



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

February 2020 Issue

### A Message From The Director:

February is our opportunity to celebrate Black History Month together. One might say, “What does this have to do with the Roundtable’s mission and its efforts to improve youth development and prevention?” Roundtable members and community partners collectively work to close the achievement gap, health care disparities, and other challenges that disproportionately impact black youth and their families. Decades of research link African American youths’ self-esteem and positive racial identity with their academic success, behavioral adjustment and positive emotional functioning (Okeke-Adeyanju, 2014). It is important for us to recognize the protective properties of self-esteem and positive racial identity to improving outcomes for children of color. I have fond memories of growing up in the inner city of Hartford, Connecticut, and how celebrating Black History the entire month impacted me and my classmates. It was a big deal and we looked forward with excitement each year. During this time, we had the opportunity to meet and hear many famous people who were in the midst of making history and we were part of it. At my school, Weaver High, we packed the gym for assemblies when special guests would come. One year, Reverend Jessie Jackson conducted a rally. He was known then for closing out his school rallies with a chant he would direct us to repeat after him in unison, “I am....Somebody!” until it connected with our souls. The gym would boom with voices on one accord and with each chant, we stood a little taller and a little prouder. The energy in the gym was electric. One year we were surprised when tennis professional Arthur Ashe, the only African American man to win three Grand Slam titles, came to speak to us at the height of his career about his amazing life and encouraged us to be trailblazers. Another year, all of our schools in the city went to the Hartford State Armory to meet our legislators and to see the young Stevie Wonder put on a free concert. I still hear his harmonica echoing in the air as he played. I remember dressing up, travelling on the school bus to the event and getting as close to the stage as possible to see “grown-ups” that look like me speaking and performing. I always left these events feeling empowered, hopeful and proud.

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When I reflect on these memories, I recognize this was my community's investment in me as a "Kid a Hope". Time travelling to imagine my future self is one of the universal truths of Kids at Hope and during the month of February, the events I participated in helped me to imagine who I could be despite my circumstances and environment.

As we celebrate Black History month in St. Lucie County, we invite you to join the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee (LPAC) in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, and the Sheriff's Department, for "The Love of Black History" Fun Day and Basketball Jamboree at Coach Fenn Park this coming Saturday, February 8. There will be lots of fun, games and opportunities to inspire youth in the community. See pages 15 and 16 for details.

Of course, Black History month was not complete in our community unless there was an essay contest pertaining to Black History. I was inspired most by the account of Sojourner Truth, born Isabella Bomfree, a former slave. She was an outspoken activist for abolition, and civil and women's rights in the nineteenth century. She left an indelible mark on my thinking about how I wanted to show up in the world to help lift others up. I admired her courage, but most of all, I admired the legacy she left. To this day, my name on some social media platforms is "Sojourner Tee" (a piece of trivia for you). This is why I am excited that our very own Magistrate Shaniek Maynard and the Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida extends an invitation to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders from St. Lucie and Martin County to participate in an essay contest to commemorate Black History Month. Be sure to share this prestigious opportunity with youth you know. See pages 6 and 7 for details. Opportunities like these are life-changing. We invite you to peruse this month's newsletter for these and a range of community events to support the youth and families in St. Lucie County. As a final note, Black History Month is yet another opportunity to affirm, "ALL children are capable of success—No Exceptions". Join us as we commemorate Black History and continue to "Stand United for Children". Until next time...

Okeke-Adeyanju, N. e. (2014). "Celebrating the strengths of black youth: increasing self-esteem and implications for prevention.". *The journal of primary prevention vol. 35,5*, 357-69.

### **Teresa Bishop**





# HOPE'S Corner

Kids at Hope second universal truth is WE CONNECT- Children succeed when they have meaningful and sustainable relationships with a caring adult. There is a story of a little child that went to a parade. This child was fascinated with the sights and sounds of the processional. The child was short and had only a peep hole to view the parade. Due to limited viewpoint, the child was not able to enjoy the totality of the parade. A man came up behind the child and picked him/her and the child was in awe of seeing everything the parade had to offer. Just as the unnamed adult in this story, you have an opportunity to pick a child up to give them a new perspective on life. Being an ACE for a child raises him/her up to see the whole and their situations differently. Today, we challenge you to give another child a new vantage point and be an ACE for a child, because we believe “All children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS!”



