



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children



THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

February 2017 Issue

A Message From The Director:

This month, I'm excited to invite you to two events that you won't want to miss. The first is the Silence is Death Community Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 5:30 PM at Indian River State College. We will join the Health Department in bringing together community residents, leaders and advocates to acknowledge the progress we've made in the fight against HIV/AIDS in St. Lucie County, and to mobilize for the work ahead. When I left this community in the 90s, we were #1 in the state for HIV cases for Black women. I myself knew and loved three Black women from this community who died from that disease. Twenty years later, due to the hard work and effort of so many, we are lower than the state rate. We can achieve those same outcomes for today's challenges if we are willing to do the work together.

The second event is our Mini-Masters Youth Development Symposium, where we will celebrate 10 Years of Kids at Hope in St. Lucie County. We are bringing speakers from across the nation to share best practices on addressing disparities in juvenile justice, education and public health, and dealing with the trauma that permeates so many of our children's lives. The keynote speaker is Antwone Fisher, whose life is chronicled in the 2002 movie of a foster child who triumphed despite horrific adversity. We are asking Roundtable members and staff, community partners, youth service providers, educators, police officers, juvenile probation officers, case workers, guardians ad litem, attorneys, judges, parents, and anyone who wants to be part of the solution to attend this symposium. On the third day, we will have a birthday party with Rick Miller to celebrate 10 Years of Kids at Hope in St. Lucie County. EVERYONE is invited!

I hope to see you there!

Shaniek Maynard



RTVYI client, Demetrius Killcreek, and instructor Demetria Williams, celebrating his graduation from Anger Replacement Training on January 19th.

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.

DRUG FREE ST. LUCIE

A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County

CADCA National Leadership Forum

February 6-10, 2017, Kim Thomas-Pate (Substance Abuse Coordinator) and Shaniek Maynard (Roundtable Executive Director) will travel to the Washington D.C. area to join 3,000 substance abuse prevention specialists and advocates from throughout the country for CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) 27th Annual National Leadership Forum. The forum will cover a wide range of topics – from preventing prescription drug abuse and the abuse of synthetic drugs and marijuana, to creating tobacco-free environments, and developing policies to reduce underage drinking. This is the nation's largest training event for community prevention leaders, treatment professionals and researchers.

Congratulations to Kim Thomas-Pate, who will receive an award on behalf of Drug Free St. Lucie for attending and graduating from CADCA's three week Coalition Academy. The Academy teaches coalitions how to create effective logic models and implement strategies for change.

Best Wishes



Chief John Bolduc, Donna Harris, Shaniek Maynard, and Clint Sperber at January 6, 2017 Roundtable Meeting.

Donna Harris has worked on and off for Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County since 1997. Her most recent position as Health Education Coordinator included supervision of the following programs: Tobacco Prevention, Safe Kids Coalition and the Teen Zone Clinic. Donna also developed and implemented a community health improvement plan, led the Roundtable's Child Health Network and the Healthy St. Lucie Coalition, and created many health promotion programs for chronic disease, family planning and other priority health issues. Ms. Harris is leaving FDOH-St. Lucie to pursue her life ambition of earning a PhD. We wish Donna the best, and will miss her!

RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

AGGRESSION REPLACEMENT TRAINING GRADUATION (ART)

Some of the shootings and violence in Fort Pierce can be traced back to relatively mundane arguments between youth from different areas in the city. A perceived insult may be followed by some type of retaliation that in turn escalates the violence. Distrust and lack of opportunities to safely interact with each other perpetuate the cycle of violence.

Over the last three months the *Restoring the Village Youth Initiative* has explored these dynamics in greater detail with gang-involved youth through Aggression Replacement Training. The training, which is implemented in collaboration with Sequel Care of Florida and the Department of Juvenile Justice (and with financial support by the Children's Services Council and the City of Fort Pierce), engaged seven young men in intense discussions around aggressive behaviors and the "code of the streets." The goal was to engage them in conversations about violence, teach them positive alternatives to aggression and anti-social behaviors, and help them develop a concern for the need and rights of others.

The atmosphere in the workshops was informal and relaxed, and thanks to an amazing and very culturally competent facilitator, the young men have been able to improve trust and relationships with each other. On January 19th, the group graduated. Feedback from the youth has been overwhelmingly positive. Indeed, all expressed interest in continuing to meet and engage with each other. One participant said the workshops had humbled him, making him want to work harder to change. Others said it has helped them avoid confrontations at home and in school.

