





# United Way of Florida

Representing Florida's local United Ways across the state

Advocating so residents can thrive - here in our state and in Washington DC



# Florida Network of United Ways

29 hyper-local United Ways, with strong community ties & local boards of directors

Collaborating with nonprofits, business, government & residents in all 67 counties

100 years of Commitment

Thousands of lives positively impacted annually in every corner of our state



Thank you to the United Way of Florida Public Policy Team for all the preparation, dedication and work that has gone into the development of our Consensus Agenda and this Capitol Days Event

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# **UWOF PUBLIC POLICY TEAM**

**Composed of UWOF  
Team Members,  
Volunteers,  
Consultants &  
Board Members**

Together, we do this  
work with the support of  
our generous partners.

Thank you!



## Avoid Polarization

By being nonpartisan, we reduce political polarization and avoid alienating stakeholders.

We can focus on our common goals like education, health and financial stability, along with our UWOF Legislative Consesus Agenda and can avoid divisive politics.

## Mission-Driven

As the Florida United Way Network, our primary responsibility is to serve our community, regardless of political affiliation. Maintaining nonpartisanship ensures we remain focused on our mission of addressing social issues and improving lives without being influenced by political agendas.

## Be Mindful.

We are here to talk about our good work here in Florida.



# Nonpartisanship



# UNITED FOR ALICE

8.8 M Florida Households

- 33% ALICE
- 13% in poverty,
- 54% above threshold of ALICE



**Dress Professional. Pack comfortable/walking shoes!**

**Be ready with your talking points. Know who will be speaking.**

**Stop in and drop your material even if you don't have an appointment.**

**Our objective: Build relationships and understanding. Highlight our work.**

**Thank you's - Send notes!**



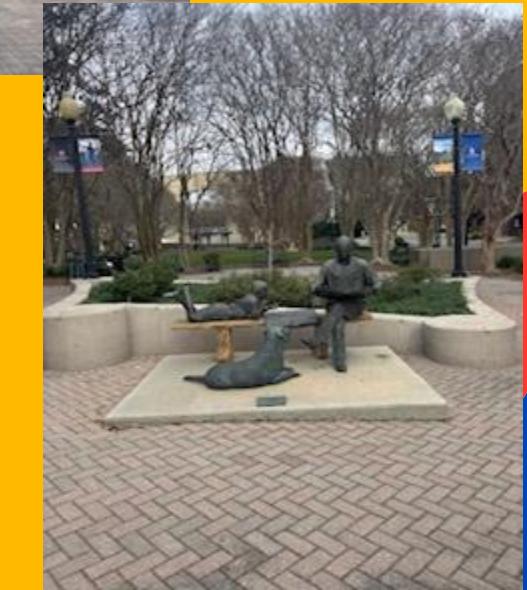
**Be in the Know  
Before You Go**

**Arrive at the Capitol early! There is construction & limited entrances. Security lines can get long!**

**Café on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor & Lower Level.**

**Kleman Plaza Parking Garage**  
306 S Duval St. Daily Max - \$7

**Rideshare or leave cars at the hotel.**





## 2024-2026 Legislative Leadership

### Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula)

- First elected in 2010, served 8 years in Florida House prior to Florida Senate
- Elected to Florida Senate in 2018
- Occupation: Agriculture, primarily citrus
- Priority Issues: Family, Florida's environment and water quality/quantity, keep advancing Florida.
- Married with three adult children

### Florida House Speaker Daniel “Danny” Perez (R-Miami)

- First elected in 2017, will complete 9 years in Florida House
- Occupation: Attorney and healthcare executive
- Priority Issues: Fiscal responsibility and ensuring Floridians with special needs have necessary, and suitable access to, services.
- Married with three young children.



## 2024-2026 Legislative Leadership



**Sen. Ed Hooper (R-Clearwater)** – Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
First elected in 2006, served 8 years in Florida House and termed out in 2014  
Elected to Florida Senate in 2018  
Occupation: Retired Firefighter  
Priority Issues: Advancing the needs of Florida's first responders and building a state budget as the incoming Senate Appropriations Chairman.  
Married with five adult children, avid golfer.

**Rep. Lawrence McClure (R-Plant City)** – Chair, House Committee on Budget  
•First elected in 2017, will complete 9 years in Florida House  
•Occupation: Business owner, remediation and environmental services, misc.  
•Priority Issues: Crafting a state budget that is just that, a budget, following the lead of Speaker Perez.  
•Married with young children, enjoys Florida's natural outdoors and the recreation provided.



# Contact Florida Legislators

**Full list of the House of  
Representatives Committees –  
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the Florida Senate – [Find Your Senator](#)**

