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Feature Story One

New DCF Head Takes Over At Fiery Time For Agency

Like so many before her, Esther Jacobo's ascension to the top of Florida's long-troubled child welfare agency was forged in a crucible of death. The administration of her former boss, David Wilkins, the recently departed chief of the Department of Children & Families, was bookended by the deaths of children: He faced the horrific death of a 10-year-old Miami girl, Nubia Barahona, his second month on the job.

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Feature Story Two

Resist Push To Repeal Or Cripple Affordable Care Act: Claude Pepper's 1989 National Health Repeal Lesson

National issues strategist Robert Weiner, former White House spokesman and chief of staff of the U.S. House Aging Committee and Health Subcommittee under Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), and policy and research analyst Nakia Gladden are

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**Feature Story Three**

**Police Probing Miami-Dade Death Of Mentally Ill Inmate**

Not long after Joaquin Cairo was booked into Miami-Dade's psychiatric jail ward following a minor arrest for criminal mischief, he showed up in court in a wheelchair. His pelvis fractured, he complained to court staffers that he had been violently slammed into a bed by a fellow inmate during an attempted rape. One week later, Cairo - still in jail - was rushed into surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead.

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**Baker Act, Which Can Bring Long-Term Healing, On The Rise In Polk County And Florida**

Kirk Fasshauer, director of crisis resources for Peace River Center, will take part in an online chat Monday at 10 a.m. Fasshauer, who oversees the Crisis Stabilization Unit in Bartow, will welcome questions from readers about the Baker Act and mental health services available in the area. To join the chat, log in at www.theledger.com/.

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**Could DCF Lose Its Job Over Child Deaths?**

The deaths of five children, ages 4 and under, since mid-May has led to the ouster of the state's social services chief and is now fueling rising demands for reform - with Rick Scott the latest in a long line of Florida governors facing a crisis over what critics call a failed child protection system.

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Another DCF Horror Story: Child Sex-Trafficking Victim Raped After Going To Miami "Safe House"

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Ombudsman's Woes Baffle Advocates, Providers

T. Wayne Davis: Prevention Is The Best Answer To Child Abuse

Of Interest

Editorial: Blossoming Of New Medical Residency Programs Boosts Manatee County's Health

Manatee County is blessed with a forward-thinking health care community determined to improve the wellbeing of citizens. Another one of the key findings in the detailed 2008 State of Health Care System in Manatee study will be addressed with a ground-breaking development in the mental health care arena.

Three Treatment Centers in Polk Stay Busy With Baker Act Calls

When law enforcement delivers someone to a Baker Act receiving facility, a mental evaluation must be conducted by a doctor or clinical psychologist within 24 hours. The facility has 72 hours either to release the patient or to petition the court to hold the patient longer, and many are released within the 72-hour window, said Kathy Hayes, executive director of behavioral health at Winter Haven Hospital.

State Agencies Partnering To Improve Child Protective Investigations

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and Children's Research Center (NCCD) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to

I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter and look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

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