



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

December 2015 Issue

A Message From The Director:

Happy Holidays! For our December newsletter, I am excited to welcome two new members to the Roundtable: Ann Berner, CEO of Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) and John Thompson, Circuit Administrator of Florida Department of Corrections, Circuit 19 (DOC). The involvement of these agencies is critical as we continue to create a community where all youth succeed. For more information about these two organizations, see page 2. Welcome John and Ann!

I also am pleased to report that - in answer to a much raised concern from community residents about the life-long impact of prior convictions on community youth - we are working with the Fort Pierce Housing Authority, the City of Fort Pierce and Florida Rural Legal Services to pursue a grant to assist youth in getting prior charges sealed and/or expunged. If awarded, this grant (funded by HUD) would pay for legal services to help youth under age 24 get prior records removed if the youth meets certain criteria. This effort is being led by Roundtable Member and FPHA Director Andrea Kochanowski. We will keep you posted on progress!

Although it is more than 80 degrees outside, it's that time of the year again! And, as always, the Roundtable is involved in a number of holiday events. Please see page 2 for more details.

Wishing you a safe and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Shaniek Maynard



Happy Holidays

L O V E P E A C E H O P E

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2016!**

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.



Welcome

Glad you're here!

NEW ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS

The Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) is the Department of Children and Families' Managing Entity for substance abuse and mental health services for St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and Palm Beach counties. SEFBHN provides resources related to mental health and substance abuse services. Their Children's Mental Health Program provides funding for in-home and community based outpatient services, crisis services and residential treatment for youth. SEFBHN has supported Roundtable initiatives for some time as the funder of the Substance Abuse Prevention Network's grant. We are looking forward to working with them to address mental health and substance abuse needs for our County's youth.

The Florida Department of Corrections, Circuit 19 (DOC), supervises offenders who have been placed on probation or community control by the court or released from prison with post-release supervision. DOC monitors offenders' compliance with conditions of supervision, and assists offenders with resources and services necessary to transition successfully from incarceration to the community. Although DOC services adults, many of the clients in the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative are under DOC supervision because the initiative serves ages 16 to 24. Also, many individuals under DOC supervision have children—so DOC has a vested interest in working with DCF, GAL, DJJ and other Roundtable partners. In April 2015, DOC partnered with the Roundtable to coordinate the County's first Resource Hub featuring approximately 50 community agencies for offenders on supervision. DOC has also been an active and committed member of the Safe Neighborhoods Network. DOC's input will be critical in addressing two of the Roundtable's priorities (violence against children and violence against adults), and implementing solutions in the areas of Family Conflict and Family Management, two risk factor priorities selected by the Roundtable in May 2015.



KIDS AT HOPE



Friday, December 18th

Children's Holiday Festival

Florida Health St. Lucie County
11:00am – 3:00pm
714 Avenue C Fort Pierce
(772) 462-3800

Sounds of the Season

Children's Services Council
7:00pm
Sunrise Theater, Fort Pierce
www.cscslc.org

Saturday, December 19th

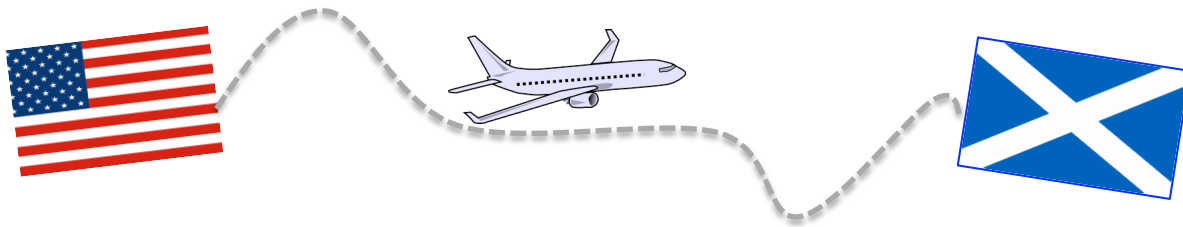
Toy Giveaway

Viola G. Smith Foundation for Underprivileged Kids & Roundtable of St. Lucie County
11:00am – 1:00pm
Percy Peek Gymnasium
(772) 871-5880

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Lunch

Restoring the Village Youth Initiative Outreach Workers
St. Lucie County Juvenile Detention Center
(772) 448-3120



Scotland Leaders Examine Roundtable Prevention & Intervention Efforts

From November 7 to November 13, 2015, Roundtable Executive Director Shaniek Maynard traveled to Scotland to speak to Scottish government leaders as part of Police Scotland's Leaders for Outcomes Program. Mrs. Maynard and US speakers were selected and sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). In this program, rising stars in Scottish government (law enforcement, first responders, prosecutors, government and nonprofit employees) are placed in three groups and asked to research three topics - Tackling Inequality, Community Empowerment and Collaboration. They then propose a nationwide program around these issues and, at the end of a year, submit their proposals to the Scottish government, which selects one of the programs and implements it across Scotland.