The Kids at Hope team applied for several Walmart Community Grants earlier this fiscal year. We were awarded two grants from two different Walmart stores. In an act of gratitude, the Kids at Hope team was able to present awards to two of the county's local Walmart stores. One award was given to Walmart Store #929 located at 10855 S US1 in Port St Lucie. The staff was very appreciative of being awarded a Kids at Hope 10 Award for not only believing but supporting that “all children are capable of success, No Exceptions.” This store donated \$500.00 to the Roundtable.

Walmart Store #4260, 1850 SW Gatlin Blvd in Port St Lucie, donated \$1000.00 to the Roundtable to use for the Youth Leadership Program. The employees and leadership received a Kids at Hope 10 Award as well. The leadership of this store was happy to hear how the funds will be used to develop youth leaders in our community. These grants make it possible to expand and grow the Youth Leadership Program and impact more teens in St Lucie County.

It is imperative for our community to support the endeavors of the teens in the Youth Leadership Program. These youth leaders are embracing the challenge of developing their leadership skills. The members of Youth Leadership are eager to share their ideas and impact change for the betterment of all St. Lucie County residents. Kids at Hope would like to thank Walmart again.



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ATTENDANCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

## **2018-2019 Graduation Rates (Jan 2020)**

St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) earned a graduation rate of 90.4%, while the six traditional high schools boasted a rate of 96.8%. These rates all exceed the state average of 86.9% and SLPS continues to rank as the highest on the Treasure Coast and 13<sup>th</sup> overall in the state. SLPS ranks 5<sup>th</sup> for districts with more than 3,000 students in the graduation cohort and 5<sup>th</sup> for districts with more than 70.0% free and reduced lunch students.

### **SLPS Schools**

School	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Difference
Fort Pierce Central High School	95.5%	95.5%	97.0%	+1.5%
Fort Pierce Westwood High School	89.8%	91.7%	91.4%	-0.3%
Lincoln Park Academy	99.6%	99.5%	100%	+0.5%
Mosaic Digital Academy	86.8%	96.0%	100%	+4.0%
Port St. Lucie High School	89.8%	96.8%	94.8%	-2.0%
Somerset Preparatory Academy	94.8%	98.8%	96.4%	-2.4%
St. Lucie West Centennial High School	93.2%	97.6%	98.2%	+0.6%
Treasure Coast High School	97.3%	98.1%	98.5%	+0.4%
DISRICT TOTAL (includes Alternative Schools)	90.1%	91.8%	90.4%	-1.4%
STATE	82.3%	86.1%	86.9%	+0.8%

### **Treasure Coast Districts**

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FLORIDA	76.1%	77.9%	80.7%	82.3%	86.1%	86.9%
Indian River	79.1%	81.2%	87.2%	87.1%	92.0%	88.5%
Martin	88.8%	88.9%	88.7%	83.9%	87.9%	87.4%
Okeechobee	61.2%	65.9%	70.5%	71.7%	76.9%	75.8%
Palm Beach	77.9%	79.4%	82.3%	85.0%	87.2%	87.1%
St. Lucie	73.2%	75.5%	86.8%	90.1%	91.8%	90.4%



### **Cambridge District of the Year Award (Jan 2020)**

St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) has been awarded the Cambridge District of the Year Award in the medium district category for ranking the highest in both increasing access to the rigor of the Cambridge curriculum while simultaneously sustaining or improving student exam performance based on the most recent school year. The national Cambridge District of the Year Awards are issued by Cambridge Assessment International Education. Cambridge programs and qualifications set the global standard for international education. They are created by subject area experts, rooted in academic rigor and reflect the latest educational research.

SLPS has expanded access to Cambridge International exams by 154% since the 2016-17 academic year with a corresponding pass rate of 68% and has 56 students who have received recognition as Cambridge Scholars.

### **Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC) STEM Excellence Award (Jan 2020)**

Ft. Pierce Westwood Academy: The WEST Prep Magnet School was one of three national high school finalists for the FETC STEM Excellence Awards and placed 2nd overall in the United States. The application process for the STEM Excellence Awards is designed to highlight each school's interdisciplinary and applied approach to STEM education, demonstrating the effective integration of science, technology, engineering and math into authentic learning opportunities for students. Jennifer Womble, program chair of FETC states, "Schools that provide high-quality STEM learning opportunities are truly living out the vision of what a 21st century education should be, which is why we seek to highlight some of the nation's most outstanding programs through the STEM Excellence Awards sponsored by State Farm. We look forward to reviewing the nominations and learning about the wonderful programs schools are providing for students."

