



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

March 2018 Issue

A Message From The Director:

As we prepare for spring this month I am feeling refreshed and encouraged. We ended February with the first annual Magnify and Multiply at the Fenn Center, an event led by St. Lucie County's Christian Leaders who have purposed to unify the church community to pray for the success of St. Lucie County and its citizens. The event was well attended, with representatives from the business community, local government, churches, law enforcement, grass roots and a plethora of agencies and organizations that serve our community. It was amazing to see the diversity and the fellowship amongst the crowd throughout the event. Some of our very own Roundtable members were on the program, including Mr. Wayne Gent who spoke about the astounding gains in education in our community, and Apostle Trevor Banks who delivered an uplifting message regarding the power of "oneness" and diversity for building a thriving community. We also had an opportunity to hear from and be encouraged by Sheriff Ken Mascara and Fort Pierce City Manager Nick Mims. I am already looking forward to the second Magnify and Multiply.

Kristy and I had an opportunity to go to Washington, DC to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), National Leadership Forum. We left there full of great information and tools for our community. For more about our trip, see page 2.

During President's Day weekend a diverse group of youth from Youth Leadership, Restoring the Village Youth Initiative, and youth from other community partner programs participated in the Y.Engage Youth Retreat. We are so proud of how the youth worked hard over their holiday weekend to gain tools and knowledge that will help them bring change to their community. One highlight of the weekend was that we were presented a monetary donation from Chief John Bolduc and the Port St. Lucie Police Department to support Youth Leadership. Thank you Chief Bolduc for your unwavering support of our precious youth!!! For more about the retreat, see page 3.

On a final note, just a few days away there is a "Getting Ahead" graduation on March 6 and YOU ARE INVITED! If your schedule permits, take some time to encourage the new graduates. I guarantee that YOU will be encouraged as well. See page 4 for the time and place. Hope to see you there!

Happy Spring Fever!!

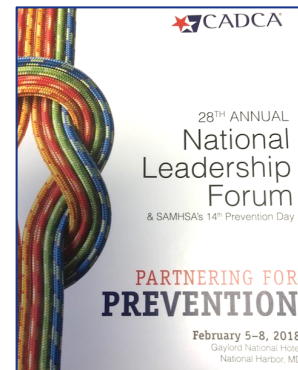
Teresa Bishop



Y.Engage Youth Leadership Retreat

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.



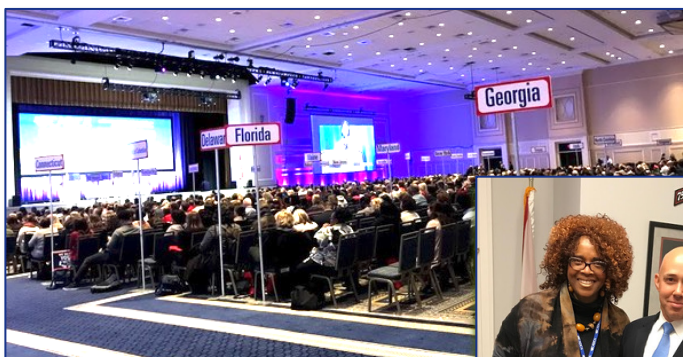
CADCA Partnering For Prevention

February 5th-8th, Teresa and Kristy attended the 28th annual National Leadership Forum's "Partnering for Prevention" in Washington D.C. Under the leadership of Arthur T. Dean, retired Major General Chairman and CEO of CADCA, and presidential appointee Richard Baum, Acting Director of the National Drug Control Policy, the Forum was a huge success. Staff attended several incredibly informative and educational training sessions that were conducted by experts from around the United States. These sessions included "Transforming Culture and Building Healthy Communities with Positive Community Norms", "Leveraging Existing Prevention Infrastructure to Address the Opioid Crisis", "Implicit Bias Prohibiting Cross Sector Collaboration and Culturally Appropriate Prevention Strategies" and "Collaboration Across Communities".

Teresa and Kristy attended an intelligence debriefing from DEA Chief of Intelligence Officer, Doug Poole, who gave an overview of The National Drug Threat Assessment and provided recently unclassified information about drug cartels that provide corridors directly through the Treasure Coast.

The trip to Washington included a day on Capitol Hill and the House of Representatives. Leading up to Capitol Hill Day our very own Teresa Bishop was designated to prepare and educate all of the Florida delegates on the legislative issues that needed to be addressed on a federal level. They met directly with our local elected representative. The meeting provided the opportunity to educate Congressman Mast on how federal funding could positively impact the work that we do to minimize the effects of the drug crisis for our youth here in St. Lucie County.

