



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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SIGN UP FOR THE WEAR YOUR WINGS VIRTUAL **5K** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RUN/WALK

Run, Walk or choose your activity and complete your 5K (3.1 miles)
ANYTIME between **October 1** and **October 9** and submit your time by



October 10, 2020



FREE T-shirt with Registration. Finisher Medal to the First 150 participants who enter their time! Register at <https://wearyourwings5kvirtualrunwalk.itsyourrace.com>

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$30 (if you pick up your T-shirt)
Monday, October 5, Alliance Office
3482 N.W. 10th Street, Ocala 34475
Anytime between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

\$35 (If your T-shirt is mailed to you)

\$25 for groups of 10 or more
Add \$5 per person to mail shirts
*Groups must register together



Sponsorship Opportunities Available at:
<https://wearyourwingsdvrn.eventbrite.com>



For more information, call (352) 438-5993 or
e-mail Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org



Proceeds provide resources and services
and emergency shelter for victims
and survivors of domestic violence.

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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 ~

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NEED TO BE TESTED? NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

The Florida Department of Health is providing Covid-19 testing at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala.

Appointments are NOT required. People will be tested on a first-come, first-served basis.



Testing will be held each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 am. 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**.

Join us for the 3rd Annual



**PADDOCK MALL
HALLOWEEN
RUN**

Registration Fee:

5K Race

\$40

**Price increases after September 20
at 11:59 p.m. EDT**

5K Virtual Race

\$30

**Registration ends October 31
at 11:59 p.m. EDT**

Saturday, October 3, 2020

3100 S.W. College Rd.
Ocala, FL 34474

Early Packet Pick-Up:

Friday, October 2, 2020, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(Inside at Macy's Entrance)

Race Day Schedule: (Saturday, October 3)

Packet Pick up and Day of Race Registration
(Food Court Entrance East Side Parking Lot)
7 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

Sponsored by:

**PADDOCK
MALL**

AdventHealth
Ocala

Event features food trucks, music, beer, raffles and more. Social distancing and safety procedures will be in place. Proceeds benefit the Marion County Children's Alliance.

For more information or to register, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Ocala/PaddockMallRun>

Includes:

- RFID Chip-timed Race Event
- Keepsake Race Bib
- Dri-fitTech Race T-shirt
- Beer Post Race
- Custom Finisher Medals

guaranteed to the
first 450 to register



Awards:

- Overall Male/Female
- Overall Masters (40 & up)
- Male/Female 3 Deep in 5
Year Age Groups (9 & under
through 85 and up)

MCCA IS INVITING YOU TO A ZOOM MEETING

Join Us!

for the next Alliance Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Agenda:

Welcome

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

Director's Report:

Beth McCall

Agency Spotlight: Project Connect

Lauren Federico, North Central Area Director Circuits 5 and 7

Guest Speaker:

Lisa Rice, Continuum of Care Manager, Community Services,
Marion County Board of County Commission

Topic: Responsibilities of the CoC and Overview of the agency's funded programs.

Round Table: (Upcoming Announcements and Events)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: **995 5558 0256**

Find your local number:

<https://zoom.us/u/achCYAJdMd>



The LifeStream logo is written in a blue, cursive font and is set against a white background with a blue border.

Outpatient Services at Beacon Point



Behavioral Health & Substance Use Outpatient Services **(352) 426-2587**

717 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

Outpatient services provide a range of mental health, and substance use disorder services for adults, including medication management, therapy, substance use counseling and much more. Individuals may be referred by family, a community agency, the courts, or self-referred. Services begin with a comprehensive assessment and the creation of a treatment plan that the individual helps to design. Based upon the initial assessment and diagnosis, the appropriate treatment will be provided.

Services may be free to those who do not have insurance or who are underinsured. Please inquire at the clinic office for details on how you may qualify for free services.

