



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children



THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

April 2015 Issue

A Message From The Director:

I recently saw a poster that said, "The world is run by those who show up." What a true statement. It refers to the squeaky wheels in the community who are present when decisions are made and priorities are set. These are the people who truly run things.

This month's newsletter showcases several opportunities not only to show up, but also to be heard on important issues that will affect St. Lucie County children over the next ten years. For the past twelve months, we have been using the Communities that Care framework to gather and assess data on risk and protective factors, as well as problem behaviors facing St. Lucie County youth. Collecting this data has been an immense undertaking, and we thank all who have been involved in that process. On April 7th and April 10th, we will give community practitioners, providers, educators and experts the opportunity to weigh in on the data, and recommend to the Roundtable which factors and behaviors require the most focus in terms of comprehensive, community-wide strategies. We will hold these "workgroup meetings" in the areas of Delinquency & School Dropout, Violence, Substance Abuse, Poverty, and Health. Please see page 2 for the schedule, and please "show up" for the meeting(s) that pertain to your areas of expertise.

In May, Roundtable members will have their annual retreat to review the data and recommendations of the workgroups, and begin selecting priorities for the next ten years. The Retreat will be held at VGTI-Florida in Tradition on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and will be followed by lunch. We hope Roundtable members will make every effort to attend.

In addition, there are several other opportunities for you to "show up" over the next two months: the Know the Law Teen Forum at PAL (see page 4); the Reentry Resource Hub for offenders returning to society (see page 6); the Poverty Forum (see page 7); and the First Responders Training (see page 8). In fact, we have been overwhelmed by the positive community wide response and assistance on all of these events and we look forward to their success. If there is one thing we know how to do in St. Lucie County, it is *Show Up* and *Show Out*!

See you there ...

Shaniek Maynard



****Special Attention****

The Roundtable will not have its monthly meeting on Friday, May 1st. Instead, the annual Retreat will take place on Friday, May 8th at VGTI in Tradition from 8:30am-12:30pm. Lunch will be served. We hope to see everyone there!



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or search for us by name:

"Roundtable of St. Lucie County"

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of agencies working together with partners and stakeholders throughout the community to address the issues our children face at the root level. Its members are leaders of all aspects of society who come together to build a community of opportunity where every child succeeds.

The Roundtable operates through networks, each of which focuses on key aspects that affect the lives of our children.

Youth Leadership Council



YLC GRADUATION!

Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30pm at IRSC in R-124.

Student members of the YLC will be presenting on the following important topics:

- **Teen Violence**
- **Teen Pregnancy**
- **Gang Violence**
- **Homelessness**
- **Bullying**
- **Drug Abuse**



Please join us to celebrate the success of our Youth Leadership Council!
Refreshments will be served.



We are excited to report that we have collected and analyzed much of the Communities That Care data and are ready to move forward with working group meetings to make recommendations to the Roundtable.

On April 7th and April 10th, we will host four workgroup meetings to review data and recommend solutions in the following problem areas:

- **Delinquency & School Dropout**: April 7th, 1:00 - 2:45 p.m.
- **Violence**: April 7th, 3:00 - 4:45 p.m.
- **Substance Abuse**: April 10th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **Poverty**: April 10th, 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.



Please feel free to attend any of these meetings if you are interested. This will be the final Steering Committee meeting before we report the recommendations to the Roundtable in May 2015.

All meetings will be held at Children's Services Council, 546 NW University Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986.

As always, thank you for your participation and your commitment to helping us build a community where St. Lucie County children succeed!



Tribute to
LARRY J. LEE
Public Health Champion

Monday, April 6th, 2015

Proclamation and Dedication Ceremony

10:00 am – 11:00 am

A Tribute to Larry J. Lee

11:30 am – 1:00pm

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ST. LUCIE
5150 NW Milner Drive
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

R.S.V.P. By March 30th:

LINDA.BITZ@FLHEALTH.GOV or (772) 873-4906



Friday, April 3rd

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Ages: 13 – 18

**Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) Center
903 S. 21st Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950**



1:00 – 3:00pm

Youth will have the opportunity to connect with law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges to ask questions, understand their rights, and learn appropriate behavior when stopped by police. Police officers will be on hand to answer questions from kids.

Sponsored by Lincoln Park Council of Ministers

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ALCOHOL, DOPE**

Friday Night Live Talent Competition

3:00 – 5:00pm

Kick off your spring break with your friends! Enjoy talent from Teens from local organizations, music, door prizes, raffles, and MORE!

**Youth who attend the “Know the Law” forum from 1-3pm will receive
an armband for free food.**

For more information please call the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Denise Simons 772-519-1753.

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St. Lucie County, United Way of St. Lucie County, Ft. Pierce and the Lincoln Park Council of Ministers.*



**Fort Pierce
Police Athletic League**
Youth Leadership Program
Adopted Group
Reading
Bands
Chess
“FILLING PLAYGROUNDS NOT PRISONS”



Grace Way Village

***Cordially invites you to the
Graduation Ceremony
of***

“Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World”

When: Monday, April 6, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served

Location: 1780 Hartman Road, Fort Pierce

RSVP: 772-925-3074 or info@gracewayvillage.com

“Getting Ahead helps people in poverty investigate the impact of poverty on their communities and themselves. Getting Ahead investigations prepare people to participate in the transformation of their communities and result in concrete individual plans to build resources.” Philip E. DeVol

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SOUTH FLORIDA REENTRY TASK FORCE

