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PARENT PEER GROUPS

New network for parents in the Shores organizing through Informed Families

With the goal of keeping local children safe, healthy and drug-free, leadership training is starting now with a network of parent groups forming after the start of the new school year.

Following the completion of the Chamber-sponsored Community Needs Assessment, it was revealed what 1,700 students from area schools said they were struggling with and experiencing. The anonymous, in-dept surveys provided critical data on what is happening "in our own backyard" as identified by kids here.

Leadership teams are currently being trained to assist with creation of a Parent Peer Group network here. While the first series of three training sessions was held in July, a

second leader training series is set for August.

The free, local, small group sessions run from 6 to 9 p.m., on Wednesday, August 11th, Monday, August 16th and Wednesday, August 18th.

The program is being administered through Informed Families, The Florida Family Partnership, with funding provided by a grant from the Knight Foundation and additional support from the Woman's Relief Association, the Miami Shores Community Task Force and the Chamber.

For additional information contact **Anne** and **Jim McCoy**, Informed Families' community coordinators for the parent training component, at 305-754-2220.

Chamber's 2025 Task Force "hits the street" as they hold interviews with 37 members

Members of the Chamber 2025 Task Force have launched phase two of their effort to insure that the organization is meeting the needs of the members.

Earlier this year, all members were invited to participate in an on-line survey that sought responses to questions about Chamber programs, activities, events and future direction of the organization.

The survey responses are serving as the basis for face-to-face interviews with a selected group of 37 members. The survey group is a sampling designed to represent all sizes of members and those

businesses that have shown different levels of involvement.

Members of the Chamber 2025 Task Force who are conducting the face-to-face interviews include Task Force Chair **Jim McCoy**, McCoy Properties; Chamber President **Georgeé Kluck**, Georgeé & Company, Keller Williams Eagle Realty; Chamber Vice President **Dolores Sukhdeo**, CCO/EVP WPBT - Channel 2; Task Force Vice Chair **Dr. Douglas Stokesberry**, family dentist; Task Force Vice Chair **Alicia J. Hollinger**, Citibank; and **Ann Paton**, Barry University, a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Community Learning Partnership promoting "Common Community Reader" in anticipation of student interaction with selected author

The Community Learning Partnership of Greater Miami Shores is partnering with Barry University's College of Arts and Sciences to put forward the "Soul of a Citizen" as this year's "Common Reader" for the community and area schools.



In preparation for the keynote address by **Paul Loeb**, the book's author, Barry University first year students — along with middle and high school students from CLP schools — will be reading the book which explores the difficulties of living with conviction during challenging times. The students will also have a personal session with the author as part of the CLP's on-going efforts to enhance leadership and critical thinking skills among our local schools in the greater Miami Shores area.

The keynote address is part of Barry's annual Undergraduate Mini Conference. This year's theme is *Soulful Citizenship: Pursuing Social Justice through Collaborative Partnerships*.

The Miami Shores community and all CLP schools are invited to the keynote address by author Loeb at Barry's Broad Auditorium, Tuesday, Oct. 26th at noon.

Local residents who would like to read the book will find a number of copies at the Brockway Memorial Library and copies are for sale at the Barry University Bookstore.

For the date and time of associated lectures at the Brockway Memorial Library in Miami Shores, visit www.barry.edu/clp or www.miamishoresvillage.com.

For more information about the book and author, visit www.paulloeb.org/soul.html.