



# Children's Services Council O F M A R T I N C O U N T Y

## **Partnerships**

### **2-1-1 Treasure Coast**



CSCMC is proud to be a partner in funding The Center for Information & Crisis Services' 2-1-1 Treasure Coast. 2-1-1 provides 24 hours/7 days a week information, which includes referral, telephone counseling, crisis intervention, and suicide prevention services toll free to individual, families, and children.

### **Martin County Shared Services Network**



CSCMC is pleased to be a major collaborative partner in the Martin County Shared Services Network (SSN). The SSN Executive Roundtable, a committed group of agency chief executive officers who has been convening since 1999, works on priority issues that affect children in Martin County. With a mission statement of "Working Together for Children," the leaders of our county have prioritized the issue of reducing youth substance use in Martin County. Through the substance use prevention efforts of all the collaborative partner agencies, significant progress has

been made in lowering substance use in our youth, as identified by the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey. Shared Services Network, in partnership with the Safe and Drug Free Schools Initiative in the Martin County School District, was the driving force behind the Parents Who Host Lose the Most anti-substance use campaign and a local campaign to build developmental assets in youth. In addition to prevention activities locally, the Martin County Shared Services Network works collaboratively with the Treasure Coast Advocacy Coalition to advocate for legislative changes that improve the lives of citizens on the Treasure Coast, including families in Martin County. Shared Services Network in Martin County is recognized by the Governor's Office of Drug Control, as a local substance abuse prevention coalition.

## **CSCMC Special Projects**

### **Martin County Health Department**

CSCMC has partnered with the Martin County Health Department, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, and Martin County School District to enhance the School Health Program. CSCMC is providing funds to offset the cost of two full-time nurses to compliment the existing nursing staff. The goal of this partnership is to enhance our school's ability to assess, protect, and promote the health of our students. The additional nursing staff will improve efforts to carry out public health mandates in the schools. CSCMC is committed to working with community partners and the School Health Advisory Committee to assure the best possible outcomes for Martin County students.

### **Martin County Parks and Recreation Department**

CSCMC provided \$10,000 in funding to the Martin County Teen Advisory Board for youth activities. The Teen Advisory Board spearheads the planning, organization, and hosting of the Summer Slam Jam event for Martin County teens and their families.

## **Cultural Competency Training**

### **Martin and St. Lucie Cultural Competency Training Program**

In 2005 the Children's Services Councils of Martin and St Lucie Counties partnered with Tykes & Teens, Inc., and SandyPines to form the Martin and St. Lucie Cultural Competency Collaborative. The mission of the Collaborative was to promote cultural competency for social service providers through training programs and ongoing support.

Supported by funds from the Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Inc., the Collaborative contracted with The Cross Cultural Health Care Program of Seattle, Washington. They have designed and provided a series of quarterly training sessions for over 500 individuals from health and human service organizations in Martin and St. Lucie Counties. In 2009 the collaborative founded Organizational Capacity Builders, Inc. (OCB), a 501(c)(3), that will continue to offer training in the area of culture competency to the public and private sector. For more information, contact OCB Executive Director, Jill Sheppell, via e-mail at [jsheppell@cscmc.org](mailto:jsheppell@cscmc.org) or telephone at (772) 229-7518.