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PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR  
AT-RISK YOUTH IS SUBJECT OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEETING

NAPLES, March 3—The League of Women Voters of Collier County will hear from Lesley Medley, coordinator of the Collier County School Accountability Boards (SAB), on March 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the North Collier Government Center. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

“Prevention and intervention services to at-risk youth is part of the mission of Collier’s SAB, which started as a pilot program in Immokalee in 2004,” said Chris Straton, president of the Collier League.

SAB was developed by Dr. Sandra Pavelka at FGCU and is modeled after Neighborhood Accountability Boards, which use restorative principles where the victim and the community are integral parts of developing an individualized comprehensive case plan.

The SAB plan addresses the risk factors and needs of the youth and tries to keep them in school and out of the juvenile justice system. Students at participating schools are trained to serve on the SAB, and the board also has the support of the SAB coordinator, a faculty facilitator and a Youth Relations deputy.

Ms. Medley will present the work and accomplishments of the School Accountability Board to date at the League meeting.