

**Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction
Family Engagement Subcommittee
Conference Room A, 117 W. Duval St., 4th Floor, City Hall
March 1, 2019
9:00 am - 10 am**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions & Expectations
3. Discussion on CoChair
4. Meeting Schedule & Timeline
5. Mission & Vision Statements
 - Mission Statement
 - Number of Recommendations
6. Topics for Discussion
 - a. Exercise: Strengths - Weaknesses - Opportunities - Challenges (SWOC)
 - b. Inventory
 - c. Information Gathering
 - d. Additional Topics
7. Action Items
8. Public Comment
- 9/ Adjourn

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TASK FORCE ON SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION

Meeting Notice

February 21, 2019
5:00 p.m.

TO: Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction Subcommittee Members

Tom Geismar	Timothy Sloan
Phyllis Hall	Shamika Wright
Alicia Sitren	Mia Allen

FROM: Ellen Glasser, Chair

SUBJECT: 20190301 Meeting Notice Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction Subcommittee on Family Engagement

Notice is hereby given that the Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction Subcommittee on **Family Engagement** will meet **Friday, March 1, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**. The meeting will be held in **Conference Room A, 117 W. Duval St., 4th Floor, City Hall - St. James Building**. For additional information, please contact Crystal Shemwell at cshemwell@coj.net or (904) 630-1404.

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- Pregnancy and wellness (pre- and postnatal)
- Breastfeeding
- Parenting skills
- Parent-Child interaction
- Child development
- Screenings
- Importance of bonding and attachment

Staff help increase parents' confidence in parenting, reduce stress and teach about financial management and community resources. Healthy Families Jacksonville is a convenient way to improve the health and well-being of mothers, infants and young children of Duval County.

These support services are provided by The Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition Inc. and the Kids Hope Alliance, and begin prenatally or within three months of the birth of the child. Families who live in the following zip codes may be eligible to receive these services: 32202, 32204, 32205, 32206, 32207, 32208, 32209, 32210, 32211, 32216, 32217, 32218, 32219, 32220, 32221, 32226, 32233, 32244, 32246, 32250, 32254, 32256, 32257, 32277. To give your baby a positive start or to learn more about Healthy Families Jacksonville contact Mary Nash at the Kids Hope Alliance at (904) 630-7057. Or, visit the [Healthy Families Florida](#) website to learn about Healthy Families programs throughout the state.

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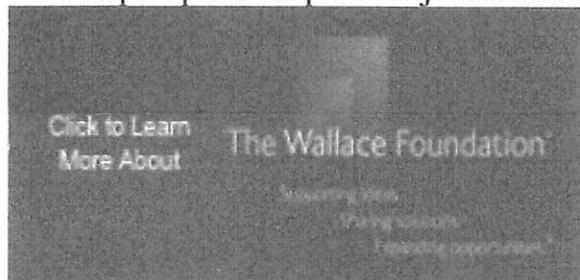
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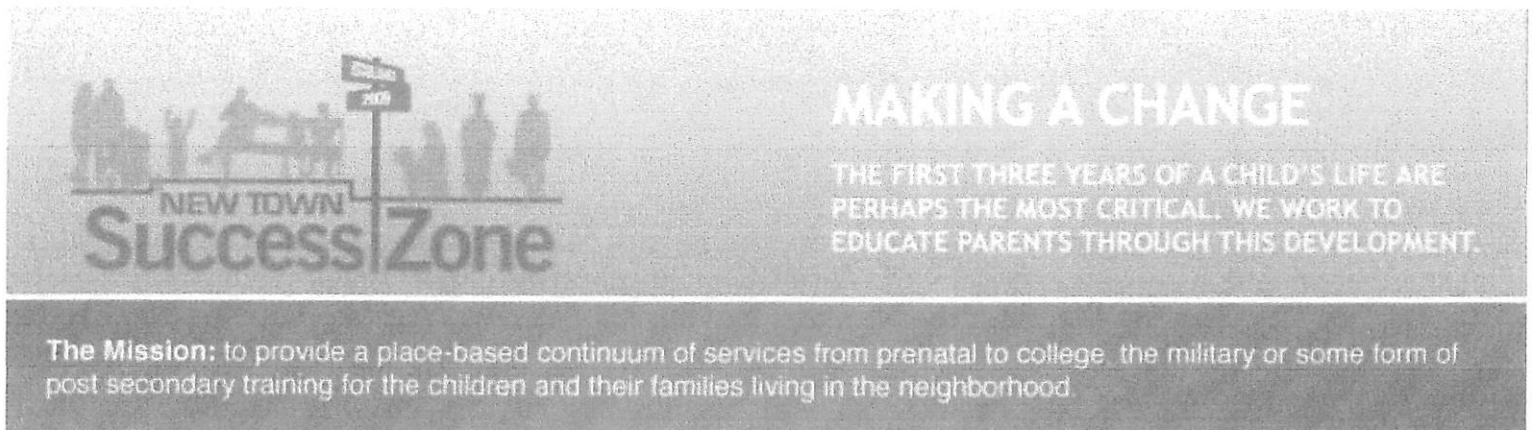
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New Town Success Zone



MAKING A CHANGE

THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE ARE PERHAPS THE MOST CRITICAL. WE WORK TO EDUCATE PARENTS THROUGH THIS DEVELOPMENT.

The Mission: to provide a place-based continuum of services from prenatal to college, the military or some form of post secondary training for the children and their families living in the neighborhood.

In April 2007, Mayor John Peyton, members of the Jacksonville Children's Commission board and staff, and other community leaders traveled to Harlem, New York to learn more about the Harlem Children's Zone® (HCZ), and it's HCZ Project. The HCZ Project is a "multi-year comprehensive community building initiative of the Harlem Children's Zone®." It assists parents and caregivers, business leaders, professionals, residents, teachers and other stakeholders in creating a safe environment and pipeline to success for children who reside in a 97-block area of Central Harlem (www.hcz.org).

Under the leadership of the Jacksonville Children's Commission, a Steering Committee was formed to help develop a neighborhood project in Jacksonville that will use the strategies behind the success of the Harlem Children's Zone in a unique and specific way that will reflect Jacksonville's unique cultural, geographic and economic character. While the scale of the Harlem Children's Zone and its ability to raise significant funding from the community around it are nearly impossible to replicate in Jacksonville, this project would use the combined strategies of powerfully linking and rigorously evaluating key services for children to positively change child outcomes.

The New Town Success Zone continues to be a valued partner and funded program provider of the Kids Hope Alliance.



/oluntary PreKindergarten Program. For more information, [CLICK HERE](http://www.elcduval.org/volunt) (<http://www.elcduval.org/volunt>

Guiding Stars of Duval & Quality Child Care

What is Quality?

Personal ideas about quality child care differ greatly in today's society. Our very own values, beliefs, cultures, backgrounds, and environments contribute to how we determine what quality looks like.

Studies show that these particular areas have positive impacts on a child's development:

- Highly-Skilled Staff
- Small Class Sizes
- Language-Rich Environments
- Age-Appropriate Curriculum and Stimulating Material
- A Safe Physical Environment

What is Guiding Stars of Duval and How Does it Measure Quality?

[Guiding Stars of Duval](http://www.elcduval.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/guiding_stars_brochurerev.pdf) (http://www.elcduval.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/guiding_stars_brochurerev.pdf) is THE quality rating improvement system for child care providers in Duval County. Both, child care centers and family child care homes can volunteer to be a part of this program. Participants in Guiding Stars commit to not only meeting the basic requirements for licensing set by the State of Florida, but they also agree to hold themselves accountable to higher standards by providing quality education and by helping children prepare for school.

Through participation in Guiding Stars, child care programs are measured on important indicators and standards, such as teacher education and training, teacher-child interactions, child screenings, and curriculum. Ratings range from 1 star to 5 stars. The chart below explains what each level represents.

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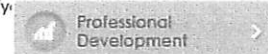
The Grow Up Great Children's Closet is open the first Friday of each month on a first come, first serve basis.&nb... Read More (<http://www.elcduval.org/grow-up-great-childrens-closet-3/>)



Free Child Care Resource and Referral

Free Child Care Resource and Referral to all families seeking information on quality child care and education programs in Duval County. Call (904) 208-2044

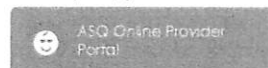
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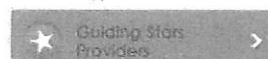
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Click Here for a List of Current: **GUIDING STARS PARTICIPANTS**

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What Should I Look for in a Child Care Provider?