Teresa Bishop's experience and knowledge are an integral part of national strategic planning and training efforts. Teresa's advice and insight were sought by top level staff and CEO of CADCA to help strategize training efforts to support coalitions around the nation.





Y.Engage Youth Conference

The Roundtable was honored to host the Y.Engage Youth Conference at Children's Services Council from February 17th through 19th. Teenagers from Youth Leadership St. Lucie, Restoring the Village Youth Initiative, PACE Center for Girls, Men of the Sword, and Family of Faith Worship Center participated in this upbeat, relevant, and empowering event. The energetic training trio from Virginia enhanced the youth's knowledge and skills in the areas of civic leadership values, future-mindedness, civic activism, advocacy, youth mobilization, communication, and teamwork. The trainers encouraged the teens to utilize their voices appropriately and effectively so that they will be heard within their communities. The trainers also stressed the importance of not only words, but the teens have to put their plans into action. The community must see the investment teenagers are making in this county.

The teens engaged in team building activities, collaborative planning, and mobilization exercises during the training. Small and large group discussions, individual brainstorming, and documentation were a sample of the techniques used to demonstrate how a group can work together to achieve a common goal. The final training session was dedicated to showing the participants how to use Photovoice to spread their message of issues affecting them today. The teenagers from Fort Pierce will create a Photovoice display about the issues that are important to them, and the team from Port St. Lucie will create a display separately about the issues that are relevant to them. St Lucie's youth will be changed as a result of this training as these teenagers share with their peers and families what they have learned.





You're Invited

Join us for a ***Getting Ahead (GA)*** graduation!

We will celebrate on **Tuesday, March 6 from 11:15 am – 12:30 pm**

at the **First United Methodist Church Fort Pierce**

located at the corner of N. 7th Street and Orange Avenue

Our investigators will be reporting on youth & educational attainment

Please email NancyBrown25@me.com to let us know if you are planning to attend.

We appreciate the gift of your time to honor the hard work that our investigators have done throughout the 16-session *GA* course. Each one has developed a measurable goal for their lives that will help them achieve a brighter future story. They have each also contributed to our understanding of poverty in our community.

The *Getting Ahead* graduation, while brief, is critical moment in the journey of each graduate. Your presence is a visible reminder that our community supports those who are struggling to improve outcomes for their families and themselves. If you have attended a previous graduation, please attend again. If you have never attended, give yourself a true gift and spend an hour with an astonishing group of citizens who are working hard for a better tomorrow. Bring a friend or a colleague so they can also benefit from this experience.

More about Getting Ahead

Getting Ahead (GA) is an agenda-free facilitated learning experience covering 16 sessions of three-hours each. *GA* groups generally meet twice a week. A diverse group of 6 - 12 people uses life experiences as the context for learning about the causes of poverty from both an individual and community perspective. Participants, called investigators, study change theory, hidden rules of class and the eleven resources that can be built to enjoy a stable future. *Getting Ahead* is a critical component of the *Bridges Out of Poverty* comprehensive model for reducing poverty through effective change at the community and individual level. Studies show that organizations from various sectors including business, corrections, education, health, legal, social services, and faith have improved outcomes for people in poverty who attend *Bridges* and *GA* programs.

Parking

Please park on Orange Avenue or in the City of Fort Pierce lot at the corner of N. 7th Street and Orange Avenue. The church entrance is on Orange Avenue. You may need to ring the bell.

Thank you to our sponsors & partners

Getting Ahead would not be possible without the support of The United Way of St. Lucie County. We are also deeply grateful to the Roundtable of St. Lucie County; United Against Poverty; St. Lucie County Community Services; First United Methodist Church of Fort Pierce; Mustard Seed Ministries; Bridges to Prosperity, St. Lucie; and the many agencies that have incorporated *GA* and *Bridges* classes into their "way of work". It indeed takes a village and this village is making a difference.

