



# MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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## BACKPACK GIVEAWAY DRIVE THRU ONLY

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**Saturday, January 9, 2021 ~ 10 a.m. to noon  
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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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## Grant Writing Tip

**Focus on solutions more than problems in your grant application**

Here are a few quick tips when writing your grant application:

1. Talking too much about problems (as opposed to solutions) can give your proposal a negative vibe. Remember: A real person is going to read your proposal, so you want to do everything you can to instill positive emotions, much like in storytelling. Plus, grant makers want to know *how* you're going to accomplish your objectives even more than why.
2. Target a specific project. The majority of grants are awarded to a specific cause as opposed to just general support. By focusing your grant application on a single project, you will increase your chances of getting funded. And be detailed—this will show that you've clearly thought through how the project will be executed.
3. Be a good story teller. Imagine that it's your job to read grant proposals, hour after hour after hour. Eventually they're all going to sound the same—unless you come across one that inspires you or tugs at your heartstrings. Think about this: How can you get the person reading your proposal to fall in love with your organization? The key lies in the story you tell. If you can perfect the art of storytelling, your grant proposals will stand out. With word and character limitations, this can be a challenge.
4. Lose the \$10 words. This is not a doctoral dissertation! The best grant proposals are easy to read, concise and understandable. Always (Watch the acronyms too!)
5. Differentiate yourself. Tell how your organization's work is different from other nonprofits in order to set yourself apart. That said, you significantly up your chances of getting a "yes" if you can set your organization apart from the masses.

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

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



The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission regrets the postponement of Youth Day, the Prayer Breakfast, Day in the Park and the MLK March, which are generally held prior to and on the third Monday of January, due to concerns regarding Covid-19! It is our desire to provide these activities in the future when conditions allow. We will still hold the Wreath Ceremony and provide a free movie night. Please plan to attend these events. ***There will be social distancing and we ask you to please wear a mask.*** The Ocala Drive Inn can hold a maximum of 410 vehicles.

### **Wreath Ceremony**

Saturday, January 16, 2021

noon at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

### **Movie (TBD)**

Monday, January 18, 2021

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ocala Drive-Inn (South Pine Ave)



We are continuing to solicit donations for scholarships for our youth that are seeking assistance to further their education. Donations should be made payable to Marion County's Dr. MLK Commission and mailed to P.O. Box 171, Ocala, FL 34478.

For more information e-mail **[Ocaladrmlk@gmail.com](mailto:Ocaladrmlk@gmail.com)** or call Ire **(352) 208-0819**.



# 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.*

# NEW ONLINE RESOURCE COMING ~ GET CONNECTED

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) recently launched a new resource hub – Aunt Bertha Online Resource portal through [www.myfloridamyfamily.com](http://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.

# SIGNING UP IS FREE AND EASY ~ TRY IT NOW

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



**Join us for a presentation on January 6, 2021  
at 11:30 a.m. at the Alliance meeting.**

For more information or questions, contact  
Joelle Aboyttest [Joelle.aboytes@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Joelle.aboytes@myflfamilies.com).