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant (Dec 2019)**

St. Lucie Public Schools was recently awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant in the amount of \$2.82 million over five years from the Florida Department of Education. The grant award will fund a five-year afterschool program and summer academic tutorial, as well as lessons in social emotional learning for students at four district schools.

Chester A. Moore Elementary, Forest Grove Middle School, Lawnwood Elementary and White City Elementary are all included in the grant. Prior to applying for the grant, each of the four schools identified unique academic needs and developed plans for targeted instructional support using rigorous curricular resources. The program is free for participating families. The program at the four sites started on January 6, 2020. During the school year, the program will be held for two hours at the end of the regular school day. In the summer, the program will follow the District's summer school schedule.

## In Celebration of Black History Month



### the Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

*Invite you to participate in an essay contest.*

Question:

While their stories may not be widely known, many dedicated and courageous young people were instrumental in the fight for equal rights for African Americans. Young people were key activists and organizers, and the struggle for civil rights in the United States could not have been waged without their commitment and passion. **Describe an African American individual (past or present) who is or was an activist for social justice while under the age of 25. Why did that person become involved in the movement? What contributions did he or she make and what was the impact of those contributions? What can young people learn today about effective activism from his or her life?**

Essay Guidelines:

1. The contest is open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in St. Lucie and Martin counties. Only one submission per student is allowed and it must be the original work of the student.
2. The essay must be typed and must be no shorter than 500 words and no longer than 1,000 words. The word count must be included on the last page of the essay.
3. The essay must include the student's name, phone number, email address, school, and grade.
4. Each student must include a signed statement with their essay certifying that it is their own original work.
5. Each student grants the Black History Month Committee permission to copy, publish, and/or distribute copies of the student's essay.
6. All essays must be submitted no later than **5:00pm on Monday, February 17, 2020.**



Please submit your completed essay to:  
[pokuua\\_enin@flsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:pokuua_enin@flsd.uscourts.gov)

**GRAND PRIZES\*:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300 Visa Gift Card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$150 Visa Gift Card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50 Visa Gift Card

\* Winners will be announced at an Awards Ceremony hosted by the U.S. District Court at the Alto Lee Adams, Sr. Courthouse, 101 S. U.S. Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, Florida on Feb. 26, 2020 at 3:30pm. Winners must be present at Awards Ceremony to claim prizes.

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**  
**ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION**

**ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in St. Lucie and Martin counties.

**PURPOSE OF THE ESSAY CONTEST:** The purpose is to provide participants an opportunity to participate in the U.S. District Court's Black History Month Celebration by exploring this year's theme of Effective Legal Activism. This topic is particularly relevant today, as we see students across the country serving as activists for positive change around a variety of important issues.

**RULES & REQUIREMENTS:** Only one submission per student will be accepted. The essay must be no shorter than 500 words and no longer than 1,000 words. The word count must be included on the last page of the essay. The essay must include the student's name, phone number, email address, school, and grade. Finally, each student must include a signed statement with their essay certifying that it is their own original work. Each student grants the Black History Month Committee (the "Committee") permission to copy, publish, and/or distribute copies of the student's essay.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** The following factors will be considered by the Committee to determine the winners:

1. Whether the essay is interesting to read.
2. Whether the author demonstrates an understanding of the topic.
3. Whether the essay clearly focuses on the prompt.
4. Whether the essay is well organized.
5. Whether the essay's major points are fully developed and supported.
6. Whether all the standard conventions of spelling, pronunciation, usage, and grammar are observed.

**SUBMISSION OF ESSAYS:** Essays should be submitted no later than **Monday, February 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM**. Essays must be submitted via email to [pokuaa\\_enin@flsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:pokuaa_enin@flsd.uscourts.gov).

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT AWARDS CEREMONY:** A Panel on Effective Activism and an Awards Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the Alto Lee Adams, Sr. Courthouse, 101 S. U.S. Hwy 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**. Three winners will be announced. The prize for First Place is \$300.00, the prize for Second Place is \$150.00, and the prize for Third Place is \$50.00. Prizes will be in the form of Visa gift cards. **Winners must be present at the program to claim prizes.** The program will be followed by a reception for students to meet and greet judges and members of the legal community. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information, please contact Pokuaa Enin by email at [pokuaa\\_enin@flsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:pokuaa_enin@flsd.uscourts.gov).

