



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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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

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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"

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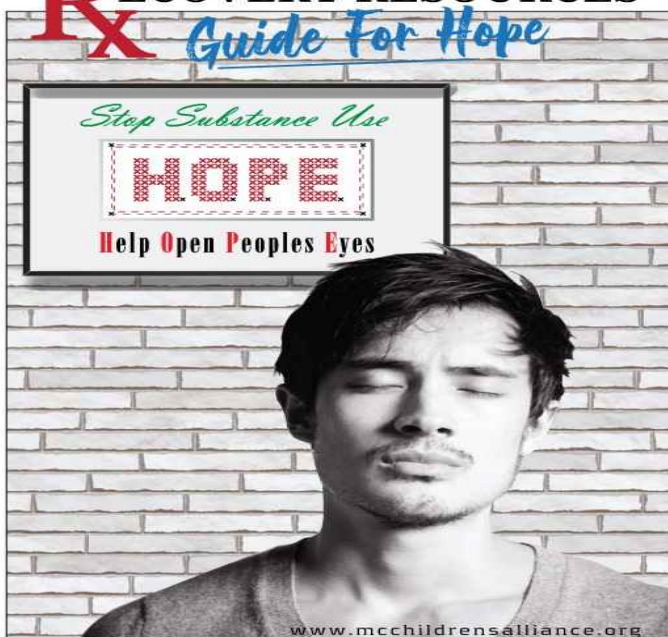
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RESERVE A COPY OF THE NEW RESOURCE GUIDE

RECOVERY RESOURCES *Guide For Hope*



We are excited to share our 2020 Recovery Resource Guide for Hope for substance use and mental health disorders. The guide educates individuals on the many pathways of recovery and services available in Marion County.

Request a copy by emailing Nancy Castillo at nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org or download a copy at

[https://mcchildrensalliance.org/
heroin-opioid-taskforce/](https://mcchildrensalliance.org/heroin-opioid-taskforce/).

DEADLINE SOON FOR BALLOT TO VOTE BY MAIL

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


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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**



2020 Ocala

American Values Dinner

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."

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.nfcscouting.org/AVD

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


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.



Dinner Chair
Michael Warren

Pledge/Payment Information

Register online at: www.nfcscouting.org/avd 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

MCCA IS INVITING YOU TO A ZOOM MEETING

Join Us!

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

Agenda:

Welcome

Beth McCall, Executive Director, Marion County Children's Alliance

Agency Spotlight:

BAYS Florida - Monique Allen, Circuit Supervisor—Circuit #5

2020 KIDS Count: Beth McCall

Update on reopening schools: Beth McCall

Round Table

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99555580256>



Meeting ID: 995 5558 0256

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Meeting ID: 995 5558 0256

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/achCYAJdMd>



10th Annual
BOWL-2-BUILD BOWLATHON
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH | **5:30-8PM**
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



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 _____

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

Sponsorships are tax deductible

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



Save the Date!



October 20, 2020

Coming on 10/20/20, **Give4Marion** will be Marion County's 24-hour fundraising event hosted by the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County, raising money for local nonprofits through a single online donation platform.

On this day, we come together to raise as much money as possible for local nonprofits, to connect donors to community needs and to strengthen nonprofit capacity. The Community Foundation intends to build a stronger community for everyone... one passion at a time.

We want all Marion County nonprofits to be a part of this exciting event. Visit **www.give4marion.org** and click Apply Now. Then search for your nonprofit's name. Because this is our first event, your organization should not be listed, so scroll to the bottom and click **Add My Organization**.

Many answers to your questions can also be found at **<https://www.give4marion.org/info/faq>**. We encourage you to visit the FAQs first, and if you still have questions, don't hesitate to reach back out to us! Call the office at **(352) 622-5020** ext. **102**



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**FRIDAY, AUG 7, 2020
STARTING @ 12:30 PM
ON **

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To ensure you receive your special Virtual YEA participant package, register today! Early registrants (by Wednesday, 7/15) will be entered into a special drawing for a **\$50 gift card!**

REGISTER at <https://yea2020ocl.eventbrite.com>

Giftcards & Prizes will be awarded throughout the day totaling \$250!

Register Today! We can't wait to virtually see you!



For more information, please contact:
Mikle Gordon at 813.525.6559
mikle.gordon@duke-energy.com
or
Kathy Judkins at 352.303.8470
kathy.judkins@secoenergy.com

#VirtualYEA

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SAVE THE DATE

You're Invited to the
GRAND OPENING
of Marion County's **NEW**
One Stop Medical Home



We look forward to welcoming you
Friday, August 14th

Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting at 9am
Tours at 10am & 2pm

Ceremony will be held outside.

Tours will be conducted in groups of 10 respecting social distancing guidelines.

