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Youth Services Department

Mission Statement:

Administer programs and initiatives of the Board of County Commissioners to ensure the healthy growth, development, education, and transition of children and youth to young adulthood and the workforce.

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YSD Scoop!

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RIVIERA BEACH YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTER



The **Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Program (YEP)** completed the renovation of its site, which was **co-funded by Palm Beach County Youth Services Department (YSD)**. The Grand Re-Opening event held on Friday, January 8th, 2016 was started off by a building dedication and a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by City Council representative Bruce Guyton (District 1), Terence T.D. Davis (District 5), and Cedrick Thomas (District 3); and YSD Senior Program Specialist, Geeta Loach-Jacobson. The YEP facility renovations included updating the building to meet ADA requirements, which included elevator access to the second floor; energy saving lighting, computer lab/classroom expansion, and teen lounge area. The event was attended by over 75 people that included citizens, parents, community youth, City staff, School Board/Adult & Community Education staff, County representatives, and community agencies staff, who had the opportunity to tour the facility, and to participate in the event. ***The Youth Empowerment Center in Riviera Beach provides activities and services to youth ages 13-18***, including after school programs and activities, tutoring/mentoring, job training for in school and out of school youth, information on resources, gang prevention outreach, parenting classes, employment services, Safe Schools Programs and transportation, in an effort to reduce youth violence in Palm Beach County.



The Bench Bar Conference



Youth Services Department (YSD) helped coordinate panel discussion on the topic of “Working With Youth in Court Who Have Been Exposed to Trauma” at the Bench Bar Conference on February 19, 2016. Pictured from left to right are Laura Levin, Ph.D. (panelist from YSD), Rande Kogan, M.S., L.M.H.C. (panelist), Retire Judge Ronald Alvarez (moderator), Magistrate Judette Fanelli (panelist), and Angela Bess, Ed.D. (panelist).



Tammy Fields and Tony Spaniol representing YSD at the Bench Bar Conference.

Youth Master Plan

The purpose of the Youth Master Planning process is to engage community leaders in an intentional effort to align ongoing work, creating a system of coordinated and collaborative services that meet the needs of children and youth from birth to 22 years of age. Palm Beach County is a multi-cultural community with a history of established good intentions, willingness, and excellence in serving its youth, while also grappling with service gaps, silos, and disparities. The main goal of Birth to 22 is to support the healthy growth, development, and education of our youth, pre-natal through young adulthood, so that they graduate from high school and succeed in life. To this end, a Youth Master Plan, a collaborative document that sets long-term, community-wide goals for young people, and identifies specific action steps for reaching those goals, will be the central piece in providing further guidance and direction on youth centric strategies.

The Palm Beach County Youth Master plan process was officially launched in January 2016 with the Champions Session and the Big Picture Approach Institute with an informational session for local leaders and a two-day intensive training respectively. These two events along with the participation of leaders and service providers set the tone for the current Youth Master Plan collective impact effort through the work of five workgroups and public engagement within eleven community conversations.



R to L Seth Bernstein, Tammy Fields, Commissioner Priscilla Taylor, James Green and Marsha Guthrie at Delray Beach Community Conversation.



A Riviera Beach Community Member sharing her solution with other community members in the room

Community Conversation Attendance Breakdown			
Community Conversation Sites	Youth Table Facilitator	Students	Total Attendees
Riviera Beach	0	3	94
Delray Beach	9	54	132
Lake Worth	8	36	61
FAU	1	12	24
Belle Glade	8	81	147
Forest Hill High School	10	44	70
Greenacres	8	26	76
Compass	3	17	44
Town of Jupiter	1	3	19
Boynton Beach	0	0	30
Special Needs Population	0	0	28
TOTAL	48	276	725

This chart depicts the Community Conversation sites, table facilitators, and overall attendance.

The Birth to 22 initiative hosted eleven (11) community conversations in the following locations: Riviera Beach, Delray Beach, Lake Worth, Florida Atlantic University, Belle Glade, Forest Hill High School, Greenacres, Compass, Jupiter and South County Civic Center for those with Special Needs with 725 community members in attendance. Of those participants, 276 were students under the age of 22. In addition to the community conversations, the Birth to 22 Initiative, through the work of the project's consultant, the Forum for Youth Investment from Washington, DC, will compile and analyze the data and generate a report to guide an organized and focused response to the needs of the youth in Palm Beach County. The final Youth Master Plan document is set to be deliv-

Riviera Beach Community Conversation



Pompey Park Community Conversation



FAU Community Conversation



Belle Glade Community Conversation



Palm Beach County
YOUTH MASTER PLAN
 Parents Youth Services Gap
Community Conversations!

