



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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NIGHT OF HOPE

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Dinner ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Survivor Recognition ~ Vendors

Thursday, September 26, 2019

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Rd. Ocala

Keynote Speaker:



Connie Rose

**“Moving Beyond Me Too:
From Victimhood to Warrior!”**

A veteran TEDx speaker and trainer, Ms. Rose is a woman on a mission “Breaking the Silence One Voice at a Time,” drawing on her personal journey of resiliency and transformation from more than 16 years of childhood sexual abuse, exploitation, sex trafficking and domestic violence at the hands of a serial sex offender father who was also her pimp.

Tickets: \$35 per person



For tickets, to sponsor a survivor, donate a basket or support the event, go to <https://2019noh.eventbrite.com> or the Alliance, 3482 NW 10th St., Ocala

FREE childcare available for children 2 years old or older. Call (352) 438-5990 to reserve a space.



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Our Vision

For all of Marion County's Children to have a safe, healthy and nurturing environment in which to grow.

Our Mission

“To improve the lives of Marion County Children”

~ Partners in Excellence ~

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www.JenkinsKia.com

Secondhand smoke
increases the risk of
lung cancer
and can even trigger
a heart attack.

Join Us for a Meeting of the
Tobacco-Free Partnership of Marion County

August 13th, 2019 12:30 PM
Habitat for Humanity of Marion County Board Rm.
1321 SE 25th Loop, Ocala, FL 34471



Please RSVP by August 12th, 2019
via email at info@TFP-Marion.org

Peer Sexual Assault Support Group for Women



If you are a survivor of childhood or adult sexual abuse or assault, please join our peer support group.

Receive understanding and support.
We meet every Wednesday from
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ocala Sexual
Assault Center, 2010 S. Pine Ave. Ocala
(across from McDonald's).

JOIN THE SERIES ~ COME "GLOW" WITH US

We are **Race #2** in the Big Hammock Race Series!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

8 P.M. 5K START



This fun nighttime run will have historic downtown Ocala, illuminated with participants winding through its streets.

- The race starts and ends at Citizens' Circle.
- Plenty of parking is available in the parking garage.

Sign Up Now:

<https://glowwiththeflo5k.itsyourrace.com/register/>



Big Hammock Race Series: We are proud to be Race #2 in the Big Hammock Race Series!

The BHRS is a 10 race series throughout North and Central Florida that allows runners/walkers of all levels to achieve prizes and perks as they move through this fitness challenge.

All series participants in this year long challenge will be able to challenge themselves by acquiring points based on their race finish time and/or simply compete each race at their own pace to earn series medals.

Check out the awesome perks of joining the series at: BigHammockRaceSeries.com today!



Glo with the Flo 5K Run

Proceeds benefit the Drayton Florence Foundation and the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup, which is dedicated to educating children and families on healthy relationships and the importance of incorporating fitness activities into their daily lives.

OPIOIDS **KILLED** ME



IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST OF FAMILIES.

LEARN HOW YOU COULD HAVE SAVED MY LIFE

Marion County Heroin Opioid Task Force & Marion County Drug Courts present:

Opioid Awareness Month Lunch & Learn

ADDICTION: BIOLOGY VS. CHOICE

Addiction is a disease. Choose Treatment.

REMOVING THE STIGMA OF ADDICTION

August 2, 2019

11:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Marion County Courthouse - Jury Assembly Room

110 NW 1st Ave.

Ocala, FL 34475

Light Lunch & Refreshments

FREE Narcan

Open to the Public

Door Prizes

Visit our website for more information:

www.circuit5.org

www.facebook.com/Circuit5.org

www.mcchildrensalliance.org/heroin-opioid-taskforce/



Marion County Public Library System

READY TO READ ZERO TO THREE



expo

Calling all parents and
caregivers of children ages
newborn to three!

♥ Exhibits

♥ Door prizes

♥ Giveaways

Early Learning Coalition of
Marion County's
"Books, Balls &
Blocks"

♥ Fun activities

♥ Fun,
Fun,
Fun!



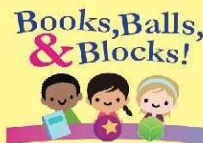
Saturday, Aug. 17
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala ■ 352-671-8551



A sign language
interpreter, or help
with other needs,
may be provided
with one week's notice.



