



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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You are cordially invited to



Ocala Family
Resource Center

OPEN HOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH KICK-OFF



Friday, April 3rd 2020

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ocala Family Resource Center
215 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Join us as we recognize the start of Child Abuse Prevention Month; acknowledge honorees for their work with the children we serve, and vote for our "Hands that Hold" contest winners.



KIDS CENTRAL, INC.[®]
Building Better Lives



Pinwheels for
PREVENTION[®]
Prevent Child Abuse
Florida

Nominate an Individual for the Community Service Award
Nomination form available on **Page 5**

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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Grant Writing Tip

Once you have identified possible funders who share alignment with your organization's mission and goals, you will want to gather more information to make a compelling grant request.

Some helpful things to know include: (a) Who have they funded in the past? (2) How much have been their grants? (3) What have been the projects/services funded? (4) Who is on their Board of Directors? A great tool that you can turn to is the funder's Form 990 tax return. Some funders put their Form 990 on their website. Another great resource to find this information is on Guidestar (www.guidestar.org). They will try to sell you an upgrade, but you can get lots of great information on the free version.

One more thing to consider: Funders often ask to see a copy of *your* organization's Form 990. Take the opportunity to promote yourself on this form. There is a section where you can tell a story about your programs, goals and objectives and sell yourself!

**Gerry Brent. Grants Consultant, Free consultations for 501c3 organizations.
Please call, text or e-mail: (352) 236-0483 (mobile) or gerrybrent@hotmail.com**

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US

Save the Date
An Evening of Excellence Gala

*Awarding the
Dr. Mike Jordan Award
of Excellence*

*Marion County
Children's Alliance*

**Honoring an organization
that has done outstanding things
for the children of Marion County.**

**Thursday, April 2, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Country Club of Ocala
6823 SE 12th Circle**

**Nomination forms available:
www.mchildrensalliance.org
on the Events Tab**

For more information:
(352) 438-5993 or email
executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org

**Deadline for submission is
February 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**RSVP and tickets required.
\$80 per person**



Kimberly's
Center for Child Protection

9TH ANNUAL

5K RACE

AGAINST CHILD ABUSE



Save THE Date

APRIL 25, 2020

8 AM RACE BEGINS AT MTI
1614 E. Fort King St., Ocala FL 34471

7 AM SIGN-UP
Package and T-shirt



CREATE A GROUP OR COMPANY TEAM FOR THE 5K RACE.

An award will be given to the
group with the largest participation.

TOY CHEST SERIES MEDAL

The first 400 finishers receive
a challenge medal. This is the
first medal in the new series.

\$25 per adult • \$10 for kids (under 10)

REGISTER ON KCRACE.COM

All runners and walkers registered by March 27th are guaranteed a shirt.

Each year, a new "toy" will be revealed... "Restoring Childhood Through Play"

If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation please visit kimberlycenter.org.

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~ AGENCY SPOTLIGHT ~

Marion County Public School Homeless Needy Children Program

1614 E. Fort King St. , Ocala, FL 34471

Homeless Children Liaison: Thomas Butler

Phone: (352) 671-6847

Fax: (352) 671-6867

Email: Thomas.butler@marion.k12.fl.us

Mission: To provide services for homeless and needy children and families in Marion County Public Schools

The program serves clients in the public school system and partners with a variety of community agencies including the Marion County Homeless Council and the Marion County Children's Alliance.

The MCPS Homeless Needy Children Program provides food, clothing, shoes, personal hygiene products and financial assistance i.e. rental, car repairs, electric assistance and deposits to families with children in the public school system.

The Facts about Medicine Safety and Children

Sales of prescription and over-the-counter medicine in the U.S. increased by 22% between 2010 – 2016.



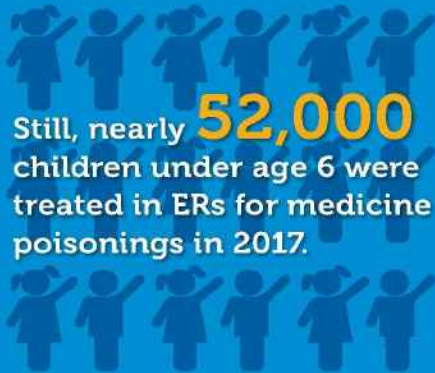
At the same time, ER visits for medicine poisoning for children under age 6 decreased by 32%.