Florida Highwaymen Trail Art Show and Festival

Student Art Contest

The City of Fort Pierce held the 3rd annual tribute to the Florida Highwaymen Trail Art Show and Festival on February 17th, 2018. The event featured many of the “original” and 2nd generation Highwaymen artists. It included an exhibit of Highwaymen Art Contest entries submitted by area 5th grade students who participated in the event’s educational component. Each year, the city provides educational materials about the Highwaymen to 5th grade art teachers, as well as art paper and a gift card to purchase paint and paint supplies. As the students learned about the Highwaymen and their history in Fort Pierce, they painted landscape scenes that were entered into the art contest. The Lincoln Park Main Street Board judged the contest entries. The 1st place winner’s art department won \$300; 2nd - \$250 and 3rd - \$200. Students with the winning entries received an engraved medallion commemorating the event and a \$25 gift card. All of the contest entries were displayed in a special exhibit at the event.





A Place to Become...

Since founded in 1994, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County have been at the forefront of youth development, working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social and family circumstances. With 19 locations throughout the county, more than 6,000 youth are served annually with Boys & Girls Club afterschool, summer, and outreach programs such as truancy prevention.

Boys & Girls Club programs focus on five core areas: Education & Career Development; Health & Life Skills; the Arts; Character & Leadership Development; and Sports, Fitness & Recreation. From individual tutoring and college field trips, to STEM activities and culinary training, Boys & Girls Club programs are designed to engage, inspire and empower kids and teens of all ages and interests. Two life-changing programs popular with Club members are Passport to Manhood and SMART Girls.

Passport to Manhood encourages boys age 8 to 14 to develop and mature into young men. With staff guidance, boys participate in discussions and activities that reinforce character, leadership and positive behavior. Each participant receives a “passport” to underscore the notion that he is on a personal journey of maturation and growth. The program’s 14 sessions use interactive activities to focus on a specific aspect of character and manhood. It also includes a service project where boys learn the importance of giving back to the community.

SMART Girls is a small-group health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program designed to meet the developmental needs of girls in three age groups, spanning ages 8 to 18. Through dynamic sessions, participatory activities, field trips and mentoring opportunities with adult women, Club girls explore their own and societal attitudes and values as they build skills for eating right, staying physically fit, getting good health care and developing positive relationships with peers and adults.

Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County is “A Place to Become...” a mature man; a healthy woman; a responsible, caring citizen. For further information or to schedule a tour, contact Dr. Anastasia Legakes, Vice President of Operations (772) 409-4491, alegakes@bgcofslc.org.



Twenty young men from the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County’s Infinity, Garden Terrace and Chuck Hill Teen CLUB participated in a field trip to Cardita’s Formal Wear in Jensen Beach. The teens learned the proper way to tie long ties and bow ties.



Girl Club members ages 8 to 18 have fun exploring ways to live healthy, happy, smart lives.

St. Lucie County's Bike Share Program Gets Peddling in Fort Pierce

FORT PIERCE – Don't let the lack of a bicycle stop you from peddling around St. Lucie County. St. Lucie County's Transit Division has partnered with Zagster on a two-year pilot program that will create nine bicycle rental stations throughout the county.

Bicycle share stations have already been installed in downtown Fort Pierce near the City Marina and on South Hutchinson Island at the St. Lucie County Aquarium and Jaycee Park. Additional stations are in the works in Fort Pierce, including one at Jetty Park and the Beth Ryder Intermodal Facility on Avenue D. The city of Port St. Lucie will host four bike stations at Sportsman Park, Whispering Pines Park, the Port St. Lucie Intermodal Facility and the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. City crews are working with Zagster to pour concrete slabs for these stations with plans to have all of the stations and 50 bicycles available by early March.

The cost to rent a bike is \$1 per hour. Bicycles can be rented by downloading the Zagster app or via www.zagster.com/stlucie and text messaging. Instructions are also available on signs located at all bike share stations.

Bicycles can be returned to any of the stations located through the county, meaning residents can even use the Treasure Coast Connector, as all fixed route buses feature bike racks.

St. Lucie County's bike share program is a two-year pilot program. The Florida Department of Transportation's Intermodal Development Program provided capital financing for the purchase of six bike stations and 35 bicycles, as well as one-year of operating costs for those stations. Additional funding is currently being sought through sponsorship opportunities. If a local business or organization is interested in promoting the bike share program, sponsorships are available, which includes a business name/logo on a bike station sign and bicycle baskets to acknowledge their generous contribution in supporting the program, as well as their commitment to the local community. For more information about sponsoring a bike station contact: St. Lucie County Transportation Planner/Transit System Coordinator David Engel, MCRP, AICP, at 772-462-5164 or engled@stlucieco.org.

