

## Today's MMU: Advancing Afterschool Awards Nominations Close Today

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## Monday Morning Update March 13, 2023

### News

#### Advancing Afterschool Awards Nominations Close Today

Prime Time Palm Beach County is seeking nominees for their Advancing Afterschool Awards 2023, honoring exemplary individuals for their work in the field of afterschool. Recipients will be recognized for their commitment to quality standards, dedication to the children and contributions to the afterschool field at Prime Time's Afterschool Symposium on May 12. To nominate someone who delivers the very best to afterschool, [click here](#). Deadline to submit nominations is **March 13**.

#### Prime Time Hosts Every Hour Counts' National Conference as Local Partner

Prime Time Palm Beach County is

#### Operation Green Light Puts the Brakes on Collection Agency Fees

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller of Palm Beach County is waiving the 25 percent collection agency fee on unpaid traffic tickets and overdue court fines for anyone who pays them in full, from **March 13-17**. This gives people whose drivers licenses have been suspended because of unpaid fines the opportunity to save money and restore their driving privileges. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to pay online or by phone.

#### CSCPBC Funding Opportunity for Fatherhood Engagement Services

#### Notice of Funding Opportunity for Emergency Rental Assistance

The Palm Beach County Community Services Department has released their FY 2023-2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Ending Homelessness Housing Plus. The FY 2023-2025 Guidance for the ERA Ending Homelessness Housing Plus NOFO can be found [here](#). The NOFO submission deadline date is **Friday, March 24 at 12:00 p.m.** To apply, [click here](#). All questions should be directed to **CSD-FAARFP@pbcgov.org**.

#### Early Learning Coalition Seeking Sponsors and Exhibitors for Annual Conference

excited to host Every Hour Counts' 2023 National Conference, Let's Make Waves! in West Palm Beach May 30-June 1. This annual event brings together intermediary leaders, community providers, school district representatives, policymakers, funders, researchers and youth to discuss what's possible to engage, empower and support young people. Participants will explore how to develop community-wide solutions with young people and leaders from across communities. Every Hour Counts' network leaders, who represent 28 communities, 3,500 school and community partnerships with a reach of 500,000 young people, will share successes, challenges, strategies and resources to build stronger learning systems that holistically support children and youth. [Click here](#) to read more and [here](#) to register. Earlybird rates apply through **March 21**.

### **Have Medicaid? Updated Contact Information Essential for Eligibility Communication**

Have you moved within the last three years? Make sure your health coverage moves with you. Log in to your MyACCESS account to update your contact information [here](#).

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSCPBC) has released a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for Fatherhood Engagement Services seeking, through a proposal process, to identify one (1) or two (2) community-based organizations to implement fatherhood services for families (from pregnancy to age 3) in Palm Beach County. CSCPBC will contract with the selected organization(s) to engage with local fathers by providing in-person home visits, using an evidence-based curriculum, during nontraditional work hours to meet the needs of families. In addition, the program will work collaboratively with Healthy Start /Healthy Beginnings providers, who may already be working with families, to ensure seamless, coordinated services. The program will support fathers in taking and maintaining an active role in their child's life, strengthen family and co-parenting relationships, and promote the well-being of children. Deadline to apply is 2 p.m., **March 15**. For more information and how to apply for this opportunity, [click here](#).

### **Let's Move Palm Beach County Challenges You to Commit to Change During the Month of March**

Palm Beach County's Commit to Change Physical Activity Challenge has commenced for its 12th year. The goal is to highlight the importance of daily physical activity, good nutrition and healthy behaviors. During the month, Digital Vibez will be presenting challenges on social media and participants can post to win fun giveaways and prizes. Whether you're dancing to your favorite jam or doing yoga outside, it's time to get moving and log your minutes. [Click here](#) to register and [here](#) for a listing of events being offered this month. Enjoy dancing? Share your best dance moves and tag **#LetsMoveDance23** to be reposted on @digitalvibezinc. To learn more about your mind, body and health, click [here](#).

