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The following is a message from Sheriff Sadie Darnell, chairperson of the Alachua County Children's Alliance.

I'm pleased to remind you that the Alachua County Children's Alliance will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 20, at Reichert House, 1704 NE 2nd Avenue, Gainesville.

This will be the first of the monthly Alliance meetings, and it will give us an opportunity to give the Alliance a strong start. Our goal is that every person who attends will leave the meeting feeling energized and excited about opportunities to make our community a better place for children to grow up.

Our first program will focus on the Alliance itself. Everyone who attends will have the opportunity to share what they believe are the best things the Alliance can do for them and how the Alliance can help them succeed in their work. That information will help guide the work of Alliance committees and will enable the Alliance to set priorities for children's services.

The Alliance has established five committees and more than 35 people already have signed up to participate. We'll continue to recruit committee members at the Alliance meeting and will announce a plan for the committees to hold their first meetings.

One of the most valuable contributions of the Alliance will be the opportunity for members to learn more about programs that serve Alachua county's children and their families. Every meeting will include time for members to introduce themselves and share a brief report about their program and their work to serve children in our community. Everyone will leave every meeting with new information what will help them to succeed. There will be a handout table to allow members to share announcements, flyers and program information.

Finally, every meeting will end on time! Your time is valuable and I know there will networking and informal conversations after the meeting is over, but I promise we'll hold firm to our schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Bobb, at the Alliance phone number, 888-244-1556, or by email at dana.bobb@pfsf.org. Further information can also be obtained from the Alliance website at www.alachuacountychildrensalliance.org. I look forward to seeing you there.