



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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artists ignite

Local artists unite to support a safe and loving community

*invites you to join us at NOMA Gallery
for an Open House
939 North Magnolia Ave. Ocala
Thursday, February 25, 2020
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

Showcasing:



Our Mission:
Improving the lives of Marion County Children



Our Mission:
Allowing those in need to earn what they need



Our Mission:
To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**Silent Art Auction ~ Entertainment by the Boys and Girls Club
~ "In Plain Site" Display ~ Dignity Roasters Coffee ~**

Ignite is a group of professionals who volunteer their time to create a safe and loving community here in Ocala. They help support our local non-profit agencies by raising funds for their cause and developing a platform to showcase their specific cause / and or project.

In light of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of being able to host their annual fundraising luncheon, the Ignite team has chosen to host a series of fundraisers that will run through March 2020. The Ignite Leadership team conducted an application process and selected three non-profit organizations to receive this funding and awareness for their cause.

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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~ DON'T MISS THE ONLINE PREVIEW ~



S.E.L.F. Renewal
Social-Emotional Life Focused Renewal
****12 Month Course Starting January 2021****

ONLINE PREVIEW DECEMBER 10th
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Register for the Free Preview on Eventbrite!
<https://self-renewal-free-preview.eventbrite.com>



THERE'S STILL TIME TO MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHT FOR KIDS

Gift of Christmas Toy Drive

All donations benefit the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup's annual Gift of Christmas Toy Drive



Deadline for donations is Friday, December 4, 2020



**TOY
DRIVE**

Thank You for helping make Christmas special for families in our community!
We Appreciate Your Support

ALL AGES

BUT WE ALWAYS HAVE A HUGE NEED FOR ITEMS FOR OUR TEENS

EXAMPLES ARE:

CD PLAYERS
CAMERAS
MP3 PLAYERS
TABLETS
MAKE UP SETS
PURSES
PERFUME SETS
WALLETS
WATCHES
(Boys and Girls)
FOOTBALLS
BASKETBALLS
BOARD GAMES

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

Gift cards or monetary donations can be mailed to MCCA, 3482 NW 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475





LIVE FROM THE NORTH POLE

VIRTUAL VISITS FROM SANTA CLAUS

To Benefit the Believe in Santa Foundation

**Mention Code "Save Christmas"
and Receive a Letter from Santa
for your Child as a Bonus**

(561) 509-5776, ext. 1225

<https://BelieveInSanta.com>



Marion County Public Library System

The Polar Express at the Park

Ring in the holidays with a magical reading of Chris Van Allsburg's "Polar Express" presented under the night sky. Bring your chairs and blankets, and enjoy a night of stories, music and more.


Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m.

Jenkins Open Air Theatre in Tuscawilla Park

500 NE 9 St., Ocala

Registration required. Space is limited. Registration begins Monday, Nov. 9. Call 352-671-8551 to register.



 A sign language interpreter, or help with other needs, may be provided with one week's notice.

~ AGENCY SPOTLIGHT ~

Brother's Keeper

320 NW 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Executive Director: Jason Halstead ~ **Phone:** (352) 622-3846

Email: Jason@bkocala.org or Info@bkocala.org

Website: Bkocala.org

Mission: The men, women and children we serve are our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. We are committed to assisting the poor and needy without regard to race, creed, sex or ethnicity.



Clients Served: Brother's Keeper serves individuals, families, children and the homeless.

Collaborative Partners: The organization partners with Interfaith, Salvation Army, Project Hope, Saving Mercy and Habitat for Humanity

What Services Does Your Organization Provide? Brother's Keeper provides 1). **The Soup Kitchen**, which is located at Interfaith, and it serves meals 365 days a year. In 2019 more than 86,000 meals were served 2). **Emergency Services:** provides a hand-up to those in need of services such as food, clothing, furniture, utility assistance, rental assistance, prescriptions, etc., 3). **Holiday Assistance:** provides 500 plus meals at the soup kitchen for Thanksgiving, 200 meal bags at Thanksgiving and toys and food for over 300 families, including 600 children.

COME TAKE PHOTOS WITH MAN'S BEST FRIEND

HOLIDAY PET PHOTOS
Wednesday, December 2
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Center Court
in front of Macy's

Hosted by the Paddock Mall



Join us for Holiday Pet Photos with the Chick-fil-A Cow at the Paddock Mall,
The cost to participate is a \$10 cash donation at the event ~ **OR** ~
two unwrapped toys for local children in need. Proceeds benefit the
Humane Society of Marion County and the Marion County Children's Alliance.

