



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGAINST
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (CCASA) PRESENTS**

ADDRESSING ACES

*Learn about Adverse Childhood Experiences
Presented by Dr. Candace Jones*

July 20 • Monday • 12 PM to 1 PM

Join Us for a Virtual Zoom

Presentation and Q&A Session

Join Us at this Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88309701055>

During this special CCASA meeting, Dr. Jones will raise awareness of childhood trauma and the impact it has on overall health and well-being. The presentation will explore the mechanisms by which adversity potentially harms the developing brains and bodies of children and the lasting effects into adulthood. It highlights ways to prevent ACEs and the current recommendations for screening. This presentation also stresses the importance of healing trauma, building resilience and developing trauma informed practices.



For More Information, email
hilary@mcchildrensalliance.org

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 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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www.JenkinsMazda.com



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www.JenkinsKia.com

CENTERSTATE BANK SPONSORING FOOD DRIVE

Collect and bag nonperishable food items and drop off during business hours on the front porch of CenterState Bank locations through July 24.



**Feeding the
Community**

Items Needed:

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Applesauce | Canned Pasta Meals |
| Oatmeal | Canned Corn or Green Beans |
| Mac and Cheese | Fruit Snacks (w/Vitamin C) |
| Pop Tarts | Vienna Sausages |
| Ramen Noodles | Canned Tuna or Chicken |
| Crackers | Peanut Butter |
| Pudding Cups | Jelly |

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFERING FREE COVID-19 TESTING

The health department is offering free COVID-19 testing by appointment. Call **(352) 644-2590** to schedule an appointment with the department. You do not need to be experiencing symptoms to be tested.

Testing is also available at many other local medical providers, including urgent care facilities; call before visiting a facility if you would like to be tested for COVID-19.

The department recommends individuals wear cloth face masks when out in public and unable to practice social distancing. To wear one properly, make sure that you:

1. Wash or sanitize your hands before putting it on.
2. Ensure it covers your nose and mouth and is snug against the sides of your face.
3. Avoid touching your mask in public.
4. Wash your mask after every use.

Masks should be washed with regular detergent and at the warmest temperature that won't damage the fabric. To dry, use the highest heat that won't damage the fabric and dry completely. Or, air dry (in the sun is best).

For more information

Visit DOH-Marion online at Marion.FloridaHealth.gov and follow the agency on Twitter (**@FLHealthMarion**) for the latest on COVID-19 in Marion. For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Florida, visit floridahealthcovid19.gov. For general questions about COVID-19, call the state hotline **(866) 779-6121**, local hotline

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE POLLS? VOTE BY MAIL

No long lines or crowds. It's convenient and secure.

Request your Mail Ballot Today:



www.VoteMarion.Gov/mbrs

VoteByMail@VoteMarion.Gov

(352) 620-3290



Primary Election: August 18 ~ **Request Deadline:** August 8 by 5 p.m.

General Election: November 3 ~ **Request Deadline:** October 24 by 5 p.m.

Para asistencia en español, comuníquese al **(866) 479-3290**

WE'RE COMING BACK: CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE MONTHLY MEETING

Please Note: We do not meet in July.

Join Us!

for the next Alliance Meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.
at the MCSO Jail Interim Building



To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please call the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **(866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day.** Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.gov.**

Fentanyl, A National Crisis Update

Where We Are Today!

Guest Speaker: Director Dan Zsido

NADDI Training & Education

National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators



The deadly drug trend of fentanyl analogs and synthetic substances impacting our communities with substance abuse and tragic overdose deaths.

EVENT WAS MOVED TO ZOOM VIRTUAL PLATFORM

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98762430740?pwd=cnFkL2xxV3NNSmdPcTBmUW5PSnRXQT09>





2020 Ocala American Values Dinner

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
2232 NE Jacksonville Rd, Ocala, FL 34470
6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program
Register online at: www.nfscouting.org/AVD

Be our guest at the annual American Values Dinner to benefit the Boy Scouts of America. Funds raised at this event will help make the Scouting program available to young people throughout Marion County. Scouting continues to thrive due to friends like you who provide the funds to support our mission, "to instill values in young people."

