



# MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

## Website: [Mcchildrensalliance.org](http://Mcchildrensalliance.org)

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# RED RIBBON



*Kick off*  
**Free**

**Date: MON / 21ST**  
**October**  
**Time: 5 PM to 8 PM**  
**Location: Ocala Police Dept.**  
**402 S. Pine Ave.**  
**Ocala, FL 34471**

PRESENTED BY MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

STAY DRUG FREE



- + Food
- + Bounce Houses
- + Laser Tag
- + Rock Climbing
- + Twin Spin Ride
- + Pony Rides
- + DJ
- + Live Entertainment

### Sponsors:

- + Tri-Eagle Sales
- + The Guest House
- + Florida Department of Health Marion County
- + Ocala Police Dept.
- + Drug-Free Communities
- + Tobacco Free Partnership of Marion County
- + Marion County Hospital District

For more information/or  
to be a sponsor contact  
MCCA at (352) 438-5990



[www.mcChildrensAlliance.org](http://www.mcChildrensAlliance.org)

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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 ~

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  
Marion County Children's Alliance



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www.JenkinsMazda.com



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www.JenkinsKia.com



Help Me Grow® Florida promotes early identification of developmental, behavioral or educational concerns, then links children and families to community-based services and supports at no cost to parents and caregivers. Help Me Grow provides:

- Development and behavioral screenings
- Information, resources and materials
- Referrals with follow-up and care coordination
- Enrollment assistance in community programs
- Networking opportunities for families, service providers and community partners

**Who is eligible for Help Me Grow?**

Help Me Grow serves Florida families with young children, birth to age eight. To see if Help Me Grow is active in your community, visit:

[www.helpmegrowfl.org](http://www.helpmegrowfl.org) or

**Call 2-1-1**

AND ASK FOR Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow® Florida is an affiliate of the Help Me Grow National Network.

**Did You Know...**

that skills such as: standing up, scribbling, babbling, and pointing to body parts are developmental milestones?

The journey of your child's early years includes many developmental milestones for how he or she plays, learns, speaks, and acts.

Contact Tonya Cox at 352-369-2315 Ext. 225 for more information today!



**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](mailto:Ann@OcalaFoundation.org)

[www.OcalaFoundation.org](http://www.OcalaFoundation.org)



## **Good Beginnings for Children Breakfast**



**Thursday, October 17,  
2019**

**7:30 A.M.**

**The College of Central  
Florida Klein Center**



**Speaker: Senator Dennis Baxley**

**Tickets \$25** ([www.elc-marion.org](http://www.elc-marion.org))

**Sponsorships Available**

**Contact Roseann Fricks, CEO**

**[rfricks@elc-marion.org](mailto:rfricks@elc-marion.org)**



**Good Beginnings = Great Endings**

# A GREAT TRAINING FOR STAFF ~ THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER

## 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

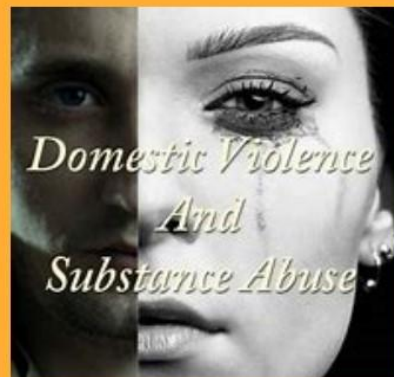
Two Workshop Tracts: Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse

### 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

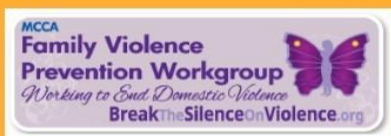
CEUs available

~ Lunch on your own ~

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

For more information, call (352) 438-5990

or go to [www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org](http://www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org)



# 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](http://BigHammockRaceSeries.com) for more info about how you can earn medals & prizes today!

Marion County  
**Children's Alliance**

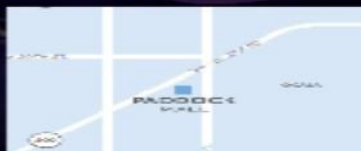
The proceeds from the race will benefit the Marion County Children's Alliance, whose mission is to improve the lives of Marion County children by providing resources which enable nonprofit organizations serving these children to operate more effectively and by providing safe, effective services of the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

To learn more, visit  
[www.mcchildrensalliance.org](http://www.mcchildrensalliance.org)

Register Online Today!

