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One School bell rings in the New Year for foster parent recruitment

Port St. Lucie – A foster-parent recruitment campaign rolled out last spring, is making tracks in the New Year.

The One School, One Child campaign, aimed at teachers and other members of the school community, launched from Jensen Beach High School last May. After a summertime hiatus and fall restart, Devereux CBC project staff finished the year with three presentations in December and another four scheduled into early 2018.

"The project is getting legs now," said Christina Kaiser, Devereux CBC Director of Community Relations. "Once we made those first few presentations, word seemed to spread and school principals started reaching out to us."

The goal is to present in all Okeechobee and Martin County schools by June, said Denise Waninger, Devereux CBC Martin County Director and project lead. Once that goal is realized, the project will start presenting to schools in St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

The campaign is the latest step in an ongoing effort to increase both the number and quality of foster homes in the four-county area. The key to its promising success is the use of teachers already licensed as foster parents to help recruit new caregivers from among their peers.

"We believe the education community is a natural fit for recruitment," Waninger said. "These are people who are already dedicated to children, and who have the heart and skill set to be excellent caregivers."

Devereux Community Based Care serves nearly 1,000 children and their families. Of that number, about 250 live in foster homes or in residential group care.

There are currently 155 foster homes in the four-county area. More are needed to keep siblings together and to prevent the over-dependence on group homes.

If you would like to schedule a One School, One Child presentation in your school, please contact us at (772) 873-7800, or [click here](#) for more information about how to become a foster parent.



Lindsay and Denise at Murray Middle School

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