

Update: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Monday Morning Update
April 13, 2020**

COVID-19 Updates and Resources

Council releases nearly \$235,000 through COVID-19 Contingency Fund

Hunger relief, baby and household supplies, and assistance with calls to 211 Helpline are among the programs supported through \$234,690 in COVID-19 emergency funds released in the past two weeks by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC). The Council's board approved \$500,000 at an emergency meeting last month to support nonprofits working to meet the expanded needs of local families. Additional applications

COVID-19 Updates: A Message from Our CEO

During these unprecedented times, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County and our funded agencies are here for you and your family. [Watch this video](#) from our CEO, Dr. Lisa Williams-Taylor, for CSC updates, resources, information and more.

Mental Health Association's Virtual Groups for Mental Health

In response to the COVID-19, the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County's office will be closed, with all employees working remotely. During this time, the following services will be available:

- MHA Helpline phone support and navigation (561) 801-4357
- Support calls to MHA Phoenix Club and Peer Place members

are still being evaluated. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- Group and individual support via Zoom video meetings
- Access to online support through the MyStrength app
- Messaging and posts for Phoenix Club and Peer Place members via private Facebook group
- Free telehealth counseling with our clinical psychologist for uninsured individuals
- [Click here](#) for a list of virtual groups.

Early Learning Coalition offers Easy-to-use, Free Learning Activities for Parents to use during the “Stay at Home” time with Children

ELCPBC can't wait to share all that we have planned this week! This week's content focuses on Literacy & Language Development - more than just reading and writing. Literacy is a process to further develop one's thinking through learning, to help them better understand themselves and the world around them. [Click here](#) to learn more. Please continue to check your emails and refer back to our social media as we are continuously sharing helpful community resources throughout this time. We are here to be a supportive resource and partner with you in the early education of your children.

Connecting parents and child care before, during and after the COVID-19 health crisis

The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County (ELCPBC) is open and connecting parents who are emergency response personnel and essential-business workers to open child care facilities and early learning centers. [Click here](#) to access

Council Update: Council approves \$500,000 for COVID-19 grants for nonprofits

At an emergency council meeting this week, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County's board approved the use of up to \$500,000 for a contingency fund to support nonprofits working to meet the needs of local families. The Council's contingency fund, and dollars dedicated by seven other partners, will be distributed by each organization through the COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Grant process. The Council's funding has been earmarked for food, basic needs (excluding shelter), and direct services to children and families. Funding also was made available to help meet the increased demands on the 2-1-1 Helpline, which has seen its call volume more than double during the crisis. [Click here](#) to read more.

Meals sites, health tips 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

Resources now available to families through Prime Time Palm Beach County

We know that as online learning increases globally in response to school closures and COVID-19 disruptions, families at home will benefit from activities designed to keep children learning with fun, engaging activities. In partnership with our expanded learning opportunities (ELOs), Prime Time is now offering resources that families can do at home to continue learning even after their time is done at school. Look for the "home" symbol throughout this webpage to indicate at-home, hands-on learning activities. [Look for NEW offerings each week.](#)

Afterschool practitioners who attend virtual trainings will qualify for stipends

Due to the unprecedented closure of out-of-school time (OST) programs across Palm Beach County because of the COVID-19 outbreak, OST programs across the county have closed their doors. While there are emerging supports in place to address the

resources for parents and child care providers or call the call the Family Resource Line at 561.514.3300.

educational resources for your family.

needs of the nonprofit workforce, that we hope includes OST staff, Prime Time Palm Beach County is offering OST practitioners in Palm Beach County, specifically front line staff, a \$45 stipend for each three-hour professional development training that is completed. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Device Drive for Palm Beach County Public Schools

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County has partnered with Florida Power and Light Company, Comcast, Office Depot and the School District to ensure that all of our 180,000+ students will have internet access as well as the devices needed for remote learning, which is set to begin on March 30. There are two options for those wishing to contribute to this effort. (1) A cash contribution can be made to The Education Foundation and earmarked for "Device Drive". A donation of \$275.00 will provide one device for a student. (2) Others may wish to donate gently used devices. [Click here](#) to learn more.

211 Helpline collecting important Coronavirus Supports and Services

211 HelpLine continues to provide information on critical services during the Coronavirus such as food distributions, school information, VA information, small business resources, medical & mental health care, and more. To access: dial 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898211, or [click here](#). 211 HelpLine understands that many individuals and families may be feeling overwhelmed. Please dial 2-1-1 if you want help in finding resources or if you just want to talk. We are in this together. #HelpStartsHere

United Way of Palm Beach County establishes Coronavirus Response Fund

United Way of Palm Beach County has established a Coronavirus Response Fund to help meet community needs. United Way will work with funding partners to establish a unified approach to helping the community. [Click here](#) to learn more.

News

Call for Nominations Business Champion Awards at Birth to 22

Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures invites members of the community to nominate for-profit businesses whose support has helped to improve child and youth outcomes. The Business Champion Awards will be presented at the Third Annual Birth to 22 Business Breakfast. **The new nominations deadline is August 1, 2020.** Business must be a for-

Remember the Census!

April 1 was the target date for the 2020 Census, but it wasn't a deadline. You can still be counted! When you respond online, by phone or by mail, count everyone in your household on April 1. Your response helps determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into Palm Beach County. To get started, [click here](#).

