
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 3.3

GOAL # 3: HUMAN CAPITAL

Assist every person to reach their true potential



INITIATIVE 3.3: ANALYZE THE AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF YOUTH PROGRAMS AND IDENTIFY A ROLE FOR CITY GOVERNMENT

Co-Champions: Michelle Park, Assistant Recreation and Parks Director
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Sponsoring Commissioner: Scherwin Henry, Commissioner (District I)

Committee: Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee

Stakeholders: Youth, Alachua County Schools, parents, juvenile justice, law enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Faith-based organizations, mental health providers, Children and Family Services, Partnership for Strong Families, Alachua County Children's Alliance, private mental and substance abuse providers, Florida Works, Chamber of Commerce, public and private youth providers, youth advocates, University of Florida (UF), Santa Fe College (SFC)

Desired Outcome: Increase the number of opportunities for underserved youth and establish an information portal to educate the public of opportunities available for youth.

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in June, 2008 at a Strategic Planning Retreat to introduce new City Commissioners to the strategic planning process and provide all Commissioners an opportunity to discuss the strategic goals and initiatives.

Progress to Date:

This is a new initiative

Supporting Documentation:

- Alachua County Prevention Efforts by Age Range (Report prepared by the State Attorneys Office, available upon request)

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Action Plan to Analyze Youth Programs for FYs 2009 – 2010

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Present the 'State of the Union' for Youth in Alachua County by Gretchen Howard from the State Attorney's Office to the City Commission.	September 2008
2. Present the results of the 'Summer Heatwave' and 'Operation Respect Yourself' program to the City Commission.	October 2008
3. Convene the stakeholders to identify needs and make recommendations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a Youth Commission ▪ Analyze the results of the Alachua County Youth Services Gap Analysis to understand how they apply to the City of Gainesville. 	On-going

Critical Success Measures

- Establish a youth commission
- Increase the communication efforts to educate the public of the youth programs available to them
- Number programs available to youth