Choosing a child care provider for your family is one of the most important decisions you will ever make as a parent. Therefore, the link below contains a quality checklist to help guide you in your decision-making process.

Since the Department of Children and Families is charged with monitoring licensed child care centers, it is also important to review their DCF record before making a decision. Click on the link below to check past inspection reports.

Quality Checklist

(<http://www.elcduval.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Quality-Checklist-OEL-Original.pdf>)

Inspection Reports

(<https://cares.myflfamilies.com/PublicSearch>)

Where Can I Find a List of Child Care Providers that Contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Duval?

Child Care Database

(<http://www.elcduval.org/child-care-provider-database/>)

Faith-based Licensed Exempt Child Care Centers: The Department of Children and Families (DCF) DOES NOT have to monitor these providers. If they have School Readiness children, DCF does conduct monitoring or the Center must provide proof they are monitored by their faith-based affiliated agency.

Licensed & Accredited Child Care Centers & Private Schools: DCF monitors these providers and issues their licenses. A Florida recognized accrediting agency must issue any accreditation.

Licensed & Accredited Family Child Care Homes: DCF monitors and issues all licenses to these providers. A Florida recognized accrediting agency must also issue any accreditation. The provider can have no more than 15 children in their care.

Licensed Child Care Centers & Private Schools: DCF monitors these providers and issues their licenses.

Licensed Family Child Care Homes: DCF monitors these providers and issues their licenses. The provider can have no more than 15 children in their care.

You can also click on the box above to see all child care options.

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PROVIDER NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE #	PRIMARY CONTACT	EMAIL ADDRESS	STAR RATING	REVALIDATION YEAR
A GIFT FROM GOD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	2104 CASSAT AVENUE	32210	904-524-8606	SHEREE HARVIN	Shereharvin@gmail.com	5	2019
A KIDS LEARNING EXPERIENCE	1898 PARENTAL HOME ROAD	32216	904-503-4972	THERESA ROBINSON	thrbns@aol.com	4	2021
A LITTLE PRESCHOOL, INC.	4504 SUNDERLAND ROAD	32210	904-389-7136	BRENDA GRIMES	gliterschool@aol.com	6	2021
A MAGICAL BEGINNING LEARNING ACADEMY	4218 BLANDING BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 103	32210	904-317-7455	SHERAN SHELTON	sheltonsgnbeginning@aol.com	3	2021
ANEW BEGINNNG CHILD CARE 2 LLC (EHS-CCP)	687 N FORT CAROLINE AVENUE	32254	904-381-0100	SHEITHA CROSS	newbegin156@gmail.com	3	2019
A.R.T. LEARNING CENTER	590 FORT CAROLINE ROAD	32217	904-619-3126	LAURA HARDEMAN	a.r.t.learningcenter@comcast.net	3	2021
ABUNDANTLY BLESSED KIDS INC.	1727 NORTH MCCLIFF AVE	32244	904-389-2161	APRIL FERGUSON	ilicoma17@yahoo.com	3	2019
AC CENTER INC	1804 ST JOHN'S BLUFF ROAD SOUTH	32246	904-842-1154	KAREN SANCHEZ	allenchildecenter@yahoo.com	3	2019
ALL ABOUT KIDS, CHILDREN ACADEMY INC	5751 NORTH MAIN ST	32208	904-847-6249	LAVISHA HILERY	AAGA2010@AHO.COM	4	2020
ALL ABOUT KIDS, INC.	4563 PEARL STREET NORTH	32208	904-353-2600	LAVISHA EVANS	allaboutkidsprechool@comcast.net	4	2020
ALPHA OMEGA LEARNING CENTER	4171 HENDRICKS AVENUE	32207	904-737-7800	MARIEA RICHARDS	alphaomega32110@gmail.com	5	2021
AROUND THE CLOCK KID CARE AND PRESCHOOL LLC	8102 PENMAN ROAD	32244	904-246-3885	ATHEA MARIA ALFORD	aroundtheclock4kids@gmail.com	4	2020
BETHACHES ACADEMY INC	17256 PALM ROAD SUITE 4	32250	904-705-1985	BONNIE ALLEN	info@beachacademy.com	4	2020
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL	1359 PALM CIRCLE & 8th AVENUE NORTH	32208	904-768-5128	POMMIE HAYNES	prommie@aol.com	4	2020
BEVERLY HILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	3731 ROGERS AVENUE	32208	904-349-6193	NICOLE MAYES	prommie@aol.com	5	2021
BLOSSOM BLOSSOMS DAYCARE CENTER INC	1014 EAST 21ST STREET	32208	904-683-2081	TASHANA HORRIS	Thishsheraslittlengels.com	4	2020
BLOSSOM FUTURE'S LEARNING CENTER INC	4604 BLANDING BLVD	32210	904-483-0330	ESTELLA D BRAXTON	estellabraxton@comcast.net	4	2021
BRAXTON'S ACADEMY	5605 NORMANDY BOULEVARD	32206	904-493-0330	TIERRA STORY	tierrastory@gmail.com	3	2021
BRIGHT BELIEVERS LLC	5193 VERNON ROAD	32205	904-447-0006	MERADETH SPRINGER	brightbelievers@gmail.com	1	2021
BRIGHT HORIZONS AT THE AVENUES	9000 SOUTHSIDE BOULEVARD, BLDG 1100	32209	904-447-0006	SHAWN OLIVER	mosamie@brighthorizons.com	3	2020
CHAPPELL @ FSCJ NORTH CAMPUS	4501 CACHER ROAD	32210	904-718-6000	SHAWN OLIVER	mosamie@brighthorizons.com	5	2020
CHAPPELL @ FSCJ SOUTH CAMPUS	11601 CACHER BOULEVARD	32246	904-632-3122	JASMIN LEWIS	mosamie@brighthorizons.com	4	2020
CHAPPELL CORRETTA KING @ FSCJ DOWNTOWN	101 WEST STATE STREET	32202	904-832-3122	JASMIN LEWIS	JASMIN@CHAPPELLSCHOOLS.COM	4	2020
CHAPPELL HEAD START EMERSON	3951 EMERSON STREET, STE 2	32207	904-232-8849	KATIE MESEITE	katie@chappellschools.com	4	2021
CHAPPELL SCHOOLS DEERWOOD	8400 BAYCENTER ROAD	32216	904-739-1279	SOARVE MCLENDON	chattamsdaycare336@bellsouth.net	4	2019
CHATTAM'S DAY CARE INC.	1614 LEONID ROAD	32206	904-353-1009	ERIKA LAIDLER	SOARVE@CHAPPELLSCHOOLS.COM	4	2020
CHILD TIME LEARNING CENTER ARGYLE	720 ARLINGTON ROAD	32211	904-718-0200	GEORGETTE GLAZE	chattamsdaycare336@bellsouth.net	5	2021
CHRIST THE KING CHILD CARE	3539 LENOX AVENUE	32216	904-724-7239	THERESA LITTLE	little@ckcatholic.com	5	2019
CHRISTIAN LEADERS ACADEMY	44 EAST 27TH STREET	32206	904-427-8528	HEATHER MERCER	hmercerc@chax.org	3	2021
CHUNDERELLA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER INC	1400 COUNTRY WAY	32206	904-356-6941	DEBORAH FLOYD	hmrc34@yahoo.com	3	2019
CITY FAMILY CENTER JACKSONVILLE	1600 SHERRY DRIVE ATLANTIC BCH	32233	904-854-4137	LYNN MALINSON	cityfamilycenter@aol.com	3	2021
COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL	5952 UNIVERSITY AVENUE	32211	904-768-0386	JAMIE HUGHES	CPK@csccab.org, lynn@brighthorizons.com	4	2020
COUNTRY BUMPKINS CHILD CARE, INC.	3682 STARRATT ROAD	32210	904-767-3945	JOYCE OWENS	countrybumpkins1@gmail.com	5	2021
COUNTRY BUMPKINS CHILD CARE, INC.	4101 N COLLEGE STREET	32216	904-346-2812	DAVE TAYLOR	academy@brighthorizons.com	5	2021
DLC NURSE & LEARN INC.	1070 W 18TH STREET	32204	904-733-7702	LILLIE HUNTLEY	amylbug@brighthorizons.com	5	2020
DUNN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH DAY CARE	5411 SOUTHERN DRIVE	32208	904-444-3329	EARNESTINE JEFFERSON	exceptionaldanville@gmail.com	3	2021
EC'S NORTHSIDE EARLY HEAD START	5111 NORTH PEARL STREET	32208	904-765-7504	ROSA WILCOX	badger109@gmail.com	4	2019
EMERALD CITY LEARNING CENTER	1778 CASSAT AVENUE	32208	904-842-3210	EVELYNN LIVINGSTON	plotted1851@hotmail.com	3	2021
EXCEPTIONAL PRESCHOOL ACADEMY	6101 AVENUE B	32208	904-356-9760	GLORIA DURHAM	plotted1851@hotmail.com	5	2021
FLORIDA BADGER LEARNING CENTER INC	11428 MCCORMICK ROAD	32206	904-768-1666	MONIQUE GRAHAM	rwallace@quelewa.com	5	2021
FOR YOUR CHILD ONLY VICTORY LAND (HS-CCP)	4418 BUCKWOOD AVENUE	32206	904-397-4681	NORMA WALLACE BROCK	godslittlepeople17@gmail.com	5	2021
FT CAROLINE BAPTIST ACADEMY INC	565 STOKTON STREET	32204	904-731-2464	KATHLEEN TAYLOR	godslittlepeople2004@yahoo.com	5	2021
FUTURE DUCK EARLY LEARNING INC.	6005 COUNTRY AVENUE	32217	904-378-1619	LATHRENA PEARSON	grahambearschildcare@aol.com	4	2021
GATEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES INC KIDS SUCCESS CENTER	4302 CONFERBATE POINT ROAD	32205	904-772-8972	MARCALE GRAHAM	me.slibbittick@yahoo.com, Thekennelquandance@aol.com	4	2018
GINGERBREAD HOUSE LEARNING CENTER INC	4302 CONFERBATE POINT ROAD	32210	904-726-5762	SISTER DARLENE SIEBENECK	velvet123@aol.com	4	2021
GODS LITTLE PEOPLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY INC	4920 BENTWOOD AVENUE	32210	904-761-3477	VICTORIA BRADFORD	hiskids@gmail.com	5	2020
GRAHAM BEARS CHILD CARE INC	1841 DEAN ROAD	32216	904-768-6361	AMY LUTWINGHOGAN	hoganlanecontact@aol.com	5	2020
GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL	8374 NORMANDY BLVD	32221	904-768-2128	SHIRLEY JACKSON	phdphd103@yahoo.com	4	2020
HIDDEN TREASURES CHILD CARE CENTER	1019 HOGAN COVE DRIVE	32210	904-768-5100	TERRI GEORGE	mesb@postellivahoo.com	4	2020
HIS KIDS DAY CARE AND LEARNING CENTER	4800 BEACH BOULEVARD	32207	904-328-5059	MONIQUE GRAHAM	star_postellivahoo.com	4	2021
HONEY BEARS DAY CARE AND PRESCHOOL INC	2805 PHILIPS HIGHWAY	32207	904-451-4122	TALITA STAR POSTELL	inspiringminds1@gmail.com	5	2021
HOPE HAVEN CHILDREN'S CLINIC AND FAMILY CENTER	4758 SHELBY AVENUE	32210	904-483-1657	LE'SHAY BROADWATER	shercilla@yahoo.com	5	2021
IMPACT LEARNING CENTER	5681 TIMOUANA ROAD	32254	904-397-4180	HELEN JAMES	theresalevy@calix.org	5	2020
INSPIRING MINDS ACADEMY	2853 EDISON AVENUE	32254	904-750-2100	THERESA LEVY	lisa.harris@calix.org	5	2021
IT'S YOUR WORLD LEARNING CENTER INC	8609 SAN JOSE BOULEVARD	32217	904-388-2277	LISA HARRIS	THELEARNINGSTAR@ATT.NET	5	2020
JEWISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE	824 ST CLAIR STREET	32254	904-862-3340	SYLVIA ROSE	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
JOSHUA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (EHS-CCP)	6050 MCCLIFF ROAD	32208	904-862-3340	VALERIE HAMMOND	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
JOSHUA DAY SCHOOL	2020 PROSPECT STREET	32219	904-818-0818	CLARENCE WILLIAMS	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
JOSHUA PRESCHOOL	8452 NEW KINGS ROAD	32210	904-778-9729	JULIETTE LEWIS	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
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JULIETTE'S DAY CARE CENTER	8452 NEW KINGS ROAD	32210	904-778-9729	JULIETTE LEWIS	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
JUST 4 KIDS LEARNING ACADEMY OF JAX, INC.	4371 LOSCO ROAD	32208	904-764-6244	TRACY STANICE	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
JUST 4 KIDS LEARNING CENTER	3354 WINTON DRIVE	32221	904-378-1662	SHARON FLOYD	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
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KIDS BY THE HOUR LLC	3968 SUNBEAM ROAD	32257	904-332-5291	JANET PORTER	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KIDS EXPANDING THE KINGDOM CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL INC	7037-1 PHILIPS HIGHWAY	32216	904-765-6519	MARVELL DARDEN GRANT	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KIDS UNITED CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER	2953 SOUTL DRIVE	32208	904-765-6519	DELORES WILLIAMS	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KIDSVILLE 2000 INC.	25 EAST 65TH STREET	32208	904-765-6519	KIM COLWELL	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KIDZ KORNER LEARNING CENTER	4310 BARKOSKI ROAD	32256	904-441-1812	JENNIFER GARRISON	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KINDER CARE LEARNING CENTER (BARKOSKI)	12040 MCCORMICK ROAD	32226	904-929-3101	TIFFANIE WALLACE	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KINDER GARDEN LLC (MONUMENT)	2771 MONUMENT ROAD #3	32226	904-527-8955	TASHA GRIFIN	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KINDER COLLEGE LEARNING CENTER INC	1600 HILL STREET	32202	904-527-8955	TASHA GRIFIN	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018
KREATIVE MINDS ACADEMY INC	3300 DUNN AVE, SUITE 3	32218	904-764-8921	SEQUOIA WILLIAMS	valeriemhammond@gmail.com	3	2018

