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Monday Morning Update February 8, 2021

Please note: Children's Services Council's offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, for Presidents' Day. We will released the Monday Morning Update on Tuesday, February 16.

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

Testing sites, meals sites, health tips and more COVID-19 updates and resources

Children's Services Council has compiled an ongoing list of local resources that Palm Beach County families may find helpful in these uncertain times. [Click here](#) for links to federal, state and local resources and as well as educational resources for your family.

News

As Women, As Leaders: Discussing the Importance of Diversity as Leaders

Friday, Feb. 12

1 - 2:15 p.m.

Facebook Live!

Join this panelist discussion and welcome special guests Dr.

2,500 thermometers distributed to families in Palm Beach County

Prime Time Palm Beach County, in partnership with the United Way of Palm Beach County, distributed 2,500 thermometers to afterschool programs to provide to families

United Way of Palm Beach County Opens Taxes Filed Free Program

Get your taxes filed free, fast, safe and secure! If your household income was \$66,000 or less in 2020, United Way of Palm Beach County is offering virtual and

Janice Underwood, Virginia's Chief Diversity Officer, and Danielle Andrews, Director of Diversity and Inclusion at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to continue this dialogue on advancing the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the local and state level. [Click here](#) to learn more and watch the Facebook Live.

Black History Month virtual activities with the Palm Beach County Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System is hosting virtual events that honor the heritage, contributions and achievements of the African American community. This year, although events are not in-person, the Library System invite you to participate in a wide variety of events accessible through Zoom. Register and join in for the live events, or enjoy the recordings on their digital events page. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Children's Services Council Funding Opportunity

The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking to support our existing Healthy Beginnings (HB) System of Care that serves parents/caregivers of children birth to five and families expecting a child. Community-Driven Innovation (CDI) Services is a funding opportunity that gives communities the chance to determine for themselves what services or supports they need. We are looking to the community to tell us what these innovative options could, and should, be. The

with school-aged children. This would not be possible without the American Association for Caregiving Youth for making the connection to the anonymous donor. Prime Time has pivoted to offer its services and supports in a virtual capacity to ensure the safety of out-of-school time practitioners, children and families. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Council declares January Mentoring Awareness Month

While the number of Palm Beach County children waiting for a mentor has decreased 23 percent from last year, more than 830 children remain on the wait list – seeking the friendship and guidance of a trusted adult. In Palm Beach County, about 5,000 children are assigned to mentors through the United Way of Palm Beach County's Mentor Center. Of those, nearly 1,800 are matched with mentors through 23 programs directly funded by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

William A. Cruickshank Scholarship

In March, the Palm Beach League of Cities' Scholarship Committee will award deserving high school seniors and municipal employees. Students planning a course of study in public service and employees continuing their educations in their fields are eligible. The Cruickshank Scholarship program provides scholarships of up to \$1,000* for expenses associated with academic endeavors to qualified high school seniors and expense stipends for municipal employees pursuing continuing education in these fields. We've also added a

socially distanced income tax preparation at 12 sites across the county. This service is supported by IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers. [Click here](#) or call 2-1-1 for all sites, to make an appointment and learn what items to bring.

Palm Beach County Youth Services accepting Summer Camp Scholarship applications

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department is accepting parent applications for summer camp scholarships beginning January 22 through April 2. The Summer Camp Scholarship Program offers eligible children, ages 5-14 and a special population up to age 17, a full scholarship to day camp for the entire summer. The scholarship includes all tuition and fees for children residing in families with income at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Parents may choose from participating camps in Palm Beach County. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

School Bus Safety and Legislative Change as of Jan. 1, 2021

Florida school buses carry precious cargo – our children. Motorists should always be alert and drive with caution around school buses and in school zones where children may be present like schools, bus stops, school buses and school parking lots. As of **January 1, 2021**, Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announced penalties for failure to stop for a school bus double. The penalty for failure to stop for a school bus goes from a minimum \$100 to \$200 and if a second offense is committed in 5

Service proposed must support parents or caregivers raising young children birth to five (0-5) and/or expecting a child and must serve Palm Beach County residents. Find more detailed information on the Scope of the Award; Eligibility Requirements; etc., on our website. A virtual Information Session will be held on February 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. **Deadline for submission is March 8, 2021, by 2:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to learn more.

new category for non-high school, non-municipal employee, persons in school or training for governmental positions. **The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 19.** [Click here](#) to learn more.

years, the person's license will be suspended for up to 1 year. [Click here](#) to learn more and for school bus safety tips.

Benefits Outreach Program with Palm Beach County Food Bank

The Benefits Outreach Program assists individuals and families with applying for federal food assistance benefits (SNAP). Palm Beach County Food Bank is one of only seven organizations in Florida that provide the DCF required federal food relief interview. This interview will be conducted during your meeting with one of our Benefits Specialists, who speak English, Spanish and Creole. [Click here](#) to learn more and to view the Benefits Outreach Calendar for February.

2021 Spring Non-Credit/HEO Course Schedule with Palm Beach State College

Palm Beach State College's Institute of Excellence in Early Care & Education 2021 Spring Non-Credit/HEO Course is now available and open for registration. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.



Talking to your child about race and racism

Talking about race and racism can be hard. But in today's world, it's more important than ever to have these conversations with our children. In a special blog series published in [EveryParentPBC.org](#), Dr. Danniella Jones, a psychologist with the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department, helps parents navigate these difficult topics.



