



What is One Voice for Volusia? One Voice for Volusia is a neutral convener, engaging leaders and individuals to develop and implement strategies to improve the community. Our work includes the coordination of a community coalition and spearheading several community-wide initiatives such as The Community Agenda and the *thrive by five* Collaborative. One Voice for Volusia has also worked to prevent underage drinking and substance abuse among youth since our inception and we continue to serve in leadership capacities across Florida in building community coalitions. Through research, consensus building and the coordination of resources, One Voice for Volusia takes a leadership role in improving the quality of life in Volusia County.

Our Mission: Through collaboration One Voice for Volusia mobilizes all sectors of the community by strengthening our organized capacity to meet human needs.

By examining best practices and models from throughout the country, One Voice for Volusia progressively spearheads the establishment of a shared vision for local health and human services.

Our Coalition: One Voice for Volusia currently operates an active coalition. It is attended by over 700 members representing 115 community based organizations, who contributed over 3,000 hours to coalition work in 2015-16. Members participate in a variety of ways, including attending monthly coalition meetings, doing valuable committee work, receiving training opportunities and working on special projects. In the last two years our attendance at monthly meetings has almost doubled to 110+ community leaders attending on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County from 9am.to 10:30. Meetings afford a monthly opportunity for members & guests to:

- Learn something new & connect with peers in order to strengthen community bonds and partnerships
- Request assistance/partnership to address an issue
- Learn about committee work & strategic objective progress
- Discuss the policies and practices of the local health and human service system
- Share information and garner support for upcoming projects or events
- Discuss & develop solutions for community issues

One Voice for Volusia Team Projects for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year

Through leveraging a vast array of synergistic relationships and community partnerships, One Voice for Volusia is able to maintain a very small footprint and yet make a very BIG impact on the community.

Connecting Our Community, Facilitator Role One Voice staff assists with and/or convenes meetings involving multi-agency efforts. One Voice for Volusia is also a leader, driving visionary efforts behind the collective work of other community coalitions throughout the State.

Community Health Needs Assessment Volusia County: One Voice for Volusia was contracted to conduct the first ever joint Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Process in Volusia County with all 5 Flagler Hospitals, Halifax Health and the Florida Department of Health working collaboratively to determine and prioritize our communities' greatest health needs. This process has brought 100's of community leaders together to evaluate the current state of health in Volusia County and to prioritize which needs we currently have both the capacity and the moral and fiscal obligation to address with best practice approaches that maximize current community assets that will affect the greatest positive change. This process has involved hosting 6 community process meetings, surveying over 2600 community members, gathering data on over 300 health issues and compiling thorough data and narrative rich reports on 12 selected health indicators for review and on the 5 initial health indicators selected for further community vetting and internal decision making. The published CHNA document was released in September and is available at www.agendavf.org or www.ovfv.org/data.

Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan Flagler County: One Voice for Volusia also partnered with Flagler Cares, Florida Hospital Flagler, Halifax Health and the Florida Department of Health in Flagler to help facilitate and publish their joint Community Health Needs Assessment Process and Community Health Improvement Plan.

The Health and Human Services Summit: Hosted annually each fall by One Voice for Volusia, the Health and Human Services Summit connects over 80 agencies to one another and the community at the beautiful Ocean Center. To maximize the day, 18 professional development courses, many with CEU's, are offered free of charge by community experts thanks to the generosity of corporate and organizational sponsors. This year over 385 training certificates were issued, a White Cane Awareness Walk was added to the event and free health screenings were offered.

Youth Substance Abuse Prevention: At the end of the 2015-16 school year, One Voice for Volusia directly impacted 15,000 youth and their families with their various youth substance abuse initiatives thanks to over 200 dedicated volunteers. By leveraging their partnerships through the coalition, Volusia County Schools and the Volusia Juvenile Justice Council, every 8th grader through their history class will go through the hour long **Know the Law** program, including a pre-and post-test and a take-home detailed booklet for them and their parents. Armed with knowledge of the current laws and the very real consequences as well as the opportunity to interact positively with community law enforcement, our youth can make positive choices ensuring a positive future. Over 4000 teens pledged to drive with two hands on the wheel and two eyes on the road with the 1st Annual State Farm "**Rock My Ride**" initiative we created, and 4000 youth have participated in one of our **Friday Night Done Right** Social Norming efforts. Although most of our youth don't drink, in 2014, 82% of Volusia youth who did drink reported doing so in their or someone else's home. So we reached over 1500 parents and 3000 youth with the **Parents Who Host Lose the Most** campaign in an effort to reduce social hosting in Volusia County and in 2016 that number dropped by almost 12%.

The Community Connector is one of the resources borne from the Coalition. This popular e-communications tool sends over half a million updates on information regarding upcoming events, trainings, updates and job postings to over 2,800 subscribers, thus empowering our community and those who serve. Please join at <http://onevoiceforvolusia.org>

The Community Agenda One Voice for Volusia released the tenth annual Community Agenda Snapshot in September 2016 filled with 5-year trend data and current community demographics vital for our community to evaluate the effectiveness of current programs and to determine the need for solutions. Throughout the year, data updates can be found online by visiting www.agendavf.org and are distributed in booklet form to community leaders, decision makers and programs throughout the year. Through community process data indicators on Children and Youth, Families and Neighborhoods, Aging and Elderly, Adults and Disabilities and Health and Wellness are the reported categories. Over 500 hard copies have been produced for distribution in addition to the online resource.

thrive by five Collaborative One Voice for Volusia facilitates the *thrive by five* collaborative of 20 agencies and organizations, working together so that children are prepared to enter school ready to learn and are emotionally and physically healthy. The Community Agenda Steering Committee originally led One Voice for Volusia to convene this collaborative and through its members develop a strategic plan toward achieving optimal early childhood outcomes. One Voice for Volusia was the recipient of training and technical assistance with Georgetown University, awarded by the Florida Department of Health to strengthen the early childhood community system of care. The technical assistance resulted in the PYRAMID Partnership Summit, involving 83 parents and provider representative and continued support for the community wide implementation of the Strengthening Families model. Reading Pals and Baby Court are other important initiatives under this collaborative. In April, 2013, the *thrive by five Collaborative* received the Florida 2013 Children's Week Community Innovation Award. One Voice for Volusia facilitates the regular meeting of these important stakeholders and entered into a collaborative grant process with 4 of the partners in 2015 to bring the **Help Me Grow** developmental screenings and referrals program to our community.

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