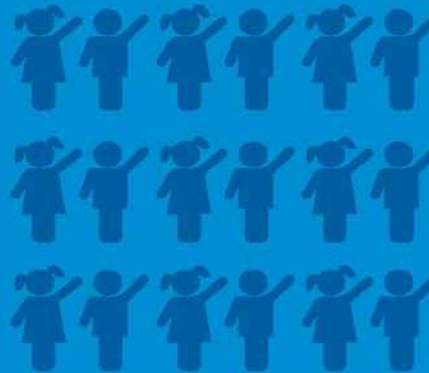
And calls to poison control centers for medicine poisonings decreased by 20%.



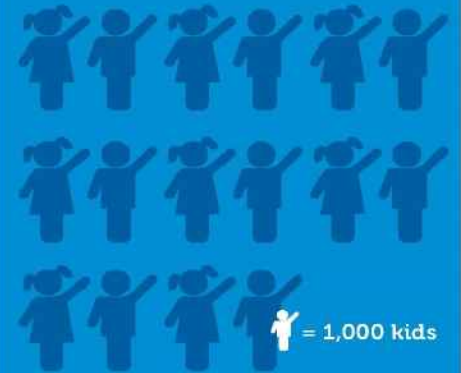
Still, nearly **52,000** children under age 6 were treated in ERs for medicine poisonings in 2017.



84% of those kids were between 1 and 3 years old.



And nearly 9,000 were hospitalized.



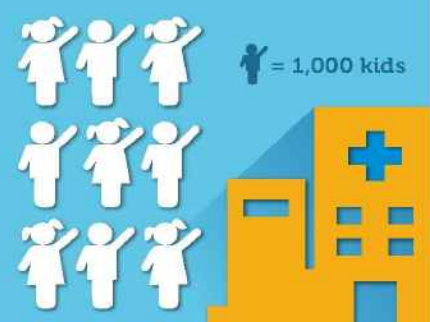
That's 1 child every 10 minutes.



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How to Keep Kids Safe Around Medicine

- Keep medicine and vitamins out of children's reach and sight, even medicine you take every day.
- Kids can surprise you at any age, so make sure to keep medicine safety on your child-proofing checklist.
- Save the Poison Help number in your phone and post it visibly at home: 1-800-222-1222.
- Share medicine safety information with family and friends.



Success By 6 Diaper Drive!

In Partnership with Publix Supermarkets

Drop-Off Locations:

All Marion County Publix Supermarkets

Diaper Drive Dates:

March 15, 2020 to March 29, 2020

Help us collect DIAPERS so that homeless & low-income families in Marion County can provide for one of their babies' most critical needs.

A child's access to clean diapers

EQUALS

Healthier Babies and a Healthier Community!

For more information contact

Success By 6 Coordinator
Chrissy Vickers
(352) 369-2315 ext. 213 or
cvickers@elc-marion.org



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Thank You For Your Support!



ELCMC

Early Learning
Coalition
of Marion County, Inc.

FREE MEALS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SUMMER PROGRAM

If your organization is planning anything for children 18 and under this summer, we can help you enhance your program by offering them free meals at no expense to you. We have enlarged our capacity to serve hot and delicious meals and would like to partner with you in making sure no child in Marion County goes hungry this summer.

Call Shelley Smith at Shores Assembly at **(352) 687-0190** or e-mail us at **shoresag@hotmail.com**.

**WE HAVE
MOVED!**

Marion County Homeless Council is now located at

2300 SW 17th Rd., Ocala, Florida 34471

(inside the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County)

Contact us at (352) 732-1369

EARLY HEAD START
Episcopal Children's Services



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 County:
Patricia Wiggins - 352.840.3378 or
Shauna Thomas - 352.789.4165
- Citrus County:
Olga Monsalve* - 352.840.3360
- Marion County:
Alicia González* - 352.789.9274 or
Jammie González* - 352.812.4449
- Levy County:
Jessica Melton - 352.816.8579
- Dixie and Gilchrist County:
Earlene Geathers—352.816.8058 or
Toni (TJ) Arlington—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 develop-
ment and early learning

— EPISCOPAL —
**Children's
Services**

BELIEVE. ACHIEVE. SOAR.

