



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

October 2019 Issue

A Message From The Director:

Extra, Extra, Read All About It! New developments for the Roundtable's Restoring the Village Youth Initiative (RTVYI): new home, new name, new funding! First, it is important that our community knows just how many agencies, organizations and private donors make this all possible through their partnership, financial resources and in-kind contributions that support the initiative. In 2014, the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Police Department, in partnership with the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, received funding for 2 years from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to implement the Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). This funding was renewed for another 2 years with the expectation that our local community would sustain the initiative completely once the federal funding ended this past spring.

Early on, the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, and the St. Lucie County Children Services Council invested additional financial resources to support an impactful implementation of the initiative. They continued to do so throughout the federal funding period, increased their investment to fill the financial gap after federal funding ended, and now have committed support for the new fiscal year.

I am grateful to announce that while the federal funding ended in March for implementation of the model, more community partners rose to the occasion to sustain the initiative. Joining our original funding and resource partners to keep the RTVYI going to date include the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, the Port St. Lucie Police Department, the Community Foundation of Martin and Greater St. Lucie, the Fort Pierce Housing Authority, St. Lucie County Department of Health, along with a number of private donors. We express gratitude to the City of Fort Pierce for housing the initiative in its infancy as we transition this month to our new location provided by the St. Lucie County Department of Health at the Gwenda Thompson Logistics Center. Thank you St. Lucie County Department of Health - we love our new digs!!!!

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Next, thanks to all who submitted suggestions for renaming the RTVYI. We are close to finalizing a name that captures the essence of this magnificent partnership! Look out for the "Big Reveal" coming soon.

Why is sustaining this initiative important? The goal of the model is to reduce gang violence in our community through comprehensive strategies. At its core, however, is the provision of opportunities for young boys and men to connect with Outreach Workers who serve as mentors, advocates and essentially "treasure hunters". The Outreach Team works tirelessly to engage the participants in pro-social activities, connect them with countless community partners and support their participation in education, employment and other efforts to build character and change the trajectory of their lives. What sometimes goes unsaid is that most of the participants in the initiative have experienced severe maltreatment, tragedy, abandonment and loss, leaving them feeling hopeless for the future. They are then labeled as "at risk" and end up as "juvenile delinquents". RTVYI participants not only need accountability - a very important part of the initiative - but they also need lots of specialized support, resources and tools provided by or accessed through the initiative —to restore their "HOPE".

Sustaining RTVYI and the implementation of the CGM is also important because it qualifies us for more federal funding to expand and build upon the work. We are excited to announce that we applied for and were awarded two grants from the U.S. DOJ OJJDP primarily for existing CGM sites in the amount of \$820,000 over the next 3 years. The grants will let us: (1) expand the initiative beyond the original target area of Fort Pierce to serving youth who live in Port St. Lucie and the unincorporated areas of St. Lucie County; (2) serve females involved in gangs and community violence; and (3) enhance the systems response to victims of gang violence and their families.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our public and private partners for your vote of confidence, financial resources and in-kind support. We will continue to stand together and declare that all kids are capable of success -- <u>NO EXCEPTIONS</u>!!

Teresa Bishop



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.



HOPE'S Corner



Bring Your Dad to School Event

Kids at Hope teamed up with the staff at St Lucie Elementary School and the Families of the Treasure Coast to recruit fathers and men from the community to come out for the annual Bring Your Dad to School Event. Octavious Robinson opened the Dad's Program by thanking everyone for coming out. Kevin Singletary shared with men the importance of being the example for their sons and daughters. He challenged the men in attendance to be the strong foundation the family can build on, lean on, and rely on. Mr. Mack of the Children's Services Counsel talked about the importance of being a physically present and involved father. The third speaker, Brock Schiffer, talked about adopting this school and assisting with getting daily volunteers. Lt. Jamie Wills of the St Lucie County Sheriff Office talked about exercising tough love when rearing his sons, but he never fails to tell his sons he loves them on a daily basis. Trevor Banks, Jr from Resurrection Life Family Worship Center gave some inspirational words about how his father has helped to shape his parenting skills now. He said he has more of a profound respect for his father today since he became a father just a few months ago. Mr. Banks shared with the fathers that being an example for their children to follow in word and in deed is important because Fort Pierce needs them. The community was well represented. Resurrection Life Men's Ministry and the United Methodist Church sent men, the Sheriff's Office sent deputies, and also many grandfathers and uncles came out to support the children of St Lucie Elementary School.