Equity Opportunity Partnership Resources Empowering University Health Teamwork Program

Palm Beach County wants to ensure that all of its young people have the chance to thrive as children and succeed as adults.

That's why the county is creating a Youth Master Plan.



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| <p>Thursday March 3, 2016
 Mayme Fredrick Building
 1440 MLK Blvd, Riviera, FL
 6pm - 8pm</p> | <p>Thursday March 31, 2016
 Lois D. Lewis/Mary O. Evans Resource Center
 1224 SW Ave E. Place, Belle Glade
 5pm - 7:30pm</p> | <p>Wednesday May 4, 2016
 Town of Jupiter
 210 Military Trail Jupiter
 6pm - 8pm</p> |
| <p>Monday March 12, 2016
 Pompey Park
 1101 NW 2nd st,
 Delray Beach
 6pm - 8pm</p> | <p>Friday April 8, 2016
 Forest Hill High School
 6901 Parker Ave. West Palm Beach
 1:30 - 3:30 pm</p> | <p>Monday May 9, 2016
 R.M. Lee Education Complex
 (st John's Mission Baptist Church)
 970 Seacrest Blvd Boynton
 6pm - 8pm</p> |
| <p>Friday March 18, 2016
 Lake Worth Youth Empowerment Center
 1701 Wingfield St,
 Lake Worth
 3:30 - 5:30pm</p> | <p>April 18th 2016
 City of Greenacres Community Center
 501 Swain Blvd, Greenacres
 6pm - 8pm</p> | <p>Special Needs Population
 Tuesday May 10, 2016 South County Civic Center
 16700 Jog Rd Delray Beach, FL
 6pm- 8pm</p> |
| <p>Thursday March 24, 2016
 FAU Boca
 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton
 3pm - 6pm</p> | <p>Friday April 22, 2016
 Compass
 201 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth
 5pm - 7pm</p> | |

The voices of children and youth, and adults who care about them, are vital to creating a plan that can make a difference in our community.

Now is your chance to help shape the future of youth in Palm Beach County by joining any of the upcoming Community Conversations being held in the different locations throughout the county.



Additional Conversations TBA -- Contact Geeta Loach-Jacobson at GLoachJacobson@pbcgov.org or 561-242-5704 for more information

Special Needs Community Conversation



Forest Hill High School Community Conversation



Commissioner Burdick expressed the importance of the Community Conversation, emphasizing the need for youth involvement.

The Purple Wall

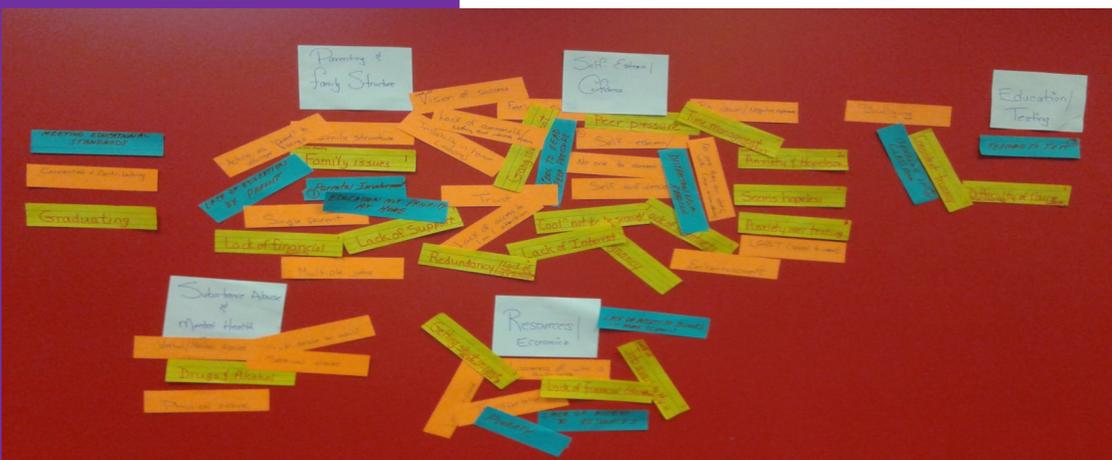
The purple wall is one of many exercises held during the Community Conversation. It is an analytic method of root cause issues. The vertical multicolor sheets on the left side of the purple wall are the highest rated issues (*indicators*) voted by the community members. Each sheet on the left represents a group of 5-8 community members. The clusters emerged out of the cause of that issue and based on commonality among the groups during the conversation. The white sheets over the clusters have an assigned title to identify each cluster.