Marion County Children Need Your Help
Become an advocate for an abused or neglected child



Become a Guardian ad Litem Volunteer
 For more information visit GuardianAdLitem.org



In Marion County, over 970 children that are abused, abandoned and neglected are in the child welfare system, most of which are 10 years of age and younger. Their fate has been turned over to the state. They now depend on lawyers, judges, social workers and foster parents to make sure they are safe, protected and provided the services necessary to overcome their circumstances.

Children in foster care exhibit higher rates of mental illness, school failure and involvement with the criminal justice system. Due to the lack of proper parenting and adult role modeling, their ability to cope with the stresses and strains of everyday life is typically compromised.

The Guardian ad Litem Program, a largely volunteer based organization, that advocates for the safety and well-being of abused and neglected children, gives lay citizens the power and authority to make a difference. By assigning a trained volunteer to each child, it guarantees a higher level of protection and oversight and ensures decision-makers are focused on the child.

Regrettably, due to the lack of volunteers, not all of "our" children are provided this safety net. They must rely on "the system" for help.

If you are interested in making this cause, your cause, become a Guardian ad Litem volunteer. Contact Amarilys Ortega at (352) 343-2736 ext. 7611 or e-mail her at amarilys.ortega@gal.fl.gov. A free volunteer training is scheduled for September 20 and 21, 2019 in Ocala.

To learn more about the Guardian ad Litem Program or to request an application, visit www.guardianadlitem.org.

\$389 REGISTER TODAY!

Start a Career Within Months

ONLINE FCCPC/ CDAE TRAINING
 120 hours of Early Childhood Education at your convenience.
 Our online coursework is approved by the Department of Children and Families and meets National CDA requirements. For additional information visit <http://cdsi.teachers.com> or call (352) 629-0055, Ext. 227

TEACH Scholarship accepted!

R.A.M.A.L. Educational and Social Services, Inc. provided a Summer Academic Program for the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County at Marion Technical College. The 6 week program served 60 children.



The certified teachers, Ms. Theresa L. Roberts and Mr. Carlos Rodriguez are employed by the Marion County Public Schools during the school academic year. The teachers were assisted by Quinton Roberts, high school student and Dr. Barbara J. Brooks, President, R.A.M.A.L.



Young Adult Workforce Services

Eligibility Includes:

- **AGES 18-24 IN MARION COUNTY**
- Ages 16-24 in Citrus or Levy
- Not currently enrolled in school
- Meet employment barriers
- Positive attitude and commitment to change!
- U.S. citizen, or eligible to work in this country

Do you know anyone age 16-24 in need of a better opportunity?

We can help them discover their strengths and interests, Earn valuable credentials that employers are seeking, obtain necessary Work Readiness training to prepare for employment, and even offer short-term training *at no out-of-pocket cost*.

Select applicants may qualify for paid Work Experience

Citrus County (352) 249-3278, ext. 1853
Levy County (352) 493-6813, ext. 2622
Marion County (352) 291-9550, ext. 4622 or 1215
 Or visit us @ Eckerd.org/workforce

We encourage you to contact a representative today!

Citrus County
 683 S. Adolph Point
 Lecanto, FL 34461

Levy County
 2175 NW 11th Drive
 Chiefland, FL 32626

Marion County
 2703 NE 14th Street
 Ocala, FL 34470



COMMUNITY
LEGAL SERVICES
of MID-FLORIDA

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

JUVENILE DIVERSION EXPUNCTION CLINIC

AUGUST 20, 2019 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Ocala Police Department, Community Room
402 S. Pine Avenue, Ocala, FL

Apply for help by calling
(352) 509-9865

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) in partnership with Marion County Teen Court and volunteer attorneys will provide free legal advice and assistance with completing expungement applications for individuals who have successfully completed a juvenile diversion program.

Fingerprinting will be provided for free by the Ocala Police Department.

CLSMF is the primary provider of free legal aid for low to moderate income residents in Central Florida.



