

# Today's MMU: Students Speak Up for Kids Empowers Students to Stand Up for Kids in Foster Care

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## Monday Morning Update May 22, 2023

**Please note: Children's Services Council's offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in honor of Memorial Day. We will release the next Monday Morning Update on Tuesday, May 30.**

### News

#### **Students Speak Up for Kids Empowers Students to Stand Up for Kids in Foster Care**

Looking for summer volunteer opportunities? Students Speak Up for Kids (SSUFK) is a division of Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County. Their mission is to empower local students with opportunities to serve and speak up for the children involved in the County's dependency court system. They do this through flexible community service projects, chapters of SSUFK at local schools and fun-filled in-person events. One of their most notable projects is Music Buddies - a program that pairs kids in foster care with student music teachers who then provide them

#### **Programming for Men Who've Perpetrated Intimate Partner Violence Funding Opportunity**

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. (AVDA) has posted Programming for Men Who've Perpetrated Intimate Partner Violence NoFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity). The purpose of this NOFO is for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' Public Safety Department - Division of Victim Services to solicit proposals from qualifying agencies to provide services related to programming for men who've perpetrated intimate partner violence. [Click here](#) to access this NoFO. The closing date for this solicitation is June 1 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Mentors Needed to Assist Children in Take Stock in Children Program**

Do you aspire to be a role model? Are you passionate about making a positive impact on children's lives? Perhaps you had a significant mentor who influenced your life, and now it's your turn to pay it forward as a mentor for Take Stock in Children. As we prepare for the new school year, we require mentors from across Palm Beach County to assist our students. Apply now and participate in a mentor orientation to ensure you are prepared for the fall semester. Invest your heart in supporting students in the program, as every student who completes it and graduates high

with free virtual music lessons. To learn more about how to get involved with other incredible projects like this one, [click here](#).

For questions, contact **561-624-6655** or [klaffe@pbcgov.org](mailto:klaffe@pbcgov.org).

school receives a college scholarship. Upcoming virtual mentor orientation dates are May 22 at 5:30 p.m., June 8 at 5:30 p.m. and June 13 at 12:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to submit your online mentor application. Contact [kbriard@takestockpalmbeach.org](mailto:kbriard@takestockpalmbeach.org) with questions.

### **Local Conference Draws 250 Afterschool Professionals to Celebrate Outstanding Achievements in Palm Beach County**

Prime Time Palm Beach County hosted its annual Afterschool Symposium at the West Palm Beach Marriott Friday, May 12, with 250 afterschool professionals in attendance. This year's theme, SHIFT to NOW – Embracing the present to offer youth meaningful experiences in afterschool, offered attendees inspiration, innovative strategies, activities and programs that complement ways in which programs, practitioners and the field can “SHIFT” (Stop, Hold space, Imagine, Feel the change and Take action). The event offered an opportunity to network and learn, while celebrating the accomplishments that they have made to enhance quality at their afterschool programs. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **CSC Seeks Applications for 2023 Great Ideas Initiative (GII)**

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC) has released a funding opportunity seeking applications for the 2023 Great Ideas Initiative (GII). CSC's Great Ideas Initiative enables us to reach into the local communities and find those organizations and programs that are making a difference in the lives of children and their families. With grants up to \$40,000, it's our way of supporting new and creative ideas and programs designed to help families succeed...right where they are. Deadline for application submission is June 27 by 12:00 p.m. (noon). Those interested in submitting an application should [click here](#) to find the GII guidelines and instructions and to apply through Foundant. Any questions should be directed to [bidsadmin@cscpsc.org](mailto:bidsadmin@cscpsc.org).

### **Medicaid Redeterminations are Coming Back**

Have Medicaid? Make sure your information is up-to-date in your MyAccess account, found [here](#). Additionally, you don't want to miss this important piece of mail. Watch for the envelope with the yellow stripe! It has your Medicaid renewal.

### **Children's Services Council (CSC) Launches Refreshed EveryParentPBC.org Website**

The **EveryParentPBC.org** website is better than ever – with a new look and feel, easier navigation and open access to tons of helpful, local, trusted parenting information! The site, created just for Palm Beach County parents and caregivers in August 2017, now features even more videos, articles, tips and resources to answer your toughest parenting questions. The site also boasts enhanced homepages in Spanish and Haitian-Creole and a personalized dashboard, called EveryParent+.

