



Our Mission: To sustain a team of county and business leaders who mobilize resources to improve the education, health, safety, nutrition, and care of all children in St. Lucie County.

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

April 2019 Issue

A Message From The Director:

Spring is in full effect with beautiful blossoms everywhere. It is a season associated with rebirth and renewal; it brings love, hope, youth and growth. In the same way, a miraculous birth of a baby, the contagious laughter of a toddler and the inquisitive mind of a child embodies this wonderful meaning of spring. How fitting is it that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about and to give love and hope to vulnerable children in our community who need us to do all that we can to prevent child abuse. According the Department of Children and Families, St. Lucie County receives over 3,000 child abuse reports each year. Child abuse shows up in many ways - from subtle neglect, verbal abuse and bullying to overt acts of physical harm to innocent children by their caretakers. The two highest rated maltreatments are allegations of substance abuse and domestic violence in the home by the children's caretaker. It is not uncommon for the caretakers to have a history of adverse childhood experiences (ACES) outlined in a study conducted by the American Health Maintenance Organization Kaiser Permanente and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating a cycle of child abuse in families.

I invite you to review this research if you have not had an opportunity to do so already. I am passionate about this issue as a first-hand witness of the long-lasting effects of child abuse on the souls of human beings.

Maltreatment is often the culprit of many of the behaviors we address through the Roundtable and its networks, including violence, delinquency, substance misuse, behavioral health, child welfare, academic failure and yes, health, including unintentional injury, childhood obesity, teen pregnancy and infant mortality. At the core of Children's Services Council's (CSC) mission is to "ensure that every baby is a healthy baby, by stopping child abuse before it starts". St. Lucie County is fortunate to have the leadership of CSC along with the Roundtable members, and countless community partners who have the heart, passion and dedication to prevent child abuse and provide protection for vulnerable children in our community every day.

I awaken each day encouraged, inspired and ready to labor alongside many of you addressing the myriad of issues necessary to prevent and buffer the impact of child abuse, to improve the lives of youth in our community. I invite you to peruse this month's newsletter and key in on the faces of the infants, children and teens we are impacting. Our collective efforts provide a tremendous opportunity to promote the love, hope and growth necessary for youth to thrive in our community. Let's continue to be the "Spring" in St. Lucie. We continue to be "Leaders United for Children".

Teresa Bishop







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.



FARFROMDRÜGGEN in St. Lucie County

Drug Free St. Lucie launched its "FARFROMDRÜGGEN in St. Lucie County" campaign in the Lincoln Park community on March 21st. This very successful event featured 23 vendors who provided free health and substance abuse prevention resources to over 150 Lincoln Park parents and children. The event also included free food, haircuts, face painting, a bounce house, music, and grand prize giveaways such as a 32-inch TV and six bicycles. We would like to thank the sponsors and vendors for their support and all involved who helped make this event a huge success.

The event was also covered by the Channel 5 News!

https://www.wptv.com/news/region-st-lucie-county/fort-pierce/teens-learn-theimportance-of-being-drug-free-in-st-luciecounty?fbclid=IwAR1JnMD3If42zEdYGR5TUd1iOoT773iOewgylJXkHB-0Kpa dRV7Ybwv0NY



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Kids at Hope Reaching the Community

The Kids at Hope team is reaching into the faith-based institutions of St. Lucie County by carrying the message of Hope. On March 16, 2019, the team conducted training at Resurrection Life Family Worship Center in Fort Pierce for its youth and teen ministry staff. Over 25 people were in attendance and were trained about the importance of becoming ACES for the children they serve in the church and in the community. The participants said they would love to learn more about the other trainings Kids at Hope offer such as parent trainings, ACES tracking, use of passports, and how to utilize the report cards.

The youth ministry would like to incorporate some of the Kids at Hope principals into their curriculum. Some of the comments from the session were: "I will be an ACE for other children" and "I will change the way that I speak to children and be more encouraging". With testimonials like these, Kids at Hope is making an impact in St. Lucie County. The Kids at Hope team is scheduling more trainings for faith-based organizations to help strengthen the culture of HOPE.

