

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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Save the Date An Evening of Excellence Gala

Awarding the

Dr. Mike Jordan Award of Excellence

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

Nomination forms available:

www.mcchildrensalliance.org

on the Events Tab

Deadline for submission is

February 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Marion County Children's Alliance

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

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

RSVP and tickets required. \$80 per person

Nomination form on Page 5

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

"To improve the lives of Marion County Children"

~ Partners in Excellence ~

Barrett, Liner & Company; Brooklyn's Backyard; City of Ocala, Community
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Radiology Associates of Ocala; Renasant Bank; Signature Brands;
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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



February 20, 2020 - 6-8 p.m.

Registration and resource fair starts at 5 p.m.
College of Central Florida Ewers Century Center
3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala

The Black Male Enrichment Conference provides black male students and their parents with an exclusive opportunity to:

- Hear the success stories and guidance of black males in our community
- Discuss issues relevant to black males in the community
- Access community programs to assist young men in their growth from now to college.

College of Central Florida does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, pregnancy, age, marital status, national origin, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status or disability status in its programs, activities and employment. For inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies contact Equity Officer, Ocala Campus, Ewers Century Center, Room 306A, 3001 S.W. College Road, 352-854-2322, ext. 1437, or smithc@cf.edu.

For 7th-11th grade black males and parents. Giveaways, dinner and refreshments provided.

For more information or to sign up, visit CF.edu/DaretoDream



Dr. Mike Jordan Award of Excellence Nomination Form

This award will be awarded annually to a Marion County Organization that is doing outstanding work for and with the children of Marion County.

Nominator Name:
Nominator Email:
Nominator Phone #:
Organization to be nominated:
Organization Address:
Executive Director / CEO:
Year Established:
Organization Mission:

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe why this organization should receive the Dr. Mike Jordan Award of Excellence. Information must not exceed one page.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS BY 5:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 27, 2020.

EMAIL TO: executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org

OR MAIL TO: Marion County Children's Alliance

PO Box 3862

Ocala, FL 34478

OR DROP OFF AT: 3482 NW 10th St

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, April 2, 2020 – Country Club of Ocala Evening of Excellence Gala Award Presentation





Books, Balls, 82 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!





- · Be a current High-school Senior with A College Acceptance Letter to Bethune Cookman University or Florida A&M University
- · Must purchase an admission Ticket to the 2020 Gospel Challenge (must attend)
- · Write an Essay (at least 5 paragraphs) including an introduction of yourself and why you believe you should earn the scholarship.

BEGINS: JANUARY 6th 2020 DEADLINE: MARCH 6th 2020

AND PRESENTED AWARD

MTI AUDITORIUM 1614 SE FORT KING ST OCALA, FL 34471

FOR INFORMATION CALL 352 361 9863

ESSAY SUBMISSION

WINNER: WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 28th 2020 at the 2020 GOSPEL CHALLENGE



Grant Writing Tip

Searching for a funding opportunity? Keep these things in mind when reviewing the Request for Proposals:

- Do they require your organization to be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization? Are you?
- How long has your organization been in existence? Most funders look for at least three years of experience along with a track record, unless they state they fund start-ups.
- Does the grant require a match? Is it cash or can it be in-kind? Can you meet the match requirement?
- Does the funder's focus correlate with your organization's mission?
- What are the reporting requirements? Do you have the resources to handle them?

These are just a few of the considerations when searching for a grant funding opportunity. The last thing you want is to go to all the work of submitting a grant only to find out it was not a fit for your organization.

