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News

Register your child for ReaderCorps!

Parents often ask how their children can participate in community service projects that support literacy. In response to these requests, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County is launching ReaderCorps. Opportunities will include organizing a book drive, reading to younger children and participating in a read-a-thon. ReaderCorps will officially kick off with book-themed activities and treats on **Monday, Jan. 23**, at the Barnes & Noble in Boca Raton, 1400 Glades Road. ReaderCorps will wrap up the week of April 24th with a recognition ceremony at the Literacy Coalition's Blume Literacy Center in Boynton Beach. The event will honor the schools and individuals who have embrace the true spirit of the campaign and help make Palm Beach County a community that values literacy. [Click here](#) for more information and to register your child.



News

Did you receive your annual flu shot?

With the 2016-2017 flu season in full swing and influenza activity increasing locally and across the state, it is important that all Floridians get the flu vaccine to protect against infection and help prevent the spread of seasonal flu to others. The flu vaccine is offered in many convenient locations across the county. [Click here](#) to visit the Florida Health Department's flu shot locator page to search for a flu vaccine near you.

[Click here to watch!](#)

News

Nominate your hero for the 2017 Heroes in Medicine Awards

Palm Beach County Medical Society is seeking nominations of individuals, organizations and businesses in Palm Beach County that have used their skills and resources to improve the quality of health care in our communities. From the nominations submitted, the Medical Society will select inspirational heroes in health care and honor them on **Friday, April 21**, at the 14th Annual Heroes in Medicine Awards luncheon held at the Kravis Center's Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. To be considered for an award, nominations must be received at the Palm Beach County Medical Society by Friday, February 10, 2017, at noon. [Click here](#) for the nomination application.

News

Scholarship opportunity through the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation (PBCSF) announced the availability of its Youth Scholarship Program for deserving students in Palm Beach County who have been nominated by a sworn employee of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. A total of \$20,000 in scholarships available with each scholarship renewable for up to four years as long as the student reapplies each year and maintains a 3.0 GPA. Scholarships are between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per year. Trade schools are eligible. Applications should be emailed as one packet to Steve.Moss@pbcsf.org. The deadline for all submissions is **Feb. 1, 2017**. [Click here](#) for scholarship guidelines and application.

Events

Child passenger safety with BRIDGES at Northwood

BRIDGES at Northwood will host two sessions on child passenger safety on **Thursday, Jan. 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 – 7 p.m.**, at BRIDGES at Northwood, 4111 N. Terrace Dr., West Palm Beach. BRIDGES will provide car safety information and steps to keep your children safe in and around cars. To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

Friends of the Palm Beach County Library System to hold a three-day used book sale

Friends of the Palm Beach County Library System will hold their annual

three-day Book and Reading Materials Sale on **Friday, Jan. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 29**. Special pricing is set at 50¢ to \$5 for slightly used books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and more. The sale will be held at the Library's Hagen Ranch Road Branch at 14350 Hagen Ranch Rd., Delray Beach. All sales benefit the Palm Beach County Library System. For more information, call the Hagen Ranch Road Library Branch at 561.894.7500.

Events

Mentor Recruitment Mixer with My Brother's Keeper Network and United Way of Palm Beach County

The My Brother's Keeper Network (MBKN) and United Way of PALM Beach County's Mentor Center will host a Mentor Program Recruitment Mixer on **Thursday, Jan. 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, at the Urban League of Palm Beach County, 1700 N. Australian Ave, West Palm Beach. The purpose of this meeting is to network with mentoring agencies and inform them about opportunities to collaborate with MBKN and the United Way Mentor Center. Attend for access to financial resources, mentor recruitment assistance, training and technical assistance and networking with mentors and agencies. There is no cost to attend. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Events

Palm Beach County Library System hosts Bridging Cultures: A Cultural Diversity Celebration

Through the end of January, the Palm Beach County Library System invites families to take part in its Bridging Cultures series. The Bridging Culture series highlights the many cultures that are represented in our community through lectures, films, musical performances and art. The series will begin with events at the Lantana Road Branch, Main Library, West Boynton Beach Branch, West Boca Branch and the Glades Road Branch. [Click here](#) to see the event schedule.

