

RSVP of St. Johns County Program Highlights April 2012 – March 2013

School Readiness

Twenty seven RSVP volunteers provided literacy support to 334 children in seven child care centers, four Head Start classrooms and four kindergarten classrooms.

- 96% of students receiving services demonstrated an increase/improvement in at least two of the following skills: interest and enthusiasm for books and reading, verbal language, cognitive skills, emergent literacy, social/emotional development.
- 91% of 4 and 5 year old students reported were ready for their next developmental level (Pre-K4, Pre-K5, kindergarten or first grade).

Mentoring

Eighteen RSVP volunteers met with 19 students during the school year to encourage school attendance and participation, goal setting and general life success.

- 93% of responding students reported having improved self-esteem at the end of the reporting period.
- 89% of students were reported to have increased attendance, better grades, and/or decreased disruptive behavior by teacher/s and/or administrator/s.

Instructional Support

Eighteen RSVP volunteers provided tutoring and/or classroom assistance to 391 students. One volunteer read to an elementary classroom of seventeen students through the Readers Aloud Program. One volunteer served at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. RSVP volunteers served in the summer reading and summer math program. Two RSVP volunteers served in elementary school media centers.

- Of the 391 students receiving tutoring and/or classroom assistance, 85% of students demonstrated improvement in at least one or more of the following: participation in classroom discussion; willingness to

demonstrate skills to her/his class; actively engaging in problem solving; willingness to read aloud.

- 80% of students receiving Reader Aloud services displayed increased interest and enthusiasm for books and reading.
- 89% of reported students receiving tutoring and/or classroom assistance showed academic advancement due in part to services received from tutors.
- 80% of students receiving Reader Aloud services showed educational gains due in part to services received from the RSVP volunteer.

Adult Literacy

Eight adult students received tutor services by RSVP volunteers – five for the entire year, and three for part of the year.

- 75% of tutored students advanced to their next learning level, and/or obtained their individual goal/s.

Special Community Projects

Special community projects completed by a total of 49 RSVP members during the year included the following:

- Homeless Stand Down – homeless individuals, including homeless veterans were provided clothing, showers, haircuts, toiletries, etc.
- Tools for Schools Resource Day – needy families with children in the St. Johns County School District received medical and dental assistance, clothing, food and community resource information
- Folding and assorting clothing for needy families with children in the St. Johns County School District
- Bed and Breakfast Tour of Inns – fundraiser assistance, resulting in funds for scholarships given to young persons in needy families
- Mail-out assistance for various not-for-profit agencies
- RSVP fundraiser assistance
- Inaugural Character Counts! run/walk assistance