



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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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



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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 Department of Health in Marion County will be providing free, drive-through COVID-19 testing at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion on the following dates in the weeks ahead:

- November. 3, 4, 17, 18, 24 and 25
- December. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30

Testing will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Livestock Pavilion (2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala). 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 until 10 a.m. or until the day's available samples are all used, 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 for 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 (except for parents, guardians or caregivers). No pets are permitted in the vehicle during tests.

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 County. 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 (352) 644-2590, or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.



The Marion County Children's Alliance is very grateful for the support we received during the **Give4Marion** campaign.

Your generosity helped us raise **\$6,000** towards our **\$10,000** goal.



Special Thanks to Our Wonderful Sponsors

*Anonymous ~ Kevin and Leah McDonald ~ Lori Boring
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MCCA IS INVITING YOU TO A ZOOM MEETING

Join Us!

for the next Alliance Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Agenda:

Welcome

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

Director's Report:

Beth McCall

Agency Spotlight: Brother's Keeper

Jason Halstead, Executive Director

Guest Speakers:

Debra Velez, COO, Marion County Hospital District

Luis Delgado, Consultant, Marion County Hospital District

Topic: Beacon Point: A Showcase of Providers

Round Table: (Upcoming Announcements and Events)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: **995 5558 0256**



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

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.

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~ AGENCY SPOTLIGHT ~

Project Connect

2930 Kerry Forrest Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32309

CEO/Executive Director: Tony Read

Phone: (386) 562-7824

Email: Lfederico@twinoaksfl.org **Website:** Projectconnectfl.org



Mission: To provide quality and balanced services that promote the development of successful, responsible, productive and accountable citizens.

Clients Served: Project Connect serves clients 11 years of age and up Post Commitment Probation, Conditional Release and Probation Direct Releases

Collaborative Partners: The organization partners with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding



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.

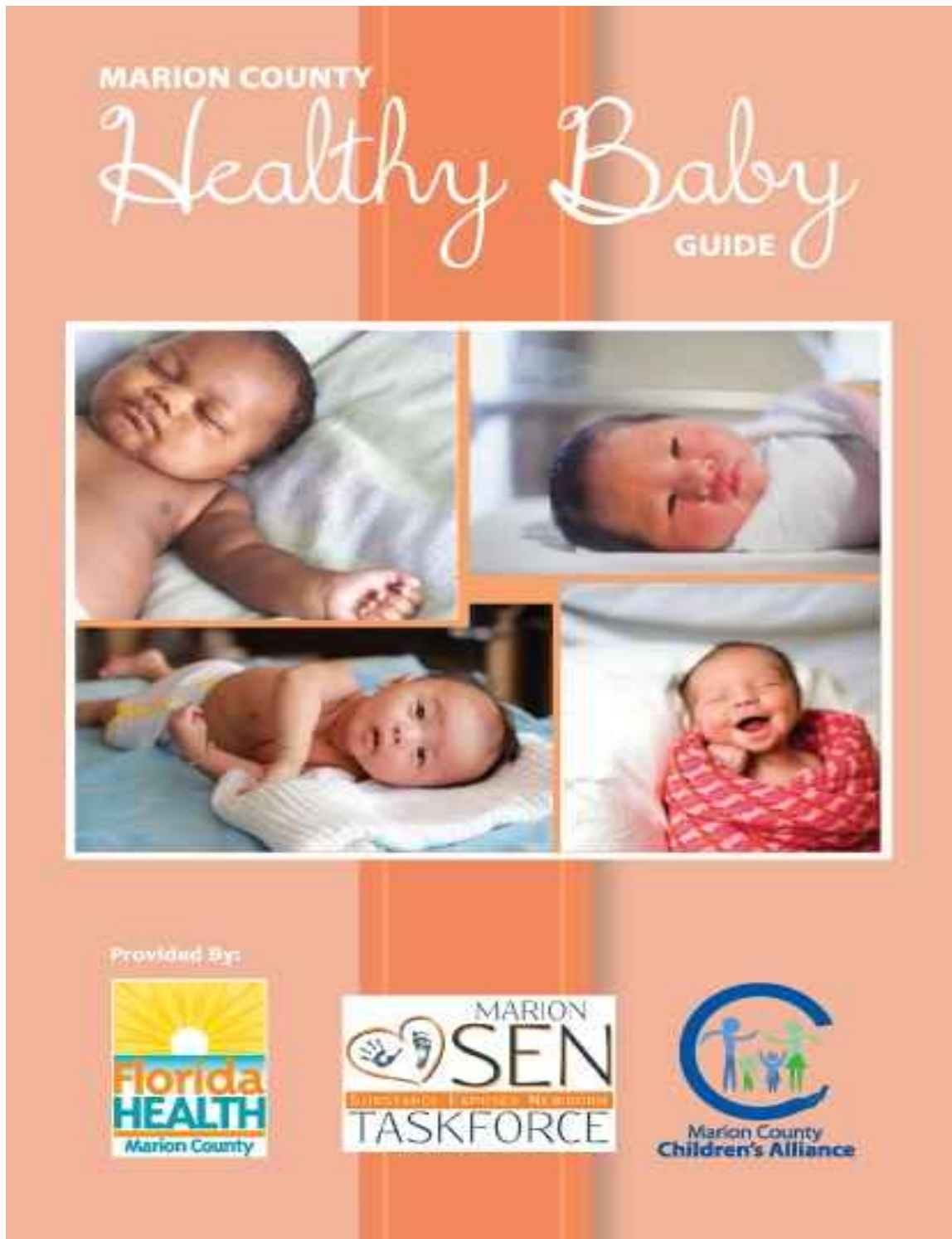
3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470



