

Bookmobile makes 43 stops throughout the county each month.



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Please note correction: Lutheran Services Florida's IFB informational meeting on May 4 will be held at Lutheran Services Florida's location in West Palm Beach: 3230 Commerce Place, Suite A, West Palm Beach.

News

Palm Beach County Library System launches new bookmobile

The Palm Beach County Library System debuted its new bookmobile last week. Made possible by an anonymous donor's \$245,000 contribution to Friends of the Library, the new bookmobile could be coming to your neighborhood or a neighborhood near you. It will make 43 stops each month with books from every genre and for every age group available as well as DVDs, audiobooks and music CDs. Last year, 63,886 people visited the old bookmobile and checked out 50,000 items. [Click here](#) for more information and a list of the bookmobile's scheduled stops.

News

Union Congregational UCC Food pantry opening soon

Union Congregational United Church of Christ will open its new food pantry on **Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at 5088 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. The food pantry will distribute food on the first Saturday of each month from **9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Allocations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Supplies are limited. [Click here](#) for more information.

News

We think it's pretty amazing too!

Now, stay up-to-date even if it's not Monday morning.

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Apply today for EmpowHER Leadership Academy for girls

EmpowHER Leadership Academy for Girls is ready to empower female students in Palm Beach County. The academy supports diversity and will introduce high school juniors and seniors to organizations that are led by women executives and will focus on job shadowing, interview skills, resume writing, effective verbal and written communication, career exploration and much more. The Leadership Academy is free and accepting applications for twenty young women to join. The Leadership Academy will meet once a month during the Palm Beach County School District calendar, beginning in September 2016, with eight business tours in the areas of leadership, political, economic and educational empowerment. The Leadership Academy participants also will be provided with a trip to Tallahassee to tour the Florida State Capitol. Upon completion of the program in May 2017, participants will finish with a leadership certificate and community service hours to be awarded during the year-end Student Achievement Awards Program. To learn more and apply for the Leadership Academy for Girls, please contact Rhonda Rogers before July 15 at rhonda_rogers1@yahoo.com.

News

Register today for Prime Time Palm Beach County's Afterschool Symposium

Prime Time Palm Beach County will host its 5th Annual Afterschool Symposium on **Wednesday, May 18, and Thursday, May 19**, at the West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. This year's theme is #DigitalExploration4OST. The goal of the symposium is to introduce out-of-school time (OST) professionals to best practices for implementing high-quality programming. At the symposium, OST practitioners will explore ways to build exciting programs that provide children with the strong foundation they need to succeed. Specifically, the symposium will offer OST practitioners effective strategies for increasing the quality of their programs. [Click here](#) for more information, registration and exhibitor opportunities.

News

Invitation for Bid for Palm Beach County Head Start/Early Head Start family child care homes

Lutheran Services Florida released an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to solicit individuals/groups that operate high quality licensed child care programs to potentially open and run a full day/full year Head Start/Early Head Start program that follows federal, state, and county standards. The Head Start and Early Head Start program is a comprehensive program that provides child development and educational services. The agency is required to hold a child care license with the Florida Department of Children & Families, and participate in the USDA Child Care Food Program. An informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., at Lutheran Services Florida in West Palm Beach, 3230 Commerce Place, Suite A, West Palm Beach.** [Click here](#) for the predetermination packet and how to apply.

News

Affordable Care Act free assistance through Nov. 1

Open enrollment ended on January 31, but changes in family size, job, location or income can trigger a 60-day Special Enrollment Period (SEP) when you can re-enroll on the federally-funded healthcare marketplace. The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (EFOF) provides free assistance and seminars to answer your questions. Assistance is available in English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese. Please call 1.877.553.7453 to make an appointment, ask a question or schedule a health insurance seminar for your organization. You can also go to www.efof.org and click Enroll ACA for more information and assistance.

News

Scholar Career Coaching accepting 2016 college and university scholarship applications

Scholar Career Coaching is now accepting applications for its 2016 college/university scholarships. All senior high school students residing in Palm Beach, Broward or Miami-Dade counties are encouraged to apply before the **May 26** deadline. [Click here](#) to download the application and for more information. This year, Scholar Career Coaching will award four scholarships at its 2016 Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on **Sunday, June 12, 2 p.m.**, at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach.

News

Download Children' s Services Council' s free child safety app today

This month, Children' s Services Council launched SafeMap, a free, easy-to-use mobile app for Palm Beach County parents to help them keep their children safe. On the app, you can find locations for low-cost swim lessons, car seat installations, bicycle helmet fittings and prescription pill drop-offs. The app is available to download for free on Apple' s App Store. [Click here](#) to download the app. For more information and frequently asked questions about the app, please [click here](#).