Funding for LifeStream's Outpatient Behavioral Health & Substance Use Services is provided by the Marion County Hospital District

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6/25/2020



GIVE 4 MARION

MAKE THIS DAY COUNT

Oct. 20 - 21, 2020 | 10AM - 10AM

Give4Marion.org

RSVP Required for All Attendees

Storybook

*SUNDAY,
October 11
7 - 9 PM*

Drive-In: Reading

Under the Stars



**An Evening of Reading Fun
for the Whole Family!**

To RSVP and
for ECS Admission
Vouchers: Brenda Lee
Brenda.lee@ecs4kids.org
Or (352)512-9027
by October 2nd

Read along with Local Celebrities on
the Big Screen · Enjoy Yummy Snacks from
the theater concession stand · Costumed
Characters · Children's Books and Goody Bags

OCALA DRIVE-IN

Admission: All Children 5 & Under - FREE

Head Start/Early Head Start Families - Free with ECS Voucher

Members of the Public - Adults \$6 Children (6-12) \$3



Success By 6 Diaper Drive!

In Partnership with Publix Supermarkets

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

Drop-Off Locations:
Marion County Publix Supermarkets

Diaper Drive Dates:
October 3, 2020 to October 18, 2020

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



www.elc-marion.org

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Thank You For
Your Support!



Marion Therapeutic Riding Association
would like to invite you to

The MTRA Holiday Market

2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET FEATURING
LOCAL ARTS, CRAFTS, CAR SHOW, LIVE DJ,
FOOD, GAMES, & PHOTO BOOTH



11.28.2021 | 10am to 3pm | MTRA
6850 SE 41st Ct, Ocala, FL 34480
(352) 732-7300
development@mtraocala.org

CAN YOU HELP THOSE WHO NEED A LITTLE HELP?

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

JOIN US FOR

Faith & Blue Community Event
Support Domestic Violence Victims

DONATE ITEMS ON WISH LIST

DONATIONS

SUPPORT THE
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/
SHELTER & FAMILY VIOLENCE
PREVENTION WORKGROUP**
OCALA/MARION COUNTY

DROP OFF

LOCATION
OCALA POLICE DEPARTMENT
402 S. PINE AVE
DRIVE THROUGH WINDOW

EVENT DATE & DROP OFF TIMES

***Saturday, October 10, 2020 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. DROP OFF**

Domestic Violence Awareness handouts available

"DONATION LIST"

CLEANING/HOUSEHOLD

Laundry detergent
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Kleenex
Napkins
Large garbage bags
Tall kitchen bags
Light bulbs
Saran wrap
Zip lock bags
Aluminum foil
Cling wrap

FOOD

Non-Perishable Foods
Baby formula
Baby food
Canned soup
Coffee
Tea bags
Pasta
Canned meat
Sugar/flour
Cooking oil
Snack foods
Juice
Bottled water

CHILDREN

Diapers (3-6)
Baby wipes
Pull-ups
Baby bottles
Sippy cups
New underwear
New socks
Bras
Underwear
Socks

HEALTH

Tylenol
Allergy Medicine
Pepto Bismol
Maalox
Tums
Rubbing alcohol
Hydrogen peroxide
Cotton balls/Q tips
Band aids
Steri-strips
Medical tape
Thermometers

HYGIENE

Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Tampons/pad

Amazon wishlist visit:
<http://amazon.ocalacsi.com>

The Family Violence Prevention Workgroup supports victims' needs when the shelter is full, or out of funds. Any monetary donations can be made at <http://www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org>.

Funds are used for a variety of needs: food, diapers, cleaning supplies, hotel cost, ID replacement, gas cards, etc.

402 S PINE AVENUE-OCALA
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (352) 369-7139



Pace Center for Girls

Our gender-responsive, strength-based and trauma-informed program provides academics and counseling year round. This nationally recognized program and holistic approach ensures the social and emotional well-being of girls who are facing challenges at home or school.

NOW ENROLLING MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Whether in person or via a remote Innovative Learning Environment, we meet each girl where she needs us most.

