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## Palm Beach Post shares Council CEO's letter on the importance of grade-level reading

The importance of grade-level reading, particularly reading proficiency by third grade, has been a major focus of those in educational and social service circles for years. So to see our local media shine a bright light on the issue, as the Palm Beach Post did in its May 27 editorial "[Superintendent pinpoints key factor in third-grade reading](#)," thrilled us.

Here, at [Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County](#), we're working hard to ensure more Palm Beach County children are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten. To learn more, [click here](#).

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## Summer BreakSpot provides kids free, healthy meals all summer long

Summer BreakSpot provides free nutritious meals to kids and teens 18 and under during summer break. Over 3,500 supervised locations in Florida offer a breakfast, lunch or snack. Feeding locations typically open as school lets out for the summer. There are many ways to find a Summer BreakSpot site near you:

- Call 2-1-1.
- Text "FoodFL" to 877-877.
- Download the "Nutrislice" smartphone app. [Click here](#) to download the app at the App Store and [click here](#) to download the app on Google Play.
- Visit [SummerFoodFlorida.org](#).

Summer BreakSpot is always looking for sponsors and feeding site

operators. If you are interested in joining the program, contact the Prospective Sponsor Team at 800.504.6609.

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## Council-funded STEM program inspires young minds

Can you build a robot that's electronically propelled through water by an external controller? Can you keep it buoyant despite its weight? Can you do so while working as a team? While competing against others? The elementary school students participating in the Pearl City C.A.T.S. Robotics Program sure can. Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County began funding the Pearl City C.A.T.S. Robotic Program, run by the Boca Raton Housing Authority, in October 2015 to inspire low-income elementary school-age students to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). To read more, [click here](#).

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## Discounts, drive-thru options and more with the PBC Tax Collector's Office

The first day of summer is June 20, which means we are halfway through the year. New laws, installment property tax payments, the start of hurricane season are just a few things on the horizon. Visit [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com) to see what's new, what's due, registration discounts, drive-thru options and more.

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## 2016 Education Summit update

Florida's business community, workforce professionals and education thought leaders came together on June 2 at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Learners to Earners Education Summit in Orlando for interactive discussions on how to connect today's learners to tomorrow's career opportunities. [Click here](#) for a quick video on why it matters.

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## EmpowHER Leadership Academy for girls

EmpowHER Leadership Academy for Girls is ready to empower female students in Palm Beach County. The academy supports diversity and will introduce high school juniors and seniors to organizations that are led by women executives and will focus on job shadowing, interview skills, resume writing, effective verbal and written communication, career exploration and much more. The Leadership Academy is free and accepting applications for twenty young women to join. Registration Deadline is July 15. [Click here](#) for the application. To learn more, please contact Rhonda Rogers at [rhonda.rogers1@yahoo.com](mailto:rhonda.rogers1@yahoo.com).

Events

## **BRIDGES at West Palm Beach hosts Essence of Fatherhood breakfast**

BRIDGES at West Palm Beach are celebrating the amazing fathers in their community with a breakfast on **Friday, June 17, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at Roanoke Baptist Church, 1320 Douglass Ave., West Palm Beach. Please call BRIDGES at 561.804.6754 to RSVP for this event. This breakfast is held in partnership with the YWCA Head Start Program. To see a calendar of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

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## **Free training on bicycle helmet fitting with Safe Kids PBC and PBC Fire Rescue**

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and Safe Kids Palm Beach County are offering a free bicycle helmet fitting training on **Thursday, June 16, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Headquarters, 405 Pike Rd., West Palm Beach. This three-hour workshop teaches participants how to fit bicycle helmets correctly, identify when helmets need replacing, explains the different styles and certifications and how helmets work, along with educational demonstrations. This training will allow you to be a certified Bicycle Helmet Fitter Community Partner and the opportunity to receive free helmets! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Kelly Powell at 561.727.1048 or at [kpowell@cp-cto.org](mailto:kpowell@cp-cto.org) or Bob Smallacombe at 561.616.7074 or at [Bsmallac@pbcgov.org](mailto:Bsmallac@pbcgov.org).

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## **Children's Home Society hosts recruitment event at Duffy's Sports Grill**

Children's Home Society of Florida invites you to stop by for appetizers and learn about the amazing impact you can have on a child's life by becoming a mentor. This recruitment event will take place on **Wednesday, June 22, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Children's Home Society currently has opportunities available in two programs, Project 18 Mentoring and MODEL Mentoring. RSVP by June 20. To RSVP, contact Brenda Coleman at 561.868.4323 or email [brenda.coleman@chsfl.org](mailto:brenda.coleman@chsfl.org).

