



February 12, 2025

Glades S.T.A.R. Agenda – 3:00pm – 4:30pm

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<p>Welcome and Introductions Announcements</p>	<p>SOC Glades STAR Members and Guests</p>	<p>Comments: Kanisha Taylor Willie Lawrence Veree Jenkins Mikayla Lavette McKenzie Camisa Greene Susie Hammond Mellisa Bryan Annie Ifill</p>
<p>Florida Rural Legal Services</p>	<p>Mikayla</p>	<p>Ms. Mikayla introduced their nonprofit civil law firm which provides free legal services to low-income communities in various Florida counties. Some of the services that they offer is education, family law, estate planning, housing , public benefits and consumer law. The organization also has victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program to help clients/survivors of domestic violence despite any income level.</p>
<p>Glades Clubhouse</p>	<p>Lavette McKenzie</p>	<p>Lavette Mckenzie, the glades clubhouse coordinator council member explained that the organization provides group sessions, education and provides mental health resources as well as help assistance with obtaining GED’s and college courses. The clubhouse hours are from</p>

		<p>8am to 2pm and they provide transportation for members that live in Western communities such as Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay. Ms. Mckenzie is actively inquiring about any new member that has mental health issues as well as any of their family members.</p>
<p>Youth Report</p>	<p>Susie Hammond</p>	<p>Mrs. Veree gave brief highlights about the youth participating in various community events as well as planning a Valentines Day gathering for their parents in which they would create cards and small skits. Mr. Lawrence shared information about the youth explosion, which is a competition for any talents in youth.</p>
<p>Wraparound Report</p>	<p>Camisa Greene</p>	<p>Mrs. Greene discussed the wraparound committee's efforts to increase collaboration and referrals particularly in the belle glade, Pahokee area. Mrs. Greene is scheduled to come out to one of the support groups introducing different services and potentially gather referrals for services. She also plans to develop a plan to assist clients with Economic self-sufficiency.</p>
<p>Open table</p>	<p>Veree Jenkins</p>	<p>Mrs. Jenkins mentioned that the glades open table is accepting referrals for individuals with cancer diagnosis.</p>
<p>Family Report</p>	<p>Lynora Fulmore</p>	<p>Strengthening families is a family-based support group which is held every Thursday at the BeWell Center as well</p>

		as Coffee, Chat and Chew which is held every Tuesday.
Healthier Glades	Annie Ifill	Ms. Annie shared the flyer for the upcoming “Soil to Soul” event which will include an overview of the Tri-city gardening project, arts and crafts as well as various vendors.
Reentry – Supportive Housing	Willie Lawrence	Mr. Lawrence discussed the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony for Harper’s court a new facility in Belle Glade and the potential distribution center for the farm share program. Mr. Lawrence also discussed the partnership with Urban farmers and the plans for a farmers’ market. The ribbon cutting ceremony is planned once the building is ready.
Hunger Relief	Willie Lawrence	Mrs. Jenkins discussed the Farmshare food distribution program which offers protein and other items. Families that are unable to access larger varieties of food are being transported to South Bay to receive additional meals and this opens availability to understand the needs in these families. Ms. Mellisa and Ms. Marsha briefly touched with ways to accommodate family members without transportation.
Next Meeting	TBD	Meeting Closed Out 4:18



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