



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MARION COUNTY

ACADEMICS*HEALTH & WELLNESS
CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP

WHAT WE OFFER:

- ✓ HOMEWORK HELP
- ✓ TUTORING
- ✓ TEEN PROGRAMS
- ✓ FIELD TRIPS
- ✓ ART CLUB
- ✓ HEALTHY SNACKS
- ✓ CHARACTER BUILDING
- ✓ YOUTH MENTORING
- ✓ SPORTS & RECREATION
- ✓ FUN LEARNING & ACTIVITIES

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6 - 18



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE:

\$15 PER CHILD

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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"

~ 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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ADULT WIFFLE BALL LEAGUE

January 7 - February 25

Thursdays | 7 - 9 PM

Jervey Gantt Recreation Complex

\$25/player or \$100/team



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The time for change is...NOW!

Florida's 1st Mobile
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- Peer Recovery Coaching
- SOAR Works! (SSI/SSDI)
- C.O.R.I. (Criminal Offender Reentry Initiative)
- Care Coordination
- DCF Access Community Partner

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WWW.ZEROHOURLIFECENTER.ORG

(352)765-4943

recovery@zerohourlifecenter.org

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR ABE SCHOLARSHIPS



The scholarship committee is pleased to announce the 2021 American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) Florida Scholarship online application is available. If you or your network know of a graduating high school senior that plans to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics, please encourage them to apply.

All applications must be submitted via the online portal by the deadline which is Friday, March 7, 2021.

The application is available at <https://scholarship.aabe.org>. The handbook can also be found at <http://aabefl.org/scholarship> for further eligibility details.

The purpose of the AABE-FL Scholarship is to assist African American, Hispanic and Native American students with the cost of pursuing a bachelor's degree in energy-related fields at an accredited college or university within the state of Florida.

The AABE-FL scholarship rewards high school students throughout the state of Florida who excel in math and science with financial assistance for post-secondary education. In addition, AABE-FL supports scholarship recipients ("AABE Scholars") who meet established academic standards throughout their pursuit of a bachelor's degree with recurring scholarships. The "AABE Scholars" scholarship application will be sent directly to eligible candidates as this is renewed annually.

A motivating force behind what we do is purposefully investing in our future. Our investments come full circle when many of the students we support go on to work in the energy industry, and those companies then gain skilled workers trained to meet the demands of a modern workforce.

Please reach out to Derick Farfan, scholarship chair, if you have any questions.

Derick Farfan

AABE Florida Scholarship Chair

Clean Energy Connection Program Manager | Duke Energy Florida

299 First Avenue N. | FL 155 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Mobile: **727.266.7321** | Office: 727.820.4594

* Derick.Farfan@duke-energy.com

<https://www.duke-energy.com/cleanenergyconnection>





classroom IN THE garden

FORT KING NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK
3925 E FORT KING ST.

FIERY FERMENTS* JAN. 29 | 5:30 PM

Things are getting heated! Create your own hot sauce and spicy kraut to take home.
Cost: \$20/participant *Adults 18+ only

BIO-CHAR FEB. 6 | 10 AM

IFAS will demonstrate how to make your own bio-char and how to use it in your garden.
Free to attend

BEGINNER GARDEN APR. 17 | 10 AM

Learn how to start your own home garden and successfully grow in small spaces.
Free to attend

FAMILY PIZZA PARTY MAY 7 | 5:30 PM

Bring the whole family to make your own pizza with ingredients straight from the garden!
Cost: \$20 for family of four (one pizza)

NATIVE PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPING MAY 29 | 10 AM

Learn which native plants are best for local landscaping.
Free to attend

HERB GARDEN & PIZZA* JUN. 4 | 5:30 PM

Create a mini herb garden and make your own pizza with ingredients straight from the garden!
Cost: \$20/participant *Adults 18+ only

BEE HOUSES JUN. 11 | 9 AM

Make a recycled bee house while learning about nature's gentle pollinators, the mason bee!
Free to attend

MUSHROOM HIKE AUG. 14 | 9 AM

Join mushrooming group FALAFAL on a hike for identifying mushrooms.
Free to attend

COMPOSTING SEP. 25 | 10 AM

Learn how to make a compost pile and the importance of soil building.
Free to attend.