LA PETITE ACADEMY INC (ARGYLE)	6801 ARGYLE FOREST BOULEVARD	32244	804-777-0640	VALERIE THOMPSON	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LA PETITE ACADEMY (BEACH)	13897 BEACH BOULEVARD	32245	804-777-0640	CAROLYN MILLER	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LA PETITE ACADEMY (GIRVIN)	800 GIRVIN ROAD	32246	804-777-0640	NICHOLE YOUNG	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LA PETITE ACADEMY (GOLF GREEN)	8200 GOLF GREEN DRIVE	32247	804-777-0640	LAURENCE DEBAILLO	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LA PETITE ACADEMY INC (SAINT JOHNS BLUFF)	505 ST JOHN BLUFF ROAD	32248	804-777-0640	SHANNA BOATWRIGHT	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LANE AVENUE DEVELOPMENT CENTER	1660 LANE AVE S	32249	804-685-8322	LATRICE MOHAMMED	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL INC	2115 12th AVENUE NORTH	32250	804-372-4764	NANCY WASTEN	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LIL' NUGGETS DAYCARE CENTER INC	7084 WILSON BOULEVARD	32251	804-428-0138	VIVIANE WILSON	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LITTLE BRITCHES ACADEMY INC	10628 OLD ST AUGUSTINE ROAD	32252	804-880-0165	LISSA SALVER	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LITTLE FOUNTAINS OF LIGHT LEARNING CENTER	7628 RAMPART ROAD	32253	804-777-2221	DIEGO JARAMILLO	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LITTLE TOYS DAY CARE INC	6018 LYNWOOD AVENUE	32254	804-778-0877	SANDRA THOMPSON	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LIVINGWAY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	8418 C NORTH PEARL STREET	32255	804-685-8700	VANESSA MOORE	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LOOK AT ME GROW ENRICHMENT CENTER INC.	1305 N. EDGWOOD AVENUE	32256	804-887-9712	ELIZABETH WARD	7436@earthlink.net	2020
LANDARIN CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER	4228 HOUND ROAD	32257	804-283-3360	IGNA PERALL	7436@earthlink.net	2020
MEMORIAL CHILDRENS CENTER - BRIGHT HORIZONS	804-381-1285	32258	804-381-1285	LAUREN BACKER	7436@earthlink.net	2020
METROCHILD CHILDRENS VILLAGE INC	1810 HAWK ROAD	32259	804-977-7888	GINGER LEE	7436@earthlink.net	2020
MIDWEST TOWNSHIP PRESCHOOL INC	1740 18th Ave	32260	804-777-3018	PASWANANDA MITCHELL	7436@earthlink.net	2020
MIDWEST TOWNSHIP PRESCHOOL INC	3804 WILSON AVENUE	32261	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
NEW BEGINNING DAY CARE	3804 WILSON AVENUE	32262	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
NEW DIMENSIONS LEARNING CENTER INC	3804 WILSON AVENUE	32263	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
OAK HILL EARLY LEARNING CENTER	3804 WILSON AVENUE	32264	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
ORTEGA HILLS PRESCHOOL	3804 WILSON AVENUE	32265	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
PARKS PLACE DAYCARE AND LEARNING CENTER LLC	5028 GREENWAY DRIVE NORTH	32266	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
PARSONS' LITTLE SCHOLAR CREATIVE CHILD CARE (HS-CCP)	6600 FORT CAROLINE ROAD	32267	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
PEARL ACADEMY LLC (HS-CCP)	4800 BUSCH DRIVE, SUITE 8	32268	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
POKEY'S ANGELIC CHILDREN'S ACADEMY	3883 ST AUGUSTINE ROAD	32269	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
POSSIBILITIES AND SUCCESS ACADEMY CHILD CARE CENTER (CCPS)	1157 GOLF FAIR BOULEVARD	32270	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
PRINCE OF PEACE EARLY LEARNING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	1780 WEST 45TH STREET	32271	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
RATTLERS TO TASSELS LEARNING CENTER	6841 SAN JUAN AVENUE	32272	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
SEACREST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	8701 ANDERS BLVD	32273	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
SHINING BRIGHT PRESCHOOL INC	881 TOWNSEND BOULEVARD	32274	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
SMITH'S LEARNING CENTER	9603 WINDERMERE DRIVE	32275	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL (NOT SR 17-19)	1710 PALM LANE ROAD	32276	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
ST PAUL LINC PRESCHOOL	8244 LONE STAR ROAD	32277	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
ST STEPHEN CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER	1629 NORTH DAVIS STREET	32278	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE LEARNING ACADEMY	7668 WINDMILL DRIVE	32279	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
SUPER DUCK CHILD CARE INC (PRESCHOOL)	1243 LANE AVENUE SUITE 16	32280	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
SUPER DUCK CHILD CARE INC (INFANTS)	1243 LANE AVENUE SUITE 16	32281	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
SUPERIOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (BIS-CCP)	825 SUPERIOR STREET	32282	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
THE BLUE PRINTS ACADEMY INC	10382 MONACO DRIVE	32283	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
THE CORPORATE KIDS CHILD CARE	8142 LONE STAR ROAD	32284	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
THE DISCOVERY TREE ACADEMY OAK LEAF	7628 OLD MIDDLEBURY ROAD SOUTH	32285	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
THE INNOVATIVE LEARNING PLACE INC	8433 SAN PABLO ROAD SOUTH	32286	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
THE SALVATION ARMY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	318 NORTH OCEAN STREET	32287	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
TOTAL LEARNING CENTER	4310 BARNES ROAD	32288	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
TUTOR TIME CHILD CARE/LEARNING CENTER (LADY LAKE)	8111 LANE ROAD	32289	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
TUTOR TIME LEARNING CENTERS LLC (WATERMILL)	4847 ST. JAMES BLVD	32290	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
VICTORIOUS LEARNING CENTER LLC	3620 EMISON AVENUE	32291	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
VISIONARY DREAMERS OF TODAY LEARNING CENTER INC	1122 ARLINGTON ROAD NORTH	32292	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
WISDOM EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY - NORTHSHORE	4811 PAVNE STEWART DRIVE	32293	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
YOUNG LEGENDS LEARNING CENTER (HS-CCP)	7628 NEW KINGS ROAD	32294	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020
YOUNG START ACADEMY INC	1049 PALMETTO STREET	32295	804-777-3018	WYNNE POOLE-POUDLEY	7436@earthlink.net	2020

