



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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IT'S TIME TO

CELEBRATE
RECOVERY!

REMEMBER
THOSE WE
LOST

Take
PREVENTATIVE
ACTION!

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.

Open to
the Public

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.

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

3482 N.W. 10th St. Ocala, FL 34475 Phone: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994 www.mcchildrensalliance.org

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 ~

Barrett, Liner & Company; Brooklyn's Backyard; City of Ocala, Community Coalition Alliance; Cox Communication; Dept. of Children and Families; Dept. of Juvenile Justice; Drug Free Communities; Duke Energy; Florida Blue; Florida Dept. of Health in Marion County; Friends Recycling, LLC; Jenkins Auto Group; Kids Central, Inc.; Marion County Board of County Commissioners; Marion County Hospital District; Marion County Public Schools; Marion County Sheriff's Office; Ocala Police Department; Palmer Family Foundation; Quit Doc; Radiology Associates of Ocala; Renasant Bank; Signature Brands; Tri-Eagle Sales; United Way of Marion County; Wells Fargo Bank

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*Proud Supporter of the
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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



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

JOIN US AND MAKE THIS A NIGHT OF HOPE FOR SURVIVORS



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:

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



Connie Rose

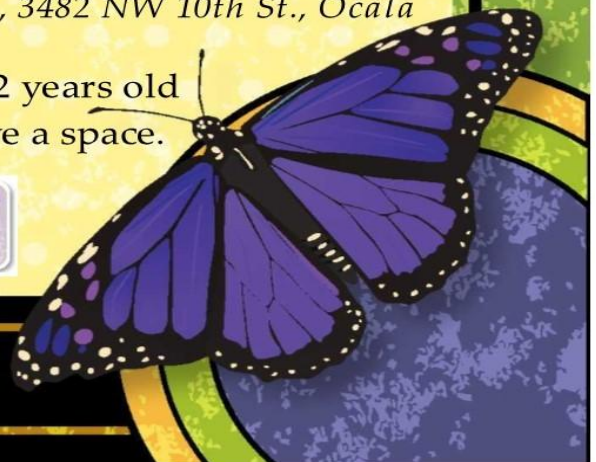
A veteran TEDx speaker and trainer, Ms. Rose is a woman on a mission “Breaking the Silence One Voice at a Time,” drawing on her personal journey of resiliency and transformation from more than 16 years of childhood sexual abuse, exploitation, sex trafficking and domestic violence at the hands of a serial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



There's still time to Donate a Basket or supplies to make a basket for survivors, Details on Page 5

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.

MARION COUNTY HALLOWEEN RUN 2019

5K • 10K

SATURDAY
10.26.19
RACE AT 4 PM

benefiting
Marion County
Children's Alliance



MARION COUNTY HALLOWEEN RUN 2019

5K • 10K

The Paddock Mall will be hosting
Marion County's 2nd annual Halloween Run.

FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE MUSIC
COSTUME CONTEST
"BOO & BREW" FEST
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
& MORE!

The Marion County Halloween Run is Race #4 & the First Super Race in the Big Hammock Race Series. Are you a participant in the Big Hammock Race series - Season 4? Visit BigHammockRaceSeries.com for more info about how you can earn medals & prizes today!

Marion County
Children's Alliance

The proceeds from the race will benefit the Marion County Children's Alliance, whose mission is to improve the lives of Marion County children by providing resources which enable nonprofit organizations serving these children to operate more effectively and by providing safe, effective services of the highest quality.

To learn more, visit
www.mcchildrensalliance.org

Register Online Today!

www.itsyourrace.com

For more information visit
www.paddockmall.com



3100 SW College Rd
Ocala, FL 34474
352-237-1223

Advent Health
Ocala

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County



2300 S.W. 17th Rd., Ocala, FL 34471

Executive Director: Roseann Fricks

Phone: (352) 369-2315

Fax: (352) 369-2475

Website: www.elc-marion.org

Email: rfricks@elc-marion.org

Mission: To provide leadership and foster partnerships to optimize a quality early learning environment for our children through child care, voluntary pre-kindergarten and parent education.

The Early Learning Coalition serves clients in the following programs: **School Readiness:** parents with children ages birth to 13 years old; **Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten:** parents with children four years old by September 1; **Parent Education Workshops:** available at different locations throughout the community for parents with children specifically ages birth to six years old; **Child Care Resource & Referral:** a resource for parents in Marion County interested in learning more about quality child care and early learning environments in Marion County.

Early Learning partners include the Marion County Children's Alliance, United Way of Marion County, Healthy Start, Florida Department of Health, Healthy Families, Marion County Public Schools, Marion County Disability Alliance, Marion County Homeless Council, Habitat for Humanity, various faith-based organizations, child care providers and their respective associations, the CEP, Paddock Mall, various private businesses, Help Me Grow Florida and various civic organizations.