FAMILY PIZZA PARTY OCT. 2 | 5:30 PM

Bring the whole family to make your own pizza with ingredients straight from the garden!
Cost: \$20 for family of four (one pizza)

SUCCULENT GARDEN & PIZZA* NOV. 19 | 5:30 PM

Create a succulent terrarium and make your own pizza with ingredients straight from the garden!
Cost: \$20/participant *Adults 18+ only

Register at
[OCALAFL.ORG/RECPARK](https://ocalafl.org/recpark)



352.368.5517 | RECPARK@OCALAFL.ORG | [OCALAFL.ORG/RECPARK](https://ocalafl.org/recpark)



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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Call **352-873-5800**

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

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TEENS
GAME NIGHT
IN FEB. 2021
STARTING

FEB. 9, 2021
EVERY
TUESDAY & THURSDAY

TEEN CENTER
OPEN 4-8PM
800 SW 12TH AVE
OCALA
352-690-7440
AGES 13-18



OPEN GYM
630-730PM

DCF LAUNCHES "THE LINK"

(A monthly informational email subscription)

The Link

Engaging families together



Have a strong social network? Want to help families in your community? You could be the missing link between an important message and a family's renewed wellbeing! Whether you're part a community organization, government agency, business, faith institution, or even a private citizen, we believe

that everyone can play a part in getting the word out about new initiatives and programs that help families. The Link is a monthly email from the Department of Children and Families that highlights important topics and resources related to families, such as suicide, adoption, homelessness, child safety, and more. Each month, we'll also include free social media graphics, pre-written posts, and a calendar of upcoming observances for you to share within your own network. Together, we can amplify our message to ensure Florida families know about all the tools and resources available to help them build resiliency and lead happy, healthy lives.

Sign up at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDCF/signup/20628>



Join Us!



for the next Alliance Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/99555580256>

Meeting ID: **995 5558 0256**

Agenda:

Welcome/Introduction

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

Director's Report:

Beth McCall

Guest Speaker:

Renee Rivers, Florida Community Manager for Aunt Bertha

Topic: Part 2 Aunt Bertha: DCF and Kids Central, Inc. are using Aunt Bertha (findhelp.org) to help children and families they serve. Last month we had an introduction to Aunt Bertha. This month, Ms. Rivers will train on the benefits of Aunt Bertha and how to use it to gather data.

Round Table: (Upcoming Announcements and Events)

For more information about the Marion County Children's Alliance, please visit our website at **www.mcchildrensaliance.org**

A GREAT TIME TO JOIN THE NON-PROFIT BUSINESS COUNCIL

Nonprofits in Marion County offer this community so many valuable services that cannot go overlooked. Throughout the unexpected challenges 2020 brought us all, the unwavering visions and missions of those serving our least fortunate, and those enhancing the quality of life in our community, were inspiring. However, we also learned that our collective nonprofit voice is much louder than one or two individuals alone. That is why, for 10 years, the NonProfit Business Council (NPBC) has served more than 150 nonprofits in Ocala/Marion County.

Our mission has always stayed the same. We promote positive economic impact of nonprofits, strengthen their leadership capacity, and promote collaboration and philanthropic education.

Despite 2020 challenges, the Council continued to offer monthly meetings on Zoom for members to receive professional development, networking, and support. Our CEO Roundtables, though not as frequent, served as an outlet for nonprofit leaders. The professional development through the Nonprofit Resource Center was offered at discounted prices to NPBC members. We partnered with the Foundation on the inaugural Give4Marion event in October, and in November, we released the latest edition of the *Guide to Charitable Giving*. The calendar for 2021 is already shaping up to offer some exciting opportunities as well.

We currently have a committee formed to begin the next steps for a nonprofit economic impact study for Ocala/Marion County. We believe this time of information is essential in showing the impact, not only on community issues, but also on the community's economic base.

We are reaching out to you to see if you want to be a part of all that the NPBC is doing and will do in 2021? It is a great time to get involved.

Won't you join us?