The bike share system is designed to promote public health, recreation, provide an affordable non-motorized travel option for short trips, and improve access to the county's fixed-route bus service, which is now free thanks to a two-year pilot program and Florida Department of Transportation grant.





Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

March 6 or April 20, 2018

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County
546 NW University Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Sometimes, first aid isn't a **bandage**, or **CPR**, or the **Heimlich**, or calling **911**.
Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

A young person you know could be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. You can help them.

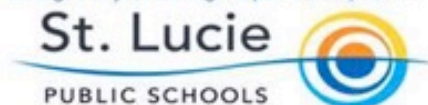
Youth Mental Health First Aid introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid course, but it is ideally designed for adults who work with young people, ages 12-18 — teachers, coaches, leaders of faith communities, health and human services workers, social workers, and other caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you. Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.CSCSLC.org

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ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm*
- Listen nonjudgmentally*
- Give reassurance and information*
- Encourage appropriate professional help*
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies*

Questions? Contact tandreacchio@cscslc.org or call 772-408-1100.

Mental Health First Aid USA is coordinated by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

NARCAN TRAINING



Attend a free
training session

These trainings are free of charge and will include
opioid overdose prevention education, hands-on
training on how to administer Narcan, and
complimentary Narcan kits to individuals at risk, and
their family, friends or loved ones.

Narcan (Naloxone), given
as a nasal spray, can
reverse the effects of an
opioid overdose and **SAVE
A LIFE.**



GIVE SOMEONE A SECOND CHANCE -TO RECOVER AND LIVE

Saturday, March 3rd
10am-2pm
One-hour trainings offered at 10, 11, 12 & 1pm
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast
4500 W. Midway Road, Fort Pierce
Main Conference Room

Save the Date
Be a HERO for a child and participate
in the CHS Heroes 5K!

April 21, 2018
7:30 a.m. | Indian Riverside Park
1707 NE Indian River Dr. Jensen Beach

BeAHero5k.com

 We do good.









**Lincoln Park – BOOM!
Building On Our Momentum!**

Have you ever had a great idea that could help the Lincoln Park community, but have not had the funds to make it a reality? Here is your chance to bring your idea to life! The Lincoln Park Council for the Common Good is pleased to announce the BOOM! funding initiative, which will invest up to \$500,000 in a BOOM! idea addressing one or more of the three following community priorities and strategies:

Priority 1: Quality Jobs and Livable Wages: All Lincoln Park residents will have access to quality jobs that earn them livable wages.

Strategies:

- Strengthen and leverage existing job training resources to align with potential workforce opportunities for Lincoln Park residents.
- Promote small business creation in Lincoln Park community.

Priority 2: Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods: Lincoln Park residents will live in a safe and healthy community.

Strategies:

- Facilitate opportunities for neighborhood clean ups.
- Create wellness opportunities for Lincoln Park residents.
- Endorse positive images in the Lincoln Park community.

Priority 3: Building Community Infrastructure and Capacity: Organizations and individuals in Lincoln Park will have the connections and capacity to achieve their missions and sustain the progress of the Common Good Initiative.

Strategies:

- Build capacity of a subset of nonprofit organizations
- Inspire and “train” community change agents (individual leaders).

Think CREATIVE! Think OUT OF THE BOX! Think DIFFERENT! Think INNOVATIVE!

The Lincoln Park Council wants to learn about your BOOM! idea, and the impact it can have in Lincoln Park. BOOM! funding will be awarded to one or more efforts that engage, inspire and connect residents of the Lincoln Park community. Individuals, nonprofits, organizations, associations and groups are eligible to submit an idea. The Council encourages collaborative efforts. Examples of ideas can be found on ATTACHMENT 1.



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

CHILD WELFARE

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

Next meeting is January 2nd.

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

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

LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourth Thursday of every other month at 12:00pm at the Department of Health

714 Avenue C, Fort Pierce.

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)

VIOLENCE & DELINQUENCY WORKGROUP

Quarterly on third Tuesday at 2:00pm. Location – State Attorney's Office on 2nd Street.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Third Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm at the State Attorney's Office on 2nd Street.

SCHOOL DELINQUENCY NETWORK

Meets monthly. Date, time, and location TBD.

STEERING COMMITTEE

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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

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



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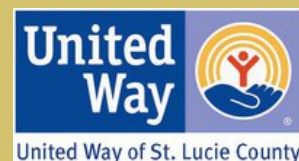
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