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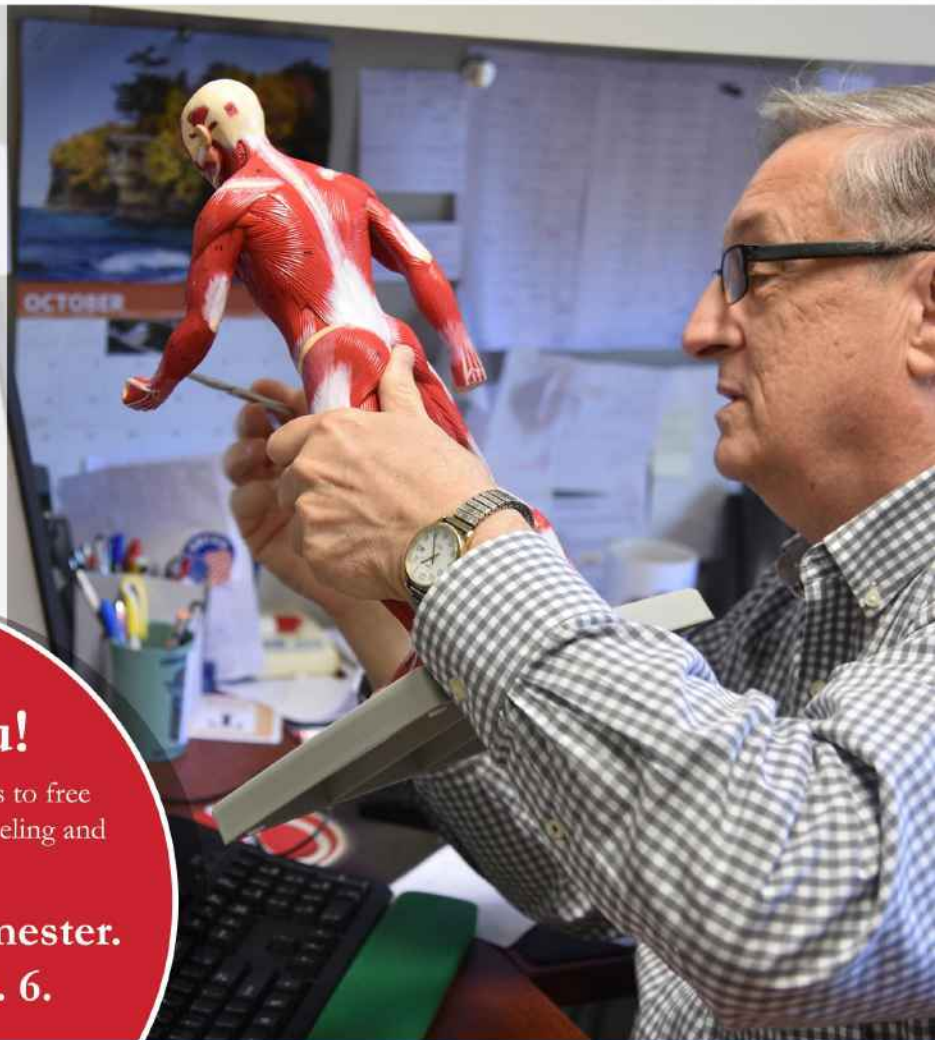
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# Join Us!



for the next Alliance Meeting via Zoom  
**Wednesday, January 6, 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 Speakers:**

**Joelle Aboytes**, Circuit 5 Community Development Administrator  
**Robert Bradburn**, Circuit 5 Community Partner Liaison

**Topic: Aunt Bertha:** DCF and Kids Central, Inc. are using Aunt Bertha (findhelp.org) to help children and families they serve. Aunt Bertha is a platform that helps connect people to social care services. It's easy to use and has hundreds of resources listed in every zip code in the country. Learn what it is and why your organization should be involved with this valuable resource.

### **Round Table:** (Upcoming Announcements and Events)

For more information about the Marion County Children's Alliance, please visit our website at **[www.mcchildrensaliance.org](http://www.mcchildrensaliance.org)**



IS ANNOUNCING A NEW 12 MONTH ONLINE COURSE:



## Social-Emotional Life Focused Renewal

*Do you feel stuck in unproductive patterns?  
Do you ever go out of your way to avoid difficult conversations?  
Learn how to confidently face conflict and transform it.*

### This Course Will Provide You:

- Increased self-awareness and ability to better identify and manage difficult emotions
- Enhanced ability to recognize and understand others' emotions
- Understanding on how to effectively establish and maintain positive social connections
- Greater capacity to heal emotional pain
- Empowerment to create a better future

**Make 2021 A Year Of Transformation!**

**\*\*Course begins January 12th\*\***



Facilitated by  
Cindy Grimes, MA



Nira Colyn  
Co-Facilitator



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Co-Facilitator

**Learn More  
and Register On Eventbrite Now!**

**<https://self-renewal-12-month-registration.eventbrite.com>**



The Arnette House is excited to announce that a new round of SNAP boys & girls and parent groups will be starting in January 2021.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, both youth and parent groups will take place on Zoom. Families that attend and participate well will receive a free pizza dinner for all members for every three sessions attended. Please fax, email referrals to: 2310 N.E. 24th Street, Ocala, FL 34471

For questions or to receive more information call **(352) 622-4432** or e-mail **snap@arnettehouse.org**.



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](mailto: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:**

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



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SUBSTANCE 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>





## DR. JASON HUNT

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

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.

Dr. Hunt earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois in 2002. He then completed an obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Louisville in 2006. He completed a fellowship in addiction medicine at the University of Florida in 2017.