Wearing a mask is requested.

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819 N. W. 7th Street - Ocala, FL 34475

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Make Us Your

MEDICAL HOME



Open for Appointments Beginning

August 4, 2020

Call 352 - 875 - 2226 Fax: 352 - 389 - 1013

Days and Times for Appointment with Doctor

Tuesdays: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesdays: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thursdays: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(Walk-ins are Welcome. However, call to confirm availability.)

Some Services Provided:

- *A1C/Routine Labs,
- *Medical/Sports/School Exams,
- *Treatment of Upper Respiratory Illnesses,
- *Treatment of Eye, Nose and Throat,
- *Treatment of Diabetes and Hypertension.

We accept Medicare, Medicaid, and for those who do not have insurance, payment for services will be made using a sliding scale.

**Carolyn Adams, ARNP
CEO and Founder**

**Pamela Lewin, MD, DPH, FAAFP
Co-Founder**

HEALTHCARE SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE



A FundRaiser Sponsored By



Registration: 7:00 am to 8:00 am
 Tournament Begins at 8:00 am
 Lunch and Awards Ceremony Follows

\$60 | **\$240**
 ONE PLAYER | FOURSOME

Ocala Golf Course
3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470



Call Reginald Landers, Jr.
352 - 207 - 1996

Let's All Be on the Front Line in Keeping Our Children Safe

REPORTING ABUSE DURING COVID-19

With schools, many daycares and most extra-curricular activities being closed due to COVID-19, we need you now more than ever to help keep our children safe. As Floridians, we all have the responsibility to report any suspicion or knowledge of abuse or neglect (39.201 F.S.). By making a report, you are not only ensuring the child's safety, you are also providing help and support to the family.

You May Be the Only Person to Act.

If something does not look safe, sound safe or feel safe – Report.

"Abuse" means any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Within the context of the definition of "harm," the term "neglects the child" means that the parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare fails to supply the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, or health care, although financially able to do so or although offered financial or other means to do so. (F.S. 39.01)

How to Report Abuse

Be prepared to provide specific descriptions of the incident(s) or the circumstances contributing to the risk of harm.

Call

800-962-2873

Florida Relay 711

TTY: 800-955-8771

Report Online

<https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us>



Parents and Caregivers Play an Important Role During COVID-19

COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Parents and caregivers, you play a vital role in helping children feel safe and secure. As we adjust to this new "normal," children may feel sad and worried about their friends, family and even themselves. Below are some tips and resources that will help your family have conversations about COVID-19, manage stress, and obtain additional support for your family.

Talking to Kids

- **REMAIN CALM** - Children react to both what you say and how you say it.
- **LIMIT INFORMATION** - Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.
- **BE AVAILABLE** - Take time to talk and answer their questions.

Coping & Managing Stress

- **HEALTHY** - Exercise, take deep breaths, meditate and eat well-balanced meals.
- **STAY CONNECTED** - Take the time to talk to others about how you are feeling.
- **UNWIND** - Do activities with your family that you enjoy.

Toddlers & Preschoolers

- **COMMUNICATE** - Praise, hugs and high-fives show positive attention to your child.
- **STRUCTURE & RULES** - Be consistent and develop rules your child can understand.
- **GIVING DIRECTIONS** - Give clear directions that fit your child's age.

ACCESS Florida

The Department of Children and Families programs that can help Florida families:

- Food Assistance
- Temporary Cash Assistance
- Medicaid
- Refugee Assistance

Additional Resources

Distance Learning..... www.fldoe.org/em-response/distance-learning.shtml
 General.....www.fldoe.org/em-response
 Schools & Child care..... <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/schools>
 Students with Emotional/Behavioral Challenges www.sednetfl.info
 Ounce of Prevention www.ounce.org
 Substance Abuse & Mental Health..... hww.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh
 CDC..... www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html
 211..... <http://211.org/pages/about>





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STOP NOW AND PLAN

A Free Early Intervention Program for Boys & Girls

SNAP is for children who are having problems with aggressive, antisocial behaviors that get them into trouble at home, school and the community.

SNAP groups are gender specific for either boys or girls ages 6 to 11.

SNAP groups use a cognitive behavioral model to teach self-control, problem solving and emotional self-regulation skills.

SNAPP (parenting) groups teach parents effective child management strategies.

SNAP includes one on one and family counseling/ support, school advocacy and referral for additional services if needed.

SNAP groups are fun, supportive and effective.

Call: 352-622-4432 or email: snap@arnettehouse.org for start dates, additional information and referral forms.