City of Greenacres wall



City of Riviera Beach wall



Florida Atlantic University wall

Education and Training Center



Education and Training Center staff show their support for the anti-bullying message on National Pink Shirt Day



Since January 2015, the YSD Education and Training Center has been working on completion of a Self-Study for accreditation of its Doctoral Internship Program by the American Psychological Association (APA). The internship program has been a member of the American Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) since 2002. A grant in the amount of \$14,900 was awarded by APA's Board of Educational Affairs to assist with costs related to accreditation. After diligent efforts working with the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education (WICHE) as well as a consultant from Clover Educational Consulting Group, the Mayor signed off, and the Self-Study was finally submitted on March 14, 2016.

Each individual in the photo was involved in some way in the development of the self-study and deserves recognition for this significant accomplishment.

Pictured from left to right are: Giselle Badillo, Senior Clerk Typist, Amanda Terrell, PsyD, Psychologist, Shayna Ginsburg, PsyD, Chief of Clinical Services: Education and Training, Laura Levin, PhD, Psychologist, and Loren Berry, PsyD, Postdoctoral Resident. Many thanks to the Education and Training Center team as well as other RTFC team members who provided input, FCA team members who assisted in utilization of the grant money, Helene Hvizd, Assistant County Attorney, and Tammy Fields, Department Director, to achieve this considerable task.



YSD wears red for Red Nose Day supporting the fight against kids poverty.



Geeta Loach-Jacobson and James Green participated at Diamond Elementary Waves of Kindness event.

Pink Shirt Day

Stand Up to Bullying

Pink Shirt Day is about making a difference. The semi-annual event encourages participants to sign and wear a pink pledge shirt to show they are willing to take a visible, public stance against bullying and help promote ways to effectively cope with bullies. On February 24, Youth Services Department employees joined the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County and its team of nonprofit partners for a countywide celebration of this international event.



Residential Treatment and Family Counseling collage showcasing their pink T-shirt for bullying awareness.



Highridge students identified acts of kindness.



Mara Velazquez Earns YMHFA Instructor Certification

Congratulations to Mara Velazquez, Ph.D., YFC-West County, Belle Glade, on becoming one of only 14 individuals in Palm Beach County to be certified as a youth mental health first aid (YMHFA) instructor. Over the next three years, through the Project Aware grant with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Dr. Velazquez and other community instructors will be training more than 2,200 adults throughout Palm Beach County on the evidenced-based Youth Mental Health First Aid curriculum. Youth Services team members will be a part of these training groups. The department wishes to thank Dr. Velazquez for representing the Residential Treatment and Family Counseling Division and Youth and Family Counseling for her commitment to this great cause.

My Brother's Keeper



2016 Aspira Conference

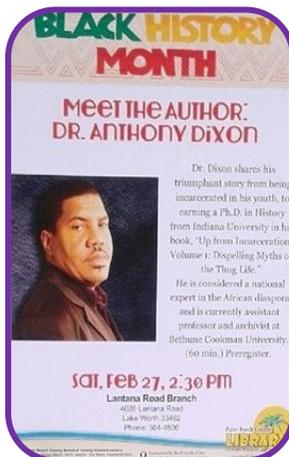
Guest Speakers: Sammel Pierre from Haitian Heroes and Gregory Gabriel, Youth Services Department Planner



Young Lion Book Club sponsored by Coalition for Black Male Achievement, each mentor volunteer one hour per week to a youth.



A meeting was held at Turning Point Academy to discuss the Group-based mentoring to help youth improve grades, attendance, and behavior.



Youth Services Department, in collaboration with the Library, hosted a book discussion for twenty (20) youths from Youth Empowerment Centers and Community Based Agencies. Mr. Ronald Glass helped facilitate this event. Dr. Anthony Dixon is the author of "Up From Incarceration: Volume I - Dispelling Myths of the Thug Life" and the textbooks "Florida's Negro Wars" and "A Timeline of the African Diaspora Experience in Florida".

