represented with our team.
- Contract delivery in Miami is changing with RFPs to be released for scholarship administration (which we currently manage). We will continue to provide WAGE\$ and the Registry without the need for an RFP as it was determined that we are sole source for those services. We will re-compete for our scholarship administration work through the Children's Trust.
- The Forum has entered into an agreement with FLAAYC to provide management, administration, and conference help. Our agreement is for \$50,000 for the first year and we will access our time and effort in supporting the statewide association. We believe we can be an asset for them.