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FJJA Partners with DJJ and the Juvenile Justice Foundation to Support Annual Juvenile Justice Youth Success Day in April 2013

Every year, agencies across the state serving juvenile justice involved youth join together to celebrate Juvenile Justice Youth Success Day as part of annual Children’s Week in Tallahassee. Each year, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), members of the Florida Juvenile Justice Association (FJJA) and the Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation (FJJF) celebrate *Youth Success Day* at the Capitol. On April 9, 2013 the Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation will be hosting a reception celebrating *Youth Success Day*. To celebrate youth success, the Foundation is looking for auction items created by talented youth in DJJ programs.

The Foundation is asking for help in identifying art, craft making, wood working or another talent that they can showcase. Please contact Heather DiGiacomo at heather.digiacomo@djj.state.fl.us or via phone at (850) 487-1886.

FJJA encourages your support in this effort to highlight the success of DJJ youth *by donating items created by youth to this event*. Last year, art auction sponsors included DISC Village, Twin Oaks Juvenile Development and Prodigy who provided artwork. Local youth were also in attendance to help deliver the message of the importance and benefits of their programs to our communities. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. For event sponsorship form, [click here](#).

Please let us know if you plan to support annual Youth Success Day through local recognition ceremonies, community service projects, food drives, literacy reading events, essay contests, and other local events. We will highlight them in our monthly newsletter. We are also happy to announce your local events; email lynn@fjja.org to include your event in our Youth Success Day calendar of activities. Look for more information in our February FJJA E-Newsletter.

U.S. DOJ Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence Releases Report: *Defending Childhood: Protect, Heal and Thrive*

The vast majority of children involved in the juvenile justice system have survived exposure to violence and are living with the trauma of those experiences. The DOJ task force looking at youth exposure to violence has released a final report, making nine recommendations specific to juvenile justice.

Key Recommendations: A trauma-informed approach to juvenile justice does not require wholesale abandonment of existing programs, but instead it can be used to make many existing programs more effective and cost-efficient. By correctly assessing the needs of youth in the justice system, including youth exposed to violence, and matching services directly to those needs, the system can help children recover from the effects of exposure to violence and become whole. To read full report, [click here](#).

2013 Adolescent Conference
Feb 19-21, 2013
Florida Hotel and Conference Center
Orlando



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Juvenile Justice News

Help Us Identify Youth Ambassadors for Annual DJJ Youth Success Day

DJJ and the Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation are looking to identify potential "Youth Ambassadors" to highlight during Youth Success Day, which will be held on April 9th. Scheduled events include a press conference with Secretary Walters scheduled for early afternoon, legislative visits following the press conference and a reception spotlighting youth success that evening. If you would like a youth in one of your programs to be considered for selection, please respond directly to Heather DiGiacomo at Heather.DiGiacomo@djj.state.fl.us

Please let us know as well, *as we will be highlighting successful youth in our FJJA March and April E- newsletters.*

DJJ Continues Roadmap Town Hall Meetings

The DJJ continues to convene community town hall meetings to showcase the *Roadmap to System Excellence*, a plan building on reforms already underway, and which is also posted on the DJJ website for comment.

Over the last few months, Secretary Walters has personally met with providers and other stakeholders to take input. As of January 31, ten local meetings have been convened across the state, with one remaining town hall to be held in February:

- Duval County - Thursday, February 28 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm, TBD. For more information on the Roadmap, [click here](#).

DJJ Releases New School Expulsion Information

A new report released by FL DJJ, shows that in the last eight years, the number of youth arrested has declined by 48%. Highlights of the study include that 67% of all arrests in schools were misdemeanors, 51% of all school arrests were first time offenders and drug and weapon offenses accounted for 27% of arrests. Additionally, 65% of school based arrests were ultimately dismissed, not filed or diverted. To read more, [click here](#).