# *My Little Princess*

# *&*

# *Me*

# *Valentine Dance*

**February 11, 2020 6pm-8pm**

**\$10 couple and \$5 per additional child**

*Girls ages 5-12 are cordially invited to spend a special evening with their Father, Grandfather, Uncle or any Father Figures in their lives....*

**DJ/DANCING/PHOTOS/ CRAFTS/REFRESHMENTS**

**Havert Fenn Center  
2000 Virginia Ave  
Fort Pierce, FL 34946  
772-462-1521**



Tickets sold at this location 8am-5pm and Lincoln Park Community Center-1306 Ave M, Fort Pierce, FL 34950-772-462-1788





*A Special Day of Caring  
Wed., Feb. 26, 2020*

# **LUNCH ON US!**

**Matthew's Café**  
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**FREE SHOWERS!** **11:30 am—1:30 pm** **FREE HAIRCUTS!**

*It's a special day to learn about local resources,  
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**\*\*Boys' & Girls' Club**

**\*\*United Against Poverty**

**\*\*St. Lucie County Transit Division**

**\*\*Treasure Coast Food Bank**

**\*\* Ft. Pierce Lyons' Club (glucose & vision checks)**

*Adult guests will receive a bag of nonperishable food  
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8th Annual

## Butterfly Kisses



Father-Daughter Dance

**A SIGNATURE EVENT**

Benefiting Grace Way Village

**Sunday, February 9, 2019**

**1:00-4:00 pm**

Pelican Yacht Club, 1120 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce

*\$75 for father and daughter, \$25 per additional daughter*

*Lunch buffet, dancing, glamour and glitz, arts and crafts,  
silent auction, special entertainment and more!*

For registration information

contact 772-925-3074 or [info@gracewayvillage.com](mailto:info@gracewayvillage.com) or  
go to <http://www.gracewayvillage.com/ButterflyKisses2020>

5TH ANNUAL  
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MOORE'S CREEK | 725 AVENUE D | FORT PIERCE  
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL: 772.467.3183  
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The poster features a scenic painting of a tropical landscape with palm trees, a body of water, and a small boat. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

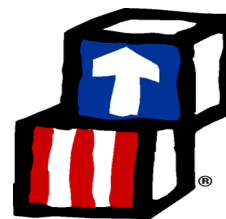
# FREE TAX PREPARATION

**Earn it. Keep it. Save it.**

FREE tax preparation at a  
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site  
if you earn less than \$56,000

Site	Contact	Hours	Open/Close
<b>Mustard Seed Ministries</b> 3130 S US HWY 1, Fort Pierce	211	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9am –1pm	February 4, 2020 April 9, 2020
<b>Mustard Seed Ministries</b> 8311 S US HWY 1, Port St. Lucie	211	Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 9am –1pm	February 3, 2020 April 8, 2020
<b>Fort Pierce Library</b> <b>Kilmer Branch</b> 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce	211	Saturdays, 10am –1pm	February 1, 2020 April 11, 2020 Closed Feb. 29
<b>Keiser University</b> 9400 SW Discovery Way Room 103, Port St. Lucie	211	Wednesdays 3pm—8pm Saturday 10am—3pm	February 5, 2020 April 11, 2020
<b>PSL Community Center</b> 2195 Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie	211	Mondays 9am—1pm Tuesdays 9am—1pm	February 3, 2020 April 14, 2020
<b>Indian River State College</b> 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce Bldg. B Rm. 119	211	Thursdays, 2pm—7pm	February 6, 13, 20, March 5, 12, 26





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Fort Pierce, FL 34950  
(772) 429-8889

**Child Development and Family Services Center**  
198 NE Marion Avenue  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983  
(772) 879-4944

**Lincoln Park Head Start Center**  
1400 Avenue M, Fort Pierce, FL 34950  
(772) 464-6061

**Francina Duval Head Start Center**  
1035 South 27<sup>th</sup> Circle, Fort Pierce, FL 34950  
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Parents' ID (Identification)

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Kick Start Park Party at River Nights!

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

2454 SE Westmoreland Blvd

Help us celebrate our future riverfront  
park at this River Nights event!

Learn more about what's happening with  
the park, the new boardwalk segment and  
more!

Enjoy food and live music!

Visit [cityofpsl.com](http://cityofpsl.com) for more information!



**GraceWay Village is partnering with Pace Center for Girls**  
to help uplift, support, and provide needed items for teen girls!

**Tuesday, February 18th**

We'd also love to bless them with a few simple items that are on their "Wish List".