- All services at no cost to girls and families/caregivers
- Comprehensive assessments and goal planning
- *Spirited Girls!* -- a gender-responsive social, emotional and life skills curriculum for girls
- Gender-responsive, trauma-informed, strength-based trained teachers and staff
- College, career planning and life skills coaching

Pace provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

"Pace not only gave me opportunities but also gave me a family." ~Serenity

ACADEMICS

- Earn credits and high school credit recovery
- Bi-weekly academic advising and goal planning
- Low teacher-to-girl classroom to ensure academic gains

SOCIAL SERVICES

- Individual and group professional counseling in person or through remote platform
- Regularly scheduled parent meetings
- Personal goal planning to ensure progress



For questions regarding enrollment:

Carolynn White, Social Services
Manager. Call or text
352-789-1624.

Gift of Christmas Toy Drive



ALL AGES

BUT WE ALWAYS
HAVE A HUGE NEED
FOR TEEN ITEMS

EXAMPLES ARE:

CD Players
Make up sets
MP3 Players
Make up sets
Purses
Perfume sets
Wallets
Watches
(boys and girls)
Footballs
Basketballs
- or -
Gift cards

Deadline for donations is Friday, December 4, 2020

All Donations benefit the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup's
Annual Gift of Christmas Toy Drive

For more information or to donate toys or gift cards,
Contact Monica Bryant at
(352) 438-5993 or Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org



Don't get **Wrapped** up in the Holiday Stress

**JOIN THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKGROUP
FOR ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING CAMPAIGN**

Friday, December 11 through Thursday, December 24, 2020
available during holiday hours at the Paddock Mall
Gift wrapping Booth will be located near Macy's

Bring any unwrapped gifts to the Mall and our volunteers
will wrap them for you. We provide everything needed
i.e wrapping paper, bows and gift tags. Boxes extra!

~ Volunteers Needed ~

Must be at least 18 years
or older and have gift
wrapping experience.

Pick the days and hours you want
to volunteer. Groups welcome!

For information or a volunteer form,
call **(352) 438-5990** or email
Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org

All proceeds benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence



Reverse Raffle Fall Fundraiser!!

Tickets are \$100 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold! Get yours today!

Join us for FUN and EXCITEMENT!

Facebook Live @StirrupsnStrides on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at 4PM!



Last ticket drawn

1st Prize

**Grand Prize Winner!!
\$5,000!!**

2nd Prize \$400!

3rd Prize \$300!

4th Prize \$200!

5th Prize \$100!

**Random prize
drawings
throughout!**

For tickets & info:

Contact Betty Gray at

email: execdir@stirrupsnstrides.com or cell: 352-427-3569

Suggested Donation to benefit Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. 501(C3) Non-Profit COVID-19 Sustainability Project.

WNY RENT? TAKE STEPS TO OWN YOUR OWN HOME

Take a minute
review
the qualifications



It's your first step
towards owning
a home.

In addition to a mortgage with Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, you may be eligible for Down Payment Assistance from the following...Marion County SHIP, Marion County HOME Funds, City of Ocala SHIP, HOP and/or FHLB

HELP OPEN DOORS TO A BETTER FUTURE

Kids who don't have to worry about where they'll sleep tonight are kids who can focus on their education and future



8/05/19



OUR MISSION

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is a nonprofit ministry dedicated to building simple, decent homes with community volunteers in partnership with qualified families who are currently living in inadequate housing.



Building Homes - Building Hope

Habitat for Humanity

Marion County, Florida, Inc.

1321 SE 25th Loop

Ocala, FL 34471

P.O. Box 5578

Ocala, FL 34478

352-351-4663

www.habitatocala.org



Attention
First Time Home Buyers
Why Rent



**Family, Future
Forever HOME!!!**

To qualify for an affordable mortgage through Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, Inc. Please review the following criteria...

