



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

February 2016 Issue

A Message From The Director:

This month we continue the Roundtable's strategic planning process by assessing resources around issues facing our children and youth, and identifying gaps and barriers. Our Community Resource Assessment on Violence, Delinquency and Academics was a huge success, with over sixty practitioners and experts participating. In upcoming months, we will have similar meetings around mental health, substance abuse, obesity, teen pregnancy, infant mortality, and injury prevention. Please see the flyers in this newsletter for dates. Thank you to all who participated.

Congratulations to the winner of the Tri-County "Treasure Coast's Got Talent" competition: Miss Te'Aera Thompson, a St. Lucie County student at IRSC. Miss Thompson will go on to audition with talent scouts at Disney and in Nashville, TN. Congratulations Te'Aera! Also, a big thank you to our judges and Substance Abuse Prevention Event Coordinator, Mrs. Cherrie Johnson, for all her hard work making this event a success.

Roundtable members, please mark your calendars for the Roundtable Retreat, which will be held on Friday, May 6th, 2016 from 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. We will be reviewing the recommendations of the Workgroups and Steering Committee and determining next steps.

Sincerely,
Shaniek Maynard



***Treasure Coast's Got Talent
Winner – Te'Aera Thompson!***

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.



Treasure Coast's Got Talent

Winner is from St. Lucie County!

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department, St. Lucie County School Board, DATA (Drug Abuse Treatment Association) and OARS (Ocean Addiction Recovery Services) spearheaded the *Treasure Coast's Got Talent* Competition in St. Lucie County. Indian River, Okeechobee and St. Lucie County all held their own countywide competitions, and on January 23rd the Tri-County grand finale competition was held at Fort Pierce Central High School. These were amazing events and wonderful opportunities for all of our Treasure Coast youth. In St. Lucie County, the event was sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Network's *Friday Night Done Right – No Alcohol, No Dope* campaign, showing youth that they can have fun without abusing illegal substances.

St. Lucie Competition:

St. Lucie County held its countywide competition on January 9th, 2016. Twenty acts competed, including soloists, duets, pianists, dance teams, step teams and more. The judges were Commissioner Kim Johnson (BOCC), Sean Boyle (Children's Services Council), Terissa Aronson (Chamber of Commerce), Shaniek Maynard (Roundtable), and Wydee'a Wilson (Dept. of Juvenile Justice).

The St. Lucie County Winners:

- **1st Place: Te'Aera Thompson** (IRSC student) (prize: tickets to Disney World and Universal Studios and an audition with an Orlando talent agency);
- **2nd Place: Sophie Phillips** (PSL High student) (prize: gift card)
- **3rd Place: Robed Fenelus** (Ft. Pierce Central student) (prize: gift card)

Tri-County Competition:

The Tri-County grand finale competition was held on January 23rd, 2016. Nine students (3 from each county) competed for the grand prize - an all-expense paid trip to Nashville for an audition with a talent agency and a tour of the Grand Ole Opry and Music City. There were two judges from St. Lucie, two from Indian River and one from Okeechobee County. The SLC judges were Sean Boyle (CSC) and Rev. Kenneth Mills (Lincoln Park Council of Ministers).



Te'Aera Thompson performs!

We are excited to announce that First Place went to Te'Aera Thompson from St. Lucie County!

Te'Aera is a 21 year old student at Indian River State College and she brought down the house with her rendition of "Love You I Do" from the musical *"Dreamgirls"*. Te'Aera told us that she was encouraged to enter the competition by FPPD Officer and SNN Chair Dani Dreizehnter, who sent her the flyer. Te'Aera is inspired by her mother; who she described as "strong and successful with a huge heart, who puts others before herself."

Congratulations Te'Aera! Good luck on your auditions!

To see a short 3 minute video highlighting the Grand Finale experience for our top three contestants, go to: <https://youtu.be/RtNmwi-lhEA>



Treasure Coast's Got Talent Competitors!



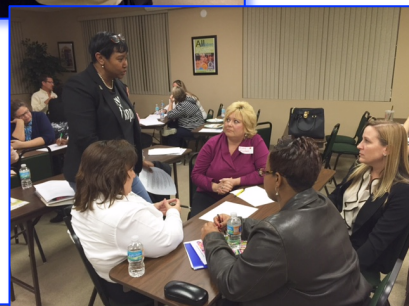
Treasure Coast's Got Talent Grand Finale Judges!



KIDS AT HOPE

In January, Kids at Hope Coordinators Denise Sirmons and Dana Stonelake hosted the first quarterly Treasure Hunter Council Meeting. The council will meet quarterly during the school year so that schools and organizations can share ideas and strategies, ask questions, and discuss best practices. We were thrilled to have 23 representatives from our KAH schools and community organizations attend and look forward to meeting again in May.

