



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Special Tribute to
Police Chief
Greg Graham



2021
Superman
AWARDS

Honoring men making an extraordinary
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TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN
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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 ~

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Opening Speaker:
Dr. James Henningsen
(President of College
of Central Florida)



Keynote Speaker:
Ernest Wiggins II
(NCAA Hall of Famer
& USA Sprinter)

March 27, 2021

College of Central Florida Klein Center

5pm-7pm

For more information contact: Chrissy Vickers (352) 304-3908c or authorchrissyvickers@outlook.com



IS YOUR ORGANIZATION REGISTERED!!!!

Aunt Bertha (findhelp.org) is a referral platform for social services that exists to connect all people in need and the programs that serve them with dignity and ease. The Aunt Bertha platform makes it easy for people facing social needs –and those that help others—to find and make referrals to appropriate programs and services for food, shelter, health care, work, financial assistance, and more.

Kids Central and the Department of Children and Families is using this platform as their referral base platform.

The Marion County Children’s Alliance is working to get all Marion County organizations registered. As we look to find ways to improve the lives of the children of Marion County, Aunt Bertha’s platform is a tremendous opportunity to help our children and families find the resources they need with dignity and ease.

There is no fee to register! Please register today or claim your program if your program is listed. Go to www.auntbertha.com/find_a_program. If your program is not there, click “Suggest a Program” button at the bottom of the screen. If your program is listed, please click the claim program and follow instructions.

Renee Rivers, Community Engagement Manager for Aunt Bertha, is willing to schedule a meeting with you to answer questions and help you get started.

rrivers@auntbertha.com
(850) 253-7628

Aunt Bertha was created to help people connect with the vast social services available. Register today, to help us make that process easier for Marion County residents.

Beth McCall, Executive Director
Marion County Children’s Alliance

TuesdayTalks

Business Advancement Series

A Program of the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership

Impact of Cancer on Patients, Families and Business in Marion County

Presented by Dr. David Willis, MD



March 23, 2021

8:15 am Breakfast

8:30 am Presentation

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON FACEBOOK LIVE

The Cancer Alliance of Marion County focuses on improving lives through education and the importance of wellness and cancer prevention, early detection, support programs and resources and access to healthcare services.

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Ocala, FL 34471



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PREVIEW NIGHT

MARION | CITRUS | LEVY

Tuesday, March 2, 4-7 p.m.

Register at [CF.edu/PreviewNight](https://cf.edu/PreviewNight) | 352-873-5800

Join us online to learn about academic programs from CF representatives, financial aid opportunities and how to get started at CF. With more than 150 academic pathways, we can prepare you for a career that you love.

All attendees who complete our survey will have the **application fee waived** and receive a free CF T-shirt!

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MARION COUNTY IS LOOKING
FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT
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OR CALL 352-690-7440
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

SHOES ASSEMBLY OF GOD HAS SEVERAL JOB OPENINGS ~ APPLY NOW

Positions available:

- Early Learning Teachers
- Extended day and summer camp director
- Cook
- Construction Ministry Leader
- Lawn Care worker



To apply, call the main office at **(352) 687-0190** or stop by the office at 206 Midway Road - across the street from Greenway Elementary School.

Adam will be the initial person you will speak with until a application has been completed and returned.

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EVERY TUESDAY @ 9AM**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Join Us!



for the next Alliance Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, March 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

Agency Spotlight:

Melissa Casto, executive director, His House for Her

Guest Speaker:

Steve Blank, Zero Hour Life Center, Marion County Coordinator

Round Table: (Upcoming Announcements and Events)

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



MEMORIES & INSPIRATION

The Kerry and C. Betty Davis Collection of African American Art



Through March 28

A selection of 62 pioneering works amassed over 35 years by an extraordinary couple, including paintings, prints, sculpture and more.

Appleton Museum and Store

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd. | 352-291-4455 | AppletonMuseum.org



"Memories & Inspiration: The Kerry and C. Betty Davis Collection of African American Art" was organized and toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC. Above Image: Michael Ellison, "Mickey Dees," 1987, woodcut. Photograph by Reis Birdwhistell.



