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News

Children's Services Council boosts funding to combat local hunger

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County will contribute an additional \$150,000 to the Palm Beach County Food Bank for two new staff members and its weekend nutrition program for children. The Council approved on Thursday boosting its annual financial commitment to the Palm Beach County Food Bank from \$225,000 to \$375,000. The increased funding will support two benefits specialists positions, so more families can access federal food assistance, and the Food4OURKids program, which sends children home from school with nutritious food on weekends. To learn more, [click here](#).



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News

Youth Services Department now accepting summer camp applications

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department is now accepting camper applications for the Summer Camp Scholarship Program. [Click here](#) for the Youth Services website and to access the camper application, camp directory, intake locations, documentation needed and 2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Parents can also call the information line at 866.728.1427.

News

Palm Beach County Food Bank now accepting 2016 Weekend Nutrition applications

The Palm Beach County Food Bank (PBCFB) is now accepting applications for its 2016 Weekend Nutrition Program. The Weekend Nutrition Program is a backpack program for the summer months when

children are out of school and there may be less access to food programs that families rely on during the school year. PBCFB provides backpacks and shelf-stable food to summer camps to distribute to their campers each Friday afternoon. The backpack contains enough food to sustain the child and the child's family for the weekend. [Click here](#) for more information and to access the application. Applications are due by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 18.**

News

Tequesta Library Branch to reopen today, Feb. 29

The Palm Beach County Library System is pleased to announce that the Tequesta Branch will reopen after a successful three-month renovation. The renovations include the installation of a new roof, a new air conditioning system, and a new fire control panel. The public can enjoy the newly renovated library on Monday, Feb. 29. The Tequesta Branch Library is located on 461 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter. For other library branch locations and hours, [click here](#).

News

Long-time advocates retire from Healthy Beginnings-Healthy Start Coalition board

Two dedicated advocates stepped down from the Palm Beach County's Healthy Beginnings-Healthy Start Coalition Board of Directors after years of service to children and families. In October 2015, Nate Nichols retired as a board member and, in February of this year, Sandra Chamblee followed his lead. Both have given countless years of service to numerous social service organizations in Palm Beach County. Nichols, the former deputy director at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, had served on the coalition's board since 2012. Chamblee, former executive director of the Glades Health Initiative, had served on the board since 2009. The coalition thanks Nichols and Chamblee for their generosity of spirit and hard work on behalf of Palm Beach County families.

News

Changes coming to SNAP availability dates

Starting in March 2016, Florida's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will be making a change. Currently SNAP benefits are deposited on Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards over a 15 day period. The new schedule will spread out the deposits over a 28 day period. All dates are assigned based on the customer's case number. In March, most SNAP benefits will be split into two EBT deposits to assist with adjustment to the new dates. Customers will receive half of their benefits on the current date, and the other half on the new date. In April, and each month after that, customers will receive their full benefits on the new date. Monthly deposit totals will not be affected because of this change. The schedule is changing to 28 days so grocery stores can spread out food inventory better during the month to help keep commonly purchased items available to their customers. For more details on the new SNAP dates, please [click here](#).

Events

Hooray for Hopscotch with BRIDGES at Lake Park

Come play with your friends at the BRIDGES at Lake Park! Stop by for some hopscotch fun on **Thursday, March 3, 11 a.m. – noon**, at BRIDGES at Lake Park, 1411 10th St., Lake Park. Hopping, skipping, jumping, and counting will help children develop healthy bodies and minds as well as practice taking turns. To see all the BRIDGES calendar of events and monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

Upcoming Community Conversation on Palm Beach County's Youth Master Plan

Palm Beach County will host its first Community Conversation on **Thursday, March 3, 6 – 8 p.m.**, at the Mayme Fredrick Building, 1440 MLK Blvd., Riviera Beach. Palm Beach County wants to ensure all of its young people have the chance to thrive as children and succeed as adults and are creating the Youth Master Plan. Join the conversation and help shape the youth of Palm Beach County. For more information, please contact James Green at JGreen1@pbcgov.org or 561.242.5702.

