



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children



THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

October 2015 Issue

A Message From The Director:

It is my pleasure to greet you this month and to welcome you to the historic Lincoln Park district of beautiful Fort Pierce for our October meeting. So much of our efforts over the past year have involved community residents and youth who live and work in Lincoln Park. It is therefore fitting that we host a meeting here, and we thank Roundtable Member Mayor Linda Hudson for suggesting it and Roundtable Member Pastor Eldrew Baldwin for opening the doors of his church, First Bethel Missionary Baptist, to us for the meeting.

I grew up in Lincoln Park and have many fond memories here (including walking to the corner store on Means Court and Ave D with my cousins to buy penny and five cent candies). I can truly say that I love this place. Not only is it historically significant- it is the home of the Highwaymen and resting place of Zora Neale Hurston (who spent part of her life teaching at Lincoln Park Academy) -- but it is filled with people who care about each other, this County and our youth. It is a place that has operated under the "village mentality" of caring for each other's kids as long as I can remember. Innumerable people who live and work in Lincoln Park were a part of my success. Well before anyone talked about "Restoring the Village" or "Kids at Hope," the residents of Lincoln Park were caring trusted adults who had high expectations of me (ACES) and taught me that I was talented, smart and capable of success. So even as the Roundtable works in Lincoln Park to help improve outcomes for youth, we should be very clear: Agency and organizational leaders did not bring Kids at Hope or Restoring the Village to Lincoln Park. Those concepts were already here and are embedded in the fiber of this community.

In the pages of this month's newsletter, you will find information about the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of the Safe Neighborhoods Network dedicated to providing a voice in this County for Lincoln Park residents. You will also read about upcoming substance abuse prevention events (held in partnership with the City of Fort Pierce), and countywide Kids at Hope, Bridges to Prosperity and Healthy St. Lucie activities. We have also included a flyer for an upcoming workshop on Strategies for Responding to Conflict and Violence (hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and IRSC), facilitated by the Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence. This workshop is in line with so much of the work we are doing ... please consider participating.

Thank you for all you do for St. Lucie County,

Shaniek Maynard



IMPORTANT DATES:

National Gang Center Basic Training for Street Gang Investigators

October 6-9th, 2015

Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex

Steering Committee Meeting

October 15th, 2015

Children's Services Council

National Gang Center Intervention Team Training

November 4-5th, 2015

IRSC, Blackburn Campus
3302 Avenue D, Fort Pierce

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.

LPAC VISIONING SESSION

On September 28th, 40 members of the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee gathered at the Fort Pierce Police Station for a Visioning Session to determine the mission and purpose of LPAC, select priorities and begin the process of determining goals and outcomes for the next year. The Lincoln Park Advisory Committee is a subcommittee of the Roundtable's Safe Neighborhoods Network. It is comprised of residents of Lincoln Park and/or individuals who work in and care about the Lincoln Park community.

LPAC's role is:

- To provide residents of Lincoln Park a voice in Roundtable initiatives;
- To find creative ways of engaging those residents of Lincoln Park who are not normally engaged;
- To assist the Roundtable in identifying services and activities that are most needed in the Lincoln Park area; and
- To participate in the implementation of the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model, known in Fort Pierce as the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative.



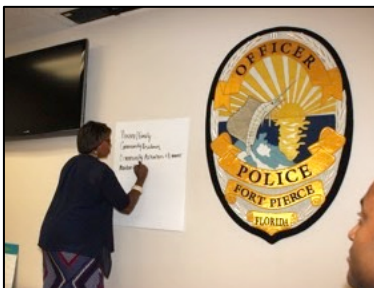
During the Visioning Session, Roundtable Consultant, Teresa Bishop trained LPAC members on community mobilization techniques and best practices from around the country. LPAC members also reviewed the data that was collected over the past year from numerous focus groups with approximately 200 teens and 50 adults, as well as the community resident surveys submitted by 215 residents and 50 community leaders. The data showed that 48% of community residents did not feel safe in their community (44% felt safe and 6% did not respond). The top three concerns selected by community residents included: Unemployment, Gang Activity and

Homicide. Interestingly, 75% of those surveyed said there are gangs in the community. Yet, 77% did not believe their children were at risk for joining gangs. The top three reasons cited by community residents for gang activity included Lack of Activities, Poverty, and Boredom. The most important things residents believed could be done to stop violence were Job Provision and Job Training Programs, Recreation, and Mentoring.