DJJ Seeks to Reconfigure Local Boards and Councils For Efficiency

One of DJJ's highest priorities this upcoming session is to pass legislation that will streamline and reduce the outdated boards and council structure (from 67 entities to 20) creating more efficiency and aligning better with DJJ's current reform initiative. The current statute governing boards and councils has not been changed in over 20 years, and was primarily developed to organize how the agency would work with local advisory groups. Over the years, some circuits and counties maintained high functioning juvenile justice boards and councils consistently, but many others failed to function as a support to the agency.

A series of workshops were convened with over one hundred individuals representing various stakeholders who shared concerns and recommendations for revised bill language which is reflected in the latest version of the bill. Legislation will be filed soon, with Senator Greg Evers and Representative Ray Pilon as sponsors.

As a result of collaboration in this process, workshop participants throughout the state are confident that the proposed legislation should not negatively impact any county councils or coalitions. If this bill *does* pass in the upcoming session, county councils will no longer report to DJJ, but instead will report to one of 20 Circuit Advisory Boards.

The Circuit Advisory Boards will then report to the DJJ. This will streamline the process, bring additional key players to the table, and further connect those organizations and individuals who are already collaborating as a community to maintain public safety and ensure the success of DJJ Youth.

Legislative News

Legislature Launches Intensive Budget Review

Senate President Don Gaetz (R-Niceville) and Senator Joe Negron (R-Stuart), Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, have asked chairs of appropriations subcommittees to conduct an intensive budget review including a close review of all recurring local funding initiatives to ensure that the state is getting a good return based on the realities of today's economy. The review process includes an overview of the state agencies, review of base budget information, review of agencies' Legislative Budget Requests, requests for new funding, recommendations for budget reductions and testimony from state agencies on performance on all recurring Local Funding Initiatives. *This exercise will also take place on the House side as well.* To review documentation on DJJ local initiatives HBI, Prodigy, Operation Par, Redirection, etc. [click here](#).

HB441 Filed to Improve Juvenile Justice Education

- Proposes 90% of Title I Funds be spent on youth who generate them
- Proposes 95% of FEFP funding be spent on instructional costs
- Creates process to capture /report accurate student & program performance
- Develops accountability system to identify high/low performing programs
- Provides DJJ & DOE process to identify/improve low-performing programs
- Allows industry certification to be a determinant
- Allows districts to make logical certification determinations
- Provides the opportunity for youth to take the GED exams
- Eliminates the disincentive for GED testing
- Incorporates workforce at the state/local level
- Incorporates career & technical education focusing on career certification
- Provides weighted funding for career and technical programs
- Fosters collaboration /planning when a youth is first committed to a program
- Provides planning/continuing education based on each youth's needs
- Focuses efforts on effective short-term intervention services
- Provides opportunities and funding for graduates to attend college online and/or participate in career and technical education
- Establishes predictability with contracting
- Provides access to district virtual education as appropriate

FJJA 2013 Legislative Agenda

The Road to Success:

A Comprehensive Educational System

ENSURE that meaningful educational and vocational opportunities are available to all youth served in DJJ programs, including youth in residential settings and small juvenile justice schools.

Invest in Proven Programs with a ROI:

Prevention, Intervention and Diversion Services

ENSURE that prevention efforts are evidence and research-based, and include universal and targeted services, the use of civil citation programs, the expansion and enhancement of Juvenile Assessment Centers (JACs) and existing intervention services, and the use of arbitration, mediation and Teen Court.

Keep the Public Safe and Youth Accountable:

Community-Based Residential Services

ENSURE that Florida's juvenile justice continuum includes an appropriate amount and variety of residential commitment services, the use of evidence-based risk and criminogenic assessments, and specialized residential services that include mental health and substance abuse treatment. SUPPORT adequate funding of evidence-based services for specialized populations which produce positive outcomes and reduce recidivism.

Ensure Youth Go on to Succeed in Life:

Aftercare/Continuing Care

ENSURE that comprehensive aftercare services begin at initial identification by the juvenile justice system and follow youth throughout their continuing care. EXPAND and ENHANCE existing aftercare/continuing care services, and SUPPORT adequate levels of funding for transitional housing and independent living services in the community.