*An Evening of Excellence Gala
Thursday, April 29, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Country Club of Ocala
6823 SE 12th Circle*

Tickets \$80 per person

*Contact Beth McCall
for more information at
executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org
or call (352) 438-5990*

*Presenting the Inaugural Dr. Mike Jordan
Award of Excellence
to an organization serving children
of Marion County
in an exceptional way.*

BEGINS MONDAY, March 1, 2021

FREE



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**JOIN US FOR A
SOCIALLY DISTANCED DANCE PARTY!**

★ Participants will be spaced **6 FEET** apart ★

**MONDAY • TUESDAY • WEDNESDAY • THURSDAY
5:30PM to 6:30PM**



**Ed Croskey Recreation Center
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**BURN
500
CALORIES**

**MASKS REQUIRED
DURING ENTRY AND EXIT.**
Once you are socially
distanced, you may remove
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comfortable.



Participants will be
SCREENED upon entry
(temperature checks).

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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

AGES
6 - 18



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE:

\$15 PER CHILD

WWW.BGCOFMARION.COM

ALL-RECOVERY ART

All-Recovery Art meeting welcomes all who struggle with substance use disorder, are affected by substance use and/or support the recovery lifestyle by using art.



ALL RECOVERY ART MEETINGS

Open To The Community

Date:

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of the month

Location:

Outside of Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) at the picnic tables where everyone congregates.

450 NW 2nd St, Ocala, FL 34475.

Time:

10:30-11:30 AM

Facilitator:

Kassie Leonard, OTA
Marion County Children's Alliance
Peer Recovery Specialist

For more information call
O - 352 438-5990, M - 352 598-2198
or email Kassie Leonard at
kassie@mcchildrensalliance.org.



ALL-RECOVERY MEETING

All Recovery meeting welcomes all who struggle with substance use disorder, are affected by substance use and/or support the recovery lifestyle. An All Recovery meeting is "non-denominational", meaning all pathways of recovery.



ALL RECOVERY MEETING TIME

Open To The Community

Date:

Every Tuesday

Location:

Opiate Recovery Center Associates (ORCA) 2601 SE Lake Weir Ave, Ocala, FL 34471.

Time:

4:00-4:45 PM

Facilitator:

Kassie Leonard, OTA
Marion County Children's Alliance
Peer Recovery Specialist

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DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE?



Do you have a heart for children with special health care needs?

Why foster care? There is a critical need for all types of homes and care providers in the state of Florida to provide care for these children.

What is foster care? A temporary placement in a family home that has been licensed by the local Community Based Care organization. Children are placed in these specialized homes where families provide care to children/teenagers who have been removed from their own homes. Foster care provides homes for traditional children in care as well as children with therapeutic, behavioral, developmental and medical challenges.

Is foster care a paid position? Foster care is not a paid position. You do receive a "board rate" payment that helps support room and board of a foster care placement. There are opportunities to serve children and youth who have special health care needs. If you complete additional training, there is an ability to receive a separate payment paid to you as the provider when accepting an approved medical placement.

Who can be a foster parent? Any responsible adult who successfully passes a background screening, completes all trainings and someone who wants to open their home to a child who does not have a home. We are looking for families who want to reach out to Florida's neediest and to help a child grow and thrive through your support and guidance. You do not need to have experience to be a foster parent. You just need to have a deep desire to help a child develop a loving, supportive relationship with you and others. You will help a child learn to trust, love, listen, and provide them with a safe and nurturing environment. You become a respected member of a team caring for each child placed in your home.

Please join me in a GoToMeeting conference call on **March 2, 2021 from 7p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** for a brief information session. **Call 1 (646) 749-3112 and enter the code of 231 982 965.**

Pediatric Primary Care Foundation, Inc. previously served in a case management capacity for Children's Medical Services. Our **new** mission is to help increase the number of foster parents caring for children with medical challenges in Florida.

Email (**Director@ppcfinc.onmicrosoft.com**) or call Program Director Carol Goodbred at **(352) 369-2564** for additional information. She will connect you with your local Community Based Care Organization.

