



LifeLine of Central Florida's News Brief

LifeLine Receives Proclamation from the Mayor of Orlando!

On September 8, 2005, the management team made a trip to Orlando City Hall. Why, you ask? They were there to receive a proclamation from Mayor Buddy Dyer and the City Commissioners proclaiming that day and each September 8th thereafter to be "LifeLine of Central Florida Day!"

It was a great opportunity to reflect on the impact that our 40 years of service has had on the quality of life in Central Florida. In doing so, it also brings to light the continued misconceptions and myths concerning suicide. There are still those who believe that suicide should be kept a secret, feeling shame over the loss of a loved one. Unfortunately, this thinking can be deadly, as suicide continues to be ranked 11th in leading causes of death among all age groups and is especially high in those who have survived the suicide of a friend or loved one.

LifeLine will continue to emphasize the importance of our work because we know quantitatively and qualitatively that our services **do** save lives. We will fondly look back on our trip to City Hall as recognition for a job very well done.

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LifeLine has an Open House!

On September 27th, LifeLine of Central Florida hosted its first Open House. It was an enormous success! There was a steady stream of participants interested in hearing about LifeLine's services. Attendees received an overview of LLCF's services, watched a short video, and received an up-close view of our resource database. LifeLine welcomed the opportunity to network with other agencies and community members. We were happy to be able to put a "human face" on so many of our referral sources!



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LifeLine Re-Certified by AAS!

In May, 2005, LLCF was awarded a five year re-certification by the American Association of Suicidology (AAS). Certification signifies that an organization has been evaluated by an on-site examination and has met or exceeded specific standards in the following areas: administration, training, general service delivery, services in life-threatening crisis, ethical issues, community integration, and program evaluation. In the certification report, the AAS site examiner made the following comment: "LifeLine of Central Florida is a well-respected, well-managed program that has served the needs of troubled community members and their families for 40 years. It is operated by very dedicated leadership and line staff who are professional, experienced, and committed to the organization."

LifeLine of Central Florida's Third Quarter Statistics

Total calls: 3, 229

Top Ten Caller Problems:

1. **Mental Health/Substance Abuse**
2. **Basic Needs (Food, shelter, etc)**
3. **Relationship Issues**
4. **Health Issues**
5. **Emotional Issues**
6. **Suicide Issues**
7. **Abuse/ Violence/ Crime Victim Issues**
8. **Seasonal (Hurricane related)**
9. **Pregnancy**
10. **Donations/Volunteering**

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