Events

Kickoff the new year at Winter 2K17

The Empowerment Family Service Center of Riviera Beach presents the Winter 2K17 Kickoff on **Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6 – 8 p.m.**, at 1550 W. 28th St., Riviera Beach. Come out to hear about local programs for the entire family. Door prizes will be given away and dinner will be served. For more information, please call 561.840.0135.

Events

Register for the Race to Equity Summit with My

Brother's Keeper Network

The My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Network of Palm Beach County will hold its 2016 MBK Race to Equity Summit on **Wednesday, Feb. 8, and Thursday, Feb. 9**, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Participants will engage in meaningful dialogue and action that promotes racial equity in Palm Beach County and across the South Florida region. The MBK Race to Equity Summit workshops will focus on the systemic barriers that exist within our education and criminal justice systems. It also will focus on effective strategies to create economic opportunity and mentoring support for young men of color. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Events

Senior Girls Breakfast celebrating academic success

Senior Girls Breakfast is an event that honors African American high school senior girls, who have at least a 2.75 GPA. The breakfast will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 a.m.**, at the Delray Beach County Club, 4645 White Cedar Lane, Delray Beach. This annual program focuses on preparing senior female high school students for the academic, social and financial transition from high school to college. This year's program theme is entitled "Keep Calm and First Love Yourself." Speakers will present on topics such as preparing for college entry, funding your education, college life 101, and staying empowered. [Click here](#) to register.

Events

Delta Sigma Theta hosts EMBODI program

Join Delta Sigma Theta's EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) program on **Saturday, April 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m.**, at Santaluces High School, 6880 Lawrence Rd., Lanatana. EMBODI is designed to refocus Delta Sigma Theta's efforts to collaborate with other organizations to address the plight of African American males ages 11-18. For more information, contact Rhonda Rogers at rhonda_rogers1@yahoo.com.

Events

Experience Camps for grieving children

Experience Camps are free, one-week camps for boys and girls who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver. It's a place where kids can laugh, cry, play, create, remember the person who died and forget the grief that weighs them down. Experience Camps will host a week session on **Tuesday, Aug. 1 – Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017**, at Camp Blue Ridge in

Georgia, 355 Playhouse Dr., Mountain City. Bus transportation to camp will be provided from Atlanta International Airport. Financial assistance for flights is available upon request. Experience Camps are accepting applications for boys and girls currently in 3rd - 6th grades. To learn more or to apply, [click here](#) or contact josh@experience.camp.

Trainings

Touchpoints February 2017 training

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County will host a Brazelton Touchpoints training series from **Feb. 7 – 9** at 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. This three-day training is designed for individual healthcare, mental health, early education and social service providers who want to incorporate elements of the Brazelton Touchpoint Approach into their practice settings. The Brazelton Touchpoints Approach helps professionals engage around key points in the development of young children. By helping parents identify and expect bursts and regressions in child behavior, the "touchpoints," professionals can reduce parental frustration and self-doubt while fostering parenting skills and the parents' enjoyment of their child. Free CEUs offered as well as Nursing Contact Hours. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Earn a GED in 2017

A high school diploma opens the door to new opportunities and pathways in your life. The City of Riviera Beach and the Youth Empowerment program have special offers for Riviera Beach residents to earn their GED. The GED program will be **Jan. 23 – April 21, with classes offered Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Registration is from Jan. 9 – 19, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Classes will be held at the Youth Empowerment Center, 1550 W. 28th St., Riviera Beach. Cost is \$15 per term for Riviera Beach residents and \$30 for non-residents. For more information, call Valerie Grimsley at 561.840.0135.