DJJ, DCF, Attorney General Present on Progress to Address Human Trafficking

Governor Rick Scott proclaimed January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Florida. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet has convened a task force identifying ways to address the exploitation of domestic minor labor and sex trafficking in Florida. Attorney General Pam Bondi, DCF Secretary David Wilkins and DJJ Secretary Wansley Walters, who chairs the task force, recently presented an update to various legislative committees that the Safe Harbor legislation will make it possible to help victims of forced labor and prostitution, *but that much work remains to be done.*

Florida's Safe Harbor Act, which went into effect Jan. 1, seeks to help youth victims of trafficking by providing sanctuary and services instead of treating them as criminals. Until the law passed, victimized youth often ended up in the juvenile justice system instead of receiving the care necessary to protect them.

Since 2010, DCF has investigated 1,266 cases of alleged human trafficking involving children; of those, 717 were in the DJJ system. In 2011, about 200 trafficked minors received services

through DCF and its community partners. With human trafficking as the fastest growing criminal enterprise and Florida as one of the most attractive destinations by predators, the need for action is here and now," said DJJ Secretary Wansley Walters, chair of the Human Trafficking Workgroup of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet.

Recommendations to committees included adding human trafficking technical assistance to law enforcement, service providers and community partner trainings. Robin Hassler Thompson, a senior policy analyst at Florida State University's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, believes that the state can respond without a new burst of spending, saying "There are ways within existing agency budgets, within training budgets, within collaborations with the private sector, to develop the training and awareness tools that are important to getting the word out about this issue."

Protocol includes DJJ participation in multi-disciplinary staffing. JPO's collaborate with DCF's investigators and case managers. This enables holistic service provision while preventing duplication.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: *The Path to Survival*

Hosted by the Florida Juvenile Justice Association

Sponsored by the Florida Network

Thursday, February 21 2013 ~ 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center

1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, Florida 32809

(407) 859-1500

A comprehensive training event to learn, plan, and take action on behalf of Florida's trafficked and exploited children.

Join policymakers, service providers, and experts from the field as we highlight the best practices for screening, identifying and serving minor victims of domestic sex trafficking. This one-day event will include:

Dynamic speakers who are on the front lines of serving youth impacted by exploitation, and who are changing the perception of these children and young people through public policy, services, and advocacy.

Workshops focusing on Advocacy, Screening & Identification, & Programs and Services by nationally recognized experts.

Facilitated dialogue to exchange ideas, examine current barriers to intervention, and connect with new partners and resources.

CEUs and training certificates provided.

For more information about the Post conference training, [click here](#).

Awards Luncheon to Recognize 2013 Adolescent Conference Award Winners

An awards luncheon recognizing public service, creativity and innovation, client services and extraordinary actions will showcase the best of our work with at-risk youth.

Last fall, we asked for your nominations of individuals who demonstrate excellence in their daily work with at risk youth.

Awards will be given in four areas: a **Public Service Award** for an individual whose participation in community initiatives has served to educate and foster understanding of the issues facing at risk youth; a **Creativity/Innovation Award** will be bestowed on an individual who has participated in the development or implementation of an approach that has positively impacted their agency; a **Client Services Award** will be bestowed on someone who has demonstrated enthusiasm, resourcefulness and compassion in their response to client need, concerns and emotional well-being; and we will be presenting our second annual **Unsung Hero Award**, which recognizes an individual's extraordinary actions which have resulted in such a positive impact that it has set this person apart from others.

The top winners will receive a complimentary registration to the 2013 Adolescent Conference, will be honored at the awards luncheon on Tuesday, February 19th and will be guests of honor at a special reception attended by Laura Schroff, author of *An Invisible Thread*.

2013 Adolescent Conference to Recognize Eckerd Family Foundation

Preparing to wind down operations following many years of a long-held mission to help troubled youth and foster children, the Eckerd Family Foundation will be recognized at the 2013 Adolescent Conference.

The Eckerd Family Foundation, started in 1968, focused on assisting youth whose capacity to progress successfully to adulthood was compromised by systemic failures. It funded both programs and advocacy for systemic change in foster care, juvenile justice, and education.

