

# Stay #HealthySafeStrong



## Monday Morning Update May 10, 2021

### [COVID-19 Resources](#)

#### Testing sites, meals sites, health tips and 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.

### News

#### **Leadership PBC now accepting proposals for Engage Forward 2021-2022**

June 8, 3:30 - 5 p.m.  
June 17, 9 - 11:30 a.m.  
Virtual workshops

Engage Forward empowers class members from the Engage program to take active roles in the community through this partnership with local nonprofit

#### **Smarty Ants: Early literacy program available to county children through the School District of Palm Beach County**

The School District of Palm Beach County is partnering with Achieve 3000 to offer Smarty Ants, an early literacy, phonics-based program to support every child, age three to six in Palm Beach County. The collaboration is

#### **WWE superstar to join local nonprofit at two-day virtual event set out to inspire afterschool professionals**

Prime Time Palm Beach County (Prime Time) will host its virtual Afterschool Symposium 2021 on May 13 and 14, 2021. The Afterschool Symposium is a two-day event offering networking and learning, while celebrating the

agencies. Engage Forward connects your nonprofit organization with this year's Engage Program class members to actively collaborate on finding solutions to issues facing your organization or the community you serve. There will be two virtual collaborative workshops on June 8 and June 17 to review this opportunity, best practices, and create project ideas from your supplied issues, then how to generate successful project proposals. In order for your project to be considered for Engage Forward, at least one representative from your organization must attend one of these two workshops. Proposals are due back to LPBC no later than **June 25**. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### **Benefits Outreach Program with Palm Beach County Food Bank**

The Benefits Outreach Program assists individuals and families with applying for federal food assistance benefits (SNAP). Palm Beach County Food Bank is one of only seven organizations in Florida that provide the DCF required federal food relief interview. This interview will be conducted during your meeting with one of our Benefits Specialists, who speak English, Spanish and Creole. [Click here](#) to learn more and to view the Benefits Outreach Calendar for May.

#### **Palm Beach County's Library System celebrates Haitian Heritage Month**

The Palm Beach County Library System is proud to honor Haitian culture, history and language during Haitian Heritage Month in May, a month that includes the

designed to provide children with educational content in a fun online environment that will prepare them for kindergarten success, using an effective, researched-based literacy program. Developing solid early literacy skills is the cornerstone for future academic success, and offers a strong start to a child's academic experience. Parents can activate a free Smarty Ants subscription, either by phone or online. Call 877-235-2525 and use code: SmartyAntsPBCSD

- [Click here for English](#)
- [Click here for Spanish](#)

Once a subscription has been activated, the child will have access to Smarty Ants until September 30, 2021. The program is available at no cost to all children ages three to six in Palm Beach County.

#### **Prime Time Palm Beach County out-of-school time program enhancement grant**

Prime Time is offering QIS participating programs funding to support and enhance their program supplies as they kickstart summer camp activities and/or make plans for fall 2021 programming. Funds are generously provided by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County QIS participating programs are eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per out-of-school time program (OST) as part of this one-time grant. [Click here](#) to learn more and to apply.

#### **Mortgage assistance available to homeowners in Palm Beach County**

The Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability announces the availability of the Community Development Block

accomplishments that Palm Beach County afterschool professionals have made to create quality afterschool programs that provide opportunity, education, positive relationships and fun to the children and youth who attend. Thaddeus M. Bullard, an accomplished athlete, philanthropist and entertainer as WWE Superstar Titus O'Neil who has a heart for youth and the community, will join attendees as Prime Time's keynote speaker. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### **Get free tax prep help with United Way's Taxes Filed Free Program**

United Way of Palm Beach County's Taxes Filed Free program partners with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to provide free, confidential, and secure preparation and e-filing of tax returns to qualified taxpayers. To qualify, taxpayer's income must have been \$66,000 or less in 2020. You may be eligible for up to \$6,660 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC). Do you have children living in your household? File taxes before May 17 to begin receiving your monthly payments of the Child Tax Credit, starting in July! Get free filing help by [clicking here](#).

#### **Palm Beach Post Point of View: VPK creates brighter futures for our children**

What is the best thing a parent can do to help their child succeed in kindergarten? Put them on the path for success. Kindergarten teachers are effective at teaching

important holiday of Haitian Flag Day on May 18. This year, The Palm Beach County Library System invites you to enjoy a wide variety of online events accessible through Zoom. [Click here](#) to register the live events and view the recordings on the digital activities page.

Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Mortgage Assistance funds. This program will provide emergency financial assistance to <80% (or less) AMI homeowners who suffered adverse financial impact from COVID-19, and are delinquent in their first mortgage and escrow payments (PITI). Additionally, providing the homeowner is delinquent, funding may assist with second mortgages, late fees, condominium and homeowners' association payments, special assessments, and other mortgage associated costs related to COVID-19. [Click here](#) to learn more. Deadline to submit an application is June 7 at 11:59 p.m.

skills, such as reading and math. But what happens when a student doesn't know how to sit still and listen to directions? Or how to socialize and communicate with peers and adults? This is where Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten educational program (VPK) comes in. Child care centers and early learning providers who offer VPK are properly trained in preparing children for kindergarten and instilling these lifelong skills in young learners. [Click here](#) to read more.

#### **Free services for students with TRiO Educational Opportunity Centers**

As the 20-21 school year is getting closer to the end, the TRiO Educational Opportunity Centers staff is eager to support your students in their pursuits of postsecondary education! We offer assistance with completing the FAFSA, college applications, and scholarships and would love to discuss a schedule to bring this to your program participants. We are able to host events in person, via phone call, or on Zoom; whichever method works best for the students. [Click here](#) to learn more and schedule an appointment.

#### **Office of Equal Opportunity Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant**

Palm Beach County's Office of Equal Opportunity is seeking proposals from qualified agencies to improve accessibility and equal opportunity and promote or increase awareness of the rights and ambitions of persons with disabilities through an Awareness Program. Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Program will improve accessibility and increase awareness for the approximately 99,000 disabled persons living in Palm Beach County. \$30,000 is proposed to be slated for funding. Deadline for submissions is **June 18 at 4 p.m.** [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

#### **CSC's Healthy Safe and Strong Funds for in-person and virtual events**

If you are planning an in-person or virtual event for mid-summer or back to school, consider applying for Healthy, Safe and Strong Funds. Children's Services Council Palm Beach County sets aside special funds each year to assist in sponsoring public awareness events, conferences and community outreach activities for children and families in Palm Beach County. The public awareness events, conferences and activities are important to Children's Services Council in achieving its goals. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

#### **Get Your Green On for Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care Month**

May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month and Palm Beach County is celebrating! Birth to 22: United For Brighter Futures and community partners are hosting the 6th annual Get Your Green on campaign countywide throughout

#### **Scholarships and grants available in Palm Beach County**

The Office of Community Revitalization provides Palm Beach County residents and all interested parties with information regarding grant opportunities, relevant community events, and tools or information that can be used to assist in community revitalization

#### **Florida Children's Council: Capitol Connection**

Florida Children's Council's Capitol Connection is a weekly email update sent during Legislative Session to keep you informed of all proposed legislation related to children, youth and families in Florida. This newsletter provides concise and timely information regarding

the month. Everyone in Palm Beach County is encouraged to wear green on **May 20** and post pictures on social media (#GetYourGreenOn and #GYGO2021) to show their support for mental health awareness and trauma-informed care.

efforts. See the links below to learn more about these available grant and scholarship opportunities:

- [Look Out Foundation](#)
  - [Wells Fargo Community Giving: Local Community Grants](#)
  - [SC Johnson Grants and Product Donations](#)
  - [Walmart Foundation: Community Grant Program](#)
  - [Bank of America: Sponsorships](#)
  - [The Jim Moran Foundation](#)
  - [Kars4Kids: Small Grant Program](#)
- [Week 1](#)
  - [Week 2](#)
  - [Week 3](#)
  - [Week 4](#)
  - [Week 5](#)
  - [Week 6](#)
  - [Week 7](#)
  - [Week 8](#)
  - [Final Week](#)

current public policy issues. Each subsequent edition will only include the bills from the initial list that moved through the process that week:

## New videos on our YouTube channel



This Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care Month, our Ask the Expert series on YouTube discusses mental health and trauma informed care topics. From signs of postpartum depression to quick tips to help your child with test anxiety, subscribe to our YouTube channel for more helpful tips and expert advice.

[Learn more](#)

## Events

### Lead the Fight: Statewide panel and resource series on ACEs and Trauma

Thursday, May 20  
10:30 a.m. - noon  
Virtual

On May 20th, Center for Child Counseling will host an important conversation and call

### Mentors make a difference: Become a mentor today!

May 12 at 5:30 p.m.  
May 17 at noon  
Zoom

Take Stock in Children is looking for mentors to support and meet new students coming into the program in August. Mentors help our students

