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Consumer Protection Agency Receives National/International ACE Award

Hillsborough County Consumer Protection Agency's Community Education Program is once again the winner of the prestigious *2007 Achievement in Consumer Education Award (ACE)*. The award is given by the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators (NACAA), a national and international association.

The Agency won the *Best Program* category for its **Landlord/Tenant Forum**, held in February during "National Consumer Protection Week." The forum was a first of its kind program designed to provide a "one-stop shop" for all available resources related to the many aspects of landlord-tenant issues, including code enforcement violations, eviction proceedings, security deposits and other legal issues. The event was held in the university area where there is a very high density of rental housing for low income residents, university students and the elderly.

Last year, Hillsborough County Consumer Protection Agency also won the 2006 ACE award for its High School Education Program. The program focuses on teaching teens, especially high school seniors, about credit, identity theft, cyber crime, car buying, lease agreements and scholarship scams. School administrators, teachers, consumer groups or organizations interested in scheduling a community education program should contact Debora Brown, Community Education Coordinator, Consumer Protection Agency at 904-3424.

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