Events

The Arc of Palm Beach County hosts its Family Fun Day with an open house and resource fair

The Arc of Palm Beach County's Family Fun Day will take place on **Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, at the Arc of Pam Beach County, 1201 Australian Ave., Riviera Beach. More than 300 people are expected to attend this open house and resource fair that will provide entertainment for kids, information booths, food, fun and games for everyone. Local service providers will provide valuable information to families of people with developmental disabilities. Unlike any other community event, Family Fun Day will have respite caregivers available so families can attend breakout sessions and check out resources while having assistance with children who may have behavioral or physical needs. For more information, to RSVP or become an exhibitor, please contact Lena Kimball at 561.721.2818 or lkimball@arcpbc.org.

Events

National Coalition of 100 Black Women hosts free panel discussion on violence and community safety

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW) will host a panel discussion on violence and community safety on **Friday, March 4, 7:30 – 9 a.m.**, at the Shiloh Family Worship Center, 2275 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach. The panel consists of professionals from law enforcement, mental health, youth violence,

domestic violence, faith community and family involvement organizations. Discussions will take place about crime prevention and creating community awareness about the root causes. This is a free event and a light breakfast will be served. To RSVP or for more information, call Barbara Cheives at 561.351.6864.

Events

Bicycle helmet fitting training

Safe Kids Palm Beach County and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue will be offering a free workshop on bicycle helmet fitting on **Friday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, at the Children's Services Council building, 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach. Participants in the three-hour workshop will learn how to fit bicycle helmets correctly, when to replace a helmet and what different styles of helmets are available. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kelly Powell at 561.312.3770 or at kpowell@cp-cto.org or Bob Smallacombe at 561.616.7074 or at bsmallac@pbcgov.org.

Events

YMCA hosts family bike ride at John Prince Park

Join the YMCA of South Palm Beach County for a family bike ride on **March 5** at John Prince Park in Lake Worth. Check-in is at **9:30 a.m.** at the John Prince Park Pavilion, 2520 Lake Worth Road, with a bicycle safety overview. The ride begins at 10 a.m. If you have questions or if you need a bicycle for the ride, please contact Tom Iven at tiven@ymcaspbc.org.

Events

Palm Beach County Unites announces kickoff to Child Abuse Awareness Month

Palm Beach County Unites (PBC Unites) will hold its kickoff to Child Abuse Awareness Month on **April 7, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**, at the Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton. The kickoff is a call to action as more than 30 non-profit, community and religious organizations will unite to raise awareness of the issue of child abuse in Palm Beach County. A panel of speakers will address risk, prevention, intervention and what community support is needed for the 1,800 children in Palm Beach County currently in out-of-home placement due to abuse or neglect. To RSVP, please email info@pbcunites.org or call 561.336.1058. [Click here](#) for more information on PBC Unites.

Training

Back-to-back FAU CARD trainings on March 11

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (FAU CARD) will host back-to-back trainings on **Thursday, March 11**. "Enjoying My Child: Strategies for the Improving Parent-Child Relationship" will take place from **10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.** In this workshop, parents will learn practical tools to engage their young child in everyday play activities and routines. Methods for

promoting positivity and enjoying the parent-child relationship will be emphasized. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, contact Jennifer Sanderson at 561.235.9342.

From **12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.**, “Future Planning, Benefits and Beyond for Caregivers” expert panelists from various government and community agencies will provide education, resources and answer questions related to future planning, benefits and other supportive measures for caregiver. [Click here](#) to register. For more information on this training, contact Veronica Castro at 561.213.8381. Both trainings will take place at FAU’s Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton.