LPAC Mobilizing Our Community, Uniting for Peace, and Creating Safe Neighborhoods



FALL FAMILY FUN DAY!

On September 28th, the Lincoln Park Advisory Council held a Fall Family Fun Day at Sheraton Plaza Park in Fort Pierce. Families were able to interact with community agencies, play games at each booth, and enjoy food prepared by the Boy Scout Troop 473 from St. Anastasia Catholic School. Some of the vendors that participated in the Festival were Restoring Hope Ministries, Helping People Succeed, Care Net, SWAT, Children's Home Society, Treasure Coast Food Bank, St. Lucie Aquatics, Lighthouse City Church, YMCA, Healthy St. Lucie, St. Lucie-Florida Department of Health, Children's Services Council, St. Lucie Reads, Florida DJJ, Soulfull Things, and Project Rock. This event also had the 1st Annual LPAC Basketball Jamboree for children ages 13-18 with the help of Sword Outreach. Sword Outreach was undefeated and played in the championship game against the Fort Pierce City Officials. The Fort Pierce City Officials took home the trophy against the Sword Outreach. The winning team consisted of: Apostle Trevor Banks, Sr., Sean Boyle, Trevor Banks, Jr., Joseph Banks, Roland Rodgers, and John Caesar. Donations for this event were from Treasure Coast Food Bank, Lighthouse City Church, and the Roundtable of St. Lucie County. This Lincoln Park Advisory Council event brought the community together for a day filled with fellowship and fun.





SAFIR COALITION

HOME ABOUT INITIATIVES RESOURCES ~



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MARIJUANA: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ISSUES FACING SOCIETY TODAY

Indian River County
October 22, 2019 | IRSC Mueller Campus

TOPICS:

Flower, concentrates, edibles, wax, usage among youth, impact of legalization, DUI rates, hospital rates, school performance, diversion, and much more!



MARIJUANA: WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND WHAT TO EXPECT

Friday, April 12, 2019, 9 AM - 12 PM

Ed Shemelya is a 30 year veteran of the Kentucky State Police and is currently the National Coordinator of the National Marijuana Initiative. The initiative is responsible for assisting and improving the capabilities of the 32 High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas nationwide, in carrying out the National Drug Control Strategy objectives of disrupting domestic trafficking and production of, and reducing demand for, marijuana and derivative products.



September 2019





BRIDGES TO PROSPERITY, ST. LUCIE Economic Sufficiency Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County

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Roundtable Networks Collaborate

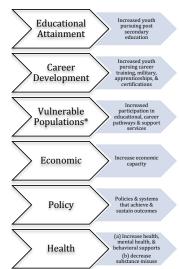
Strong partnerships are critical to identifying and building strategies for prevention and interventions to reduce youth disconnectedness. The Bridges to Prosperity Network (B2P) has initiated meetings with representatives of the (a) Child Welfare Network and the (b) Teen Pregnancy Prevention subcommittee of the Child & Adolescent Health Network as part of this process. Special thanks to Lisa von Seelen, Chris Martinez, Paul Nigro, Tessa Falatovich, and Tonya Andreacchio for their support.

The willingness of the Network members to share their time, knowledge and experience has provided insight into issues facing youth in foster care and pregnant and/or parenting youth - two populations vulnerable to becoming disconnected. B2P will be reaching out to the other Networks to identify shared strategies that will support increased educational attainment and embarkation on a career path.

Key Target Areas

Disconnected youth are teenagers and young people, ages 16-24, who are neither working nor in school. The B2P plan is to prevent and reduce youth disconnection by utilizing strategies that target the key areas below.





* This could include the following: (a) pregnant/parenting youth, (b) foster care youth, (c) homeless youth, (d) youth with disabilities.

