

March 2017 Newsletter

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On February 23, the Jericho Road Ministries hosted a training/ refresher session at one of their men's shelters in Brooksville. The majority of the trainees have been with the FIT program for some time but wanted a refresher course to update their knowledge to the recent changes in our curriculum and status. From left to right are Cheryl Hart, Jericho Road Director, Barbara Cleary, Women's Shelter Director, Eloise McAllister, volunteer at Hernando Correctional and Florida Women's Reception Center, Erin Parfet, Jericho Desk



Manager, Ellie Larson, FIT Trainer, Pastor Bob Burklow, Jericho Desk Manager, Carlton Grant, longtime FIT facilitator, and Bruce Gimbel, Founder of Jericho Road Ministries.



A bove are the facilitators from Manatee and Sarasota Counties, FL that meet at Headquarters once a month to improve facilitator skills and coordinate with the various ministries and local institutions represented. This group works with the District 12 court system; the Safe Children Coalition, the Department of Children and Families contract agency, the Learn to Fish Women's Recovery House, Harvest House Men's and Women's Residential Centers, the Jim Russo Residential Center for Men, the FIT Character Development program, and the Manatee and Sarasota County Jails.

New Materials focus on client needs

Shown at the right is a graphic representation of what the FIT program is set out to accomplish.

On the left, FIT serves a secular purpose. That is, it addresses issues that are common to everyone, regardless of their religion or lack of it. This is the reason that government agencies recognize FIT as a valuable partner in reducing crime and carrying out their mission in improving society.

On the right, FIT also serves a spiritual purpose. Distinctly Christian, but non-denominational, it uses biblical teachings to make better Christians as well as better citizens. Emphasis is on faith to produce new thoughts, new behaviors, and greater maturity. The faith community also provides positive contacts and role models for those whose family backgrounds have been lacking and those who have lost their way through addiction or criminal behavior. *FIT delivers!*