After reviewing the community level data that was collected, LPAC members utilized a consensus building process to select two achievable priorities to work on in the next twelve months. The two priorities selected were; (1) creating more collaborative community activities and events in certain pockets of the Lincoln Park community; and (2) addressing the unwillingness of many residents to participate and engage with the civic process. LPAC will be meeting again within the next few weeks to evaluate these priorities and set a plan for addressing them within the next twelve months.

The Roundtable thanks all the LPAC members for their participation and acknowledges Chief Hobley-Burney and her staff (Officer Dani Dreizehnter and Analyst Audria Wells) for allowing LPAC to use their space and assisting with facilitation of the workshop.



For more information about LPAC, please contact LPAC President Denise Sirmons (Kids at Hope) or Vice President Betty Bradwell (Community Mobilization Team & Parents of Murdered Children).



Photo Credit: A. Hasan Malik. Thank you!

Substance Abuse Network

In partnership with the Hernando Community Coalition, the Substance Abuse Prevention Network (SAPN) was awarded a Drug Free Communities Mentoring Grant through SAMHSA. The two-year award will ready the SAPN to apply for the Drug Free Communities grant, which provides 5 years of substance abuse prevention funding for communities. The Drug Free Communities program works to change environmental factors that are supportive of substance use, with a focus on youth populations. The SAPN will work on developing a formal structure of the group and building the capacity of the coalition to provide a framework for community partners to work together to make population level change in St. Lucie County.

Additionally, the Substance Abuse Prevention Network has begun the process of seeking approval through the School District of St. Lucie County to administer a survey on marijuana use and attitudes about marijuana use to 8th graders and high school students in the County. Data gathered from the surveys will be broken down by zip code of the schools that participate. This data will then be used to implement specific prevention strategies in different areas of the county.



The Teen Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October 30th, 2015 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the River Walk Center in Fort Pierce, Florida. The event is for 13-18 year olds and will include a Live DJ, Photo Booth, Costume Contest, Games and more. This festival is part of the Substance Abuse Prevention Network's "Friday Night Done Right – No Alcohol, No Dope" Campaign, a social strategy to show youth they can have fun without abusing illegal substances.

The theme of the event is: "Stars that Shine" and is aimed at encouraging youth to attend the event dressed as people they

admire, such as movie stars, law enforcement, mentors and even family members. Youth are encouraged to dress like those that have great influence in their lives.

The SAPN is holding a Video Competition, which is an opportunity for youth to create a PSA that allows them to demonstrate ways that young people can have fun and engage in positive activities without being involved in drugs and alcohol. The videos will be shown at the Fall Festival Event and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Mr. Travon "Deebo" Simmons, RTVYI outreach worker will also be assisting the groups with making sure they are ready for the final video shoot.

Since the Substance Abuse grant cannot be used for food, the Network is looking for a partner to sponsor food for the teens. The cost is estimated at \$400-\$600. Please contact the Roundtable if your agency can help!

Only 100 youth (ages 13-18 years) will be able to attend the Teen Fall Festival due to facility capacity limits. If your club or organization would like to bring youth to this event please RSVP by October 12th, 2015.

A special thank you to the City of Fort Pierce for co-sponsoring this event. Words cannot express how grateful we are to the City for investing in our youth and their success today and in the future. For more information on how your organization can contribute or to RSVP please contact Cherrie Johnson, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator at (772) 267-1100 or via email at - Mrs.Cherrie.Johnson@live.com. Flyers are included in this newsletter and available to print on the Substance Abuse Network page at www.RoundtableSLC.com as well as our Facebook page.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS NETWORK



The Restoring the Village Youth Initiative welcomed our new outreach workers this month. The selected candidates *Thernell Mills, Sr.*, *Darcy McFolley*, *William Roundtree*, and *Travon Simmons* are all long-time residents of Fort Pierce, who know our community and target population well. They each have extensive experience working with youth in Fort Pierce, as teachers, coaches, and mentors. We are incredibly excited to have them onboard!



In the four weeks they have been on the job, they have spent most of their time on the streets and in the community, reaching out to young men, visiting schools to inform about the project, and participating in community events in Fort Pierce. The National Gang Center came down in early September to train the outreach workers in street outreach and the Gang Model.

The efforts of the outreach workers and our partners in Restoring the Village Youth Initiative have paid off, as we have received almost 30 referrals for the program. If you know of a youth that could benefit from our program, please contact Monica Jakobsen at (772) 448-3120.