Also in January two additional schools completed the KAH Training! We are excited to welcome Imagine-NAU Charter School and our first virtual-online school, Mosaic Digital Academy!



CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH NETWORK



FDOH St. Lucie County School Health Staff and Administration met with the Assistant Principal at FK Sweet Elementary School in Fort Pierce to implement a 5-2-1-0 Kick Off Campaign for the 2016-17 school year. FK Sweet is very excited to be the first school in St. Lucie County to promote healthy eating and increased physical activities through the 5-2-1-0 program. The 6 week program will target first and third grade students by providing exciting and interactive activities focusing on nutrition, physical activity, reduced recreational screen time, and zero sugary drinks.

Economic Sufficiency Network

The next meeting of the Economic Sufficiency Network is Feb. 17, 2016 at 12:00p.m. at the Parent Academy. The committee selected a new chair - Renee Deschenes, Resource Specialist with the C19 Re-entry program at the Public Defender's Office. Please see below for the training schedule for the remainder of the 2016 calendar year. The committee will also be presenting at the March Roundtable meeting.

The next Getting Ahead Classes will start at First United Methodist Church on Feb. 23rd from 6:00pm–9:00pm. The facilitators are Tim May and Kevin Singletary. For more information please contact the Roundtable or RTVYI offices.

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BRIDGES TO PROSPERITY, ST. LUCIE

Economic Prosperity for All: NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you are looking to end poverty in your community or lessen its impact on people, the environment, and local organizations and businesses, explore the innovative concepts found in *Bridges Out of Poverty*. If poverty is left unchallenged, then sustainability and prosperity for us all will be impossible. It's not just about a few of us. It's about all of us.

Bridges Out of Poverty helps communities:

- Move individuals from poverty to self-sufficiency
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- Strengthen educational attainment and job skills
- Enhance economic development
- Improve on-the-job productivity
- Revitalize neighborhoods
- Build a sustainable community where everyone can live well

DATES FOR COMMUNITY-WIDE BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY TRAINING

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 5, 2016	8AM-4PM	INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R-131
FRIDAY	APRIL 8, 2016	8AM-4PM	INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R131
FRIDAY	JUNE 3, 2016	8AM-4PM	INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R131
FRIDAY	AUGUST 12, 2016	8AM-4PM	INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R131
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 14, 2016	8AM-4PM	INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R131
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 9, 2016	8AM-4PM	INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R131

If you wish to participate in the workshop, please register by calling Kim Thomas at 772-871-5880 or kthomas@roundtableslc.org.

Participants are on their own for lunch.



Bridges to Prosperity, St. Lucie serves as the Economic Sufficiency Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc., which is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization comprised of community leaders united to build a community that supports the success of children.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS NETWORK

RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

We had our first SNN meeting since September 2015. Many of the members have been actively involved in the RTVYI, either on the referral team, or on the intervention team (or both) since September. RTVYI Coordinator, Monica Jakobsen, gave an update on client and outreach worker progress, and we discussed some roadblocks that led to the need to create two additional sub-committees of the SNN. One will concentrate on employment needs for the clients (contact manufacturers, county and local businesses, etc.) Stefanie Myers will head this committee. The second will concentrate on Mind Change - how to get the clients involved in the larger community, and the community involved with the clients, including programming to engage the clients in weekly activities and things they must be participating in in order to receive continued services. Linda Soto will head this committee.

Our next meeting date is scheduled for March 15th. Location TBA

Sanctuary4kidsTreasure Coast

Meet Gus! Gus is the Mascot and Ambassador for Sanctuary4kids. This is Guardians for New Futures' latest initiative to provide a temporary shelter for children who are removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. You will see Gus driving his little Audi around town raising awareness about the need for Sanctuary4kids and raising funds to purchase a house to serve as Sanctuary4kids. So be on the lookout for "Where's Gus?"



During the last six months nearly 300 children have been removed from their homes due to maltreatment, with the majority being age 5 and younger. An average of 1,200 children are involved in our dependency system (19th Judicial Circuit) annually. Sanctuary4kids will provide a 'soft landing' giving these children the opportunity to bathe, receive a healthy meal, clean clothes and a safe place to sleep, all while trauma informed care professionals help reduce the impact of the upheaval already experienced by the child.



Together, as a community, our efforts to better provide physical and emotional support for traumatized children will have a long-lasting impact. Research finds that the fewer traumas a child endures the better chances they have for a successful life that's free of serious mental health and substance abuse problems.

Be a Gus supporter and follower – spread the word!
Visit www.gfnf4kids.org or www.sanctuary4kidsTC.org for more information.