Basic Requirements

- Applicants must show proof of primary residency and/or primary employment in Marion County for 1 year
- Applicants must be legal U.S. Residents

Need

- Applicants need to be currently residing in inadequate housing which is unsafe or overcrowded.
- If the applicants rent is over 30% of your gross income
- If the applicants rent is government subsidized
- Simply, if the applicant cannot qualify for a traditional mortgage

Ability to Pay

- If the applicant is employed, need steady verifiable work history for at least one year
- Perfect credit is not necessary, however an established & consistent payment record is required.
- Your overall debt will be examined to determine if your new mortgage will keep you from paying your other expenses
- Applicants gross income must meet the minimum annual income guidelines but not exceed the maximum annual income guidelines (See Chart below)

Family Size	Minimum Income	Maximum Income	Family Size	Minimum Income	Maximum Income
1	\$12,490.00	\$28,950.00	5	\$27,950.00	\$44,700.00
2	\$16,910.00	\$33,100.00	6	\$30,000.00	\$48,000.00
3	\$21,330.00	\$37,250.00	7	\$32,100.00	\$51,300.00
4	\$25,750.00	\$41,250.00	8	\$34,150.00	\$54,600.00

Willingness to Partner

- Applicants must be willing to invest a minimum of 500 hours of "sweat equity" to the completion of the home (roughly 18 months or so after application process)
- Applicants must attend the required homeowner workshops
- Applicants must accept a home in the neighborhoods where Habitat for Humanity of Marion County serves.
- Applicants need to be willing to pay out of pocket expenses (i.e.: down payment and/or closing costs) associated with homeownership
- Applicants will be responsible for maintenance of the home from the time you move into your home
- Applicants will be responsible for repaying the monthly mortgage payment of your home in a timely manner.

Why rent when you can own your very own home.

It's a dream we all share. Somewhere where you can turn rent payments into home equity. Somewhere where the paint is fresh, the plumbing works, and there's room for everyone.

Start Your Future Today



Habitat for Humanity Marion County, Inc. currently has many homeownership opportunities through out Marion County. You and your family can qualify to own one of these homes, even if you have had some credit issues in the past. We may be able to help you get the keys to your new home. We have staff dedicated to work with you to resolve most obstacles that will prevent you from becoming a homeowner.



Habitat partners with community volunteers to construct the homes. Once they are complete, they are placed into a Community Land Trust that will own the land and families will purchase only the home from the trust and have a 99 year ground lease. Homeowners have the opportunity to pay it forward, in that when they are ready to sell their home the Community Land Trust has the right to buy it, pay the homeowner their net equity and they will sell it to another family that qualifies for an affordable 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.



Happy Thanksgiving

*Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with
praise. Give Thanks to Him. Bless His name.*

Please join Kingdom Revival Church for a **FREE**

*Drive Thru Community
Thanksgiving Lunch*

with Turkey and all the trimmings!

Saturday, November 21, 2020

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470



For information, please call Rose at (352)361-5044





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



BRIDGES PROJECTS TO HOST GUEST SPEAKER

Bridges Project will feature a Representative from the Tri County League of Women Voters to give their assessment of the General Election Amendments on the Ballots.



Saturday, October 3, 2020
10 a.m. - noon.

To receive a zoom invite to the October Bridges Project Ocala/Marion please email request to: **b poc2015@gmail.com**.



Believe in Santa Foundation Virtual CoZzy Comfy Bed Sheet Fundraiser Only \$40 Per Set - 1800 Thread Count

\$40 ANY SIZE (except Split Kings - \$60)
XL Twin, Twin, Full, Queen, King,
California King, and Split King

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING:

1. Go to www.CoZzyComfy.com/online-store
2. Choose our online code: **Believe in Santa 1 - 2020**
3. Choose to have your order shipped directly to you.

ORDER BY: Sept 30th

For every set purchased, \$10 will be donated to the Believe in Santa Foundation!!!!

Super soft microfiber material that feels like Egyptian Cotton
Sizes: Twin, Extra-Long Twin, Full, Queen, King, California King, and Split King
Anti-pilling, Wrinkle Resistant, Breathable, Double-Brushed
EXTRA deep 18-inch pockets to fit most pillow top mattresses
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Penny Dawson at Penny@CoZzyComfy.com or 630.809.2180





Join Us
At The

KINGS EMBASSY

2nd Annual Grand Royale Community

THANKS GIVING

Dinner

FREE FEAST

FREE CONCERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

11am to 3pm - at The Kings Embassy,
3001 West Silver Springs Blvd,
Ocala, FL 34475

All Sponsors, Volunteers & Donors
Please Go To Our Website At
www.kingsembassy.org

FOR MORE INFO
PLEASE CALL 1-888-311-1964



Grant Writing Tip

BE SMART WHEN WRITING OUTCOMES IN YOUR GRANT!

