



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

September 2019 Issue

### A Message From The Director:

Happy Anniversary, Roundtable of St. Lucie County!!! I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and invite you to celebrate the Roundtable's twenty-five years of working together as "Leaders United for Children". In 1994, chief executives came together to create an infrastructure where collective problem solving could effectively occur around children's issues. It is hard to believe the Roundtable partners have been working together for a quarter of a century to improve the lives of children and youth growing up in our community. Over the years, we have grown by leaps and bounds, with key decision makers participating from 31 agencies, organizations and local government, who embrace our signature "Kids at Hope" initiative and mantra "all kids are capable of success—NO EXCEPTIONS". We are thankful for all of you who participated in our "Tunnels of Hope" featured on page 3.

With "NO EXCEPTIONS" in mind, the Roundtable has continued to expand over the last five (5) years to establish and sustain the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative anti-gang strategy and most recently became a federally funded Drug Free Communities grantee to address substance misuse by youth. To further strategize around issues that no one agency can accomplish alone, the Roundtable now has eight (8) networks organized to collaboratively address its priorities and include a wide range of participation from members of partnering agencies, the grass roots community, and youth. Through its collaborative efforts, the Roundtable has also been successful with establishing and maintaining public and private partnerships necessary to sustain its efforts to support children and youth in St. Lucie County. With that said, I would like to express deep appreciation to our Roundtable leadership, staff, network members and community partners for their continued commitment, hard work and support over the years. It is truly something to behold to have so many wonderful community partners that are committed to standing together in an extraordinary spirit of collaboration. As you peruse the newsletter, there are a number of articles highlighting the Roundtable's initiatives and its networks. I encourage you to get involved in areas you are interested in and/or have expertise. Please see page 22 for meeting times/dates and contact information to find out about upcoming meetings.

On another note, last month the Roundtable board participated in its annual Retreat. Members received an executive briefing from Ed Shemelya from the National Marijuana Initiative. Mr. Shemelya is an expert on marijuana trends in the United States and provided a wealth of information regarding the impact of marijuana legalization on public health and safety issues. The Roundtable's Drug Free St. Lucie also hosted a community forum that was well attended, followed by a radio feature on WFLM's "Pay it Forward" show, co-hosted by our very own Roundtable Board member and Department of Juvenile Justice Chief, Wydee'a Wilson. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the presentation and/or participating in Drug Free St. Lucie, please refer to page 8.

We invite you to stand with us as we remain united for youth and families in St. Lucie County. As always, we are better together!

*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.

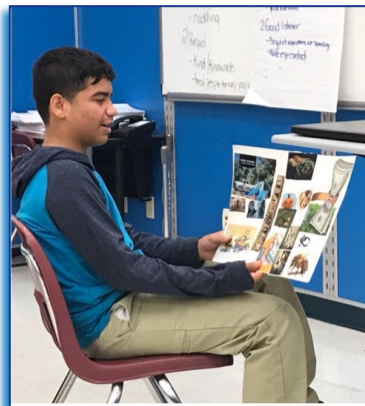
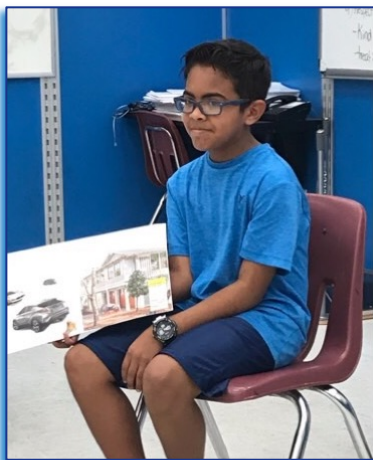
# HOPE'S Corner



This month's HOPE'S CORNER is featuring one of our very own Youth Leadership graduates, Famyrah Lafortune. Famyrah is a graduate of Treasure Coast High School class of 2018 and she was a recipient of a Bill Gates Scholarship. Currently she attends Stanford University in California and she plans on becoming a doctor. Stanford University offered Famyrah an opportunity to participate in an internship over the summer and she decided to intern with the Roundtable. Famyrah worked directly with the Kids at Hope staff during the summer, concentrating on other caring adults "ACES" and collecting data. She did an outstanding job and she desires to give back more to her local community when she gets home from college. Famyrah Lafortune - Thank you for sharing the message of HOPE.