[www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com)

For more information visit  
[www.paddockmall.com](http://www.paddockmall.com)



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



**Advent Health**  
Ocala



# The Salvation Army THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS

CALL (352) 629-2004

**THE SALVATION ARMY** will be accepting applications for Thanksgiving food assistance and Christmas toys and food assistance at the following places from 9:00 am to 12:00pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm:

**OCALA:** M-F, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>-Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and M- F, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at 320 N Magnolia Ave

**DUNNELLON:** Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church at 7201 S US Hwy 41

**FOREST AREA:** Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Evangelical Lutheran Church at 1663 SE 183<sup>rd</sup> Ave Road (Corner of Levy Hammock Road and SR 40)

**BELLEVIEW:** Wed, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa's Social Services at 11528 SE US Hwy 301

**FORT MCCOY:** Thurs. Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist of Fort McCoy at 11350 E. Hwy. 316

**PLEASE NOTE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>-NO EXCEPTIONS**

**To apply you will need:**

1. Photo ID or driver's license
2. Proof of Income: Food Stamp and AFDC award letters, check stubs, Social Security, SSI award letter, pension, child support, unemployment, workman's compensation, retirement, alimony, Section 8 Public Housing letter etc.
3. Proof of Expenses: You need to be able to produce all current bills that are part of your monthly expenses.
4. Children 12 and under only: Birth Certificates, Court documents or school letter showing guardianship on each child. We **cannot** accept Social Security cards or health cards on children. Children **MUST** live with you.

You are invited to attend the

# Mother & Daughter Positivi-Tea Brunch

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

One Health Center

1714 SW 17th St., Ocala, FL 34471

Free event for young women ages 11–19 and their mothers, female mentors, guardians and role models.  
Free food, giveaways and more provided.

Featuring nationally recognized speaker and author Julie Marie Carrier. Carrier will speak on how to improve relationships through open communication (while building a teen's self-esteem).



R.S.V.P. today: visit <https://bit.ly/2kSmjw1>  
For more information, call 352-644-2714.

Food provided courtesy  
of the Family Violence  
Prevention Workgroup







# Grant Writing Tip

If you are considering applying for a federal grant, don't wait until the last minute to have these essential items ready. Get them now! You must have registered for:

•DUNS number

(Apply at <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>)

•CCR number

•AOR status

•Employer ID number

**Gerry Brent. Grants Consultant, Free consultations for 501c3 organizations.**

**Please call, text or e-mail:**

**(352) 236-0483 (mobile) or [gerrybrent@hotmail.com](mailto:gerrybrent@hotmail.com)**



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 - 352.640.3378 or Sheana Thomas - 352.789.4165
- Citrus County: Olga Monsalvo\* - 352.840.3360
- Marion: Alicia González\* - 352.789.9274 or Jammie González\* - 352.816.8585
- Tri-County: Jessica Melton- 352.816.6579
- Duval County: Earlene Geathers—352.816.9058 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



## Women of Purpose & Destiny Incorporated presents

**October 12, 2019  
3pm-5pm**



# Super Woman Awards 2019

Appleton Museum of Art  
(4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala, FL. 34470)


**For more information contact Chrissy Vickers (352) 304-3908**



the  
pearl  
project

# TBRI® CAREGIVER TRAINING

Introduction & Overview



Trust-Based Relational Intervention® is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention, designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.

Friday, October 11, 2019

Ocala Police Department Community Room  
9am-3pm \$25 Register on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
Marion County, Inc.

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.habitatocala.org/fishing-tournament)



**For more info, visit [www.habitatocala.org/events](http://www.habitatocala.org/events)**

In Support of The Centers

# PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ FUNDRAISER

A glamorous evening with live jazz, dinner, casino games and raffle prizes

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019 | 5:30 PM**

One Health Center  
1714 SE 17th St  
Ocala, FL 34471

**EARLY BIRD TICKET | \$85.00**

Includes dinner, one drink ticket, photo booth ticket and 1000 in funny money to try your luck at the casino tables.