Democratic Women's Club of Marion County
invites you to its



Saturday, August 24, 2019

12:30 - 2:30 pm
Fort King Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
13 NE 36th Ave., Ocala, FL 34470
Tickets, \$40
Available from club members
through our Facebook page
Or, email: DWCMC2019@gmail.com



Keynote speaker

Val Demmings
US House Rep.,
District 10



Guest speakers include
Amy Mercado
Fla. House Rep. Dist. 48

Other Features include
Silent auction,
Door prize
and prize for
Best Table Display

REALIZING RECOVERY



Are you actively in recovery for substance abuse and have successfully completed a substance abuse treatment center program?

Do you need aftercare counseling?

We offer outpatient counseling at NO COST to our clients. We help clients develop and use coping skills, deal with obstacles to ongoing recovery and assist clients in realizing their best potential.

Case management is available as needed.

We are a DCF licensed program.

For more information, contact Kevin Grinnell, ILC, at (352) 277-1131 or 111 NE 12th Ave, Ocala, FL 34470

Project L.I.F.T. is in need of Volunteers!!

Project Lift is a program serving at-risk boys in the Dunnellon and surrounding areas. We meet Monday & Tuesday 9:00 - 4:00 and Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 - 3:00.

We help guide them to learn a vocation, get a high school diploma and receive mental health/substance abuse counseling.

If you would be interested in partnering with us, we would love to have you!

You can reach out to **Gerald Jones @ 352-465-9009**



We need volunteers. Whether you can help 1 afternoon or 4 days a week, we would love to have you help make a difference in the lives of youth!

Volunteers needed to teach:

**Bike Repair, Screen Printing,
Appliance & Small Engine Repair, Electrical,
Plumbing, Carpentry, Gardening, Masonry, Painting,
Roofing, Flooring, Boat Repair, HVAC**



NAMI Marion County

Clubhouse Wish List

NAMI Marion County is opening a Clubhouse which is a community-based membership organization designed to support people living with mental illness. Members will have free access to opportunities to rejoin the worlds of friendship, family, employment and education. Members will receive the services and support they may individually need to continue their recovery.

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

- Computers (6)
- Computer software, such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint
- Work table 6-8 feet (2 or more)
- Office desk (3)
- Office chair (6+)
- Tables & chairs for break room (4)
- Chairs (for meetings) 12+
- White boards to display meeting agendas and work that needs to be done for the day.
- File cabinets – letter size – 2 four-drawer 4 two-drawer: I recommend doubling this.
- Storage cabinets (2)
- Metal shelving (4)
- Sofa (a) and/or easy chairs (3)
- Outdoor furniture – table & chairs
- Kitchen cabinets
- Refrigerator
- Cooking utensils
- Microwave
- Coffee Maker (regular & Keurig)
- Pots/pans
- Dishes for serving lunch
- Silverware

If you have any of these items, or anything else you think we could effectively utilize, please contact Gerry Brent as follows:

gerrybrentnami@gmail.com or call/text (352) 236-0483

Conqueror Award Nomination Form

The Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup is pleased to present its annual Night of Hope on Thursday, September 26, 2019 honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence as well as advocates for the amazing work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the 2019 CONQUEROR AWARD designed to recognize two outstanding survivors in our community that have overcome challenges and flourished despite their circumstances and we need your help!

If you work in the domestic violence field, are a community supporter or know someone who is, please nominate those individuals for this award.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Marion County
- Must be a survivor of Domestic Violence
- Must be making a positive impact by speaking out against domestic violence
- Must have made positive change in their lives
- Helped implement solutions to address domestic violence in Ocala/Marion County

Conqueror Awardees receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Night of Hope plus a complete makeover (Hair, makeup, outfit) and their story will be shared at the event.

Nominee's Name: _____ # of years a survivor _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you willing to share your story at the Night of Hope? ____ yes or ____ no

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee? _____

Why do you believe this nominee should be nominated for this award?:

Call Patricia at (352) 438-5990 for more information or a Nomination Form. Nominations can be e-mailed to Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org, mailed to Marion County Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 Attn: Monica Bryant or completed online at www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org. Nominations due **Monday, August 26, 2019** at 5 p.m.

SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



for Victims and
Survivors of
Domestic Violence
attending the 2019
Night of Hope
September 26, 2019



Choose from one of our themes (Personal Pampering, Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Board Game, A Night Out, Gardening, Summer Time, Scrap Book/Memories, Music, Healthy Living) or ***Choose Your Own*** or You Can Donate Items to Make a Basket.

All baskets are given to survivors attending the event.