This will begin your journey of helping a child in need and changing both of your lives forever.

Pediatric Primary Care Foundation Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) independently assisting with recruitment of foster care providers and does not license homes or provide foster care or Medical Foster Care services. We are not affiliated with any state agency.

Pediatric Primary Care Foundation Inc. 2375C NE 25th Avenue #107 Ocala, FL 34470



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We are here to help!

If you know someone who may be facing eviction, has questions about the CDC Eviction Moratorium or another civil legal matter, please have them call our legal Helpline at (800) 405-1417.

**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**

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You can also visit our website at www.clsmf.org to use our chat feature or complete an online intake to speak with one of our attorneys.

HOME BASED PROGRAM



www.ecs4kids.org



What is the Home-Based Program?

A Parent Educator will come to your home weekly and provide FREE:

- ◇ Developmental screenings.
- ◇ Services for pregnant women & children birth to three.
- ◇ Referral to community services.
- ◇ Socialization activities with other families.
- ◇ Information on child development and early learning.

What do you need to apply?

Child's original birth certificate, proof of income if working (Most recent W2 & last paystub), proof of child support or any other income.



Early Head Start

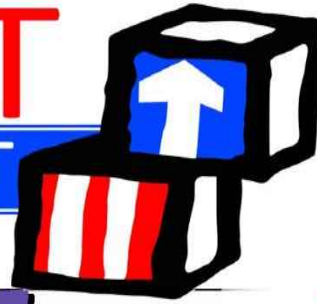
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A knock on the front door can bring parents the support they need to nurture their young child's healthy development. Home visiting reaches families where they live by delivering parent services directly to the home environment. Together we will help you plan ways to help your child learn using parent-child interactions, daily routines, and household materials.

HEAD START

& EARLY HEAD START

@ Episcopal Children's Services



Apply Now

Spaces Is Limited for

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- We collaborate with community agencies
- We help families with assistance
- We help families identify & reach goals



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1701 NW 10th St.
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Ocala, FL 34482
Tel. 352.620.0875

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Lic. #CO5MA0174
306 NW 7th Ave. Bldg. 3
Ocala, FL 34475
Tel. 352.547.8083

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Lic. #CO5MA0183
1601 NE 25th Ave. #900
Ocala, FL 34470
Tel. 352.512.9027

Reddick HS
Lic. #CO5MA0176
4595 W HWY. 316
Reddick, FL 32686
Tel. 352.591.0634

ARE YOU PREGNANT AND NEED HELP?

Nurse-Family Partnership is a new program to our area; however, this program has been around since 1977. Nurse-Family Partnership is a home-visiting program targeting low-income first-time pregnant women with substance use disorders. Nurse-Family Partnership provides services for the mother and her baby up until age two with at weekly or bi-weekly home visits by specially trained Registered Nurses. All services provided by Nurse-Family Partnership are **FREE!**

Some of the benefits of Nurse-Family Partnership include:

Maternal Health Outcomes

- reduced pregnancy-induced hypertension
- fewer preterm births
- reduction in preterm delivery among women who smoke cigarettes
- reduction in very closely spaced subsequent pregnancies

Child Health Outcomes

- reduction in child abuse and neglect
- fewer health care encounters for injuries or ingestions in the first 2 years of life among children born to mothers with low psychological resources
- less behavioral and intellectual problems in children at age 6
- fewer emergency room visits for accidents and poisonings through age 2