The annual dinner party raises funds To help further The Centers' mission of providing hope and healing for both children and adults suffering from the debilitating effects of mental health and substance abuse illnesses.

**A COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER.**

**TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES.**

For more information and sponsorship opportunities please visit [thecenters.us](http://thecenters.us) and click on Events tab.

# Jorri Gill & the Notebenders!



at Spruce Creek South Community Ctr.  
9880 SE 176th Street  
Summerfield, FL

Sponsored by  
Hi Neighbor Newsletter  
Spruce Creek South

Get tickets: 352-307-0774 or  
12ticketsbytoni@gmail.com

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:**

Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Tax ID #20-5935626.  
Donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS Guidelines.


Oct. 20  
Sunday  
5PM

50-50 &  
Gift Basket  
Raffles!

Jammin'  
Country Mix  
with a kick!!

Tickets \$15  
SUGGESTED DONATION

Free parking



Stirrups  
'n  
Strides

Therapeutic Riding Center Inc.



**GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!**

(must attend at least 4 Workshops to be eligible to win on 11/23/2019)



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

**Dates: 10/17/2019 to 11/21/2019**  
(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](mailto:cvickers@elc-marion.org) or register at <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/success-by-6/parent-training-scheduling/>



# Hope needs a helping hand.



**Guardian ad Litem  
Pre-service Training**  
October 25th - 26th  
The Villages, Florida



More than 1,000 children in Marion County have experienced abuse or neglect and are waiting for someone like you to speak up for their best interests. With a Guardian ad Litem volunteer, children are more likely to adjust to change and to find a safe, permanent home. Get involved, and change a child's story.

**Help a child in foster care succeed. Volunteer.**  
For more information visit [GuardianadLitem.org](http://GuardianadLitem.org).



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Pace Center for Girls of Marion County currently has *limited, immediate enrollment opportunities* available for qualifying 6th - 12th grade girls in the Ocala area! PACE is a free, year-round social and educational program designed to help girls become successful community members by offering small class sizes, credit recovery, on-site counseling, character development, and future educational and career planning. Interested? The first step is to contact Pace for an intake assessment and tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please contact **Carolynn White** at **(352)369-0571** or [Carolynn.White@pacecenter.org](mailto:Carolynn.White@pacecenter.org)

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# SAFE KIDS MARION COUNTY



Learning summer safety and protecting ourselves from the Florida sun



Above: Marion County summer camp attendees learning bike safety

Below: Certified Car Seat Technicians at Ocala Library Headquarters for a car seat check



Swim lessons in partnership with Kids Central and Ocala Rec and Park

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids, but Safe Kids' research\* shows some scary statistics on Halloween safety.

Only **1/3 OF PARENTS** talk to their kids annually about Halloween, although 3/4 report having Halloween safety fears.

On average, **TWICE AS MANY CHILD PEDESTRIANS** are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year.

Only **18%** of parents use reflective tape on their children's Halloween costumes.

**12%** of children five years of age or younger are permitted to trick-or-treat alone.

Talk with your goblins about Halloween safety, and how simple precautions can make it a fun and safe night for kids of all ages. For additional safety tips, please visit [SafeKids.org/Halloween](http://SafeKids.org/Halloween)

Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and **CROSS STREETS WITH AN ADULT**

**ALWAYS WALK ON SIDEWALKS OR PATHS** if there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the side as possible.

Cross the street at corners, **USING TRAFFIC SIGNALS** and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

**DRIVERS SHOULD SLOW DOWN** and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

**SAFE KIDS**  
WORLDWIDE

FedEx cares.

\*Mickalide, AD, Rosenthal, KM, Donahue, MP. Halloween Safety: A National Survey of Parents' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors. Washington (DC): Safe Kids Worldwide, October 2011.





**Owls & Bats:**  
Discover the world of night flyers.

This walk & talk under the stars is for all ages!

See thousands of bats and enjoy watching rangers "call" and "talk" to the bats!

**Heritage Nature Conservancy**  
2005 NE Third St.  
Fridays,  
April 5, 7 to 9 p.m.  
May 24, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Sept. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Oct. 11, 6 to 8 p.m.

