

Today's MMU: More than 270 PBC Youth Benefit from Enhanced Mentoring Program

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Monday Morning Update April 3, 2023

News

More than 270 PBC Youth Benefit from Enhanced Mentoring Program

A new mentoring program that connects historically underserved youth with long-term, supportive role models is showing positive results in Palm Beach County, staff shared with Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County's board at its March meeting. [Click here](#) to read more.

New Program Aims to Increase the Number of Lifeguards in Palm Beach County

Pools nationwide have suffered from a shortage of lifeguards and swim instructors and Palm Beach County is no exception. That's why the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County are launching a pilot program that will allow lifeguards and water safety instructors to become certified for free. With an agreement approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Parks and Recreation will provide the pool space and staff for trainings at county-run pools while Children's Services Council will cover the processing fees for certification. Hopeful lifeguards and swim instructors participating in the

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County Job Opportunity

Children's Services Council (CSC) seeks an evaluation officer to conduct systematic inquiry to understand how funding from CSC is used to improve child outcomes and reduce racial disparities. Using a broad range of quantitative and qualitative methods, the evaluation officer performs complex statistical analyses, synthesizes data and shares findings with funded programs, system leaders and community residents. To read more and apply, submit a cover letter and resume [here](#) by 5:00 p.m. April 30.

program will pay nothing to be certified. The first certification classes offered through this pilot program are **April 15, 16, 22 and 23 at Aqua Crest Pool in Delray**. To sign up, contact Paul Milne at **561-278-7104** or pmilne@pbcgov.org. [Click here](#) to read more about the program.

Ambassador Girl Scout Collaborates with CROS Ministries to Impact Community

Local Girl Scout Samanta White's Gold Award Project, titled "Volunteer for Kindness," encourages kids to volunteer by finding something they are passionate about. Her project included a [coloring book](#) about volunteering and a video series, two of which spotlight CROS Ministries. The videos may be seen [here](#) and [here](#).

Guatemalan Maya Center Announces New Location

Guatemalan Maya Center is excited to announce their move to a new location. As more community members seek assistance, their programs continue to expand to meet the community's needs, and the larger location will have room to accommodate these needs. In order to stay centrally located to those they serve, the new location remains in Lake Worth Beach and is directly across from the tri-rail and bus station at 1776 Lake Worth Road. The Center thanks their friends and supporters that have helped make this happen and can't wait to share the new space with community partners. Read more about the Center [here](#).

Cox Science Center and Aquarium Brings an Electrifying Experience to Youth During Afterschool

At South Grade Elementary's Afterschool Program in West Palm Beach, a group of eager young students gathered for an afternoon of hands-on learning to take part in the Passport to STEM Program. The program aims to introduce children to the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and math by embarking on a fascinating journey into the world of electricity. Thanks to the help of the Cox Science Center and Aquarium, each child from the Program was able to work together to build a circuit and learn more about how energy works. Read more [here](#).

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.

Early Learning Coalition Seeking Sponsors and Exhibitors for Annual Conference

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**.

Apply Now for a Palm Beach County Summer Camp Scholarship - Deadline March 14!

Now is the time to apply for summer camp scholarships that cover ALL costs



 EveryParentPBC.org/camps

at select camps throughout Palm Beach County!

The scholarships are for children ages 5 through 14 and in select cases, for children older than 14. The scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis for families who are financially eligible. The deadline is April 14!

[Learn more](#)

Events

Art Therapy Classes for Middle-School Students

Tuesdays: 7-week sessions
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.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

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

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.

ELCPBC Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Groups

Mondays, April 10, 17 & 24
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Glades Pioneer Park
866 SW 16th Street
Belle Glade

During these group meetings with Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, children will learn through play, get to practice with their peers and spend quality time

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

Thursday, April 13 and every second Thursday of the month
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

tickets, [click here](#).

with their caregivers. Families with all children five and under are welcome! No registration required. For more information, contact arielle.tuan@elcpalmbeach.org.

for girls. The GVTF virtual space serves as a place for girls ages 12-19 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**

AACY Community Caregiving 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.

BAM Festival: Celebrating Books, Art & Music

Saturday, April 15
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mandel Public Library & Clematis St., 400 Block
West Palm Beach

Join Palm Beach's annual event dedicated to empowering and inspiring youth through the arts and literacy, where artists, illustrators and performers from across the nation gather to inspire children and teens. At this free public event, families and fans can attend panels, listen to live music, meet authors and illustrators and get books signed, join workshops, enjoy arts and crafts and meet likeminded creatives. For more information, including a schedule and list of guests, and to register, [click here](#).