Claim Your Future Career Showcase



James Green, Leilani Yan and Palm Beach County students

On February 2nd, James Green and Leilani Yen, HR, facilitated a panel discussion with Palm Beach County High School students to inform them about career opportunities that exist within the Palm Beach County government. The Business Development Board sponsored the “Claim Your Future Career” Showcase to show our future workforce the great employment opportunities that exist throughout Palm Beach County. The PBC School District, Career Source PBC and Palm Beach County were also sponsors for the event.



Palm Beach County HS students get info about career opportunities with PBC government

Welcome to the

CLAIM YOUR FUTURE SHOWCASE

February 2, 2016
9:00am - 2:00pm

BDB BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
CAREER SOURCE PALM BEACH COUNTY
EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

During the conference, students engaged in interactive display booths with companies like, Pratt & Whitney, Max Planck, Bank of America, Hilton Hotels, Sisca Construction Services and many more. Hundreds of juniors and seniors also participated in panel discussions with other executives to hear about opportunities within the field of government, education, real estate, health care, hospitality, and Finance. More than 30 companies participated in this event.

Summer Camp Program

Youth Services Department Meets with Vendors for Summer Camp Program

On April 5, 2016, Youth Services Department, Outreach and Community Programming Division staff met with approximately ninety (90) representatives from various summer camp providers in preparation for summer camp programming. The purpose of the meeting was to provide agencies with an overview of the Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures initiative, to discuss program expectations and proactively provide them with the resources and support needed to enhance summer programming.



James Green, Director of Youth Services Department Outreach and Community Programming Division addresses summer camp providers



Jacqueline Burke, Program Coordinator presenting to Summer Camp providers.



James Green OCP Director represented YSD at the Prime Time PBC Leadership Institute Conference

SUMMER CAMP
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
KEEPING KIDS SAFE ALL SUMMER LONG

OFFERS LOW INCOME CHILDREN, AGES 5-14, A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO DAY CAMP FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER.

AGE REQUIREMENT: **5-14**
INCLUDES ALL TUITION AND FEES

REQUIRES 5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN TO HAVE COMPLETED VPK TO BE ELIGIBLE

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING **February 2016**
Incomplete applications will not be processed

ALLOWS PARENTS TO CHOOSE FROM PARTICIPATING CAMPS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT MEET THEIR CHILD'S NEEDS AND INTERESTS

@PBCYSD
FAMILIES MUST MEET INCOME GUIDELINES
FOR INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
1-866-728-1427

Friends of Community Services, Inc. Youth Services Children's Services

Representatives from the Palm Beach County Libraries and Prime Time gave presentations offering participants a variety of programs and enrichment activities to implement during the summer. Participants also received information about services available through PBC Fire Rescue, Parks and Recreation, Community Services and Extension Coop.

Summer Food Program



Summer BreakSpot, better known as Summer Food Service Program, is a federal nutrition program to make sure kids don't go hungry during the summer. Summer BreakSpot provides free nutritious meals to kids and teens 18 and under. Each supervised location offers nutritious meals, breakfast, lunch or snacks in a safe environment. Palm Beach County has 80 supervised sites. The County hired 10 seasonal food monitor employees to facilitate the function of this program. The food monitors are trained to supervise the daily operation of the program. Keianna Williams is the Program Coordinator who administers and supervises this program.

Click this link to view Summer Food Sites <http://arcg.is/23KNv9u>

FREE MEALS
for kids and teens!

SUMMER BREAK SPOT

Summer BreakSpot provides free nutritious meals to kids and teens 18 and under during summer break.

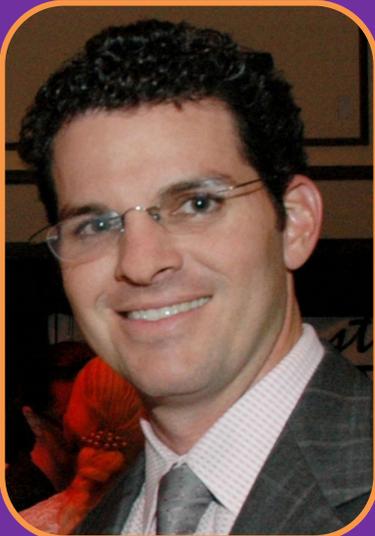
Over 3,500 supervised locations in Florida offer a breakfast, lunch or snack.