\*Wear your walking shoes. Bring water, bug spray & wear weather appropriate clothing. This event is led by your park rangers!

**OCALA**  
Recreation and Parks

**AMP**

This is a **FREE** Event! For questions, please call (352) 368-5517.



**Ages 18+ FREE!**

**OCALA**  
Recreation and Parks

**AMP**

**FIT IN THE PARK:**  
**Healthy choices**

Participants will learn about nutritional awareness including how to understand labels and ingredients, practical preparation of healthy, budget conscious meals and more!

**Thursdays**  
**Sept. 5 - Oct. 10**  
**5 to 5:30 p.m.**  
**E.D. Croskey Recreation Center**  
**1510 NW Fourth St.**

For more information, call (352) 368-5517.



**OCALA**  
Recreation and Parks

**FORT KING LECTURE SERIES**  
Fort King National Historic Landmark  
3925 E. Fort King St.

Oct. 11  
6 to 8 p.m. Free Event

The Fort King National Historic Landmark is honored to have Pulitzer Prize winning author Jack Davis come speak to us. His book, *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 2018 for the important environmental history of the Earth's 10th largest body of water. Davis will speak about his book and history of the Gulf of Mexico just to the west of us.

Call (352) 368-5533 for info. [www.FortKingOcala.com](http://www.FortKingOcala.com)



MOVIE SERIES

**After Dark IN THE Park**

**OCALA**  
Recreation and Parks

Movie titles subject to change.

**Coco**  
Friday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.  
Citizens' Circle  
160 E. Fort King St.

**PG**

Bring your lawn chairs & blankets. This is a **FREE** movie. Refreshments will be sold. For more information, please call (352) 368-5517.





## AdventHealth Ocala MALL WALKER PROGRAM

### Walker Incentives

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



THINGS  
TO DO  
OCALA

FIND A LIST OF FUN

THINGS TO DO  
OCALA

IN

EVERYDAY!

Follow us

@ThingsToDoOcala



Gain for Gold!

Save the Date  
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019  
5-9PM

held at  
GOLDEN OCALA GOLF & EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Striding Into The Future

A Charity Benefit for Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.



Ages  
**10+**  
No fee!

**OCALA**  
Celebrating  
150 YEARS TOGETHER



**FIT IN THE PARK:**  
**Zumba**

**Mondays - Thursdays**  
**5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**E.D. Croskey Recreation Center**  
**1510 NW Fourth St.**

Join our certified Zumba instructors, where we take the "work" out of workout by mixing low and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness party! We will shake and groove our way towards a healthier, happier YOU!

For more information, call (352) 368-5517.

# club soul

## for teens dealing with loss

You don't have to go it alone! Join this fun and safe "camp" for ages 13-18. Learn how to work with grief for a return to healing and wholeness. Each month is different – active, involved and interesting! Lunch is provided. Arrive at the Ocala locations 15 minutes in advance to get ready for a new adventure each month.



**October 12, 12-3 pm Iron Legion CrossFit**  
217 1st Avenue #100

**November 9, 9 am-1 pm Ropes Course**  
Brick City Adventure Park, 1211 SE 22nd Rd

**January 25, 10 am-1 pm Humane Society**  
701 NW 14th Rd

**February 22, 9 am-1 pm Archery**  
Brick City Adventure Park, 1211 SE 22nd Rd.

**March 27, 6-7:30 pm Teen Social—Pizza Party**  
The Monarch Center, 2895 SE 62nd St

**April 25, 9 am-4 pm KP Hole Kayaking**  
Brick City Adventure Park, 1211 SE 22nd Rd

The MONARCH Center  
for Hope & Healing



a program of Hospice of Marion County

To register or learn more: call the Monarch Center for Hope & Healing  
(352) 873-7456 or email Tracie Wiggins at [twiggins@hospiceofmarion.com](mailto:twiggins@hospiceofmarion.com)

## Join Us for Heart Stitches



*Heart Stitches is a series of hands-on grief activities that help heal a hurting heart... at no charge.*