Sponsorship Opportunities

All Sponsors receive the following:

- ▶ Company listed at the level of Sponsorship chosen on all materials
- ▶ Table Top Sign with your company logo
- ▶ Company logo featured during the stage program
- ▶ A positive community tie-in with the Boy Scouts of America

I am pleased to be a **GOLD Level Sponsor for \$2,500.** Supports 7 Scouts for One Year

This sponsorship includes:

- ▶ Logo on Banner ▶ Full page ad in evening program ▶ Seating for up to 16 people

I am pleased to be a **SILVER Level Sponsor for \$1,250.** Supports 3 Scouts for One Year

This sponsorship includes:

- ▶ Logo on Banner ▶ Half-page ad in evening program ▶ Seating for up to 8 people

I am pleased to be a **BRONZE Level Sponsor for \$700.** Supports 2 Scouts for One Year

This sponsorship includes:

- ▶ Logo in evening program ▶ Seating for up to 4 people



2020 Honoree
Beth McCall



Dinner Chair
Michael Warren

Personal Gift Options

I am pleased to provide a pledge of personal support:

\$175 Support 1 Scout for 6 Months \$350 Support 1 Scout for One Year \$700 Support 2 Scouts for One Year Other \$

I plan to attend the American Values Dinner on August 11th. *Guest Names:*

I am unable to attend, but please count on my support as indicated above.

Pledge/Payment Information

Register online at: www.nfscouting.org/ovd or mail this form to Boy Scouts of America (Ocala-AVD), PO Box 6407, Ocala, FL 34478.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send me an invoice immediately.

Check enclosed (*Payable to North Florida Council, BSA*)

Please charge my:

Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Account #: _____

Exp: _____ 3-Digit CW: _____

Signature: _____

For more information, contact Joseph Orr, 352-262-3281 or email joseph.orr@scouting.org.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA[®]
NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL



COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES of MID-FLORIDA

In observance with the recommended social distancing safety protocol, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida workforce will be working remotely to protect the public and our employees from the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

During this time, we will continue to do our best to provide you with the same level of services under normal business operations. While our offices are closed to the public our legal HELpline will remain open and will continue to be our centralized point of intake, providing eligible clients with immediate brief legal services and/or referrals.

For civil legal issues, please call our HELpline at **1-800-405- 1417** or visit our website at <https://www.clsmf.org/> to complete an online application or use our chat feature to apply for services.

HELpline hours of operation:

Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support!

Prescription Medication Drop Box Locations



Marion County Sheriff's Office
Main Operations
692 NW 30th Ave
Ocala, FL 34475
(352) 732-8181
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
South Marion District
8230 SE 165 Mulberry Lane
The Villages, FL 32162
(352) 671-3841
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Dunnellon District
19995 SW 86th Street, Unit
Dunnellon, FL 34433
(352) 489-7085
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Walgreens Drug Store
3500 SE Maricamp Road
Ocala FL, 34471
(352) 694-4193
(9am-9pm Daily)

More than 63,300 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2018. Help prevent these deaths here in Marion County!

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Silver Springs Shores District
501 Water Road
Ocala, FL 34472
(352) 402-6000
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
South Multi-District
3260 SE 80th Street
Ocala, FL 34480
(352) 438-5940
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Ocklawaha District
13985 SE Highway 25
Ocklawaha, FL 32179
(352) 402-6020
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Marion Oaks District
294 Marion Oaks Lane
Ocala FL, 34472
(352) 402-6030
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Southwest District
9048 SW State Road 200
Ocala FL, 34481
(352) 402-6060
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
North Multi-District
8311 N HWY 441
Ocala, FL 34479
(352) 438-5920
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Northeast District
25056 East County Road 316 Ft.
Ft. McCoy FL, 32134
(352) 402-6010
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Forest District
16000 E. Hwy 40 E
Silver Springs, FL 34488
(352) 402-6040
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Bellevue Police Department
5350 SE 110th Street
Bellevue FL, 34420
(352) 245-7044
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Ocala Police Department
402 S. Pine Avenue
Ocala FL, 34471
(352) 369-7000
(8am-5pm Monday - Friday)