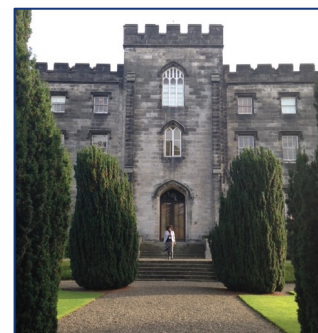
Mrs. Maynard was asked to speak about Prevention and Early Intervention in the Public Sector. Her talk focused on the Roundtable's efforts since 1995 working collaboratively to implement prevention and intervention strategies for youth – from Kids at Hope to work improving health, delinquency, academic failure and poverty outcomes facing children.

In February 2016, delegates from Scotland will travel to the United States to further explore these topics as they design their proposals. In the past, they have traveled to Washington DC to visit examples of the types of programs they are proposing. The Scots were so impressed by the work of the Roundtable, however, that the "Collaboration" Group has asked to come to St. Lucie County to see and talk with members of the Roundtable! We are working on logistics, and will keep you posted on the progress of their visit.

In addition to attending the conference, which was held at Police Scotland College at Tulliallan Castle, Mrs. Maynard visited Stirling Castle, Edinburgh Castle (where participants received a private tour and viewed the crown jewels), and an authentic Scottish tavern. It was a phenomenal trip!



Stirling Castle



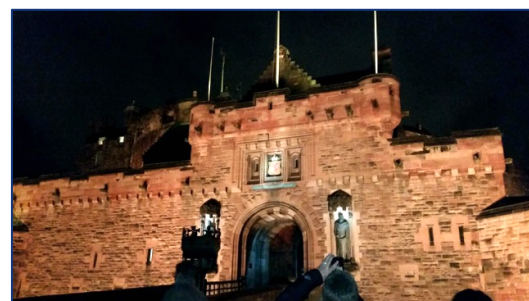
Tulliallan Castle – Police Scotland College



Shaniek Maynard & Graeme Binning
(Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Head of
Prevention and Protection)



Police Scotland Leaders For Outcomes participants and U.S. Trainers
from Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)



Edinburg Castle

Substance Abuse Prevention Network

At the November meeting of the Substance Abuse Prevention Network, they approved a new logo (on the right) as well as appointed the following officers:

- Chair - John Poli
- Vice Chair - Debbie Butler
- Treasurer - Stacey Cason
- Secretary - Kathy Florack



Thank you to the new officers for agreeing to serve!

Prevention Coordinator Cherrie Johnson has been busy with "Friday Night Done Right" and "Parents Who Host" campaigns. She will be distributing materials at the following events:

- December 2 - "Parents: You Matter"
- December 3 - World AIDS Day
- December 5 - "A Time to CHILL" Youth Summit

The Network is also implementing a new campaign "Lock Up Your Alcohol. Teens Might Have Access". For more information see pages 5 & 6.

Restoring the Village Youth Initiative

It has been a busy three months for the outreach workers at Restoring the Village Youth Initiative. By December 1st the program had received over 60 referrals, and we are currently doing outreach and providing services to over 30 young men between 14 and 26. All of our clients have multiple challenges and complex living situations. Perhaps most challenging of all is the fear of and threat of violence many of them live with every day. The ability to walk six blocks to a job, school or church may seem like a simple thing, but if you have to cross gang territories, those same blocks can literally cost you your life.