### **Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County Job Opportunity**

Children's Services Council (CSC) is hiring an Evaluation Officer to conduct systematic inquiry to understand how funding from CSC is used to improve child outcomes and reduce racial disparities. The evaluation officer performs complex statistical analyses, synthesizes data and shares findings with funded programs, system leaders and community residents. This position is responsible for building capacity by engaging in learning conversations with a variety of stakeholders with the purpose of transforming data into action. To read more and apply, submit a cover letter and resume [here](#) 5:00 p.m. June 5.

### **Los bracitos flotadores no evitan los ahogos; los salvavidas, sí.**

No te confíes en los bracitos flotadores. Estos, también llamados manguitos



flotadores, no son dispositivos de seguridad. Pueden salirse del brazo o desinflarse con facilidad y no mantienen la cabeza del niño fuera del agua. A veces, los bracitos flotadores les dan a los padres una falsa sensación de seguridad, que los lleva a no prestar la atención adecuada. Si tu hijo quiere ir al agua y no sabe nadar, usa un salvavidas que se ajuste adecuadamente a su cuerpo. Un salvavidas es seguro si tiene la etiqueta con la aprobación de la Guardia Costera. Para más tips de ayuda con la crianza de sus hijos, descargue nuestro app gratuito EveryParent app a través de Apple y Google Play Store.

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<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/every...>

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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/de>

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## Events

### Palm Beach County Food Bank: May Outreach Calendar

Palm Beach County Food Bank is focused on fighting hunger in Palm Beach County through five programs – Partner Marketplace, Pop-Up Farmer's Market, Benefits Outreach, Childhood Hunger Initiatives (Lois' Food4Kids, Weekend Food for Kids, and School Pantries) and Groceries for Seniors. They support close to 200 partner agencies in Palm Beach County with food, programs, resources and services. [Click here](#) to view a listing of opportunities with locations, times and language services offered. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Food Bank.

#### Responding to Girls' Mental Health for Parents

Tuesday, May 23

6:00 p.m.

Virtual

The Girls Voice Task Force, (GVTF), is a subcommittee of the Girls Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County; a community collaborative aimed at strengthening the system of care for girls ages 12-19. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the event. [Click here](#) to register and contact

#### Community ID of the Palm Beaches Event

Thursday, May 25

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Palm Beach County Library  
4020 Lantana Road  
Lake Worth

Do you need a valid photo ID? The Community ID of the Palm Beaches is for any resident who may have limited access to government issued forms of identification and for those who support a diverse and inclusive

#### Haitian Heritage Celebration

Saturday, May 27

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sara Sims Park  
209 NE 9th Ave.  
Boynton Beach

Come experience the cultural richness of Haiti at this celebration of the Haitian community. Experience the vibrance and uniqueness of the dance, feel the soul and energy of the music, taste the spices and flavors of the food and enjoy a true Caribbean

[WJones@pbcgov.org](mailto:WJones@pbcgov.org) for event information.

community. It is not a government issued form of ID or a driver's license but it is a verifiable form of identification that says you are a part of our community. It can be used as a tool by law enforcement, city agencies, health centers, schools and businesses to better identify, serve and protect you. Prior registration is strongly recommended due to limited capacity. To register or for more information contact **561-822-9740**. [Click here](#) to view a flyer in English and Spanish and for a listing of required items to bring with you.

experience. For more information call 561-903-7743.

### **Health Fair: Healthy Families Lead to Healthy Communities**

Saturday, June 3  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
C.L. Brumback Health Center  
38754 State Road 80  
Belle Glade

Florida Department of Health invites you to attend this event to invest in your health and that of your family. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer in English, [here](#) for Spanish and [here](#) for Creole.

### **The Arc Summer Camp**

Monday, June 5 for 7 weeks  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Belvedere Elementary School  
3000 Parker Ave.  
West Palm Beach

Registration is now open for The Arc Palm Beach County's summer camp for children ages 5-13. In-person assessments are required. Please [click here](#) to view a flyer in English and [here](#) for Spanish.