Prohibited items include:

Needles (Sharps), ointments, lotions, liquids, aerosol cans, inhalers, hydrogen peroxide, and thermometers.

Don't Forget, Take a Pic



"What you don't know, may kill you!"

2020 Amended Task Force Location & Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held the **first** Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm Marion County Sheriff's Office Jail Administration/Visitation Building Multi-Purpose located at 3300 NW 10th St.; Ocala, FL 34475. For more information on Task Force events visit <http://mcchildrensalliance.org/events>. You can also contact Nancy Castillo, Prevention Coordinator, Marion County Children's Alliance at **(352)438-5992** or via email at nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org.

- July 2, 2020
- August 6, 2020
- September 3, 2020
- October 1, 2020
- November 5, 2020
- December 3, 2020

WHAT ARE YOUR MONEY GOALS?

*LEVEL: Middle & High School



FACEBOOK  LIVE
FREE FINANCIAL
LITERACY CLASS
FOR MIDDLE & HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS*

For More Info On:

- Registration
- Attendance Incentives
- Financial Literacy Program
- Facebook Live Instructions

Please call **Tiffany McKenzie**
at **352-373-7667 x 202** or
email **tmckenzie@cfcaa.org**

TUESDAY
JULY 14, 2020
• **3:00PM** •

PLEASE EMAIL TMCKENZIE@CFCAA.ORG
FOR ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION FORM.
REGISTRATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020 TO BE ELIGIBLE
FOR \$25 GIFT CARD AND BOOK: THE TEEN
MONEY MANUAL. PARTICIPANTS MUST RESIDE
IN ALACHUA, LEVY, OR MARION COUNTY TO
BE ELIGIBLE FOR ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES.



**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24TH**

5:30-8PM

CHECK IN: 4:30-5:15PM

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

\$25

PER BOWLER

**MINIMUM OF 4 PLAYERS
PER LANE (6 MAX)**

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES
SHOES & 2 GAMES**



Celebrating Our* 10 *Year Anniversary

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SILENT AUCTION-GAMES-AWARDS-& MORE!

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT TORI AT 352-351-4663 OR
EMAIL AT TARENS@HABITATOCALA.ORG**

HABITATOCALA.ORG/BOWLATHON

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MARION COUNTY



10th Annual
BOWL-2-BUILD BOWLATHON
THURSDAY | **5:30-8PM**
SEPTEMBER 24TH | **CHECK IN: 4:30-5:15PM**
AMF Galaxy West Lanes 1818 SW 17th St. 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



17th Annual

DRIVE THRU ONLY



BASH

**PARTICIPANTS CANNOT GET OUT OF THEIR CARS
NO WALK UPS ALLOWED!**

**Saturday, July 25, 2020 ~ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friends Recycling Center, 2350 N.W. 27th Ave.**

**FREE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES
PLUS A FREE MEAL FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

CHILDREN **MUST BE IN THE CAR TO RECEIVE
BACKPACK—NO EXCEPTIONS!**

For more information, call (352) 438-5993 or (352) 509-9279

*** All volunteers **MUST** sign up in advance. Masks are required!**

**Sponsored by Marion County Children's Alliance, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.
and the City of Ocala in partnership with Marion County Public School System**

Annual Back to School Bash

Saturday, July 25, 2020 ~ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friends Recycling Center, 2350 NW 27th Ave., Ocala, FL 34475

BACK TO SCHOOL VOLUNTEER FORM

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER AND SIGN UP IN **ADVANCE** TO PARTICIPATE. *WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS THE DAY OF THE EVENT
A CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT TO COMFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED: VOLUNTEERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN



***Required information** (Please Print Clearly)

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Ph: () _____ Cell: () _____

*E-mail: _____

Volunteers are asked to arrive 10 minutes prior to the time they plan to serve.