To become a member or to learn more, please visit:

<https://www.ocalafoundation.org/non-profit-business-council/>



**Return completed application to:
The Community Foundation of
Ocala/Marion County
324 SE 24th Street
Ocala, FL 34471**

Membership Application

Membership is open to any 501 (c)(3) nonprofit operating in Marion County, Florida.

New Member Membership Renewal

Nonprofit Business: _____

The following information is used in establishing your nonprofit's computer database record. Please type or print clearly.

Primary Representative's Name: _____

Primary Representative's Title: _____

Secondary Representative(s) Name/Titles: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Secondary Email Address(s): _____

Phone: (____) _____ Website: _____

Nonprofit focus:

Arts & Culture

Education & Research

Animals & Environment

Health

Human Services

International

Public/ Society Benefit

Religious

Other: _____

NPBC Membership Dues

Organizational Membership – See Table Below Open to all 501 (c)(3) nonprofits. **Please circle amount.**

Nonprofit Annual Budget	Membership Fee Paid w/Check	Membership Fee Paid w/CC
\$0-\$249,999	\$75.00	\$77.88
\$250,000-\$499,999	\$150.00	\$155.60
\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$250.00	\$259.22
\$1,000,000 and higher	\$500.00	\$518.29

Affiliate Membership - \$60 For individuals who may volunteer for or have retired from a nonprofit organization but want to keep up to date on the latest information pertaining to nonprofits.
NonProfit Business Council membership runs for one year following the processing of your application and payment and is renewable annually to qualifying 501 (c)(3) nonprofits. Membership is open to all nonprofits in Marion County, FL.

Payment

Check Check# _____ (Make Check Payable to: Community Foundation of Ocala Marion/NPBC)

Credit Card: Name on Card: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____

Visa MC Discover AMEX Card #: _____ Security Code: _____

Address where statement is received: _____ Zip Code: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the NonProfit Business Council. I certify that my interest in NPBC is genuine and believe this membership will enhance our nonprofit business, increase our level of professional development, and further solidify the Ocala/ Marion County community's voice for the nonprofit community. I pledge to work with the highest level of ethics and integrity. My nonprofit's payment (check/credit card) is included.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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.

IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP HEALTHY?

HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Eye that her boyfriend looks into lovingly ➤

Smile that he loves to see ➤

His favorite place to kiss ➤

The cell phone he uses to tell her he loves her ➤

The hand her boyfriend holds when they go for a walk ➤

UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

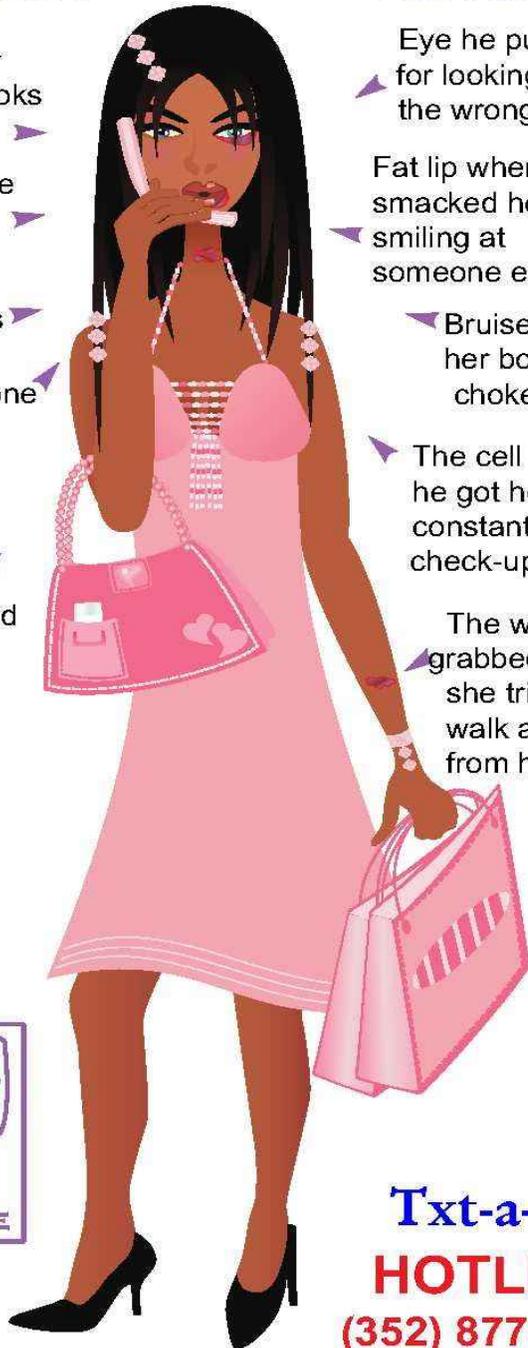
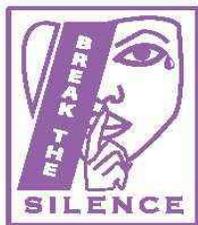
Eye he punched for looking at him the wrong way ➤