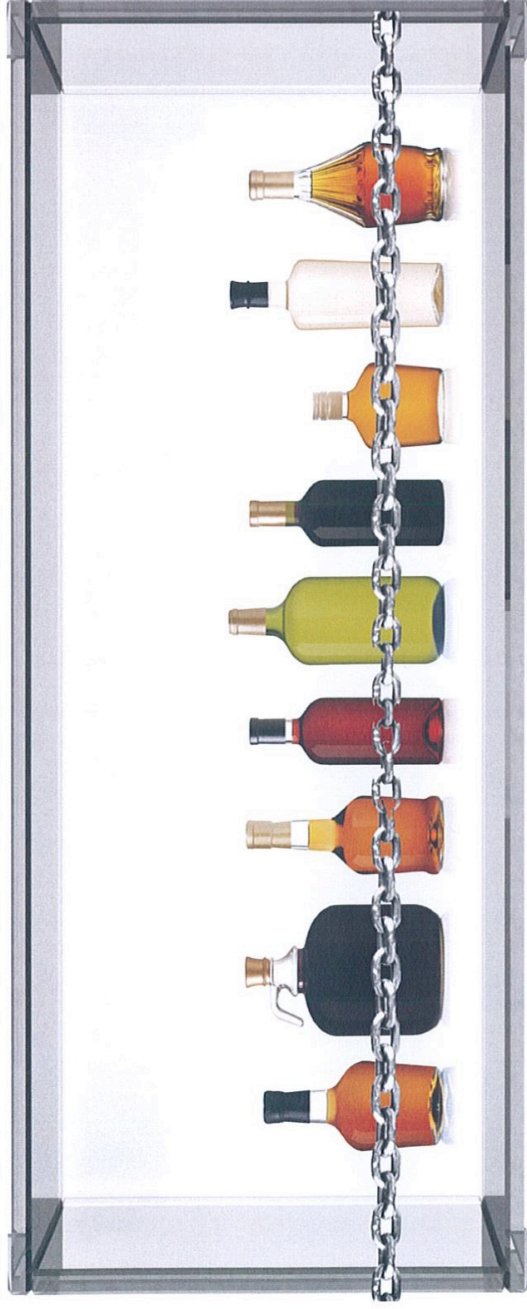
Despite the complex needs of our clients, it has been amazing, after just a month in the program, to see the changes many of them have made. Whether it is making strides towards taking their GED's or working with Career Source staff to develop a career path, giving up drugs, or deciding to learn new job skills, the impact is clear. Given the chance to change their life, almost all are interested in taking the challenge.

Another exciting event for us was our first Intervention Team meeting--a group of community agencies that will help provide services to clients. Twenty-nine representatives from 13 agencies participated. In addition to staff from Restoring the Village Youth Initiative, the following agencies engaged in very productive discussions and offered services that our clients needed:

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| - Port St. Lucie Police Department | - Roundtable of St. Lucie County |
| - Fort Pierce Police Department | - Florida Department of Children and Families |
| - St Lucie County Sheriff's Office | - Drug Abuse Treatment Association |
| - Florida Department of Juvenile Justice | - New Horizon |
| - Florida Department of Corrections | - St. Lucie County Public Schools |
| - In the Image of Christ | - CareerSource |
| - Devereux CBC | |

The holidays are coming and we are trying to make sure our clients have something for their families and kids, so we are working with the County's Community Services Department to get families signed up to get toys for their kids. In collaboration with the Public Defender's Office, we are also organizing a Christmas luncheon for youth incarcerated at the Juvenile Detention Center. The Outreach Workers will bring gifts donated by the Children's Services Council and spend some time with the youth.

Lock up your alcohol.



Teens might have access.

31% of Southeast high school students report their usual drinking location as “my home”.

46% of Southeast high school students report their usual drinking location as “someone else’s home”.

Note: Southeast Florida includes: Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties

DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 3 Southeast Florida high school students used alcohol in the past month.

Teens in Southeast Florida have higher rates of alcohol use than Florida students statewide.

8.6% of Southeast Florida high school students drove a car after drinking alcohol in the past month.

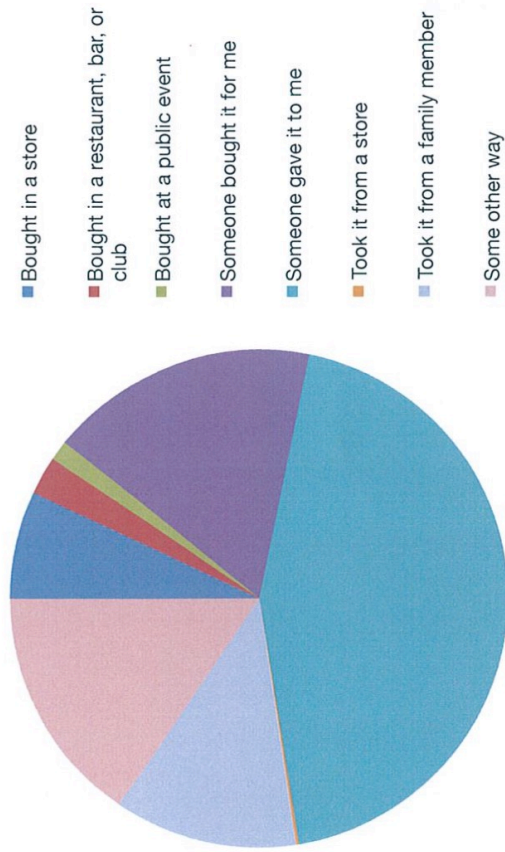
27% of Southeast Florida high school students rode in the car with someone who had been drinking in the past month.