***Duties will be assigned based on the hours you choose. Please remember that we are depending on you to show up to volunteer for the hours you sign up for.**

Hours You Want to Volunteer:

Setup: 8 a.m. to _____ **Breakdown:** 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other: _____ to _____ (choose your own hours)

***NOTE:** Volunteering is a community service and an opportunity to give back to your community.

For more information, contact Monica Bryant at **(352) 438-5993**.

E-mail completed forms to **monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org** or fax to **(352) 438-5994**.



KIDS CENTRAL, INC.
A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN
Building Better Lives



Self - Sufficiency Program

Community Facilitators and Locations

Marion County
 Melissa Casto
 215 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Ave
 Ocala, FL 34475
 (352) 732-0457

Lake County
 Erica Helligar
 1041 County Rd 468
 Leesburg, FL 34749
 (352) 787-0391

Sumter County
 Dayana Bouey
 336 S. Main Street
 Wildwood, FL 34785
 (352) 748-1354

More Services

- Advocacy
- Resource Center
- Access Florida Assistance
- Employment
- Continuing Education
- School Readiness/VPK Assistance
- Holiday and Back to School assistance

For more information, please contact

Jessica Cole, Supervisor of Neighborhood Projects
Jessica.Cole@KidsCentralinc.org
 Michelle Mongeluzzo, Director of Prevention
Michelle.Mongeluzzo@KidsCentralinc.org

(352) 873-6332

www.KidsCentralinc.org

What is the Self-Sufficiency Program?

The Self-Sufficiency Program provides case management services to parents and caregivers in need of financial stability.

Who is Eligible?

- Parents and Caregivers who have children under the age of 18 living in their home.
- Families that are requesting services that require case management (i.e. financial assistance, housing assistance, employment, and domestic violence.)

How are families referred to the program?

Referrals can be made to the Self-Sufficiency Program by anyone. The only requirement is that the parent or caregiver have children residing in their home and they commit to attending weekly support group sessions.

Support Groups

Each county that is served by the Self-Sufficiency Program has a support group. The Support Groups run for eight weeks with a short break in between each session. The groups offer fellowship with other families, information on accessing services, and educational sessions that offer guidance with money management, parenting and much more.

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. -CS Lewis



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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE
(CCASA)**

Highlights

Rx ALLITM Florida

Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative



**Community
Coalition
Alliance**

FREE

CCASA received 5,000 Deterra bags (safe disposal) from RALI and CCA. Please contact Nancy Castillo at nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org for your free bag.



CONGRATULATIONS CCASA

Community Coalition Alliance (CCA) encouraged its members (14 drug coalitions in the Northeast Region of Florida) to promote safe Disposal and the free access to Deterra through the #GoneForGoodUS campaign, the media initiative tied to safe disposal distribution DeterraSystem.com/SAFE held Prevention Week, May 10th – 16th. The county with the most requested Deterra during Prevention Week, would be awarded \$500.00 to support the CCA-RALI Safe Disposal initiative. We are pleased to announce CCASA was the winner.

In addition, CCASA was awarded an additional \$6,000 from CCA for over producing monthly units during the pandemic.

Marion Substance Exposed Newborn Resource Map for Service Providers

Key Points -

- *Does Mom need a substance use assessment/evaluation?
- *Which state and/or local systems and agencies are involved?
- *What level of service(s) have been recommended?
- *What services have been tried in the past?
- *Who are the right people to connect with?