Fat lip when he smacked her for smiling at someone else ➤

Bruise where her boyfriend choked her ➤

The cell phone he got her to constantly check-up on her ➤

The wrist he grabbed when she tried to walk away from him ➤



**Txt-a-Tip
HOTLINE
(352) 877-2838**

What is dating violence?

A type of intimate partner **violence**. It occurs between two people in a close relationship. TDV includes four types of behavior: Physical **violence** is when a person hurts or tries to hurt a partner by hitting, kicking, or using another type of physical force.

What are facts about dating violence?

The violence can be in the form of **emotional, psychological, sexual and physical abuse**. It occurs during the dating relationship among the teenagers. The dating violence actually is also spotted not only among the teens but also adolescents.

What are the warning signs of dating violence?

Five Early Warning Signs:

1. Extreme Mood Swings.
2. Isolation.
3. Physical Harm.
4. Bad Grades.
5. Sexual Activity.

Dating Violence Statistics

- 1 in 3 teen relationships are violent
- 1 in 10 teen girls and 1 in 11 teen boys admit to having experienced physical violence in a dating relationship in the past year.

NEED HELP?

For more information, local resources and services, go to:
breakthesilenceonviolence.org

Marion County Board of County Commissioners



We're hiring...



Join our team!

Open Positions as of January 26, 2021

Apply Online: MarionCountyFL.org/Careers

Hourly Positions

Title	Starting Pay
Emergency Medical Technician	\$10.00-\$11.28
Engineering Construction Insp	\$14.31-\$21.04
Facilities Trades Tech-HVAC	\$14.31-\$25.36
Facilities Trades Tech-Plumbing	\$14.31-\$25.36
Firefighter/EMT	\$11.00-\$11.96
Firefighter/Paramedic	\$16.68-\$18.14
Inspector Plans Examiner	\$22.11-\$33.48

Title	Starting Pay
Litter Crew Leader (On-Call)	\$14.31/hr
Paramedic	\$15.68-\$18.03
Parks Svcs Worker-Seasonal	\$10.00/hr
Recreational Leader-Seasonal	\$11.80/hr
Recycling Attendant (Contract)	https://www.rgsmarion.com
Supply Inventory Technician	\$10.70-\$12.30

Salary Positions

Title	Starting Pay
Assistant County Eng Traffic	\$80,953-\$114,025
Environmental Svcs Fiscal Mgr	\$63,419-\$89,330
Growth Svcs Admin Mgr	\$48,297-\$67,563

Title	Starting Pay
OCE GIS Tech Analyst	\$39,998-\$56,331
Public Services Librarian II	\$39,998-\$56,331

Positions in Grey - Accepting Applications - Hiring on HOLD

Veteran's Preference • Equal Employment Opportunity • Age 18+ and H.S. Diploma/GED required for most positions
Assessment Testing • Background Check • Driver License Check • Drug Screen

WE PROVIDE: Florida Retirement System • Medical, dental, vision insurance • Paid time off and sick leave • Tuition reimbursement • Employee wellness and professional development programs.



MarionCountyFL.org/Careers



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NEED VOLUNTEERS? TRY JUST SERVE!



