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Please note: Children's Services Council's offices were closed Monday in honor of Presidents' Day. Instead, we are releasing the Monday Morning Update today.

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News

Apply today for PBC Food Bank's Food4OurKids program

Apply today for the Palm Beach County Food Bank's summer portion of the Food4OurKids Program. Agencies participating in the program receive a backpack and a weekend's worth of nutritious, shelf-stable food for each child in their summer program. Summer camp sites interested in participating can [click here](#) to apply.



News



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Lutheran Services Florida releases request for bid for Early Head Start programs

This request for bid from Lutheran Services Florida is to solicit Family Child Care Homes that operate high-quality, licensed, child care programs in zip codes 33401, 33404, 33405, 33406, 33407, 33476, 33430, 33493 and 33435 to potentially open and run a full-day/full-year Early Head Start program that follows federal, state, and county standards. The agency is required to hold a child care license with the Florida Department of Health and participate in the USDA Child Care Food Program. Include your capacity and location in response to this posting. An informational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m.**, at 3230 Commerce Place, Ste. A, West Palm Beach. Please attend if you would like to be considered. [Click here](#) for the pre-application and for more information. Send pre-determination applications to Alina Walker, alina.walker@lsfnet.org, or Amy Thomas, amy.thomas@lsfnet.org, at Lutheran Services Florida Inc.

News

Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) free assistance for 2017

Open enrollment for 2017 has ended, but you can still get help. The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (EFOF) provides free assistance with health insurance on the Federal Marketplace. EFOF is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with or paid by any insurance company. During tax time, assisters can help you get your Form 1095 or help explain reconciliation letters received from the marketplace. You also may be eligible for a 60-day Special Enrollment Period (SEP) if you have a life-changing event defined as a change in income, family size or zip code. We also can assist with Medicaid and SNAP (food stamp) applications. Please call 1.877.553.7453 to make an appointment or ask a question.

News

Become a Light Touch Family Coach with the Institute for Child and Family Health

The Institute for Child and Family Health is looking for a full-time Light Touch Family Coach. Family Coaches work under the supervision of the Light Touch Program Lead. The Light Touch Family Coach, through a home visitation model, provides interventions for young children with developmental vulnerabilities, ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Key job responsibilities include conducting home visits as defined by the Light Touch grant and the program curriculum; providing information, support, and encouragement to participants to help their children's development; administering and interpreting assessments with parents and children during

home visits, as scheduled by the program; reviewing assessment results with the parents to help them identify areas of concern and makes appropriate referrals to other organizations, and providing information to participants regarding available community resources. Bachelor's degree (BA) minimum. Must be knowledgeable in areas of child development, infant mental health, healthy and safe environment for children, positive-parent child interaction, and how to deliver and build a productive relationship with families and children, family functioning, child abuse and neglect, and resistant clients. If you are interested in applying, please contact Allison Golden at algolden@icfhinc.org.

News

Children's Services Council funding opportunity

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a nonprofit agency and/or government organization to implement and deliver mental health therapy that will promote positive mental health and social-emotional outcomes for children and families in Palm Beach County. Expectant families and/or children (birth to 5) and their families identified as needing services will receive evidence-based mental health therapy in their homes or other community locations. Those interested in submitting a proposal should visit www.cscpbcc.org/openprop. Deadline for submission is **March 21, by 2 p.m.**

News

Community Needs Assessment identifies health priorities and gaps

Palm Beach County families need more access to affordable, quality child care as well as help ensuring their children are developing both socially and emotionally, according to a newly released report by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. The Community Needs Assessment, a year-long project by CSC staff, identifies health priorities and gaps in services for pregnant women, parents, infants and young children in Palm Beach County. The report was shared last week at Children's Services Council monthly board meeting. To read more about the report, and other actions taken by the Council at its meeting, [click here](#).

News

\$21,600 financial support available for students interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work

Are you interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Clinical Social Work with a trauma-informed focus working in primary care settings and medically underserved communities? Barry University School of Social Work is taking

applications for the MSW Connect Program to begin in the Fall 2017. Connect is a federally-funded program that supports Master of Social work students from educationally, environmentally and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds who need tuition assistance. This grant serves full-time master's level clinical social work education in the amount of \$21,600, in addition to merit-based scholarships. It involves students interested in primary care settings and/or within a medically underserved community. This grant is available for BSW graduates seeking the advanced standing MSW and those with bachelor degrees seeking the 60 credit MSW program. For more information, please contact our Director of Admissions, Phil Giarrappa at 305.899.4765.

