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THE COUNTY'S MISSION:

To deliver excellent public service that enhances quality of life and addresses our community's needs now and in the future.

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Employee Service Milestones This Quarter:

Rita Hendricks	27 Years
Pamela Martin	11 Years
Tracy Justice	8 Years
Clement Warner	2 Years
James Argeros	2 Years
Lourdes Davis	2 Years
Jennifer Ortiz	2 Years

Front Page News



Back to School Bash

The Community Services Department in Partnership with the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County will be hosting the 3rd Annual Back to School Bash on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 400 W. Airport Blvd Sanford, FL 32773 from 8am-12 noon. The School Bash is a community event which brings a wide range of services to Seminole County school aged children (Kindergarten through 12th grade). This year's theme is "Where Kids Come First." In addition to free backpacks, school supplies, and haircuts, Seminole County children will have access to dental screenings, school physicals, immunizations, and links to a myriad of resources to better prepare them for a successful school year.

Pre-registration will take place starting Monday, June 27, 2016 through Friday, July 8, 2016 from 1pm-4pm in the Seminole County Community Assistance Office located at 534 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773. Pre-registration is mandatory to receive a backpack and school supplies. Parents must provide valid Florida ID, Birth certificates for children, and proof of enrollment in a Seminole County Public School. For additional information, please call 407-665-2389.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Community Services Department!!!

We have had a very busy 2nd quarter! In April we celebrated Fair Housing Month as the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. We also hosted our 3rd Annual **Fair Housing Art Contest** with Elementary, Middle and High School Students attending Seminole County Public Schools and participated in the State Fair Housing Summit.



VALMARIE H. TURNER
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

We continued our outreach efforts as June was National Homeownership Month and we celebrated with our 3rd Homeownership Fair in conjunction with the City of Sanford, Sanford Middle School, and a host of local lenders, realtors, contractors and nonprofit agencies. Stay tuned for our 3rd Annual **Back-to-School Bash** on July 23rd at the Florida Department of Health in Seminole.

Please welcome our new team members: Shaina Holder, Luis Abelo, and Kimberly Paul.

If you or your agency would like to learn more about the Community Services Department, please contact us at 407-665-2300.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

Around the Divisions

Community Assistance

Dave Ramsey FPU Program

The Community Services Department – CA Division is currently offering the well-known Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University (FPU) Program for families enrolled in its CSBG Family Self Sufficiency (FSSP) Program. The FPU Program is a 9-week course designed to assist families in managing their finances. Through video teaching, small group discussions and interactive group activities, the curriculum teaches practical steps to get rid of debt, manage money; and spend and save wisely. Staff is excited to provide this service to our FSSP families as the move toward self-sufficiency.



Classes began on June 7th and are held every other Tuesday evening at the Community Services Office-Reflection Plaza.

Legal Aid Society Workshop

Seminole County Community Services Department-Community Assistance Division in partnership with the Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society, Inc. held the first of its kind legal workshop on June 7, 2016 at the Community Services office, 534 West Lake Mary Blvd.



The workshop was designed to provide Seminole County Shelter Plus Care and Tenant-based Rental Assistance program participants with Pro bono information and resources for Living Wills, Health Care Surrogates, and Durable Power of Attorney. Clients were also given the opportunity to complete and sign all documents provided with legal assistance. A total of 17 participants attended the workshop, of which 9 received assistance with preparing applicable legal documents. As a result of the workshop participants received much needed information and resources to address their needs. Services were provide free for all program participants.

Veteran Services

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

The Vietnam Travelling Memorial Wall came to Seminole County for the first time. The Memorial Wall was erected in Reiter Park in the City of Longwood on June 8, 2016, for a four-day round the clock memorial and historical display. The Vietnam Travelling Memorial Wall is a 300-foot (3/5th) replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D. C., that honors the more than 3 million Americans who served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and bears the names of the more than 58,000 who died throughout the War's duration.



There were numerous Local Military, Veterans, Elected Officials, Special and Honored Guests present for formal ceremonies each day and a wreath laying. There were many tears and stories from those who visited the Memorial. Family and friends laid mementos along the Wall in remembrance of those Soldiers who lost their lives. It is estimated that 10,000 persons paid their respects. Steve Fussell played TAPS at the closing ceremony.

Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (P.A.Y.)

Teen Court Graduation

On May 10, 2016 Teen Court held a graduation celebration to honor several of their Teen Court volunteers. The graduating volunteers served over 500 hours of community service and volunteered between one and four years with Teen



Court. These teens served in the capacity of teen attorneys, bailiff's and clerks. The graduating teens were honored with thank you gifts donated by one of our local supporters. We are grateful for their years of service to our community and their fellow students.

Around the Divisions

Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (P.A.Y.)

P.A.Y. will say its good byes on July 1, 2016, to Seminole County Government



The P.A.Y. program has been with Seminole County Government since its inception in 1978. The diversion program encompasses the Teen Court, Juvenile Alternative Services Program, and implemented the Civil Citation Program with the Seminole County Sheriff Office in July, 2012.

On June 14, 2016, Sherriff, Don Eslinger and Chief Deputy, Dennis Lemma presented to the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners their plan for the integration of the P.A.Y. program into the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. P.A.Y. will now work closely with the other juvenile programs that are a part of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

The P.A.Y. team is grateful to Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and the Sherriff's Office for their ongoing support. The P.A.Y. program will continue to provide the highest level of services for the youth in Seminole County who are fortunate to participate in this ninety day juvenile diversion program.

In the words of Director, Valmarie H. Turner, "the P.A.Y. Program is now extended family."

Community Development

Homeownership Fair A Smashing Success!

Community Services hosted the 3rd Annual Seminole County Homeownership Fair on June 4th at Sanford Middle School. The fair provided citizens with a great opportunity to meet lenders, nonprofit developers, housing counseling agencies and realtors. Staff recorded 167 attendees for 15 homeownership classes that ranged from how to fix up your home to financing a house. The event was catered by Chick-fil-A, who donated 200 lunches. Community Services Team Members staffed the event, which included activities for children and prize drawings throughout the day.



Fair Housing For All!

HUD Secretary Julián Castro said it best when he exclaimed "A core belief of our values as Americans is the idea that every person deserves a fair chance to secure safe and stable housing. Your race, how you get around, the size of your family, whether you come from another country, if you are a man or a woman, or whatever your religious beliefs are should never hinder your housing goals."



This year, Community Services promoted Fair Housing by holding an art contest for Seminole County elementary, middle and high school students. A total of 55 students submitted art during the month long competition, which culminated in an awards ceremony for the 9 winners on May 6th.

A special shout out to all of the judges who donated their time to this event, including Jon Sellers, Barbara Hughes, Carol Hunter, Jaqueline Cronin and Tim Marcopulus.