

United Way of Palm Beach County Welcomes Christine Koehn, Ph.D. as New Executive Director of Achieve Palm Beach County

We are pleased to announce that Achieve Palm Beach County will welcome Christine Koehn, Ph.D. as its new Executive Director on March 25, 2019. Dr. Koehn originally cast the vision for creating this community collaborative that would work to ensure the college access and success of Palm Beach County high school graduates. With the help of key community partners starting in 2015, and guided by her diligence, experience and passion, this dream became a reality, and Achieve Palm Beach County was officially established in 2017.

Now in its third year, Achieve Palm Beach County has garnered the attention and support of more than 100 partners from sectors such as the K-12 public education system, post-secondary education institutions, business, nonprofit, government, the faith-based community, and funders across Palm Beach County. Dr. Koehn will continue the work that the initiative has begun to address the low rate of high school graduates completing a post-secondary education. The initiative's successes have consisted of aligning systems, resources and projects to encourage students to pursue and complete a post-secondary credential, such as a college degree, a certificate or trade training.

Dr. Koehn previously served as the Executive Director for The Celia Lipton Farris & Victor W. Farris Foundation where she oversaw regional and national grantmaking in the areas of education, health, arts and culture. You may also remember Christine from her previous role at United Way of Palm Beach County as the Vice President of Community Impact from 2010-2013.

Her 20 years of leadership and expertise in facilitating partnerships and community collaboratives, identifying service system issues, and creating and executing funding strategies that address identified issues makes her well suited to drive results and create long lasting impacts for Palm Beach County's high school graduates.

Dr. Koehn is a valuable asset to Achieve Palm Beach County, United Way of Palm Beach County and the many community partners that are engaged in this initiative. We look forward to all of the accomplishments that will be achieved under her leadership.

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