

Update: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Monday Morning Update
April 27, 2020**

COVID-19 Updates and Resources

Council Update: Amid COVID-19 crisis, Council increases support to local providers

Recognizing the extraordinary pressures COVID-19 has placed on our community, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County's board has taken additional steps to support local child care providers and nonprofits. At its monthly meeting, the Council approved payments to child care providers through June 30, 2020 – regardless of whether the sites currently are serving children. The goal is to keep the invaluable child care infrastructure in tact so parents will have access

Today: Early Learning Coalition supported by local professional tennis player with a Special Edition Virtual Story Time!

Today is an exciting day! We teamed up with the incredible Sachia Vickery -- our hometown super star! She's a professional Tennis Player with numerous wins in both the United States Open and the French Open (Roland Garros) Tennis Tournaments. Join the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County for a special edition of Virtual Story Time today! [Click here](#) to learn more.

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

to high-quality child care once our community reopens for business. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Help available for students, parents and teachers through the Palm Beach County Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System has many resources available to help students, parent and teachers during virtual schooling. Staff are available by phone, email and chat to answer technology and other research questions through Ask-A-Librarian. [Click here](#) to learn 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
- 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.

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.

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.

are still being evaluated. [Click here](#) to learn 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 educational resources for your family.

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.](#)

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.

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 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.

News

Summer Food Service Program to Open Early to Feed Children Impacted by COVID-19

Today, April 27, Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's Summer Food Service Program, in partnership with the Palm Beach County Library System, will begin pre-summer feeding at six sites throughout Palm Beach County. Sites will distribute seven days' worth of meals to each eligible child. Meal distribution will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm, or until all meal kits are distributed. Currently, pre-summer feeding sites will distribute food once a week through Wednesday, May 27. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Get Your Green On: Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month

Friday, May 1
9 - 11 a.m.
Online

Get Your Green On, Palm Beach County! May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month, and community partners are virtually kicking-off the awareness campaign on May 1. [Click here](#) to join the virtual kick-off and to learn more. We are asking everyone that joins us to wear green as part of our virtual festivity. [Click here](#) to obtain your shirt order form and the zoom virtual background.

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-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.

Community Service Opportunity for Teens: Virtual Live Gang Prevention Workshop

Community Service hours with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

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

PBSO and PBC Office of the State Attorney Juvenile Division are providing a virtual live workshop on gang prevention. The 1 hour workshop offers 2 community service hours. Teens are to write a paragraph summary about the workshop content and 1 page research paper on the topic of "How delinquency and gang membership may affect life as an adult" to receive 3 Community service hours. To register for the workshop, contact Marcia Bahia at bahiam@pbsso.org. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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.

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

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

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.

County: PledgeProcessing@UnitedWayPBC.org. [Click here](#) stay updated.

Trainings

Supporting Children During COVID-19 Crisis

Online training

This online workshop is designed for parents/caregivers to help them manage their children during the current pandemic. Cost is FREE. [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

How to Help my Child Listen

Online training

This online workshop is designed for parents/caregivers who are experiencing challenges with defiant behavior of their children. Cost is FREE. This training is offered in English, Spanish and Creole. [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

How to Structure your Child's Day for Success

Online training

This online workshop is designed for parents/caregivers to help them with setting routines. This training is offered in English, Spanish and Creole. [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

Trauma and Play Therapy

Online training

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 appointment! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

Play Therapy with Families

Online training

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 appointment! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

ACEs: Trauma to Resilience

Online training

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

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