National Gang Center Training – Celeste Wojtalewicz, Project Coordinator and Jay Franklin, Outreach Supervisor Riverside, CA. CGM Test Site – Project Bridge.



**Samuel Gaines Academy – Red & Gold Tie Event
Darcy McFolley, RTVYI Outreach Worker**





KIDS AT HOPE



The “Sundaes in the Park” event sponsored by the Children’s Services Council was a huge success! Kids at Hope Coordinator Dana Stonelake time travelled with hundreds of kids as they spun the KAH “Destination Wheel” and shared their future goals. Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator Cherrie Johnson talked with hundreds of kids and parents as they signed the Friday Night Done Right pledge and shared how they spend their Friday nights.

Our Kids at Hope Coordinators, Denise Sirmons and Dana Stonelake, are pleased to announce three more St. Lucie County schools have joined the Kids at Hope team! Thanks to our additional KAH volunteer trainers, Shari Heisey and Donna Gibson, we were able to train approximately 200 Centennial High School teachers and staff. Also joining the Kids at Hope movement is West Gate K-8 and St. Lucie Elementary. In October we will be adding Imagine NAU Charter School and Floresta Elementary to our Kids at Hope team as well.

Parent trainers, Geegee Bentancourt and Shari Heisey joined Melissa Hamblin at the annual Weatherbee Elementary Kids at Hope Parent Training in September. Over 70 parents completed the Kids at Hope Parent training presented in Spanish, English, and even translated in to Creole.



Want to have your new staff or organization trained in Kids at Hope?

Open Training Schedule:

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| October 6 | November 3 |
| December 8 | January 12 |

Location:

River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Dr. Ft. Pierce

Time:

10:00am-12:00pm

CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH NETWORK

The Healthy St. Lucie Coalition has adopted the following priorities:

Healthy Eating ♦ Physical Activity ♦ Chronic Disease

Healthy St. Lucie will meet this month to discuss strategies to promote healthy eating, increase physical activity, and prevent or manage chronic disease in our county. Check out the new website at www.HealthyStLucie.org - Like Us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



Please join us to discuss creating a culture of health for our community!

Healthy St. Lucie Meeting

October 8th at 3:00pm

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County
5150 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

For more information contact:

Donna M. Harris
(772) 785-6184 or Donna.Harris@FLHealth.gov

Economic Sufficiency Network



Our “Getting Ahead” classes are currently under way with 10 participants enrolled and preparing to celebrate their Graduation on Thursday, October 15th at Grace Way Village! Thank you Kevin Singletary and Sonia Dupree, the fabulous trainers that help make this program such a great success!

***Bridges Out of Poverty** is an approach that helps employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals address poverty in a comprehensive way. Participants learn ideas, structures, and concrete tools a community needs to prevent, alleviate, and reduce poverty. The goal of the program is to help employers and directors to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty.*

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VIDEO COMPETITION

**PROMOTING THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AND
DRUG ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Open to youth ages 13-18. Prepare a 3min to 5min Public Service presentation promoting the prevention of violence alcohol and drug abuse in our community. Ideas to consider: Dramatic skit, Poetry, Dance, Music, etc. Teams may consist of 2-6 persons. Be creative. No lude or inappropriate projects or routines will be considered.

MUST RSVP PROJECT & LOCATION FOR APPROVAL BY:

OCTOBER 2ND, 2015

PROJECTS WILL BE FILMED

October 12th, 2015

FINAL JUDGING WILL BE HELD AT TEEN FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 30TH, 2015 6PM



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STARS THAT SHINE

TEEN FALL FESTIVAL PARTY

**COSTUME
CONTEST**

MUST BE
APPROPRIATE

**GAMES
&
ACTIVITIES**

FOOD

LIVE DJ

OCTOBER 30TH
FROM 6:00PM - 9:00PM

**YOUTH AGES
13 - 18**

PRIZES INCLUDE:

GAMING SYSTEM (GAME STOP)

*BOWLING PACKAGE FOR 4 (SUPER PLAY)

MOVIE TICKETS AND MORE

**VIDEO
CONTEST**

**PHOTO
BOOTH**

RIVER WALK CENTER

600 N. INDIAN RIVER DR. FORT PIERCE, FL

YOUTH ATTENDING THE EVENT MUST BE CHAPERONED (RATIO 1:3 / STAFF/YOUTH)

**PROGRAMS/ORGANIZATIONS MUST RSVP TO PARTICIPATE BY:
OCTOBER 12TH**



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Basic Training for Street Gang Investigators

October 6–9, 2015 • Fort Pierce, Florida

This is a specialized curriculum for law enforcement officers who encounter gangs on the street.