**"A thread of HOPE is still a very powerful thing"**  
— author unknown



## Time Travelling with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Summer Program Students

During the summer, the Kids at Hope team was invited to "infuse" middle school students attending 21<sup>st</sup> Century summer programs hosted at Dan McCarty, Samuel S. Gaines, Northport & Southport with a little "hope" for their future. The Kids at Hope team had the pleasure of spending a total of 8 hours with each unique group of students. Some completed vision boards, while others spoke about their goals and dreams, but *every* student "Time Traveled" into their future, concluding their summer with new focus and ambition for their journey ahead.





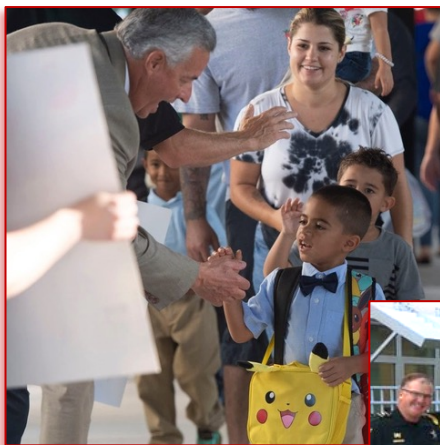


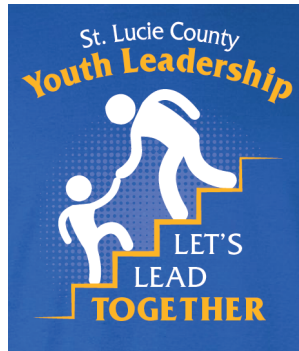
### Time Travelling “Theater Style” at ALPI’s CAT Program

The Kids at Hope team brought “Time Travelling” to the children and youth at ALPI’s CAT program “theater style” this summer! While one group of children completed vision boards, another read a Kids at Hope comic book entitled “The Time Traveler”. Their enthusiasm for the book grew to new heights with each page, leaving them “wanting more” once the book came to an end. Mrs. Reid suggested the students act out the book for their peers, and the idea was received with applause! A small group of children volunteered to be actors, and worked tirelessly with Mrs. Reid to learn their parts. After several intense rehearsals, the kids gained confidence and showed incredible improvement in the delivery of their lines, expression of emotion and their body language. Alas, it was “SHOWTIME”! Five children bravely presented their re-enactment of “The Time Traveler” to approximately 35 peers. The audience was left with a powerful and relatable message about time travelling, while the actors were left with smiles as big as Texas and a tremendous boost in their self-esteem!

### New School Year Tunnels of Hope!

The 2019–2020 school year got off to a roaring start with the Tunnels of Hope coordinated by the Kids at Hope staff. Twenty-three schools held Tunnels within the first two weeks of school. Many entities from the community assisted in the Tunnels: St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office, St. Lucie County Fire District, Fort Pierce Police Department, Port St. Lucie Police Department, Boys and Girls Clubs, Department of Juvenile Justice, Children’s Services Council, State Representative Johnson, Mayor Hudson, School Board members and staff, and many more. Team work makes the dream work - Thank You Treasure Hunters!





### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORT PIERCE'S PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**

Youth Leadership St. Lucie's Fort Pierce group hosted a teen "Glow Party with a Purpose" on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the River Walk Center. The designated "currency" for the evening was non-perishable food items, which granted attendees admission to the party and allowed them to "purchase" chips and drinks. All collected food items were donated to the PACE Center for Girls, allowing them to open a much needed and desired food pantry! Due to the phenomenal attendance at the party, PACE was able to fill their van with several large boxes of non-perishables to offer the young ladies in their care. We extend a special thanks to the City of Fort Pierce and to Youth Leadership St. Lucie's Port St. Lucie group for contributing to the huge success of this event! Congratulations to Youth Leadership St. Lucie's Fort Pierce group for accomplishing their goal...well done!!!





# RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

## What a Summer of Success!!

Restoring the Village Youth Initiative is wrapping up a very active summer. Eleven RTVYI youth pocketed some well-earned money as well as some valuable job experience as they successfully completed the Summer of Success (SOS) youth employment program.

We want to thank all the employers who worked with us (St. Lucie County School Board, Boys and Girls Club, the Porch Factory, the City of Fort Pierce, Save Our Children, Men and Women of the Sword and Treasure Coast Food Bank). None of the youth had any prior job experience, but we had direct lines of communication with the employers and the career coaches, and we were able to step in to address conflicts or performance issues along the way.

