

Dear Friends,

We have an obligation to protect the most vulnerable among us, our children. Florida's children are our highest priority and we are working to ensure that important children's programs are planned and delivered as comprehensively and effectively as possible throughout our great state.



### **Children's Cabinet**

To help with this mission, I announced the members of the Children's Cabinet and designated our great Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp to serve as chairman. The cabinet will develop a comprehensive plan to streamline the distribution of critical children's services. By doing so, we can keep our children's best interests paramount. Members will meet six times a year, in different regions of our state, in an open, public forum. Through their great work, Florida will remain the

best place to grow up.

### **College Savings Month**

September is College Savings Month in Florida. The opportunity to send a child to college is a wonderful part of the American dream. The Florida Prepaid College Board offers two affordable, tax-free options to save for college. The Florida Prepaid College Plan and the Florida College Investment Plan give families choice and flexibility to reach their college savings goals. Saving for a college education is one of the most important things families can do for their children and the time to begin saving is today. By planning ahead, college is affordable. Even small amounts of savings, done regularly, add up over time.

I am grateful to the members of the Florida Legislature and to the thousands of parents, teachers, community leaders and volunteers who continue to put Florida's children first. We must ensure that Florida's children have a seat at the table because as we know, soon it will be their table.

I wish every Floridian and those visiting our state a safe Labor Day weekend. May God bless and protect you and the great State of Florida,



*Charlie Crist*