

We are thrilled to announce the 2016 *Putting Kids First: Community Back to School Bash!* This wonderful annual event will be held on **Saturday, August 6, 2016** at six (6) locations throughout the County, and we need your assistance with registering all kids in need in our Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) communities (see map attached).

As you probably know, the Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) has been partnering with the Community Back to School Bash (CBSB) collaborative to provide school supplies to kids in need from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The program is a countywide initiative of government working in partnership with the Community Back to School Bash (BASH) and other community service organizations to provide children in need with school supplies and backpacks. The program is implemented through an annual event funded by Palm Beach County and the CBSB collaborative, comprised of more than 60 nonprofit and other agencies.



The 2016 Putting Kids First: Community Back to School Bash anticipates reaching approximately 15,000 kids. While not all confirmed yet, there will be distribution locations throughout Palm Beach County, including the following: Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay; Eastern Central County; South County; and North County. During the event, each child will be paired with a personal “shopper” who will help them make selections and navigate the huge maze of new school supplies and backpacks. Depending on the location and resource availability, participating children will have the opportunity to also receive free haircuts and school physicals. Additionally, the event will provide families with exposure to other services and community resources to help them on their road to self-sufficiency and improve their children's performance in the classroom. A meal will be provided to all family members in attendance.

This year, we are requesting your assistance in registering all the children from our CCRT communities. An online registration form has been created for that purpose and it can be found at <http://survey.pbcgov.com/s3/OCR-Putting-Kids-First-CBSB-Program-Registration>. To be eligible to register under the OCR, students must reside in a Palm Beach County CCRT area, and either be entering Kindergarten or be enrolled in grades 1 to 12 in the Palm Beach County public school system or a charter school in Palm Beach County. For your convenience, we are attaching a map and a table of all our CCRT communities. You can also [click here](#) to enter your home address and find out in which CCRT area you are located.

You must complete all the required fields and submit one registration for each child. This will tremendously help us in our data entry efforts and preparation, as well as distribution of invitations:

- Parent Last and First Name
- Address
- Email address
- Person Referring Child and Phone Number
- Child Last and First Name
- Child Gender
- Child Grade – for 2016 / 2017 school year
- Agency serving the child if applicable
- School where child is enrolled
- CCRT area where the child resides.

The deadline for registration is **Friday, June 17th**. As in the past, participation to this event is by invitation only so registering all kids in a timely manner is of utmost importance. All those registered will receive a personalized invitation to attend the event sometime in July. Please do note that the online form is to **register kids who reside in CCRT areas only**. If you reside outside of a CCRT area or you are an agency that serves children in need in other areas of Palm Beach County and would like to participate, please contact Dora Hodge, CBSC Coordinator/Community Liaison, at (561) 352-2540 or via e-mail at dora@friendsoffosterchildren.com for eligibility requirements and who will assist you with registration.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please feel free to contact me at 561-233-5376 or at rmoguill@pbcgov.org

Thank you for your continued support.

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