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

Please call, text or e-mail:

(352) 236-0483 (mobile) or gerrybrent@hotmail.com



Our 1st **Health Fair**

With us the: Department of Health of Marion County

Day: Saturday February 22,2020

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

totally free

We will have: GRATUITOUS

- Refreshments
- Painted faces for children
 - Hepatitis A vaccines
 - Health resources
 - ★ Army Recruiter
- Dental hygiene education
- Insurance / Finance Agent and notary
- Children's alliance with:
- domestic violence prevention
- and of alcohol and drug substances
 - Free clothes

24798 SE Hwy 42 Umatilla FL 32784 For more information contact: Edwin v Maribel Torres 352-233-9864

KID FITNESS

E.D. CROSKEY RECREATION CENTER 1510 NW FOURTH ST.



MONDAYS JAN. 6 - MARCH 3, 2020 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.



Being active is very important! Our free kid fitness program is perfect for kids ages 6 to 12 who need encouragement to create exercise habits in their daily lives.

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

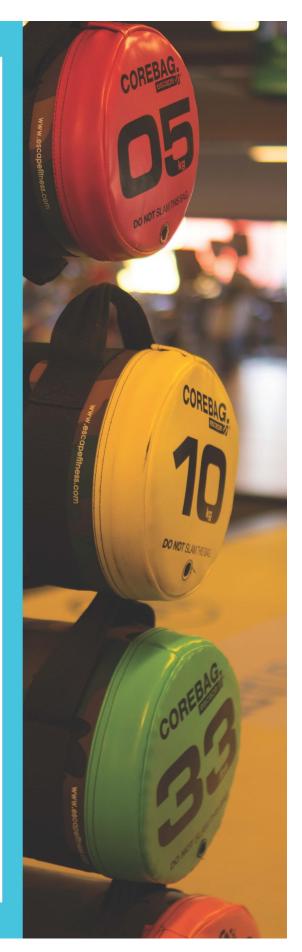
- HOW TO BUILD & TONE MUSCLE
- IMPROVE HAND-EYE COORDINATION
- BALANCE & MOVEMENT
- CARDIOVASCULAR-RESPIRATORY ENDURANCE
- FLEXIBILITY & AGILITY

Registration is open now through March 2, 2020. Register at www.ocalafl.org/recpark or call 352-368-5540.



OCALA

Recreation and Parks





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) 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



BELIEVE. ACHIEVE. SOAR.

Why RENT when you can OWN?

Spread The Word

 Share this opportunity with someone you know who may be interested

Contact us

 Contact Heather Thrall at 352-351-4663 or visit habitat ocala.org/homeownership for more information





habitatocala.org

Habitat Homeownership

Homeownership opportunities are available.

Habitat for Humanity Marion County, Inc may be able to help you get the keys to your new home.



If you are willing to be part of our "Hand up" NOT
"Hand out" program, we may be able to make
homeownership a possibility.



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:	
☐ Gift card or basket for door prizes we	orth \$25.00

Please send the attached form to participate in the Vendor Resource Fair to Nancy Castillo at the following e-mail address: nancy@mcchildrensalliance.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



FREE CERTIFICATION

February 20, 2020 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Ocala Police Department Community Room 402 S. Pine Ave.; Ocala, FL 34471

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack — even if you have no clinical training — Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health related crisis. In the Mental Health First Aid course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

Taught by two certified instructors, Mental Health First Aid (Adult) teaches about **recovery** and **resiliency** – the belief that individuals experiencing these challenges can and do get better and use their strengths to stay well.

What	You Learn:
O	Signs of addictions and mental illnesses
(Impact of mental and substance use disorders
O	5-step action plan to assess a situation and help
O	Local resources and where to turn for help

Learn how to apply the Mental Health First Aid action plan in a variety of situations, including when someone is experiencing panic attacks, suicidal behaviors, acute psychosis or reaction to trauma. The opportunity to practice – through role plays, scenarios, and activities – makes it easier to apply these skills in a real-life situation.

Registration Deadline: February 17, 2020

Register online at Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-mental-health-first-aid-tickets-90320219207

For more information, contact Nancy Castillo at 352-438-5992 at Marion County Children's Alliance 3482 NW 10th St.; Ocala, Fl. 34475; nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org; fax 352-438-5994.