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



~ HEALTHY BABY GUIDE COMING SOON ~



The Healthy Baby Guide was created by the Substance Exposed Newborn Task Force to ensure pregnant women who suffer from a substance use disorder receive prenatal care needed to protect the health and safety of their unborn babies in partnership with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Marion County.

To reserve your copy please email Nancy Castillo at nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR SUPPORTING THE WEAR YOUR WINGS VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK



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CRAFTING FAMILY MEMORIES THAT MATTER RIGHT HERE IN OCALA!

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We may encounter many defeats
but we must not be defeated.
Maya Angelou. Stay encouraged
Tiffany, Tamia and Tia



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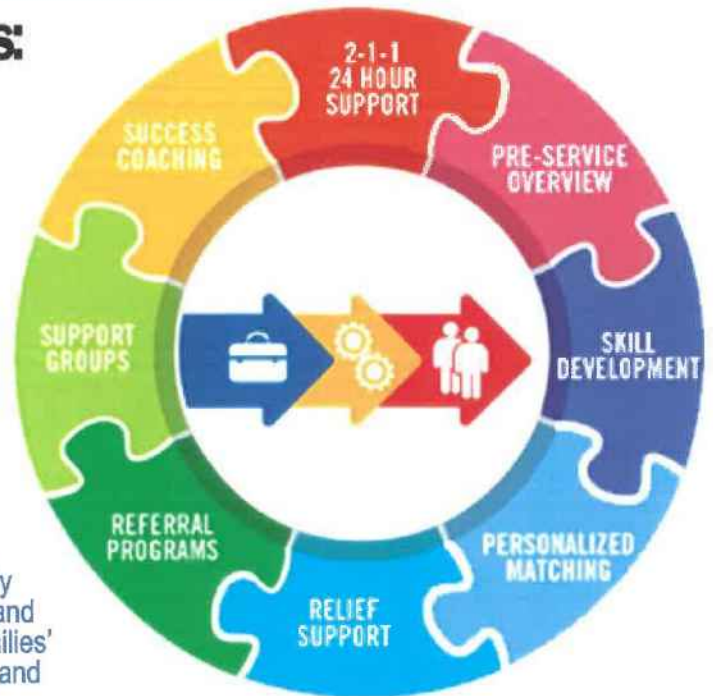
Strong Families Initiative Provides:

1 SKILL BUILDING

- Goal Setting
- Work Ethic & Career Opportunities
- Barriers to Poverty
- Resume Building & Interview Skills
- Budgeting
- Understanding & Managing Credit
- Conflict Resolution
- Parent's Role in Children's Education
- Educational Opportunities
- Nutrition/Cleaning/Organizing

2 COACHING

A Success Coach meets with the families on a bi-weekly basis for a year. They assist families with setting short and long term goals. The Success Coach also tracks the families' progress such as goals of the family, public assistance and referrals to social services.



