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We send a 'thank you' to Bonnie Wittman, Center for Women and Infant Health at Halifax Medical Center, for accommodating us with meeting space and lunch for the Substance Exposed Newborn Taskforce meetings. 'Thank you' to Marsha Kough, Administrative Assistant, for making this happen. IT COULD NOT BE DONE WITHOUT YOU! We have made great progress at these meetings.

Congratulations to Dixie Morgese and Maria Long who were both honored at the Juneteenth event in Daytona Beach on June 13, 2013.

Thank you to Representative David Santiago for his support in spreading the word about safe sleep! You are a wonderful Healthy Start hero!



The Healthy Families America Credentialing Process

by Susan LeBlanc



Healthy Families America (HFA) is based upon twelve research-based critical elements and is committed to demonstrating consistent service implementation and quality through the credentialing process. The Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) is at the heart of the process and serves as the program's guide to program implementation. The SAT is also the tool used to determine the program's current state of quality. The tool identifies the policies, procedures, and practices necessary to implement the Healthy Families program. The SAT is organized by each of the twelve critical elements which include a section on Governance and Administration (GA). Each critical element consists of a series of best practice standards that define the Healthy Families model. A standard is a goal for the HFA network that is widely recognized as a model of excellence. A standard is not a "regulation" or minimum requirement; rather, the standards represent a higher level of practice for which to strive.

The credentialing process is structured into three steps or phases. Each of these steps allows the program to modify or tailor its current policies, procedures, and practices. While the credentialing process is required every four years to maintain an HFA credential, programs are encouraged to embrace a philosophy of continuous quality improvement by making the SAT a part of every day practices, i.e., team meetings, supervision, training, etc.

Healthy Families Volusia ~ Flagler completed the initial phase of the credentialing process by finalizing the program's SAT in June 2013 and was selected to participate in the next phase of the credentialing process, the Peer Review Visit. The SAT is used in conjunction with the Peer Review Visit to determine the program's current rating for all standards in the SAT. The Peer Review Team familiarized themselves with the program's processes during the weeks leading up to the site visit by reviewing the SAT and identifying areas requiring further clarification. The on-site Peer Review Visit was conducted in August 2013. During this visit, the Peer Review Team reviewed program participant case records and other documentation, i.e., personnel records, meeting minutes, supervision logs, training logs, etc. The Peer Review Team also conducted detailed interviews with all program staff, program participants, and advisory board members.

Healthy Families Volusia ~ Flagler would like to thank the following advisory board members who made themselves available for interviews during the on-site Peer Review Visit: Zenesha Barkley (Bethune-Cookman School of Nursing), Ivan Cosimi (Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Health Services) and Jennifer Morgan (Center for Business Excellence).

The Accreditation Site Visit Report was received in September 2013, and the Healthy Families Volusia ~ Flagler program was recognized for meeting or exceeding more than 90% of the Healthy Families America Standards. The National Office commended the program for its commitment to implementing the program with fidelity to the Healthy Families America model and for delivering such high quality services to families in our community.

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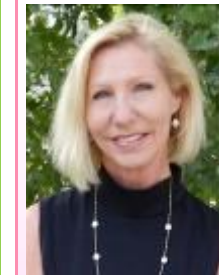
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Leadership Update by Dixie Morgese

Dear Community Partners,

We hope you enjoy this issue of our Healthy Start newsletter. There has been so much going on that we cannot possibly put it all in one publication.

As you can see, we have been working on supporting strong families in our service delivery area. We have the most inspiring families, staff members, providers, and volunteers imaginable. We thank them for working for our future!

Sincerely, Dixie L. Morgese, Executive Director



Strengthening Families & Parent Engagement Updates by Maria Long

Maria Long, Healthy Start Family Support Services Director, and Corey Best, PYRAMID Community Café Parent Leader, provided Strengthening Families/Protective Factors/Café Dialogue Overview Trainings at Daytona State College (DSC) for students, organizations, and families through a close collaboration with Tony Deobil and the

Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program. The trainings are focused on providing information about the impact and importance of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and the six Protective Factors: Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Knowledge of Parent and Child Development, Concrete Support in Times of Need, Social and Emotional Wellness of Children, and Nurturing and Attachment.