The Early Learning Coalition is hosting its fifth Annual Early Childhood Conference, EMPOWER, on Saturday, May 6 at Keiser University Flagship Campus in West Palm Beach. This full-day event will provide early childhood educators and parents an opportunity to grow in the areas of family engagement, developmentally appropriate practices, inclusion and early intervention, cultural responsiveness and trauma informed care, strengthening families' protective factors, self-care and many more exciting program areas. The Coalition is currently accepting applications for both sponsorship and exhibitor booths at the event. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply. Deadline for submissions is **April 4**.

### **Scholar Career Coaching's Scholarship Application Now Available**

Under the Scholar Career Coaching Scholarship Program, nonrenewable scholarships are awarded yearly to local high school graduating seniors and program participants. Since 2015, Scholar Career Coaching Private Scholarship Program has awarded 50+ scholarships to hard-working and deserving seniors, thanks to many local sponsors and leaders in the community. When or if awarded, the scholarship check is made payable to their selected institution. Students who are enrolled in the mentorship program are highly encouraged to apply every year! [Click here](#) for more information.



## Hear from Palm Beach County Campers Why You Should Enroll Your Child in Summer Camp.

Camp is a great way for your child to have fun during their summer with children their own age. There are more than 3,000 summer camp scholarships available for Palm Beach County children ages 5 to 14 and in select cases, children up to 17 years old. These scholarships cover all summer camp costs and are available on a first-come, first-served basis for families who financially qualify. The deadline to apply is April 14.

[Learn more](#)

## Events

### Art Therapy Classes for Middle-School Students

Tuesdays, March 14 - April 26  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Lighthouse Art Center  
Tequesta

Center for Child Counseling continues to offer group art therapy classes to 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! The first session's topic is anxiety. [Click here](#) for the ArtClub schedule with a list of topics and registration form.

### Caregiving Youth Action Day USA

Wednesday, March 15  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Virtual

For the first time, the American Association of Caregiving Youth (AACY), in collaboration with the Carers Trust in the U.K and U.S., are jointly celebrating a day of recognition for those in the U.S. known as Caregiving Youth. The AACY began the first U.S. Caregiving Youth Project in 2006 at Boca Raton Community Middle School and has since served more than 2,150 student-caregivers and their families. Most spent at least 20 hours each week caregiving in addition to their schoolwork. Guest speakers include Daniela Castro-Martinez, a freshman at Stanford University who spent several years providing care for her mother who had ALS. Another featured guest is Andy McGowan from the UK, who founded the Young Careers Alliance, a network of over 150 organizations and 300 individuals, and currently heads policy for Young and Young Adult Careers

### Tax-a-Thon, Hosted by United Way of Palm Beach County

Wednesday, March 15  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Palm Beach State College  
Loxahatchee Campus  
15845 Southern Blvd.  
Loxahatchee

A team of IRS-certified, United Way volunteers will be on site to provide free and secure tax preparation assistance for individuals and families whose household income was \$70,000 or less in 2022. VITA volunteers are trained to find taxpayers all eligible tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). View a complete list of documents to bring with you [here](#).

through its Careers Trust. Kaylin Jean-Louis, a teen caregiver from Tallahassee, is an award-winning Caregiving Youth who has her own website and podcast. [Click here](#) to view a flyer and access a link to register.

### Spring Break Respite Camp for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
The Arc of Palm Beach County  
North Campus  
3879 Byron Dr.  
Riviera Beach

The Arc of Palm Beach County is excited to offer Spring Break camp to children ages 4-16. Space is limited, and an in-person assessment is required prior to admission if the child has not previously attended. Daily lunch, snacks and beverages must be provided by the child's caretaker(s). For further information and to register, contact [msanchez@arcpsc.org](mailto:msanchez@arcpsc.org) or call **561-842-5814 x206**. To learn more about The Arc of Palm Beach County, [click here](#).

### Lead the Fight Series - The Hungry Ghost: A Biopsychosocial Perspective on Addiction

Thursday, March 30  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Virtual

Center for Child Counseling brings renowned speaker and bestselling author, Dr. Gabor Maté for this special live event. Dr. Maté is highly sought after for his expertise on a range of topics including addiction, stress and childhood development. This interactive presentation is based on Dr. Maté's book *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction* which draws on cutting-edge science to illuminate where and how addictions originate and what they have in common. To read more and register, [click here](#).

