

## **2013 Orange County Children's Alliance Focus Groups In Preparation for the Children's Summit**

### Preface

In July 2013, five focus groups were conducted with officials from government, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations active in one of four social service domains that impact children in Orange County, Florida: Safety, Healthy Children and Families, Economic Well-Being, Family and Community, and Education. Each group was moderated by Dr. Thomas Bryer, Director, Center for Public and Nonprofit Management, University of Central Florida, and each group was asked the following questions:

1. Think about [safety, health children and families, economic well-being, or education]. What would you identify as the most pressing issues in Orange County with respect to that issue? Please provide details and/or examples as to why this is a pressing issue.
2. Thinking about the issues you identified, what resources are available in the community to address the issue, if any? What are the examples of organizations doing well with respect to the issues, both within and outside Florida?
3. Think ahead 20 years. What does success look like if we adequately address the issues identified. What are the indicators of success?
4. Thinking about measuring success, what metrics would be beneficial to you that you currently cannot access? (Note, this question was not asked to every group due to time constraints).
5. Thinking about those definitions of success, who needs to be at the table to achieve it for the issues identified?
6. Looking at the different issues identified, which, if any, rose to the top as the most important?

The notes taken at each focus group are transcribed in the pages that follow. A full report analyzing these notes will be produced for distribution at the Children's Summit in November 2013. Readers are invited to add to these notes using the web platform provided that accompanies these notes.