### Heart of the Matter: Mental Health during the pandemic and beyond

Wednesday, May 19  
12 p.m.  
Virtual event

In recognition of Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Care Month, local nonprofit and

to action, moderated by Justice Barbara Pariente. This panel is part of an action-oriented, 3-part Lead the Fight series, developed in response to the pandemic to develop long-term strategies to support children's resilience and well-being. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

earn a college scholarship by simply just meeting once a week at least 3 times a month during the school year. To learn more, [click here](#) and complete a mentor application. Attend an orientation in May to get started, May 12th at 5:30 p.m or May 18th at noon via Zoom. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Kimberly Briard, Mentor Coordinator, at [kbriard@takestockpalmbeach.org](mailto:kbriard@takestockpalmbeach.org)

community leaders will be having a virtual conversation about the mental health landscape in PBC and the impact of the pandemic and recent social and racial unrest on our community's well-being. Panelists will discuss various types of trauma, how to foster resiliency skills, and local behavioral health initiatives and resources for adults, youth, families, veterans, and businesses. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

**EMPOWER 21 – Making the Most of Every Interaction – Full Day Conference**  
Saturday, June 12  
2 - 3 p.m.  
Virtual

The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County will be hosting it's 3rd Annual Early Childhood Educators Virtual Conference: EMPOWER 21 - Making the Most of Every Interaction on **Saturday, June 12, 2021**. This year, ELC will offer more than 20 interactive, live, virtual workshop sessions for Child Care Providers – and for families/parents! ELC is currently accepting registrations for both audiences, with the child care provider EARLY BIRD RATE of only \$12 available through May 9. The child care provider who has the MOST PARENTS register with their provider name listed will receive a raffle prize. Please click here to register now. [Click here](#) to register and [click here](#) to become a virtual sponsor or exhibitor.

**Back to School PBC: Drive-Up Event**  
Saturday, July 24

Registration is now open for the 2021 Back to School PBC Drive-Up Event! Students can receive free school supplies and other resources by **registering online and entering the code: PBCOCR**. Registration is required. Students must reside in designated neighborhoods or mobile park homes in unincorporated Palm Beach County to be eligible to register. [Click here](#) to register.

**Florida Grade Level Reading: Learning Tuesdays Webinar**  
Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 p.m.  
Virtual

Learning Tuesdays affirms the Florida Grade Level Reading Campaign's commitment to get better at getting better by learning with and from each other. We are using these webinars as a portal through which to access and explore the best science, ideas and programs. We expect to be informed, inspired and energized by an eclectic mix of presenters who will bring knowledge derived from research, practice and lived experience. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Trainings

**Strengthening Families Webinar: Concrete Support at the Federal Level: What You Need to Know about the**

**Webinar: The Importance of Early Learning in Palm Beach County**  
Tuesday, May 11  
9 - 10 a.m.

**May classes for pregnant and new parents with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies**  
Throughout May 2021  
Virtual

### American Rescue Plan's Child Tax Credit

Thursday, May 13  
3 - 4 p.m.  
Zoom

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 includes a historic one-year expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), providing much-needed concrete support to families with children. Register for this webinar to learn about the benefit as well as steps we can take to ensure that this expanded benefit reaches the children who need it most, including children in Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and immigrant communities, and is made permanent. We will also hear from the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) and the Children's Trust Fund Alliance about new resources and opportunities related to Strengthening Families. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

### Access CSC's Learning Management System!

Have you logged in to the CSC Learning Management System lately? We have added a lot of new dates and courses for the spring and summer. Check it out by [clicking here](#).

### Virtual Webinar

The Chamber of Commerce the Palm Beaches invite you to join this webinar about why early learning is so important and why every business and resident in Palm Beach County should be an avid early learning champion. During this webinar, you will learn about early learning, what's at stake, how the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County helps and serves the community and how business and residents can help. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

### The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old

June 4 - July 16  
1 - 4 p.m.

Decades of research indicate that the early years of life are a period of exponential brain development, characterized by great opportunity and vulnerability, dependent on the relationships and environment in which the child is growing. This innovative workshop presents the information using lecture, hands-on activities and discussion to illustrate the comprehensive concepts every practitioner should know when working with young children and their families. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County is here to support you through pregnancy with educational classes and groups. Register today for upcoming support groups and educational classes for pregnant and new parents like Small Steps, Great Parents classes and Circle of Moms. All are at no cost, but registration is required. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

### ACEs: Trauma to Resilience Virtual

This 2.5 hour on-demand, online workshop provides an overview of the ACE study, the impact of ACEs, brain development, the results of ACEs, and how to build resilience. Participants will learn outcomes and findings of the ACEs study; the impact of ACEs over lifelong health; the definition of toxic stress and its impact on the developing brain; the results of ACEs and the importance of Resilience and how resilience is built. [Click here](#) to register or learn more about this workshop.

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## Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)  
[CSC Employment](#)  
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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](#) to review the MMU Submission Guidelines.

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**Stay Connected!**