The feedback from participants was very positive, and the majority is continuing to seek new employment after SOS is over. This opportunity made a HUGE difference in our young men's life!!

We want to thank the staff and organizations who put in place and funded this initiative: St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, St. Lucie County School Board, Allegany Franciscan Ministries and Career Source. A special thanks goes to Jodi McNamara for her key role in making this program happen.

In addition to summer employment, RTVYI also assisted our adult program participants with employment. As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 71% of eligible clients were employed.



# RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

## The ART of Change

Another group of RTVYI youth completed a 23-session anger management program and learned some valuable coping skills that they hopefully will employ as they start the new school year. The youth who are chosen to participate in this program have serious behavioral problems at home and at school. The group therapy program utilizes the evidence-based curriculum of Aggression Replacement Training (ART), and teaches social skills, develops awareness of anger triggers and helps youth build coping skills and ways to address anger non-violently.

Concrete and sustained changes in behavior as a result of the training is tracked over time through the completion of a community behavior assessment prior to the sessions. This assessment identifies both negative behaviors (such as verbal abuse, damage of property, fighting), as well as positive actions like helping another person, following instructions, cooperating with others and settling arguments non-violently through negotiation or mediation. The goal is to see a decrease in negative and an increase in positive behaviors on a follow up assessment after six and 12 months.

The Roundtable collaborates with Sequel Care of Florida to facilitate the course, and it is financially supported by the City of Fort Pierce and the Andrew and Robin Hunt Philanthropic Fund as financial sponsors. Thank you for supporting our programs so we can continue to keep youth off the streets and widen their horizons.







## **Introducing Our New Drug Free St. Lucie Coordinator!**

Juliana Badaro Langille emigrated from Brazil in 2001. She speaks fluent English, Portuguese, Spanish, and has basic communication skills in Cape Verdean Creole, Italian and French. Presently she represents the Drug Free St. Lucie Coalition. In this capacity she will be able to utilize her 17 years of experience in nonprofit along with 15 years of experience in prevention and coalition building.

Ms. Langille was a consultant for the international program at Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA) where she provided training and technical Assistance to communities in Brazil, Cape Verde and Uganda for 10 years.

Ms. Langille was the Executive Director at Community Connections of Brockton and the Family Center for seven (7) years - a nonprofit that seeks to actively partner with parents, residents, community groups, service agencies, businesses and others who want to strengthen families, neighborhoods, and the community. She has a background in community organizing.

Over the years Ms. Langille has served as the Chair of the Greater Brockton Community Health Network Area steering committee, the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocate Coalition, the Board of Directors of the Ascentria Care Alliance, the Good Samaritan Community Benefits Committee, the Department of Children and Families Statewide Advisory Board, and the Attorney General's Office Advisory Board on Immigrant Issues.

Ms. Langille also has an extensive background in assisting the families of victims of homicide, survivors of domestic violence, and in the substance abuse recovery and prevention field.

## **International Opioid Awareness Day**

Deb Dreher and Juliana Langille of the Treasure Coast Opioid Task Force attended the International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) on August 15<sup>th</sup> at New Horizons of the Treasure Coast.

Held in August every year, the aim of IOAD is to raise awareness, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, remember those who have died or suffered permanent injury because of drug overdose and stimulate discussion about overdose prevention and drug policy.

“Have the conversation with your friends and family and spread the message that overdose is a problem affecting every community including the Treasure Coast. No community is immune to overdose, it is time to change the way we looked at drug-related deaths in our community.” says Deborah Dreher, Chief Clinical Officer for New Horizons.