The Early Learning Coalition provides **School Readiness:** financial assistance for child care for eligible families with school readiness child care providers contracted with the Coalition, **Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten,** eligibility assistance for children 4 years old by September 1, attending a certified Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten provider, **Parent Education Workshops** for families throughout the county, child care resource and referral services for all families seeing information on child care in Marion County, distribution of various items for infants, toddlers,

HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE ALLIANCE

Community Bag Program

We are excited to share that the Marion County Children's Alliance has been selected to be a part of the Community Bag Program, which is designed to make it easy for customers to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment.

For the month of September, each time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at **Harveys at 3435 North Pine Ave**, \$1.00 will be donated to the Marion County Children's Alliance, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tab. This is a great way to raise awareness, support the environment and fundraise for our cause.

Please help us spread the news to your friends and family. The more people who learn about the program and purchase the Community Bag during the month of September, the more money we will raise. Please visit **seg.bags4mycause.com** to learn more about this program.

WE'VE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE

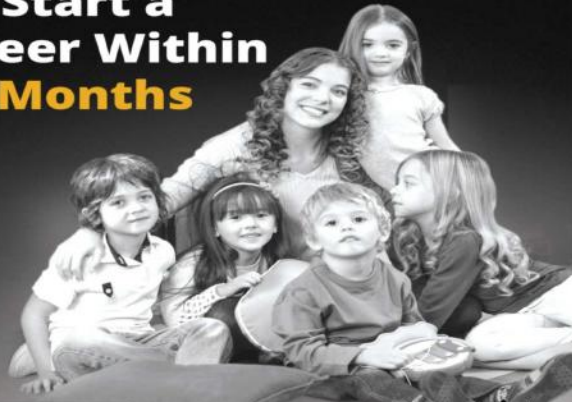
COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM

When you buy either of these bags,
we will receive a \$1 donation.




\$389 REGISTER TODAY!

Start a Career Within Months



CDS Childhood Development Services



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.iteachers.com> or call (352) 629-0055, Ext. 227

TEACH Scholarship accepted!

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

Eckerd CONNECTS. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



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
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Do You Know me?

OPIOIDS **KILLED ME!**

I Am Your: friend brother
neighbor sister
coworker parents
uncle grandparents
aunt *I smiled at you today.*

Addiction can happen in the best of families.

Learn how you can save a life.
Download the **FREE Heroin/Opioid Resource Guide**
www.mcChildrensAlliance.org/heroin-opioid-taskforce

REMOVING THE STIGMA OF ADDICTION




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

Friday, October 11, 2019

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

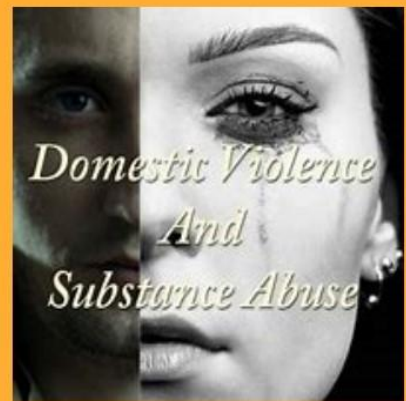
College of Central Florida Klein Conference Center
3001 S.W. College Rd., Ocala, FL 34474

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

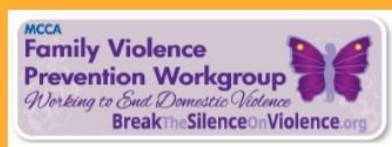
Includes:
Continental breakfast,
snack
CEUs available

~ **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

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



Transportation will be provided for walkers by SunTran from CF to OPD starting at 6:45 a.m. Walkers should use the SW 20th Street side entrance and park in the parking area in front of the Dassance Fine Arts Center (Bldg. 4).



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

Prizes awarded for Most Pledges collected and the Team with the Most Walkers present at the event

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.

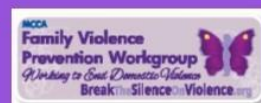
Register online at
<https://2019dvwalk.eventbrite.com>



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

Sponsored by:



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Family Violence Prevention Workgroup Wear Your Wings Domestic Violence Walk Pledge Form

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Walk Begins at the Ocala Police Department and Ends at the College of Central Florida

Registration at 7 a.m. Walk starts at 8 a.m.

Walk Route: 3.1 miles



Participant Information:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Prizes awarded for Most Pledges collected and the Team with the Most Walkers present at the event

The FVP Workgroup Wear Your Wings DV Walk aims to create more awareness about domestic violence and to raise funds to provide resources and emergency services to victim and survivors. 1 out of every 4 women is, has been or will be abused in her lifetime and nearly 1 in 7 men in the U.S. has experienced domestic violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

All proceeds collected will be used to further the work of the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup.