A Violence Reduction Partnership Initiative

South Florida Reentry Center Hub

HOSTED BY

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County

The City of Fort Pierce

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice &

Florida Department of Corrections, Office of Community Corrections

Percy Peek Gymnasium - 2902 Ave D Fort Pierce

Thursday, April 9, 2015

11:00am – 2:00pm (Adults)

2:00pm- 5:00pm (Juveniles)

- Legal Assistance
- Vocational Training
- College Enrollment
- Medical/ Dental Services
- Counseling Services
- Substance Abuse
- Family Supportive Services
- GED
- Drivers License/Florida ID
- Birth Certificates
- Medicaid
- Housing
- Faith Based Support
- Stress Management
- Youth Programs
- Seal and Expungement
- Restoration of Civil Rights
- Transportation

Are you aware that according to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2013:

- ♦ Over 30% of all children in St. Lucie County lived in poverty
- ♦ The Poverty Rate for children in Fort Pierce was 54.6%
- ♦ Port St. Lucie's Poverty Rate for children was 24.7%
- ♦ Nearly 1 out of every 5 persons (19.3%) lived in poverty in St. Lucie County
- ♦ 32.4% of Fort Pierce and 16.8% of Port St. Lucie residents lived in poverty
- ♦ The poverty rates were higher than those for 2012

The 2015 Poverty Forum was made possible through the support of the following agencies:



2015 POVERTY FORUM

8:30 AM-12:00 PM

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Indian River State College

Kight Center, V-110, Fort Pierce Campus

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County and its partnering sponsors invite you to the 2015 Poverty Forum during which you will:

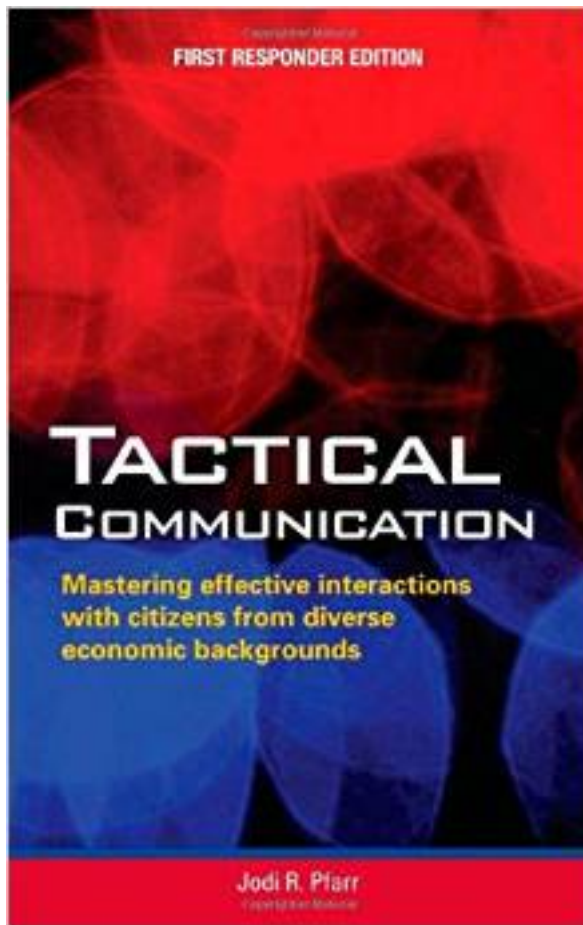
- ♦ Learn about the causes of poverty
- ♦ Learn about a program designed to help persons escape the binds of poverty
- ♦ Identify potential solutions specific to St. Lucie County
- ♦ Interact with National Bridges Consultant and Author Jodi Pfarr, who will be the Forum's featured presenter
- ♦ Enjoy a continental breakfast

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ♦ Policymakers
- ♦ Elected Officials
- ♦ Business Leaders
- ♦ Social Service Agency Staff
- ♦ **EVERYONE WHO SEEKS AN END TO POVERTY IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

♦ ***You!***

Please register your attendance by Wednesday, April 15th at <https://www.facebook.com/RoundtableSLC>, by calling the Roundtable Office at 772-871-5880, or by email at kthomas@roundtablesic.org



TACTICAL COMMUNICATION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

A Workshop with Author Jodi Pfarr

To increase safety, effectiveness,
and leadership skills for First Responders
Using foundational concepts adapted from
Framework for Understanding Poverty
and *Bridges Out of Poverty*

1:00-4:00 PM, Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Indian River State College

Kight Center, V-110, Fort Pierce Campus

\$30.00 per person includes the book

Tactical Communication, First Responder Edition

Registration deadline is April 1, 2015

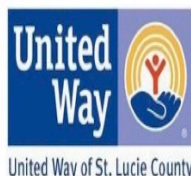
Reservations made through local first responder agencies

Agencies to make checks payable to

Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc.

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The "Tactical Communication" workshop was made possible
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Upcoming Newsletter Submissions Deadline:

Submissions Deadline	Monthly Meeting
4/25/2015	5/8/2015

The Roundtable Review is published monthly. Please feel free to submit articles, photos, news, or other information. We hope to include information covering a variety of topics related to all of our Networks. We are open to and appreciate all feedback!

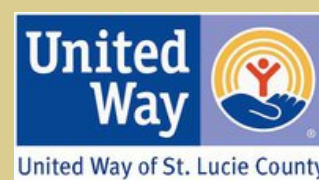
Send your submissions or feedback to:

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See deadline chart for submission dates.

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