

Today's MMU: Choose a High-Quality Afterschool Program for Your Child this School Year

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News

Choose a High-Quality Afterschool Program for Your Child this School Year

Prime Time Palm Beach County provides resources and support to afterschool programs in Palm Beach County to help deliver high-quality programming that allows children to thrive socially and academically. Research shows that high-quality afterschool and summer programs can lead to substantial academic benefits and foster resiliency and life skills for children and youth. Prime Time offers information and guiding questions to help when considering a high-quality afterschool program. [Click here](#) to view Why Choosing a High-Quality Afterschool Program Matters and 10 Questions to Ask When Choosing a Quality Afterschool Program.

Affordable Connectivity Program Helps Households with Internet Service Costs

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for school, work,

Breastfeeding Support Offered Through Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County (HMHB)

Throughout the month of August, HMHB joins the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee in recognizing National Breastfeeding Month. This year's advocacy and educational theme is: This is Our Why, which will shine a light on why this work is so important and center the conversation on the babies and families who need support. HMHB encourages you to take time throughout the month of August and beyond to learn more and celebrate the efforts of families and communities in working to ensure the best health outcomes. They offer quick, convenient and free answers to your breastfeeding questions, with educators available to provide encouragement and support Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call **561-440-9036** or email bfsupport@hmbpb.org to get help today.

Hurricane Season Resources Available through 211 Palm Beach County

211 partners with emergency management services and local agencies in Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast to get you the information needed to prepare, endure and recover from natural disasters. They

healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. To read more about eligibility and enrollment, [click here](#).

encourage all individuals, families, organizations and businesses to take stock, plan and be prepared. Download their hurricane preparedness guide by [clicking here](#).



Ask An Expert: Asking About a Child's School Day

How can you get your child to open up about what's going on in school? Professor Matt Sanders, the founder of the Triple P (Positive Parenting Program), says that timing is everything.

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Events

Palm Beach County Food Bank: August Outreach Calendar

Palm Beach County Food Bank is focused on fighting hunger in Palm Beach County through five programs – Partner Marketplace, Pop-Up Farmer's Market, Benefits Outreach, Childhood Hunger Initiatives (Lois' Food4Kids, Weekend Food for Kids, and School Pantries) and Groceries for Seniors. They support close to 200 partner agencies in Palm Beach County with food, programs and [Click here](#) to view a listing of opportunities with locations, times and language services offered. [Click here](#) learn more about the Food Bank.

Power Up for School

Sunday, August 27
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Arts Garage
94 NE 2nd Ave.
Delray Beach

The Coalition for Black Student Achievement invites you to join this event and gain insider tips for a successful 2023-2024 school year. To view a flyer for the event with a list of speakers, including Michael J. Burke, Superintendent of The School District of Palm Beach County, and a QR code to register, [click here](#).

Community Resource Fair

Saturday, September 9
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Vita Nova
2724 N. Australian Ave.
West Palm Beach

Connect with Palm Beach County's top resources for justice-impacted individuals and others. This is a free event for the public to receive practical assistance to support unique needs such as re-entry services and Housing Program eligibility, voter registration, traffic ticket assistance, food assistance applications and health, mental health and wellness services. To view a flyer with more information and list of community sponsors, [click here](#).

[Recurring Events:](#)

[Art Therapy Classes for Middle-School Students](#)

Tuesdays: 7-week sessions
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Lighthouse Art Center
Tequesta

Group art therapy classes support mental health, peer relationships and overall well-being. The purpose of this program is to increase feelings of community and connectedness, build resilience and coping skills and decrease feelings associated with anxiety, depression, loneliness and/or stress. For each group cohort, a Center for Child Counseling therapist will partner with a Lighthouse ArtCenter art instructor to provide weekly therapeutic art activities from painting to pottery! [Click here](#) for the ArtClub schedule with a list of topics and registration form.

Black Under-Representation Initiative Task Force Meetings

Every last Wednesday of the month
10:00 a.m.
Virtual

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities invites you to join the Black Under-Representation Initiative meetings to discuss research that indicates black children are being misidentified, delay identified and under-identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Without proper identification, children will not receive access to evidence-based interventions to progress academically and socially, and parents and families will not receive the support and training needed to help their children. RSVP by calling **561-212-4930** or email cmckinney@fau.edu.

Unicorn Children's Foundation Family Fun Nights

Every last Wednesday of the month
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
99 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 120
Boca Raton

The Unicorn Children's Foundation is dedicated to creating cradle to career pathways for kids and young adults with developmental differences and helping their families navigate the complex journey. This free event is open to people of all ages and abilities and includes karaoke, dancing, light bites and refreshments, crafts, board games, cups of kindness served by Percs Café baristas and tours available upon request. [Click here](#) to register.