Believing In Me Gala

Pace Center for Girls – Marion



Volunteers and donations needed!

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

<u>Donations Needed:</u> Dresses, Shoes, Makeup, Accessories, Food, Drinks, Decorations

Contact: Kimberly Vollmer Smith

Email: <u>Kimberly.Vollmer@pacecenter.org</u>,

(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.



Upcoming Events



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

Back for our 4th sweetest race ever! A deliciously sweet addition to the Annual Strawberry Festival. A 5K that winds through beautiful Ocala neighborhoods.

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!

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.

Visit www.habitatocala.org/fishing-tournament

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For more info, visit habitatocala.org/events

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

R.A.M.A.L. Educational and Social Services, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

To date, at least 73 infant deaths have resulted from the use of inclined sleepers.

infants to rollover
when placed in
inclined sleepers
than on a flat
surface. Once they
rollover, an infant's
oxygen level
decreases and they
have to work
harder to breath,
eventually leading



Even if an infant does not rollover, their neck can slump and block their airway.

A flat surface should not exceed 10 degrees.



Inclined sleepers have been recalled. Consumers should stop the use of these products immediately.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MEGAN RODRIGUEZ 352-644-2751

STILL TIME TO GIVE YOUR INPUT!





In February 2020, the Racial Harmony and Cultural Awareness Task Force will hold the second annual gathering of community members called REACH Across the Table. At the event, participants will be asked to explore the community's concerns and input related to RESPECT and ONE COMMUNITY. The input received from this event will be used by the Task Force to update their community action plan.

In order to prepare for conversations at the February REACH Across the Table event, the Task Force is asking the community to answer a few questions related to how RESPECT impacts our ability to come together as ONE COMMUNITY. Your response is completely anonymous. Would you please take the brief survey to help us in this regard?

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/REACHacrossthetable

Kathy Crile CPRP Recreation and Parks Director 828 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34470 (352) 368-5517

Website: www.ocalafl.org/recpark/http://www.ocalafl.org/recpark/



NEED HELP OBTAINING OR APPLYING FOR A GRANT?



Grant me the ability to write a grant!

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Time: 1 pm to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Master the Possibilities Education

Center, Studio 10

Fee: Member: \$27; Non-Member: \$32

Instructor: Gerry Brent, MBA, Certified Grant Writer

What: This class is for small established non-profit organizations and clubs as recognized by IRS regulations seeking funding for programs.

Who should attend: People responsible for obtaining funding to fund or develop social programs such as for Military Veterans, People with Special Needs, Assistance for the Elderly, Low-Income populations, etc.

What you will learn:

- What is a grant?
- How to search for grant funding opportunities.
- · What are funders looking for?
- How to determine eligibility for a funding opportunity.
- How to determine if your organization has the resources to handle grant funding requirements.
- How to fill out the application?
- How to determine how much your program needs and how to develop a budget within funding guidelines.
- How to increase your chances of successfully intending grant funding?



Register 24/7 online at www.masterthepossibilities.org or call (352) 861-9751

NAMI OF MARION COUNTY OFFERS TWO NEW SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

FAMILY-to-FAMILY starting Feb 5, for 8 weeks, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session education program for family, friends and significant others of adults with mental health conditions. NAMI Family-to-Family provides information about anxiety, depressive disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other mental health conditions.