**Program Services
Are Free and
consist of 13
weekly**

90 Minute Sessions

**SNAP Groups are
for boys & girls**

6 to 11 years old

**Sessions currently
take place on Zoom.
Families participate
via phone, tablet,
laptop or desktop
computer with web
cam.**

CONTACT:

TOSHI, DONNA OR NILDA

352-622-4432
2310 NE 24th Street
Ocala, FL 34471

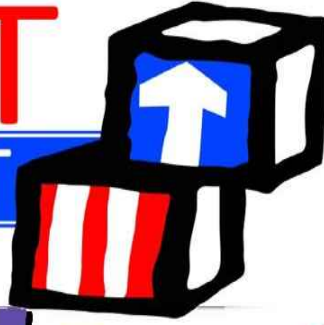
snap@arnettehouse.org

**For referral and information
on dates and times.**

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FREE CHILD CARE from birth to 5yrs old in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Duval, Gilchrist, Lake, Levy, Marion & Nassau counties!

Free High Quality Early Education & Family Support Services

We provide comprehensive services to more than two thousand children each year!

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- We encourage early math & science concepts
- We promote physical development
- We provide hearing, vision & behavioral screenings
- We promote medical & dental services
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- We help families with assistance
- We help families identify & reach goals



Apply online

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Ocala, FL 34470
Tel. 352.547.8070

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Ocala, FL 34475
Tel. 352.547.8017

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4200 NW 89th Pl.
Ocala, FL 34482
Tel. 352.620.0875

Howard Academy HS
Lic. #C05MA0174
306 NW 7th Ave. Bldg. 3
Ocala, FL 34475
Tel. 352.547.8083

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1601 NE 25th Ave. #900
Ocala, FL 34470
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4595 W HWY. 316
Reddick, FL 32686
Tel. 352.591.0634



GREAT HOLIDAY FINDS!

MTRA'S 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET

Arts & Crafts Vendors & Select Direct Sales Vendors

Food, Live DJ, Games & Activities, Holiday Photo
Booth, & Car Show

NOVEMBER 28, 2020

10 AM - 3 PM

MARION THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

6850 SE 41ST CT

OCALA, FL 34480

**Cramming your Christmas shopping? No problem.
The Holiday Arts & Crafts Market has everything you
need, from gifts and decor, to food and more!**

**Contact development@mtraocala.org
or call (352) 732-7300 to register!**

**Proceeds to Benefit:
Marion Therapeutic Riding Association
A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Premier Accredited Center**



Marion County Public Schools 2020-2021 Instructional Calendar

Revised
Board Approved 7/23/2020

July				
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1st 9 Weeks - 42 Days
2nd 9 Weeks - 42 Days

3rd 9 Weeks - 43 Days
4th 9 Weeks - 43 Days

Weather Day #1 December 18, 2020
Weather Day #2 October 22, 2020
Weather Day #3 May 27, 2021 Student
Weather Day #3 May 28, 2021 Teacher

- = Classes Resume - Traditional or MCPSONline
- = End of Grading Period
- = Professional Development - No School for Students
- = Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
- = School Holiday - No School for Students and Teachers

DON'T MISS THE UNITED WAY'S ANNUAL MEETING ~ RSVP BY AUGUST 3!

PHYSICALLY APART | **POWERFULLY TOGETHER**



YOU ARE INVITED



2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Join Us as we celebrate United Way's impact, share our Report to the Community, and help us kick off our Annual Giving Campaign.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH



FREE EVENT • 11:00am-noon
Facebook Live Event • @uwmarioncounty
<https://www.facebook.com/events/3139251089474426/>

HOSTED BY Mark Vianello,
*Deputy Superintendent of
Marion County Public Schools*

RSVP by August 3rd
uwmc.org/annualmeeting
or call 352-732-9696

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2020 PREMIER SPONSORS



Go to <https://www.uwmc.org/annualmeeting> to RSVP by August 3, 2020

MTRA Canter for a Cause Virtual 5K

Marion Therapeutic Riding Association (6850 SE 41st Ct, Ocala, FL 34480)

September 5, 2020 – October 3, 2020

Virtual Event – Anywhere, Anytime, Anyway within that timeframe!!

Marion Therapeutic Riding Association is excited to announce our first Virtual Event – Canter for a Cause 5K! We will be hosting a Virtual 5K promoting health and wellness with proceeds benefiting Marion Therapeutic Riding Association programming. Participants will be able to register beginning September 4, 2020, and they have all the way until October 3, 2020 to complete their 5K.

Participants can walk, run, skip, ride, bike, swim, paddle, dance, prance, whatever way they choose so long as they go the distance! People may participate on their own or with family and friends, and we can have fun while maintaining our social distance and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic! Everyone participating will receive a uniquely designed medal, and they will have a chance to purchase a shirt at registration if interested.

A \$27 donation collected at registration will aid MTRA in helping create opportunities and services to clients in Marion and surrounding counties! For over 35 years, MTRA has provided equine assisted learning and therapeutic riding to people ages 4 to over 80 years of age. We have multiple programs for cognitively, physically and emotionally challenged individuals.

