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TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN TO PARTNER WITH FLORIDA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK ON 2018 FCAN SUMMIT

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FLA., Thursday, March 22, 2018 – Through a partnership with [Florida College Access Network](#) (FCAN), more than 50 [Take Stock in Children](#) (TSIC) college success coaches from across the state will attend the 2018 Florida College Access Network Summit (FCAN Summit) to expand their professional development. These coaches provide coaching, resources, and support to ensure students served through TSIC – deserving low-income youth, many from minority families – stay on-track for high school completion and successful college entrance.

The Summit, which will be held May 10-11, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, will feature innovative approaches to breaking down barriers to student success. FCAN will host an exclusive, invitation-only session for TSIC's college success coaches to network and share best practices.

"We're thrilled to host Take Stock in Children at this year's Summit," said Laurie Meggesin, executive director of Florida College Access Network. "College success coaches help thousands of high-potential, low-income students thrive in college and career, and we hope the Summit provides them inspiration, tips, and tools that can further enhance their important work."

The partnership between TSIC and FCAN was made possible as a result of a grant from State Farm. Last year, TSIC was selected by the voting public as a nationwide top-40 recipient of [State Farm's Neighborhood Assist® program](#). As one of the winning causes, TSIC received a \$25,000 grant which the organization is using, in part, to support the professional development of its college success coaches. With its wide-ranging offerings and opportunities to learn from and connect with education change makers from throughout the state, the FCAN Summit was identified as an ideal opportunity for these coaches.

"We are truly thankful for being selected as a grant recipient through this State Farm program," said Take Stock in Children President & CEO Jillian Hasner. "These funds are critical in ensuring expanded professional development opportunities for our college success coaches, staff who play a key role in ensuring successful outcomes for our most vulnerable students. By partnering with Florida College Access Network, we found the perfect way to invest in these coaches, which ultimately provides tremendous returns to our scholars, their families, and communities throughout our state."

To learn more about the 2018 FCAN Summit and register, visit www.fcansummit.org. A discounted early registration rate is available through Friday, April 13.



About Take Stock in Children

Take Stock in Children of Florida was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization in Florida that provides a unique opportunity for deserving low-income youth/students, many from minority families, to escape the cycle of poverty through education. We offer our students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors and hope for a better life. Our comprehensive services start in middle school, continue through high school and include their transition into college. For more information, visit www.takestockinchildren.org

About Florida College Access Network

The mission of the Florida College Access Network is to create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career preparation, access, and completion for all students. Our Big Goal is to increase the percentage of Florida residents who hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by the year 2025. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org.

About the 2018 Florida College Access Network Summit

The 2018 Florida College Access Network Summit is the go-to event for Florida leaders and college access professionals to learn about promising practices, policies and partnerships to ensure today's students have the credentials they need for tomorrow's jobs. Summit sponsors include Wells Fargo, Helios Education Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, University of South Florida, JPMorgan Chase & Co, Gulf Power, Orange Technical College, and Florida Trend. For more information and to register, visit www.fcansummit.org.

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