



2026 FLORIDA PROSPERITY & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY SOLUTION SUMMIT

JUNE 9 | GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY



9:00 AM - PROGRAM BEGINS

OPENING REMARKS & PATH TO PROSPERITY SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Will Thompson, President, Florida Prepaid College Foundation

REPLACING CHILDHOOD POVERTY & GOVERNMENT DEPENDENCY WITH SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND PROSPERITY

Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce and Foundation

PATH TO PROSPERITY: ADDRESSING FISCAL CLIFFS FOR ALL CITIZENS

Brittany Birken, Director & Principal Adviser, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

THE FLORIDA PROSPERITY MODEL: OVERCOMING THE 10 ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY IN EVERY ZIP CODE

Moderator: Kristina Donohue, Director of Mission Advancement & Board Development, Florida Prosperity Initiative

Dr. Dawn Belamarich, President & CEO, Collaboratory

Michelle Hamilton, Senior Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, Florida Blue

A VOICE FOR BREAKING THE CYCLE: TURNING ADVERSITY INTO STRENGTH & STATEWIDE RESULTS

Heather Cogar, Statewide Director of Community Engagement, Florida Prosperity Initiative

THE POWER OF LOCALIZED DATA IN DRIVING PROSPERITY

Introduction: Tracy Melvin, Manager, Maximus

Sheridan Morby, Senior Research Economist, Florida Chamber Foundation

ZIP CODE LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Moderator: Heather Cogar, Statewide Director of Community Engagement, Florida Prosperity Initiative

Mike Bays, President/Owner, State Farm – Michael D Bays Insurance Agency

Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, Tallahassee State College

Sandy Spear, Senior Vice President & Regional Sales Manager, First Federal Bank

OVERCOMING THE 10 ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

Karen Moore, Founder & CEO, The Moore Agency, and Chair, Florida Chamber Foundation

SOLVING THE UNATTAINABLE HOUSING CHALLENGE FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

Meagan Langdoc, Senior Vice President of Total Rewards & Shared Services, Tampa General Hospital

Ashon Nesbitt, CEO, Florida Housing Coalition

OVERCOMING LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: EMPOWERING LOCAL TALENT TO DRIVE ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Victoria Gaitanis, Vice President of Workforce Program Development, CareerSource Florida

NETWORKING LUNCH

CREATING AVAILABLE QUALITY EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Andry Sweet, CEO, Children's Home Society of Florida

Shaunda Burdette, Executive Director, Citrus County Education Foundation

Anastasios Kamoutsas, 29th Commissioner of Education, State of Florida

TACKLING INSUFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION

Chris Campbell, Transit Senior Account Executive, Uber

SOLVING UNAFFORDABLE & UNATTAINABLE CHILD CARE AND FAMILY CARE

Michael Boose, Senior Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development, Arthrex

Tessa LeSage, Founder, Collective Agora

ENDING FOOD INSECURITY: MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE EVERY FAMILY HAS ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Sky Beard, Director, No Kid Hungry Florida

Barbara Sprague, Executive Director, The Community Food Bank

PROVIDING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Dr. Naakesh Dewan, Vice President of Behavioral Health, Florida Blue

Mike Griffin, Senior Vice President of Advocacy & Public Policy, AdventHealth

IMPROVING FINANCIAL LITERACY: EQUIPPING FAMILIES WITH TOOLS FOR LIFELONG STABILITY

Bob Hyde, Vice President of Community Impact, Suncoast Credit Union

George Schmalstig, CEO, United Way of Citrus County

CREATING SAFER HOMES & NEIGHBORHOODS: ADVANCING PARTNERSHIPS TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

Moderator: Heather Cogar, Statewide Director of Community Engagement, Florida Prosperity Initiative

Matt Dunagan, Executive Director, Florida Sheriffs Association

Sheriff David Vincent, Citrus County Sheriff's Office

PROTECTING FLORIDA'S CHILDREN

Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier

WHAT WE NEEDED: A VOICE FOR OPPORTUNITY

Moderator: Heather Cogar, Statewide Director of Community Engagement, Florida Prosperity Initiative

Nehemiah Molette, Young Adult, Madi's Movement

Kaitlynn White, Young Adult, Madi's Movement

REPLACING POVERTY WITH PROSPERITY IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Honorable Alexis Calatayud, Senator, Florida District 38

Frank Walker, Executive Vice President of Government & Political Relations, Florida Chamber of Commerce

WRAP-UP & CALL TO ACTION

Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce and Foundation

4:30 PM - PROGRAM ENDS



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Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL
June 23, 2026

40th Annual Environmental Permitting Summer School

Bringing public and private professionals together for unparalleled discussions addressing environmental issues in Florida.
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July 21-24, 2026

2026 Future of Florida Forum (F3) & Florida Chamber Annual Meeting

Florida's annual business leaders event measuring the progress towards making Florida the 10th largest global economy through the Florida 2030 Blueprint's 39 goals.
JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa, Orlando, FL
October 27-28, 2026

2026 Florida Chamber Annual Insurance Summit

Insuring Florida's future by creating a competitive and stable private insurance market.
Signia By Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL
December 10-11, 2026
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