"Kudos to the Boys & Girls Club Staff at SLW K-8"

The Kids at Hope Team has had the pleasure of sharing the message of hope with several Boys & Girls Club sites housed at various schools in the community. Most recently, Kids at Hope School & Community Liaison Kim Reid trained the Boys & Girls Club staff at St. Lucie West K-8. Mrs. Reid spent a total of 8 hours exploring the depths of Kids at Hope with the staff over a period of four weeks. The training was concluded with an observation of the staff as they routinely interacted with the children and youth in their care. The purpose of the observation was to allow Mrs. Reid to provide feedback to the staff regarding their implementation of the newly acquired knowledge and practices of Kids at Hope.

The Boys & Girls Club staff, under the direction of the Club Director Ms. Elisa, displayed an exemplary understanding of and dedication to the application of Kids at Hope principles and practices. The majority of the staff members shared early on in the training that they intend to pursue careers that involve educating children in some capacity. Mrs. Reid commended the staff for their evident commitment and passion to improving the lives of the children and youth they encounter.

Keep up the excellent work, SLW K-8 Boys & Girls Club Treasure Hunters!!!

All Children Are Capable Of Success, NO EXCEPTIONS!

RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH NITHTIVE

<u>The Roundtable Offers Critical Incident Services & Grief Counseling to Outreach Workers Following Deaths of</u> Program Youth

Over the last 15 months the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative lost 6 program youth to gun violence. As a result, we have attended wakes and funerals and comforted grieving mothers, family members and friends, and other victim services. These losses have an immense impact on the outreach team and staff, so the Roundtable has made a conscious effort to prevent the negative consequences on staff personally and in their jobs.

The essential job of an Outreach Worker in the Comprehensive Gang Model is to develop trust and deep bonds with the young men in the program in order to link them to needed services such as employment, education, substance abuse and mental health. This can be a challenging task as gang-involved youth often are extremely distrustful and skeptical of social services agencies and authority figures. Outreach Workers pour a lot of personal energy into developing these relationships and eventually youth start to see them as a secondary family.

When program youth are victimized and lose their lives to street violence it affects not only the work we do, but it also has serious consequences for Outreach Workers' personal wellbeing. The National Child Traumatic Stress Network at UCLA and Duke Universities reports that "the essential act of listening to trauma stories may take an emotional toll that compromises professional functioning and diminishes quality of life." Exposure to trauma often has both physical and psychological effects on an individual.

In order to combat the effects of this indirect trauma exposure and protecting the health of the Outreach Workers, the Roundtable of St. Lucie County has been able to offer critical incident services and grief counseling through their Employee Assistance Program to assist them through this process. Critical incident stress debriefing is a process that allows survivors to both process and reflect on what has happened to them.

Dr. Kenneth Brown of Hope Counseling Services, a former Toronto police officer who also assists St. Lucie County first responders process experiences related to exposure to violence and death, has worked with RTVYI staff since December last year. Staff reports that this service has been critical for allowing them to them to reflect on their losses, build new coping skills, and allow them to continue the essential services they provide in the community.

Research has found that religion can play a significant role in helping people to cope with stress or to protect against stress. Another support that has been put in place has been provided by the Lincoln Park Council of Ministers, led by Pastors Trevor Banks and Kenny Mills. Outreach Workers participate in male mentoring sessions with an emphasis on the role of faith and spirituality in trauma recovery. Outreach Workers have also received extensive training in trauma-informed care and compassion fatigue provided by Tykes and Teens and Communities Connected for Kids.