Every grant you write is going to ask you for the expected outcomes. Submitting an outcome such as “increase parenting skills” just won’t cut it. Each SMART outcome you create must have these five characteristics to ensure the outcome can be reached and justifies the funding request. Also, don’t confuse outputs with outcomes (a subject for another Grant Tips! Hint: # of people attending a meeting is an output; what they learned at the meeting is an outcome.) The “SMART” acronym stands for:

Specific - what are you measuring? Parenting skills? Obtaining a GED? What is your program?

Measurable - if it’s not measurable, how can you prove you were successful? It should indicate a % and/or # of participants who attain the goal. Example: “Survey results showed 25% of parents reporting improvement in their parenting skills after six months.”

Attainable - Avoid using 100%...it’s not attainable. Life happens! Be realistic about the results.

Relevant - It needs to relate to what your program hopes to achieve. If you’re focusing on parenting skills, don’t make an outcome such as “attain GED” unless you have a component for that in your proposal.

Time-bound - How long will it take to achieve? You can have short-term and long-term outcomes which depend on the length of the program.

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

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girl scouts
of west central florida



COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE
(CCASA)
Highlights

RxALI
Florida
Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative

 Community
Coalition
Alliance

FREE

CCASA received 3,000 Deterra bags (safe disposal) from RxALI and CCA. Please contact Nancy Castillo at 352-454-6956 or nancy@rxchildrensalliance.org for your free bag.



DETERRA

As substance use rises in our county, it's become as important as ever to safely and responsibly dispose of unused prescription medications. Recent studies suggest that over 50% of all prescribed medications are disposed of improperly. Due to environmental pollution concerns, it is no longer safe to dispose of these drugs down the drain, in the toilet, or in the garbage. That means the responsibility is on the owner to dispose these drugs at drug take back programs, or risk leaving them in medicine cabinets where children and teens can often get to them.

Deterra's at-home chemical neutralization system works safely to deactivate the medications by a proprietary activated carbon system. Activated carbon is used extensively in municipal water purification, and is recognized as a universal adsorbent for chemicals in solution. Deterra bag deactivates 45 pills, 6 oz. liquid, or 6 patches.



Put on your running shoes and get ready for Kids Central's first Virtual 5K! It's a fun digital event where we can make a difference together — even as we stay safely apart during the pandemic. All funds raised will support our programs to help abused and neglected children. So challenge your friends, family, and coworkers, and share your best race times online!

REGISTER ONLINE

Registration for the 5k opens Monday, October 5th at [KidsCentralFosterChange5K.ItsYourRace.com](https://www.kidscentral.org/fosterchange5k). Sign up for only \$10 per entrant, or challenge Kids Central's fleet-footed CEO for \$15.

Join us as we put our steps where our heart is — and make a difference for local kids in need!



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A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN
Building Better Lives

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KidsCentralInc.org

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.

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



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**



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October is Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness Month



For resources or information, go to www.breakthesilenceonviolence.org or <https://secure.acsevents.org>

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- October 12** Family Violence Prevention
Monday Columbus Day (NO MEETING)
- October 14** Safe Kids (**NO MEETING**)
Wednesday 9 a.m. FDOH Auditorium
- October 19** CCASA
Monday This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- October 27** SEN
Tuesday 9 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting
- October 1** Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
Thursday 3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- October 7 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting
See **Page 5** for Zoom link

Agency Spotlight:

Project Connect

Lauren Federico,
 North Central Area Director
 Circuits 5 and 7

**Guest Speaker:
 Lisa Rice**

Continuum of Care (CoC) Manager,
 Community Services,
 Marion County Board of
 County Commission

Topic:

Responsibilities of the CoC
 and an Overview of the
 agency's funded programs.

All meetings are open to the public.

Connect With Us, log on to
Mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org
 to view the Calendar to see what's
 going on in our community; to sign
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