Trainings

Creating a great e-newsletter with the Junior League of Boca Raton

E-newsletters continue to be reliable and effective marketing channels, particularly for nonprofits. If done well, they will increase awareness about your agency, educate your donors, generate word-of-mouth referrals, and add value to your mission. Join the Junior League of Boca Raton for a e-newsletter workshop on **Thursday, Jan. 26, 9 - 11 a.m.**, at the Vegso Community Resource Center, 261 NW 13th St., Boca Raton. In this interactive, two-hour workshop, digital media strategist Leon Fooksman will go over approaches for developing informative content for your e-newsletter

to position your organization as a growing, thought-leader in your field. You'll learn new ideas for your e-newsletter, including writing about new programs or services, profiling a new staffer or upcoming event, getting a testimonial from a client or donor, or showcasing a great new blog post. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Mental Health Counselors Association of Palm Beach host presentation on young adults and addiction

Mental Health Counselors Association of Palm Beach and Acadia Healthcare will host the presentation "Failure to Launch: Addicted Young Adults and the Families Who Love Them" on **Friday, Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, at Old School Square, 51 North Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Participants will understand the individual and family impact areas of the disease of addiction and articulate a framework to address these problems. For more information and to register please [click here](#).

Trainings

National Alliance on Mental Illness to hold January general meeting

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Palm Beach County (NAMI/PBC) will hold its January general meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6 – 8 p.m.**, at the Molly Wilmot Building, 5205 Greenwood Ave. Suite 110, West Palm Beach. The meeting will focus on what "mobile crisis" is and how this resource can help you or your loved one. This meeting is free and open to the public. To RSVP or for more information, please call 561.588.3477 or email info@namipbc.org.

Trainings

Save the date for the Senior Digital Literacy Summit

Register today for the Senior Digital Literacy Summit on **Thursday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at the Quantum Foundation, 2701 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. The opening session will feature a presentation by Tom Kamber, PhD, Founder and Executive Director of Older Adults Technology Services (OATS), an authority on older adults and the use of digital technology. Dr. Kamber will talk about creating sustainable technology programs for older adults in Palm Beach County, and lead a planning discussion on ways to rally government, corporate, and philanthropic sectors around the issue of digital literacy and seniors. The afternoon will feature sessions to train all interested agencies in the county on the OATS nationally recognized curriculum and

model for instructing seniors in digital literacy. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Free course on neighborhood revitalization

Palm Beach County's Office of Community Revitalization will offer a five-week, hands-on educational program providing community revitalization and civic leadership development. The Residential Education to Action Program (REAP) will take place in Belle Glade and West Palm Beach. The Belle Glade session is **every Thursday from Jan. 26, – Feb. 23, 2017, 6 – 8:30 p.m.**, at Quiet Waters Assisted Living, 306 SW 10th St., Belle Glade. The West Palm Beach session is **every Thursday from March 9 – April 13, 2017, 6 – 8:30 p.m.**, at the Vista Center, 2300 N. Jog Rd., West Palm Beach. Through this course, residents will learn of innovative ways to solve neighborhood issues. The course and all materials are FREE but a commitment for the entire five-week course is required. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Trainings from Nonprofits First

Nonprofits First offers a range of classes for nonprofit organizations and staff. Register now before classes fill up. To see the course schedule, visit: <http://www.nonprofitsfirst.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=courseCatalog.list>

Jobs

Enhance Your Hiring Search with Free Job Postings

Children's Services Council continues to offer free job postings for CSC-funded providers in Palm Beach County. For job openings at CSC-funded agencies, go to cscpb.org/agencyjobs.

If you are a CSC-funded agency, contact Paulina Rudzinska at Paulina.Rudzinska@cscpb.org to post a position on CSC's website.

Links

Check Out These Additional Resources

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Do you have information for the MMU? Please send information to mmu@cscpb.org by Wednesday at 5 p.m.