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Stop the Violence/Back to School Rally set for July 27

Families can get a great start to the school year and learn about preventing violence at the 2019 Stop the Violence Back to School Rally set for Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Santa Fe College Gymnasium.

This is the 20th anniversary of the event, which has been organized and coordinated each year by People Against Violence Enterprises (PAVE). Sponsored by a variety of businesses and community organizations, including primary sponsor Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., the Rally offers entertainment, guest speakers and information booths. Meridian will provide the first 3000 school-age children attending the fair with free backpacks filled with school supplies.

Speakers at the event will focus on encouraging students and families to prevent violence both in and out of school. One of the speakers at this year's rally will be former Gator football great Jeremy Mincey, who went on to play in the National Football League.

Alachua County Public Schools will again be partnering with PAVE during the event to provide back-to-school information. Families will be able to pick up school calendars, school supply lists and information on enrollment, free school meals and other school-related topics.

Other local agencies will also be on hand to provide vital services and information, including the Alachua County Health Department, which will be offering free school immunizations.

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