



CRADLE TO CAREER: PREPARING FOR TOMORROW...TODAY

2020 BIRTH TO 22 BUSINESS BREAKFAST

SEPT. 18, 2020

HILTON PALM BEACH AIRPORT

7:30 A.M. NETWORKING

8:00 A.M. START



Dear Friends,

We are in unprecedented and uncertain times. Please know that the Birth to 22 Alliance remains committed to the children and families in our community. Our teams are still working diligently to provide the valuable resources our residents need and addressing additional ones as a result of COVID-19. We thank each and every one of our partners who are juggling so much to continue to serve our families throughout this great community.

We have also made the decision to postpone the third annual Birth to 22 Business Breakfast scheduled for April 17. We are excited to share that it is rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18, 2020. Registrations already purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date. Those unable to attend on September 18 may request a refund at PledgeProcessing@UnitedWayPBC.org.

Thank you!

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Highlights

Annual Task Force Meeting

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Alliance Spotlights

Since its inception, Birth to 22 and its community alliances, have been working towards providing youth and young adults resources to reach their fullest potential.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson Scholarship has been established for those who need assistance in achieving educational goals.

Share Feedback & Stories!

Do you have feedback or have an inspiring story to share? We'd love to hear from you!

Contact us at, psc-birthto22@pscgov.org

Annual Task Force Meeting



Yearly, the Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures Alliance hosts its stakeholder annual meeting to inform the community on the activities/accomplishments of the year and to forecast the focus of the alliance for the coming year.

The Annual Birth to 22 Task Force Meeting took place on December 5, 2019 at the Clayton E. Hutchenson Agricultural Center in West Palm Beach. The annual meeting serves to:

- Inform/engage/plan with key champions, coalitions, champions and young people as appropriate about the work of Birth to 22;
- Afford the opportunity to scan the landscape of work occurring in PBC in an effort to lift-up and align efforts; and provides a dedicated time to network to ensure key local stakeholders remain engaged.

Over 60 attendees were present for the meeting representing approximately 35 agencies. Community stakeholders from education, youth development, criminal justice, government, and a range of children and youth serving organizations were in attendance. Leaders of Birth to 22 engaged the group in lively discussions and activities centered around making connections and partnering for impact using the principles of Collective Impact and Racial Equity. Key highlights of the conversations are noted below as well as a few areas Birth to 22 plans to focus on in 2020.

Key highlights from Birth to 22 Task Force Team Activity:

- Safety and Justice - Attendees identified a potential area of need for additional focus- alternative educational sites and career-readiness activities as a means of preparing youth for the workforce. The team expressed a need for increasing engagement and equity with the right people within the community to ensure adequate youth and community representation.
- Special Needs - On Track with a request to integrate the discussions of all action teams into Special Needs.
- Economic Access- Team discussed an update on the 75 families participating in the Securing Our Future Initiative with the support of Career Source, Housing Authority and SNAP.
- Out of School Time (OST) - Attendees discussed the past year's accomplishments and found that the OST team was On Track for achieving their goals. The OST team will continue to work to identify programs that are under-

resourced and assess who is involved as well as engaging the youth and making sure they are being heard. The action team plans to develop a new curriculum with a C.E.U. (Continuing Education Unit) incentive.

- Health and Wellness - Discussions led to focusing concentrated efforts on specific concerns such as vaping and engaging with parents during sporting activities to lead by example.
- Trauma Informed Care - Attendees discussed the need for an abridged version of the work of the Trauma Informed Care for sharing of information across the action teams.
- Achieve PBC - The release of Achieve 2.0 supports the On Track designation of the action group. Discussions within the team identified the need of Mentoring as a method to reach goals. Creating an opportunity for peers that the youth can look up to and supporting trusted resources that the youth can connect with is needed.
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) - The team discussed staff training and providing support for additional organizations to receive training on SEL. Supporting the need for equity within the work that is already taking place is important. The group plans to implement a training model- "Train the Trainer" to support the focus area of Professional Development for all school staff.

Birth to 22 Alliance Focus 2020

- Focus on aligning policies and institutional practices in 2020.
- Developing Mentorship Opportunities for Youth Engagement in Community Stressors, Safety and Justice, Post-Secondary Educational Supports through Achieve PBC.
- Increasing Access to SEL Professional Development and Training for all school staff (Non-Instructional).
- Exploring the data around special populations to address issues such as vaping and other negative health behaviors identified by youth and data reflected in statewide Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- Expand cross action team work. Increase collaborations and plan for mutual achievement of our goals.
- Move towards implementing principles of Collective Impact 3.0 in Birth to 22.

Alliance Spotlights



In collaboration with the Palm Beach County Community Services Department and the Birth to 22 Alliance, Palm Beach County became the first community in the State of Florida to become a member of the Governmental Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE), joining more than 30 other states and over 150 communities across the country.

GARE is a national network of local government working to advance racial equity and increase opportunities for all. GARE is a joint project of Race Forward and the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley.

Being part of this network will help assist the community in addressing the racial disparities that exist within the education, criminal justice, healthcare and labor/employment systems. As a network member Palm Beach County is able to engage in building local, regional and national collaborations, access technical support and resources that will enable our community to establish new pathways to deepen our racial equity work.

In December 2019, the Birth to 22 Alliance formally

instituted a Racial Equity Core Team to provide leadership and oversight of the County's participation in the GARE Network.

This core team has facilitated three workshops entitled, Advancing the Mission: Operationalizing and Institutionalizing Racial Equity within your Organization within the past 12 months. More than 200 individuals representing dozens of organizations have participated in these workshops where they learned how to use the Racial Equity Tool to identify clear goals and measurable outcomes that will reduce racial inequities and improve success for all groups. These ongoing workshops are designed to enhance leaders' ability to utilize racial equity tools and assessments, identify policies and institutional practices that lead to racial inequities and develop racial equity action plans within their respective organizations.