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PROVIDER NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE #	PRIMARY CONTACT	EMAIL ADDRESS	STAR RATING	REVALIDATION YEAR
ACADEMY OF LEARNING AND EARLY CARE	6287 BUICK AVENUE	32209	904-785-5658	Latonya Richardson	academylflearning@gmail.com	5	2020
ANGELS AND SAINTS CHILD CARE LLC	2892 DIGNAN STREET	32254	904-695-5473	Angela Allen	angelaallen@yahoo.com	4	2020
ORA BYRDEN FAMILY DAY CARE HOME	7035 GALLARUDA ROAD SOUTH	32211	904-744-8988	Ora Byrden	byrden@yahoo.com	5	2021
KNOX ACADEMY	1544 KNOX STREET	32209	904-415-4561	Chauntrell Knox	treck1@gmail.com	3	2020
CARING HANDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT LLC	3305 DILLON ST	32254	904-550-1375	Robert Cook	Robert1299@aatt.net	4	2018
DEVELOPING YOUNG MINDS FAMILY CHILD CARE INC	1473 E. 30TH ST	32208	904-464-0781	Caronya McGlothin	developingyoungminds@ire.com	5	2019
BROWN FAMILY DAY CARE HOME	221 EAST 17TH STREET	32208	904-464-0781	Diana Brown	diane.brown2012@gmail.com	4	2020
JONES FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME	4017 WINDY GALE DRIVE NORTH	32218	904-824-9664	Renee Jones	zarcosho12@aatt.net	5	2020
MOTHERLY LOVE	2022 BROOKLYN STREET	32209	904-764-0623	Mildred Davis	mildred12@aatt.net	5	2021
OWENS FAMILY DAY CARE HOME	7718 GREENWAY DRIVE	32244	904-776-9888	Lula Owens	lulaowens12@gmail.com	4	2021
PETERKIN LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME	619 GOLF FAIR BOULEVARD	32208	904-446-6147	Marcell Parkerin	marcellparkerin@gmail.com	5	2019
STUDY TO SHOW LEARNING ACADEMY, INC	8418 OAK CROSSING DRIVE WEST	32244	904-254-8937	Stephanie Searles	stephaniesearles@bellsouth.net	4	2021
WARD LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME/TA CHILD'S PARADISE LLC	5628 SEABOARD AVENUE	32244	904-450-0131	Diana Ward	diobescherid@gmail.com	2	2018
WILLIAMS LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME	2768 LANTANA LAKES DRIVE WEST	32246	904-646-4715	Barbara Williams	rankda3@gmail.com	5	2019
PATRICIA WILLIAMS LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME	1528 W 16TH STREET	32209	904-356-9214	Patricia Williams	patriciawilliams12@yahoo.com	4	2021
WRIGHT LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME	1928 DEVONSHIRE BLVD	32208	904-713-9023	Joyce Wright	joyce-wright@aatt.net	5	2020



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[Looking for VPK information? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=105\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=105)

[Need help paying for child care? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=586\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=586)

[Need help choosing a quality child care provider? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=186\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=186)

[Are you a military family with child care needs? \(http://www.elcduval.org/navy-efmp-respite-care/navy-efmp-respite-families/\)](http://www.elcduval.org/navy-efmp-respite-care/navy-efmp-respite-families/)

[Looking for more ways to enhance your child's education? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=594\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=594)

[Encourage learning before birth! \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=597\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=597)

[Is your child's development on track? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=599\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=599)

[What should your child learn? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=601\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=601)

[Need special services for your child? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=603\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=603)

[Need info on other financial help? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=605\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=605)

[Need to find a doctor? \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=607\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=607)

[Keep your child healthy and safe! \(http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=615\)](http://www.elcduval.org/?page_id=615)

[After School Information \(http://jaxkids.org/afterschool-summer/\)](http://jaxkids.org/afterschool-summer/)

[Not sure? \(http://www.elcduval.org/resource-index/not-sure/\)](http://www.elcduval.org/resource-index/not-sure/)

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[Jax4Kids.com \(http://jax4kids.com/\)](http://jax4kids.com/)

[Caring4OurKids \(http://caring4ourkids.com/\)](http://caring4ourkids.com/)

[Family Education Network \(http://www.pearsonschool.com/index.cfm?locator=PSZ2Fa\)](http://www.pearsonschool.com/index.cfm?locator=PSZ2Fa)

[Parenthood.com \(http://www.parenthood.com/index.php\)](http://www.parenthood.com/index.php)

[Parents Without Partners \(http://www.parentswithoutpartners.org/\)](http://www.parentswithoutpartners.org/)

[Single Parents Association \(http://www.singleparents.org/\)](http://www.singleparents.org/)

Parents are also encouraged to contact the [UNITED WAY OF NE FLORIDA'S 2-1-1 PROGRAM](http://www.uwnefl.org/) (<http://www.uwnefl.org/>) for more community resources.