Baskets or supplies can be dropped off at the Alliance Office, located at 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL by **September 19, 2019**. Call **(352) 438-5990** for information, to sign up to sponsor a basket or to have a workgroup member pick up your basket or supplies.

Join Us for the 19th Annual Break the Silence on Violence Conference

Friday, October 11, 2019

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

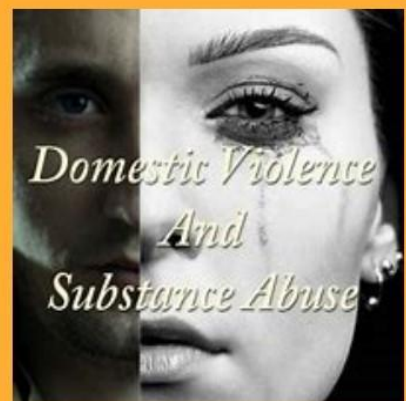
College of Central Florida Klein Conference Center
3001 S.W. College Rd., Ocala, FL 34474

Two Workshop Tracts: Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Featuring Keynote Speakers:



Alan Wilkett

Corporal, Pasco Sheriff's Office. Mr. Wilkett has 23 years of law enforcement experience. He was awarded the Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year in 2007 and the Florida Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Official of the Year in 2017.



L.Y. Marlow

Founder of the national nonprofit advocacy organization Saving Promise, Ms. Marlow is an award-winning author, distinguished domestic violence expert, social entrepreneur and empowerment advocate.

Cost:
\$25 per person

Includes:
Continental breakfast,
snack
CEUs available

~ **Lunch on your own** ~

Register at <https://2019btsconference.eventbrite.com>

For more information, call (352) 438-5990

or go to www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org



The Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup,
Community Council Against Substance Abuse and Kids Central, Inc.,

presents

The Nineteenth Annual Break the Silence on Violence Conference

Friday, October 11, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CF Klein Conference Center, 3001 S.W. College Rd. Ocala, FL 34474

Keynote Speakers: Alan Wilkett, Corporal, Pasco Sheriff's Office

L.Y. Marlow, Founder of the national nonprofit organization Saving Promise
Wilkett has 23 years of law experience and was awarded the Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year in 2007 and Florida Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Official of the year in 2017.

Marlow is an award-winning author, distinguished domestic violence expert, social entrepreneur and empowerment advocate.

Conference Form

(Please check **ONE** category only)

- Law Enforcement School Personnel Mental Health Professional
 Faith-Based Member Community Member Social Service Provider
 Student Other: _____

Do you need CEUs? Yes or No
Additional Cost: \$15 per person
License # _____

(*Required fields must be completed)

*Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone: _____ Fax: _____

*E-mail: _____

Conference registration includes Breakfast and Snack. Lunch on your own
Register online at: **<https://2019btsconference.eventbrite.com>**.

Registration forms can also be mailed or dropped off *with* registration fee to the
Marion County Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Online Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 10, 2019

*Confirmation of your registration will be sent via e-mail when payment is received.
NO REFUNDS. Registration is transferrable.

For information, call **(352) 438-5990** or e-mail **Nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org**.

Date Registration Received: _____ Registration fee Received: Yes or No

LUNCH & LEARN

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Implications of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure on Development and Learning

Date And Time:

Thu, August 15, 2019
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location:

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Jail Administration Building
3300 NW 10th St.
Ocala, FL 34475

Presenter: Tamra Cajo LCSW

Organization:
The Florida Center for Early Childhood
Position:
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
Clinic Director

Summary:

The healthy development of young children is important to everyone. However, many do not consider that healthy development begins in the womb. Each year thousands of babies are born with some level of prenatal alcohol exposure. Alcohol is considered a teratogen which, by definition, is anything that will cause a birth defect when ingested. Prenatal alcohol exposure can affect areas of development such as growth, facial features, fine motor, sensory motor, speech, language, learning, cognition, memory, and adaptive functioning. Early identification and intervention is the best way to ensure the best possible outcome for these children.



Register on Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.com/e/prenatal-alcohol-exposure-its-effect-on-brain-development-and-learning-tickets-63616735368



EARLY HEAD START
Episcopal Children's Services

Home Based Program

A knock on the front door can bring parents the support they need to nurture their young child's healthy development. Home visiting reaches families where they live by delivering parent services directly to the home environment. Together we will help you plan ways to help your child learn using parent-child interactions, daily routines, and household materials.

For More Information Contact:

- Alachua: Patricia Wiggins - 352.840.3378 or Shauna Thomas - 352.789.4165
- Citrus County: Olga Monsalve* - 352.840.3360
- Marion: Alicia González* - 352.789.9274 or Jammie González* - 352.816.8585
- Tri-County: Jessica Melton - 352.816.8579
- Dade County: Earlene Goethers—352.816.8058 or Toni (TJ) Arrington—352.262.1960

** Para comunicarse en Español **

Developmental screenings

Services for pregnant women & children birth to three

Referrals to community services

Socialization activities with other families

Information on child development and early learning

EPISCOPAL Children's Services
BELIEVE. ACHIEVE. SOAR.

Saint Leo University
Sponsored by the Human Services Department

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Information
Open to the Public

- Two certified instructors—includes lessons in recovery and resiliency.
- Focus is on any individual who knows or are related to someone in the military or who are active military
- Limited seating available
- Training is Free

What You Will Learn:

- Signs of addictions and mental illnesses
- Impact of mental and substance use disorder
- 5-step action plan to assess a situation and help
- Local resources and where to turn for help

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH
8:00am - 5:00pm
BRING A LUNCH

OCALA CENTER | 1930 SW 38TH AVENUE | OCALA, FL 34474

WORKBOOK PROVIDED BY **BE Free LAKE Coalition**

TO REGISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-first-aid-adult-training-tickets-562390364)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-first-aid-adult-training-tickets-562390364>

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/18585484030>

22 September 2019
SUNDAY

Presented by **COX**

HABITAT

9th Annual Bowl 2 Build Bowl a Thon!

Check-In 12:30-1:15
Bowlathon 1:30-4:30

Sponsorship opportunities are available!

AMF Galaxy West Lanes
1818 SW 17th St. Ocala

\$25 PER BOWLER | Minimum of 4 players per lane (6 max)
Registration includes shoes & 2 games

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT TORI AT 352-351-4663 OR EMAIL AT TARENS@HABITATOCALA.ORG
HABITATOCALA.ORG/BOWL-A-THON

Discover What Head Start Offers!

Did you know Head Start provides comprehensive services to more than a million children each year?

Birth to 5 years old

We support learning through play, creative expression, and guided activities. We build strong relationships as the foundation of early learning. We promote language and literacy development, early math and science concepts, and positive attitudes toward learning. VPK is also offered for age eligible four years old!

Health & Wellness

We promote physical development both indoors and outdoors. We serve breakfast and lunch, as well as healthy snacks. We provide hearing, vision, & behavioral screenings and promote medical & dental services.

Disability Services

We build on children's strengths and individualize experiences to meet their needs. We collaborate with community agencies when further assessment is needed.

Social Services

We help families find assistance in challenging times. We help families identify and reach goals around employment, training, and parenting.

How to Apply in Marion County
Call Dan McBride at 352-816-8044

Boyton HS Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. 1701 NW 10th St. Ocala, FL 34475 LF COSMA0175	Howard HS Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. 306 NW 7th Ave. Ocala, FL 34475 LF COSMA0174	Fessenden HS Ages: 3 - 5 yrs. 4200 NW 89th Pl. Ocala, FL 34473 LF COSMA0177	Reddick HS Ages: 3 - 5 yrs. 4595 W. Hwy. 316 Reddick, FL 32866 LF COSMA0176	Skylock HS/EHS Ages: 0 - 5 yrs. 1601 NE 25th Ave. Suite 903 Ocala, FL 34470 LF COSMA0183	Thelma Griffith EHS Ages: 0 - 3 yrs. 1601 NE 25th Ave. Suite 1000 Ocala, FL 34470 LF COSMA0178
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Head Start is also offered at Marion Oaks. For more information call 352.347.1998.
Home Based Services are also offered for pregnant women and children ages 0 - 3.



Saturday | Sept. 14, 2019 | 10am - 2pm

Join us at Tuscawilla Park

To celebrate recovery and increase awareness for those struggling with mental or substance use disorders

Listen to great music, taste local food, share your story and learn about the services available to help with recovery.



Various business and healthcare vendors from the community will also be offering services on site.