Although the effects of social interventions like this are not usually immediate nor appear in a linear fashion, Outreach Workers confirm that many of the clients are making greater efforts to talk through issues with family members they would normally argue with, and stop and think before they act, which is also reflected in a decrease in behavioral referrals in school.

Another ART workshop series will be offered to 12 new RTVYI clients starting in March 2017.

Thank you to our sponsors: City of Fort Pierce, Children's Services Council, and the Lincoln Park Council of Ministers.



RTVYI Outreach Workers, youth participants and workshop facilitator Demetria Williams.



On January 3rd, 30 youth activists attended a Fort Pierce City Commission meeting. Three students gave brief statements to the Mayor, Commissioners, and City Manager during public comment to introduce Youth Leadership.

At the January 17th meeting, Fort Pierce Communications Manager Shyanne Helms and Marketing Specialist Joe Sweat taught the students how to launch a social media campaign, since many of their projects to reduce bullying, substance abuse and violence will involve social media. After the presentation, the students split into their Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Youth Councils. The Fort Pierce Youth Council was facilitated by Ms. Helms and Mr. Sweat. We are pleased to announce that we are working with Port St. Lucie Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan to design the Port St. Lucie Youth Council.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30pm at the River Walk Center in Fort Pierce. Also, registration is now open for the three day National Youth Leadership Institute Training, which will take place over Presidents' Day weekend at Children's Services Council. For more information, please contact KAH Coordinator Megan Pack at MeganTreasureHunter@gmail.com.



The Lincoln Park Advisory Committee includes the formal and informal leaders of the Lincoln Park area whose social or professional position, history of commitment to community activities, and role in neighborhood-based organizations helps shape the attitudes and behaviors of key segments of Lincoln Park. The committee includes representatives from the Lincoln Park Ministers Association, Parents of Murdered Children (POMC), community mobilization groups, youth serving agencies, the local NAACP chapter, and others. Their role is to elicit ideas from the community and afford Lincoln Park residents a voice in identifying services and activities relating to Roundtable initiatives.

Membership is now open to all individuals who reside or work in Lincoln Park, or otherwise have active and positive ties to the Lincoln Park community. To be a voting member, you must complete the Membership Application by February 10, 2017 and return it to the Roundtable. Applications will be available at: www.RoundtableSLC.com. Currently, the meetings are every other month on the fourth Thursday from 12:00 to 1:30pm at the Department of Health at 714 Ave. C in Fort Pierce.

For more information, please contact the Roundtable of St. Lucie County at (772) 871-5880, or you may contact Megan Pack at MeganTreasureHunter@gmail.com.



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)

Second Thursday of every month at 3:00pm at the Health Department on Milner Rd.

Next meeting is March 9th.

CHILD WELFARE

First Tuesday of every month at 10:00am at Children's Services Council.

(The February 7th Meeting will be held at the Health Department on Milner Road.)

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

Third Wednesday of every month at 12:00pm at the UP Center on Orange Avenue.

Next meeting is February 15th.

LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourth Thursday of every other month at 12:00pm at the Department of Health 714 Avenue C, Fort Pierce. Evening meetings will be added soon.

SAFE KIDS COALITION (Unintentional Injury)

First Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Garber Buick GMC on US1.

Next meeting is March 2nd.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am. Location to be determined.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Third Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Children's Services Council (CSC).

Next meeting is March 16th.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

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

Next meeting is March 14th.

FROM YOUTH AT RISK TO KIDS AT HOPE

Mini-Masters



A Positive Youth Development Symposium

TUESDAY MARCH 28TH, 8am-4pm

Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice, Education, Child Welfare and Health

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH, 8am-4pm

Using the Power of Connection to Heal Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