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Success By 6 (<https://www.unitedwaynefl.org/success-by-6/>) is a program of the **United Way of Northeast Florida** (<https://www.unitedwaynefl.org/>) and is operated in Jacksonville by **ELC of Duval**.

Success By 6 offers 2-year scholarships to a 4 or 5 star center that has signed a contract to partner with the Success by 6 Program.

Click here for a list of partnering Success By 6 Centers and Schools
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Your child must turn 3 before September 1st of this program year.

You must work at least 20 hrs per week and/or enrolled in school full time.

Families need to apply through the **FAMILY PORTAL**
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If you need help applying or have questions, contact Tinesha Byrd at 904-208-2044 x 285 or by email at tbyrd@elcduval.org (<mailto:tbyrd@elcduval.org>).

Once you apply, a staff member will review your application to determine your eligibility. If you are eligible, you will be placed on the Wait List until enrollment takes place, depending on availability of funding.



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Guest column: New Town Success Zone looks for 10 more years of progress

By Jim Crooks

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At its recent quarterly gathering, New Town residents and Success Zone partners came together to reflect upon 10 years of experience in this Northwest neighborhood.

The achievements have been many since then-Mayor John Peyton took a small group of community leaders to New York to observe the Harlem Children's Zone. Transferring the vision and practices of its leader, Geoffrey Canada, to one of Jacksonville's most needy neighborhoods, they chose New Town to create opportunities for inner-city children and adults.

Under the leadership of Edward Waters College President Nat Glover, volunteer extraordinaire Pam Paul, Children's Commission Executive Director Linda Lanier and Executive Director Irwin PeDro Cohen, the community partnership got to work focusing on neighborhood safety, health care, education, housing and jobs.

Progress was slow. After all, 10 years of a program does not get a kindergarten youngster through high school. Still Chief Deloris Patterson, Zone One commander from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, reported at the gathering that crime rates are down substantially, community policing is working and other neighborhoods want to follow New Town's example.

It's similar with health care. Results are mixed but as Monica Albertie from Mayo Clinic's 18-month long "Wellness RX" program said, preventive and restorative efforts have attracted more than 200 participants, saving at least one life.

Additionally, the struggling baby university for prenatal, postnatal and early childhood care has received grant funding, resulting in a flourishing program involving moms, expectant moms, some dads and their little ones.

For older youngsters who are struggling at S. P. Livingston Elementary School, an intensive reading program takes trained tutors beyond school hours into their homes. Early results have shown substantial gains in reading comprehension for the 8- and 9-year-olds.

The focus, says current Executive Director George Maxey, is if you want to “fix” the children, you have to “fix” the families. Parents and their children have to be involved whether reading books, doing other school assignments, or simply learning to grow together.

Along with education, health care and public safety, New Town has welcomed Habijax to build or rehabilitate more than 200 houses over the past 10 years. Meanwhile following a neighborhood survey, the city has begun to tear down abandoned, derelict housing — seven to date — to reduce physical blight in New Town.

Besides housing, other new construction over the past 10 years serving New Town residents are the sheriff's substation and the Center for the Prevention of Health Disparities, both on the Edward Waters campus.

Most recently LISC and Operation New Hope have come to New Town beginning programs to help adults acquire GEDs, find jobs and encourage wise money management practices. They even have fostered three small start-up businesses.

Clearly much is going on in New Town. Undergirding the efforts are 75 partner organizations, big and small, and a community organization, Vision Keepers. Its leader, Brenda Ford reports there are three participating members concerned for the well being of their neighborhood.

While much has been achieved, much remains to be done. The Duval County Public Schools transformed two neighborhood schools into magnets, one elementary and one middle school, making tracking local children more difficult. Teenagers attend a variety of high schools outside of New Town and are difficult to track. The goal, of course, is high school graduation for all and preparation for college, the military or another vocation.

Listening to outgoing President Glover, City Council members Garrett Denis and Sam Newby, and executive director Maxey along with many of the partners present, one heard the commitment to continue building on the first 10 years. Everyone wants New Town residents to achieve their goals of living fuller lives in their safer and healthier community.

Jim Crooks is UNF professor emeritus of history.

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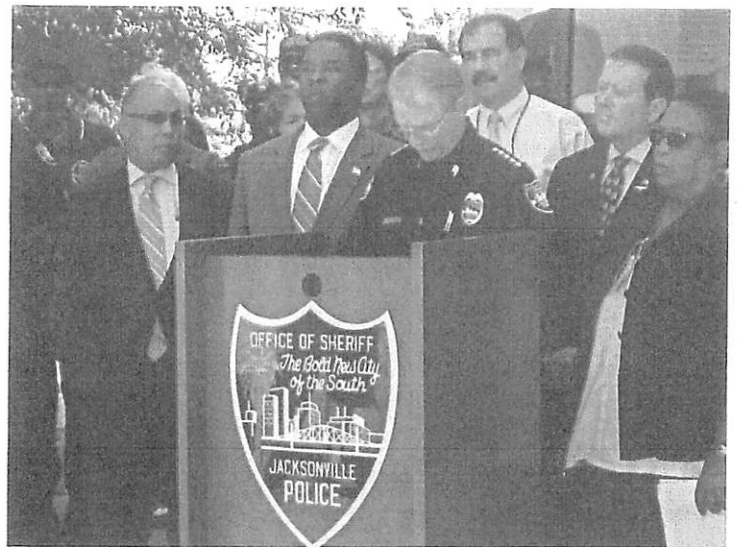
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Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford, along with Mayor Alvin Brown, City Councilwoman Denise Lee and other city leaders, revealed at a Tuesday press conference the details of an anti-crime initiative called Operation Ceasefire, which began at the start of May.



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Sheriff John Rutherford announced Operation Ceasefire Tuesday at a news conference in Northwest Jacksonville.

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The effort is a response to the uptick in gun crimes in Northwest Jacksonville in the first part of the year, particularly the violent month of April when guns were used in 60 aggravated batteries and assaults. Rutherford said his officers plan to knock on 18,000 doors in an effort to reach out into the community to ask people to help them solve these crimes.

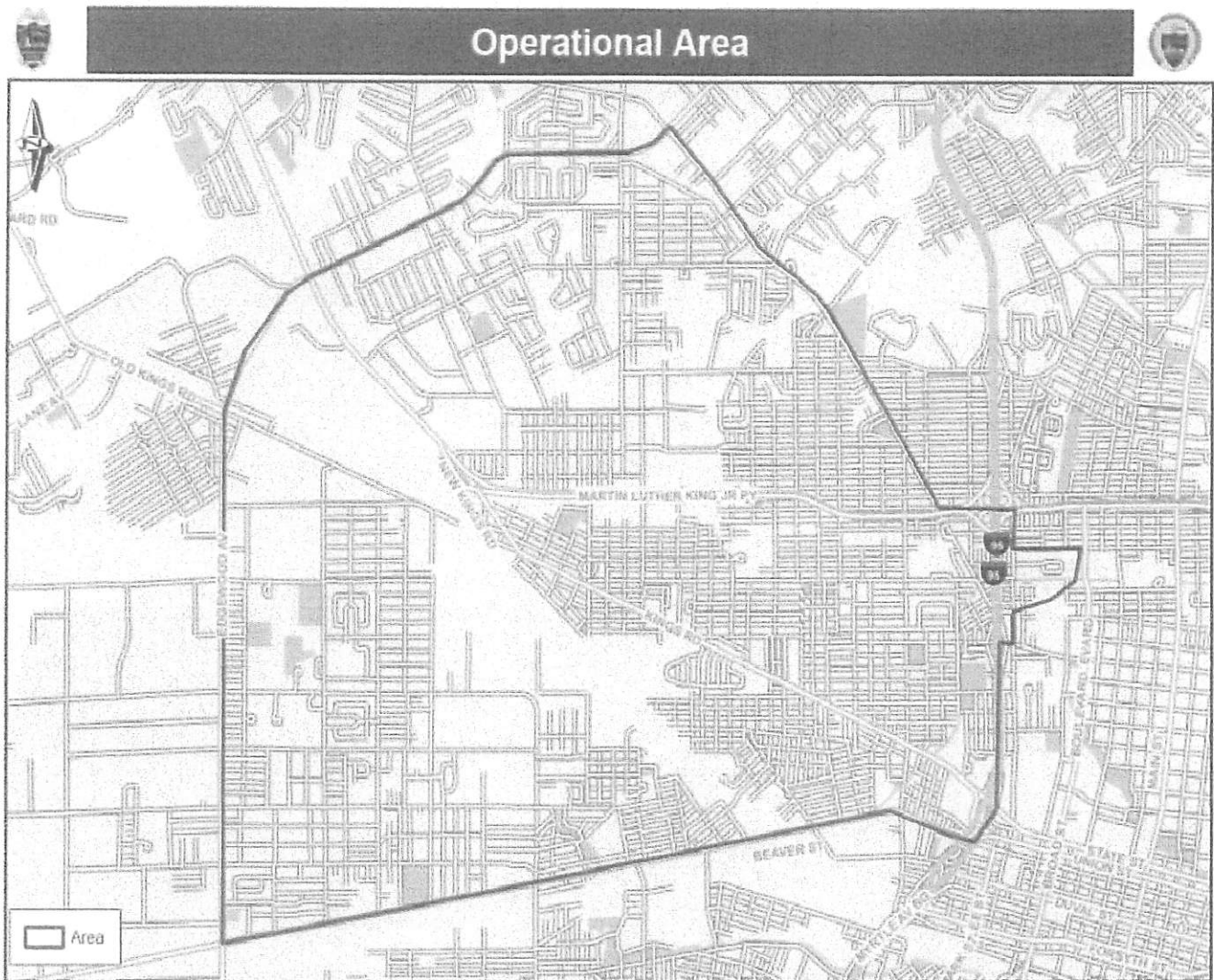
"We know the key to solving and preventing this activity is connecting with the community," Rutherford said.

