



# MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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*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](mailto: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.*

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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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**SKIP**  
Supporting Kids Involving Parents

**Easter Egg Hunt**

April 4th, 2021 at 3pm  
Ed Croskey Pavillion  
1510 NW 4th St, Ocala, FL 34475

**Please make sure you wear your mask**

All ages welcome. For more information, call Dominic McDonald at (352) 274-1260



# 5th Annual MARION COUNTY

## World's Greatest Baby Shower DRIVE-THRU & VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

SATURDAY

# APRIL 24, 2021

Drive-thru to get your goodie bag  
any time from 11am-1pm

Heart of Florida Health Center  
2553 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala

No Cost

TOBACCO FREE EVENT



Educational information included in your goodie bag.  
Complete registration and educational quiz online  
after the drive-thru event for your chance to win during our  
Virtual presentation with LIVE prize drawings!



SATURDAY **MAY 1, 2021**

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## Grant Writing Tip

Funders favor grant applications that include collaboration and partnerships. Benefits include:

1. **Offers broader support:** It's an opportunity for a community to come together to address critical problems and propose solutions that require additional financial support. Funders view voices and support from many facets of the community as preferable to funding siloed requests.
2. **Maximizes resources:** Funders are more apt to fund purchases that will be used as a regional/ community asset by many agencies rather than funding redundant equipment or services.
3. **Provides economies of sale:** When a single organization applies on behalf of component agencies, it promotes cooperative purchasing resulting in reduced overall costs. It also leverages partnerships that may not have existed without this grant opportunity.
4. **Enables non-traditional funding sources:** Collaborating with other agencies may allow you to obtain equipment or other needed assets from non-traditional funding sources. Your agency may not be eligible for certain grants, but one partner may be able to purchase the equipment on your behalf.

*Gerry Brent. Grants Consultant, Free consultations for 501c3 organizations.  
Please call, text or e-mail: (352) 236-0483 (mobile) or gerrybrent@hotmail.com*



# Join Us!



for the next Alliance Meeting via Zoom  
**Wednesday, April 7, 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:**

Nilda Sessler, Group Facilitator, Arnette House — SNAP Program

### **Guest Speaker:**

Randy Trammell, Camp Director, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch,  
Camp Sorensen

### **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)**

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- Computer Information Data Specialist
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- Information Technology Support Specialist
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# ~ AGENCY SPOTLIGHT ~



## His House for Her

P.O. Box 830455, Ocala, FL 34483

**Executive Director:** Melissa Casto

**President:** Renee Arnett

**Phone** (352) 687-8895

**Fax:** (352) 687-1101

**Email:** [Melissa@hishouseforher.org](mailto:Melissa@hishouseforher.org) ~ **Website:** [www.hishouseforher.org](http://www.hishouseforher.org)

**Mission:** To share the love of Jesus Christ by providing trauma informed practices in a supportive housing environment to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of at-risk women in recovery.

The program serves three types of demographics of women: **1)** Women involved with the Department of Corrections and incarcerated; **2)** Women who are involved in dependency cases with the Department of Children and Families and their children have been removed; and **3)** Women in the community who are homeless and need recovery.

His House for Her partners with Access Florida, Interfaith Emergency Services, Marion County Children's Alliance, Esther House in Fruitland Park, Department of Corrections, Marion County Jail, Christian 12-Step, Heart of Florida, Caring Hands, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, Kids Central, Inc., Ocala Family Resource Center, College of Central Florida, The Centers and Cornerstone Pharmacy.

The program provides faith based supportive housing to at-risk women in recovery, which includes 12-Step Recovery (Christian); Individual recovery plans with case management for recovery and self-sufficiency; Court Advocacy and support for open dependency cases with reunification as the goal; Linkage to clinical therapy while residing - including medication assisted treatment; Transportation and Peer Recovery Coaching.

*we're moving!*



**WE ARE MOVING MONDAY MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**

We have grown out of our home! We have been here for 8 years and have been blessed to serve our community with client focused care. We will continue our mission to provide our services to our family of clients at our new offices.