Businesses or individuals looking to get involved or sponsor the 3rd Annual Ocala Recovery Fest, please contact Nancy Castillo at (352) 438-5992 or nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org for more information.

Join the Arnette Fleet!



Arnette House 2nd Annual Regatta Boat Race

Saturday, September 7, 2019
9 am to 2 pm
Carney Island

The \$150 Boat Entry Fee gets:

- One boat entry
- 2 Official Event T-shirts
- Lunch for 2 crew members
- Entry into the park
- Enjoy vendor displays
- A boatload of fun!!

Race Calendar

August 31— Boat Registration
Deadline

September 7—Race Day
9am—2 pm

****Sponsorships available**



Gather Your Mates and Get in the Race!

Alligators, storms and hydrilla are real distractions on the lake. Designing, building and racing a boat together works wonders. Even better, you're rallying behind the **Arnette House**, an **emergency shelter for runaways, homeless, and at-risk adolescents in Ocala since 1981.**

Answer the call of a day at the lake! With little or no experience, your business, friends or family, can build seaworthy crafts, from all kinds of materials. Some crews will win and some crews will sink, but everyone will have a good time. **Arnette House needs your help to launch our 2nd Annual Boat Race Regatta in style.**

Help us draw attention to the difference our community can make when we come together. Have fun! Get wet!
Make a difference, help save a Family!



Boat Registrations available at:

www.arnettehouse.org or call Cindy/Denise at 352-622-4432 Ext 231



Is Your Nonprofit Interested in Applying for Grants, and You Don't Know Where to Start?

Schedule a *Complimentary Discovery Meeting* with the Nonprofit Resource Center's

Director of Grant Services, **Ann McKinley**

(352) 622-5020 ext. 103

Ann@OcalaFoundation.org

www.OcalaFoundation.org

WE APPRECIATE OUR PROVIDERS



The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County hosted its yearly Provider Appreciation event in June.

Mojo's Grill catered the event, which included a keynote from education

and child-entertainment experts Shawn and Sheryl Brown, morning and afternoon sessions and each childcare provider received a set of materials specifically designed for the age group of their class.

For the afternoon session ELCMC staff, Mojo's, and Shawn and Sheryl Brown finished the second half of the day with more food, giveaways, and another amazing show that rivaled the energy of the first. Mojo's even provided food for staff as a surprise, and at no additional cost.

It was a fun and fulfilling day that left all providers and staff with smiles on their faces.



Parent Educational Workshops
Thursdays (5:30pm-7:30pm)
Marion County Public Library
2720 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34470

Dates: 8/22/2019 to 9/26/2019
(every Thursday)

Enjoy **FREE DINNER** for the entire family, fun educational activities promoting early learning for your children, winning **Gift Cards** and more....Join us at the Parents as Teachers Workshops happening weekly in Marion County. All family members are welcome to attend!!!
FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED

For more information and to register contact
Success By 6 Coordinator Chrissy Vickers at
(352) 369-2315 ext. 213 /
cvickers@ele-marion.org or register at
<https://www.ele-marion.org/parents/success-by-6/parent-training-scheduling/>

GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!
(must attend at least 4 Workshops to be eligible to win on 9/28/2019)



Bridges Behavioral Health LLC presents

GOAL GETTERS

Vision Board Workshop

Discover → Plan → Execute

High School Juniors and Seniors
2019-2020 school year

**WORKSHOP STARTS
ON 9/13/19**

This event will empower students to activate their visions and manifest their goals towards graduation and beyond!

This workshop will:

- **Help students identify goals in the areas**
 - ✓ Academic
 - ✓ Self-Confidence and Self-Care
 - ✓ Leadership
 - ✓ Transitioning into "Adulthood"
- Create a vision board that pictorially communicates their goals
- Assist students with staying on track to achieve their goals with 3 follow up face-to-face contacts throughout the school year

**SAVE \$10 IF YOU REGISTER BY
9/2/19.**

About the facilitators

Latesha Lanier-Brown:

Is a Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern and owner of Bridges Behavioral Health LLC. Mrs. Lanier-Brown has over 15 years of professional experience working with youth and families.

Janice Wynn:

Is a Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern. Ms. Wynn has over 20 years of professional experience working with youth and families.

REGISTRATION FEE \$99 ONLY

This fee covers supplies, refreshments, vision board party, and three 45 minute face-to-face contacts.

- Please leave your name and phone number when registering.

REGISTER



bridgesbehavioralhealthllc@gmail.com



352-437-6633

Saint Leo University-Ocala Campus
1930 SW 38th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474

Starts at 6p.m.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Bridges Behavioral Health LLC is organizing *Goal Getters* Vision Board Workshop, which is designed to prepare high school juniors and seniors for graduation and beyond. Students will be creating a vision board that will pictorially convey their aspirations in the areas of academics, leadership, transitioning into adulthood, and self-care. This will be followed by three face-to-face one hour group sessions to discuss progress and individual needs.

I am writing this letter to request your sponsorship of one or more local high school Junior or Senior. As a leader in the community, your involvement with *Goal Getters* is an opportunity for your organization to join other individuals, organizations, and coalitions in our community to help increase high school graduation rates, provide needed support for students who have difficulties in school, and to help prepare them for life beyond high school.

Community sponsors are the primary source of funding for this event and will help ensure its success. You can provide support in the following ways:

- Be a sponsor for one student registration ticket of \$99
- Monetary donation.
- Donate materials such as magazines, color markers/pencils, decorative art items, and/or refreshments.

Enclosed is a sponsorship form that gives further information on levels. We look forward to hearing from you. For more information about this event, please contact: Latesha Lanier-Brown at (352)437-6633 or bridgesbehavioralhealthllc@gmail.com.



EVENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Bridges Behavioral Health LLC presents
Goal Getters
Vision Board Workshop
September 13, 2019

Please consider the following ways you can make the
Goal Getters a success!
Deadline for sponsorship: 09/02/2019

- Monetary donation
- Sponsor [\$99]
- Donate supplies (i.e. magazines, scissors, colored markers,

Business Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Contact E-mail:

Please e-mail your company logo to bridgesbehavioralhealthllc@gmail.com

Please mail this completed sponsorship form to Bridges Behavioral Health LLC, 1515 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Suite 137, Ocala, FL 34470 or e-mail it to bridgesbehavioralhealthllc@gmail.com.

Donations or raffle prizes are welcome, too.
We gladly accept any items you are able to provide.

SIGN UP FOR THE WEAR YOUR WINGS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

AT THE OCALA POLICE DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7 AM  WALK STARTS AT 8 AM



Walkers should park at the College of Central Florida. Transportation will be provided for walkers by SunTran starting at 6:45 a.m. (in front of Ewers Century Center) to the Ocala Police Department.



SIGN UP FOR THE WALK

Create a Team

Get Family and Friends to Sponsor You

Individual Walkers

Donate your Shoe Size Ex. Shoe Size 8 = \$8

*Minimum donation of \$8 to receive free T-Shirt

Deadline to guarantee a FREE T-Shirt

Friday, September 13, 2019

T-Shirts can be picked up early on Friday, Oct. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Ocala Police Department (Community Room) 402 S. Pine Ave.

Register online at

<https://2019dvwalk.eventbrite.com>

Pledge Forms available online at

www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org or

for more information, call (352) 438-5990

All proceeds benefit victims and survivors of Domestic Violence in our community

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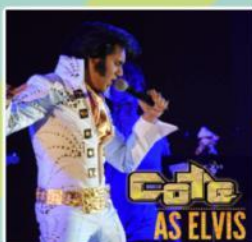
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Upcoming Events



9th Annual Bowl2Build Bowl-a-thon Sept. 22nd, 2019

Join us for the 9th Annual Bowl2Build Bowl-a-thon for an afternoon of family fun with raffle items, silent action, games, 50/50 split the pot and awards for top bowlers. For more info, visit www.habitatocala.org/bowl-a-thon



Elvis Tribute Concert Oct. 4th & 5th, 2019

@ Southeastern Livestock Pavilion!