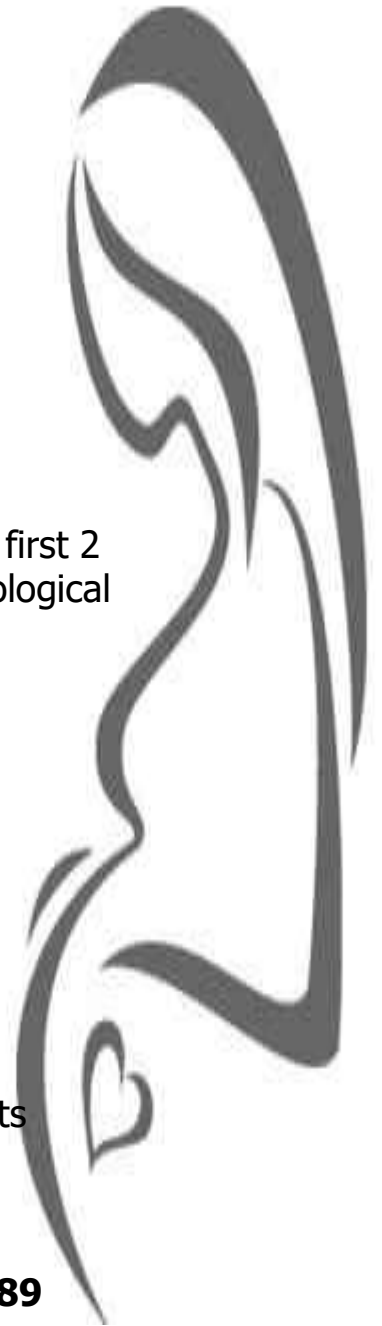
Eligibility Requirements

- pregnant with first child
- is pregnant 28 weeks or less
- substance exposed
- meets low-income requirements



Please send referrals even if you think the eligibility requirements are not met to see if we can help!

For questions or more information, contact Lindsey Azar, MPH, Women's Intervention Specialist, WellFlorida Council/Nurse-Family Partnership at **(352) 681-1189** or send e-mail to **Lazar@wellflorida.org**



Why RENT when you can OWN?



Habitat Homeownership

Spread The Word

- Share this opportunity with someone you know who may be interested

Contact us

- Contact Heather Thrall at hthrall@habitatocala.org or call 352-351-4663 for more information

Habitat for Humanity
Marion County, Inc. EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

habitatocala.org

Homeownership opportunities are available.

Habitat for Humanity Marion County, Inc may be able to help you get the keys to your new home.



If you are willing to be part of our "Hand up" NOT "Hand out" program, we may be able to make homeownership a possibility.



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
- Shelter & Knots
- Fishing
- Fire & Cooking
- Florida History
- Native Animals and Tracking

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

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NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

*Images taken prior to COVID-19 outbreak

HANDS OF MERCY NEEDS A FEW HANDS

House Mother's needed for Overnight Shifts

The responsibilities while employed as house mother are; all the tasks relating to personal care, housing, meals, study and recreational activities of at-risk teens and/or pregnant and/or parenting teen girls, in our group care facility. This position is just like being a parent to your own children. You must have an innate concern for the well being of our youth. Must have a strong sense of responsibility, great leadership skills, be very organized, able to work in close proximity to others, and be in good health and physical condition. Most of the time, you will be in close contact with social workers, counselors, teachers and more. Good record keeping is also a must. Our facility is very secure with video monitors for the protection of our staff and residents.

Job Types: Full-time, Part-time ~ Pay: \$12.00 - \$14.00 per hour

Deadline to apply is March 31, 2021. Applicants may email their resumes to Melisa Colby at Melisa@handsofmercyeverywhere.org



Hands
of Mercy
Everywhere

On the Shock Watch

In the United States each year, more than 4,000 children are treated for electrical shock or burn injuries and about 25 deaths due to contact with high voltage sources.



Turn off, Pull by the plug, Store the appliance before you leave the room



Cover all electrical outlets in your home

Hide the extension, charger and other electrical cords behind furniture



Replace worn, torn or any damaged electrical cords

Avoid circuit overload by limiting electrical lines into one extension



Never use any electrical appliance around water, including wet hands

Keep electrical toys away from water

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OCALA FL 34475

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~ March is Women's History Month ~

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The month is dedicated to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.



Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month>

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- March 8** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- March 10** Safe Kids
Wednesday 9 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- March 15** CCASA
Monday Noon
- March 23** SEN
Tuesday 9 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** Meeting
- March 4** Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
Thursday 3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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

Agency Spotlight:
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Guest Speaker:
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 Marion County Coordinator
 Zero Hour Life Center

Connect With Us, log on to

Mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org
 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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