Wear Your Wings Domestic Violence Walk Pledge Form

Sponsor Name	Address/City/State/Zip	Pledge per mile	Phone	Total
1.				
2.				
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10.				

The Wear Your Wings Domestic Violence Walk is sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup and the College of Central Florida. Our goal is to reduce family violence in Marion County by coordinating community resources and services to assist families in crisis.

For questions or more information, call (352) 438-5990 or e-mail Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org.

22 September 2019
SUNDAY

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

**Sponsorship
opportunities
are available!**

presented by:
COX



9th Annual
Bowl2Build
Bowl-a-Thon!

**AMF Galaxy West Lanes
1818 SW 17th St. Ocala**

Silent Auction-Games-Awards-& More!

\$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



9th Annual "Bowl-to-Build" Bowl-a-Thon

Sunday, September 22, 2019
AMF Galaxy West Lanes
1818 SW 17th Street, Ocala



Turkey-\$1500 Presenting Sponsor Platinum

- Logo on front & back of T-Shirt
- Logo on sponsor board at event -Top Tier
- Recognition on social media and webpages
- Logo on Save the Date flyer & Day of Event Signage
- Logo and Link placed on HFHMC website for 1 yr.
- Banner displayed at the event (supplied by sponsor)
- Lane Sponsor
- 1 Bowling Team (up to 6 bowlers)
- 6 event T-Shirts
- Food delivered to lane



Strike-\$750 Gold Sponsor

- Logo Placement back of T-shirt— second tier
- Recognition on our FB pages /event page
- Logo and Link placed on HFHMC website- 9 months
- Banner displayed at the event (supplied by sponsor)
- Lane Sponsor
- 1 Bowling Team (4 bowlers)
- 4 event T-Shirts
- Food delivered to lane

Please email your high-resolution company logo (format-jpg or pdf) to tarens@habitatocala.org

Sponsorships are tax deductible



Spare-\$500 Silver Sponsor

- Logo placement on second tier back of T-Shirt
- Recognition on our FB pages /event page
- Logo and Link placed on HFHMC website for 6 months
- Lane Sponsor
- 3 Bowlers/3 event T-Shirts
- Food delivered to lane



Split-\$250 Bronze Sponsor

- Logo on back of event shirt—third tier
- Recognition on social media & webpage
- Lane Sponsor
- 2 Bowlers/ 2 event T-shirts
- Popcorn & Pitcher of Soda delivered to lane



\$125 Lane Sponsor

- Name on back of T-Shirt - bottom tier
- Recognition on social media
- Name on HFHMC website
- Lane Sponsor



In-Kind Silent Auction/Prize Donations

- Recognition through event material
- Estimated Value \$ _____
- Donation Type _____

Sponsorship Information

Check sponsor level Presenting Strike (Gold) Spare (Silver)
 Split (Bronze) Lane Sponsor in-kind

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Method of Payment: Cash _____ Check# _____ Credit Card _____

Please make check payable to HFH Marion County
All donors are encouraged to donate promotional items for bowler gift bags
 For more information contact Tori Arens tarens@habitatocala.org

Office: 352.351.4663 | Fax: 352.351.3081 | P.O. Box 5578, Ocala, Florida 34478 | www.habitatocala.org



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





GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!

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



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@elc-marion.org or register at <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/success-by-6/parent-training-scheduling/>





AdventHealth Ocala

MALL WALKER PROGRAM

Walker Incentives

- 10 miles:** Official Mall Walker Shirt
- 25 miles:** AdventHealth Water Bottle
- 50 miles:** AdventHealth Dry Towel
- 100 miles:** AdventHealth Pedometer

All walkers will be invited to a quarterly breakfast with AdventHealth Ocala's President & CEO Joe Johnson

Mall Incentives*

Starbucks

Wear your Mall Walker shirt or mention you are a Mall Walker and receive any size coffee for just \$1 between 9-10 a.m.

Chick-fil-A

Wear your Mall Walker shirt on Tuesdays and receive a free small tea or soft drink.

*Paddock Mall locations only

Regular physical activity is important to overall health and walking is an excellent way to be more active. The AdventHealth Ocala Mall Walker Program is designed to help individuals feel whole by taking charge and getting active in the climate controlled walking environment of the Paddock Mall.

Mall walkers are encouraged to walk at their leisure and record their miles. The Paddock Mall will post your miles on an updated Leader Board in the Mall Office corridor and contact you when you've earned your milestone gifts! Sign up at the Mall Walker Stand next to the AdventHealth Information Kiosk in Center Court (next to Chick-fil-A).