Advance registration is required via Eventbrite and space is limited.
Only one Eventbrite ticket per family is necessary;
please do not register each person in your party individually.

During this event, please keep your pets on a leash (no longer than
four feet), pick up after them as necessary, and be mindful of others,
and practice social distancing while at Paddock Mall.



For more information, please call (352) 237-1223.

THERE'S STILL TIME: HELP US BRING THE HARVEST HOME



Join us for the **NINTH** "Bring the Harvest Home" food drive. Donations can be dropped off at public libraries, city and county fire stations, Sheriff's Office district offices, tax collector offices, solid waste recycling centers, Supervisor of Elections office, Marion County administrative offices, Ocala City Hall, Ocala Police Department and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership complex. Donations can also be dropped off at the Downtown Square on

Friday, December 4, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All items collected at listed locations will be taken to the Ocala downtown square and delivered to the following area food banks:

Brother's Keeper: Jason Halstead (352) 622-3846 or Jason@bkocala.org

Interfaith Emergency Services: Karla Grimsley (352) 209-7045 or Karla@iesmarion.org

Salvation Army: Call (352) 732-8326

Items needed:

Food: Non-perishable foods such as rice, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly (plastic containers preferred), as well as canned goods including meats i.e. corned beef, corned beef hash, ham and tuna and vegetables and fruit,

Hygiene and baby items: Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, toilet paper, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, diapers and baby wipes.

For addresses and more information, www.marioncountyfl.org/about/bring-the-harvest-home.



Do you have clients who have struggled to pay their rent or mortgages? Received overpayment notices for benefits? Have questions about the CDC order and how it may be able to help? And for many other civil legal questions – please call CLSMF legal HELPLine at (800) 405-1417.

Consumer Law—sales contracts, credit issues, repossession, harassment by creditors, bankruptcy, and wage garnishment

Education— school-related arrests, suspensions, expulsions, Autism related services, and disability discrimination

Elder Law—abuse issues, living wills, advance health care directives, financial scams, and exploitation

Family Law—domestic violence, divorce, custody, child support, and visitation

Housing—landlord/tenant issues, housing code violations, repair contracts, foreclosures, housing discrimination, housing, and financial counseling

Public Benefits—cash assistance, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security/SSI, reemployment assistance, food stamps, or changes to any of these

Veterans— legal help with VA disability claims, rating reductions, discharge upgrades, and other civil legal matters

Community Economic Development— legal assistance to small businesses serving low-to-moderate income communities, non-profits engaged in community development, and non-profit affordable housing developers.

We are here for you.

1-800-405-1417

Call Our Helpline.

An attorney will answer.

M&Th: 8:30am-4:30pm

Tu&W: 8:30am-6:30pm

F: 8:30am-3:30pm

In observance with the recommended social distancing safety protocols, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida continues to work remotely to protect the public and our employees from the spread of COVID-19. While our offices are open by appointment only, our legal HELPLine remains 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 (800) 405-1417 or visit our website at www.clsmf.org to complete an online application or use our chat feature to apply for services.

If any agencies would like to request flyers, a presentation on our services, or have general questions, please contact Jodi Peña-Castaldi at jodip@clsmf.org or by phone at (407)936-7684.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE NOT ALWAYS HAPPY FOR EVERYONE!

Have You Ever Considered?

Sexual Assault is NEVER the victim's fault - for any reason! And there are some easy, inexpensive ways to protect yourself and reduce the opportunity for a rapist to target you. The following are easy preventative measures you can have in place at your home. I learned these measures from the RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) class that the Sheriff's Department has been offering FREE to women in the community monthly. Check the Marion County Sheriff's Office Facebook page for information on the next class!

Just a few ideas to help stay safe!



NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

Have You Ever Considered:

- * Putting a different light on before going to bed? Switch up between bedrooms, kitchen, living room, etc.
- * Making sure that you have your outside lights on at all times (so it's not dark when you arrive home in the evenings). The cost for outdoor lights to stay on is very low.
- * Change up your routine! Don't drive home the same route every day from your regular, daily routine. Visit a different coffee shop in the morning, too!
- * Get a dog! It does not matter how big or small, dogs are not only great for companionship but their bark is your doorbell alert for rapists
- * Be sure there is nothing blocking your view of your front window - whether it's bushes, cars, etc.
- * Do not advertise in social media that you are looking for a repair person with your home address. Rapists can impersonate.
- * If you have an active landline in your home but no phone attached, purchase a \$5-10 phone at a thrift store or dollar store and plug it in just to be able to call 911. It's a better way for the police to locate you!