**Volunteers
of America®**
FLORIDA

Need Assistance? We can HELP!!!

NO COST



- Adult Substance Abuse Aftercare Services
- Help dealing with barriers
- Identifying coping skills
- Individual or group therapy
- Assist in developing recovery skills

Dolly Rodriguez, Program Manager
111 NE 12th Ave, Ocala, FL 34470
Off 352-562-7872

Helping America's Most Vulnerable
CFC #38737



**GUARDIAN
AD LITEM**
FOR CHILDREN



Hope needs a helping hand

The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program advocates for children who have experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment and find themselves in State Child Protective Services. Through our heartfelt child advocacy, we help these children reach a safe and permanent place that they can call home.

Upcoming Events

Information Session

March 11, 2020
Guardian ad Litem Office
34 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL

Guardian ad Litem Pre-service Training

April 17th & 18th
Ocala, FL.

For more information visit GuardianadLitem.org or call 352-817-1546

FREE Resources for Nonprofits



-  Finance and Accounting Counseling
-  Grant Services
-  Strategic Planning for Nonprofits
-  Communications & Public Relations Counseling (Coming March 2020)

Contact Us to Learn More.

NONPROFIT
RESOURCE CENTER

A Program Of The COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Marion County
324 SE 24th Street, Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 622-5020
www.OcalaFoundation.org

MARCH 16th - 20th CLUBS are OPEN!

7:30am - 5:30pm
\$10/day or \$40/week

Spring Break



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MARION COUNTY

Scholarships Available

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

HAVANA

Nights

—KIDS CENTRAL CASINO NIGHT—

MARCH 27 • 2020



HILTON OCALA • 7PM

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of cool casino action benefiting abused and neglected children in our community! Tickets are regularly priced \$75. Get a spectacular discount rate of Two tickets for \$125.

Please contact Shawanna Felton at 352.387.3411 to learn more about the event, or become a sponsor.

- Featuring Craps, Blackjack Roulette, a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, and Slot-Style Games!
- Use your winnings to bid on fabulous prizes!
- Hors d'oeuvres will be served.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

KIDS CENTRAL, INC.®
Building Better Lives

Kids Central, Inc. is the nonprofit lead agency selected by the State of Florida to coordinate child welfare services in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties. The proceeds of this event will benefit Kids Central, Inc.

HAVANA

Nights

—KIDS CENTRAL CASINO NIGHT—

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PROCEEDS
BENEFIT:



KIDS CENTRAL, INC.[®]
Building Better Lives

EL PRESIDENTE

PRESENTING SPONSOR | **\$7,500**

- Industry-exclusivity
- Naming rights on private VIP "High-Rollers" Poker Room
- Top billing throughout the event, including all promotional materials and press coverage
- Sponsor of signature event space (photo booth, bar area, etc.)
- Sponsorship and advertising on three casino tables, including the ability to dress dealers in your company's shirt
- Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report, Newsletters, Kids Central website, and customized social media post
- Company logo on "ticket" being mailed to each attendee
- Ad in local publication as a "thank you" to our sponsors
- Opportunity to give a company promo item to each guest
- Full-page ad in the event program
- Ten event tickets
- VIP Lounge Access

HAVANA CLUB

PLATINUM SPONSOR | **\$5,000**

- Industry-exclusivity
- Top billing throughout the event, including all promotional materials and press coverage
- Sponsorship and advertising on two casino tables, including the ability to dress dealers in your company's shirt
- Sponsor of a signature event space (photo booth, bar area, etc.)
- Full-page ad in the event program
- Ad in local publication as a "thank you" to our sponsors
- Company logo on "ticket" being mailed to each attendee
- Eight event tickets
- Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report, Newsletters, Kids Central website, and customized social media post
- Opportunity to give a company promo item to each guest

