



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 09-71

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

WHEREAS, the United Way of Broward County created the Commission on Substance Abuse in 1988 to address the crack cocaine epidemic that was sweeping south Florida and the nation at large by bringing together a strong coalition of community leaders from across many sectors of the community to search for innovative and effective ways to address the issue of substance use and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse (UWBCCSA) stands as the model of how the United Way has exercised leadership on critical social issues in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the UWBCCSA received County authority to coordinate the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program and has since oversee the allocation and distribution of over \$27 million dollars into the Broward County community for primarily substance abuse prevention and treatment programming in Broward County; and

WHEREAS the UWBCCSA was instrumental in creating key initiatives that continue to this day: (1) Broward County's first Drug Court, (2) Broward County's first DRUG Epidemiology Network (DEN) Report (now called Indicators of Drug Trends Report), (3) Youth Advisory (now called the Broward Youth Coalition) and holding its Youth Leadership Training Institute every summer, (3) Training of parents throughout the county through the evidence based program "Preparing for the Drug Free Years (now called Guiding Good Choices), (4) Susan B. Anthony House treatment for recovering mothers and their children (5) Creation of ad hoc task groups such as the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force, Task Force to Address Underage Drinking and South Florida Meth Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the primary role of the UWBCCSA is to serve as the convener and catalyst for long term sustainable change in the area of substance use and abuse and associated issues; Partners include key stakeholders from key community sectors including schools, advocates/volunteers, law enforcement, judicial, business, faith community, judicial, local & county government, media, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse is to "empower our diverse community to live healthy and drug-free"; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been honored twice with invitations to the White House and the Commission was also recognized in 1996 as the nation's "Anti-Drug Coalition of the Year" by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA); and

WHEREAS, the Commission was again recognized in 2006 by Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association as its first recipient of the "Marilyn Culp Coalition of the Year" Award; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County Florida, hereby proclaims that this important, innovative and effective Drug Free Community Coalition is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, one of the longest standing, influential and respected Coalitions in the nation.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18th day of February 2009.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools