



Monday Morning Update

December 11, 2017

News

Council Update: Almost 4,500 county youth now connected with a mentor

The Mentor Center has made huge strides in

Legal Aid Society launches two new programs

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County launched two new programs

United Way of Palm Beach County seeks volunteers for tax season

United Way of Palm Beach County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

matching youth with mentors during the past five years - a period in which Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County has nearly doubled its funding to \$1.34 million, while the number of youth served has grown exponentially from 240 to almost 4,500. [Read more.](#)

New STEAM website for early childhood educators

The Institute of Excellence in Early Care & Education at Palm Beach State College launched its new STEAM website! The website houses the latest information and resources for teaching STEAM to children in early childhood education programs and at home. [Learn more here.](#)

to help residents of Palm Beach County: the Veterans Advocacy Project and the Disaster Relief Project. [Click here](#) to learn more about these programs and additional services.

Holiday meals and toys giveaway sites through 211 Helpline

This holiday season, 211 Helpline is compiling a list of sites for meals and toy giveaways to local families in need. [Click here](#) to view a current list and to contact 211 Helpline if you know of a local holiday food giveaway, meal site or toy giveaway.

program, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), is recruiting 200 volunteers to help provide safe and free tax services in Palm Beach County to those with an annual household income of \$66,000 or less. [Learn more.](#)

The Real Change Movement

The Real Change Movement is a partnership between the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County and the City of West Palm Beach. The program focuses on raising awareness about the issues of homelessness and generating new funds to help make a difference. [Learn more.](#)



When kids have some down time, they grow and create memories

These days, children rush through a tight schedule of school requirements, sports, music lessons and after-school activities. Let's be honest, it can be overwhelming for them and for us. Developmental experts advocate playtime, free time and down time.

Even boredom can be beneficial, they say. [Click here](#) to learn more about the advantages of downtime and ways to provide breaks for your child. For more tips and advice, create a family profile at [EveryParentPBC.org.](#)

Events

Dad's Night Out with BRIDGES at Boynton Beach

Thursday, Dec. 14
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Calusa Park
1300 SW 35th Ave.,
Boynton Beach

Dads, come out to Calusa Park and enjoy an evening of soccer, basketball and conversation. It's your chance to share what's on your mind with other dads, unwind and have some fun! For more information, please call 561.369.2323. [Click here](#) for more events with BRIDGES.

Become a mentor, change two lives!

Thursday, Jan. 18
6 - 8 p.m.
Revolutions at CityPlace
477 S. Rosemary Ave.,
West Palm Beach

Join United Way of Palm Beach County for an evening of bowling and learn about volunteer mentoring opportunities in Palm Beach County. Food and drinks are provided. At the event, make sure to enter to win a pair of Master and Dynamic MW60 Bluetooth headphones! [Click here](#) to register.

December events with the Palm Beach County Library System

Throughout December, the Palm Beach County Library System has plenty of activities planned for your family. From cookie decorating to book chats, there's something for everyone to enjoy! [Click here](#) to see the full calendar of events.

Trainings

BoysTown's Common Sense Parenting

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22
March 1 and 8
5:30 p.m.
Rolling Green Elementary School
550 Miner Rd.,
Boynton Beach

Parents are invited to join BoysTown for fun, interactive parenting classes to help with balancing discipline with affection, praising your child's good behavior, reducing problem behavior and more. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Introduction to fundraising planning workshop

Tuesday, Dec. 12
2 - 3 p.m.
Vegso Community Resource Center
261 NW 13 St,
Boca Raton

This introductory class will provide you the basic steps for developing a fundraising plan, including tips on making your case for support, diversifying your organization's fundraising base, and creating a plan of action. [Click here](#) to register.

Trauma informed interventions for trauma reminders

Friday, Dec, 15
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
SandyPines Gymnasium
11301 SE Tequesta Terr.
Tequesta

Join SandyPines for a free CEU event with Graham Perkovich from Sunshine Health. Graham will present on trauma reminders, how thoughts and feelings influence behaviors and how to identify trauma-informed interventions to address trauma reminder

reactions. [Click here](#) to register.

Connect to Greatness Leadership Academy for boys

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m.
Carolyn Sims Center,
225 NW 12th Ave.,
Boynton Beach

Connect to Greatness, Inc. is a non-profit organization focused on empowering 6th grade African-American boys to become change-makers in the world. The Boys to Men Leadership Academy offers a 15-week self-discovery program focused on social responsibility, culture and leadership. Applications are now being accepted for the January 2018 session. [Learn more.](#)

Save the date for the 2018 First 1,000 Days Summit

Sept. 26 - 28, 2018
Palm Beach County
Convention Center

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this statewide multi-disciplinary, cross-sector conference focusing on science, skill-building and advocacy for home visitors and other early childhood staff serving expectant and new families with children through age 3. [Learn more here.](#)

2018 FMHCA Annual Conference

Feb. 1 - 3, 2018
Lake Mary, Orlando

Register today for the Florida Mental Health Counselors Association's Annual Conference. Conference topics include green cross trauma, addiction treatment and assessment, evidence-based and emerging practices and more. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Mark your calendar for Train the Brain Luncheon 2018

Friday, Jan. 19, 2018
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
The Kravis Center

Palm Healthcare Foundation will host its Train the Brain luncheon, part of its campaign to reduce stress through brain fitness, achieve balance in their lives and show compassion to individuals with acute and persistent mental health issues. [Click here.](#)

Free employment services workshops

From first-time job seekers to those in career transition, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services offers Career and Employment Services (CES). By focusing on job candidates' individual goals, the CES Team creates customized action plans and offers support throughout the employment-seeking process. [Learn more here.](#)

Trainings from Nonprofits First

Nonprofits First offers a variety of trainings for nonprofit organizations and staff. To see the full training schedule and to register, [click here.](#)

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, [click here](#).

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

Additional Resources

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

Do you have information for the MMU?

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

[Sign up for the MMU!](#)

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