Elvis is back in Ocala for the first time since 1955! Join us at for an action packed concert on back to back nights with world renown Elvis tribute artist, Cote! For more info, visit www.habitatocala.org/elvis-concert



4th Annual Strawberry Jam 5K March 7th, 2020

Back for our 4th sweetest race ever! A deliciously sweet addition to the Annual Strawberry Festival in that winds through beautiful Ocala neighborhoods. For more info, visit www.habitatocala.org/strawberryjam5k



7th Annual Habitat Ocala Strawberry Festival March 7th, 2020

Be a part of this year's Festival which will feature live music, food/drinks, vendors, pet contest, car show, pie eating, kids zones, and strawberries! For more info, visit www.habitatocala.org/strawberry-festival



Missy King's Hookin' for Habitat Fishing Tournament March 14th, 2020

A Saltwater Fishing Tournament that will promote a healthy and friendly outdoor experience for the entire family with an added Youth Division this year. For more info, visit www.habitatocala.org/fishing-tournament



For more info, visit www.habitatocala.org/events

Fall In Love *With Reading*

*Dress Up Like Your Favorite
Storybook Character!*

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!

**FREE
EVENT**

**Saturday
September 28th, 2019
11AM-2PM**

**FREE
BOOKS**



**Mojo Grill & Catering, East
4620 E Silver Springs Boulevard
Ocala, FL 34470**



GAMES

FUN ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING

CRAFTS

STORY TIMES

GIVEAWAYS

Hosted By:





Thank-you for committing to participate in the 3rd Annual Fall in Love with Reading Literacy Celebration, with Mojo Grill and Catering, Co. and the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County. This event is free to the public and gives us the opportunity to fellowship with our community and provide a fun, safe event for children. We encourage you to advertise your business at this event.

Location: Mojo’s Grill and Catering, Co., 4620 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, FL 34470

Date: Saturday, September 28th, 2019

Event Time: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, with booths set up by 9:30 AM, breakdown after 2:00 PM

Expected Attendance: 2,000-2,500 kids

Registration: Early Bird by 7/15/19 (**To Include logo on event flyer**), Last Registration 9/1/19

Requirements:

- Decorated trunk, table or both. You may use a tent/canopy also. Be creative with decorating; please be family friendly and all ages appropriate. No tents or tables are provided. (Prizes for best booth, judges and people’s choice).
 - Free to participate. No items may be sold at this event.
 - Pass out small kid appropriate items such as stickers, pencils, etc. (No choking hazards.)
 - Provide games, crafts, learning opportunities or activities for kids to participate in.



If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact either JoLynn Rathel at jrathel@elc-marion.org (352) 369-2315 ext. 201; or Christie Casey at christiec@mojogrillandcatering.com (352) 369-0780 ext. 304.

I agree to participate in the 3rd Annual Fall in Love with Reading Literacy Celebration on September 28th, 2019 at Mojo Grill and Catering, Co. at 4620 East Silver Springs Boulevard. I agree to have a fully decorated booth, table or trunk ready by 9:30AM and not to breakdown until after 2:00 PM. I agree to provide activities and small kid appropriate items. I agree I am liable for my own staff and property. I agree there is no fee for this event, and that no items or services may be sold.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I cannot commit to participating in a booth, but I would like to donate coupons, prizes or other items for the event.

I can provide a door prize to be raffled off during the event.

I would like to commit to participate in Mojo’s 8th Annual Trunk or Treat, on Tuesday, October 29th, 2019.





Marion County Children's Alliance

3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Ph: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994

E-mail: mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

The breastfeeding campaign, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, hopes to empower women to commit to breastfeeding by highlighting new research showing that babies who are exclusively breastfed for six months are less likely to develop ear infections, diarrhea and respiratory illnesses, and may be less likely to develop childhood obesity.

Source: <https://kmwithjeanne.wordpress.com/2006/08/07/breastfeeding-awareness-month/>



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- August 12** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m. MCSO EOC
- August 14** Safe Kids
Wednesday 9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium
- August 19** CCASA
Monday noon, Ocala Police Dept.
- August 20** Building Better Dads
Tuesday 2:30 p.m. ELC Conference Rm
- September 5** Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
Thursday 3:30 p.m. OPD Community Rm.

All meetings are open to the public.

Connect With Us, log on to

Mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org
to view the Calendar to see what's going on in our community; to sign up to receive a free copy of this newsletter or to join a workgroup.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- August 7 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Jail Interim Building



Agency Spotlight:

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County
Roseann Fricks, CEO

Guest Speakers:

David O'Brien
Regional Director, Project Lift

Ire Bethea
Outreach Specialist
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