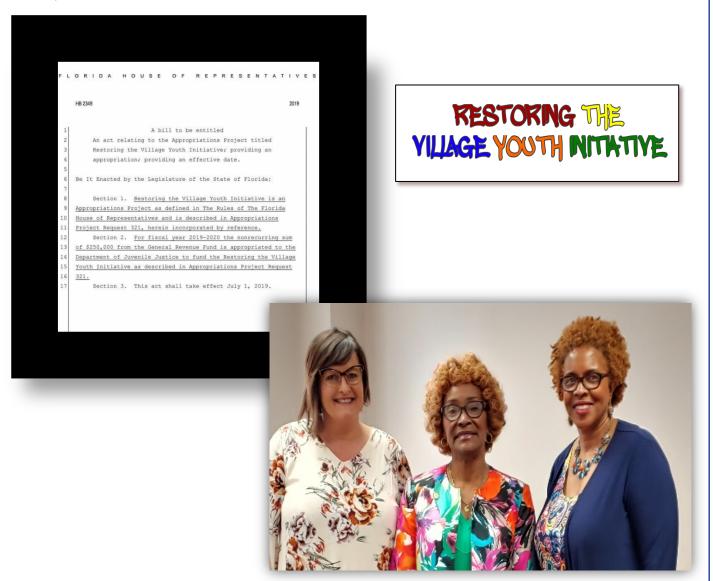
Next week, staff will attend a four-day post-trauma staff retreat at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Tampa. The approach is a combination of education sessions, group process, proven scientific methods for reprocessing traumatic events (e.g. Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), and one-on-one confidential sessions. This training is made possible by the generous contribution of the Andrew and Robin Hunt Philanthropic Fund.





State Funding for Restoring the Village Youth Initiative?

In an effort to develop a permanent sustainability plan for Restoring the Village Youth Initiative the Roundtable reached out to our local State representatives and was able to secure bipartisan support to pursue funding bills for the Comprehensive Gang Model. House Representative Delores Hogan-Johnson (D), and Senate representative Gayle Harrell (R) are sponsoring coordinating bills this session. House Bill 2349 recently moved forward in the Criminal Justice Sub-Committee to the Appropriations Committee, Executive Director Teresa Bishop and RTVYI Program Coordinator Monica Jakobsen travelled to Tallahassee to support the bill in committee. If funded, Restoring the Village Youth Initiative can potentially receive a \$250,000 appropriation that will sustain staffing of the program for another year.



Restoring the Village Youth Initiative Spring Break 2019

During the spring break Restoring the Village Youth Initiative took 10 program youth to a full day of teambuilding at the ropes course facility at Broward Community College – Tigertail Lake Recreation Center in Dania Beach. The program included a number of exercises designed to develop problem-solving skills and leadership. Thanks to Andrew and Robin Hunt Philanthropic Fund who sponsored the trip.







Lincoln Park Summer Camp Scholarships Available Starting April 8

FORT PIERCE – In partnership with the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, financial assistance with summer camp fees for the Lincoln Park Community Center (LPCC) is being offered to St. Lucie County residents.

Eligible households must meet the following requirements:

- Live in St. Lucie County;
- Proof of legal guardianship.

Applications will be accepted from Monday, April 8 through Friday, April 19, or until maximum applications have been accepted for the program. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-qualified basis. Legal guardians will be required to pay a \$50 registration fee per child, which must be paid before the child/children can attend.

Legal guardians will also be required to attend an orientation. Orientation will be held from 6-7 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Community Center on May 14, 21 and 28. Guardians can select which date they would like to attend. Registration fees will be due at orientation.

St. Lucie County residents interested in receiving assistance should visit the <u>LPCC Summer Camp</u> <u>Scholarships</u> webpage at www.stlucieco.gov to complete an interest form. If you need access to a computer or assistance completing an interest form, contact 772-462-1777, press 0.





Forever Family highlights foster-parent recruitment, social worker appreciation

Stuart – Forever Family, a national program that leverages the power of the media to help children find adoptive homes, took a slight detour from its primary mission this month to help Communities Connected for Kids highlight its need for foster parents.

"It's all connected," said Christina Kasier, CCKids community relations director. "The majority of children go home to mom and dad, and we really need safe and loving foster homes for them in the meantime."

So when a few spots on the News Channel 12 Forever Family segment became available, CCKids jumped at the chance to highlight St. Lucie County foster parents Mariel Zen and Jamie Franks.

Both foster moms were interviewed by News Anchor Liz Quirantes during a video shoot earlier this month at Jupiter's Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. Their stories, which include information about the local Guardian ad Litem program – another important element of the child-welfare community – will run sometime in April.

More than 720 children in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties have been removed from home, Kasier said. Most of those children live with relatives, but the rest – about 250 – live in foster or group homes.

So what does it take to be a foster parent?

"It takes an open heart and a little extra space," Zen said.