In lieu of a Steering Committee meeting in January, we held a Resource Assessment Workgroup meeting with practitioners in the areas of **Academic Success and Violence and Delinquency Prevention** on January 21st at Children's Services Council. The purpose of this meeting was to gather additional input from those in the field regarding resources, programs and policies that are currently in place to prevent school dropout and delinquency. These experts also examined what gaps and barriers currently exist in our community and made recommendations to you about how best to address them. While approximately 35 people originally committed to attending, in all we had 65 participants attending from various agencies and community organizations. A huge "thank you" goes out to the members for encouraging participation. We are compiling the data from this successful meeting, which will be incorporated into the Community Assessment Report.

Our next meeting will be held on **February 11th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Florida Department of Health on Milner and will bring together **Mental Health and Substance Abuse** providers and community members to gather input on current trends in substance use and mental health impacting our youth in community, school, family, and individual/peer domains. We will discuss their presence on the youth developmental continuum and the intersecting problem behaviors impacting positive youth development.

Additionally, the Health component of the assessment is being led by the Department of Health and we are working collaboratively with them to incorporate components of their Community Health Improvement Plan to provide strategic direction as it relates to maternal and child health, teen pregnancy, and childhood obesity. As such, we will be holding a Resource Assessment workgroup meeting on **February 11th at 1:00 pm** at the Florida Department of Health on Milner to gather input on **Healthy Weight** in children and teens, which will include childhood obesity, healthy weight, and physical activity. We will be connecting with the Healthy Start Coalition to coordinate a workgroup discussion on Teen Pregnancy and Infant Mortality at their next Coalition meeting. And finally, a Resource Assessment workgroup meeting to address **Preventing Unintentional Injury** will be held **March 3 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Parent Academy. This will be facilitated in conjunction with the Safe Kids Coalition.

Once again we ask for your assistance. Please advise of any experts and/or providers you want us to gather input from so we may invite them to these workgroup meetings. This includes school personnel, guidance counselors, substance abuse and mental health providers, early learning providers, law enforcement, social workers, health practitioners and anyone else whose expertise is needed in looking at available resources for to address these priority areas in our community.



RESOURCE ASSESSMENT MEETING:

Substance Abuse & Mental Health

Thursday, February 11th
9:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Location:

Florida Department of Health
5150 NW Milner Drive, PSL

Join us for a robust discussion around preventing substance abuse, and addressing mental health issues such as depression and anxiety in our children and youth. We need YOUR help identifying gaps and barriers, as well as recommending improvements in these areas for the Roundtable's Comprehensive Plan for St. Lucie County.



Please RSVP to: Kim Thomas at KThomas@RoundtableSLC.org



RESOURCE ASSESSMENT MEETING:

Healthy Weight in Children and Teens

Thursday, February 11th
1:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Location:

Florida Department of Health
5150 NW Milner Drive, PSL

Join us for a robust discussion around these topics: promoting healthy eating and physical activity, and reducing obesity in our children and teens. We need YOUR help identifying gaps and barriers, as well as recommending improvements in these areas for the Roundtable's Comprehensive Plan for St. Lucie County.



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PARKLAND AND BETHANY COURT "NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS" BLOCK PARTY



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

11:00AM - 3:00PM

LOCATION: 1211 AVE Q, FT. PIERCE, FL

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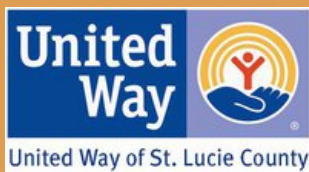
You're invited to apply for participation in an upcoming *"Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World"* workgroup. You can apply by calling (772) 448-3120 by February 12th, 2016. A phone interview will be scheduled or conducted when you call.

- Participate in problem-solving discussions and investigations.
- Help your community investigate poverty, receiving a stipend for your work.
- Explore the "hidden rules" and resources that bring success.
- Build a plan for your new future story.



WHEN: Every Tuesday & Thursday: February 23rd – April 28th, 2016

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 616 Orange Ave. Ft. Pierce, FL 34950





RESOURCE ASSESSMENT MEETING:

Child & Adolescent Unintentional Injury Prevention

Thursday, March 3rd

9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Location:

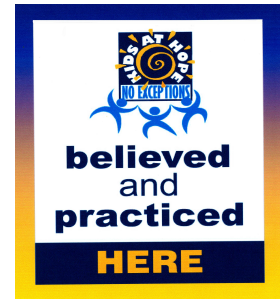
Parent Academy

2940 S. US Hwy. 1, Suite C-12, Fort Pierce

Join us for a robust discussion around preventing unintentional injuries in our children and adolescents. We need YOUR help identifying gaps and barriers, as well as recommending improvements in these areas for the Roundtable's Comprehensive Plan for St. Lucie County.



Please RSVP to: Kim Thomas at KThomas@RoundtableSLC.org



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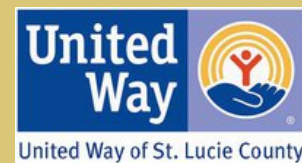
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