News

United Way of Palm Beach County releases request for proposals in the area of health

United Way of Palm Beach County seeks proposals to implement its funding strategies in the area of health. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that are currently providing, or could successfully implement, quality services or programs in alignment with the strategies noted in the RFP are encouraged to apply for funding. Applications for the 2017-18 funding year must be submitted through United Way's grant website (CyberGrants) by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017**. Prior to this deadline, applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an orientation session on **Friday, Feb. 10, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, at Palm Beach State College's Lake Worth Campus (4200 S Congress Ave., Lake Worth) or on **Thursday, Feb. 16, 2 - 4 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach). Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register for one of the orientation sessions. [Click here](#) to download the RFP for more information on the outcomes, strategies and best practices identified for United Way's Health investment. To apply through United Way's grant website (CyberGrants), [click here](#).

Events

BRIDGES at Boynton Beach celebrate Dr. Seuss!

BRIDGES at Boynton Beach invites families to join them in celebrating the birthday of the beloved children's book author, Dr. Seuss, on **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 5 - 6 p.m.**, at BRIDGES at Boynton Beach, 970 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Does your child have a favorite Dr. Seuss book? The entire family will enjoy games to celebrate the wonderful books of Dr. Seuss! For more information, please call 561.732.2377 ext. 118. To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

You have a role in protecting Palm Beach County children!

Join Palm Beach County Unites to kickoff National Child Abuse Prevention Month with its third annual forum to address the crisis faced by Palm Beach County's abused, abandoned and neglected children. The forum is **Tuesday, April 4, 9 – 11 a.m.**, at the West Palm Beach Hawthorne Suites, 301 Lambertson Dr. Palm Beach County Unites is a collaboration of passionate child advocates and the agencies they work with uniting to bring awareness to child abuse prevention and the needs of those children who are already involved in state care. To RSVP, contact info@pbcunites.org or call 561.336.1058. [Click here](#) to learn more about Palm Beach County Unites.

[Events](#)

Register today for the Junior League's Kids in the Kitchen

The Junior League of the Palm Beaches will host Kids in the Kitchen on **Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Kids in the Kitchen is a league-wide initiative that addresses a growing problem facing today's children: the number of overweight children in our country is increasing, which also increases the risk of health problems like diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Children ages 4 through 12 are invited to participate in fun activities focused on exercise, nutrition and overall health. There will be cooking demos, exercise demos and a tour of the garden with a real-life farmer! [Click here](#) for more information.

[Events](#)

AVDA to co-host free Statewide Youth Activism Summit

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) will host the Statewide Youth Activism Summit on **Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, at Boynton Beach Community High School, 4975 Park Ridge Blvd., Boynton Beach. The event's keynote speaker is Byron Hurt, an award-winning documentary filmmaker, published writer, anti-sexist activist and lecturer. There will be presenters and activities for youth to engage in throughout the day focusing on preventing dating violence and building healthy relationships. The event is free. Youth and adults are welcome. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

[Events](#)

Upcoming events with the Palm Beach County

Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System has several events planned for the month of March. From scrapbooking to telescope viewing, there's something for everyone. [Click here](#) for a full list of events in March. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

Events

Hope Floats, a free family day and memorial event

Tomorrow's Rainbow, Inc. will host a free family day and memorial event on **Saturday, March 11, 1 – 5 p.m.**, at Esplanade Park, 400 SW 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale. There will be games, bounce houses, face painting, live music, miniature horses and more. At 4 p.m., there will be a giant paper boat parade. Tomorrow's Rainbow provides provide grieving children, teens and their families an emotionally safe environment for hope and healing through guidance, education and support. For more information and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, [click here](#) or call 945.978.2390.

Events

Glades Family Fun Fest - Free food, free t-shirt, free games and a lot of fun

Get ready to get healthy and to have a great time at the 2nd Annual Glades Family Fun Fest on **Saturday, February 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, at Pioneer Park, 816 State Road 715, Belle Glade. There will be free food, free games and free face-painting with the first 750 children getting free t-shirts. Families will be able to enjoy a bounce house, a bungee trampoline and other games while a DJ plays music. Children will be able to run through an obstacle course and participate in basketball and football drills. Families with children up to age 5 could sign up for free, fun developmental and behavioral screenings provided by Help Me Grow Florida. The screenings will make sure your child's growth is on track. To sign up in advance for a screening, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMGPalmbeach. The Glades Family Fun Fest is presented by Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The shirts will be provided by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

Events

Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment program hosts college tour

The Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Teen Center is holding a college tour for local high school students from **Sunday, March 19 through**

Saturday, March 24. The college tour will visit colleges and historical sites in Alabama, Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington D.C. Cost is \$625 per student, including lodging, food and attractions. Space is limited. Call 561.840.0135 to register and for more information.