### Spring Family Frolic

Monday, March 20 - Saturday, March 25  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Yesteryear Village at South Florida Fairgrounds  
9067 Southern Blvd.  
West Palm Beach

Kick-start the spring season by visiting the village during the first ever Spring Family Frolic! All week long there will fun activities and special events for the whole family to enjoy. RSVP to receive a \$3 off promo code! For more information, to check out daily themes and activity line-up and to RSVP, [click here](#).

### Unicorn Children's Foundation Family Fun Nights

Wednesday, March 29 and 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.

### Daddy and Me Program Launch

Saturday, March 25  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Palm Beach Zoo  
301 Summit Blvd.  
West Palm Beach

The Daddy and Me program from West Palm Beach Center for Arts and Technology will provide a safe, supportive and creative space for fathers to strengthen relationships with their children, using arts and technology as a bridge to bonding. They will share experiences, develop new parent/child communication skills and experience arts and technology. Admission for the launch event is free and lunch will be provided. Fathers and father figures must be accompanied by their children. [Click here](#) to register.

### Spring Community Block Party

Saturday, April 1  
2:00 p.m.  
Sunset Ridge Park  
1528 14 Ave N.  
Lake Worth

CROS Ministries invites you to this fun-filled day full of music, snacks and field day activities hosted by Coach Tony from the Spartan Games. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the event.

[Breakfast with the Easter Bunny](#)

[AACY Community Caregiving](#)

[Autism Family Retreat with](#)

Saturday, April 8  
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Yesteryear Village at South Florida  
Fairgrounds  
9067 Southern Blvd.  
West Palm Beach

Enjoy a breakfast buffet, meet and greet and photos with the Easter Bunny, an Easter egg hunt, craft activities and more! For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

### Jupiter Police Family Autism Day

Saturday, April 22  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Carlin Park West  
400 SR-A1A  
Jupiter

This event is filled with over 25 incredible resources in the area that assist those on the autism spectrum and will inform their families and friends while providing fun connections with local first responders and others with autism. Read more about the event [here](#) and RSVP [here](#).

### Afterschool Symposium 2023: Shift to Now

Friday, May 12  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
West Palm Beach Marriott  
1001 Okeechobee Blvd.  
West Palm Beach

Prime Time Palm Beach County is excited to offer this annual event with the purpose of embracing the present to offer youth meaningful out-of-school time experiences. Attendees will be inspired with innovative strategies and activities that complement ways in which out-of-school time programs, practitioners and the field can "SHIFT" (Stop, Hold space, Imagine, Feel the change and Take action). Pre-register [here](#) to get placed in a drawing to win a \$50 gift card. The winner will be announced at the Advancing Afterschool Awards Luncheon on May 12 and must be present to win.

### Champions Breakfast

Friday, April 14  
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Boca Raton Marriott  
5150 Town Center Cir.  
Boca Raton

Register today for the American Association of Caregiving Youth's (AACY) Community Caregiver Awards Breakfast. The AACY supports students who are responsible for caring for sick or disabled loved ones. The AACY provides individual and group counseling, tutoring, Camp Treasure, funds for home improvement projects, medical equipment such as ramps, respite care using Certified Nursing Assistants, mentors, meals, holiday meals and family events. [Click here](#) to register.

### Run with the Cops 5K

Sunday, April 16  
7:30 a.m.  
Meyer Amphitheater  
Flagler Dr.  
West Palm Beach

Join the festivities to run, walk or jog the certified 5K course along the intracoastal on Flagler Drive. Kids ages 8-12 are invited to participate in the 1K Sunrise Sprint and kids under seven may enjoy the 100-yard kids' dash. The event includes awards, food, music and police displays. Learn more and register [here](#).

### Deliver the Dream

April 14 - 16  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Cerven Conference Center  
11057 Camp Weed Pl.  
Live Oak

This retreat is for families who have a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. All of the activities are centered on fun and are inclusive of the entire family unit. Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and community, Deliver the Dream covers 100% of the lodging, activities and group meal expenses. Families are only responsible for their transportation to and from the retreat location. Application deadline is March 14. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Youth Summit of Palm Beach County

Saturday, April 29  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Palm Beach Central High School  
8499 W. Forest Hill Blvd.  
Wellington

Middle and high school students are invited to join this free day of fun, food, prizes and education. Community service hours are available! Text **YOUTH SUMMIT** to **888-687-0035** for more information and to register, and [click here](#) to view a flyer.