Strong Families Works:

- 79% moved from temporary to permanent housing.*
- 61% reduced their amount of debt.*
- 22% began taking steps towards advancing their education.*
- 47% increase of household income for our graduates.*

* Results from Strong Families July 2018-2019 Ocala & Dunnellon

Strong Families Sponsors

United Way of Marion County partners with local organizations to serve families who can benefit from this effort to increase their financial stability.



PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

- Participants need to have stable housing (long-term shelter or transitional housing is acceptable).
- Participants are required to have substance abuse and mental health issues under control.
- Participants must be motivated to make positive, long-term changes to their lifestyle.

MORE INFORMATION

352-732-9696



1401 NE 2nd St,
Ocala, FL 34470
www.UWMC.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

Social
Distancing
Guidelines
will be
observed
Drop off
Service
Available

All proceeds benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKGROUP CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING VOLUNTEER FORM

Join Us!



Gift Wrapping Booth located Center Court, in front of Macy's
Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed.

*** Volunteers must be at least 18 years old (or have experience gift wrapping)**

(Please Print Clearly)

*** Required Information**

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone: () _____ -or- Cell: () _____

*E-mail: _____

Volunteers Needed December 11 through December 24, 2020

Please list date and times you want to volunteer:

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Your support is sincerely appreciated **BUT**, please remember we will be depending on you
to show up to wrap gifts on the days and hours **YOU** sign up for.

Fax completed forms to **(352) 438-5994**, or e-mail to **monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**.
For more information, available times and dates, call **(352) 438-5990**.



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!**

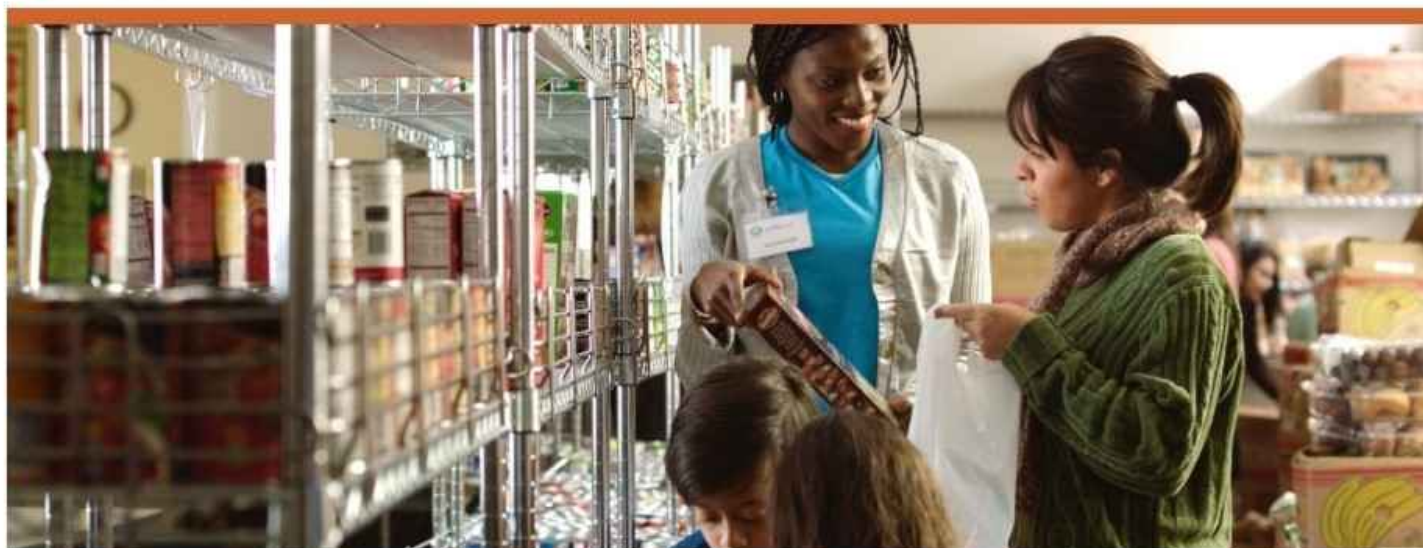
For tickets & info:

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.