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 JOURNEY INSTITUTE, INC. Presents...

the Official DC:0-5 training offered online via **Zoom**. This is a perfect chance to learn about the DC:0-5 and how to use it in your practice, at a low registration rate, and from the comfort of your home or office (or home office)!

Zero to Three's Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood (DC:0-5™) is the first developmentally based system for diagnosing mental health and developmental disorders in infants and toddlers.

This training is for advanced practitioners such as mental health clinicians, psychiatrists, pediatricians, nurse practitioners, and early intervention specialists whose work with infants, young children, and their families involves assessment, diagnosis, and case formulation.

Delivered by Dr. Harleen Hutchinson, A ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer and a FAIMH Training Academy expert who are highly qualified with strong clinical skills and training experience.

Topics include:

- Definitions of key concepts in infant and early childhood mental health as they relate to diagnostic formulation and approaches.
- A review of the multi-axial framework
- Approaches to infant and early childhood assessment and diagnosis (developmentally appropriate, relational and family-focused, contextually grounded, culturally competent, and strengths-based).
- A brief review of:
 - Axis I—Clinical Disorders
 - Axis II—Relational Context
 - Axis III—Physical Health Conditions and Considerations
 - Axis IV—Psychosocial Stressors
 - Axis V—Developmental Competence
- Understanding DC:0-5 in relation to other classifications such as ICD-10 and DSM-5

This is a training offered over three consecutive days: March 1-3, 2021

Day 1: Monday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. live online

Day 2: Tuesday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. live online

1 hour of self-study on your own time between sessions.

Day 3: Wednesday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, live online

Registration cost is \$300 With CEUs for LCSW/LMHC/LMFTs

DC:0-5 Manual Required - Please purchase on your own, with enough time that you have it for Day 1 of the training.

Trainer: Dr. Harleen Hutchinson, FAIMH Training Academy Expert Trainer, Zero To Three Expert Trainer and CEO of The Journey Institute, Inc.

Location: Online via Zoom

Questions? Email us at hhutchinson@thejourneyinstituteinc.com

Registration: www.thejourneyinstituteinc.com, **More Tab-** UpComing Events/Training

Training link will be provided after registration fee is fully paid.



JUNIOR RANGERS

• WILDLANDS PROGRAM 2021 •

FORT KING NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK
3925 E. FORT KING ST.

SATURDAYS | JAN. 23 - MAY 16
10 AM - 12 PM.

Junior Rangers, ages 8 to 11, will learn wilderness survival skills, outdoor ethics, connectivity with nature and participate in outdoor recreation. There are eight programming sessions ending with an overnight camping trip! Fee is \$90/child for the entire program.

- Leave No Trace
- Fire & Cooking
- Shelter & Knots
- Florida History
- Fishing
- Native Animals and Tracking

**Register at www.FortKingOcala.com
or call 352-368-5533.**



*Images taken prior to COVID-19 outbreak



NEW SNAP GROUPS STARTING IN 2021 ~ SIGN UP NOW



POWERED BY THE MINDS AT CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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.**

Please send inquiries or referrals for youth 6 to 11 years old that could benefit from participating in the SNAP early intervention program to: **snap@arnettehouse.org**. Call: **(352) 622-4432** for more information.

PROJECT HOPE IS EXPANDING AGAIN

Project Hope is currently serving 17 women and 34 children in their program. By early Spring 2021, the program will have added an additional five families to newly renovated units.



The waiting list continues to be lengthy, but they are always accepting applications, which can be emailed to **casemgr@projecthopeocala.org**.

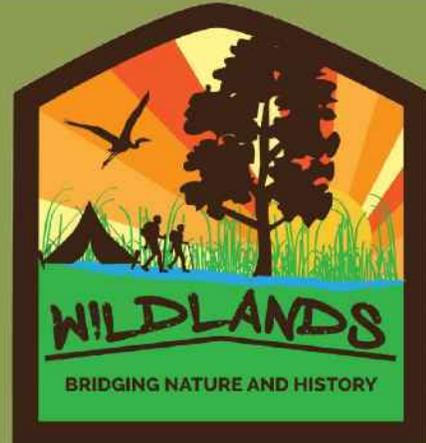
The program is a supportive and transitional housing program serving women and children with the goal of assisting these families in transitioning from homelessness and hopelessness to having a safe home, hope in their hearts, and on their way to self-sufficiency.