If you can help, items (marked "Pace Center Girls") can be dropped off at

1780 Hartman Road in Fort Pierce

on Wednesdays 10 am - 5: 30 pm

Desired donations:

\*lip gloss    \*hand & body lotion    \*shampoo & conditioner  
\*colorful & trendy socks    \*perfume/body sprays    \*art supplies  
\*trendy head scarves    \*hair clips & headbands    \*any trendy clothing.

Thanks so much for helping us put a bright spot in someone else's day!

#### **What?**

211 HelpLine is bringing a magical and exotic evening to the Eau Palm Beach for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala! You are invited to a Gala like nothing before. Start your evening at Rick's Café in Casablanca, then immerse yourself in a mosaic of tajines and tastes of Marrakesh at our market full of exotic scents and spices... a sizzling night not to be missed!

#### **When?**

Friday, March 6, 2020

#### **Gala Chairs:**

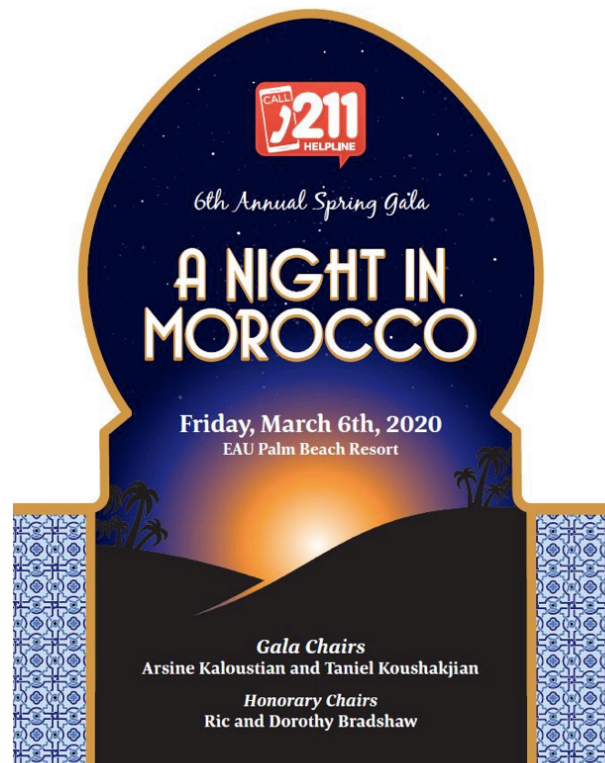
Arsine Kaloustian and Taniel Koushakjian

#### **Honorary Chairs:**

Ric and Dorothy Bradshaw

#### **RSVP:**

<https://211palmbeach.org/springgala>





# LPAC FAMILY FUNDAY

## The Love of

# BLACK HISTORY

*Saturday, February 8, 2020*

*10:00 AM—2:00 PM*

**Free Food | Games | Music**

**Coach Fenn Park**

**1011 N. 23rd Street Fort Pierce, FL 34950**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

JALENE HENLEY @ 772-242-1599 AND DIANN DORSEY @ 772-742-8972



**LPAC PRESENTS**

# **BASKETBALL JAMBOREE**

**Team Limitation to the Championship • Age 13-18**  
**Shoot Out, Dribbling, & Obstacle Drill • Age 12-Under**  
**Finale Championship Game against City of FP Officials**



**FREE EVENT**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2020 • 10AM TO 2PM**

**Coach Fenn Park**  
**1011 N. 23rd Street • Fort Pierce, FL 34950**

**Additional Information: 772-204-5015**



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# 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 Guardian ad Litem.

### **ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)**

Third Wednesday of every month 12:00-1:30pm at the Health Department on Milner Drive.

### **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; Third Thursday at 9:00am at the St. Lucie Logistics Center.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)**

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

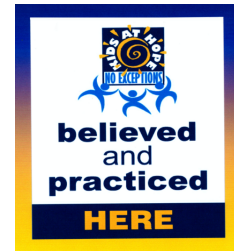
### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE**

Time and Location: TBD.

### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP ST. LUCIE**

Port St. Lucie YLSL: TBD.

Fort Pierce YLSL: TBD.



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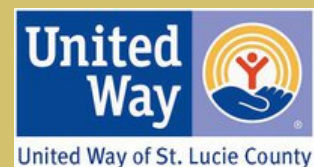
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*We envision a community where county leaders, businesses and residents are united to provide all children of St. Lucie County the resources they need to thrive, be successful and achieve their full potential.*

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