# **ACTION ALERT**

**FEBRUARY 2015** 

#### THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ACTION ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH BULLETIN

To Identify, Prioritize & Take Action to Educate and Promote Access to Mental Health Services

- ➤ The Alliance meets monthly at Children's Services Council
- > Members propose and approve priorities for Action
- ➤ A Steering Committee guides the Actions to completion

#### **ACTIONS COMPLETED**

- Breaking the Silence Voice Award Presented
- More than 600 trained in Mental Health First Aid (more)
- Tribute paid to benefactor Lord Anthony Jacobs (more)
- South Area Superintendant names 6 Pilot Schools to Break the Silence in 4th & 5th Grades
- 5 High Schools present "The Weight of Words" (more)
- Participated in meetings of PBC League of Cities

#### **ACTIONS IN PROCESS**

- Conversations with Mayors
- Spiritual Leaders Address Mental Health
- Study group addresses LGBT issues
- Mental Health First Aid Training
- Planning for "The Weight of Words" 2015-16
- NOW(National Org. for Women) to address Mental Health

#### On The Horizon

- SDPBC 2nd Annual Mental Health & Wellness Conf.
- ?World Conference on Mental Health
- School Board Workshop on Mental Health
- Mental Health Legislation

### **Action Alliance Steering Committee:**

Kim Williams, Single School Culture, School District of PBC Rita Thrasher, Boca Raton's Promise Dr. Seth Bernstein, Boys Town South Florida

Dr. Elaine Rotenberg, Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service





## SENATOR JOSEPH ABRUZZO PROMISES ATTENTION TO MENTAL HEALTH

On December 19, Florida Senator Joseph Abruzzo, (Dem, D 25) and staff welcomed members of the Palm Beach County Action Alliance for Mental Health in his Wellington office. He assured the delegation of eight mental health service providers and advocates he would continue to give full attention to addressing the community's serious mental health problems.

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