Project Hope offers ongoing case management from a trauma informed perspective and links the families to a variety of community resources to aid them in their journey to becoming healthier and happier adults and parents.



WILDLANDS NATURE ADVENTURES

EXPLORE NATURE WITH A FUN
AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY!



AGES 6 - 16
9 - 11 AM | \$10/CLASS

WHAT'S IN THE WATER? SATURDAY, JAN. 9

Fort King National Historic Landmark
3925 E Fort King St.

A DAY LIKE A SQUIRREL SATURDAY, JUL. 3

Scott Springs Park
2825 SW 24th Ave.

FUN IN THE SUN SATURDAY, JUL. 31

Fort King National Historic Landmark
3925 E Fort King St.

LEARN ABOUT CONSERVATION FRIDAY, AUG. 6

Fort King National Historic Landmark
3925 E Fort King St.

FISHING FOR BEGINNERS SATURDAY, AUG. 7

Park location to be determined

LIVE SNAKES AND ALL ABOUT 'EM SATURDAY, OCT. 9

Fort King National Historic Landmark
3925 E Fort King St.

ANIMAL TRACKING & ID SATURDAY, OCT. 23

Scott Springs Park
2825 SW 24th Ave.

FISHING FOR BEGINNERS SATURDAY, NOV. 13

Park location to be determined

FEATHERED FRIENDS FRIDAY, DEC. 17

Scott Springs Park
2825 SW 24th Ave.

REGISTER AT
OCALAFLOREIDA.ORG/RECPARK

Living in Central Florida and Facing Eviction?

You may qualify for assistance!

To determine eligibility, please call our Helpline. Different counties have different programs available.

Call our Helpline at:
1-800-405-1417



FREE FITNESS PROGRAMS



FRESH START FITNESS

Lillian F. Bryant Community Center
2200 NW 17 Pl.

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | THROUGH MAY 2021

In addition to weight training and exercise, participants will learn tools and principles like creating the perfect pre & post workout meals, to understanding the 5 components of fitness.



WEEKDAY WELLNESS

E.D. Croskey Recreation Center
510 NW Fourth St.

TUESDAYS | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | THROUGH JANUARY 2021

Participants will be challenged, encouraged and held accountable while working towards a healthier lifestyle. Activities include low impact fitness, stretching, walking, running and more.

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SOCIAL MOTION CLUB



Social Motion Club is a program for special needs adults that runs from September to May and offers hands-on experiences through a wide variety of activities like

- Exercise
- Creative & expressive arts
- Cooking & baking
- Life & social skills
- Nature & horticulture therapy
- Community outings
- Speakers and more

Special
Needs
Adult
Activities

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JR. HOOPZ LEAGUE

January 11 - February 26 | Mondays - Fridays

4:30 - 9:30 PM | E.D. Croskey Recreation Center

League begins with a week-long skills assessment followed by six weeks of competitive play with a focus on fundamentals, teamwork and sportsmanship.

AGE DIVISIONS

5 - 7

8 - 10

11 - 14

Players must be within their age division at time of registration.



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Opening Speaker:
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Keynote Speaker:
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REALIZING RECOVERY



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

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We offer outpatient counseling at NO COST to our clients.

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February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Throughout **February**, organizations and individuals nationwide are coming together to highlight the need to educate young people about dating violence, teach healthy relationship skills and work to prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.

In 2020, the City of Ocala had **200** reported cases of dating violence.

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| February 8
Monday | Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m.
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| February 10
Wednesday | Safe Kids
9 a.m.
This will be a Zoom meeting |
| February 15
Monday | CCASA
Noon
<i>No meeting in February</i> |
| February 23
Tuesday | SEN
9 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting |
| February 4
Thursday | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting |

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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| February 3
Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting
See Page 9 for Zoom link |
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Guest Speaker:

Renee Rivers

Florida Community Manager
for Aunt Bertha

Topic:

**Part 2 Aunt Bertha
(findhelp.org)**

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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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