Join us: The B2P Network meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from 12–1:30 at the FL Dept. of Health SLC at 5150 NW Milner Dr. Please contact Wydee'a Wilson at wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us for more information.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE



Priority Funding Opportunity: Keeping Kids in School

The Children's Services Council is opening its priority area "Keeping Kids in School" for the 2020-2021 funding year.

The Children's Services Council has aligned its funding priorities with <u>community indicators</u>. By funding and making available prevention and early intervention services, the Children's Services Council strives to ensure that these services have a positive impact on the community. The community indicators aligned with the priority area "Keeping Kids in School" are:

School Absenteeism Rate

- Grade Level Reading Proficiency
- Academic Performance
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Graduation Rate
- **Drop Out Rate**

Agencies submitting proposals will be required to demonstrate how their proposed program's main focus and program impact are aligned, directly or indirectly, with one or more of the above community indicators. Proposed programs that cannot demonstrate their impact will not be considered for funding.

Funding for programs selected will begin October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Program funding is on a monthly reimbursement basis. Additionally, funded programs will be required to submit quarterly outcome and demographic reports as detailed in the program contract.

The full proposal application must be submitted online. A copy of the application is available at www.cscslc.org



With the United States Military making constant headline news, it's important that we know another side of what's happening to those who bravely defend our rights. According to Protect Our Defenders, 13,000 servicewomen and 7,500 servicemen were sexually assaulted last year alone. Over 76% of these survivors did not report these crimes. Why? Because a third of those victimized were discharged within seven months of reporting.



The Inner Truth Project has created a new group to help support those service members who have been affected by MST (military sexual trauma). We want to provide a safe space for our veterans to heal from their sexual trauma so that they can continue to be the best parents, family members, veterans and versions of themselves possible. Sexual violence happens in all institutions but it doesn't have to stay hidden. If you would like information on our upcoming MST group or any of our other programs, please contact us at info@innertruthproject.org or 772-200-4599 A new pair of socks will go a long way in keeping someone warm this winter



St. Lucie County Sock Drive

Oct 1-Oct 31

Sponsored by

Experience Works Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Collecting new sock donations for:

Men, Women, Children

Drop off sites:

Kings Isle, United Methodist Church on Prima Vista, Habitat for Humanity PSL, St Lucie Lanes, Bev Smith Toyota, and Texas Roadhouse

Socks will be distributed to local agencies serving the homeless. .

For more information or to schedule a donation pick-up contact: RSVP, 772-323-5286 or mjordan@experienceworks.org











Keynote Speaker Mark Wilson President and CEO Florida Chamber of Commerce



Tickets \$20 Breakfast provided.

Sponsorships Available

A portion of the proceeds to benefit Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County



Join us for this important symposium discussing early learning's impact on your business today and tomorrow.

St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Early Education and Business ymposium

> Presented by PNCBANK

- Keynote Presentation by Mark Wilson, Florida Chamber of Commerce
- Grow Up Great" by Kimberly Reckley, PNC Bank
- Panel Discussion on Local Efforts

Invited Panelists:

- Sean Boyle, Executive Director Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County
- E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent St. Lucie Public Schools
- Tony Loupe, Chief Executive Officer Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County
- Kimberly Reckley, SVP, Client & Community Relations Director PNC Bank, Southeast Florida

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Club Talavera | PGA Verano 17127 SW Ambrose Way, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

RSVP: StLucieChamber.org/rsvp





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An Interactive Family Event, featuring a drum circle starring YOU, soccer obstacle courses, entertainment, bike rodeo, princess and puppet shows & more

@ PNC

Free Books! Free Activities! Free Character Meet & Greet Photo Spot PNC's Mobile Learning Adventure

