



About JCCI

Like every city, Jacksonville has its challenges and determining how to face those challenges is the role of JCCI. Every day, JCCI brings people together to learn about pressing issues in our community and to find solutions. All with the goal of making Jacksonville a great place to live. JCCI...citizens building a better community.

JCCI Studies

Each year, citizen volunteers and JCCI committees identify problems facing our city. With their input, issues are selected to become the subject of in-depth study. Committees, made up of ordinary citizens, meet weekly for six months to unravel the causes of a problem and make recommendations to resolve it. When the study is published, a JCCI volunteer task force presents it to the community at large, to government, to business and others - advocating for the changes the study suggests. Since, 1975, decision-makers have given these studies the consideration and the action they deserve. And they have worked to make our area a better place for all residents.

Recent JCCI Studies

2005

River Dance: Putting River in River City

2004

Public Education Reform: Eliminating the Achievement Gap (Phase Two)
Town & Gown: Building Successful Community-University Collaborations

2003

Public Education Reform: Assessing Progress (Phase One)
Neighborhoods at the Tipping Point

2002

Beyond the Talk: Improving Race Relations
Making Jacksonville a Clean City



JCCI Quality of Life Progress Report

Since 1985, JCCI has tracked indicators of the quality of life in Jacksonville and surrounding communities. Tracking both positive and negative trends, this "community report card" provides and ongoing analysis of the state of our region. It also helps monitor the effectiveness of solutions proposed by JCCI studies and other initiatives.

JCCI Forward

JCCI Forward, an initiative of JCCI, brings people ages 25-45 together to interact with city leaders, to experience leadership development and to build a network of friends and associates who share the common goal of improving our community.

Five O'Clock Forums

Five O'Clock Forums welcome citizens from all walks of life to speak out on topics that affect our community. These exciting, spirited discussions cover a wide range of topics, uncovering problems and revealing possible courses of action.

JCCI Recognized Locally

A 2001 JCCI study, *Services for Ex-Offenders*, found that offenders have little opportunity, while incarcerated, for rehabilitative or educational assistance. The study recommended a one-stop center for ex-offenders be established to reduce recidivism in Duval County. On March 1, 2004, the Jacksonville Re-Entry Center (JREC) became a reality. The facility provides ex-offenders with information, resources and referrals for housing, employment, education and basic needs. On March 22, Sheriff John H. Rutherford, Dr. Delpia Williams and the staff of JREC held a press conference to introduce the facility to the community.

Human Services Council (HSC)

Born of a JCCI study recommendation in 1981, the HSC is made up of the major funders of human services in Northeast Florida that contract more than \$150 million. The HSC offers workshops for front-line staff, evaluates school programs and promotes quality human service initiatives. The council is housed at JCCI.

JCCI Funding

JCCI receives funds from many sources. United Way of Northeast Florida contracts with JCCI for human services planning. The City of Jacksonville, JCCI members, and corporations provide additional funds. Because JCCI strives for credibility, objectivity and independence in its work, diverse funding is essential. The thousands of volunteer hours donated each year are one of JCCI's most important resources.