The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Helpline is available 24/7 at (352) 622-8495.



Are you actively in recovery for substance abuse and have successfully completed a substance abuse treatment center program?

Do you need aftercare counseling?

We offer outpatient counseling at NO COST to our clients. We help clients develop and use coping skills, deal with obstacles to ongoing recovery and assist clients in realizing their best potential.

Case management is available as needed.

We are a DCF licensed program.

For further information, please see contact information below

Kevin Grinnell, ILC
111 NE 12th Ave,
Ocala, FL 34470
Office: 352-277-1131
Helping America's Most Vulnerable

A flyer for Zero Hour Life Center. At the top is a green logo of a hand holding a plant. Below it, the text reads "Zero Hour Life Center", "Recovery Community Organization", and "The time for change is...NOW!". Further down, it says "Florida's 1st Mobile Recovery Community Organization". A bulleted list includes: "Peer Recovery Coaching", "SOAR Works! (SSI/SSDI)", "C.O.R.I. (Criminal Offender Reentry Initiative)", "Care Coordination", and "DCF Access Community Partner". At the bottom, it features the hashtag "#RECOVERY", the website "WWW.ZEROHOURLIFECENTER.ORG", the phone number "(352)765-4943", and the email "recovery@zerohourlifecenter.org".

CHECK OUT THIS NEW ONLINE RESOURCE PORTAL

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) recently launched a new resource hub – Aunt Bertha Online Resource portal through www.myfloridamyfamily.com to help families in need, especially during this trying time. Using this landing page, one can find resources for those in need (and it can be translated in over 100 languages) and you can offer resources to those in need.



As we embark on this initiative, we are seeking community help to build up the local resource listing.

I Need Help

MyFloridaMyFamily has partnered with AuntBertha to develop an online platform that is providing counties with a comprehensive directory of local resources that will help strengthen families. Search by zip code to locate resources near you. If you are a provider, you can [Claim Your Listing](#) or [Suggest Your Service](#) in just a few easy steps.

I Want to Help - Faith-Based Institutions

There is no “one-size fits all” approach to caring for the vulnerable children of your communities. Through a partnership with Angel Armies Foundation, Florida is offering a variety of options to engage church and faith institutions in ongoing efforts - at no cost.

I Want to Help - Individuals

Although not everyone can foster or adopt, we ALL can do something! Whether you are a business, individual or non-profit, you can help meet the needs of vulnerable children and families in your community! Florida has partnered with CarePortal to make sure interested individuals and groups are aware of real-time opportunities to help.

HELP IS JUST A CLICK AWAY ~ TRY IT!

For those offering resources (i.e. support groups, food/ clothing, etc), we encourage you to review the site to see if your programs are listed. Further, you will have the ability to connect with Aunt Bertha staff directly through the portal who can assist with listing your programs. That way those in need searching for resources will be able to see resources that are available to them in their community.

You can claim your organization or sign up your organization at no cost. You will be able to directly refer your customers to any organization/resources on the site. This is a great way to leverage your resources. You will also be able to pull data.

Your program may already be listed and just needs to be "Claimed."

Claiming your program allows your organization to:

- Update your services so more of the people you serve (and less of those you cannot help) come to you based on your service description.
- Update your contact information and assure a person in need gets the dignity of a response to their request for help
- Gain access to **free** features like:
 - Referral and outcome tracking tools
 - Referral screening tools
 - Appointment scheduling
 - Reporting about your program
- Team Management gives multiple users on your team permission to edit your programs and see reports.
- The Screening Tool adds an additional layer of questions which ensures that a person who is interested in your program is eligible for those services.
- The Appointment Scheduler allows people to schedule appointments with your program directly through the platform.

Aunt Bertha also has a downloadable app for Iphone:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/auntbertha/id970641273>

Aunt Bertha app for Android:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.auntbertha.webapp.ab&hl=en_US



For more information or questions, contact Joelle Aboyttest Joelle.aboytes@myflfamilies.com.

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



GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!
 (must attend at least 4 Workshops
 to be eligible to win on 12/17/2020)



VIRTUAL PARENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Dates: 11/5/2020 to 12/17/2020

6 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

(every Thursday)

“Internet Connection and Computer/Smart Phone with camera/speakers required to participate”

Enjoy **FREE VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS** for the entire family, fun educational activities promoting early learning for your children, and being eligible to receive **Gift Cards and or Educational Toys...** Join us at the Virtual Parents as Teachers Workshops happening weekly in Marion County.