Our goal is to have at least 1,000 participants which will help move up to 20 people off of our waiting list! We hope you will consider joining us for this fun challenge!

MTRA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization serving Ocala and the surrounding area.

For more information, email Jenna Rovira at development@mtraocala.org or call our office at **(352) 732-7300**.



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*

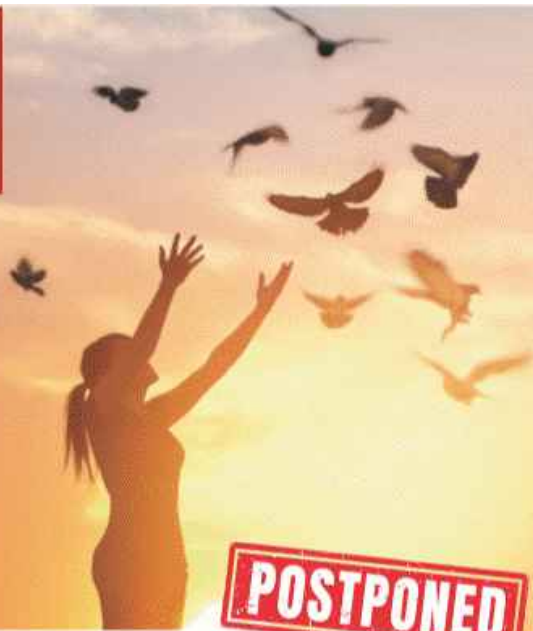


STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

www.blackjackclays.com



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**

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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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Ocala Family Resource Center



Advocates For Change



We are living in uncertain times. Now more than ever we need others to join in and advocate for those children and families in our community that are the most vulnerable.

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Please join our monthly workgroup meeting and help to plan community events and services that will assist in advocacy for the children and families that live in our community.

Join us to make a difference in your community and have your voice heard.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month via Zoom from 2pm to 3pm.



If you are interested, please reach out to Melissa Casto at 352-233-6642 or Melissa.Casto@KidsCentralinc.org

Ocala Family Resource Center, 215 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, Ocala, FL 34471



Volunteers of America Florida has a program known as Supportive Services for Veterans and Families. The program is a grant funded program **specifically for veterans** and the mission is to provide comprehensive, effective and innovative services that empower veterans to build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. The program is designed to help homeless veterans and prevent veteran homelessness here in Marion County.

The SSVF program offer supportive services which include outreach, case management, help in obtaining VA benefits, temporary financial assistance and assistance in obtaining and coordinating other public benefits.

Volunteers of America Florida also has a transitional housing program **specifically for veterans**. This program provides clinical treatment, and case management services to homeless Veterans. The program assists veterans in identifying personal goals relating to education, employment, health, entitled benefits, spirituality, relationships, and community participation. Program fees are based on income.

If you have a veteran that you think may need any of the above services, below is the contact information for programs.

VOAF SSVF Program:

Casey Boone at **(352) 260-1374** or **cboone@voa-fla.org**

VOAF Transitional Housing (The Ritz):

Dolly Locklear at (352) 562-7872 or





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NEW LOCATION FOR COVID-19 STARTING AUGUST 11, 2020

Starting **Tuesday, August 11**, Florida Department of Health will be changing its testing process and moving the testing location to the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala. Appointments will no longer be required. People will be tested at the new site on a first-come, first-served basis.

Testing will be held each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Livestock Pavilion. People who would like to be tested can line their vehicles up starting at 7:30 a.m. on each testing day. Testing will run through 10 a.m. or until the day's available samples are gone, whichever comes first. To be tested, individuals should bring a valid photo ID; minors under age 18 will only be tested if they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

People should be prepared to stay in their vehicles while waiting for testing; restroom facilities will not be available.

Only people who are being tested should be in the vehicle, with the exception of parents, guardians or caregivers.

No pets are permitted in the vehicle during tests. For more information on testing, call the Marion County COVID-19 Hotline at (352) 644-2590.



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| August 10
Monday | Family Violence Prevention
This will be a Zoom Meeting |
| August 12
Wednesday | Safe Kids (NO MEETING)
9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium |
| August 17
Monday | CCASA
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| August 6
Thursday | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting |
| August 25
Tuesday | SEN
1 p.m. OPD Community Room |

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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| August 5
Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting
See Page 5 for Zoom link |
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Agency Spotlight:

Monique Allen,
Circuit Supervisor - Circuit #5
Bays Florida

Guest Speaker:

Beth McCall,
Executive Director, MCCA

AGENDA

2020 KIDS Count:
Update on Reopening Schools

Round Table

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going on in our community; to sign
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