

## Resource Center Named In Honor Of Retired Educator



Ms. Kelley Parris, Executive Director of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, is shown with Mrs. Doretha Edgcomb, honoree.



Ms. Paula Scott, of the Children's Board, Ms. Megan Dempsey, Children's Board member, Mrs. Doretha Edgcomb, and Ms. Kelley Parris overlook construction plans for the new building.



This is the newly opened Doretha Wynn Edgcomb Children's Board Family Resource Center, 5892 E. Fowler

Avenue, in Temple Terrace.

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On Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> the Children's Board of Hillsborough County held a Virtual Grand Opening of a new resource center. The center is named in honor of **Mrs. Doretha Wynn Edgcomb**, a retired educator and former member of the Hillsborough County School Board.

More than 100 family members, friends, colleagues and classmates from throughout the United States logged on to the Zoom Webinar to thank **Mrs. Edgcomb** for her many years of service.

The Doretha Wynn Edgcomb Children's Board Family Resource Center is located in Temple Terrace at 5892 E. Fowler Avenue. This is one of seven centers strategically located throughout Hillsborough County that offers universal services that include developmental play groups developmental screenings, health and safety education, and well-child visits. The services offered are without cost to families.

**Mrs. Edgcomb** is a Tampa native who has served students in Hillsborough County for more than 50 years. She is one of several educators in her family.

After graduating from Middleton High School, **Mrs. Edgcomb** graduated from Talladega College, in Talladega, Alabama. She earned her Master's Degree in Reading Education, K-12 and certification in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida.

**Mrs. Edgcomb** returned to Tampa and obtained employment with

the Hillsborough County School District, following in the footsteps of her mother, the late **Mrs. Sarah Wynn**. She launched her career as an educator teaching English.

During her tenure, she held several positions with the Hillsborough County School District, among them including learning specialist, tutorial teacher, and elementary school principal.

**Mrs. Edgcomb** retired from the brick and mortar schools in 1996. She obtained employment with the Educational Testing Service the same year and continued to work as a trainer, program developer, and technical assistance advisor.

In 2003, **Mrs. Edgcomb** was elected to serve on the Hillsborough County School District Board. She served three terms representing District 5.

Her years of service followed those of the late **Rev. Dr. A. Leon Lowry** and **Mrs. Doris Ross Reddick**.

**Mrs. Edgcomb** is the widow of the late **Judge George E. Edgcomb**, the first Black to hold that position in Hillsborough County. She is the mother of one daughter, **Allison Edgcomb**, who is an Administrator in the Hillsborough County School District.