# DRUG FREE ST. LUCIE

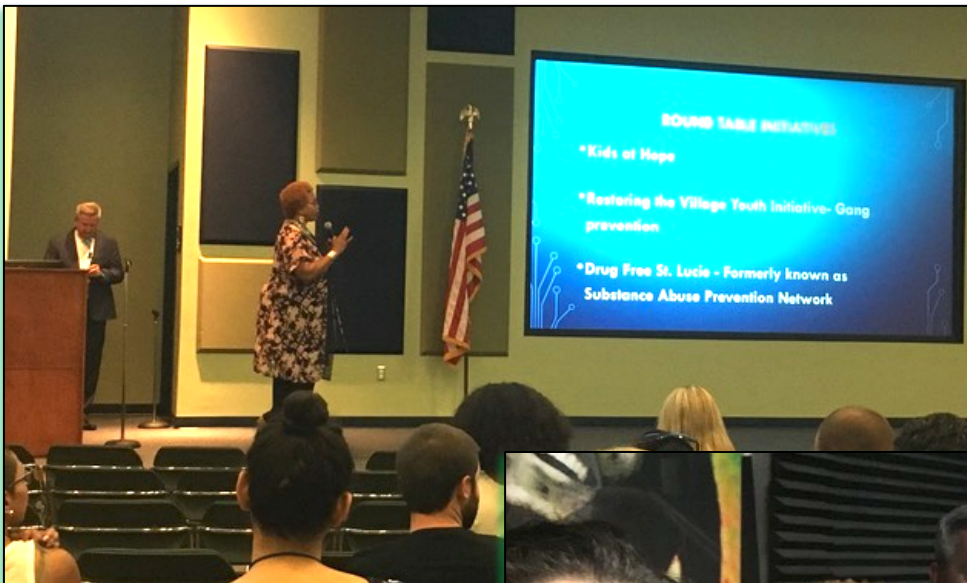
*A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County*

On August 1<sup>st</sup> the Roundtable's Drug Free St. Lucie Coalition, in partnership with the National Marijuana Initiative, presented "The Impact of Marijuana Legalization" by Ed Shemelya, National Coordinator. This event was hosted by Indian River State College.

Mr. Shemelya examined the legalization landscape nationally. The data shared in the presentation included current information on the impact of marijuana legalization on public health and public safety. Additional information was presented on what we can expect in the next 2 to 5 years.

That evening Mr. Shemelya, Teresa Bishop and Juliana Badaro Langille joined Wydee'a Wilson on the radio show 104.5 WFLM The Flame. For more information please contact Juliana Badaro Langille at [JLangille@RoundtableSLC.org](mailto:JLangille@RoundtableSLC.org) or cell (508) 221-2315. The PowerPoint presentation can be found at <http://www.livebinders.com/b/2572364>

Please join us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/drugfreestlucie/>







## 3rd Annual UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY

This year's event was a huge success and it was conveyed by many of the attendees and agency representatives that a good time was had by all. Our accomplishment reflected the ever-increasing commitment and enthusiastic collaboration we received from our community partners and volunteers. We are pleased to report that more than 1,000 children, parents, caregivers, and community members participated in this year's family-oriented event.

"Unity In Our Community's" achievement, in large part, is due to the caring and dedicated nonprofit agencies who shared one common goal: to empower our citizens. We greatly appreciate the importance you placed on demonstrating what can be accomplished when we work together.

Diane Hobley-Burney  
Fort Pierce Chief of Police





# LPAC

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

## **Doula Welcome to St Lucie County**

During the monthly Lincoln Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 22, 2019, Sonya Gabriel made a presentation to the committee about the new Doula Program being introduced to St Lucie County. Mrs. Gabriel serves at the Community Health Nursing Consultant Maternal Child Health Programs for the local Florida Department of Health and is the Chair of the Roundtable's Infant Mortality Network.

Mrs. Gabriel said The Doula Program was created because of the disparity in the infant mortality rate in our community. She stressed there is a decline in the infant mortality rate but the African American community is still higher than its counter parts in the Caucasian and Hispanic Communities.

The name of the program is **Sisters Supporting Sisters Doula Program**. To be eligible to become a doula, the woman has to be an African American and reside in the Northwest section of Fort Pierce. Currently there are two doulas and they should complete all certifications by December of this year.

The requirements for doula services are: (1) must be African American; (2) live within the zip codes of 34947 or 34950; and (3) delivery date must be after October 1, 2019. The Doula will provide prenatal visits, continuous labor support, up to two months of post-partum visits, and breastfeeding support. The Doula is there to help empower these women through the birthing experience and program support. The number to reach Mrs. Gabriel is 772.462.3955 for more information about this new and exciting program to help decrease the infant mortality rate and support our expecting mothers.







## Focus: Disconnected Youth

Bridges to Prosperity St. Lucie (B2P), the Economic Sufficiency Network (ESN) of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, is focusing on identifying and developing strategies to address the needs of disconnected youth (those ages 16-24 who are unemployed and out of school). This multi-year project begins in year one (2019-2020) with studying the issue; designing outcome measures; and starting the development of strategies that will achieve success.