### Hey Sistas Launch Party

Saturday, May 20  
6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.  
OleTV Selfie Museum  
205 N Federal Hwy  
Lake Worth

"Hey Sistas" is a women's support group through Rhonda's Promis Inc. for women of color to focus on health, wellness and mental health awareness. The group will participate in fitness activities, as well as hear from expert guest speakers on health-related topics. Through the support of this program, women will work together to develop their leadership skills and find their voice to positively advocate for issues related to women's physical and mental health. [Click here](#) to register.

## Trainings

**Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County: March Educational Calendar**

March events include educational classes for pregnant women, new parents and their support partners, maternal wellness support group meetings in English and Spanish, childbirth classes with virtual and Spanish options, pregnancy and infant loss and couples support groups in English and Spanish, prenatal yoga and a six-session virtual support group to reduce stress. A calendar with details can be found [here](#).

**Explicit Instruction for Students With Autism**

Wednesday, March 15  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Virtual

This presentation, hosted by FAU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, is designed for educators working with students with autism. This workshop will provide tools to increase access and engagement in instruction. To register, [click here](#).

**Parenting 101: A Way of Being with Children, Center for Child Counseling**

Tuesdays through March 14  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual

Parenting 101 is a support group for parents and caregivers of children ages three to six and provides a safe space for parents and caregivers to freely share their experiences, challenges and strengths in a confidential group setting. Parents will learn about the importance of attitude and acceptance to strengthen the parent-child relationship, child development, and parenting techniques such as reflective listening, encouragement, limit setting and choices to manage children's emotional and behavioral difficulties. The skills taught set the foundation for the life-long skill of self-regulation. The support group provides an experience where parents learn from each other's experiences and practice the techniques learned in sessions through group activities and discussions. [Click here](#) to begin the registration process.

**ACE's, Trauma and Resilience**

Thursday, March 16  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Virtual

In this intensive workshop from United Way of Palm Beach County, participants will learn from trainers from Center for Child Counseling about the ACE study, including the ACE pyramid, which provides the conceptual framework for the study, outcomes and findings of the ACE study, team building exercise with the Brain Architecture Game, definition of toxic stress and its impact on the developing brain in early childhood and throughout the lifespan, impact of early adversity on lifelong mental and physical health, about the ACEs and Resilience Surveys, including participants' own scores, how resilience trumps ACEs, the importance of creating trauma-informed and resilience-building practices based on the findings of

**Teacher Support Group: A Way of Being with Children, Center for Child Counseling**

Tuesdays through March 14  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Virtual

This Teacher Support Group provides a safe space for teachers to freely share their experiences, including challenges and strengths, within a confidential group setting. Teachers will learn about the importance of attitude and acceptance to strengthen the teacher-child relationship and techniques such as reflective listening, encouragement, limit setting, choices and behavior management in the classroom. Skills focus on emotional and behavioral development, academic success and teaching children the life-long skill of self-regulation to enhance learning in the classroom. This group provides a unique experience where teachers will learn from each other's experiences as well as process and practice the techniques learned in sessions through group discussions. [Click here](#) to begin the registration process.

**Schemers, Fraud and the Exploitation of Pandemic Funding and Other Nonprofit Concerns**

Tuesday, March 21  
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Keiser University Flagship Campus - Turner Auditorium  
2500 N. Military Trail  
West Palm Beach

This panel discussion from Nonprofits First will focus on recent attention paid to the investigations and fraud related to the CARES Act funding, PPP and others. Join this panel of experts who will discuss these and other topics of concern to local nonprofits. Continental breakfast will be served. [Click here](#) to register and [here](#) for a comprehensive listing of events offered through Nonprofits First.

the ACEs research, role plays practicing effective communication strategies, including reflective statements and shifting thinking and practice to become trauma-Informed. [Click here](#) to register.