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Wednesday, February 20, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

or

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*During the 2013 Adolescent Conference at the
The Florida Hotel and Conference Center – Forum West 1
Orlando, Florida*

Please RSVP by Friday, February 8, 2013

to Lynn Redmond at lynn@fjja.org or call 850-671-3442.

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Of Interest

Implementing Proven Programs for Juvenile Offenders: *Assessing State Progress*

This recent report assesses how well individual states are doing in providing the best of evidence based programs, and whether there are any commonalities between those who were doing the best. The report finds that despite the expectation that most states would be in the process of revising their programs and case disposition processes to increase the participation of youth in programs that have been proven effective, in fact, few states have responded to this knowledge by taking explicit steps to facilitate the implementation of these proven programs. Also acknowledged is that the rhetoric surrounding evidence-based practice continues to outweigh the reality, with far too many decision-makers and advocates using their own interpretation regarding what constitutes "evidence-based." For information on the report, [click here](#).

SAMSHA Releases report of Juvenile Drug Treatment Programs

The SAMSHA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment have released a report based on outcome data from 1,934 young people participating in drug courts at 17 "Reclaiming Futures" sites last year. Research shows that participants saw a 26% increase in the number of days that offenders abstained from alcohol and other drugs between intake and a 1-year follow-up.



Also, the average number of crimes dropped by half and participants' scores on a scale measuring emotional problems and difficulties with self-control declined by 16%.

The Reclaiming Futures program consists of six stages including: screening and assessment; cross agency coordination; helping kids and families make an initial contact with services; getting them actively engaged in services; transitioning them out of services; and into long-term supports. It relies on a team approach and intensive monitoring that is engaged by judges, probation officers, substance use treatment professionals, and communities. Together, they create an individualized plan for each juvenile offender. The report made the following notations:

- 42% of the juvenile offenders abstained from drugs or alcohol at the one year follow-up vs. 26% of juvenile offenders in drug treatment programs.
- 54% offenders were considered in early recovery post 12-month follow-up in Reclaiming Futures programs vs. 42% of juvenile offenders in drug treatment programs.
- Juveniles were 6% less likely to exhibit emotional problems after completing Reclaiming Future programs.

To date, twenty-nine communities in 17 states including New York, California, and Texas have used the model. Neither Florida nor the other southern states participate in the Reclaiming Futures program. To learn more, [click here](#).

In the News

Courier-Journal: [Juvenile defendants can meet victims, settle charges outside court](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange (JJIE): [Notion that "Kids are Different" Takes Hold in Youth Justice Policy Reform](#)

Palm Beach Post: [Palm Beach County school, justice officials warn students juvenile crimes can follow, hinder them as adults](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange (JJIE): [Growing Movement Toward Localizing Juvenile Justice](#)

KSFY TV: [Juvenile justice system may provide blueprint for overall justice reform](#)

Corrections.com: [Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice Prepares for Transformation](#)

Lincoln Journal Star: [Overhaul proposed for Nebraska's juvenile justice system](#)

Trainings

ARISE Drop it at the Door ONLINE training

This is a 40 hour self-guided course. Instructors are available to assist during this training. Watch for it at <http://at-riskyouth.org/>

Upcoming Life Skills and Drop It At The Door Trainings

- February 4-8, 2013 - 5-Day ARISE Life Skills Master Training
- March 11-12, 2013 - 2-Day ARISE Drop it at the Door Training
- April 24-25, 2013 - 2-Day ARISE Life Skills Training
- May 22-23, 2013 - 2-Day ARISE Drop it at the Door Training
- June 10-14, 2013 - 5-Day ARISE Life Skills Master Training

All sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Seacoast National Bank, 3001 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens Florida. To register for this training, call Yasmin Isaacs at **ARISE**, 561-630-2021

Conferences

38th Annual Juvenile Justice Symposium and National Conference

February 13-15, 2013, Imperial Palace Hotel and Spa, Biloxi MS.

[Click here for information](#)

24th Annual National Youth At-Risk Conference

March 3-6 2013, 2013, Savannah, GA. [Click here for information.](#)

Webinar

Everything You Need to Know for GED Re-Testers

With over 1 million GED Re-Testers trying to complete the GED before the end of the year, here are some important tips to make the most of the time you have left. Join us for a webinar on how to help your students pass the current GED as effectively and as efficiently as possible.