The fall sessions are open to any child who has experienced the loss of a parent, sibling or significant other. Sessions are held at

**The Monarch Center | 2895 SE 62nd Street, Ocala, Florida 34480**

### Group for ages 6-8

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

### Group for ages 9 – 12

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

*If your family has children in multiple age groups, we will try to accommodate your needs. Let us know if this is the case.*

RSVP at (352) 873-7456  
by September 9, 2019

The MONARCH Center  
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## SSVF-Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Assist qualifying **veterans** and their families with:

- Rapid re-housing, for the literally homeless
  - We assist veterans with case management, budget counseling, job searching, finding housing, security deposits, utility deposits, rent, and become stable in their new home
- Prevention services, for those at imminent risk of losing their housing
  - We assist with case management, budget counseling, job searching, rental and utility arrears, and returning to a stable home environment
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# TEEN TUESDAYS

## Bereavement Support Group

Hang out with your peers and  
experience hands-on activities



Meets on Tuesdays:

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 2019

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. | Ages 13-18

- Receive help in a safe place
- Share with others who are also grieving
- Learn coping strategies
- Be inspired with new hope to live your life more fully

Refreshments served

RSVP by September 20, 2019– No charge, but space is limited.

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The City of Ocala presents the

# FORT KING HAUNTED TRAIL

SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 2019  
6 TO 10 P.M.

FORT KING NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK  
3925 EAST FORT KING ST.

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

ENJOY A GHOULISH NIGHT OF GOONS AND GOBLINS AS YOU BRAVE THE HAUNTED TRAIL. BE MET WITH FRIGHTENING SURPRISES AT EVERY TURN. THE DARKER IT GETS, THE SPOOKIER - SO BRING THE LITTLE ONES OUT EARLY. COSTUMES WELCOME. CANDY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN.

Please wear closed toe shoes as this trail winds through the woods.  
Parking is FREE and located just .4-miles east of the park.  
A complimentary shuttle service is provided.

Have no fear...

the shrieks and thrills are **FREE!**

Join us for **AFTER DARK IN THE PARK...**

We are showing *Hocus Pocus* inside the fort at 8 p.m.

This is a **FREE** movie. Refreshments available for purchase.

[www.ocalafl.org](http://www.ocalafl.org)



# MTRA's Not-so-Spooky Halloween

**FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!**

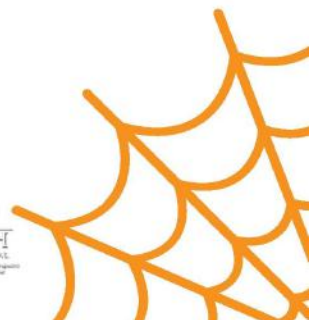
**Date:** October 31, 2019

**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM

**Location:** Marion Therapeutic Riding Association  
6850 SE 41st Ct  
Ocala, FL 34480

- 6-8 Trick-or-Treating Sensory-friendly Stations
- Horsey Halloween Costume Parade
- Games & Activities
- Live DJ

*For more details, email  
development@MTRAocala.org or call (352)  
732-7300 today!*





# Marion County Children's Alliance

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

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## October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which first began in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect battered women's advocates across the country. For many, home is a place of love, warmth and comfort, but for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. Learn how to Recognize it, Report it and Prevent it!

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and need help, go to [www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org](http://www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org) for resources and services available in Marion County. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



### ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| <b>October 9</b><br>Wednesday | Safe Kids<br>9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium                    |
| <b>October 14</b><br>Monday   | Family Violence Prevention<br>11 a.m. MCSO EOC         |
| <b>October 21</b><br>Monday   | CCASA<br>noon, Ocala Police Dept.                      |
| <b>October 3</b><br>Thursday  | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce<br>3:30 p.m. OPD Community Rm. |

All meetings are open to the public.

**Connect With Us, log on to .....**

**[Mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org](mailto: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

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| October 2<br>Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting<br>11:30 a.m. Jail Interim Building |
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### **Agency Spotlight:**

**Ashley Wheeler-Gerds**

General Manager, Paddock Mall  
Halloween Run, Candy Crawl and  
New Holiday Set Sneak Peek

### **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**

Project Specialist  
Building Better Dads