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## Lending Help Where None is Available

Meninak would like to invite all Blueprint for Prosperity Partners to their inaugural "Lending Help Where None is Available" charity luncheon. The luncheon will be held at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel, 1515 Prudential Drive on September 10, 2007 at 11:45 a.m.

Meninak has an 88-year tradition of bringing help to local nonprofit organizations whose purpose is to assist the disadvantaged youth of our community, which is an important strategy of Blueprint for Prosperity. They will announce this year's winner of their Charity Grant at this event. You will also have an opportunity to learn about the progress of Blueprint for Prosperity from Blueprint Executive Director Dr. Jarik Conrad.

Please RSVP for this event by calling Catherine Hill at 745-3393, or send an e-mail to [meninak@comcast.net](mailto:meninak@comcast.net).

## Assets for Change Forum

The next War on Poverty Initiative's Assets for Change Forum, titled "Strategic Planning," will help organizations fulfill their mission and add value for key stakeholders. The purpose is to enable an organization to focus its energy on ensuring that members are working toward the same goals, to assess and adjust its direction in response to a changing environment, and to establish standards and measurement systems for the evaluation of its performance. This forum will discuss the stages of the strategic planning process.

The event will be held September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at the War on Poverty Florida office, located in the Gateway Town Center, 5196-A Norwood Ave. For more information and to RSVP to the event, visit [www.waronpoverty.org](http://www.waronpoverty.org) or e-mail [klandry@waronpoverty.org](mailto:klandry@waronpoverty.org).

## Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse Workforce

Please join the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce on September 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the University Club for a Diversity Forum focusing on strategies for companies to recruit and retain a diverse workforce within their workplace. Gale Britton, vice president of recruitment from Prudential Financial, will be the keynote speaker. Prudential Financial was recently named #24 on the 2007 DiversityInc "Top 50 Companies for Diversity" list. For more information, please contact Glenda Washington at 924-1100, ext. 226.

## 2007 Workforce Summit

On Tuesday, September 11, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, WorkSource, in partnership with the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, will hold the 2007 Workforce Summit. This will be a half-day event featuring noted national speakers on the topics of education and workforce development in a global economy. Speakers include:

- William Brock, former Senator, Ambassador and Secretary of Labor
- Irwin Kirsch, Director, Center for Global Assessment of ETS and author of "America's Perfect Storm: Three Forces Changing Our Nation's Future"
- Thomas Frey, Executive Director of the Davinci Institute

This event is the culmination of two workforce roundtables held earlier this year. To register for this event, call 366-6600 ext. 7602. Lunch will be served and the cost of registration is \$25.

## Founding Partners

- City of Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce
- WorkSource

## New Partners

American Lung Association of Florida  
Builder's Care  
Inside Out Solutions, Inc.  
Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women  
Neptune Fire Protection Engineering LLC  
WJWB

**Total of 341 Partners**

## The Jacksonville Chapter of The Links, Inc

Blueprint for Prosperity would like to spotlight The Jacksonville Chapter of The Links, Inc. for its commitment to several strategies in the Blueprint document. The Links, Incorporated is a not-for-profit organization of more than 12,000 women of color, committed to enhancing the quality of life in communities around the U.S.

The group's commitment to community services includes four main facets:

### • NATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES

The Links, Inc. and Roche are working together to get people thinking about organ, tissue and bone marrow donation and the difference each of us can make in saving lives.

### • SERVICES TO YOUTH

The Links, Inc. addresses the problems of black youth and their families in teenage pregnancy, juvenile crime and delinquency, alcohol and substance abuse, and other concerns.

## Next Month's Newsletter

Our next Blueprint for Prosperity newsletter will be devoted to the 2007 mid-year accomplishments of our Blueprint partners. We have extended the deadline for you to submit your highlights and success stories from this year to date to be featured in the newsletter. The new deadline is September 14. We will also use this information in our next Community Progress Report in February 2008.

Please provide us with brief information about your organization's current initiatives that are impacting any of the Blueprint strategies.

Please keep your highlights to one or two bullet points, and e-mail them to [harlan.stallings@myjaxchamber.com](mailto:harlan.stallings@myjaxchamber.com)

### • INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES

The Links, Inc. has had a long commitment to improving the lives and livelihoods of person throughout the U.S., the Caribbean and the African continent.

### • THE ARTS

The Links, Inc. has a strong and rich record of support for the performing and visual arts.

Areas and chapters embrace programs that combine the effective coordination of all four facets into a "full umbrella program." Gwendolyn D. Lee, Ph.D., is the national president and is supported by area directors. Geraldine W. Smith, Ed.D. is the Jacksonville chapter president.

In keeping with national guidelines and local initiatives, the Jacksonville Chapter is continuing its summer activities with the Jacksonville Children Home's Society. Activities include an afternoon at the Ritz Theatre, the LaVilla Museum and a Family Day at the Cummer Museum.

## Blueprint Partner Orientation

Blueprint staff will conduct orientations to assist Blueprint Partners with developing strategy benchmarks in alignment with the Key Benchmarks. These orientation sessions will be given throughout the year in the Compass Bank room at the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, 3 Independent Dr., Jacksonville Fla., 32202. The dates and times of these orientations are as follows:

**September 13 1:30 p.m.**

To register for these orientations, contact Harlan Stallings at (904) 366-6618 or [harlan.stallings@myjaxchamber.com](mailto:harlan.stallings@myjaxchamber.com).