Before becoming an addiction medicine physician, Dr. Hunt worked as an advanced drug and alcohol counselor in Alabama and Tampa. Currently, his responsibilities include evaluating impaired professionals and caring for patients in the alcohol and drug detoxification unit at UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital. His interests and expertise are in ob/gyn, specifically opioid use disorders in pregnancy, substance use disorders, the evaluation and management of dual-diagnosis substance use disorders and substance-related impairment.

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## START SMART BASKETBALL

**Ages 4-5**  
**\$25/Player**  
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Recreation Center



**Jan. 9 - Feb. 7**  
**Saturdays**  
**8:30 - 9:30 AM**

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## TAG TEAM BASKETBALL

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Tag Team Sports gives kids with disabilities the chance to learn new skills and make new friends. If needed, participants will be paired with a buddy so everyone can play!  
*Face coverings are encouraged.*

**Saturdays**  
**January 9 - 30**  
**9 AM - 1 PM**

**E.D. Croskey Center**  
**1510 NW Fourth St.**  
**Ages 5 and up**  
**\$20 per player**

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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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## 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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# 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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352-291-9550, ext. 1215 — ask for Lauren

**Citrus & Levy County:** [wjones@careersourceclm.com](mailto:wjones@careersourceclm.com)  
352-249-3278, ext. 1853 — ask for Randy

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## PREPARING YOUNG ADULTS FOR TODAY'S



# Paid Work Experience Opportunity

## Questions and Answers



### 1. What is Paid Work Experience?

Eckerd Workforce Development through CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion connects employers and young adults, ages 18-24, in the belief that businesses need trained workers, young people need good jobs and communities need strong economies. Paid Work Experience participation is a viable way to eliminate barriers such as lack of experience and soft skills that can stand in the way of gainful employment.

### 2. How long is a Paid Work experience?

A Paid Work Experience lasts for up to 12 weeks or 360 hours, whichever comes first, with a maximum of 30 hours worked each week. The trainee could work 9 weeks for 360 hours, but cannot work over 40 hours per week. The schedule during the course of a week will be determined by the worksite.

### 3. Where does the pool of candidates come from?

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion has an active pool of participants, 16-24 years old, that are currently seeking employment in a variety of industries. Participants will have completed work readiness training, and also received relevant occupational certification through our Workforce Services. Candidates will also have a hands-on Career Coach who will provide support throughout the Paid Work Experience.

### 4. Who selects the Paid Work Experience Participant?

As the potential employer, you do. All candidates will attend an internal selection first to determine suitability prior to you receiving any resume for review. After that, you may interview and make your choice. Note: all agreements must be executed prior to participant starting.

### 5. How is the participant paid?

Eckerd Workforce Development Services has contracted with Excel HR to cover the payroll costs. The worksite has no liability for payroll, taxes and related costs. Trainees will be paid bi-weekly at a set rate of at least \$8.56 per hour, and up to 90% of the typical entry wage based on preferences given by the business. All Paid Work Experience participants will be covered by Florida's Workers Compensation Policy.

### 6. How do I get started?

Just call or email today, and our employment specialist will schedule a convenient appointment to review your needs, and begin searching for a candidate.

**Marion County 352-291-9550, ext. 1215, ask for Lauren**  
**Citrus and Levy County 352-249-3278, ext. 1853, ask for Randy**

## PREPARING YOUNG ADULTS FOR TODAY'S



# Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion™

## What is Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion?

Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion (HF) programs provide free, voluntary parent coaching and support services that increase the knowledge and skills of parents so their children can grow up healthy, safe, nurtured and ready to succeed in life. Community-based programs combine to form the nationally accredited HF statewide program which is proven to prevent child abuse and neglect before it ever starts. Parent coaching and support is more frequent in the beginning and tapers off as the family becomes more stable and self-sufficient. Services can last up to five years, depending on the needs of the family.