Events

BRIDGES at West Palm Beach to host health and community event

BRIDGES at West Palm Beach will host Sistas Organizing to Survive, an event focusing on prevention and promoting a healthy community. The event will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**, at Payne Chapel AMC Church, 801 9th St., West Palm Beach. Stop by for activities, refreshments, incentives, entertainment, and wellness checks. For more information please, call 561.804.6754. To see all the BRIDGES calendar of events and monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

Free community health and outreach event

The Haitian American Chamber of Commerce, Haitian Heroes and WPBR 1340 AM will host a free community and outreach fair on **Saturday, April**

30, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Toussaint Louverture High School, 301 SW 14th Ave., Building 12 Cafeteria, Delray Beach. There will be a presentation on diabetes by Dr. Serge Alexandre at 1 p.m. and providers will offer fundamental health and social services like screenings, vision and dental checks, heart health diagnostics, pharmacy assistance and more. For more information, please call 561.270.2051.

Events

Free trade show hosted by the Young Entrepreneurs Academy

Come join the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) students as they debut their businesses and open sales to the public for the first time! The YEA Trade Show will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, at the Mall at Wellington Green, 10300 W. Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 2000, Wellington. The amazing services and products the students have created throughout the year will be available for purchase. The event is free, family friendly, and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served as well as a chance to win a \$100 gift card to the Mall at Wellington Green. [Click here](#) to register.

Events

Kids Wellness Expo with YMCA of the Palm Beaches and HealthCorps

The YMCA of the Palm Beaches has partnered with HealthCorps to host a Kids Wellness Expo on **Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 105 Evernia St., West Palm Beach. The expo will promote healthy living, awareness and provide health screenings and wellness education to empower individuals to take charge of their health by focusing on nutrition, fitness and body, mind and spirit. The expo will focus on middle through high school children and families featuring an all-star lineup of activities, including celebrity guest speakers, fitness classes, cooking demonstrations, medical screenings, seminars and a talent show competition presented by five local high schools. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Peer support group through the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health chapter meeting

The Florida Association for Infant Mental Health's (FAIMH) Palm Beach/Martin County Chapter will host its first peer support meeting on **Tuesday, May 10, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**, at the Palm Healthcare Pavilion, 5205 Greenwood Ave., West Palm Beach. The meeting will be facilitated by Jane Robinson, LMHC, RPT-S, Infant Mental Health Specialist. Practitioners and staff at every level are welcome to attend. [Click here](#) to register and for more information. Save the date for the next FAIMH PBC/Martin County Chapter meeting on **June 10, 8:30 - 9:30am**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach. The meeting's focus will be on building community partnerships to effectively address ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences). If you would like more information about the chapter, please contact the co-chairs Renée Layman at renee@centerforchildcounseling.org, or Clarissa DeWitt at

FAU CARD hosts 10th annual Family Connections Conference

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (FAU CARD) will host its 10th Annual Family Connections Conference on **Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at FAU's Jupiter campus, 5353 Parkside Dr., Jupiter. This free conference is an opportunity for local families affected by autism to come together to learn from and connect with one another. This year's keynote presenter is Dr. Jack Scott, Executive Director of FAU CARD. Sessions will introduce participants to the importance of planning for personal safety in the home and community for individuals with ASD. Audience members will learn about programs, specific strategies and products to protect their children and raise awareness about issues that make children and adults with ASD more vulnerable. A vendor fair and panel will provide tips for parents in dealing with elopement/wandering, water safety, natural disasters, first responders/fire rescue and law enforcement. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

CSC hosts free Infant Mental Health training

Register today for this free infant mental health training starting **May 4, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. Participants will increase their knowledge of Infant Mental Health, and begin to build skills and competencies such as identifying common elements between Brazelton Touchpoints Approach and Infant Mental Health, prenatal development and threats to brain development, attachment and family relationships, psychodynamic relationships, sensory integration and reflection. This is a free training opportunity and clinicians receive 14 CEUs. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Training on bipolar spectrum disorder with the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County

The Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County (MHA PBC) will host a workshop to discuss new information on bipolar spectrum disorder on **Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at MHA PBC's location, 909 Fern St., West Palm Beach. This workshop will feature two great experts in the field, Jacintha Cauffield and Patrick Hendry. Dr. Cauffield is an associate professor of Pharmacy Practice at Palm Beach Atlantic University and will discuss the newest information about treatment and medications for Bipolar. Patrick Hendry from Mental Health America will talk about the value of peer support in engagement and self-management. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

Family Connections Conference 2016: Safety in the home, community and school

The 10th Annual Family Connections Conference is an opportunity for local families affected by autism to come together to learn from and connect with one another. This year's conference is on **Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong Learning Center, 5353 Parkside Dr., Jupiter. Concurrent sessions will introduce participants to the importance of planning for personal safety in the home and community for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Audience members will learn about programs, specific strategies and products to protect their child and raise awareness about issues that make children and adults with ASD more vulnerable. A vendor fair and panel will provide tips for parents in dealing with elopement/wandering, water safety, natural disasters, first responders/fire rescue and law enforcement. Lunch will be provided by the Foodies4Autism Food Truck. [Click here](#) to register. Online registration ends **May 5**. Onsite registration will be available. For questions and more information, please call 561.297.2055 or email card@fau.edu.

