



FNA Member Update

April 6, 2023

STATE UPDATE

State Budget

The 2023 Florida Legislation Session is more than halfway complete. Both the House and the Senate have their budget bills out, a little ahead of the schedule we usually see them follow. Budget conferences are expected to take place no later than the week of April 20th. Both the House version and Senate version of the budget are smaller than the Governor's recommendations, although budget appropriations are not yet finalized, and we expect to see changes made in both the House and the Senate. The Legislature is required to pass a balanced budget before Session can be adjourned.

Fiscal Accountability Bill

This bill ([SB 242/HB 955](#)) passed unanimously in the Senate, and will be up for a vote in the House once it is placed on the special order calendar. If you have any questions about this bill or how it may impact your organization, [please let us know](#).

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship and Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options Changes

Florida HB 1 is new legislation that expands the eligibility of the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) and Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO) programs to allow K-12 students who are Florida residents to gain access to a scholarship, regardless of household income. Additionally, these programs will be converted into education savings accounts, or "ESAs" to allow for more flexibility in how funds are used by families. Authorized uses of funds now include instructional materials, postsecondary education, tutoring programs, and fees for advanced placement exams, among others. If you are interested in learning more or helping your clients apply for the scholarships, visit the [Step Up for Students website](#).

Interested in more information? [Listen to the recording of yesterday's Policy Call](#).

SURVEY REQUEST

Are Workforce Shortages a Problem for Your Nonprofit?

Is your charitable nonprofit struggling with unfilled vacancies, long waiting lists of people seeking services, chronic burnout, and other challenges. Or is the nonprofit workforce shortages crisis a thing of the past? The entire charitable sector needs to know.

A [major survey and report in late 2021](#) identified the scope of the problems related to nonprofit workforce shortages and identified public policies and practical solutions that have helped organizations hire and retain the staff they need to advance their missions. We invite you to complete the updated survey and help the nonprofit sector tell its story.

TAKE THE SURVEY

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

National Center for Families Learning: Sharon Darling Innovation Fund

DEADLINE: May 1, 2023

The NCFL's Sharon Darling Innovation Fund is currently seeking proposals to develop and implement innovative programs, initiatives, products, processes, or strategies aimed at significantly improving the status quo in family literacy, family engagement, and family leadership. Support will be provided for programs and initiatives addressing the following objectives: increasing access to and the quality of educational opportunities for parenting adults and their families, increasing the number of families participating in literacy and learning activities, improving the learning outcomes for children and their parents, enhancing and increasing positive interactions between parenting adults and their children, developing the leadership skills of parenting adults and caregivers, and supporting and promoting the development of strong, positive relationships and engagement between families and schools or communities. The maximum grant award is \$30,000 to be used for up to 18 months. Visit the [NCFL website](#) to submit a proposal online.

Brookdale National Group Respite Program

DEADLINE: July 6, 2023

Through the Brookdale National Group Respite Program's 2023 request for proposals, support will be provided to establish or expand dementia-specific group respite programs or specialized programs for people with early memory loss. Seed grants of \$20,000 for the first year with an opportunity for a second-tier grant of \$10,000 are available. 501(c)(3) or equivalent nonprofit service agencies seeking to expand or start up a new community-based day program for people with dementia, their families, and care partners are eligible to apply. Visit the [Brookdale Foundation Group website](#) to download the guidelines and application form.

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