For more information and to register contact **Success By 6** Coordinator Chrissy Vickers at (352) 369-2315 ext. 213 /

cvickers@elc-marion.org or register at <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/success-by-6/parent-training-scheduling/>



BE ESSENTIAL.

Get and stay employed with a low- or no-cost certificate.

Individuals who are out of work or who want to reskill or upskill are eligible to apply for a variety of programs and may qualify to attend with no tuition expenses. The following short-term, in-demand programs have been funded by a recent Rapid Credentialing Grant award from the state of Florida.

- Accounting Technology Specialist
- Computer Information Data Specialist
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Entrepreneurship
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt
- Logistics and Transportation Specialist

Take the next step.
CF.edu/Essential.

Eligible applicants must be a Florida resident and have a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid on file or be deemed eligible through CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion.

GET THERE
Florida's Workforce Education Initiative



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Learn more at **CF.edu/Essential**

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WORKFORCE SERVICES

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE AGE 16-24 IN NEED OF A BETTER OPPORTUNITY?



IF YES, WE CAN HELP!

- Earn Valuable Credentials
- Resume Preparation
- Interview Skills
- Job Search Assistance
- Paid Work Experience with On-the-Job Training
- Continued One-on-One Support
- No Out-of-Pocket Cost



ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES:

- Positive Attitude and Commitment to Change!
- U.S. Citizen, or Eligible to Work
- Between the Ages of 16-24
- Not Currently Enrolled in Any School including K-12 & College
- Meet Employment Barriers

OFFICE LOCATIONS:

CITRUS

683 S. ADOLPH
POINT LECANTO, FL
352-249-3278 X1853

LEVY

2175 NW 11TH DR.
CHIEFLAND, FL
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MARION

2703 NE 14TH ST.
OCALA, FL
352-291-9550 X1570



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National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Marion County

2ND ANNUAL NAMI MARION COUNTY

MENTAL HEALTH



AWARENESS

LUNCHEON



Join NAMI Marion County and the Mental Wellness Coalition for a luncheon honoring the superheroes who break the stigma of mental illness in Marion County

Friday, December 11, 2020



College of Central Florida's Klein Center

In partnership with



11:30am-1:00pm

Boxed Lunch with socially distanced tables (masks required)

Contact Summer Gill
summer@namiocala.org
to reserve your table now!

Featuring Renowned Trauma Specialist Amy O'Neill

Amy C. O'Neill, MS, LPC is a Survivor of the Boston Marathon Bombing, Stakeholder for the National Mass Violence and Victimization Resource Center, Licensed Professional Counselor and a member of the OVC TTAC Consultant Network.



DEADLINE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE IS DECEMBER 1



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Marion County

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NAMI Marion County established their annual Mental Health Professional of the Year to honor outstanding professionals and members of the mental health community in Marion County. Qualification: Person nominated must be a licensed or in the process of licensure in the area of Mental Health. Multiple nominations and self-nominations are welcome. Announcement of the award winner will be at the NAMI Marion County luncheon on December 11 at the College of Central Florida. If you have any questions about the awards or the nomination process, please call Summer Gill with NAMI Marion County at 352-875-8972.

Entries are due by December 1, 2020 at 5pm . Please email all entries to summer@namiocala.org

NAME OF NOMINATOR:

NOMINATOR PHONE NUMBER:

NOMINATOR EMAIL:


NOMINEE'S INFORMATION: PLEASE TELL US ABOUT WHO YOU ARE NOMINATING

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THE NOMINEE IS WORTHY OF RECEIVING THIS AWARD? YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL PAPER TO EXPLAIN YOUR NOMINATION?



MARION OPIOID EXPOSED NEWBORN TASKFORCE

The Science, Practices and Myths of Opioid Use Disorder for Pregnant Women

With Dr. Jason Hunt, MD

This training addresses the science, practices, and myths of opioid use disorder (OUD) for pregnant women. As an OBGYN with a specialty in addiction medication, Dr. Hunt provides an engaging, compassionate view into understanding and treating this specialty population.

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-science-practices-and-myths-of-opioid-use-disorder-for-pregnant-women-tickets-126567929083>



PRESENTED BY



Save-the-Date

Tuesday, January 26, 2021
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Florida VPK IT'S FREE

Does your child turn 4 on or before September 1st? Then apply for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten!