UNINSURED

*Apply for Medicaid and/or Healthy Kids

*Lutheran Services FL
Access To Care Line:
877-229-9098

HEALTH INSURANCE

Contact health plan -
Ask for behavioral health
provider information



ACCESS

dcf-access.dcf.state.fl.us/access/index.do

Robert Bradburn 352-279-1962
Robert.bradburn@myflfamilies.com



Parenting & Education

Maternal, Infant Early Childhood
Home Visit Program (MIECHV)
Yisel Romero: 352-789-4397
yisel.romero@kidscentralinc.org

Child Welfare Prevention
Michelle Mongeluzzo: 352-387-3439
michelle.mongeluzzo@kidscentralinc.org

Marion County Healthy Start
Erin Peterson: 352-727-0711
epeterson@wellflorida.org



Healthy Families
Porcha Green: 352-742-6170
porcha.green@chsfl.org

Birth Control & Family Planning
MC Health Department
352-629-0137

Women's Pregnancy Center
352-629-2811

Alpha Center For Women
352-629-4357



Emergency /Detox/Treatment Assistance Emergency: 911

Poison Control Line: 1-800-222-1222
Suicide Crisis Line: 1-800-SUICIDE

OPD Amnesty Program: Walk-in or
call: 352-369-7000
Opiate Tragedy Prevention Program:
(Narcan leave behind)
Call Ocala Fire Rescue: 352-266-4769



Infant Developmental Assessment

Early Steps
(0-3 years old)
352-273-8555

CONNECT
Lynne Hough
Lhough@wellflorida.org
877-678-9355

The Centers (open 24 hrs): 352-291-5555
The Guest House: 855-483-7800
The Refuge: 352-466-1966
*** Financial Assistance May Be Available***



Housing and Food Assistance:

Ocala Housing Authority: 352-369-2636
MC Homeless Council: 352-732-1369

Interfaith Food Pantry: 352-629-8868
First Step Food Bank: 352-732-5500
Salvation Army: 352-629-2004
Brothers Keeper Pantry: 352-622-3846
Wings of Faith: 352-687-4600

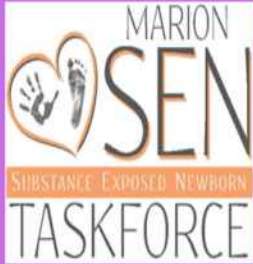
MARION COUNTY AND CIRCUIT 5 - LOCAL CONTACTS

Department of Children and Families (DCF) Circuit 5 Community Development Admin
 Joelle.Aboytes@myFLfamilies.com or 352-330-5803

Lutheran Services FL (ME) – Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders
 ACCESS to Care Line: 1-877-229-9098

Marion County Recovery and HOPE Resource Guide
www.mcchildrensalliance.org/heroin-opioid-taskforce/

Marion County Children's Alliance - SEN Taskforce Information: 352-438-5990



EARLY CHILD CARE CONTACTS

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County- Inclusion Specialist:
 Tonya Cox: TCox@elc-marion.org or 352-369-2315, Ext. 225

Head Start - Mid FL Community Services - Inclusion/Infant-Toddler Specialist
 Call: 386-736-1325 or Apply on-line at: www.midfloridaheadstart.com

UF North Central Early Steps - Service Coordinator/Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist
 Tonneika L. Buchanan: neikab@ufl.edu or neikab@ufl.edu

Early Head Start - Episcopal Children's Services - Skylark: 352-512-9027

The Pearl Project - Trauma-Informed Parenting Education and Family Support
 Joy Zedler: joy@thepearlproject.org or 352-405-5005



MEDICAID HEALTH PLANS

Phone numbers are subject to change / To switch plans - Choice Counseling Main Line: 877-711-3662