Events

First Annual South Florida Water Safety Symposium

Register today for the First Annual South Florida Water Safety Symposium on **Friday, March 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, at the Sunrise Civic Center's Grand Ballroom, 10610 West Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise. The Florida Department of Health in Broward, Children's Service Council of Broward County, YMCA of South Florida, Swim Central, Water Smart Palm Beach, YMCA of South Palm Beach County and Miami Dade Drowning Coalition have partnered to bridge the gap between the three counties and help educate the attendees of the crippling effects that drownings have on our entire community. This is a free event. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Events

Promptique offers free prom dresses to young ladies

The Twenty Pearls Youth Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Tau Omega Chapter, in collaboration with The Ivy Educational Foundation, Inc., is hosting its 8th annual Promptique for local high school and middle school young ladies on **Saturday, March 4, 2 – 4 p.m.**, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 418 N. Sapodilla Ave., West Palm Beach. Bring a friend and find the prom dress of your dreams! Try it on, like it, then it's yours for free! There also will be chances to win a complimentary dress rental from Rent the Runway, a \$150 value. To RSVP, please call 210.802.1908 or email TheTwentyPearls@gmail.com.

Events

Delta Sigma Theta hosts EMBODI conference

The South Palm Beach County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in conjunction with Delta Cultural Educational and Service Foundation is pleased to announce that they will be hosting its EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) Conference 2017, in the south Palm Beach County area. The conference is on **Saturday, April 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m.**, at Santaluces High School, 6880 Lawrence Rd., Lantana. The day will be full of challenging activities to encourage young men to stay in school, study hard, set goals and become successful adults. Delta Sigma Theta is looking for partners to assist with the

planning of the program and the recruitment of the young men. EMBODI is designed to refocus Delta Sigma Theta's efforts to collaborate with other organizations to address the plight of African American males ages 11-18. Send your RSVP attendance to the Partnership Meeting, which will be held on Feb. 21, to Rhonda Rogers at rhonda_rogers1@yahoo.com or call 561.312.0539.

Trainings

ACEs, trauma, and toxic stress online workshop with the Center for Child Counseling

The Center for Child Counseling has an online workshop available that provides an overview of the ACEs study, trauma, toxic stress and the impact on health. This workshop is appropriate for teachers, caregivers, early childhood professionals and anyone who is interested in learning more about how adverse childhood experiences impact children. The workshop is available for registration until **Dec. 12, 2017. Upon registration, you have 30 days to complete the workshop.** This is an online event. Upon registration, you will receive an email with your unique link for the workshop. [Click here](#) for more information about the workshop and to register.

Trainings

Free training on 'Toxic Parenting: Estrangement and Alienation' offered at Youth Services

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training "Toxic Parenting: Estrangement and Alienation," presented by Malissa Tigges, PsyD., on **Wednesday, March 8, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, at the Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. **Registration begins at 9 a.m.** This course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW's, LMFT's and LMHC's. There is no fee for this program. A registration form must be received by March 7. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Sugar Sand Community Center hosts free trainings for special needs families

Sugar Sand Park Community Center will hold free parent trainings for families with special needs children. Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) will lead trainings designed to help parents manage everyday issues surrounding kids with autism and related

disorders. Each training date will focus on a specific topic, with time for discussion, questions and open communication. The trainings are scheduled for **Feb. 24, 6 – 7 p.m., April 28, 6 – 7 p.m., and May 20, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** During the training for parents, the Children's Science Explorium will be open until 7 p.m. for caregivers who wish to take the kids. Each event is an open forum/panel for parents to ask questions and seek advice, tips and tools. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Health insurance coverage to care workshop

Are you newly enrolled into the Health Insurance Marketplace and have questions about your plan? Join the Health Council of Southeast Florida for a coverage to care workshop on **Tuesday, February 22, 2 – 4 p.m.**, at the Palm Beach County Library West Boca Branch, 18685 State Road 7, Boca Raton. [Click here](#) to register. Walk-ins are welcomed!