Classes start in January 2021, and you can apply online by visiting elc-marion.org and selecting "Register for Florida VPK" in the drop-down menu.

Call for more information.
352-369-2315



A SECOND INCOME IS A NECESSITY!



**TAX CLASS
2021**

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- ETHICS TRAINING

For more info contact info@anoitedforprosperity.com or visit www.anoitedforprosperity.com and click hiring
Inbox messages are welcome
(352)437-6675 (leave a message)

WE MAKE HOMEOWNERSHIP AFFORDABLE



Habitat for Humanity® of Marion County

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1** need substandard living conditions
- 2** ability to pay an affordable mortgage
- 3** willingness to partner and build their own home

**BECOME A FIRST TIME
HOME BUYER &
CALL US TODAY AT
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**TO REVIEW ALL OF THE CRITERIA FOR THE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM,
PLEASE VISIT WWW.HABITATOCALA.ORG/HOMEOWNERSHIP**



PARENT AND CHILD ACTIVITIES

November 2020

created by Susan Dewey



In partnership with **PNC's Grow Up Great Program** and the **TMW Center for Early Learning and Public Health**, we're launching the Any Time is 3Ts Time campaign. Make the most of the time you're spending with your child by using the 3Ts.

Tune In

Tune in means to be in the moment with your child. No matter what activity you are engaging in with your child, give them your full attention. Focus on what your child is looking at during play time, outside activities, bath time and even quiet time. There is nothing to purchase or create time for, it is in the here and now. While interacting with your child show them that they are important. Your children need to know that you care what they say, feel and even think. Allow your child to guide the conversations. Be there for them to answer questions, teach them new things and really listen. As your child gets older these conversations will become even more important because they will know they can come to you and talk about things that really matter. They will see that you are willing to focus your attention on them. Stay tuned for part two coming soon!



Get rewarded for being the amazing parent you are! Just for registering at www.the3ts.org you will earn a \$5 WaWa Gift Card!

- Login to www.the3ts.org – Parents, Grandparents, and Educators can participate!
- Make sure you enter Early Learning Coalition in the drop down menu when registering.
- Earn your "Champion Parent Status" by viewing the 7 **strategy lessons** (2-3 minutes per session) and receive your Champion Parent Kit!
- Once you complete the strategies—send a screenshot to Jolynn Rathel @ jrathel@elc-marion.org to get your Kit and WaWa Gift Card!





UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENCE BEHIND ADDICTION

Why it is not a moral failure of the character

Give-
aways

Presented by

ChrisWivholm.org

PickingupthePieces.us

www.teamsharinginc.org

Mothersheartbreak.com

Register
Early
to win
prizes

Early Bird Special
\$15 Before December 21, 2020
\$20 After
Deadline to purchase
January 20, 2021

Please join us for online event
on Saturday, January 23, 2021

10 AM Central / 11AM Eastern

All proceeds go to the Neuroscience Research on addiction at the University of Minnesota where Professor Thomas has a new research center.

Our featured speaker, Mark Thomas, PhD, Director of the Medical Discovery Team on Addiction at the University of Minnesota, a new collaborative research program to discover new treatment options for Opioid-Use Disorder. His research examines how addictive drugs alter the brain and how these changes can lead to compulsive drug use.

His lab is now focusing on ways to disrupt addiction relapse

Please contact us at info@chriswivholm.org with your inquiries

Focus will be on understanding Substance Use Disorder as a medical condition that needs recognition and help, and ending the stigma.

Please submit any questions for Mark prior to January 20. We will allow questions during the event in the chat but we can not guarantee to cover them all.

We will start this event with a moment of silence to remember those lost to addiction.

Please email us your picture and loved ones name to info@chriswivholm.org



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December 25 celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and the day is a Christian holiday celebrated by Christians around the world. Many non-Christians also celebrate this day as a time of peace, joy, family and giving of presents.

Christmas is a national federal holiday in the United States. Most government offices, schools, and business are closed on this day.

Spend time with family and friends making memories this holiday season.

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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|--------------------------------|--|
| December 9
Wednesday | Safe Kids
9 a.m.
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| December 14
Monday | Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m.
No meeting in December |
| December 21
Monday | CCASA
Noon
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| December 22
Tuesday | SEN
9 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting |
| December 3
Thursday | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting |

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UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

Please Note: There WILL NOT be an Alliance meeting in December



See you in 2021

Next Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
at 11:30 a.m.