CUDA LIBRE

GOLD SPONSOR | **\$3,500**

- Prominent display of company logo on promotional materials and press coverage after event
- Sponsorship and advertising on two casino tables, including the ability to dress dealers in your company's shirt
- Sponsor of signature event space (photo booth, bar area, etc.)
- Half-page ad in the event program
- Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report, Newsletters, Kids Central website, and customized social media post
- Six event tickets
- Ad in local publication as a "thank you" to our sponsors
- Company logo on ticket being mailed to each attendee

LA CABANA

SILVER SPONSOR | **\$1,920**

- Sponsorship and advertising on one casino table, including the ability to dress dealers in your company's shirt
- Company recognition on promotional materials and advertising
- Half-page ad in the event program
- Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report and on the Kids Central website
- Four event tickets

COHIBA

BRONZE SPONSOR | **\$750**

- Company recognition on promotional materials and website
- Two event tickets
- Quarter-page ad in the event program
- Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report and Kids Central website

**CUSTOM OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE**

ARE YOU HIP TO HELP?

Contact Shawanna Felton at Communications@KidsCentralinc.org, call **352.387-3411** or visit KidsCentralinc.org

NEW PROGRAM BEING OFFERED IN DUNNELLON

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America Chapter in Dunnellon, 20077 SW 110th St, Dunnellon, FL, 34432, will be offering the SNAP[®] or Stop Now And Plan program beginning February 12, 2020! SNAP[®] is based on use of cognitive-behavioral-therapy, role-play, games and discussions, to guide boys and girls 6 to 11 years old, toward recognizing their triggers, developing acceptable social and ethical behaviors, and understanding the value of accountability. SNAP[®] youth practice problem solving and learn how to make good choices that keep their problems small. The program is free.

SNAP[®] groups are led by trained facilitators and include services for parents. The SNAP[®] program consists of thirteen 90 minute sessions that run once a week (in the evenings) and require parent participation. Parents take part in concurrent groups and become acquainted with the strategies their children are learning to better help them with practicing the new behaviors at home and school. Parents also receive support to enhance parenting, communications and self-care skills. SNAP[®] programs provide dinner and sibling care and some transportation support. Call (352) 622-6135 to request a referral for participation in SNAP[®], or email www.snap@arnettehouse.org.

The SNAP[®] community program in Dunnellon, starting on February 12, at 6PM, will be offered through partnership between the Arnette House of Ocala, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Dunnellon Chapter and through the generous support of Hometown Auto Mart, Inc., "Your Hometown Choice for Pre-Owned Vehicles."

The Arnette House of Ocala provides therapeutic emergency youth shelter services, family counseling, foster care group homes and in-house and school-based youth counseling programs. For more information on services and or referral contact: www.arnettehouse.org or call (352) 622-6135.

Pinwheels For Prevention

Prevent Child Abuse Florida



Open to Vendors & Sponsors



April 4, 2020

11am-2pm

Citizen's Circle

(SE Osceola Ave, Ocala, FL 34471)

Splash Pad
Balloon Art
Face Painting
Pinwheels Ceremony
Truck Tour
Live Entertainment
Games
Family Activities
Food Trucks
and much more!!!

**For more Information please contact Success By 6 Coordinator
Chrissy Vickers (352) 369-2315 ext. 213 or cvickers@elc-marion.org**



Believing In Me Gala

Pace Center for Girls – Marion



Volunteers and donations needed!

Volunteers: Set-up & Breakdown, Chaperones, Music, Photography

Donations Needed: Dresses, Shoes, Makeup, Accessories, Food, Drinks, Decorations

Contact: Kimberly Vollmer Smith

Email: Kimberly.Vollmer@pacecenter.org,

(352) 369-0571 Ext: 3022



Pace Center for Girls, Inc is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, with tax ID number 59-2414492. Pace Center for Girls, Inc. is registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to solicit contributions (reg. no. CH-432). 100% of this contribution is retained by Pace Center for Girls, Inc. A Copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling toll-free 800-435-7352 with the state or by visiting. www.800helpfla.com. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.

BEGINNERS




VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

E.D. Croskey Recreation Center
1510 NW Fourth St.

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS
MARCH 30 - APRIL 17, 2020
6:30 - 7:15 P.M.