The Birth to 22 Alliance's Racial Equity Core Team will continue its Advancing the Mission workshops throughout the coming year and will work collectively with other community partners engaged in movement for racial justice in Palm Beach County to advance racial equity.

Palm Beach County School District in partnership with Allied Health Assisting programming, Get Your Green On, BeWell PBC and Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures is taking steps to ensure behavior health awareness is at the forefront of Palm Beach County's school system.

The Get Your Green On Planning Committee is embarking on a 100-day challenge through Leadership PBC breakthroughs to engage high schools to initiate student-led behavioral health clubs. Designed to mobilize students, spread behavioral health awareness, and challenge stigma, the on-campus groups will offer fun activities and opportunities to connect with the larger behavioral health community county-wide. Partnering with existing clubs, a framework will be offered for additional schools to build future clubs.

Additionally, in response to the growing need for developing new and enhanced paths to employment in the behavioral health field. The Behavioral Health-Focused Pilot Project has been established. The Pilot Project is offering an

abbreviated behavioral health coursework to high school students in the Allied Health Assisting programming (medical education tracks) between January-March 2020.

Feedback and lessons learned from this project will inform the design of a full curriculum to be developed and submitted for state approval.

For more information about Students Connect: Behavioral Health Clubs or the Pilot Projects, visit www.bewellpbc.org.





May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month and Palm Beach County is celebrating! Birth to 22: United For Brighter Futures is co-hosting the Fifth annual county-wide Get Your Green On campaign. Everyone

in Palm Beach County is encouraged to wear green on May 21st and post pictures on social media (#GetYourGreenOn and #GYGO2020) to show their support for mental health awareness and trauma-informed care.

Additionally, the Month of May will feature Mental Health

Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Proclamations, trainings and awareness activities across the county, and a social media impact campaign. These efforts are proclaiming the importance of taking care of mental health and offering trauma-informed support throughout Palm Beach County. The Get Your Green On campaign aims to raise awareness by creating visible support (by wearing green on May 21st) and fostering safe spaces to talk openly about behavioral health and trauma.

For more information about the campaign, how to get involved, resources, and a social media toolkit, please visit www.GetYourGreenOn.org.

Future Leaders: United for Change members are using their senses to spread the word about the US Census... it just makes sense!

Future Leaders in collaboration with Digital Vibez, Inc. are using music and dance moves to encourage Palm Beach County residents to participate in the 2020 Census by creating a Public Service Announcement.

The key message is Every One Counts. It's Safe to be Counted. Being Counted is Easy. You can use your phone.

In addition to the PSA, Future Leaders are also dedicating an entire episode of the Voicebox to 2020 Census.

Get involved, participate and take part in your civic duty. I count, you count, we count, we all count.

For information regarding how the US Census will impact Palm Beach County, please visit www.pbcgov.com/census.



Scholarship Opportunity



Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson, 23, passed away in November 2019.

Alyssa was born October 17, 1996, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She was a graduate of Florida Atlantic University Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, and recently obtained her

Master's Degree in Business Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

She brightened every room she went into and inspired her friends and family to enjoy each moment. Alyssa's smile was infectious and she had a zest for life. She took nothing for granted and strived every day to be a good person to

everyone that she interacted with. Her love of learning included a desire to travel.

Alyssa was committed to higher education and to the needs of those who struggled to achieve their educational goals. She truly believed that potential existed in every person. She was an active volunteer with the Youth Services Department - always willing to help and interact with youth.

Alyssa's family is proud to announce that a scholarship fund has been established in her name.

The Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson Scholarship is dedicated to those who need a little extra assistance in achieving education goals.

To apply to the Alyssa Sangeeta Jacobson Scholarship, visit www.friendsofyouthservices.com/scholarship.htm.

Upcoming Events

YOUTH SUMMIT 2020

On Saturday, April 25, 2020, over 600 youth from all over the county will convene at Palm Beach Lakes H.S. in West Palm Beach for the 10th Annual Palm Beach County Youth Summit. The day-long event is themed, "Mission I'M Possible: WE'RE Worth It." The event kicks off at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Palm Beach County Youth Summit is to provide local middle and high school aged youth with a unique opportunity to explore and address areas of concern impacting them. Youth will participate in relevant interactive workshops to include the following dynamic areas of focus: Violence, Gangs, Drugs & Alcohol, Mental Health, Education, Employment, and many other topics. It will be a day of empowerment, education, and entertainment.

Digital Vibez Technology Arts will energize our student attendees with their sound and youth performances. Kevin Hines is the keynote speaker. He is a suicide survivor and suicide prevention speaker, who gained nationwide fame for surviving an attempt at taking his own life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. Kevin Hines has the ability of connecting with a young audience. "He is a storyteller at heart." The teens will receive 10 community service hours and giveaway items.

Sponsors for the Youth Summit include the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, West Palm Beach Police Department, Urban League of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition, Palm Beach County School District, Palm Beach County School Police, Palm Beach County Youth Services Department, Planned Parenthood, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, Eta Phi Beta Sorority, and many collaborative partners.

Collective Impact Pledge

Birth to 22 is committed to a common agenda, we are an alliance of community partners that engages and aligns existing coalitions, networks, systems and youth-serving organizations as well as connecting families, community members, and most importantly, young people.

Take the *Pledge*, be listed as a Collective Impact Partner

of the Birth to 22 Alliance to improve outcomes from cradle to career for all Palm Beach County children, youth and families, and will provide support as provided on the attached.

Click [here](#) to join us in envisioning and creating a culture that values our youth from cradle to career.



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