The objective is to reduce the percentage of disconnected youth ages 16-24 living in county census tracts with at least 25% of individuals at or below 100% of the poverty level by December of 2022.

B2P welcomes your interest and participation. The network meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from 12-1:30 at United Way of St. Lucie County, 4800 South U.S. Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982. Please email Wydeea Wilson at [wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us) for more information and to confirm your participation.



## Why Addressing Disconnected Youth Matters

- \* 4.6 million youth in the U.S. ages 16-24 are disconnected (2016).
- \* Concurrent problems for disconnected youth include criminal behavior, mental health problems, drug abuse and early pregnancy (before age 22).
- \* The damage of disconnection can last over a lifetime. Youth tracked from 1993 to 2003 who were disconnected for a year or more earned about \$44,000 a year 15 years later. Those not disconnected were earning about \$78,000 a year by that time.



## Some things we know from research:

- \* In communities where the poverty rate was above 21%, 1 in 5 youth were disconnected. In communities where the poverty rate was below 6%, only 1 in 14 were disconnected.
- \* Disconnection happens over the course of a lifetime not just between the ages of 16 and 24.
- \* Successful programs targeting already disconnected youth recognize that one-size does not fit all and are comprehensive - encompassing academics, employment, social, personal, family and life skills components. Programs also work across systems and funding streams; include prevention, intervention, and long-term support.
- \* Successful community efforts span a continuum from universal and targeted prevention through intervention and post intervention support.

**Disconnected Youth:**  
A problem hidden in plain sight.



## St. Lucie County/National Disconnected Youth Data:

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR) says the percent of St. Lucie County teens and young adults ages 16-24 who are neither working or in school (2010 – 2014) was 18% compared to 15% for the state. Nationally in 2016, the youth disconnection rate was 11.7%, a 20% decrease from 2010. Clearly, opportunities for this group expanded alongside an expanding economy. However, 4.6 million youth remained disconnected in 2016.

The Bridges to Prosperity Network (B2P) reviewed data for twelve county census tracts where at least 25% of individuals were at or below 100% of the poverty level. A data compilation will be made available upon completion.

**IT'S TIME TO  
RECONNECT**



## Review of Promising Programs:

B2P reviewed existing literature and research on programs that have shown a significant impact on reducing the number of disconnected youth.

Components with the most significant impact include:

- Cross system collaboration including written agreements on referrals, transition, support, resource access, and data sharing
- Public health tools used to identify populations at high-risk with monitoring of protective and risk factors
- Use of coordinated data systems; blended funding; involvement of youth in the design and implementation of interventions; systematic approach to scaling up prevention and re-engagement interventions
- Provision of wrap-around support services such as childcare and transportation, as well as ongoing support after job placement and program exit
- Multiple entry, exit and re-entry points along the educational continuum
- Two generation strategies; resource development; and goal setting
- Rich workplace experience; subsidized employment; internships; paid or stipend community service; on-the-job training; part/full-time employment; and college work study



## Join us:

The B2P network meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from 12–1:30 at the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County, 5150 NW Milner Drive, PSL. Please email Wydee'a Wilson at [wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us) for more information.





## **Guardians For New Futures Child Summit – What We Need to Know to Protect Our Youth**

Every year Guardians for New Futures, a small grassroots nonprofit organization located in St. Lucie County, coordinates and hosts a two-day Child Summit at Indian River State College's Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex in Fort Pierce. This year's Summit, slated for Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> is absolutely free and open to all who are concerned about children.

In order to provide up-to-the-minute quality, professional education on the issues facing our youth, Guardians for New Futures gathers professional speakers and facilitators. As you can imagine, based upon some of the more horrific and tragic news stories we've all endured already in Florida, this year's focus is on what we need to know to protect our youth. Educated, experienced, and qualified professionals will speak about a number of topics including: The Internet Culture, Internet and Social Media Addiction, Current Trends in Drug Use, How Shame Develops in Children and the Cycle of Shame, and Creating Upward Mobility by Tapping into the Talents of People Themselves.

There will also be presentations on Self-Care – Who Cares for the Caregivers, What it Means to be Trauma-Informed, Identifying Autism Spectrum Disorder and Related Disorders of Behavior and Maladaptive Coping Skills, Trafficking and Our Community, Implicit Bias, and the Neurobiology of Addictions and the ABC's of MAT. As in past years, one of the Summit's highlights will be a panel discussion featuring sheriff's representatives from Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties.