MMA Plans	24/7 Behavioral Health Coordination	Transportation
Florida Community Care	833-FCC-PLAN	833-FCC-PLAN
Humana Medicaid Plan	888-778-4651	LogistiCare 866-779-0565
Staywell	855-606-3622	MTM 866-591-4066
Sunshine Helath	866-796-0530	LogistiCare 877-659-8420 Ride Assist (where's My Ride) 877-659-8421
Sunshine Child Welfare Plan	855-463-4100	LogistiCare 877-659-8420 Ride Assist (where's My Ride) 877-659-8421
United Healthcare	800-791-9233	800-791-9233

SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual

Sporting Clay Shootout Blackjack Sporting Clays

3372 County Road 526 • Sumterville, FL 33585

October 16, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact April McDonald

april@projecthopeocala.org



*Project
Hope*



STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

www.blackjackclays.com

ARE YOU READY? OCALA'S GETTING A NEW NEWSPAPER

The Ocala Gazette, a new weekly newspaper, is about to debut in Ocala!

The Gazette will be a printed weekly newspaper, appearing each Monday, with an online presence providing daily news. Publisher Jennifer Hunt Murty, who also publishes Ocala Style magazine, said the inaugural edition is scheduled to be published July 6.

The Gazette's focus will be all local, all the time – free of newswire reports and featuring a blend of in-depth reporting and community news on people, events and issues around the Ocala metro area.



Significant personnel cutbacks at the local daily newspaper, resulting in diminished local news coverage, inspired Murty to start the Gazette.

The Gazette's core news staff includes **Brad Rogers**, who spent a quarter-century with the Ocala Star-Banner, including 20 years as the paper's editorial page editor; **Bill Thompson**, who covered Marion County for the Star-Banner for nearly 15 years; and **Bruce Ackerman**, a Star-Banner staff photographer for almost three decades.

Rogers said the vision for the Gazette is "to provide extensive coverage of all the good things happening in and around Ocala while also delivering regular in-depth reporting on issues and newsmakers of the day. We want to inform the public on everything from social events to school happenings to, well, scandals."

As part of its effort to help better inform the community, the Gazette will initially provide readers free online access to its digital edition, regardless of their ability to pay for a subscription, but of course The Gazette is reaching out to local businesses seeking their advertising support in order for the new paper to succeed.

Initially, the Gazette will be available at all Publix and Wawa stores throughout Marion County and sent to more than 900 businesses at no cost on a weekly basis. Subscribers, depending on where they live, will receive the Gazette either by courier or by mail.

For further information about the *Ocala Gazette*, how to subscribe, how to advertise, or how to reach our news team, call **(352) 732-0073**.

Source: <https://www.ocalagazette.com/ocalas-getting-a-new-newspaper/>

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Night of Hope

Dinner • Music • Giveaways • Survivor Recognition • Vendors
Honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Rd., 34474

Keynote Speaker:
Wambui Bahati

- Professional Speaker
- Artist
- Actress
- Producer
- Author
- Playwrite



Tickets: \$35 per person

For tickets, to sponsor a survivor, donate a basket or support the event, go to <https://2020noh.eventbrite.com> or at the Children's Alliance office, 3482 N.W. 10th St. Ocala, 34475

*Free childcare for children 2 years old or older.

Call (352) 438-5993 to reserve a place.

Save \$5 with a combo registration

20TH ANNUAL BREAK THE SILENCE ON VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

Two Workshop Tracts: Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse

Friday, September 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person

Includes: Snack, Continental Breakfast
CEU available for \$15
Lunch on your own.



Featuring: Wambui Bahati
One Act Play "I Am Domestic Violence"



Keynote Speaker: Dale D. Quigley
Deputy Coordinator
National Marijuana Initiative
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program

Register at <https://2020btsconference.eventbrite.com>

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



For more information, call (352) 438-5993 or go to: breakthesilenceonviolence.org

SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



for Victims and
Survivors of
Domestic Violence
attending the 2020
Night of Hope
September 24, 2020



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 18, 2020.** Call **(352) 438-5993** for information, to sign up to sponsor a basket or to have a workgroup member pick up your basket or supplies.