Get your child involved with this growing sport that will teach teamwork while having fun! Participants will learn the proper techniques of hitting, serving, blocking and passing the ball. Participants should wear tennis shoes, shorts, t-shirts and knee pads.

Registration is open Feb. 1 through April 1, 2020. Fee is \$25/participant. To register, visit www.ocalafl.org/recpark or call 352-629-8389.




Books, Balls, & Blocks!

Tuesday, March 17
1PM - 4PM

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County
2300 SW 17th Rd, Ocala, FL 34471

Join the Early Learning Coalition and Help Me Grow for this **FREE** event!
Activities include:

- Children's games and activity stations
- Developmental Screening
- Drawings for great educational toys
- Info on local children's programs and services
- Free Children's Book for every child!

2020

BOURBON

In The Barn

March 28, 2020
6:00 p.m. at CF Vintage Farm
4020 SE 3rd Ave, Ocala, FL 34480



Benefiting Boys & Girls Club of Marion County


Live Music & Dinner
Silent & Live Auction
Casual Attire

Designed by 

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED


VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

E.D. Croskey Recreation Center
1510 NW Fourth St.



MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
MARCH 30 - APRIL 17, 2020
7:15 - 8:15 P.M.

In this clinic, players will be able to refresh and improve existing skills including hitting, serving, blocking and passing techniques. Participants should wear tennis shoes, shorts, t-shirts and knee pads. Registration is open Feb. 1 through April 1, 2020. Fee is \$25/participant. To register, visit www.ocalafl.org/recpark or call 352-629-8389.





GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!

(must attend at least 4 Workshops to be eligible to win on 4/28/2020)



Parent Educational Workshops

Tuesdays (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Forest Public Library

905 S. Hwy 314 A
Ocklawaha, FL. 32179

Dates: 3/24/2020 to 4/28/2020

(every Tuesday)

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/>



Program Sponsored by WellCare Health Plans





RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

North Central Florida

Recovery Symposium

Share in the message “Recovery is a reality for over 23 million Americans!” Celebrate all the manypathways to recovery. Recovery is everywhere! Become informed on building stronger cultures of recovery in our communities. Experience how the new recovery movement advances personal recovery. Act to help reduce stigma and remove barriers to those in need of recovery. Join the faces and voices of recovery so everyone gains the resources to recover!

What to expect:

- Leaders from other Recovery Community Organizations.
- Discussion of the dramatic increase in the use of Peer Recovery Specialists.
- Speakers from multiple paths of recovery sharing their recovery journey.
- Breakout sessions on the effectiveness of our local recovery services.
- Vendors and door prizes including a Grand Prize drawing!
- Morning coffee, lunch and child care provided.
- Many opportunities to get involved.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020

Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Location:

Kingdom Revival Church

3318 E. Silver Springs Boulevard

Ocala, FL 34470

REGISTER HERE!

<https://tinyurl.com/spczgf4>

Contact Info:

Nancy Castillo

nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org | 352-438-5992

Ginny LaRue

ginny@floridabha.org | phone: 386-868-8459





North Central Florida Recovery Symposium

Vendor Resource Fair Form

The North Central Florida Recovery Symposium will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2020, between 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Kingdom Revival Church located at 3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd.; Ocala, FL 34470. This event will showcase multiple pathways to recovery to increase awareness of supports available while fostering inclusion by providing opportunities for individuals to create long lasting connections within the community.

This will be a great opportunity to bring awareness to the services your organization provides. The Recovery Symposium is asking interested non-profits and for-profit organizations to contribute sign up for a vendor booth, provide two volunteers and a door prize and/or gift basket valued at \$25 to cover the symposium fee. Space is limited and tables will be provided on a first come, first served basis. One table and two chairs will be provided for registered vendors.

Organization: _____

Contact Name/s: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

2 Volunteers

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Gift card or basket for door prizes worth \$25.00

Please send the attached form to participate in the Vendor Resource Fair to Nancy Castillo at the following e-mail address: nancy@mchildrensalliance.org or call (352) 438-5992. She will send your information to the volunteer coordinators and gifting table coordinator. They will be contacting you in regard to your contribution.

For additional information please contact Ginny LaRue at (386) 868-8459 or e-mail address: glarue@fadaa.org

COLLEGE of CENTRAL FLORIDA FOUNDATION

invites you to




Harvesting Hope
and Transforming Lives.

