



Education Affinity Group Meeting

October 12, 2022; 9:00 – 3:00ET

Nonprofit Leadership Center; 7th Floor Conference Room
1408 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607

EAG Guiding Statement: *The EAG will support a culture of high expectations for all students, in and out of school, from early childhood through postsecondary education, leading to career success.*

EAG Roles:

1. *Provide a learning agenda on Florida-specific issues aligned with EAG goals*
2. *Work on a shared advocacy agenda*
3. *Network, potentially leading to deeper programmatic learning & funding collaborations.*

Meeting Objectives:

- ✓ Provide site visit opportunity to learn of a strategic public/private collaboration in early learning
- ✓ Learn about philanthropic efforts in closing the Black student achievement gap
- ✓ Gain insights from national education funders on their thoughts and funding priorities
- ✓ Participate in planning for increased legislator engagement before the next session

Agenda

- 9:00 Site Visit – Morgan Woods Elementary School – Details on Page 2**
- 11:00 Welcome and Introductions**
Jesse Coraggio, EAG Chair, Senior Vice Pres., Community Impact, Community Foundation Tampa Bay
Ashley Dietz, President & CEO, Florida Philanthropic Network
- 11:10 The Call to Closing Black Student Achievement Gaps**
Braulio Colon, Vice President, Florida Student Success Initiatives, Helios Education Foundation
- 12:10 Lunch**
- 12:40 What are National Education Funders Thinking?**
Frank Gettridge, President & CEO, National Public Education Support Fund
- 1:20 Election Update and 2023 Planning**
Natalie King, Vice President/COO, RSA Consulting Group
- 2:30 EAG Discussion / Networking**
Jesse Coraggio facilitates
- 3:00 Adjourn**



Webinar ✓ Nov. 2; 3:00ET; Education Insights: Valuing Quality Credentials in Action
Next EAG Meeting ✓ Dec. 14; 10:00 – 12:00ET Virtual

Site Visit

Great We Grow: A Strategic Collaboration Between Morgan Woods Elementary & Rosa Valdez Early Learning Center

The site visit is to observe an early childhood pilot project with the Hillsborough County School District and the Conn Foundation for a private preschool located on a public-school campus. This includes a dynamic and impactful community of practice with public and private teachers from Prek3 through Kindergarten. The goal is to fill up empty classrooms in many of our public elementary schools while improving student outcomes and school grades. Please see the attached summary for more insight into the program.

The Conn Memorial Foundation will share the vision for the project followed by a tour of the classrooms and a panel discussion. The panel will include the district's senior cabinet member responsible early childhood, a senior management team member from the Early Learning Coalition who has been involved with the project, a public school VPK teacher and the Executive Director of the private preschool.

Come see the results for yourself:

Arrive 9:00 – Morgan Woods Elementary School

7001 Armand Dr, Tampa, FL 33634

Sign in at Front Office of Morgan Woods Elementary; the visit will begin there.

Depart Morgan Woods Elementary **no later than 10:30** for EAG Meeting at

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Great We Grow

A Strategic Collaboration Between Morgan Woods Elementary & Rosa Valdez Early Learning Center: 2021-22



Great We Grow is an innovative collaboration model funded by Conn Memorial Foundation that brings together families, schools and community partners to improve kindergarten readiness and transition. By working collectively and creatively from day one, we test ideas locally to expand successful educational approaches regionally. Our latest project brings a private preschool onto an underutilized public elementary school campus to increase positive student outcomes.

PROGRAM

The educational model we're testing

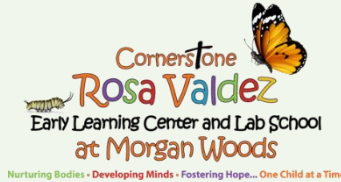
Cornerstone Rosa Valdez Early Learning Center and Lab School will operate a voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) class at Morgan Woods Elementary during the 2021-22 school year to determine if bringing a private preschool onto an underutilized public school campus can increase kindergarten recruitment, retention and readiness.

PARTNERS

Collaborating schools

**Cornerstone Rosa Valdez
Early Learning Center and Lab School**
1802 North Albany Avenue | Tampa, FL 33607

- Ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- One of only two Nationally Accredited Childcare Centers in Old West Tampa
- 91% of children qualify for free or reduced lunch



**Morgan Woods
Elementary School**
7001 Armand Drive | Tampa, FL 33634

- VPK through fifth grade (419 total students)
- 89% of children qualify for free or reduced lunch
- Current school grade: C



PURPOSE

The objectives we believe are achievable by 2023-24

RECRUITMENT

- Increase the **number of 4-year-olds** at Morgan Woods from 20 (2019-20) to 40 in Year 1 and to 60 in Year 3.
- Improve the percentage of children coming from **Great We Grow partner preschools** to Morgan Woods from 30% (2019-20) to 70%.

RETENTION

- Achieve an 80% **retention rate** for on-campus Rosa Valdez preschool students who stay at Morgan Woods for kindergarten.

READINESS

- Improve **kindergarten readiness** from 45% (2019-20) to 70% for all children starting school at Morgan Woods.
- Improve Morgan Woods' **school grade** from C to A.

PROCESS

How we'll accomplish our objectives

- **Experienced facilitator** provides support and accountability
- Preschool and kindergarten **teachers work together** on shared objectives, curriculum and outcomes
- Teachers receive monthly **professional development stipend** and access to Waterford **digital tools** to improve academic performance
- **Replicable model** designed to expand proven results to more areas with support from Conn Memorial Foundation and others

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

What success looks like

More children in Hillsborough County are ready for kindergarten (STAR/iReady) and successfully transition to elementary school.