

SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

STATE: FLORIDA

PROJECT TITLE: Strengthening Youth Partnerships

TARGET POPULATION: Juvenile offenders, out-of-school youth, youth in foster care and aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, children of incarcerated parents

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Northeast Florida, including Duval (Jacksonville), Nassau, Clay, Baker, Putnam, and St. Johns counties, and Southwest Florida, including Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties

FUNDING: \$116,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Florida's Strengthening Youth Partnerships pilot project has three components: 1) the development of a community assessment and action plan that increases coordination and expands services to the most at risk-youth; 2) the creation of a one-stop prevention and intervention system for youth on probation, community service and returning from juvenile justice placements; and 3) support for the state team. These activities will be carried out in Workforce Board Region 8, a six-county area in Northeast Florida, and Workforce Board Region 24, a five-county area in Southwest Florida. Information on the project will be disseminated at a variety of workshops, conferences, and interagency meetings and posted on the Internet. The project will seek to develop plans and strategies that can be replicated in other communities.

LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS: Local Economic Development Councils, Independent Living Council, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, foster care agencies and parents, local school districts, faith and community based organizations, local chambers of commerce, law enforcement agencies, various youth service providers

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