This month's Forever Family video shoot wasn't all about foster parents. Since March is National Social Worker Appreciation Month, some of the interviews featured CCKids staff Caitlin Hassan and Melanie Kranker.

"We wanted to highlight the people behind Forever Family," said Gia Tutalo-Mote, Forever Family founder and director. "Social workers are all about strengthening human connections, whether that's meeting the behavioral and mental-health needs of children in foster care or helping them bond with adopted family members."

Of course, Forever Family's primary focus is finding new homes for abused, neglected or abandoned children. This month's video shoot was no exception and included interviews with a brother and sister pair. "I love my brother," said 13-year old Mya, whose interview is available at the News Channel 12 website. "I go where he goes." Her brother Da'Shawn's interview, the foster-parent recruitment segment and the social worker piece, are in production and will begin airing later this month.

Interested in becoming a foster parent? Call Jerra Wisecup at (772) 249-3188 or visit cckids.net. If you're interested in being a Volunteer Child Advocate, call Nicole Hughes at (772) 785-5804.

- Article provided by Communities Connected for Kids

Tobacco Free Times Newsletter

St. Lucie SWAT



ST LUCIE COUNTY – Update by Esteban Mendez

Kick Butts Day Events – One of the events for our Kick Butts Day was hosted by Drug Free St. Lucie! They particularly focus on preventing underage drinking and substance abuse through education, awareness, community-wide initiatives, and changing social norms. SWAT joined in to do what we do best, de-glamorizing the deceptive big tobacco industry! The goal at the "Farfromdruggen" event was to educate the youth coming in, in a fun interactive way! We had channel 5 pinpointing us out through our registry on kickbuttsday.org! Our SWAT youth, Kiara Figueroa, gave an outstanding interview, leaving us speechless by her passion and confidence! We were able to educate the local community in person and extend our reach even further through the media!

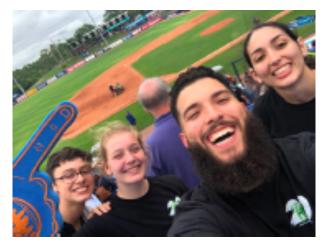
SWAT had the opportunity to be a vendor at the St. Lucie County Fair. We were able to educate and inform a variety of people within our community! Fairgoers were invited to either "step right up, and see how to beat big tobacco!" or spin the wheel to answer a question and win a prize! Whether they were willing to come inside the tent and see first-hand the tobacco industries' deceptive tactics or just wanted to answer a question for a prize, they were able to receive the NALR presentation in an engaging manner! Individuals were then invited to have a voice against big tobacco by filling out a NALR statement card!

Port St. Lucie High School invited SWAT to speak to their 9th and 10th grade classes in assemblies! SWAT Coordinator Esteban Mendez covered Big Tobacco's marketing tactics and the details of electronic nicotine devices in a captivating and engaging manner. Kiara Figueroa, a senior at Port St. Lucie High School, finished the presentation with resources available to students and the announcement of a SWAT club opening up in their school! This was another momentous opportunity to collect statement cards and educate these targeted teens!

Another Kick Butts Day event for St Lucie County was participating in one of the Spring Training games at the Mets Stadium! Though we didn't see Tim Tebow, we were able to educate and empower the youth and adults with our NALR campaign! Afterwards, they gave all of us tickets to see the game - an AWESOME team building moment to go in the books!

At the end of the day, we counted our NALR statement cards and are PROUD to say we've reach 1000+ (not our goal, but we are GETTING there)!





Left: SWAT Coordinator Esteban Mendez engages SWAT youth at their KBD event. Right: Esteban Mendez takes a selfie with SWAT youth at the St. Lucie Mets Spring Training game.



<u>Children's Services Council – Summer Learning Programs</u>

To help make sure kids are off the streets and in safe, fun learning environments this summer, the Children's Services Council has approved funding to expand summer activities for children in St. Lucie County.

For the past nineteen years, the Children's Services Council has been dedicated to ensuring summer opportunities for local children. This year, twelve programs will receive much-needed funding to assist children in our community by providing full-time summer activities that run at least 8 weeks of the summer break. The goal is two-fold: to enhance our community by keeping kids off the streets over the summer and to keep them engaged in learning activities to help avoid any potential learning loss.