Girls Voice Task Force Virtual Space Meetings

Every second Thursday of the month
6:00 p.m.
Virtual

The GVTF virtual space serves as a place for girls to connect with one another, learn valuable skills and grow together. [Click here](#) to complete the application to receive the meeting link. Join GVTF on Remind by texting @girlspbc to **81010**.

Food as Medicine Workshops

Second and Fourth Saturdays, May - December
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Riviera Beach Urban Farm and Garden
W. Blue Heron Blvd.
Riviera Beach

The idea that our foods can aide in our wellness is a proven fact. The need for medications can be reduced by learning medicinal remedies composed of veggies, fruits and herbs. Operation No Food Gap, in partnership with the American Heart Association is excited to host these events and invites you to join in the fun by participating in cooking demos, gardening, wellness events, juicing and educational workshops along with fitness such as Zumba! The events are FREE and open to the entire family of all ages. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

Trainings

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County: August Educational

ABLE Accounts and Special Needs Trusts
Wednesday, August 16

Calendar

August events include educational classes for pregnant women, new parents and their support partners, maternal wellness support group meetings, childbirth classes, pregnancy and infant loss and Circle of Dads support groups and prenatal yoga. Many classes are offered in both English and Spanish with a virtual option. A calendar with details can be found [here](#).

2:00 p.m.
Virtual

During this free workshop offered by Alpert Jewish Family Service, you will learn how to safeguard money without impacting government benefits. Topics covered include ABLE tax-free saving accounts, eligibility and cost, differences between ABLE accounts and Special Needs Trusts and benefits and when to use each. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with a QR code to register.

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Workshop

Wednesday, September 6
9:00 a.m.
Virtual

United Way of Palm Beach County and Center for Child Counseling offer this training during which participants will learn the definition of child abuse, facts about child sexual abuse and prevention, possible signs a child may be experiencing sexual abuse and techniques to provide support and buffer the impact of that trauma for children. [Click here](#) to register.

Treating Trauma using TF-CBT

Friday, September 8
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Hybrid - Virtual AND Opportunity
Early Childhood Education and
Family Center
4171 Westgate Avenue
West Palm Beach

Join Play Therapy experts with Center for Child Counseling to learn the language of the child. In this workshop you will learn how to define trauma and its impact on human development, enhance T-CBT-recommended documentation skills, increase knowledge of TF-CBT Practice goals, enhance in-session safety planning skills, build skills related to addressing trauma and the trauma narrative in the playroom and learn to demonstrate at least five Play Therapy and art activities for different developmental stages to minimize trauma symptoms. To learn more about the event, view fees and to register, [click here](#).

Re-envisioning Authentic Voice Through the Lens of Critical Self-Reflection

Tuesday, September 26
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Virtual

The Florida Association for Infant Mental Health Training Academy (FAIMH) invites you to join national leaders in Reflective Supervision/Consultation in an experience that will help build the critical self-awareness needed to re-envision your authentic voice to leverage current opportunities in your role as a reflective supervisor. This training is right for professionals in the Infant Family Specialist category and also for Endorsed Reflective Supervisors, Infant Mental Health Specialists (Category 3) or Infant Mental Health Mentors (Category 4) who have experience with Reflective Supervision/Consultation and would like to further their training for professionals preparing to apply for Endorsement® as an IMHS or IMHM. [Click here](#) to learn more, view rates and register.

Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities Trainings:

Homework Hero

Monday, August 14
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Virtual

This training will discuss some of the barriers children with ASD and their families face completing homework and getting it turned in, as well as a variety of strategies to use at home to combat those barriers and lead to a more positive experience for everyone. [Click here](#) to register.

Keeping Children with Autism Safe at Home, School and in the Community

Monday, August 14
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Virtual

Learn about important supports, strategies and local resources that will ensure the safety of children with autism, regardless of where they are. [Click here](#) to register.

Let's Get Social

Tuesday, August 15 (next date, November 15)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Virtual

Join this training to identify ways that you can incorporate purposeful play and support the building of social skills within your day. [Click here](#) to register.

Recurring Trainings:

Mommy Matters Virtual Series

Second Tuesdays, next scheduled meeting is September 12

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Virtual

Baptist Health South Florida invites you to join this educational series emphasizing mental and heart health, for new and expectant mothers. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the events.

Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)

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Do you have information for the MMU?

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

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