Since the program began, Rutherford said, officers have already knocked on 4,000 doors, seized 10 illegal firearms and taken 381 grams of cocaine and 156 grams of marijuana off the streets.

Councilwoman Lee explained another aspect of the program which will involve the installation of surveillance cameras in targeted high-crime areas.

"To let the thugs know we are not playing with you," Lee said. "We will no longer tolerate it, stand for it or put up with it."

Rutherford said JSO will finance Operation Ceasefire with overtime money budgeted for summer, when crime rates typically go up. But he said they'll also have to shift officers from other parts of the city to beef up enforcement in the focus area, which is mostly patrol Zone 5.



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The area of Northwest Jacksonville where the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will focus Operation Ceasefire efforts.

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The sheriff said he will ask the city to restore 40 police officers and 40 community service officer positions.

'Cure Violence' program may be answer to Jacksonville's crime problem

I-TEAM sees firsthand how program has reduced crime in Philadelphia

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - With 18 murders in the city of Jacksonville in the first six weeks of 2019, city leaders are looking for solutions to make the violence stop.

In recent years, the city has invested in ShotSpotter technology [<https://www.news4jax.com/news/investigations/jacksonville-getting-new-technology-to-battle-gun-violence>] and a bullet comparison database [<https://www.news4jax.com/news/investigations/new-system-could-help-solve-crimes-faster-save-lives>], which leaders say have helped reduce the number of shootings: after 443 people were shot in Jacksonville in 2017, the number of victims dropped to 380 in 2018.

As police and prosecutors search for the shooters, the community looks for answers.

“You need the right combination of strategies in a neighborhood to make sure you can get ahead of some of the challenges overall,” explained Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams [<https://www.news4jax.com/topic/Mike-Williams>] during a recent interview.

As one key factor in these crimes is gang violence, the I-TEAM [<https://www.news4jax.com/topic/I-TEAM>] found that the sheriff, state attorney and mayor are turning to a program that has been successful in some of the nation's largest cities.

The program, known as Cure Violence [<http://cureviolence.org/>] , has worked in cities including Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. It treats crime as a public health issue, sending highly trained ex-cons who the program calls “violence interrupters” into dangerous areas. Their task: to identify those at risk for being a shooter, or getting shot.

The I-TEAM traveled to one of those cities using the program -- Philadelphia, a city that has struggled with crime for decades – to see how Cure Violence [<https://www.news4jax.com/topic/Cure-Violence>] is implemented and see its impact.

Philadelphia CeaseFire

“This whole strip right here, it goes down. This is a hotspot for murders,” said Colwin Williams, one of the program’s violence interrupters in Philadelphia. “A young woman got murdered right here over an argument,” he continued.

“You’ve got to be credible. I’m an O.G. They respect me,” Williams told us, explaining the respect came from the fact that he previously lived a life of crime, spending 19 years in prison for robbery & kidnapping.

Now out of prison, he works full-time for Philadelphia CeaseFire [<http://philaceasefire.com/index.html>] , the Cure Violence program there. The program treats crime as a public health issue, and the ex-con Williams used medical terms to describe the program's approach.

“You take part of the germ, part of the virus, you culture it and you shoot it back into the community. You build the immune system up,” Williams said. “You can’t keep putting Band-Aids on something that needs surgery.”

Williams and other members of the Philadelphia [<https://www.news4jax.com/topic/Philadelphia>] CeaseFire team reach out to young men in dangerous communities, mentor them, and guide them away from guns.

Chris Long, 15, is one of the teens on the program’s list.

“There’s too much crime and stuff,” Long told the I-TEAM. “To have somebody come and get me and try to talk to me and help me be better at my life, I appreciate that.”

Robert Warner is the program manager for Philadelphia CeaseFire.

“We do this every day. All day, every day. Like, people really look up to us,” Warner said. “And if they see that we’re doing good, they want to do the same thing.”

The team of violence interrupters from Philadelphia CeaseFire not only work the streets, they respond to hospitals, for every person who gets shot. In the case of a homicide, they talk with friends and relatives of the victim.

“We out here every day,” Warner said. “Every day. Even on our off days. If we get calls, we still gotta go.”

The same model is used in other Cure Violence programs across the country, each funded with local, state and federal grants, as well as donations. Independent studies have shown success in targeted areas in some of the other communities: a 56 percent reduction in killings in one Baltimore neighborhood, and a 73 percent reduction in shootings in a Chicago neighborhood.

In Philadelphia, gun violence is down 30 percent, just two years after the program started.

“Guys like us, we’re not afraid to talk to the guys that are doing the shooting,” Warner said. “Because we once were the shooters. We’re not afraid to push them the right way.”

“I did a lot of things in this community to hurt it,” said Quinzel Tomone, a supervisor with Philadelphia CeaseFire. “So I wanna give back to the younger guys. I was actually out selling drugs at the age of 13, 14.”

Tomone offered what he saw as the reason behind much of the violence in his city.

“The majority of the killing that’s going on here doesn’t have a lot to do with drugs,” Tomone said. “It has to do with beefs.”

Jermaine McCelveen is fresh out of prison after serving decades for murder in an armed robbery. At the time, he was only 16. Now, he volunteers with Philadelphia CeaseFire, to show teens there’s another way.

“Enjoy being a kid. Enjoy being a teenager. Have fun,” McCelveen said.

The I-TEAM asked Warner, the program manager, if the Cure Violence model could work anywhere.

“Yes,” Warner responded. “You just have to get the right training and the right guys to be willing to go out on the streets to talk to people.”

As we walked through the city with Williams, neighbors we spoke with were willing to support anything proven to stop the violence.

“It’s a community thing. We all gotta work together, man,” said Roosevelt Davis, a community activist. “And half of the kids running around are our neighbors, sons, nephews. It’s not hard to get ahold of them. We just all gotta stand up together.”

Despite support like that from the community, it’s still an uphill battle on dangerous terrain, and the work of the violence interrupters isn’t always well-received by the people they target.

“It’s not easy; we’re not perfect,” Williams said. “But we show them that struggle builds character.”

These former criminals feel they can give back, and that people like them can make a difference even in the most deadly neighborhoods.

“The major piece is being able to identify their trauma, their pain, and what they are up against,” Williams said.

We asked Williams if it is hard to get people to listen and cooperate.

“At the end of the day, nobody wants to die,” he responded.

Can it work in Jacksonville?

Following the visit to Philadelphia, the I-TEAM met with State Attorney Melissa Nelson and showed her what we found when we looked at the Philadelphia CeaseFire program.

