



L-R: Stephanie Harmody, CREATE coordinator; Shannon McGuire Bowman, Childcare Resources Executive Director; Jeff Pickering, Indian River Community Foundation President and CEO; and Patrick Farrah, Childcare Resources Board Chair. Photo courtesy Maureen Nicolace. This program was made better with help from Indian River Community Foundation.

Creating Something New

Through a grant provided by Indian River Community Foundation, Childcare Resources is expanding and advancing access to higher education for early educators throughout Indian River County.

The new program, CREATE (Childcare Resources Education, Advancement, and Training for Early Educators), expands the current Credentialing Program for Early Educators, adding pathways to Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's

degrees via partnerships with accredited colleges. Research from the National Institute for Early Education Research indicates that teachers with a higher degree of education are more effective in the classroom, improving student outcomes.

"I have started to work towards my Master's degree in Early Educational Leadership," said Sadie Collet, a teacher at the Childcare Resources School. "I'm really excited about this opportunity, and to bring these strategies back into the classroom."

Outdoor Family Fun at the Childcare Resources School



At the Childcare Resources School, program parents can view their child's artwork during Art Walk days. Free Book Fridays enable families to select books for their children.

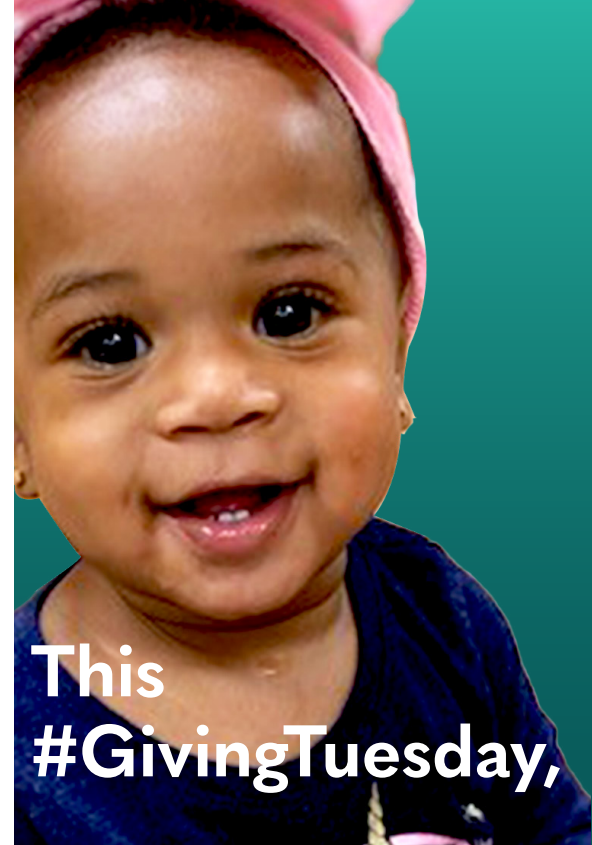


Erin Grall discusses HB 419

State Representative Erin Grall discussed the history and impacts of Florida House Bill 419, Early Learning and Early Grade Success, at a recent Childcare Resources event. The bill aligns early childhood education with K-12 education and revises the standards of the Gold Seal Quality Care program for early childhood education providers.

"It really should be about whether or not we view what happens from birth to five as education," said Representative Grall, noting the fundamental shift in perception of the earliest years of life.

A former Board chair of Childcare Resources, Representative Grall credited her time spent in the organization's leadership with her focus on quality early education.



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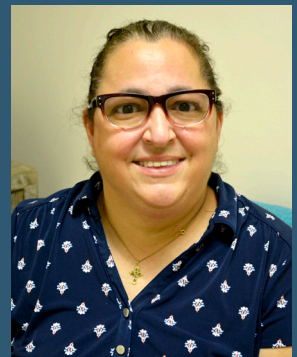
Join us in welcoming new members of our team!



Melisa Sweet
*Director of
Development*



Stephanie Harmody
CREATE Coordinator



Andrea Donghia
*Executive Assistant
& Development
Coordinator*



La'Quinta Jones
*CREATE Recruitment
Specialist*



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Starfest

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February 7 Dinner &
February 8 Lunch ★
Quail Valley River Club



A Special Graduation

Every year, the Childcare Resources School holds a special celebration for the graduating class of five-year-old students as they transition to kindergarten. Joined by the school's entire teaching staff, the graduates joined their families on the school's front porch and lawn for this special celebration.

The graduating class of 2021 marks an important anniversary for the Childcare Resources School: These students made up the first infant class when the school opened up its doors in its current location.

"It is incredible to see the growth of these students in their time here at Childcare Resources," said Tara Beard, School Director.

Melisa: I am excited to start in my new role as Director of Development. I am so inspired by the mission and vision of this organization, our generous community, and the impact we are able to make together.

Andrea: I am happy to join the team here at Childcare Resources. The work that the organization does to provide and support quality early education in our community is inspiring.

Stephanie: I am thrilled to be able to work with early childhood educators as they move from earning their staff credentials to obtaining an Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's Degree in the CREATE program.

La'Quinta: I look forward to ensuring that all early childhood educators in Indian River County have access to the tools and support they need to succeed in their continuing education.

Jenna: I am grateful to support children and families facing a life disruption by providing coping strategies through developmentally appropriate explanations and therapeutic play.

Diana: As a case manager, I provide program families with assistance and resources to meet their needs. It is such a privilege to be working for such a great organization.

Diana Pena-Stein
Family Support Specialist

Jenna Battiato, MS, CCLS
Child Life Specialist

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The vision of Childcare Resources is for all children and their families to benefit from a high quality learning experience.

The vision of the Childcare Resources School is to create a community hub for high quality learning experiences.

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