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR PROJECT?



A Gift to Communities

When your faith, nonprofit, community, or governmental organization is looking for meaningful ways to involve employees or members in service to the community, there is no need to look further than JustServe.org, a free community resource.

The JustServe.org website is used by organizations to post service opportunities and publicize their needs. Volunteers can search for service opportunities that meet their interests, skills, and availability.

JustServe.org reduces the time needed for volunteers to find meaningful service opportunities and allows more time to give service. It helps your organization get involved in the community and allows employees or group members to select service opportunities that are a perfect fit for themselves, their family, or your organization.

How to sign up

1. Visit JustServe.org or the JustServe app.
2. Select "Sign in/Register" and create an account, or register with your Facebook account.
3. Confirm your registration by responding to an email sent from JustServe.org.

How to serve

1. Visit JustServe.org or the JustServe app.
2. Search for a project by location, or apply advanced search filters.
3. Volunteer for your desired project.

How to submit service projects

Visit JustServe.org, select "Submit a Project," and provide the necessary information. The proposed project will be reviewed and, following approval, posted on the website.

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



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- Adult Residential addiction treatment
- Inpatient detox
- Community support
- Education and prevention
- 24/7 Mobile Response Team

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Our mission: Strengthen lives with compassionate healing.

If you or someone you love is in need of mental health or recovery support, we are here to help.



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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**



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
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(561) 509-5776, ext. 1225

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Grant Writing Tip

What is your vision?

These final months of 2020 are a good opportunity to develop or update your organization's strategic plan. This month's grant tip is all about VISION. As you begin working on a strategic plan for your nonprofit, one of the first things that should be done is to create a vision statement.

It should not be confused with a mission statement. Those statements are based in the present and designed to convey why the business exists to both members of the organization and the external community. Vision statements, on the other hand, are future-based and meant to inspire and give direction to employees rather than customers. Your vision is the ideal place you want the world to be if you're able to carry out all of the good you've set out to do. If the stars were aligned just right and you had all the resources, time, and support you needed to do your work, how would the world look, or how much better off would your ideal client be?

Your vision sets the ultimate direction you want to go. Out of that, everything else flows (your mission, your goals, outcomes, and program activities). Have you developed a vision yet? If not, you should definitely start.

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

Please call, text or e-mail: (352) 236-0483 (mobile) or gerrybrent@hotmail.com

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Inbox messages are welcome
(352)437-6675 (leave a message)

'NOT ALONE' FILM SCREENING

The film will be followed by a discussion on teen depression and suicide with local youth mental health providers.

Interested in a virtual screening contact:
Steve Blank, Chief Operating Officer,
The Centers (352) 291-5555 or

Nancy Castillo, Prevention Coordinator,
Marion County Children's Alliance (352) 454-6916

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Boynton Head Start

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FREE CONCERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

11am to 3pm - at The Kings Embassy,
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All Sponsors, Volunteers & Donors
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FOR MORE INFO
PLEASE CALL 1-888-311-1964

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 9:00 - 11:00 am during the Marion County Substance Exposed Newborn (SEN) Task Force meeting

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

DR. JASON M. HUNT IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ADDICTION MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, WHERE HE JOINED THE FACULTY IN 2017 TO PRACTICE ADDICTION MEDICINE AT THE UF HEALTH FLORIDA RECOVERY CENTER.

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.





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The Thanksgiving tradition began in early XVII century, and the first nation-wide Thanksgiving was proclaimed on November 26, 1789 by George Washington. The contemporary date of fourth Thursday of November was set in 1941 by federal legislation.

The annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Thanksgiving has deep roots in religious tradition, but nowadays it is primarily celebrated as a secular holiday.



Source: <https://www.calendar-12.com/holidays/thanksgiving/2020>

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| November 9
Monday | Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m.
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| November 16
Monday | CCASA
Noon
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| November 18
Wednesday | Safe Kids
9 a.m.
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| November 24
Tuesday | SEN
9 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting |
| November 5
Thursday | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting |

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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| November 4
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: Brother's Keeper

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

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