Rick Miller,
Founder,
Kids at Hope



Antwone Fisher,
Author, Poet &
Screenwriter



Wydee'a Wilson,
Chief Probation Officer
19th Judicial Court



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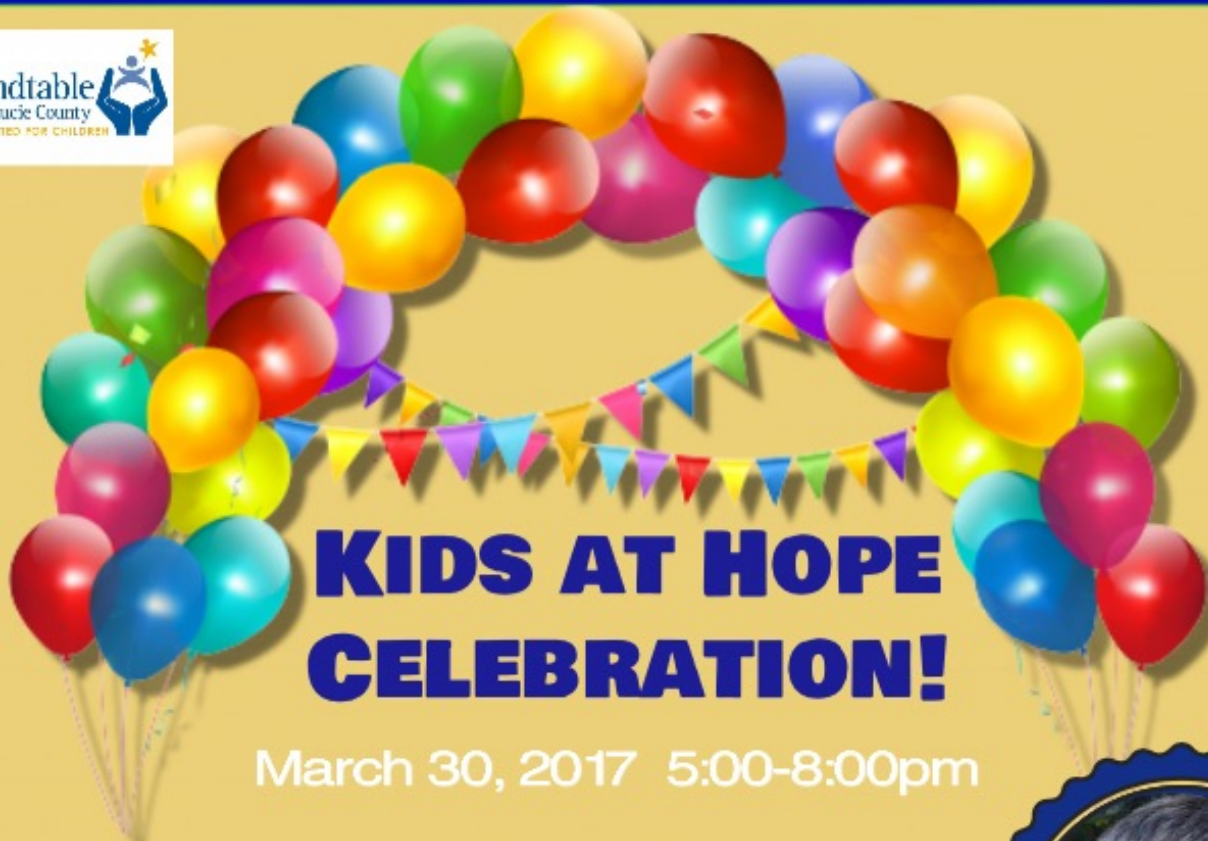
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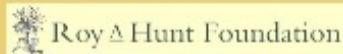
March 30, 2017 5:00-8:00pm

Join us for a Meet & Greet with Kids at Hope Founder Rick Miller to learn more about the role of KAH in St. Lucie County and the National Framework. Community partners will be on hand to share ideas and implementation plans that they have used at their sites.



Schrieber Conference Center, IRSC Pruitt Campus
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10 YEARS LATER SILENCE IS DEATH

YOU CAN'T FIX WHAT YOU WILL NOT FACE

— James Baldwin



Please Join Us!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

In Recognition of
National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

TUES. FEB. 7, 2017
5:30pm - 8:30pm

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE
3209 Virginia Ave, Ft. Pierce, FL 34981
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Youth Leadership Retreat



Are you a teen leader?

Do you have what it takes to create community change?

*Do you know a youth group that would benefit from
attending a leadership seminar taught by national
experts?*

If so, please JOIN US for a three-day Youth Leadership Retreat!

*Hosted by the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, with trainers from
Washington D.C.'s National Youth Leadership Institute.*

WHO: Students in 9th–12th Grade
WHEN: Feb. 18, 19, 20 (*Presidents' Day weekend*)
(Lunch provided daily)
WHERE: Children's Services Council Meeting Room
546 NW University Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

REGISTER BY:

February 3, 2017

Call (772) 332-0902 or 871-5880; or email

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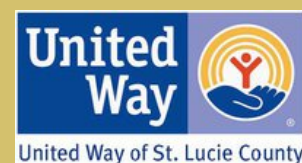
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