Corey and son, Corvin Best

Maria and Corey also became Certified Trainers for the Parent Leadership Ambassador Training (PLAT) Curriculum. This training focuses on the importance of the role of parent engagement. It also provides a framework and the tools required to train on the PLAT model. The PLAT training is a result of the collaboration of Circle of Parents, FRIENDS National Resource Center, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, and the Florida Department of Children and Families. The training was paid for and sponsored by the Department of Education, Office of Early Learning.

Contact Maria Long at (386) 252-4277, ext. 316 or maria.long@healthystartfv.org if you are interested in attending and/or providing these training opportunities to your organization.

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West Volusia Community Used Entertainment and Festivities to Create Dialogue *by Karen Chrapek*

On September 5, 2013, local citizens came together at DeBary City Hall to converse about the West Volusia community. Partnering with Mayor Bob Garcia, the City of DeBary, and local families, we held a discussion about community well-being and public safety. A presentation of LifeSong was performed and the community engaged in an intimate dialogue based on a national model known as: “Strengthening Families Protective Factors Community Café.”



Executive Director, Dixie Morgese, believes “these guided conversations can literally help communities transform.” It is evident that our community can no longer wait for a National Dialogue to heal our neighborhoods. This framework helps people to see that the community needs collaborative involvement in order to thrive.

According to Chaplain Don Jones, Assistant District Governor for Rotary and member of the local DeBary-Deltona-Orange City Rotary Club, “the LifeSong Presentation uses art, music, narration and dance to inspire community transformation. Our communities are looking for ways to turn inspiration into action. We can help one another get there through dialogue and unity, seeing all members of society, from cradle to grave, as our responsibility.”

We greatly appreciate the following entities for making this special event possible: City of DeBary, Hispanic American Group of Deltona, Tubman-King Community Church, and Four Townes Rotary.

Recovery Month *by Karen Chrapek*

Healthy Start and the PYRAMID Community Café were well represented by interns, Heather Anderson and Don Georges at the 21st National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Celebration which took place Saturday, September 21, at City Island Park, Daytona Beach. According to SAMHSA, Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for substance use and mental disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover. For more information go to www.FloridaRecoveryMonth.com.



Child Watch *by Peggy Cage*

Our Child Watch event was held on May 14, 2013, and attendees consisted of Healthy Start Board Members and Community Leaders. Attendees included *The Honorable Joyce Cusack-Volusia County Council, Zack Gibson – Director, Governor’s Office of Adoption and Child Protection, The Honorable Dorothy Hukill and her Legislative Assistant Lindsey Swindle, Frankie Robert – Legislative Assistant to Representative David Hood, The Honorable David Santiago and his Legislative Assistant Eric Raimundo, Luke Givens District Secretary to Representative Travis Hutson and Diane Suddes – Legislative Assistant for Senator David Simmons.*



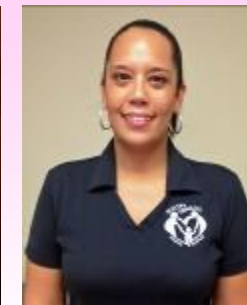
The purpose of Child Watch is to provide leaders an opportunity to understand the costs associate with poor birth outcomes and the solutions to promote healthy pregnancy and child development. The event was held at Halifax Medical Center, and the attendees toured the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. After a short bus ride over to The Chiles Academy, attendees toured the facility and the Community Café. This event was well attended, and we would like to thank all of our sponsors, staff, group leaders, The Chiles Academy and the students. Thank you to Halifax Medical Center/NICU for allowing us to once again hold our event at their facility.

Welcome New Staff! *by Peggy Cage*

We would like to welcome Karen Chrapek, Healthy Start Program Manager, Bianca Pineda, Healthy Families Parent Educator, and Linda Carson, PYRAMID Community Café Counselor, to our teams.



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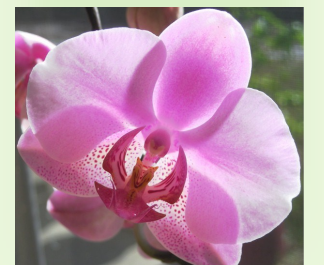
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