Our new address is:  
**2303 SE 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**SUITE 102**  
**OCALA, FL 34471**  
(right across the street) 352-622-4488

We can't wait to see all of you there!  
OCP STAFF

**COVID-19 Vaccination Site**

- Ages 50+
- Healthcare Workers with Direct Patient Contact
- K-12 School Employees age 50+
- Sworn Law Enforcement Officers Age 50+
- Firefighters Age 50+
- All Direct Patient Contact Health Care Workers
- DOH Medical Form Co-Morbidity 18+

**HOSTED BY AREA PASTORS, NAACP**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

CALL 352-351-4560 NAACP, 352-351-4924 New Zion,  
352-629-5663 New Saint John

Office Hours Monday through Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm If you call after hours please leave only name and number, and someone will return your call the next business day, Monday-Friday

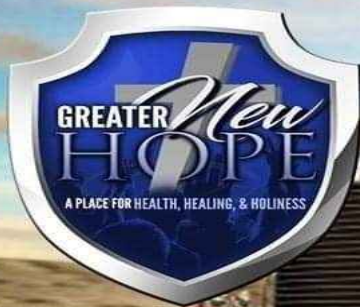


**TIME**

**Wednesday April 7, 2021**

**LOCATION**

**New Saint John Baptist Church**  
**2251 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
**Ocala, Florida 34475**



**Pop Your Trunk**  
**SEMI-TRUCK FOOD GIVEAWAY**

Thursday April 1, 2021 @9am

**SERVICING AT LEAST 200 FAMILIES**  
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**352-687-1130**





# GET HELP TODAY!

ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE HAVING TROUBLE PAYING FOR YOUR **RENT** OR **UTILITIES** DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?






The United Way of Marion County COVID Assistance Program (CAP) can provide assistance toward rent or utility payments for eligible households.

Residents are encouraged to apply beginning April 1, 2021, and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds are required to be distributed by December 30, 2021.

*Assistance is available for financial obligations incurred after March 2020\**

## VISIT [UWMC.ORG/CAP](http://UWMC.ORG/CAP)

### CAP Qualifications:

-  Marion County Resident
-  At or below 80% of the average median income
-  Experienced hardship due to COVID-19
-  Valid form of ID
-  Apply online at [www.uwmc.org/CAP](http://www.uwmc.org/CAP)

Seeking access to a computer or assistance accessing the application? Call 2-1-1

**2-1-1** CALL | TEXT | CHAT  
 VISIT [WWW.UWMC.ORG/211](http://WWW.UWMC.ORG/211)  
 Get Connected. Get Help.™

You're Invited to:

# ARNETTE TINY HOUSE DEBUTE

Thursday, April 22, 8 a.m. with Marion County CEP at:

## Arnette House

2310 NE 24th Street



Join us as we unveil the "Arnette Tiny House."

It was built by the kids and their instructors in our vocational program. They built it from the ground up: doing the electrical, plumbing, painting, and building. They learned to design and measure; using hand tools and power tools.

We will be displaying it at different locations in May and June. It will then be placed on the market to be sold!

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Arnette House, Inc.



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**Coming Soon**  
**18th Annual**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**BASH**

**DRIVE THRU ONLY**

**PARTICIPANTS CANNOT GET OUT OF THEIR CARS  
NO WALK UPS ALLOWED!**

**Saturday, July 31, 2021 ~ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Friends Recycling Center, 2350 N.W. 27th Ave.**

**FREE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
PLUS A FREE MEAL FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

**CHILDREN **MUST** BE IN THE CAR TO RECEIVE  
BACKPACK—NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**For more information, to donate supplies or sponsorship opportunities,  
please call (352) 438-5993 or (352) 509-9279**

**Sponsored by** Marion County Children's Alliance, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.  
and the City of Ocala in partnership with Marion County Public School System

# We're available to take your referrals!

Our Certified Peer Recovery Specialist is ready to take referrals from community partners!