Saturday, March 7, 2020 | 6:30-9 p.m.

College of Central Florida
Vintage Farm Campus
4020 S.E. Third Ave., Ocala

Country Chic attire • \$125 per person • \$200 per couple



Call 352-873-5808 or visit
NightAtTheFarm.org to purchase tickets.



FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Our Goal is to support the needs of families

Economical Self-Sufficiency

Links to Community Resources and Programs

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT OUTREACH

SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- Individualized Family Success Plan
- Support to obtain basic needs: *Housing, Rent, Food, Clothing, Utilities, Transportation, etc.,*
- Support to obtain Medical, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
- Educational opportunities
- Identifying special needs
- Supportive Counseling
- Career/Job Assistance
- Court Diversion Program

To be eligible to participate you must live in the 34472- zip code, a victim of domestic violence or homeless



Specialized case management services provided by ELCMC

Social Services Liaison

Deborah Dennard

THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY

2300 SW 17th Road

Ocala, FL 34474

(352) 369-2315 EXT. 230

WWW.ELC-MARION.ORG

Mon-Thurs 7:30am- 5:00pm

By Appointment

REGISTER NOW: FREE LUNCH-N-LEARN



Topic: Circle Up: A Simple Solution for Fostering Connection.

We know mental health issues are on the rise, especially among young adults. How can we reverse the trend and find ways to foster stronger social connections in our families, schools, workplaces, and communities?

One solution is as simple as coming together in Circle. People have gathered in Circles for millennia to communicate, collaborate, discover commonalities, resolve conflict, celebrate and more. In this presentation, we will discuss innovative applications of this ancient practice and learn how Circles can be used to invite greater connection, build community, enhance resilience, facilitate healing and even restore relationships.

Presented by: *Cindy Grimes, Spiritual Director at the Center for Spiritual Living in Ocala; Director of Programs at River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding and a Founding Director with Circle Up Center for Practical Peacebuilding.*

Thursday, March 19, 2020 — noon to 1 p.m.
St. Leo's University, Ocala Center,
1930 SW 38th Ave., Ocala FL 34474
(in Signature Brands building)

Register at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/circle-up-a-simple-solution-for-fostering-connection-tickets-92385797407>

SAVE THE DATE!

Juneteenth Emancipation Celebration: Empowering Freedom Forward



Juneteenth Celebration 2020
Saturday, June 20 – Friday, June 26

Kick Off Event:

Gospel Brunch, Saturday, June 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Food, Music, Leroy Chandler Exhibit, Black History Museum Tour, Spoken Word, Essay/Art Contests, Classes, Mary McCloud Bethune Presentation, Panel Discussion, Church Program, Vendors, Prizes, and Much More....

For event details and sponsorship information
Contact: Barbara J. Brooks, Ph.D., President
R.A.M.A.L. Educational and Social Services, Inc.
(352) 876-4237
www.ramalservices.org



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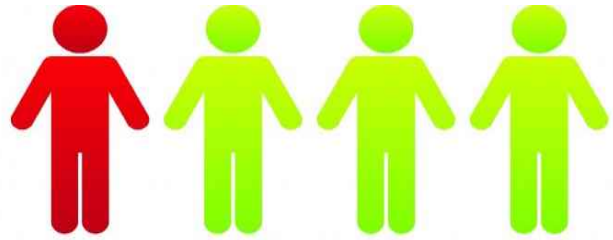
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3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

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

E-mail: mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

March is Mental Health Awareness Month.



One in four people has a **mental illness**.
You can be the **one** that helps.

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| March 9
Monday | Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m. MCSO EOC |
| March 11
Wednesday | Safe Kids
9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium |
| March 16
Monday | CCASA
noon, Ocala Police Dept. |
| March 5
Thursday | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m. OPD Community Rm. |
| March 24
Tuesday | SEN
1 p.m. OPD Community Room |

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UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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| March 4
Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m. Jail Interim Building |
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Agency Spotlight:

Keith Carson

I Believe in Santa

Guest Speaker:

April Savarese, CEO

Boys and Girls Club
of Marion County