2020 Summer Seek Scholarship Deadlines

Palm Beach State College IEECE's SEEK Scholarship deadline the deadline for the summer semester is **April 14 at 5 p.m.** Call 561.868.3695 and [click here](#) for more information.

profit organization that regularly advocates, provides resources and opportunities or funding to support the overall mission of Birth to 22. Businesses may self-nominate or be nominated by others. [Click here](#) to learn more and to access the nominee form.

Postponed: Palm Beach County Youth Services Dept. Notice of Funding Opportunity

This Notice of Funding Opportunity has been postponed until further notice. [Click here](#) for more information.

Community Service hours with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office offers Community Service hours to anyone who watches either presentation:

- [The 911 Good Samaritan Law presentation](#) is 12 minutes long and offers the viewer an hour of community service by typing their name on a certificate.
- [The Vaping Dangers presentation](#) is 15 minutes long and offers the viewer an hour of community service by typing their name on a certificate.

Step Up for Students: Apply for the FL \$500 Reading Scholarship

The Reading Scholarship, administered by Step Up For Students, was created to help public school students in third through fifth grade who struggle with reading. The program offers parents access to education savings accounts, worth \$500 each, to pay for tuition and fees related to part-time tutoring, summer and after-school literacy programs, instructional materials and curriculum related to reading or literacy. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.



Keeping your kids #HealthySafeStrong at home!

Keep your kids #HealthySafeStrong at home with [these health and home safety tips](#) from local experts at [EveryParentPBC.org](#) and on the FREE **EveryParent app!** Sign up to receive our emails and stay up-to-date with helpful tips, things to do and local resources for Palm Beach County families.

[Sign up for our emails!](#)

Events

VIRTUAL Science with the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium

Science has gone virtual! The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is announcing online programming to make sure students don't stop learning. Experiments, aquarium programs and story time – there's something for everyone. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Postponed: Bloom event with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies' Bloom event has been postponed until further notice. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies is still available to make appointments via phone and schedule clients for intakes taking place using technology. [Click here](#) for their website.

New Date: Birth to 22 Business Breakfast - Preparing for Tomorrow Today

Friday, Sept. 18
7:30 - 10 a.m.
Hilton Palm Beach Airport
150 Australian Ave.,
West Palm Beach

Due to precautions being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community, the Birth to 22 Business Breakfast has been postponed until September 18, 2020. Registrations already purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date. Those unable to attend on September 18 may request a refund by contacting United Way of Palm Beach County: PledgeProcessing@UnitedWayPBC.org. [Click here](#) stay updated.

Postponed: A Day for Autism - Building Bridges with Law Enforcement Picnic

PBSO, The Village of Wellington, FAU CARD and friends to have postpone A Day for Autism. The event will be rescheduled in the Spring. More details to follow when a new date is selected. [Click here](#) stay updated.

Postponed: Youth Summit 2020

Youth Summit 2020 is going to be postponed until later this year. More information will come at a later date [Click here](#) to stay updated.

Postponed: United Way of Palm Beach County presents Girls Day Out: Create Your Best You!

Given the recent COVID-19 situation, Women United has decided to postpone Girls Day Out. We will keep you informed once a new date has been selected. [Click here](#) to stay updated.

Trainings

Virtual Training: Impact of Child Sexual Abuse

Wednesday, April 22
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Online training

Palm Beach County Youth Service Department is offering a training on the impact of child sexual abuse. This is a virtual training with no cost associated

Palm Beach State College IEECE's Live Webinar: Healthy Development Through Mindfulness

Tuesday, April 14
2 p.m.
Online training

To learn more about how to do meditations with young children, join early childhood experts and

Virtual Training: Promoting Emotional Regulation in Children: Evidenced-Based Practices

Wednesday, April 8
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Palm Beach County Youth Service Department is offering the training "Promoting Emotional Regulation in Children:

with this presentation. 2 CE credits are offered. [Click here](#) to access the virtual training.

proud parents, Benjamin Occelin, M.Ed. & Kristen Curley, MA, as they share tips and strategies families and educators can implement to support all children towards overall success at their homes and schools. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Evidenced-Based Practices." Presented by Laura Cruz, Ph.D., this is a virtual training with no cost associated with this presentation. 2 CE credits offered. [Click here](#) to access the virtual training.

Virtual Training: The Impact of Parental Incarceration on Children and Families

Wednesday, April 15
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Palm Beach County Youth Service Department is offering the training "The Impact of Parental Incarceration on Children and Families." Presented by Rachelle Sosu, Psy.D., this is a virtual training with no cost associated with this presentation. No CE credits offered. [Click here](#) to access the virtual training.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies April Educational Calendar

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County is making their Childbirth, Small Steps Great Parents classes, and Circle of Moms groups virtual. [Click here](#) to access their April Educational calendar.

ONLINE: Trauma and Play Therapy

This online workshop will focus on using play therapy with clients who experienced trauma. Specific activities and strategies will be explored. Cost is \$25. Earn 1 CEU and non-contact APT! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

ONLINE: Play Therapy with Families

This online workshop will focus on using play in sessions with families. Specific activities and strategies will be explored. Cost is \$25. Earn 1 CEU and non-contact APT! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

ONLINE: ACEs - Trauma to Resilience

This online workshop provides an overview of the ACE study, the Impact of ACEs, Brain Development, Results of ACEs, and Resilience. Cost is \$35. Earn 2.5 CEUs! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

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@cscpbcc.org. [Click here](#) to review the MMU Submission Guidelines.

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