Trainings

Free training on developmental sexuality offered at Youth Services

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training "Developmental Sexuality: Raising Sexually Healthy Kids," presented by Richard Siegel, PhD, LMHC, CTS, CSTS, on **Wednesday, March 1, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. **Registration begins at 9 a.m.** This course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW's, LMFT's and LMHC's. There is no fee for this program. Registration form must be received by Feb. 28. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County hosts workshop on managing bipolar disorder

Join the Mental Health Association (MHA) of Palm Beach County for a special workshop to discuss new information about bipolar spectrum disorder on **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at its location on 909 Fern St., West Palm Beach. This workshop will feature two great experts in the field: Dr. Jacintha Cauffield and Mr. Michael Peterson. 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 disorder. Mr. Michael Peterson from the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will provide wellness tools for management of bipolar disorder. Cost for MHA members is \$25. Cost for non-member is \$30. [Click here](#) for more

information and to register.

Trainings

Barry University hosts conference on clinical approaches to sexual trauma

Barry University School of Social Work and the Center for Human Rights and Social Justice will host the conference “Clinical Innovative Approaches to Support Survivors of Sexual Trauma,” on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, at 11300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami Shores. The keynote speaker is Dr. Pat Ogden from Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Institute. This conference is approved for 5 CE credits. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Register today for Touchpoints Reflective Practice

Are you interested in how the dynamics of relationships within a family can impact your work with them? Want to reflect with peers about how the Touchpoints approach can be applied in these situations? If you’ve already taken the three-day Touchpoints training, register now for this opportunity to go deeper into the approach and its application. The training is on **Friday, Feb. 23, 3 – 5 p.m.**, at Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. This two-hour reflective practice session also counts as a make-up if you have missed any of the required reflective practices attached to your training. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Local conference on child welfare with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence will host a one-day Child Welfare Regional Training Institute on **Wednesday, March 8, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at the Doubletree Palm Beach Gardens. This training is for local child welfare professionals, domestic violence advocates and community partners. The purpose of the trainings is to enhance collaboration between certified domestic violence centers and child welfare agencies, to build the capacity of child welfare and partnering agencies around the dynamics of domestic violence, and to discuss best practice when working with the families experiencing domestic violence and child maltreatment. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Become a community health worker care

coordinator!

Palm Beach County Medical Society Services is offering a training program for community health workers each **Friday starting March 4 through May 26, 1 – 4 p.m.**, at CareerSource Palm Beach County, 3400 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach. Throughout the United States, the community health worker field is burgeoning, both in interest and demand. The field is also rapidly expanding into new areas of health and community wellness as community health workers continue to improve chronic disease management programs, health insurance enrollment, immunization drives, HIV/AIDS treatment, access to mental health services and maternal-child health interventions. The Community Health Worker Care Coordination Training Program offers the full complement of education hours and content areas needed to fulfill the training requirements (30 CEUs) for the certification application as a community health worker. Applications are due on Feb. 17. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Trainings

Conference on helping children and families cope with violence

Join the Mental Health Alliance of Palm Beach County (MHAPBC) at the upcoming conference, “In an Age of Violence: Helping Children and Families Cope” on **Thursday, April 20, 1 – 5 p.m., and Friday, April 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. This conference will examine ways to decrease the effects of toxic stress, depression and anxiety resulting from violence in their neighborhoods, homes and in the media. Sign up by **Jan. 31** for a 10% early registration discount. For more information, call 561.832.3755. Cost is \$150 for MHAPBC members and \$175 for non-members. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Register today for the Southeastern School of Behavioral Health Conference

Registration is now open for the Southeastern School of Behavioral Health Conference, the premier conference in the southeast region focusing on behavioral health interventions and outcomes for children in school settings. The conference will take place on **April 27 and 28**, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year's conference will feature George Sugai, renowned educator and expert in the field of positive behavioral support, and Gloria Reeves, an adolescent psychiatrist working with family navigators in mental health. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Tomorrow's Rainbow holds Rainbow Retreat

2017

Experience a unique therapeutic grief retreat like no other! The Rainbow Retreat is specifically designed for individuals and families of all ages that have experienced the death of a loved one due to a stigmatic death. The retreat is **Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**, at Tomorrow's Rainbow Ranch, 4341 NW 39th Ave, Coconut Creek. Sign up for a day filled with tons of healing, understanding and fun. Space is limited. For more information and to register, [click here](#) or call 954.978.2390.

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

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