Trainings

The Florida Association for Infant Mental Health's Peer support meeting

The Florida Association for Infant Mental Health's Palm Beach (FAIMH PBC) and Martin County Chapter will host its first peer support meeting on **Friday, May 13, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**, at the Palm Healthcare Pavilion, 5205 Greenwood Ave., West Palm Beach. The meeting will be facilitated by Jane Robinson, LMHC, RPT-S, Infant Mental Health Specialist, who has a wealth of knowledge and years of experience working with children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. [Click here](#) to register. For more information about the chapter, please contact the co-chairs, Renée Layman at renee@centerforchildcounseling.org or Clarissa DeWitt at clarissa@centerforchildcounseling.org.

Trainings

Mental health First Aid training

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Palm Beach County (NAMI PBC) will host a Mental Health First Aid training on **Thursday, June 2, and Friday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**, at NAMI PBC's office 1520 10th Ave. N, Lake Worth. Mental Health First Aid teaches a five-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. Anyone can take the eight-hour Mental Health First Aid course—first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals and caring citizens. Registration is due by May 25. Course fee is \$20. For more information, or to register, contact Cindy Wides at cwides@jfcsonline.com or 561.238.0251.

Trainings

National Alliance on Mental Illness holds April general meeting

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Palm Beach County (NAMI/PBC) will hold its April general meeting on **Tuesday, April 26, 6 – 8 p.m.**, at NAMI's West Palm Beach office, 5205 Greenwood Ave. Suite 110, West Palm Beach. Susan Brown, Psy. D., will present on Cognitive Enhancement Therapy (CET), a new psychological program for clients with schizophrenia. [Click here](#) for more information on CET. To RSVP, please call 561.588.3477 or email info@namipbc.org.

Free training on trauma offered at Youth Services

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training “The Impact of Trauma on Young Children,” on **Wednesday, April 27, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. Registration begins at **9 a.m.** This training will be presented by Clarissa DeWitt, LMHC, RPT, Clinical Director, Center for Child Counseling, Child First Program and offers two CE credits for psychologists, LCSW’s, LMFT’s, and LMHC’s. There is no fee for the program. The registration deadline is **April 26**. [Click here](#) for the form. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460.

Register today for the Affirming Fatherhood Conference 2016

The Affirming Fatherhood Conference 2016, entitled "Fatherhood, An Olympic Journey," is designed to demonstrate the valuable role of fathers and fatherhood to our present and future generations. The conference is from **April 27 – April 29**, at The Safe Harbor Resort and Spa in Tampa Bay, 105 North Bayshore Dr., Safety Harbor. National speakers and professionals will present and facilitate accurate and insightful information on the importance of fathers and fathering that elevates, enlightens and equips men, women, service providers, community leaders and other stakeholders towards an improved paradigm on Fatherhood. Those attending the conference will participate in engaging presentations, discussions, workshops and fun activities aimed at affirming fathers in fathering. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

Registration now open for the 2016 Florida Fair Housing Summit

Join the Florida Fair Housing Summit Committee for the 2016 Florida Fair Housing Summit: A Call to Advance Housing Rights and Opportunities on **Thursday, April 28, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, 9840 International Dr. The one-day summit is filled with intense workshops featuring innovative and powerful keynote speakers. Members of the community, local government administrators, local housing providers, property managers, attorneys, real estate agents, mortgage lenders and fair housing advocates will come together to experience a conference that will educate, engage and motivate. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Tomorrow’s Rainbow hosts summit on trauma

Tomorrow’s Rainbow Hopeful TEARS Institute will hold a summit on “Transforming Trauma: Uncovering the Secret World of Vicarious Trauma” on **May 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at the Urban League of Broward County, 560 NW 27th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. National presenter will be Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, founder and director of the Trauma Stewardship Institute. Local mental health and education communities have been dealing

with increasing levels of poverty, violence, grief and trauma. By attending the summit, participants will leave with a better understanding of the cumulative toll trauma takes and how to build a healthy future. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

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

Check Out These Additional Resources

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[CSC Employment](#)

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

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