[Learn more](#)

Events

Project FACT's Second Annual Father-Daughter Drive Thru

Saturday, Feb. 13
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Bill & Jane Cheney
Neighborhood Resource Center
parking lot
2831 Avenue S, Riviera Beach

Due to Covid-19 and our commitment to the safety of staff, the scholars and their families, Project FACT's Father-Daughter Dinner & Dance Event will be very different this year. However, we want the experience to be fulfilling and fun! Pre-registered fathers/father figures will be able to "drive thru" to pick up a \$40 gift card to an area restaurant, along with other great giveaways, then go enjoy a safe and celebratory dinner with their daughters whenever they choose! Please call Shamus Gordon at 561.229.2379 to reserve your gift card and confirm your drive-thru time.

Great American Cleanup 2021

Saturday, April 17

The Solid Waste Authority is now accepting registrations for the Great American Cleanup 2021. You can have the option to do it on an alternative date if the date is in April or first Saturday in May only. Please indicate the alternative date on the registration form. Return your Site Registration Form by email by Friday, February 14, 2021, so that there is time to order your supplies and t-shirts. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

2021 Virtual Community Conversations: Your Voice, Your Needs

Feb. 9, 18 and 23
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Virtual

Black History Month Reflections with Lake Worth West Residential Planning Group

Wednesday, Feb. 17
3 p.m.
Zoom
Meeting ID: 898 9464 2377
Passcode: 841296

Please join Lake Worth West for their inaugural Black History Reflections Program and hear from some of our black community leaders and why we must remember our black history. [Click here](#) for the Zoom meeting link.

3rd Annual Waste to Wonder Exhibition with Resource Depot

Through March 11
Open during regular business hours
The GalleRE at Resource Depot
2508 Florida Ave.,
West Palm Beach

The 3rd Annual Waste to Wonder welcomes the new year in our GalleRE with fresh artwork and revived outlook. This group show features 21 artists who transformed found objects from Resource Depot's "Warehouse of Wonder" that sparked their individual curiosity and became inspiration for new works of art for this exhibition. This show takes a dive into the world of creative reuse to answer the question - What do the objects in our lives reveal about our values, our culture, and ourselves? This exhibition is free and open to the public. Masks required for entry. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Heroes 5K Run/Walk with Children's Home Society of Florida

Saturday, April 24, 2021
Okeeheliee Park
7715 Forest Hill Blvd.,
West Palm Beach
7:30 a.m.

Bring the whole family out for a beautiful day at Okeeheliee Park to include a timed run and kids fun run! Not only will you be helping us invest in the future of children in your community, you'll be joining us in honoring our everyday heroes, Palm Beach County firefighters and police. Virtual option also available so you can run anywhere anytime! [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Community Access Program with the Norton Museum of Art

The Norton Museum of Art is committed to making a visit to the museum welcoming, accessible, and enjoyable to all residents

Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures invites you to virtually join four upcoming Community Conversations in February. These conversations will address what's working, what's not working, and what's needed in our communities. Featured breakout groups include access to health and wellness, achieving success in higher education, social emotional learning, ensuring safety and justice, economic access and more. Youth, young adults, parents, guardians, community based agencies, local business, and more are invited. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.

of the community. The regular price of admission should not be a deterrent for those who cannot afford to pay or are otherwise disadvantaged, and so the Community Access Program was formed. Working directly with Palm Beach County non-profits, civic organizations, and agencies, the Norton provides passes for free admission that may be distributed by these organizations to their clients and the populations they serve. [Click here](#) to learn more and to participate.

Trainings

Introduction to Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health

Thursday, Feb. 25
English 12:30 p.m.
Spanish 2 p.m.
Virtual

The COVID-19 pandemic has made us realize how important our mental health is. Take 1 hour to learn what mental health looks like for babies & young children, and how to support them. This training with the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health is perfect for you if you wonder... "What is mental health in a baby or young child?" or "How do I help the children I care for have good mental health?" [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

FAU CARD Little Owls Parent Training on Autism Mondays and Wednesdays Through March 17

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The training takes place on Zoom for one hour each Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30. The class will begin on February 8 and end on March 17. Once you have completed your Eventbrite registration you will be emailed a link for the class. This free Zoom training for parents of children up to age 6 with autism covers topics such as, encouraging social communication, preventing problem behavior and resources. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Free LifePlanning® Virtual Workshop on Assistive Technology in February

Wednesday, Feb. 24
2 p.m.
Zoom

When daily tasks are too difficult to accomplish, assistive technology tools can help people with disabilities improve functional capabilities, which increases their independence. Alpert Jewish Family Services is offering the free virtual workshop "How assistive technology can facilitate daily life including school, work and home." [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Upcoming Classes for Pregnant and New Parents with Health Mothers, Healthy Babies

Online

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies is to support you through pregnancy with educational classes and groups. Register today for upcoming support groups and educational classes for pregnant and new parents like Small Steps, Great Parents classes and Circle of Moms. All are at no cost, but registration is required. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

TEACUP Preemie Program Virtual Support Groups

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. - English
Thursdays, 6 p.m. - English
Mondays, 6 p.m. - Spanish
Virtual

The TEACUP Preemie Program of The Children's Healing Institute announces a new schedule of twice-weekly virtual support groups for 2021! Moms and dads of premature infants can join other preemie parents who understand what they're going through — because they're going through it too. Whether preemies are in the NICU or at home, the TEACUP Preemie Program invites all to join in

for this special time of learning, friendship, and hope. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)

[CSC Employment](#)

[CSC Provider Agency Employment](#)

[Search for Trainings](#)

Do you have information for the MMU?

Email your MMU submission to mmu@cscpb.org. [Click here](#) to review the MMU Submission Guidelines.

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