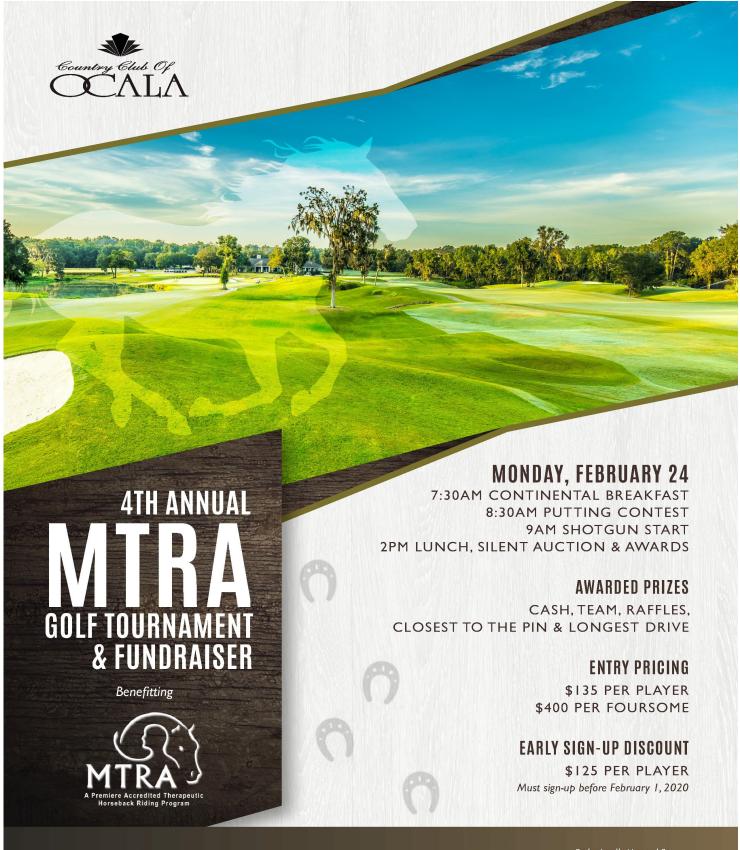
Other topics covered include communication, problem solving, treatment and recovery. The course is designed to increase understanding and advocacy skills while helping participants maintain their own well-being. The program is taught by trained family members who have a loved one with a mental health condition.

PEER-TO-PEER starting February 5, for 8 weeks, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free, 8-session recovery course for adults (18+) with a mental health condition. It offers information, skills, resources and a community of support. Participants learn in an environment of respect, understanding, encouragement and hope. Those interested in attending must register. No formal diagnosis is required.

The course is Free and confidential and held weekly for two hours. The course is taught by trained program leaders, and a great resource for information on mental health and recovery.

For more information or to register for a class please call the NAMI Warmline, 352-368-2405, leave your name and number and we'll get back to you, or email **ExecutiveDirector@NAMIOcala.org.**



TO REGISTER, VISIT WWW.MTRAOCALA.ORG OR CALL 352.732.7300 www.countryclubofocala.com | 352.237.6644 | 6823 SE 12th Circle | Ocala, FL 34480

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www.hampton.golf

4th Annual MTRA Golf Tournament and Fundraiser February 24, 2020



6820 SE 12th Circle, Ocala, FL

7:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30 Putting Contest

9:00 Shotgun

2:00 Deli lunch, Silent

Auction & Awards

To register go to www.mtraocala.org or call 352-732-7300

Entry Fee:

\$135/player \$400

foursome

Early signup \$125 before

2/1/2020

Prizes include: Cash

prizes, Team prizes,

closest to the pin, Longest

drive, Raffles

All proceeds benefit





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E-mail: mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND AWARENESS MONTH

HOULDN'T HURS

-Recognize the problem before it gets out of control.

-Report the abuse to a parent or adult.

-Prevent abuse in teen dating by watching out for the warning signs.

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

February 10 Family Violence Prevention

Monday 11 a.m. MCSO EOC

February 12 Safe Kids

Wednesday 9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium

February 17 CCASA

No Meeting noon, Ocala Police Dept.

February 6 Heroin/Opioid Taskforce

Thursday 3:30 p.m. OPD Community Rm.

February 25 SEN

Wednesday 1 p.m. OPD Community Room

Connect With Us, log on to

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

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

February 5 Alliance Monthly Meeting Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Jail Interim Building



Agency Spotlight:

Jenny O'Donnell

Americorp

Guest Speaker: Truman Magley

Boy Scouts of America