Who Should Attend

This 3½-day training is offered to sworn officers from St. Lucie County and the Treasure Coast area. This training will provide basic, entry-level training to officers:

- Newly assigned to work with street gangs.
- With limited experience, but little formal training in street gang investigations.
- From small agencies, for whom street gang investigation is an assigned, but additional, duty.

Registration

There is no registration fee. This training is made possible through funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Class size is limited, and it is recommended that you register early. We reserve the right to limit the number of attendees from each agency to ensure that the maximum number of agencies is represented. Register online at <http://s.iir.com/FPFL10-15>.

Once your registration is received and accepted, a staff member from the National Gang Center (NGC) will e-mail or fax a confirmation memo. For security reasons, only those individuals having a confirmed advance registration will be admitted to the training, and no registrations will be accepted on-site without prior notification. Law enforcement credentials will be required at check-in. Training check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. on October 6. The training schedule is 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 6–8 and 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on October 9.

Training Location/Facility Host

Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex
Bailey Auditorium
4600 Kirby Loop Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Overnight accommodations are available at the rate of \$74, plus tax, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites at 7151 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945 (772) 464-5000. Reference ILFPPD to obtain this special rate. **Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.**

Questions?

For questions regarding registration, call (800) 446-0912, extension 287. Accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Contact NGC for further information.

Cohosted by

- Fort Pierce Police Department
- Regional Organized Crime Information Center®
- United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida

Instructors

Experts, many with national recognition in the subject area, will provide instruction. A regional overview of gangs will be provided by local gang authorities.

Prerequisite Training

The Street Gang Intelligence module of this basic training has been moved online. This is an 80-minute, self-paced course, which you are expected to complete prior to October 6, 2015. Material from the online course will be referenced but NOT covered during the in-class portion of the Basic Training for Street Gang Investigators. To register for and complete the online Street Gang Intelligence training, go to <https://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/User/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fOnline-Training>.

Course Topics

- **National Gang Overview**—basic information necessary to understand street gangs
- **Developing Traditional & Nontraditional Sources of Information**—use sources of information to solve gang-motivated crimes
- **Regional Gang Overview**—specific information about active regional and local gangs
- **Prevention/Intervention and the Role of Law Enforcement**—ways to engage in a comprehensive community approach to reduce the risks of gang violence
- **Gang Investigations**—unique nature of gang investigations and gang crime scenes
- **Gang Intelligence**—the role of gang investigators in the intelligence process
- **Interviewing Gang Members**—intelligence gathering through everyday contact with gang members on the street
- **Gang Suppression**—strategies and tactics that have been effective in suppressing gang activity
- **Social Media Technology**—trends use of the Internet as a tool for gathering intelligence on local gangs
- **Federal Resources and Tools**—capabilities and help offered through federal agencies and programs



No Registration Fee





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IRSC - Division of Minority Affairs Division – TRIO/CROP Programs

~PRESENTS~

Strategies for Responding to Conflict and Violence

Date & Time

Saturday, October 24, 2015

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 PM

Location

Indian River State College

Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex

4600 Kirby Loop, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34981

Who are the Players?

Youth- Grades 9-20

John T. Jones, Jr., Executive Director of the Florida Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Institute for Non-Violence

Mr. Charles Alphin, Training Consultant for the MLK Institute

Ms. Arlie Holiday, Training Consultant for the MLK Institute

What will it entail?

Role Playing,

Debates

Group Discussions

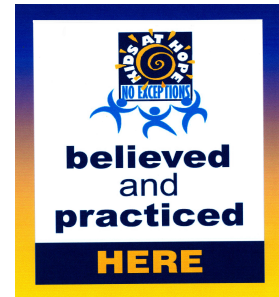
And much more...

Objective

The goal is to enhance and enrich students and adults in peaceful conflict resolution by sharing principles that have been successful applied globally in various countries and cultures.

For additional information or to RSVP please contact Jewel Player: player.jewel@gmail.com or (301)751-5189

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 7.



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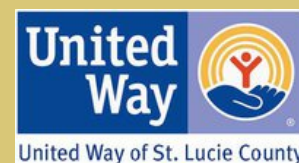


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