Nelson and her team of prosecutors believe young men who are members of violent gangs are behind a large number of shootings in Jacksonville. The I-TEAM wanted to know what Nelson thought was at the root of the killing and violence in the city.

“Disrespect for life, a lack of hope for their own lives,” Nelson said. “The kids who are involved in this group violence, those who we’ve sat down with and talked with, they themselves admit they don’t expect to live themselves past 18 or 19 years old.”

In fact, Nelson said many of the gang members her team investigates wind up dead before they can be prosecuted.

Others, such as Henry Hayes, who was convicted of killing toddler Aiden McClendon in a drive-by shooting, will be spending the rest of their lives behind bars [https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/jacksonville/emotions-run-high-at-sentencing-for-2-teens-convicted-of-killing-toddler_]. Hayes is one of the gang members who has been seen in videos posted on social media talking about, and displaying, guns.

“We see these drill videos, essentially rap videos, homemade videos being made and the lyrics are related either to a past homicide and/or are threatening a future shooting,” Nelson said. “We’re actually able to connect shootings to those videos and they are both inciting violence and igniting violence.”

Nelson, along with Mayor Lenny Curry and Sheriff Mike Williams, recently released a gang violence reduction strategy [<https://www.news4jax.com/news/crime/mayor-sheriff-state-attorney-release-plan-to-reduce-gang-violence>] with a number of potential solutions, including an implementation of the Cure Violence program. Nelson is meeting with members of the Cure Violence team next week to see if it is the right fit for Jacksonville.

“The pride they have in the work they’re doing and the difference they’re making was very encouraging to me,” Nelson said. “The people on the ground in Philadelphia where you visited clearly believe they are making a difference. They said the folks they work with trust them, and that matters. And so that’s very encouraging.”

VIDEO: Could 'Cure Violence' program work in Jacksonville?

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The I-TEAM asked the state attorney if that trust is something that might be hard to achieve if you’re wearing a suit and tie, or a badge.

“Well, they have a lot of credibility because these are people who have shared life experiences and that matters.”

Nelson said she is cautiously optimistic that Cure Violence may be the prescription the city of Jacksonville needs.

“Man, if this works here ...” Nelson said, ending the sentence with a smile.

Read more:

- Cure Violence [<http://cureviolence.org/>]
- Philadelphia CeaseFire [<http://philaceasefire.com/index.html>]

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32209 ZIP code proves to be Jacksonville's killing fields year after year

By Dan Scanlan

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The day still seems unreal to Pamela Williams, and serves a horrible reminder of another one seven years earlier.

Across from the Cleveland Arms apartments and within a Jacksonville ZIP code where 28 of the 120 homicides in 2016 occurred — the 104th, 105th and 106th were added to the list Nov. 13.

Williams' 18-year-old daughter, Xacia Mikia Burnem, was one of them. In the same shooting, bullets struck 11-month-old Tedashii Noel Williams and his mother, 22-year-old Kadejah Monae Williams, killing both in a car. Two others were wounded.

Those additional casualties were no relation to Pamela Williams, but in 2009 her 19-year-old son, Bilaal Kwame Shaw, died on Franklin Street when shot while he waited for a bus to school. She has a portrait tattoo memorializing him on one of her arms.

Although her son was killed in a different part of town, her daughter was victimized in the city's 32209 ZIP code. Almost one of every four homicides in 2016 occurred in this pie-shaped wedge of the city bordered by Soutel Drive, Beaver Street, North Old Kings Road and West Moncrief Road.

"It seems unreal still to this day knowing that was my daughter and a baby and another young lady," Williams said. "... It should have been adults who resolved it and never went that far. That is something you never get over no matter how you look at it."

"Be aware of your surroundings," Williams tells her children.

Those surroundings are a killing field that produced almost three times the homicides in 2016 as Jacksonville's next deadliest ZIP code — 32210. The trend has continued for years and is documented in the Times-Union's database at Jacksonville.com/homicides. From the start of 2008 until Dec. 28, 2016, unofficially 190 homicides were reported in 32209, well more than double the closest second ZIP code's total of 80 homicides in 32208 during the same time.

City leaders say programs now under way and more spending on police should start tamping down the carnage in 32209.

Neighborhood leaders offer another option — more jobs. They say employment is the big carrot that will give people hope they can escape poverty and avoid becoming a statistic.

Frustration over deaths

Talk to community leaders, residents and city officials, and frustration is the one word heard most often about the violence.

Sheriff Mike Williams said 32209 is part of police Zone 5, where homicides overall went up by 12 as of Dec. 12, compared to the same date in 2015. He said Zone 4, which also shares part of that ZIP code, saw nine more homicides. When he sees the high 32209 homicide rate, it gives his officers “more drive and resolve” to do all they can to stop it.

“The kids are the most tragic. That wears on you the most. They are truly, truly innocent victims in this whole equation,” he said. “Not that others aren’t. But you know a child, especially an 11-month-old baby, is an innocent victim of something like this. ... It does wear on you.”

Discussing the high numbers in 32209, Mayor Lenny Curry paused in thought before calling it “outrageous” as well as sad. That is why he said he has committed substantial resources to public safety and the Sheriff’s Office in his term’s first two budgets, including programs for children and added enforcement. He’s even asked JEA to install brighter LED street lighting in communities that need it.

“I did overtime last year, significant overtime in JSO’s budget, because you have to enforce. You have to get in there where this is happening and make sure the bad guys know there’s a presence,” the mayor said. “I will continue to provide overtime as needed and will continue to add resources and manpower and what’s needed specifically in those ZIP codes. I walked that ZIP code numerous times to talk to people to understand what their needs are.”

Parked dead center in the ZIP code is the Grand Park neighborhood along Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, where the head of its community association said a solution has to be found.

Lloyd Washington’s neighborhood had its share of homicides over a few weeks in mid-2014, including the shooting death of 16-year-old Johnathan Thomas on Detaille Drive off Cleveland Road. The violence across the city was so bad police launched Operation Ceasefire to curb the

violence.

While it's been blessedly quiet of late, it hasn't been nearby, Washington said.

"This cannot continue to happen," he said. "I can't tell you what the solution is. If I did know, tomorrow it would be fixed. All we can do is keep trying. In Grand Park, our crime has dropped considerably, and maybe we can get what is happening in Grand Park to work in the rest of 32209. We are going to continue to try. We will put the effort out, and that goes for all of us — community leaders, ministers and people in general. We all would like to know what it will take to solve this problem, and it is a hell of a problem."

The residents care about where they live, want a solution and appreciate what the police are doing, said District 9 City Councilman Garrett Dennis, adding the police can't solve it themselves. "They notice that it is not a police issue that's marking all the killing. It's a lack of hope from no jobs, no way out," he said. "They understand that people are turning to crime."

The historic Edward Waters College campus on Kings Road is at the southern end of the ZIP code.

Anthony Carl Whitley, 37, was the city's 80th homicide. He was found shot to death Sept. 4 on Dot Street, a few blocks south of the campus. Police received a report of shots fired in the area of Dot and Fourth streets, then a college security officer found a car with Whitley dead inside and a wounded passenger.

That's about as close as the violence has come to campus, said Nat Glover, the college's president, who knows crime all too well. He graduated from that school in 1966, joined the Sheriff's Office and was sheriff from 1995 to 2002. He said younger members of the community have to be turned around, and that means they must have a future — a job, not jail.

"We have to invest in these young people now or we are going to have to pay a tab later, a bill that is three, four or five times as much," Glover said. "Either pay now or pay later, and we will have to provide jobs for them and we are going to have to provide a mechanism to provide educations for them. ... We have to stay here and just be good at what we do, and be better at what we do and that is the reason I am here and why we are making it safe on campus."

Means are available

The ZIP code is a multilayered community of homes, businesses and schools dissected by major roads. The area features the city's highest rates of family poverty, infant and child deaths, teen pregnancies and unemployment, according to city records.

Sitting in the east end is where many of its victims end up — UF Health Jacksonville's TraumaOne center.

The Johnson Family YMCA is inside this ZIP code as well as many public schools from George Washington Carver and Rufus Payne elementary schools on up to Stanton College Preparatory and Raines High School. Lonnie Miller Sr. Regional Park, named after a Sheriff's Office detective murdered in 1995 on North Pearl Street, is at the north end. Next door is the Bob Hayes Sports Complex, named after the Jacksonville Olympian and pro football player who died in 2002.

