

# Center for Family & Child Enrichment, Inc. Pediatric & Family Health & Wellness Center

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## CFCE Partners with Excelsior Prep Charter School To Provide Health Services for all Students



On June 12, 2021, CFCE's Pediatric & Family Health & Wellness Center staff joined Excelsior Prep Charter School at their Pop Up Open House to promote behavioral health, adult, and children's medical services that will now be accessible to students and their families right on Excelsior's premises! For more information, contact: Ron Gay, Chief BH Officer at [rgay@cfceinc.org](mailto:rgay@cfceinc.org).

## CFCE Assists Seniors at the Elder Abuse Awareness Workshop



(l-r) CFCE Health & Wellness Staff with State Rep. Felicia Robinson and Miami Gardens Councilman Robert L. Stephens III greeted seniors at the event.



CFCE Family Physician, Dr. Hussein Anan presents important information on Nutrition and Diabetes.

June 15th was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The elderly population in Miami Gardens is one of the most vulnerable groups in our community. Through outreach events, CFCE provides reliable information to keep our elders safe and informed. This year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Fair was held at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex where industry experts conducted engaging presentations. Speakers included Dr. Hussein Anan from CFCE's Pediatric and Family Health and Wellness Center. Dr. Anan provided a detailed presentation on the importance of observing a healthy diet for the aging body and pertinent information about COVID-19 vaccines.

## The Miami “I Can Re-Entry” Event



(l-r) Desmond Meade, Re-Entry Event Organizer with Lance Jackson

CFCE Substance Abuse Clinical Coordinator Lance Jackson joined Desmond Meade, Executive Director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and others for the June “I Can Re-Entry” event to promote awareness of opportunities for local citizens returning to the community after a period of incarceration. Desmond Meade was recognized by Time magazine in 2019 for being among the top 100 most influential people. He received this designation because of his key leadership role in one of the latest civil rights battles, the right to vote for returning citizens. His “Let My People Vote” campaign brought the issue to the forefront as he spearheaded the push for Amendment 4 in 2018. Amendment 4 passed, but efforts to implement it were stalled by a subsequently enacted law requiring pre-payment of all assessed fines and penalties.

## CFCE at the Senior Safari Prom in the Gardens



Councilwoman Ighodaro presents a commemorative plaque to CFCE staff for their support.



Councilman Stephens greets arriving seniors who are dressed to impress.

Senior Prom has been a mainstay event in the City of Miami Gardens for the past few years. The senior population in Miami Gardens is one of the largest in Miami-Dade County. With over 250 seniors in attendance each year, the Senior Prom is always well-received. Despite the barriers imposed by COVID-19, the senior citizens of Miami Gardens were excited to attend, following

social distancing protocols and showing a bit of flare. The event, organized by Honorable Councilwoman Shannan “Lady” Ighodaro of Seat 3 was a great success! CFCE’s Pediatric and Family Health and Wellness Center was a proud supporter of the event. CFCE encourages seniors to stop by our clinic to take advantage of the wide range of services that we provide.

## Board Member Spot Light

### *Meet New Board Member Elvis Caines*

Elvis Caines is one of CFCE's newest Board members, but he is certainly no stranger to CFCE. He has regularly shared in our Quarterly Pastors Luncheon group and, in 2019, he coordinated an African Fashion Show to raise much needed funds for CFCE.

Board Member Caines earned his Masters degree in Justice Policy and Management from Florida Atlantic University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International

University. One of his most noteworthy academic achievements was completing a research project on Justice Reform and presenting his findings and recommendations during his testimony before Florida State Juvenile Justice Legislators in 2002.

Over the past 15 years, Mr. Caines has dedicated himself to the field of criminal justice. As an administrator for Miami-Dade County's Community Action Agency, he worked with Advocates for Victims/SafeSpace, a domestic violence prevention and intervention program. He has also served as a Juvenile



Assessment Counselor, a Juvenile Service Specialist Supervisor and a Juvenile Probation Officer for the Florida Department of Juvenile Services.

Currently the President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Association of Florida, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Mr. Caines has also served as a volunteer Branch Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami-Dade County for the past 18 years.

Mr. Caines also serves as Chairperson of the Miami Gardens Elderly Affairs

Advisory Committee and Youth Coordinator for the United Family Baptist Church.

Board Member Caines' community work stems from his desire to make a positive impact on the system of law enforcement in Miami Dade County. CFCE values the wealth of experience that he brings to our Board and we look forward to working with him in the years to come.

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## CFCE Meets with New Secretary of Florida's Department of Children and Families



(l-r) DCF Chief of Staff Molly McKinstry, Carmen Alegria, CFCE Program Administrator Evelyn Calo, CFCE FCM Supervisor Michelle Hollis, and DCF Secretary Shevaun Harris.

The Department of Children and Family's new Secretary, Shevaun Harris visited with Full Case Management staff from CFCE and several partner agencies to discuss opportunities for collaboration and ways to improve the child welfare system of care.

If you have an inspiring story about a CFCE employee or client, we would love to hear it! Contact Development Officer *Meg Garza* at [mgarza@cfceinc.org](mailto:mgarza@cfceinc.org) or 305.474.1737