Trainin

CSC holds free Infant Mental Health training

Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County will host a free Infant Mental Health training from **March 1 – 23**, at 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach. Participants will increase their knowledge of Infant Mental Health, and begin to build skills and competencies such as identify common elements between Brazelton Touchpoints Approach and Infant Mental Health, prenatal development and threats to brain development, psychodynamic relationships, sensory integration and more. This is a free training opportunity and clinicians receive 14 CEUs. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

Trainin

Free training on self injury offered at Youth Services by Palm Beach Behavioral Health and Wellness

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department and Palm Beach Behavioral Health and Wellness (PBBHW) will offer the training “Self Injury: Coping with Pain” on **Wednesday, March 9, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, at the Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. **Registration begins at 9 a.m.** Presented by Stephanie Larsen, Psy.D. of PBBHW, this course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSWs, LMFTs and LMHCs. There is no fee for the program. Seating is limited. The registration form must be received by March 8. [Click here](#) for the registration form. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460.

Trainin

Training series on Dialectical Behavior Therapy through SandyPines

SandyPines will host a spring training series on Dialectical Behavior Therapy on **March 8 – 9, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at the SandyPines Gymnasium, 11301 SE Tequesta Terrace, Tequesta. Nancy Gordon, LCSW of the Tampa Bay Center for Cognitive Behavior Therapy, will present this series. The first session is an overview of Dialectical Behavior Therapy and the second session will review DBT skills. All training materials are included as well as a continental breakfast, lunch

and snack. Registration is limited to the first 60 attendees. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainin

Register today for the next NAMI Provider Education course

The next National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Provider Education Course has been scheduled to meet every **Wednesday from March 9 - April 6, 4 – 7 p.m.**, at South County Mental Health Center, 16158 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach. NAMI Provider Education is a free, 5-session education course developed for the staff of public and private agencies who work with people who are living with mental health challenges. The course emphasizes the bio-psycho-social perspective in the understanding of neurobiological brain disorders. The course presents a subjective view of the experiences of individuals living with mental illness and their families. There are 15 free CEUs available to LMHCs, LCSWs, LMFTs and RNs who attend all five classes. To register and for more information, please [click here](#).

Trainin

Register today for the Child Safety Regional Training Institutes

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence will hold six, one-day Child Safety Regional Training Institutes for local child welfare professionals, domestic violence advocates and community partners **through April** in several locations across Florida. The purpose of the trainings are to enhance collaboration between certified domestic violence centers and child welfare agencies, to build the capacity of child welfare and partnering agencies to assist families experiencing domestic violence, to enhance the community's response to domestic violence and to hold perpetrators accountable. [Click here](#) for more information, locations and to register for these free trainings.

Trainin

Els for Autism Foundation host the Awe in Autism Conference and Expo

The Els for Autism Foundation will host the Awe in Autism Conference and Expo on **April 1, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** at the Els Center of Excellence, 18370 Limestone Creek Rd., Jupiter. Come celebrate the amazing talents of people with autism! This free conference will have guest speakers, book signings, live performances, art gallery and more. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. [Click here](#) to register.

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Two new catergoies added to Heroes in Medicine Awards

The Palm Beach County Medical Society will be hosting its 13th Annual Heroes in Medicine Awards on **Friday, April 15**, at the Kravis Center's Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. For the past 13 years, the Annual Heroes in Medicine Award has

honored individuals and organizations throughout Palm Beach County that use their skills and resources in the field of health care to provide outstanding services for the people of our local, national and global communities. Among the various categories, one Hero of the Year will be awarded along with four honorary awards. By Feb. 1, you can nominate an individual, organization or business throughout Palm Beach County. [Click here](#) to view the award categories, register for the event or to nominate a hero.

Trainin

Trainings from Nonprofits First

Nonprofits First offers a range of classes for nonprofit organizations and staff. Register now before classes fill up. To see the course schedule, visit:

<http://www.nonprofitsfirst.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=courseCatalog.list>

Jobs

Enhance Your Hiring Search with Free Job Postings

Children's Services Council continues to offer free job postings for CSC-funded providers in Palm Beach County. For job openings at CSC-funded agencies, go to cscpb.org/agencyjobs.

If you are a CSC-funded agency, contact Paulina Rudzinska at Paulina.Rudzinska@cscpb.org to post a position on CSC's website.

Links

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Do you have information for the MMU? Please send information to mmu@cscpb.org by Wednesday at 5 p.m.