Marion County Children's Alliance and The Substance Exposed Newborn Taskforce is thrilled to offer **peer support services for pregnant women (including pregnant minors) in Marion County who have substance use disorder.**

To make a referral, please visit the following link:

<https://intakeq.com/new/OlkB8T>

If an online referral is not possible, click the above link and select the option in the upper right hand corner that says "Fill this out by hand". From there, follow the instructions to print and complete the form and forward the information to Kassie Leonard at [kassie@mcchildrensalliance.org](mailto:kassie@mcchildrensalliance.org)

## Some of the services offered include:

- Accessing Community Resources
- Advocacy
- Life Skills
- Recovery Education
- Treatment Support
- Involvement in Recovery Community Activities
- Recovery Planning
- Introductions to Recovery Support Groups
- Narcan
- Family Planning
- Referrals to Prenatal Services, Mental Health Services, Alcohol/Other Substance Use Services



**Use the link above to refer someone or use the Referral form on Page 13**

# Referral Form



## 1. Please enter your referral client's information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female  Male  Single  Married  Domestic Partner  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  
 Other

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred contact method: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile Phone  Home Phone  Work Phone  Email

Primary Language \_\_\_\_\_ If Client is a minor, please list Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Please enter referring agency's information:

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Referral Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 3. If you are working with someone who is interested in Peer Services, please check all services of interest that may apply:

- Accessing Community Resource
- Recovery Education
- Recovery Planning
- Family Planning
- Alcohol/Other Substance Use Services
- Narcan
- Mental Health Services
- Advocacy
- Treatment Support
- Recovery Support Groups
- Prenatal Services
- Life Skills
- Recovery Community Activities

**JOIN US FOR A  
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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
9am-1pm | NO APPT NEEDED**

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**2nd ANNUAL**  
**MARION COUNTY**  
*Alumni*  
**WEEKEND**  
*April 2nd & 3rd*



**FRIDAY APRIL 2**  
*Life Beyond Ocala*  
 6-7:30PM E.D. Croskey Center

**SATURDAY APRIL 3**  
*Beautification*  
 MLK Recreation Complex 9-11AM

**SATURDAY APRIL 3**  
*Art of Love*  
 1-4PM Webb Field

**SATURDAY APRIL 3**  
*Alumni Gala*  
 Showcase Event Center 8-11PM

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 Ocalumni Corp



**COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES**  
 of MID-FLORIDA

**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**

You can also visit our website at [www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org) to use our chat feature or complete an online intake to speak with one of our attorneys.

## Medicaid Transportation for COVID-19 Vaccinations

**Do you need a ride to get a COVID-19 vaccine?**  
**Do you have Medicaid? If yes, we can help!**  
 Florida Medicaid will take you to get the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost. All you need to do is set up a time to get your vaccine. Next, let your Medicaid plan know you need a ride and they will take care of the rest. If you are not enrolled in a plan, call the **Medicaid Helpline at 1-877-254-1055** to find out the name and phone number for a transportation service.

**Schedule your vaccine.**


- Schedule a vaccine appointment. Make this appointment several days in advance.
- If you have any special needs (i.e. you use a wheelchair), tell the transportation service when you schedule your ride.
- If you know when and where you will receive the second dose, share that with the transportation provider and they will schedule your next trip.
- **Individuals eligible to receive the vaccine may visit [myvaccine.fl.gov](http://myvaccine.fl.gov) to find a location distributing the vaccine and to schedule an appointment.**

**Follow these steps to schedule a ride.**

1. If you are in a health plan, call your plan provider to get the name and telephone number for your transportation service.
2. If you are not in a health plan, call 1-877-254-1055. You will be connected with a transportation service.
3. Schedule your transportation at least three business days before your appointment.
4. Provide the following information to the transportation service:
  - Full name
  - Medicaid Identification Number
  - Address (pick-up and drop off locations)
  - Date of birth
  - Name of health plan (if you are enrolled in a plan)
  - Date and time of the appointment
  - Phone number

**Be Aware.**

- The transportation provider may ask questions to make sure they send a vehicle that meets your needs.
- You may have someone travel with you if it is medically necessary.
- Be sure to call the transportation service if your appointment is canceled or changed to a different time.