It may come as a surprise to many that a conference of this magnitude would be provided at no cost to participants, but anyone who is familiar with Guardians for New Futures is not surprised because though small, the organization is mighty and committed to supporting the unfunded needs of abused and neglected children while increasing community awareness and education to further protect children.

A few years ago, recognizing that children who were removed from their homes in the middle of the night due to abuse and neglect cases often had nowhere to rest but in someone's office, Guardians for New Futures focused time and energy on fundraising and donations to help build the Sanctuary4Kids, a 24/7 emergency shelter serving children from St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties from birth to age 17. Working with other organizations including Devereux, DCF, Tykes and Teens, Palm Beach Behavioral Health and Wellness, Place of Hope, and Hibiscus Children's Center, Guardians for New Futures spearheaded the project from start to completion, and gifted the house to Hibiscus Children's Center.

Knowing that so much more is needed to protect our children, Guardians for New Futures continues to focus on education and awareness-building, which is precisely the purpose of the informational Treasure Coast Child Summit. Though the event is free to the public, you must register in advance in order to attend. You can register online at [www.gfnf4kids.org](http://www.gfnf4kids.org) or via email at [info@gfnf4kids.org](mailto:info@gfnf4kids.org).



On August 18th, Moore's Creek had their quarterly clean-up. Great community collaboration between Sword Outreach Mentoring Center, Marine Clean-up Initiative, City of Fort Pierce, and Boy Scout Troop 473 from St. Anastasia Catholic School. Lunch provided by Lama's Kitchen and kayaks provided by Treasure Coast Boat Rental.



St. Lucie Food Council attended the Local Foods, Local Places community meeting and action planning sessions on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> in partnership with the City of Fort Pierce, Environmental Protection Agency, USDA, UF/IFAS, St. Lucie-FDOH, TCFB, HEBNI, UP Center, and many other community agencies. The Local Food, Local Places workshops focused on the access to healthy food, wellness, fitness, as well as jobs, training, opportunities for youth, and overall how to improve the Lincoln park neighborhood.







As a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young children and families, the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County thought it would be great fun to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with a bowling party. And it sure was a blast!

Thanks to the community, our families and childcare providers who came out to Glow Bowling Birthday Party to celebrate with us at SuperPlay USA. Over 180 folks joined in the party, with 154 bowlers in the friend-raising celebration on July 31<sup>st</sup> to mark our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday! Grateful thanks to Tradition Chiropractic for helping to sponsor the event, and to the groups from Elite Electric & Air, our own STEMS GEMS, and the numerous childcare providers and families who came out to celebrate with us!

Although the intent was mainly to celebrate, we also received over \$600 in donations from SuperPlay & Duffy's. It was a terrific bonding experience for our team and their families and the folks we serve! Thanks to all involved for being a champion for the children.





# *Bahamas Relief* **DONATIONS**

Join the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office  
as we help our island neighbors recover  
from Hurricane Dorian.

## **HYGIENE ITEMS**

Toilet Paper | Feminine Products  
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## **CHILDREN/BABY ITEMS**

Pedialyte Powder | Diapers  
Baby Wipes | Baby Food  
Powdered Milk | Children's Tylenol

## **FOOD ITEMS**

Protein Bars | Nuts | Trail Mix  
Dried Fruit | Peanut Butter

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## **DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**

Midway Road Headquarters - 4700 Midway Road

Fort Pierce Courthouse - 218 S. 2nd Street

St. Lucie West Courthouse - 250 N.W. Country Club Drive





# THE INNER TRUTH PROJECT



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date!

# KID MANIA!

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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 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**

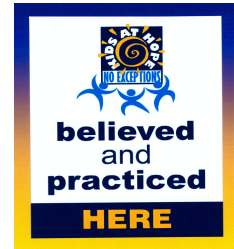
Time and Location: TBD

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

Port St. Lucie YLSL: TBD

Fort Pierce YLSL: TBD





## Executive Committee

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### Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc.

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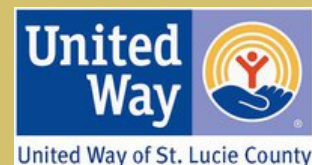
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*We envision a community where county leaders, businesses and residents are united to provide all children of St. Lucie County the resources they need to thrive, be successful and achieve their full potential.*

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