



Progress Report

July 2010

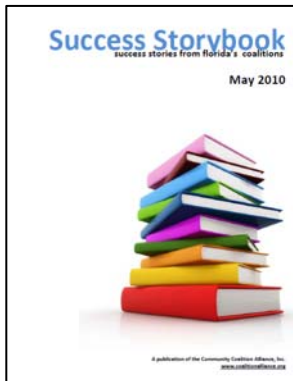


Executive Summary

One Voice for Volusia is pleased to share this semi-annual progress report. Through our work, we encourage open dialogue about key community issues by mobilizing all sectors in the community to strengthen their organized capacity. We advocate for efficient use of resources and data-driven outcomes, and promote system and community improvements by fostering diverse partnerships in the health and human services field. One Voice for Volusia is a neutral convener, engaging leaders and individuals to develop and implement strategies to improve the community.

Within its scope of business, One Voice for Volusia coordinates a community coalition and spearheads several community wide initiatives such as The Community Agenda and the *thrive by five* Collaborative. While the next couple of pages will reflect the work of the cited efforts, it would be remiss to not share some other work that has involved the leadership and staff at One Voice for Volusia:

Community Coalition Alliance



One Voice for Volusia continues to spearhead the Community Coalition Alliance comprised of 10 coalitions in Central Florida (www.coalitionalliance.org). Its work and quarterly meetings led to One Voice for Volusia coordinating the first gathering of Florida coalition leaders in St. Augustine on

May 28, 2010. Staff presented on two of the 10 success stories: *Creating a Community Agenda* and *How to Successfully Facilitate a Community Meeting*.

Disabilities Coalition of Volusia/Flagler

Shortly after wrapping up work with the local Infant Mental Health Chapter of Volusia/Flagler in 2009, One Voice for Volusia was approached by the Disabilities Coalition of Volusia/Flagler to facilitate the development of a strategic plan and to assist them with building a stronger collaborative foundation.

In the News:

One Voice for Volusia was mentioned and/or featured in area news stories over the last six months:

Circelli, Deborah, **“Report: Teen pregnancies on rise in area,”** The Daytona Beach News Journal, June 3, 2010. (*Community Agenda*)

Connelly, Irwin, **“Prevention can save money and rescue lives,”** Guest Editorial, The Daytona Beach News Journal, May 19, 2010. (*thrive by five Collaborative*)

Morgese, Dixie, **“Bloggers, budgets, cinch bugs – and children”** Guest editorial, The Daytona Beach News Journal, May 3, 2010. (*thrive by five Collaborative*)

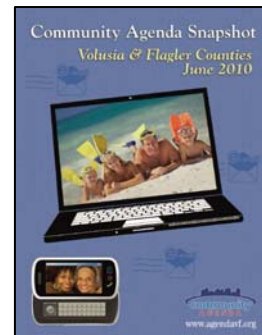
Geggis, Anne, **“Healthy Start stays in budget,”** The Daytona Beach News Journal, April 22, 2010. (*Community Agenda*).

Baird, Carrie, **“Research supports focus on children, families,”** Guest Editorial, The Daytona Beach New Journal, April 19, 2010 (*thrive by five Collaborative*)

“What’s Cookin’” in Exceptional Student Education and Student Services in Volusia County Schools, February 2010 Issue. (*Coalition*)

The Community Agenda

Over the last six months, in preparation for the June 1st release of the fifth annual Community Agenda Snapshot, efforts have centered on data collection, analysis and release of the publication. New to this year's report: four two-page layouts exploring topics identified as important in our community! The development of these pages required meetings with experts in each field. The Snapshot Review Committee met once and the Steering Committee met twice (January and May) since January. In February, a utilization survey was released resulting in feedback (88 responses) in how individuals from community agencies are using this publication for funding applications, planning programs and improving service delivery. Also new in 2010, the Snapshot data was updated online as new data became available and One Voice for Volusia's Community Connector released regular "Data Highlights" to its more than 1,100 subscribers!



thrive by five Collaborative

The *thrive by five* Collaborative convened in early 2009 to address developmental and other issues affecting children up through five. Initiated by a companion study of the Community Agenda, One Voice for Volusia spearheads this Collaborative involving the coming together of key community stakeholders planning how to better collaborate so children are prepared to enter school ready to learn and are emotionally and physically healthy. The Collaborative met monthly over the last six months to develop its strategic plan, presented in June, 2010.



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The Coalition

An average of 71 individuals attended the monthly coalition meetings since January 2010. The meetings continue to attract new members each month, due in part, to the following topics having been presented this year:

January	Community Connector, Community Agenda, Deltona For You, Websites
February	2010 Census Presentation
March	Successful Collaborations, Multi-agency Efforts
April	Case Management Expert Panel
May	Homelessness Update
June	Dr. Margaret A. Smith, Superintendent of Volusia County Schools

New to the monthly agenda in 2010: regular monthly ice-breakers/networking exercises and member highlights each month! The coalition continues to hold regular meetings of the Connecting to the Faith Community Committee and the Membership Development Task Force and a New Member Orientation Meeting was added to the quarterly schedule in 2010.

The annual membership renewal just closed in late June 2010, resulting in more than 175 renewed members, all of whom will be included in the 2010-11 Membership Directory (available at the August coalition meeting). The Membership Coalition Survey was incorporated into the June coalition meeting as well as a link to Survey Monkey on the One Voice for Volusia website. A separate report for the Annual Membership Survey can be found online or just ask staff!



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Other *Connecting Our Community* Efforts

One Voice for Volusia has several efforts and tools to connect the community to include:

Web Page Development – One Voice for Volusia manages four websites: www.onevoiceforvolusia.org, www.agendavf.org, www.deltonaFORyou.org and www.coalitionalliance.org.

The **Community Connector** e-communication system has increased in subscribers by 15% since January 2010 totaling 1,184 subscribers to date. Approximately 319 messages have been forwarded since the beginning of the year. This popular communications tool forwards information regarding upcoming events, fundraisers, job postings and grant funding opportunities.

One Voice for Volusia has concentrated on efforts since its inception to prevent underage drinking. Centered in Deltona, the Deltona Prevention Project aims to build capacity among youth-serving organizations through its plan to effectively reduce substance abuse and related problem in the communities. The outcomes of the Deltona Prevention Project can be found in a separate nine- page evaluation report as this project wrapped up June 30, 2010. A companion efforts in Deltona, the Engaging Youth Initiative, is an ongoing initiative aimed to advocate for positive change and policy change through the involvement of youth, ages 14 and older.



Consulting & Professional Services

Within its scope of business, One Voice for Volusia pursues opportunities to assist other community initiatives while generating revenues to sustain the work of the agency beyond grant funding. Over the last six months, One Voice for Volusia was under contract to evaluate the Correctional Treatment Diversion Program at Serenity House of Volusia, the 21st Century Learning Center Grant with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler, and the Prevention on the Move Program at Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare.

Leadership staff has also assisted with the Volusia County Health Department's Southwest Volusia Health Leadership Group and has provided assistance to Easter Seals and the Early Learning Coalition.

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The logo for 'One Voice for Volusia' features the words 'One Voice for Volusia' in a blue serif font. Below it, the tagline 'Connecting Our Community' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. A yellow horizontal bar is positioned above the tagline, and a red vertical bar is positioned above the word 'Voice'.