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Please note: Children's Services Council's offices will be closed Monday, July 4, and will release the next Monday Morning Update on Tuesday, July 5. We wish you a happy and safe Fourth of July!

**We think it's pretty amazing too!**



Now, stay up-to-date even if it's not Monday morning



News

## Council increases funding for summer camp

For too many Palm Beach County children, summer equals boredom because camp is out of financial reach for their families.

But on Thursday, Children's Services Council's board increased funding for its Summer Camp Scholarship program by nearly \$969,000. That money, plus the already approved funding from the Council and Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners, means up to 2,500 children can run, play, draw, swim and grow this summer under the supervision of caring adults. To read more, [click here](#).

News

## Council releases new funding opportunity for nonprofits

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is releasing funds (up to \$25,000) to encourage nonprofits, no matter the size, to be creative – to try something new, address a community need or fuel a pilot project in Palm Beach County. We're calling it the Great Ideas Initiative. To learn more about the initiative, or to apply, [click here](#). Applications are due **July 28, 2016**.

Children's Services Council will hold a voluntary informational session for those interested in learning more on **Wednesday, June 29, 1 - 2 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council building, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach, FL, in the Andersen Room. Please note: Nonprofits do not need to be funded by Children's Services Council to apply.

News

## Take part in the Palm Beach County School

## District's parent and community survey

The School District of Palm Beach County is working with the Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools to conduct an internal look at equity issues in the district. This includes surveying and community members. The survey asks questions about your experiences in and perceptions of the Palm Beach County School District and the school(s) your child or children attend. It should take about 10 minutes to complete this survey. Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and your responses are anonymous. [Click here](#) to take the survey and for more information.

News

## HIV Test Day expands to National HIV Test Week

Local organizations are joining the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County to expand HIV Test Day that traditionally occurred June 27, into a week of activities talking about HIV, testing for HIV and treating HIV. Florida Health Palm Beach County Health Centers in Delray Beach, West Palm Beach, Lantana, and Belle Glade offer HIV testing and will include STD testing on **Monday, June 27, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**, for walk-ins. In addition, many local organizations will be offering free testing during HIV Test Week. [Click here](#) for more information about National HIV Testing Week and [click here](#) for the full list of scheduled events.

News

## Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network releases RFP for mental health needs assessment

The Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) has released a Mental Health Needs Assessment RFP. The RFP is for a consultant to conduct a countywide mental health needs assessment across the continuum from prevention through deep-end services, create a strategic plan to address gaps identified in the assessment and provide recommendations for how we can work collaboratively as a community to implement the plan going forward. Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) will bring together key community partners from various sectors to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health needs assessment and create a strategic plan focused on enhancing the behavioral health system in Palm Beach County. Proposals are due July 11, 2016. [Click here](#) to access the RFP and for more information.

News

# Enroll your child today for 2016-17 Voluntary Prekindergarten

The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program prepares early learners for success in kindergarten and beyond. The program helps build a strong foundation for school using educational materials that are geared to various stages in a child's development. If you live in Florida, and your child turns 4 years old by September 1, 2016, your child is eligible to participate in Florida's free VPK education program. Apply today with a document verifying your child's birth date and documentation verifying your address. [Click here](#) to access Florida's VPK Education Program application. For more information about the VPK program, [click here](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact a Resource and Referral Specialist at 561.514.3300.

News

## Students create and launch published book

Thirteen Palm Beach County middle school students are now published authors and illustrators after completing a project recently offered through the Center for Creative Education (CCE), a local nonprofit which focuses on arts integration programming. The "Pupils, Poetry and Pictures: Bob Forbes Mentorship at CCE" exhibition opened at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County in early June. The exhibition showcases the student projects produced during a ten-week afterschool program mentored by renowned children's book author, Robert L. Forbes and CCE teaching artist, Craig McInnis. The program was an initiative of CCE, which is based in West Palm Beach's Northwood Village. [Click here](#) to learn more.

News

## 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](#).

News

## 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](http://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.

News

## 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

## Join BRIDGES at Lake Worth West for parent-child sorting activities

Let the sorting begin! BRIDGES at Lake Worth West invite you and your child to play matching and sorting activities on **Thursday, June 30, 10 – 11 a.m.**, at BRIDGES at Lake Worth West, 4730 Maine St., Lake Worth. During this activity, each parent and child will find and pair matching items like balls, teddy bears, and toys. This will help your child increase his or her problem solving skills and develop self-confidence. Call 561.649.9600 to sign up. To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

## Upcoming summer camps with Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment

Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment will host two upcoming camps this summer, Next Generation Basketball Camp and the Summer College Prep and Tour Camp. Both camps will take place at the Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Center, 1550 West 28th St., Riviera Beach. The Basketball Camp is from **August 1 – 12, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, for boys and girls ages 11 – 19. The camp includes basketball skill training, motivational speakers, field trips, games and more. The Summer College Prep and Tour Camp begins **July 18 – July 22, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, with sessions on ACT/SAT, college majors/minors, financial aid, essay writing, testing strategies and more. On **July 25 – 29**, participants will be given a tour of colleges and historical sites in

Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. [Click here](#) for more information on both camps and to access the applications.

Events

## 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

## Register today for the Economic Forum Luncheon on the importance of early childhood education

The Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce will host an Economic Forum Luncheon on **Thursday, August 18, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**, at the West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Do you know that 85% of a child's brain structure is formed by age 5? Join experts for a conversation about the benefits of early learning in setting children up for success. The expert panel includes: Dr. Robert Avossa, Superintendent of the Palm Beach County School District; Dr. Lisa Williams-Taylor, CEO of Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County; Warren Eldridge, CEO of Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County; and Dave Lawrence, Jr., Chairman of the Children's Movement of Florida. The Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce will be collecting needed school supplies through donations to Red Apple Supplies! Luncheon cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. [Click here](#) to RSVP and for more information.

Training

## Apply for Partners in Policymaking's advocacy training program

The Florida Developmental Disability Council is currently seeking applicants who either have a developmental disability or who are parents of children with disabilities to participate in the program Partners in Policymaking. Partners in Policymaking is a leadership-training program for advocates and parents of children with developmental disabilities. It provides updated information about disability issues and builds the competencies necessary to become advocates who can effectively influence system change. This program is designed to provide information, training, and skill building so those who participate may

obtain the most appropriate services possible for themselves and others. Application deadline is July 1. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply. For more information, contact Stacey Hoaglund at 954.252.8764 or via email [shoaglundpartner@gmail.com](mailto:shoaglundpartner@gmail.com).

Training

## 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.

Training

## 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.

Training

## 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.

Training

## 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](http://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.

Links

## 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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