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## **Health and safety fair along with food distribution event in Riviera Beach**

The Florida Cocoa Church of God is hosting a health and safety fair and a food distribution event on **Wednesday, June 22, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, at the Blue Heron Church of God, 2600 Avenue "H", Riviera Beach. This event is for Palm Beach County senior's citizens, disabled veterans, single-parent households and those who are need of food, referrals and resources information in Palm Beach County. There will be free health screenings and a kid's corner. Booth spaces are available for free. If your agency would like to provide educational information, screenings, or health awareness activities, please contact Diane Lewis

## Deliver the Dream hosts veteran family retreat

Deliver the Dream is partnering with Mission United to host a three-day respite retreat for families with a post 9/11 veteran parent. The retreat is **July 15 – 17**, at the Duncan Conference Center, 15820 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach. Deliver the Dream provides structured, therapeutic, family-centered activities that offer respite, relaxation and recreation for those who are experiencing similar challenges. Families will participate in recreational indoor and outdoor activities, discussion groups, interactive games, creative workshops, team building exercises, and more! The retreat is free and families are only responsible for transportation to and from the retreat. [Click here](#) for the application. For more information on Deliver the Dream's retreats, please [click here](#).

## Training on 'Crimes Against Children' offered at Youth Services Department

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will host the training "Crimes Against Children," On **Wednesday, June 29, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. **Registration begins at 9 a.m.** The training will be presented by Randee Kogan, MS, LMHC, Victim Services Therapy Coordinator, Twiler Smith, MSW, Victim Specialist and Edward Russo, Program Manager of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. This course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW's, LMFT's and LMHC's. There is no fee for this program but seating is limited. Registration form must be received by **June 28**. Click here for the registration form. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at [gbadillo@pbcgov.org](mailto:gbadillo@pbcgov.org) or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) for the complete training flyer and registration form.

## June 2016 Touchpoints training

A three-day Touchpoints ILT training will be held on **June 14 – 16, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. This training is designed for individual healthcare, childcare, early education, and social service providers who want to incorporate elements of the Brazelton Touchpoints Approach into their practice setting. 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. In the process, the bond between the provider and the family is strengthened. Free CEUs offered. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

# **The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness holds presentation on the developing mind of the male eating disorder**

The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness and the Eating Recovery Center invite you to the presentation “The Developing Mind of the Male Eating Disorder” on **Friday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at the West Palm Beach Event Hall, 2223 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. #101, West Palm Beach. In this interactive presentation, Dr. Tyler A. Wooten will discuss how eating disorders function within males, offer the most current statistics on males and eating disorders, and will highlight the strong role the media has on males. There will be 3 free CEUs available, a light continental breakfast and snack. RSVP by June 14. [Click here](#) to RSVP. For more information, please call 561.841.0900.

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## **Save the date: Third Annual Florida Youth Economic Development Conference and Expo in Miami**

Save the date for the Third Annual Florida Youth Economic Development Conference, **July 13 – 15**, at Miami Dade College’s North Campus, 11380 NW 27th Ave., Miami. This conference will bring together over 300 youth leaders between the ages of 14-24 from across the state to interact with some of the country's leading educators, trainers, entrepreneurs and industry professionals. This three-day event focuses on youth employment, youth economic opportunities and what a young adult needs to do to become successful. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

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## **FAU CARD hosts free summer academy for educators**

Florida Atlantic University’s Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (FAU CARD) will host its annual Summer Academy for teachers, educators and school professionals on **Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**, at the Jupiter FAU Campus. 5353 Parkside Dr., Jupiter. Summer Academy is a training opportunity for teachers and other professionals working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders. On each day, different topics will be presented to help provide evidence-based and effective strategies for professionals to utilize in their daily practice. There is no charge to attend the training days. On July 26, 4.0 BCBA CEUs will be available, at a cost of \$40 pre-registration or \$60 on-site registration. School district in-service points will be available for both days. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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## **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.I>



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## 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](https://cscpb.org/agencyjobs).

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

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## Check Out These Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)

[CSC Employment](#)

[CSC Provider Agency Employment](#)

[Search for Trainings](#)

[Check the Local Events Calendar](#)

[Sign up for the MMU](#)

Do you have information for the MMU? Please send information to [mmu@cscpb.org](mailto:mmu@cscpb.org) by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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