The summer programs that will receive funding from Children's Services Council include Boys & Girls Club, City of Fort Pierce, Give Back 2 Kids, Grace Educational Center, Helping People Succeed, In the Image of Christ, IRSC – Emerging Technologies, Lindsay School of the Arts, Lincoln Park Community Center, SoRe Labs, and Sword Outreach. These programs are added to those already providing year-round services to children at ALPI, E.N.D. It, Frontline for Kids, Future Generations, Multi-Cultural Resource Center, Save Our Children, The Arc of St. Lucie County and YMCA of the Treasure Coast.

Notable enhancements this year are programs focusing on STEM activities including the IRSC – Emerging Technology Summer Learning Experience targeting high school age youth and SoRe Labs summer outreach that incorporates STEM academics for students already enrolled in camp activities. Other new programs focus on special needs populations or specific outreach to teens to assist with vocational training. All programs receiving funding support from the Children's Services Council will incorporate language and literacy skills for school age children and career exploration activities for older youth.

The selected programs were evaluated based upon their focus on mitigating summer learning loss, location, number of children to be served and the estimated cost to families. These programs project to serve an additional 1,000 local children in summer programs that will help improve their academic performance during a time when students typically lose ground. Sean Boyle, Executive Director of the Children's Services Council, noted that while summer camps are designed to be fun, these programs focus on much more. "Each of these programs has a plan for high-quality summer learning opportunities. Having fun is a part of that, and we, of course, want them to be safe, but ensuring that they are continuing to learn is so important during the summer months when they are away from the classroom."

Information about these summer programs being supported by the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, including registration, can be found at https://www.cscslc.org/219/Summer-Learning-Programs.



Big news! After almost 10 years, Children's Services Council (CSC) has released an updated look, which includes a new logo and a new website. You'll see the new look anywhere CSC is out in public, on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; and very soon you'll see it on all of their materials, as well. We believe the new look better aligns with CSC's role since they started in 1990: a locally focused, familyfriendly organization dedicated to our children and our community. The Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County invites you to our annual FREE

Family Fun Fair

Saturday, April 6, 2019

from 11 am- 2 pm at John B. Park/ Lawnwood Stadium in Fort Pierce

Bounce House * Face Painting* Balloon Artist* Interactive Games * Performances* K9 Demo * Story Stations & more! Low-cost concessions

NEW! join the fun for an exciting

with Kevin Beatkeeper & his many drums beginning at 12:30 pm



Every child gets a FREE book and families can earn extra books, by participating in the Healthy St. Lucie Billion Step challenge, either at the track on the day of the event, or in the week before it!









As we kick off National Child Abuse Prevention Month, join the bold men (and women) from Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast who will paint their pointer finger blue, representing the 1 in 5 children who experience abuse before age 18.



The MANicure Movement Circuit 19 Kickoff WEDNESDAY, April 10

Join us to get your finger painted and to learn more about child abuse prevention any time from

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

St. Lucie County Fire District 5160 SW Milner Drive Port St. Lucie, FL



Communities Connected *for* Kids



APRIL 12, 2019 PRETERM BIRTH & BIRTH DEFECTS SYMPOSIUM

Come learn more about some issues affecting the health of our women & children, specifically as it relates to infant mortality – the death of a newborn before its first birthday. Listen as local experts tell you about preterm labor, prevention of preterm labor, the preterm infant and prenatal screening for birth defects. This will also be a time of networking with local service providers who work with special needs children.





8:00am-12:30pm

Indian River State College

Public Safety Training Complex, Bailey Auditorium

4600 Kirby Loop Road, Fort Pierce, FL, 34946

To register, please email <u>Sonya.Gabriel@lhealth.gov</u>

by April 5, 2019

FREE EVENT! CEU'S & CME'S HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR



An Evening To TREASURE GIRLS

and dance to the hits of **MOTOWN**

SAVE THE DATE! PACE Center for Girls – Treasure Coast benefit.