### **FREE Baby Shower for Expectant Moms**

Tuesday, June 6  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Soma Medical Center  
1402 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Bldg. 700  
Royal Palm Beach

Expectant moms are invited to come celebrate their bundles of joy at this free event hosted by Soma Medical Center that includes educational resources and goodie bags with baby items. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with instructions on how to RSVP.

### **Daddy and Me Father's Day Celebration**

Saturday, June 17  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Pavilion at Howard Park  
1302 Parker Avenue  
West Palm Beach

West Palm Beach Center for Arts & Technology invites you to join them for the next Daddy and Me program session in honor of Father's Day. They will be serving lunch, playing games and providing gifts for the fathers. Please share this information with the men in your life. They are looking for a few great men to honor and recognize on this special holiday for their hard work and dedication to their children. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the event and register.

### **Center for Childhood Counseling Events:**

#### **"Mental Health From Every Angle" Panel Discussion**

Wednesday, May 24  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Keiser University Flagship Campus: DeVos 100 Building  
2600 N. Military Trail  
West Palm Beach

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, join this unique panel discussion with Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Foundation members Renee Layman, Dena Sisk Foman, Jamie Beale Howe and Allison Jimenez on understanding how mental health impacts every aspect of our lives. Hear from these experts about the impacts of trauma in children, mental health challenges across generations, warning signs from employees and clients in mental health crisis and building an inclusive workplace culture to improve mental health. [Click here](#) to register.

## **Resilience: The Science of Stress & the Biology of Hope Movie Screening & Panel Discussion**

Wednesday, May 31

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Opportunity Early Childhood Education and Family Center

4171 Westgate Ave.

West Palm Beach

This event offers light refreshments, breakfast and an engaging panel discussion and Q&A session after the screening. Learn about the effects of toxic stress and discover how we can work together to promote resilience and reverse the impact of stress. Watch the documentary trailer [here](#). For a timeline of events and to register, [click here](#).

## **FAIMH Palm Beach & Treasure Coast Chapter Launch**

Friday, June 9

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Opportunity Early Childhood Education and Family Center

4171 Westgate Ave.

West Palm Beach

Chapter meetings for the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health will be restarting in June. Director of Infant Mental Health program, Claudia Morona, will co-chair alongside Aruna Gilbert, Executive Vice President of Early Learning Coalition of PBC. [Click here](#) read more and RSVP.

## **Recurring Events:**

### **Summer Junk Hour, with Resource Depot**

Tuesdays, June 13, 20, 27 & July 11 & 25

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Resource Depot

2508 Florida Ave.

West Palm Beach

Junk Hour is an open-ended summer class featuring six different workshops, each with a different theme to engage students with upcycled materials and open-ended play. The first theme is cardboard city and will utilize cardboard boxes and tubes to design a cityscape. Future themes include TP Animals, Outer Space, Underwater Creatures, Junk Robots and Make a House. These sessions are geared toward school-aged students. A small fee of \$20 per student applies. [Click here](#) to sign up.

### **Art Therapy Classes for Middle-School Students**

Tuesdays: 7-week sessions

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Art Center

Tequesta

Group art therapy classes 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.

### **Black Under-Representation Initiative Task Force Meetings**

Every last Wednesday of the month

10:00 a.m.

Virtual

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities invites you to join the Black Under-Representation Initiative meetings to discuss research that indicates black children are being misidentified, delay identified and under-identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Without proper identification, children will not receive access to evidence-based interventions to progress academically and socially, and parents and families will not receive the support and training needed to help their children. RSVP by calling **561-212-4930** or email [cmckinney@fau.edu](mailto:cmckinney@fau.edu).

## **Unicorn Children's Foundation Family Fun Nights**

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.

### Girls Voice Task Force Virtual Space Meetings

Every second Thursday of the month

6:00 p.m.

Virtual

The GVTF virtual space serves as a place for girls to connect with one another, learn valuable skills and grow together. [Click here](#) to complete the application to receive the meeting link. Join GVTF on Remind by texting @girlspbc to **81010**.