Save The Date - 4th Annual Recovery Fest - Sept. 26, 2020

Join us at Tuscawilla Park

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

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

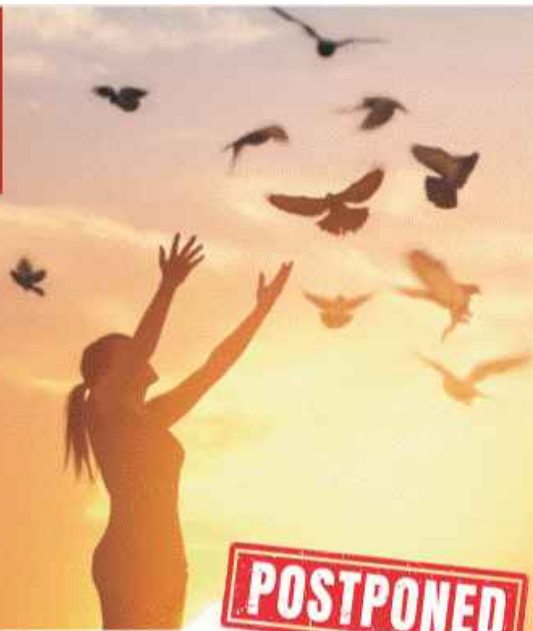


Various businesses and healthcare vendors from the community will also be offering services on site.

**Businesses or individuals looking to get involved or sponsor
The 4th Annual Recovery Fest,
Please contact Nancy Castillo at (352) 438-5992 or nancy@mchildrensalliance.org**



HEALTH SYSTEMS



POSTPONED



Due to the coronavirus pandemic and following CDC recommendations to avoid gatherings, we have postponed our summit to October 21st.

Register at Lsftraining.coursestorm.com



2nd Annual RURAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Date changed:
October 21st, 2020
8am to 4pm

**MOUNT CARMEL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

2505 NE 8th Avenue,
Gainesville, FL 32641

For more information contact: Lesley Hersey,
Lesley.hersey@lsfnet.org

ADDRESSING THE STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES OF RURAL COMMUNITIES IN REGARDS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

Rural communities are faced with challenges different than those of more urban areas. Resources are limited, especially when it comes to programs for substance abuse recovery and mental health services for those we love. However, rural communities possess qualities and hidden gems that other areas do not.

This summit will focus on discovering those hidden gems and enhancing the strengths your community contains to improve services for those struggling with substance abuse, mental health problems or suicidal thoughts, including the role the local church plays in the health of our community.

Hosting: LSFHS, DCF, Meridian and Mount Carmel Baptist Church
Sponsors: Saint Leo University, Dept of Human Services Saint Leo, Levy Prevention Coalition, Gilchrist Prevention Coalition, Marion County Childrens Alliance, Hanley Foundation, Families First of Florida, Shands Vista.

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS:

Keynote presenters: Jodi Pfarr from the Aha Process, and Tanner & Andrea Clemonts from Tennessee.

PRESENTATIONS ON:

Bridges out of Poverty, Harm Reduction, ACE's and Mobilizing Faith Communities.

CEU's available for \$15. Approved Provider 50-16467 by Florida board of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy and mental health and Florida board of psychology.



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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| July 8
Wednesday | Safe Kids (NO MEETING)
9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium |
| July 13
Monday | Family Violence Prevention
This will be a Zoom Meeting |
| July 20
Monday | CCASA
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| July 2
Thursday | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m. Jail Interim Building |
| August 25
Tuesday | SEN (No meeting in July)
1 p.m. OPD Community Room |

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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| August 5
Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m. Jail Interim Building |
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Agency Spotlight:

Monique Allen,
Circuit Supervisor - Circuit #5
Bays Florida

Guest Speaker:
Judi Zanetti,
Executive Director

Public Education Foundation
of Marion County

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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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