

Family and Community

Think about family and community. What would you identify as the most pressing issues in Orange County with respect to that issue? Please provide details and/or examples as to why this is a pressing issue.

- Homelessness
 - Central Florida not decreasing in homelessness, impacts on education, safety
- Transportation
 - Not connected to affordable housing
- Economic self-sufficiency
 - Single-female households
 - Living wage not provided
- Access to affordable healthcare
- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- Domestic violence
 - Runs through all components
- Shift to Common Core Standards
- Lack of parent knowledge & understanding
 - Challenges of accessing paperwork

Thinking about the issues you identified, what resources are available in the community to address the issue, if any? What are the examples of organizations doing well with respect to the issues, both within and outside Florida?

- Head Start
 - Parent/family/community engagement
- Parramore KidZone
- Hospitality House Movement—Public-private partnership
 - Chunking issues to more narrow components
- Neighborhood Community Centers for families and children
- Heart of Florida United Way collaborative grants

Think ahead 20 years. What does success look like if we adequately address the issues identified. What are the indicators of success?

- Informed community aware of issues and how issues are addressed
 - Now people think of homelessness as a guy using drugs and alcohol
- Evans High School is an example of what worked
 - External forces helped make community accountable for change
- Reduced wait lists for programs
- Reduced gap in achievement (3rd grade and middle school)
- Revisit rules and guidelines that might prevent some action

- Change of funding system—doesn't encourage collaboration
 - See shift in funding mechanisms

Thinking about measuring success, what metrics would be beneficial to you that you currently cannot access?

- Too many measures now; need to narrow
- Department of Education and Housing and Urban Development define homelessness differently
 - Lack of data alignment

Thinking about those definitions of success, who needs to be at the table to achieve it for the issues identified?

- Concord Management—Apartment management company
- Corporations
- Faith-based—scared to death of federal and state government
 - Prefer to start themselves rather than collaborate
- Visit Orlando
- Chambers of Commerce
- Hotel/Motel Association
- Technology Companies