### Food as Medicine Workshops

Second and Fourth Saturdays, May - December

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Riviera Beach Urban Farm and Garden

W. Blue Heron Blvd.

Riviera Beach

The idea that our foods can aide in our wellness is a proven fact. The need for medications can be reduced by learning medicinal remedies composed of veggies, fruits and herbs. Operation No Food Gap, in partnership with the American Heart Association is excited to host these events and invites you to join in the fun by participating in cooking demos, gardening, wellness events, juicing and educational workshops along with fitness such as Zumba! The events are FREE and open to the entire family of all ages. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

## Trainings

### Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County: May Educational Calendar

April events include educational classes for pregnant women, new parents and their support partners, maternal wellness support group meetings, childbirth classes, pregnancy and infant loss and couples support groups and prenatal yoga. Many classes are offered in both English and Spanish with a virtual option. A calendar with details can be found [here](#).

#### Maternal Mental Health Training

Friday, May 26

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Virtual

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County invites you to join this free training for an important look into the unique needs of new and expecting mothers. Too often, Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMADs) go unrecognized and can leave mothers feeling alone and isolated, which can impact the entire family unit. Any professional or student that regularly works with perinatal women should be aware of the signs and symptoms of PMADs. This training will expand your awareness of maternal mental health and share helpful resources and tools that can prepare you to support pregnant and postpartum women. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

#### ABCD's of Water Safety

Wednesday, June 7

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Greenacres Community Center

501 Swain Blvd.

Greenacres

This training is part of the City of Greenacres Let's Talk...A Series of Community Conversations. Drowning Prevention Coalition will present information such as the importance of adult supervision, beaches, boating and backyard safety as well as canal and drain safety. High school students that attend will receive three community service hours. Call 561-642-2090 to reserve a spot. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with more information.

## **Centering Humanity in our Journey as Diversity Informed Healers**

Tuesday, June 27  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Virtual

Take a journey towards enhancing your diversity-informed practice with Dr. Barbara Stroud as she guides us to see ourselves through the lens of humanity...embracing that our humanity is our greatest healing tool. More than a training, this experience from the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health Training Academy will be a reflective exploration of the multiple identities that influence both providers and caregivers as healers. Dr. Stroud's training is open to all professionals who serve and support infants, toddlers and young children. It is right for direct service positions, managers/supervisors, leaders and policymakers. Continuing education (2 hours) for licensed clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors and psychologists will be offered by the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health. [Click here](#) to register. Late registration prices start June 5.

## **All About Guardianship**

Wednesday, June 28  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Virtual

This workshop from Alpert Jewish Family Service will discuss the role of a professional guardian, process to obtain a guardian, how to plan for succession of a guardianship and skills to look for in a guardianship team. [Click here](#) to register by June 26.

## **Early Learning Coalition Trainings:**

### **Transition to Kindergarten Workshops**

Thursday, May 25  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Virtual

Wednesday, May 31  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Early Learning Coalition  
2051 Martin Luther King Junior Blvd., Ste. 300  
Riviera Beach

These workshop sessions provide information about registration and what is needed for a successful 2023 school year. These are family events for children ages four to five or entering kindergarten. Contact 561-231-5575 for information on how to register.

### **3Ts Parenting Workshops**

Mondays, July 3, 10, 24 & 31  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Virtual

The 3Ts – Tune In, Talk More, Take Turns- is a simple but powerful tool to help make the most of everyday interactions with children. 3Ts resources foster knowledge and build skills parents can use to promote foundational brain development. These workshops are for anyone who takes care of a child ages 0-3 years old. [Click here](#) to register.

## **Center for Child Counseling Trainings:**

### **Get Your Green on FREE Workshop Deals!**

During Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month they are offering two on-demand workshops at no cost. [Click here](#) for workshops with discount codes.

### **In-Person Play Therapy Series**

Friday, July 14

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Opportunity Early Childhood Education and Family Center  
4171 Westgate Ave.  
West Palm Beach

Join Play Therapy experts to learn the language of the child through this new Play Therapy Series. The next workshop focuses on utilizing sand tray in play therapy, a powerful method in treating children and adults. This workshop will explore the fundamental theory, skills, tools and methods of sand tray play therapy through hands-on experiences that allow participants to explore the various elements of the sand tray process. Participants will be able to develop and practice basic skills for incorporating sand tray play therapy into their practice. To learn more about the event and to register, [click here](#). Includes 4 live contact APT CE hours. Upcoming workshops include Continuing the Practice, Addressing Trauma Through Play Therapy and Treating Trauma using TF-CBT.

## Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)  
[CSC Employment](#)  
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[Search for Trainings](#)

## 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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