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019 FROM 1-4 PM

Minsky Gym & Whispering Pines Park in Port St. Lucie **FREE FOR ALL FAMILIES**

Sponsored by Florida's Office of Early Learning



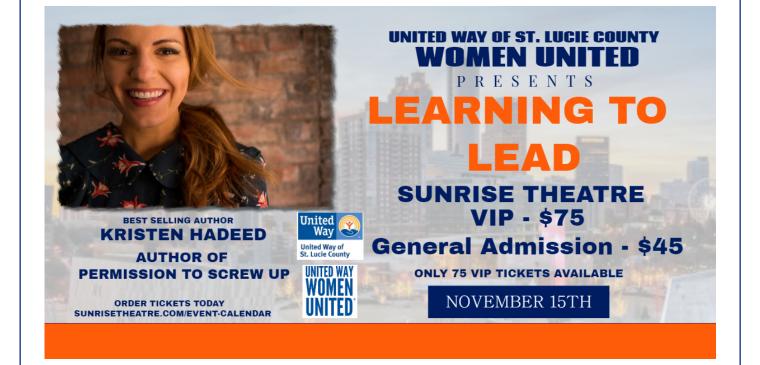
KID MANIA: IN THE LAND OF LITERACY IS OCTOBER 20 FROM 1-4 PM AT MINSKY GYM & WHISPERING PINES PARK!

WE'RE CALLING ALL CHARACTERS!

The FREE Family Festival is brought to you by the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Children's Services Council and the City of Port St. Lucie.

We are looking for mascots and characters from sports teams, fairy tale books, law enforcement agencies, fast food restaurants, and fun dress-up character & animals that can rotate through our air-conditioned indoor PHOTO SPOT, to pose for photos with children of families who don't usually get to go to theme parks to meet & greet characters.

Please contact us at 772-595-6424 ext 141 if your organization can help!



19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT VICTIMS' RIGHTS COALITION 1ST ANNUAL WALK/RUN



The 19th Judicial Circuit Victims' Rights Coalition is comprised of agencies that help crime victims. We are holding this event in recognition of those who have suffered a victimization. Our **Goal** is to **raise awareness** and to **raise funds**. We simply want to **help MORE people**. Help us to do that! We look forward to uniting and reaching our goal!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2019 7:30AM-12:00PM

1st price reflects discounted rate & 2nd price rate starting October 15th **Click link below for more race info**!

5K Trail Race	\$35/\$45
10K Trail Race	\$40/\$50
First Responder 5K Team Race	\$25/\$35
State Attorneys vs. Public Defenders	\$25/\$35

https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Stuart/CrimeVictimsEmpowermentRun



Beautiful Venue

Halpatiokee Park 8303 SW Lost River Road Stuart, FL 34997

Super "Cool" Shirts!!!

Top Finisher Medals Swag Bags Water Stations

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Email Us At 19JCVRC@gmail.com

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Saturday, November 9th, 2019 • Appointments From 8am - 4:30pm

For Students Ages 5 to 20 Years

Register Online: www.jessicaclinton.org or Call: Cheryl Lalloo 772-215-1912

Location: Florida Department Of Health In St. Lucie County Larry J. Lee Public Health Building • 5150 NW Milner Drive (Off Midway Rd) Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34983



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Tuesday • November 12th • 6:30pm Fujiyama of Stuart 2050 SE Fodoral Hwy. Stuart, FL 34994

Watch our amazing chefs compete to see who can raise the most money in tips as they entertain you! It's a fun-filled and full of laughs kind of night that you won't want to miss!

Tickets: \$70. Includes choice of Steak, Chicken or Shrimp.

🖞 RSVP: 772-201-1275



Smoke Alarm Installation Request

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may only have two minutes to escape?

Every day, seven people die in home fires, most in homes that lack working smoke alarms. Sadly, children and the elderly disproportionately lose their lives. The American Red Cross wants to improve the odds and save lives.

The Home Fire Campaign helps save lives by installing FREE smoke alarms in homes that don't have them, and by educating people about home fire safety.

If you or someone you know would like free smoke alarms installed, please fill out this form:

Name:	
City:	
Phone Number:	
Are you a renter or homeowner?	
Days Available:	

Requests may also be submitted online at redcross.org/soundthealarmsfl. You will also find tips on how to keep your family safe and how you can get involved in your community.

After the above information has been submitted, your local Fire Department or Red Cross will contact you to schedule a home visit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (772) 562-2549 or coasttoheartlandhfc@redcross.org.



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 Children's Services Council.

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

Third Wednesday of every month 12:00-1:30pm pm 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; Time and Date TBA. Location: Children's Services Council.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:00am at 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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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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