Students who reported alcohol use in Southeast Florida are over 10% less likely to report A’s and B’s in the past year than non-using peers.

Southeast Florida high school students who reported alcohol use in the past month reported higher rates of skipping school than their non-using peers.

Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Southeast High School Student Usual Source of Alcohol in the Past Month



Don't be a source of alcohol for teens.
Lock It Up! 12% of Southeast high school drinkers reported taking alcohol from family members in the past month.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
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A Committee of the Roundtable of St. Lucie



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Alcohol Bottle Lock Tops are easily available and come with combination or key locking systems.

RISKS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING INCLUDE:

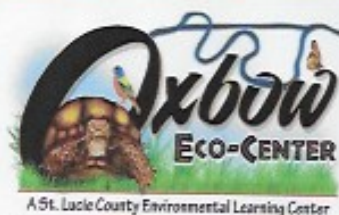
- **Death** – 4,358 people under age 21 die each year from alcohol-related car crashes, homicides, suicides, alcohol poisoning, and other injuries such as falls, burns, and drowning.
- **Serious injuries** – More than 190,000 people under age 21 visited an emergency room for alcohol-related injuries in 2008 alone.
- **Impaired judgment** – Drinking can cause kids to make poor decisions, which can then result in risky behavior like drinking and driving, sexual activity, or violence.
- **Increased risk for physical and sexual assault** – Youth who drink are more likely to carry out or be the victim of a physical or sexual assault.
- **Brain development problems** – Research shows that brain development continues well into a person's twenties. Alcohol can affect this development, and contribute to a range of problems.

Source: NIDA



WORLD AIDS DAY 2015

3K HIKE



SATURDAY DECEMBER 5th - 1:00 P.M.

**Oxbow Eco-Center
5400 NE Saint James Dr., PSL, FL 34983**

Participants are invited to come together inside the Eco-Center after the hike to hear and share stories that will rejuvenate a sense of community and comradery in our mission against HIV/AIDS.

Print or online registration now available www.onetreasurecoast.org



World AIDS Day is everyday! Know your status... get tested!



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*HEALTH RESOURCES

*SCREENINGS

*CRIME PREVENTION LECTURES

*FOOD

*ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

*TEEN SUMMIT

NOON - 2PM

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

1306 AVENUE M FORT PIERCE, FL 34950

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY & THE SUNRISE THEATRE PRESENT

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
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546 NW UNIVERSITY BLVD, PSL**

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&
The Roundtable of St. Lucie County

Annual Toy Give-Away

**This event will not just allow each child who attends to receive a toy,
but there is fun and games for the entire family.**

December 19, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Wristbands will be given out between 10am-10:30 a.m. All children will need a
wristband to receive a toy and a raffle ticket.*

R. Duke Nelson Human Development & Resource Center

Percy Peek Gymnasium

2902 Avenue D

Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Ages: 1-14 years of age

No sign up necessary

For more information contact Denise Sirmons at 772-871-5880

Treasure Coast's got Talent

Benefiting the Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc.

January 9, 2016 at 5 p.m.
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Fort Pierce Central High School
4101 S. 25th Street | Fort Pierce, FL

**COME SEE WHO IS CROWNED
ST. LUCIE'S TOP TALENT**

First place winner will proceed to the Grand Finale and wins an audition with a talent agency in Orlando, FL and a backstage tour of Disney World and Universal Studios.

GRAND FINALE

One lucky winner will score an all-expenses paid trip to Nashville, TN to audition with a talent agency and a backstage tour of The Music City and the Grand Ole Opry.

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Got questions? 772.321.3761



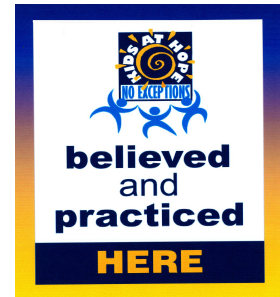
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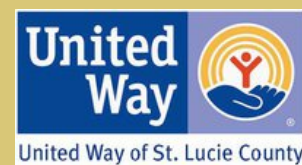
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