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST



Space is limited. Reserve your seat at

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After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar. System requirements:

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Important Dates to Remember

February

- Feb. 4, Legislative Committee Week
- Feb. 11, Legislative Committee Week
- Feb. 18, Legislative Committee Week

Feb 19-21 FJJA Hosted Activities in Orlando

- Feb 19-20, 2013 Adolescent Conference
- **Public Private Partnerships: The Power to Make a Difference for Youth, Families and Communities**
- Feb 21, 2013 (2) FJJA Post Conferences
- **Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: The Path to Survival**
- **Raising Our Voices for Girls: Building A Movement**
- Feb. 21, 2013 FJJA Board Meeting, 9:00am to Noon

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center, Orlando



March

- March 5, 2013, Legislative Session begins

April

- April 3, 2013, FJJA Executive Committee
Location TBA
- April 4, 2013, FJJA Board Meeting
DISC Village, Tallahassee
- April 7-12, 2013, Children's Week and DJJ Youth Success Week, Tallahassee

May

- May 3, 2013, Legislative Session ends
- May 16, 2013, Executive Committee
Visioning Session, TBA

June

- June 12 -14, 2013, FJJA Annual Board Retreat, Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa (Arrival date is June 11)

Member News

A Special Christmas Wish

On 12/17/12, residents from Dade Juvenile Residential Facility mailed Christmas cards to Dalton Dingus of Salyersville Kentucky. Dalton is a nine (9) year old boy who does not have long to live, but still has a dream. Suffering from advanced cystic fibrosis which is terminal, Dalton's wish was to beat the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most Christmas Cards. The current record was 205,120. We are happy to report that Dalton received over 800,000 cards from around the world and has surpassed the current world record. We are very proud of the efforts of youth at Dade who assisted in helping this young man fulfill his dream.



World record holder Dalton Dingus.

UPDATE: Dalton passed away on January 13th.

Operation Par Offers Expert Advice on Getting Through Addiction as a Family

Addiction is a complex disease and demands not only professional attention but the assistance of family and friends to sustain recovery.

A nationally renowned expert in substance abuse and recovery who leads Operation Par as CEO, FJJA member Nancy Hamilton offers a series of dos and don'ts for families struggling with addiction. Jackie Griffin, Vice President of Development at Operation PAR, also contributed to the online article.

To read more, [click here](#)



Nancy Hamilton, CEO, Operation PAR

PACE Youth Learn Techniques to Avoid and Escape Violence

Attached is a photo a PACE Pasco girls (wearing white with black padding) during a January R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Simulation, a final step in the basic course.



The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System is a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women that teaches awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

R.A.D. is offered at the PACE Pasco Center by staff members who are Certified Instructors through Wendy Vazquez Ernest, a Certified R.A.D. Systems Instructor who arranged the Simulation.

For more information [click here](#).



Above: Girls from Lake Academy with Jim Hill and Brian Neupaver.

Focusing On Youth in Need

Young ladies from Lake Academy participated in the Circuit 6 Youth Focus Group with Pinellas County law enforcement prior to the DJJ Secretary Wansley Walters Town Hall meeting. The young ladies were able to interact with law enforcement officials from various sectors and other youth from the community and other residential facilities. The event was informative and all participants agreed that youth resources and programs are just as important as providing community safety for citizens.

The Gulf and Lake Team was extremely proud to have Jim Hill, President and Brian Neupaver, Vice President of Operations in attendance to support the young ladies.

Member News

Impact House Has Two New “Furry” Assistants

2012 was a great year at Impact House. The program implemented evidence based Trauma services through a learning collaborative with the National Children’s Traumatic Stress Network. To kick off 2013, Impact House is pleased to welcome two new assistants to the program, Lulu and Rufus. They are not staff members or volunteers, but they will be helping to teach empathy and responsibility to the youth being served. Lulu and Rufus are guinea pigs that have been donated to the program.