Mall Walker Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Walking Chart:

1 Lap = 0.5 miles

Marion County Children Need Your Help

Become an advocate for an abused or neglected child



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.

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



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 Amariyls 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.

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
L# C05MA0175

Howard HS
Ages: 0 - 5 yrs.
306 NW 7th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34475
L# C05MA0174

Fessenden HS
Ages: 3 - 5 yrs.
4200 NW 89th Pl.
Ocala, FL 34473
L# C05MA0177

Reddick HS
Ages: 3 - 5 yrs.
4595 W. Hwy. 316
Reddick, FL 32686
L# C05MA0176

Skylark HS/EHS
Ages: 0 - 5 yrs.
1601 NE 25th Ave.
Suite 900
Ocala, FL 34470
L# C05MA0183

Thelma Griffith EHS
Ages: 0 - 3 yrs.
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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.*



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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/strawberyjam5k



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



CHOOSING THE RIGHT SEAT: CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TIPS



THERE ARE MANY CAR SEATS ON THE MARKET, BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CHOOSE THE SEAT THAT BEST FITS YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS? SELECT A CAR SEAT BASED ON YOUR CHILD'S AGE AND SIZE. CHOOSE A SEAT THAT FITS IN YOUR VEHICLE, AND USE IT EVERY TIME.



BIRTH-12 MONTHS

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats.

- Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing.
- Convertible and All-in-one car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

1-3 YEARS

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. The best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by the car seat's manufacturer.

Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is likely to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether.

4-7 YEARS

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by the car seat's manufacturer.

Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

8-12 YEARS

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly, the top belt must be snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should be snugly across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face.

REMEMBER:

KEEP YOUR CHILD IN THE BACK SEAT AT LEAST THROUGH AGE 12.



DID YOU KNOW?



• In 2012 alone, 121,080 children under age 13 were injured as passengers in car crashes.

• In 2012, among children under the age of 13 years, an estimated 294 lives were saved by child restraints.



• In 2012, over one-third (37%) of children killed in car crashes were not in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts.



• EVERY 34 SECONDS, ONE CHILD UNDER AGE 13 IS INVOLVED IN A CRASH.



• More than 5,390 children were killed in car crashes during a 5-year period (2008-2012). In addition, an estimated 613,300 children were injured.



• All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have laws requiring children to be restrained while riding in cars.



Visit safercar.gov/therightseat
Register your car seats and booster seats.



Call: Megan Rodriguez at 352-644-2751
to schedule a car seat check



COMMUNITY
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of MID-FLORIDA

Do you own a small business serving low-to-moderate
income communities, or a non-profit?

or

Do you want to start a small business or non-profit?

FREE

Business Development Legal Education Workshop

Thursday, September 26, 2019 | 5:00-8:00 PM

Ocala Police Department Community Room

402 S. Pine Avenue, Ocala, FL

To Pre-Register call 386-361-5202 or use the link below:

<http://bit.ly/33qUJHI>

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) in partnership with The Pressing Place Church and volunteer attorneys will provide free legal advice and assistance to attendees who meet our eligibility guidelines. CLSMF is the primary provider of free legal aid for low to moderate income residents in Central Florida.





Marion County Children's Alliance

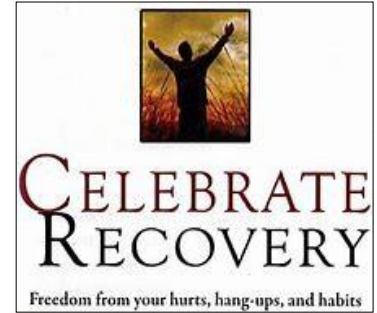
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September is National Recovery Month

September is National Recovery Month. We celebrate the millions of Americans who are living their lives in recovery from mental and substance use disorders and honor those who work to make recovery possible. We also take time to remember the people who have lost their lives and those who still need help. To help the millions of people with a mental and substance use disorders, Recovery Month serves to educate Americans about the benefits of treatment and recovery services.



It also promotes 3 key messages: Prevention works; Treatment is effective; People can and do recover.

Source: <https://blog.samhsa.gov/2018/09/04/recovery-month-a-time-of-celebration-and-hope>

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- September 9** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m. MCSO EOC
- September 11** Safe Kids
Wednesday 9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium
- September 16** CCASA
Monday noon, Ocala Police Dept.
- September 17** 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.

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UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- September 4 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Jail Interim Building



Agency Spotlight:

Keith Carson, president
Believe in Santa Foundation, Inc.

Guest Speaker:

Cindy Grimes

Director of Programs for River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding and Co-founder of Circle Up Center for Practical Peacebuilding

Dominic McDonald

Outreach Coordinator
Building Better Dads