### **PACes and Resilience**

Thursday, March 23  
6:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Virtual

Participants in this workshop from United Way of Palm Beach County will learn from trainers from Center for Child Counseling about trauma and toxic stress, outcomes and findings of the ACEs study, positive childhood experiences, impact of PCEs on youth, trauma symptoms in children and youth, definition of resilience and strategies to promote resilience in children and youth. [Click here](#) to register.

### **Re-creating Recreation as a Supplemental Intervention for Individuals with ASD Conference**

Thursday, March 23 & Friday, March 24  
8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
The ELS Center of Excellence campus  
18370 Limestone Creek Road  
Jupiter

The Re-creating Recreation Conference, hosted by Els for Autism Foundation, will focus on demonstrating how recreation can be used as a platform for other therapeutic interventions for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and will feature leaders in recreation programs and services dedicated to improving the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum. The conference will provide tools and best practices for organizations, providers and practitioners interested in initiating or expanding recreation services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disorders. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

### **Teen Community Emergency Response Team Training**

Saturdays, March 18 - April 29  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Palm Beach State College Lake Worth Campus  
Lake Worth

Join Corporate and Continuing Education at Palm Beach State College in partnership with Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management for this grant-funded training for teens. Teen CERT aims to train students in emergency preparedness and basic response to ensure that they have the skills needed to protect themselves and assist others in the event of an emergency. [Click here](#) for more information and to register and [here](#) to view an event flyer.

### **Center for Child Counseling In-Person Play Therapy Series**

Friday, March 24  
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Center for Child Counseling  
8895 N. Military Trail  
Palm Beach Gardens

Join Play Therapy experts to learn the language of the child through this new Play Therapy Series. The first workshop focuses on termination of therapy, which is an opportunity for closure and for the client and therapist to review the personal growth that has unfolded over the course of treatment. When done successfully, the end of therapy can be a positive experience with a long-lasting impact on both the client and therapist. To learn more about the event and to register, [click here](#). Cost includes 4 CEUs and Contact APT CEs. Early bird and student discounts are available. Upcoming workshops include Child-Centered Group Play Therapy, Utilizing Sand Tray in Play Therapy: The Basics and Continuing the Practice, Addressing Trauma Through Play Therapy and Treating Trauma using TF-CBT.

### **Career Building Youth Program**

Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
The ARC of Palm Beach County  
South Campus  
4522 S Congress Ave.  
Palm Springs

The Arc of Palm Beach County is offering this free program for students ages 15-21 who have a developmental disability (must have an IEP or 504 plan). In this program students will learn work readiness, employment skills and develop self-advocacy skills. Space is limited. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the event and [here](#) to register. A referral form can be found [here](#).

### **Special Needs Planning for Families**

Tuesday, April 4  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
The Els Center of Excellence  
O'Donnell Pavilion  
18370 Limestone Creek Rd.  
Jupiter

Join this panel discussion to learn how to prepare your family financially for a child with special needs to ensure the best possible outcomes. [Click here](#) for a flyer and QR code to register.

### What's So Bad About "Mommy Brain?"

Thursday, April 13  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Virtual

In this presentation from Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County, attendees will learn from health educator Barb Buckner Suárez, ICCE, FACCE about how the maternal brain changes - both in structure and function - to support the newborn, especially in the fourth trimester (first 12 weeks postpartum). When expecting parents, and those who support them in the childbearing year, are aware of these changes and can provide the necessary support these changes require, families can feel empowered and maybe even learn to celebrate "Mommy Brain." To view a flyer for this event, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

### Turn on the Light Conference on the Wellbeing of Children and Families

Thursday, April 27  
8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Palm Beach County Convention Center  
650 Okeechobee Blvd.  
West Palm Beach

The full day symposium offers an array of educational workshops, resource booths and a keynote luncheon. This year's speaker is Dena "Rainey" Nave, Executive Director of Healing Place, International Vice-President of Bikers Against Trafficking, Addiction and Clinical Trauma Therapist, and biker who survived a lifetime of being trafficked. [Visit here](#) to register, become a sponsor or secure your exhibitor table. Group discounts available.

## Additional Resources

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## Do you have information for the MMU?

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

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