

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Convening and supporting community stakeholders and researching 11 comprehensive issue studies
- Conducted 15 educational workshops
- Participation in the Florida Department of Elder Affairs Communities for a Lifetime Initiative
- Establishment of the Mental Wellness Coalition
- First of its kind Crisis Response Team by the Marion County Sheriff's Office
- Creation of Access to Healthcare, Inc., which fostered the development of the Heart of Florida Health Center and Healthy Ocala
- Formation of the Ocala/Marion County Affordable Housing Council
- Quality of Live Study served as a valuable source for many community and government agencies



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Improved community**





## WHO WE ARE

The Public Policy Institute is an organization dedicated to advancing the public interest and improving the quality of life for all Marion County residents.

- ◆ Independent
- ◆ Non-Partisan
- ◆ Volunteer governed and led
- ◆ Non-profit
- ◆ Citizen driven



## OUR MISSION

To give the community a sense of hope and optimism by creating a broad base of community involvement in identifying, researching, and establishing dialogue on community-wide issues, and recommending and helping to implement timely solutions.

## WHAT WE DO

The Institute's Board, with the help of local leaders, decision makers and interested citizens, annually selects, finances and oversees the study of a timely issue that has an impact on the quality of life in our community.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP

To sustain the Institute at an optimum level of staffing, about \$60,000 in annual funding is required.

To this end, the Institute is seeking both private and public supporters who will be willing to help fund its operations.

All donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions and will be recognized both in the annual study report and on the Institute's website at [www.PPlofMarionCounty.org](http://www.PPlofMarionCounty.org)

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## OUR STUDIES

- 2014 The True Cost of the Justice System
- 2013 Early Childhood Education
- 2009 Kinship Care
- 2008 Local Government Structure
- 2007 Access to Healthcare
- 2006 Affordable Housing
- 2005 Traffic/Transportation
- 2004 Mental Health Services
- 2003 Growth: Costs and Consequences
- 2001 The Graying of Ocala and the Need for a Stronger Community
- 2000 Youth Violence

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- City of Ocala
- College of Central Florida
- Marion County Sheriff's Department
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