To find a location:
Dial 2-1-1
Visit SummerFoodFlorida.org
Text FoodFL to 877-877

USDA SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services • Adam H. Putnam, Governor



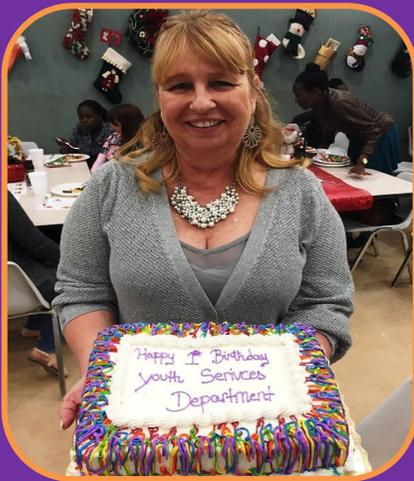
Welcome Youth Services Department New Employees



Welcome New Assistant County Administrator Todd J. Bonlarron

NAME	TITLE	DIVISION
Josephs, Jason	Contracts/Grants Coordinator	FCA
Allen, Christian	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Baker, Daniel	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Fulton, Gerard	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Jasper, Destiny	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Laster, Shronda	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Thomas, Martina	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Walker, Jazlyn	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Wessel, Homer	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP
Williams, Thelmarcia	Food Monitor/Seasonal	OCP

YSD Out and About



Tammy Fields, Department Director display YSD cake to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the department.



Mayor Mary Lou Berger stopped by YSD table during the South Florida Fair to solve word puzzle



Lake Worth Youth Empowerment Center participated artwork in Chalk



YSD celebrated Administrative Professional's Day, from L to R Howard, Sander, and Bersch



For the Children Inc. one of YSD contracted Youth Empowerment Centers with James Green at the State of Education of the Haitian and Haitian-American Students



Youth Services staff read and evaluated 325 essays for Do The Write Thing challenge.



YSD at Community Connections Event in Pahokee



Super Bowl Champ Roland Williams and Director Tammy Fields advocated for Mentoring on Capital Hill In Washington DC.



YSD wears Green for Mental Health Awareness recognized in May



Loach-Jacobson and Diaz administered surveys at Youth



Officer Luis led Gang Training for Youth Services and Department Juvenile Justice staffs



On 3/16/16 three of YSD, High-ridge Family Center Residents and staff had an opportunity to go on a Field Trip to **the Norton Museum of Art** and get a tour of the Museum's Collection and Recognition of Art by Women showcasing the work of Niideka Akunyili Crosby- "I refuse to be invisible" exhibition. After-

Upcoming Events

RACE TO EQUITY SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 7th, 2016**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8th, 2016**

PALM BEACH COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER
650 OKEECHOBEE BLVD, WEST PALM BEACH, FL

To engage in meaningful dialogue and action to promote racial equity in Palm Beach County.

MBK RACE TO EQUITY SUMMIT SPONSORS:

Contact James Green at 561-242-5702 or via email at ysd-mybrotherskeeper@pbcgov.org for more information.

SUPER SUMMER SPELLING BEE

2nd Annual County-Wide Spelling Bee

**THURSDAY
JULY 21, 2016**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Forest Hill High School
6901 Parker Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

With the purpose of providing academic activities to encourage the spirit of learning while preventing summer slide!

Limited to Summer Camps Only.

Awards • Prizes • And Much More!

Categories:

- K - 2nd Grade
- 3rd - 5th Grade
- 6th - 8th Grade
- 9th - 12th Grade

Registration & Information: GREG GABRIEL
Tel: (561) 242-5737 • E-mail: GGabriel@pbcgov.org
Website: www.pbcgov.com/youthservices

We love volunteers!

Are you looking to gain work experience, community service hours or work with children? Contact Youth Services Department for more insight.

- Spelling Bee
- Summer Camp Program
- My Brother's Keeper
- Reading Club
- Clerical
- PBC Youth Advisory Council

To submit an application visit the link below
https://youthservicescp.formstack.com/forms/volunteer_application

For more information contact
Gregory Gabriel
(561) 242-5737
ggabriel@pbcgov.org

KIDSFITJAMATHON

FITNESS & WELLNESS EXPO

STAY FIT, DANCE & SMILE

Hands-on activities for youth and staff including Zumba, Yoga, Martial Arts demo, nutritional information and more.

When?
Thursday, July 28th 2016
Session 1: 9:45am – 11:45am
Session 2: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Where?
South Florida Fairgrounds
9067 Southern Blvd
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Presented By: DIGITAL VIBEZ & prime time

Partners and Funders: Palm Healthcare Foundation, Inc., Children's Services Council, Florida Health, 5210 Let's Go!

For More Info Please Call:
(561) 244 - 9983
or info@digitalvibez.org

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Date: July 28, 2016