Saturday, April 13, 2019 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

AYCOCK AT TRADITION 12571 Tradition Parkway Port St Lucie, FL 34987

EVENT SPONSOR:







19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CALENDAR OF EVENTS—APRIL 7-13, 2019

Sunday, April 7, 2019—"A Walk in the Park for Justice"

12:00PM-3:00PM at Memorial Park (Bandshell), 300 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994

Monday, April 8, 2019—Presentation of Victims' Rights Proclamation

12:15PM-12:45PM at Fort Pierce City Marina Square, 1 Avenue A, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Tuesday, April 9, 2019-Self-Defense Class

6PM-9PM at Indian River County Sheriff Office Auditorium, 4055 41st Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Wednesday, April 10, 2019— POMC Presents Candle Light Ceremony

5:30PM-6:30PM at Dream Land Park, 301 S 25th St, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Wednesday, April 10, 2019— CILO Presents When it's Your Turn, I Hope You'll "SPEAK"

8AM– 12PM at St. Lucie Trail Golf Club, 951 SW Country Club Drive, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34986 <u>Keynote Speaker</u>: Dr. Ken Brown LMFT

Tickets are \$25 / seating is limited please register at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QXHW6L9</u>

Send Checks made out to "CILO" to Attention Libby Snider, 1356 SW Bayshore Blvd. Port Saint Lucie, FL 34984

Thursday, April 11, 2019–19th Annual Victims' Rights Week Luncheon & Silent Auction

12PM-2PM at River Walk Center, 600 North Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Tickets are \$30/person, RSVP by April 1st —call 772-462-1306 or <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/19th-annual-appreciation-luncheon-and-silent-auction-tickets-56515846418?aff=eivtefrnd</u>

Thursday, April 11, 2019–27th Annual Victims' Rights Vigil

6PM at Veteran's Memorial Island Sanctuary, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Saturday, April 13, 2019—Annual Ride for Rights Poker Run

Starts at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 504 NW 4th St, Okeechobee, FL 34972

Registration at 9AM – Kickstands at 10AM

1st Stop: Indiantown Substation/Registration starts at 10AM

Stops at Treasure Coast Harley and the returns to Okeechobee Sheriff's Office to pull cards

Saturday, April 13, 2019–Victims' Rights Resource Fair/Sheriff BBQ

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 504 NW 4th St, Okeechobee, FL 34972 Setup 12:00PM/Starts 12:45PM

National Crime Victims' Rights Week • APRIL 7-13 • 2019





TASTE OF ST. LUCIE

Benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters' one-to-one mentoring programs

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 PM Treasure Coast Lexus

5121 US-1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Tickets: \$40, 2 for \$75 "Hometown Hero" Tickets: \$35 (with ID)

Active duty military, first responders, veterans, public school employees, BBBS members and mentors

> Get Tickets On Our Website: http://bbbsbigs.org/events/

Future Meeting Dates

NETWORK MEETINGS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

First Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm at Children's Services Council.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (Healthy St. Lucie)

Healthiest Weight: Meetings are bi-monthly. Infant Mortality: Meets quarterly. Teen Pregnancy: Meeting date TBD

SAFE KIDS COALITION (Unintentional Injury)

First Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Garber Buick GMC on US1. (Does not meet in July or November)

CHILD WELFARE

First Tuesday quarterly at 10:00am at Children's Services Council.

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

Third Wednesday of every month at 12:00pm at the United Way of St. Lucie.

LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourth Thursday of every other month at 12:00pm at the Department of Health 714 Avenue C, Fort Pierce.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Time and location TBD.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD – VIOLENCE & DELINQUENCY WORKGROUP Time and Location TBD.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly; Time and Date TBA. Location: Children's Services Council.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:00am at Children's Services Council.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

Last Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm. Location: TBD

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ST. LUCIE

Port St. Lucie YLSL: Port St. Lucie Police Department 6-8pm: 4/17, 5/15 Fort Pierce YLSL: River Walk Center 6-8pm: 4/2, 5/7 Joint YLS Meetings: 6-8pm - 4/30 (River Walk), 5/29 (PSLPD)

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We envision a community where county leaders, businesses and residents are united to provide all children of St. Lucie County the resources they need to thrive, be successful and achieve their full potential.

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