## When Should I Make a Referral to Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion?

**A referral can be made if the family:**

- Is expecting a baby or has a newborn less than three months old
- Has an open investigation
- Is receiving case management services
- Has had prior involvement in the system and the case was closed

*Because this is a voluntary program, HF cannot replace mandated services in situations where a case would have been opened or would remain open if HF was not involved.*

## How do I make a referral to Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion?

Please complete the Referral Form on the back of this page and fax to us via **secure fax**:

Marion County - Secure Fax: 352.732.1718 / Phone: 352.732.1355

Lake and Sumter Counties – Secure Fax: 352.742.6008 / Phone: 352.742.6170

[HealthyFamiliesFla.org](http://HealthyFamiliesFla.org)







# Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion

## Partner Referral Form

**When filling out this form, please collect as much information as possible to ensure Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion can connect with the family quickly and effectively.**

**Mother's full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

Or mother's estimated due date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Referred by name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge I have spoken to each person named above and they have agreed to accept a referral to Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion. Each person named above understands the information on this sheet will be shared with Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion over a secure fax line. Each person named above understands a representative of Healthy Families Lake/Sumter/Marion will contact them to collect further information and assess for suitable services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Referral Partner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

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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](mailto: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](mailto:info@chriswivholm.org)**



# 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**



# 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](http://elc-marion.org)

and selecting "Register for Florida VPK"  
in the drop-down menu.

Call for more information.  
352-369-2315

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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**

For more information about  
getting involved, call 352-368-5517



## Zero Hour Life Center

Recovery Community Organization

**The time for change is...NOW!**

Florida's 1st Mobile  
Recovery Community Organization

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

**#RECOVERY**

[WWW.ZEROHOURLIFECENTER.ORG](http://WWW.ZEROHOURLIFECENTER.ORG)

(352)765-4943

[recovery@zerohourlifecenter.org](mailto:recovery@zerohourlifecenter.org)



## Young Adult Workforce Services



### Eligibility Includes:

- **AGES 18-24 IN MARION COUNTY**
- Ages 16-24 in Citrus or Levy
- Not currently enrolled in school
- Meet employment barriers
- Positive attitude and commitment to change!
- U.S. citizen, or eligible to work in this country

**Do you know anyone age 16-24 in need of a better opportunity?**

**We can help them discover their strengths and interests,  
Earn valuable credentials that employers are seeking,  
obtain necessary Work Readiness training to prepare for employment,  
and even offer short-term training *at no out-of-pocket cost* .**

***Select applicants may qualify for paid Work Experience***



**Citrus County (352) 249-3278, ext. 1853**

**Levy County (352) 493-6813, ext. 2622**

**Marion County (352) 291-9550, ext. 1570**

**Or visit us @ [Eckerd.org/workforce](http://Eckerd.org/workforce)**

**We encourage you to contact a representative today!**

**Citrus County**  
683 S. Adolph Point  
Lecanto, FL 34461

**Levy County**  
2175 NW 11th Drive  
Chiefland, FL 32626

**Marion County**  
2703 NE 14th Street  
Ocala, FL 34470

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# BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FREE TRAINING, CERTIFICATIONS & WEEKLY PAY

## DO YOU QUALIFY?

You are eligible for the Phoenix Rising YouthBuild program if you are a US citizen age 18 - 24, in need of a high school diploma or GED and willing to work.

## LET'S TALK TODAY!

Build a Habitat for Humanity home, sharpen employability skills, earn certifications and diploma/GED, plus receive a participation allowance.

Contact us now:  
352-291-9550, ext. 2293  
hcolon@careersourceclm.com



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**Marion County Children's Alliance**  
 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475  
 Ph: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994

**January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month**



During the month of January, advocates, organizations, and individuals unite to raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking. While movements like #MeToo have started to bring crimes like sexual harassment and sexual assault out of the shadows, human trafficking largely remains hidden.

Source: [www.nsvrc.org/blogs/january-human-trafficking-awareness-month](http://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/january-human-trafficking-awareness-month)

**ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS**

- January 11** Family Violence Prevention  
Monday 11 a.m.  
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- January 13** Safe Kids  
Wednesday 9 a.m.  
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- January 18** CCASA  
Monday Noon **No meeting in January**
- January 26** SEN  
Tuesday 9 a.m.  
This will be a **Zoom** Meeting
- January 7** Heroin/Opioid Taskforce  
Thursday 3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting

**UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES**

- January 6 Alliance Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.  
This will be a Zoom Meeting  
See **Page 9** for Zoom link

**Guest Speakers:**

**Joelle Aoytes,**  
 Circuit 5 Community  
 Development Administrator

**Robert Bradburn,**  
 Circuit 5 Community  
 Partner Liaison

**Topic:**  
**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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