Birth to 22 Ensuring Safety & Justice Kick-Off

Monday, April 17
2:00 p.m.
Clayton Hutchinson Center
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach

You're invited to join this special, kick-off event to hear more about the work of the Birth to 22 *Ensuring Safety & Justice* Action Team and the ways you can join their efforts. A "marketplace" will be featured at the event, so please feel free to bring any organizational materials, resources and swag to share with attendees. Refreshments will be provided. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with more details. RSVP to caltaro@pbcgov.org.

Lead the Fight, with Fritz Horstman

Wednesday, April 19
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Virtual

This event is a continuation of the Lead the Fight series that aims to bring awareness, action, and advocacy to effectively addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma. [Click here](#) to read more and to RSVP.

School Dress Code & Self-Advocacy for Girls and Parents

Wednesday, April 19
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

Herizon invites girls ages 12-19 and their parents to attend this panel discussion, part of Girls' Voice Task Force of Palm Beach County. [Click here](#) to register and [here](#) to learn more about Herizon.

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](#).

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, music and entertainment, a dance competition, prizes and education. Community service hours are available! Text

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

YOUTH SUMMIT to 888-687-0035 for more information, [click here](#) to register and [click here](#) to view a flyer.

Get Your Green On Fashion Art Ball 2.0

Thursday, May 18
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Arts Warehouse
313 NE 3rd
Delray Beach

Don your super-hero attire at this featured event for the county-wide Get Your Green On (GYGO) mental health campaign, which aims to raise awareness by creating visible support and fostering safe spaces to talk openly about mental health and trauma. The Ball will combine fashion and the arts while shining light on mental health during Mental Health Awareness Month. The evening includes a fashion show, music, performances and mental health inspired artwork. To view a flyer for the event, [click here](#) and to reserve your spot, [click here](#).

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.

Hey Sistas Launch Party

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

"Hey Sistas" is a women's support group through Rhonda's Promise 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: April 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, prenatal yoga, and Circle of Dads peer-to-peer support groups. Many classes are offered in both English and Spanish with a virtual option. A calendar with details can be found [here](#).

Center for Child Counseling In-Person Play Therapy Series

Friday, April 7
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 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 Child-Centered Group Play

Unite Florida Medicaid Redetermination Webinar

Tuesday, April 4
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Virtual

Redetermination letters have already been sent out to some Medicaid recipients across the state, and they may turn to you for help. Join this webinar to hear from local experts how your clients may be impacted, how other organizations are responding and what you can do to help. Bring your questions and ideas to share! [Click here](#) to register.

What is "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

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.

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

Therapy (CCGPT), an evidence-based intervention that allows children to experience social interactions with two to four group members to learn, practice and enhance new social and coping skills. To learn more about the event and to register, [click here](#). Includes 4 live contact APT CE hours. Upcoming workshops include Utilizing Sand Tray in Play Therapy: The Basics and Continuing the Practice, Addressing Trauma Through Play Therapy and Treating Trauma using TF-CBT.

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](#).

Diena "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.

Caregiver 911: Fearless Caregiver Conference

Thursday, April 27
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Carolyn Sims Center
225 NW 12th Ave.
Boynton Beach

This conference, hosted by Gary Barg, Editor-in-Chief of *Today's Caregiver* magazine, will teach how to balance work, family and caring, motivate family members to help, communication strategies and securing the future of your adult child. Lunch is included and a limited number of free tickets are available for family caregivers. [Click here](#) to register and [here](#) to view a flyer for the event.

Mental Health First Aid

Tuesday, May 2
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Alpert JFS Office
5841 Corporate Way
West Palm Beach

Learn how to recognize and help an individual who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. This training, presented by the Melvin J. & Claire Levine LifePlanning Program and sponsored by Jewish Family Service, National Council for Mental Wellbeing and Palm Beach County Mental Health First Aid Coalition covers topics such as recognizing changes, signs and symptoms in behavior, learning how to safely and appropriately approach someone in need, recognize triggers to crises, highlights the importance of self-care and much more. Register [here](#).

Additional Resources

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Do you have information for the MMU?

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

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