Youth are selected to work with the pigs based on specific needs in areas like “parenting skills”, “accountability”, and “empathy”. Once approved, the youth are required to learn about the care of the animals by watching an instructional DVD. Then they become responsible for the feeding, housing, grooming, and hygiene (as well as proper handling) of their assigned pig. These tasks line up well with youth needs and are worked into their treatment plans.

Thus far, the boys have responded with great enthusiasm. They have been eager to show how well they care for their animal and they enjoy spending time with them. Anyone who has owned a pet understands the responsibility involved and the rewards of spending time with a furry friend. As for the pigs, how are they adjusting to all the attention?



Donating Joy

The Okeechobee Youth Development Center/Okeechobee Intensive Halfway House/Okeechobee Youth Correctional Center staff morale committee sponsored a toy drive for Martha’s House, a 24/7 emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. In addition, Martha’s House also provides various outreach services to the residents of Okeechobee County. The committee collected over 100 toys, clothes and personal items that were donated by staff at all three (3) facilities. The generosity of our staff was overwhelming. Their kindness provided nine (9) families currently living at the shelter with a Christmas. Executive Director Jonathan Bean and staff of Martha’s House were grateful for not only this contribution by the G4S Okeechobee facilities but also of the on-going partnership between the organizations.



Above: Staff posing with donated toys for Martha’s House.

Member News

The Prodigy Experience

Last month, Secretary Wansley Walters visited the UACDC Tampa I Prodigy programming location. Her hour was spent in the art room viewing a gallery of Prodigy artwork and observing youth performances in the dance and guitar classes. The youth were excited for the opportunity to display their talents and show how much their lives have transformed through Prodigy.

During the month of December Prodigy youth took their talents outside of the walls of the classroom visiting the Fletcher Health and Rehabilitation Center and partnering with Habitat for Humanities. At our Dade Oaks location youth were asked to paint recycled doors for habitat for humanity.

Eight doors were painted by the youth with scenes that emulate the Pasco Prodigy showcase theme "Community begins with ONE."

Habitat for Humanity will be displaying the doors at their store front in Dade City. With Prodigy showcase month just around the corner to celebrate the transformation and artistic talents of over 3,000 youth in our community, youth have begun preparing for the big event. These talents will be on display at ten unique visual and performing arts showcases themed "CommUNITY begins with...," which pays tribute to over 100,000 young lives transformed Prodigy. Below is a listing of upcoming events:

February 5, 2013 (6-8pm): *Community begins with A DREAM*

Girls, Inc. of Lakeland, 1220 West Highland Street, Lakeland, FL 33815

February 7, 2013 (5:30-7:30pm): *Community begins with ONE*

St. Leo University, 33701 State Road 52 St. Leo, FL 33625

February 13, 2013 (5:30-7pm): *Community begins with US*

Orlando Shakespeare Theatre, 812 East Rollins Street, Orlando, FL 32803

February 15, 2013 (6:30-9pm): *Community begins with CARING*

Open Café, 3222 N. 34th St, Tampa FL 33605

February 16, 2013 (3-5pm): *Community begins with ME*

UADC, 14013 North 22nd Street Tampa FL 33613

February 21, 2013(5:30-7:30pm): *Community begins with ADVOCACY*

Oasis Community Ministries, 3330 Winter Lake Rd Lakeland, FL 33803

February 22, 2013 (6-8pm): *Community begins with COOPERATION*

Town N' Country Recreation Center, 6039 Hanley Road, Tampa FL 33634

February 23, 2013 (1-3pm): *Community begins with COOPERATION*

Southshore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way Ruskin, FL 33573

February 27, 2013 (5-7pm): *Community begins with HARMONY*

Roy McBean Boys and Girls Club, 1790 21st Street Sarasota, FL 34234

February 28, 2013(6-8pm): *Community Begins with FAMILY*

Childs Park YMCA, 691 43rd Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33711



Below: Prodigy Youth with Secretary Wansley Walters.



Above: Doors painted by Prodigy Youth for Habitat for Humanity.



Above: Secretary Wansley Walters with Prodigy Youth.