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**LOCAL PROGRAM HELPS YOUTH ENTER ADULTHOOD**

**GAINESVILLE, FLA** – The Library Partnership Resource Center, a collaborative endeavor between Partnership for Strong Families (PSF), the Alachua County Library District and other community partners is hosting an annual youth event with the Gainesville Woman’s Club (GWC). Advanced Placement Training (APT), established by the GWC’s Education Committee, will take place Saturday, November 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Library Partnership and will offer assistance to high school students and young adults preparing for life after graduation.

ApT will offer workshops and resources that focus on career and college readiness, financial literacy basics, resume writing and personal brand development. Representatives from various universities and community resource agencies will be on site as well.

“We are proud of the work that Library Partnership has put in over the last eight years to support this community,” stated Stephen Pennypacker, President/CEO of Partnership for Strong Families. “With the help of volunteers and our community partners, the Resource Center has become a safe place for families to learn how to increase their self-sufficiency and work hand-in-hand with service providers toward a brighter future. We’re grateful to the Woman’s Club and other partners who have helped make this event possible.”

The Library Partnership Resource Center offers programming and services based on five protective factors, which, when present in families, have been shown to reduce the likelihood of child abuse or neglect. The Advanced Placement Training is offered on a rotating basis to help improve social connections and resiliency in youth so that they have a strong foundation when entering adulthood.

To learn more about the Center, its success or to contribute as a donor or volunteer, visit [www.pfsf.org/resource-centers](http://www.pfsf.org/resource-centers).

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**About Partnership for Strong Families:**

Partnership for Strong Families is the lead community-based care agency for Florida Judicial Circuits Three and Eight, including Alachua County. PSF is contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families to deliver comprehensive child welfare services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Partnership for Strong Families also works with at-risk families to prevent child abuse and to decrease the risk of children entering the foster care system. PSF serves more than 5,000 children in 13 counties annually.