Dozens of churches exist within the ZIP code's borders, from Mount Ararat Apostolic and Greater New Mount Moriah to St. Paul African Methodist and Greater New Mount Zion. So do many apartment complexes where police are a regular presence.

Multiple groups, from the Better Living Community Association and College Gardens Neighborhood Watch to the Myrtle Moncrief Business Association and Northside Pride Neighborhood Association, also call the area home.

Along with them are numerous programs designed to help children who live in the inner city.

Stationed in the middle is the Police Athletic League at 2165 W. 33rd St., which offers after-school and summer sports, tutoring, leadership and mentoring programs for youths.

The MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation on Payne Avenue has 188 children in kindergarten through high school in after-school programs featuring a Tennis-n-Tutoring program, math and reading skills classes, life skill lessons and leadership programs for middle and high school students.

Executive Director Terri Florio is well aware of the crime and how it impacts children. Gunfire is "normal, for lack of a better word," she said.

Florio said she's attended several funerals involving children, including one where a girl's stepfather was killed. In the middle of an event they were hosting, a shooting occurred a block or so away.

“Our middle school kids came running in, knowing it was gunfire” and worried where the bullets might go, Florio said. A few years ago, someone was shot right outside, and that victim lost a leg from the injury, she said.

What can be done to stem the violence may be beyond the capacity of what Florio’s organization can do, other than to support the children and offer a safety net, she said. Long-term solutions must change the mentality of those who commit crimes, expose children to more education and life lessons so ultimately the choice is theirs.

Florio and her staff learned that when they spoke to a former student, now serving life for murder, who left the foundation when he was 9 and never found another mentoring program.

“He said to me, and it stuck with me for years, ‘I always thought I would be dead or in jail by 25,’ and it is changing that mentality,” Florio said. She said her program has a man, now 24, who is going to school and able to graduate from high school. In his family, he is the only one without a criminal record. It is changing that mentality. ... He said I did not want to be a statistic and this program helped.”

Another organization works with about 100 young men who need direction and role models. They come from homes where parents desire a better future, said the Rev. John Guns, who founded Operation Save Our Sons in 2013. He said he is frustrated by the high homicide rate in 32209, angry and “confused as to how we got here.” He said one partial solution is a partnership with Cleveland Arms.

“We are actively engaging in that community, and one of the things I am discovering is that from a systematic standpoint, many people really don’t see how they can rise above their present condition,” Guns said. “There is a profound sense of hopelessness and resignation that this is and will be my life. You have to deal with jobs and also deal with the mental-health issue facing the community. A lot of our young people are suffering from post-traumatic stress.”

Bringing in job development programs is one way to help, but Guns said ultimately someone has to “re-establish a moral center” and return to some basic values that give residents hope as the city looks to create job opportunities.

Jobs, training, education can help

Council member Dennis said he supports the good work of such organizations. The focus, he said, is on real jobs with living wages, giving people the chance to take care of their families and own homes.

“We need to start looking at job training, the skills that our kids and even middle-aged people can go into,” he said, adding that could blunt people from hanging out on a corner and turn to crime.

Dennis said he is putting together a business council to push for job training and business development. He said the area of Beaver and Stockton streets in his district feature close to 400 businesses with almost \$3 billion in sales.

“We can’t police our way out of crime or incarcerate,” he said. “There is hope through employment.”

Warren Jones, the area’s former city councilman, is now a Duval County School Board member. He said cuts in the Jacksonville Journey, a \$31 million project begun in 2009 in response to the rising violent crime rate that offered crime prevention and intervention programs, hurt. Its after-school programs and re-entry initiatives for those just out of prison who can’t find work helped people.

Journey suffered serious budget cuts in recent years and needs to come back because of its success cutting crime, Jones said. “We cannot afford to be the murder capital of the state of Florida. It is a city problem. It is not just isolated to that neighborhood. Unfortunately, we are paying for some of the painful cuts that the city made in the Journey.”

He said many agree part of the problem in 32209 is that the area is an economic desert. “There are those who feel like it is isolated and only affects those in the drug trade. But I grew up in Jacksonville and what bothers me is that the people of less means have always turned to illegal means to make money,” Jones said. “... What is doubly troubling to me is in addition to the murders, which are the worst, is all the people who have been shot and shot at and we are not counting these.”

Life’s hard-core reality

Jones related a conversation he heard from a police officer at a recent public forum, where she talked about a murder scene in a city park where children played. None of the children was hurt, but the officer returned to the park the next day and the children were playing around the

bloodstained concrete.

“She said that had to impact those children, but what counseling did those kids get who witnessed that murder?” Jones said. “That is something we need to look at in this community. When a young person is killed in schools, they have grief counseling. We don’t do that around a murder scene when they witness a murder. That is an initiative that the city needs to look at, too, through the Journey or Children’s Commission. That may be what is driving the murder rate in 32209 and it will take a lot to chip away at this.”

Edward Waters College offers another option to keep the peace, namely having a Sheriff’s Office Zone 5 Substation on campus. About 150 officers use it for roll calls and victim meetings and a criminal justice program where students study alongside officers.

“The campus is a small part of the ZIP code, but we are in the middle of it,” Glover said. “... Conversations have been made to me about moving the college out of this community, and I would not be one who would support or encourage that.”

Glover points to one program in 32209 that could help in the New Town area. The Second Chance program works to get higher education and jobs for men and women 18 to 24. While it isn’t aimed specifically at ex-offenders, they are not excluded, Glover said. He said his staff is also looking at installing some kind of campus fence to keep out people who “migrate” through and could be potentially a threat.

Edward Waters also is the first site in the city to install a ShotSpotter on campus — a network of high-tech microphones designed to spot shootings and quickly alert police. “We are just waiting for a time when the bad guys realize every time they fire a weapon, police will respond so quickly they will be afraid to do anything,” Glover said. “That is the great deterrent.”

Meanwhile, Sheriff Williams said his department is aggressively investigating homicides, including a Violent Criminal Apprehension Program where the team includes detectives from homicide, gang team, narcotics and aggravated batteries units working together.

“The challenge is, who is going to look at the big picture to say which of these are connected and what string of events has led to all these,” Williams said. “Here’s what works: You put more policemen in the right place at the right time and you can prevent a lot of that.”

The mayor agreed, saying the Sheriff's Office was gutted during the previous administration, but he's changed that. "If you look at budget year 2015-16, I put about \$25 million in between Jacksonville Journey, the 40 cops, the 40 community service officers, mobile radios, body armor, et cetera," he said. "And in the last budget year, it's about \$36 million, which includes another 40 and 40 with cops and CSOs, the updated 911 system, fingerprinting, helicopters and ShotSpotter. I have put the city's money where my heart and mouth is on this issue."

Programs are good, but they need to be layered with a police presence, Williams said. While 80 more officers in the academy will graduate this summer and community service officers will return, Williams said his force is 400 to 600 short of where it should be.

Williams said he is cautiously optimistic about the groundwork done in the past year with more community involvement, more officers and the continuity of existing programs.

For some like the still-mourning Pamela Williams, it is too little too late.

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'Boots on the Ground' tries to stem tide of violence

Northside Coalition of Jacksonville focuses on 32209 ZIP code

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - An advocacy group determined to "stop the violence and increase the peace" walked some of Jacksonville's most troubled neighborhoods Saturday.

About a dozen members and supporters of the Northside Coalition [<https://www.news4jax.com/topic/Northside-Coalition>] left the Clanzel Brown Community Center in Moncrief, walking as a group, knocking on doors and speaking with neighbors.

The group began its boots on the ground campaign six months ago in the 32209 ZIP code -- the part of town where the most murders have occurred for the past few years. Northside Coalition President Ben Frazier [<https://www.news4jax.com/topic/Ben-Frazier>] said the group has reached 2,000 households.

"It's time for this neighborhood to be turned around," Frazier said. "It's necessary for us to have a clear line of communication with the people that we claim to be advocating for."

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People in the community said they are primarily concerned about economics, jobs, social injustice and their relationship with law enforcement.

One 19-year-old resident said he is all too familiar with the sound of gunshots but doesn't see much else happening in his community.

"People getting shot and getting robbed, and that's the main problem," the young man said. "I don't see too much of anything else -- jobs or education."

Frazier said attitudes about these neighborhoods must change.

"We've got to do something to help these people," Frazier said. "They're crying out for help. The question is, will the city of Jacksonville listen and act on their concerns?"

Frazier said that while much more needs to be done in Moncrief, the group's campaign will be expanding to the Eastside, as well.

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