Contact your Medicaid plan or call the Medicaid Helpline at 1-877-254-1055 for more information.

# Life Beyond Ocala


Life Beyond Ocala is a panel discussion about 5 individuals and their take on life after leaving Ocala to pursue an education and conquer their dreams.

**6-7:30PM**  
**04/02/2021**  
**E.D. Croskey Center**


*A representative from the College of Central Florida will be present to waive all college application fees.*




**Ashley Anderson**  
 Entrepreneur




**Garland Brigham**  
 HR Coordinator






**D'vodrek Ponder**  
 BSU President at Florida State University



**Jamie Gilmore Jr**  
 Co-Founder Kut Different Inc.



**Diquan Jefferson**  
 Entrepreneur

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## Lunch & Learn

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYsc-GhrTMjH9HLy\\_g9Uor9b4C\\_dramH\\_aX](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYsc-GhrTMjH9HLy_g9Uor9b4C_dramH_aX)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

*This month's guest speaker:*

Chief Mike Balken,  
Ocala Police Department

### **The Ocala Police Department 's Heroin/Opioid Amnesty Program**

The Heroin/Opioid Amnesty Program was created to help reduce the number of overdoses and drug-related deaths in Ocala and help individuals who struggle with addiction by guaranteeing treatment regardless of that persons ability to pay.

Since February 6, 2018 if a citizen calls the Ocala Police Department (OPD), approaches an officer or agency member, or walks into the OPD lobby asking for assistance in receiving treatment for their addiction, OPD will take custody of any drugs and paraphernalia and will not file criminal charges.

Through partnership established with The Centers, the person will be guaranteed treatment and OPD will transport them immediately to begin the process. As of December 2020, the program has helped 352 amnesty participants. Learn more about the City of Ocala's Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts and the importance of sharing this information. The more you know...

**MAY 11, 2021 @ 12 NOON • ZOOM**

For more information contact Lesley @ [lesley.hersey@lsfnet.org](mailto:lesley.hersey@lsfnet.org)





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 and completes all training. 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 **April 22, 2021 from 7pm - 7:30pm** 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@ppcfninc.onmicrosoft.com) or call Program Director Carol Goodbred at: 352-369-2564 for additional information. She will put you in contact 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 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue #107 Ocala, FL 34470

Social Distancing

Face Masks Required

# Denim & PEARLS

"Redefining the Pearl Within"

Saturday, April 17, 2021 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ocala Ball Room  
108 N. Magnolia Ave., #104, Ocala, FL

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Jessica A. Griffen**

**WEAR YOUR DENIM & PEARLS!**

Presented By:  
W2W Int, Inc.  
& New Direction Reentry Center

**FREE EVENT** **FREE FOOD**

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# NEW MEETING!

## ACOA Meeting

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

**WHEN**  
Thursdays at 7:00

**WHERE**  
The Guest House Outpatient  
2233 E Ft King Street Ste. A  
Ocala, FL 34471  
\*Enter around back of building\*



## NEW CLASSES STARTING AT NAMI

Are you a family member or caregiver of someone who is living with a mental illness? NAMI (The National Alliance on Mental Illness) can help. **The NAMI Family-to-Family program** will be offered starting Wednesday, March 31 from 6:00pm- 8:00pm via ZOOM. The free 8-session course is designed to increase understanding of mental health conditions and advocacy skills while helping participants maintain their own well-being. The program is taught by trained family members who have a loved one with a mental health condition.

For adults (>21) living with a mental condition NAMI Marion County will offer our signature **Peer-to-Peer program** starting on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, from 6:00 pm- 8:00pm. NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free, 8-session recovery course for adults (18+) with a mental health condition. It offers information, skills, resources, and a community of support. Participants learn in an environment of respect, understanding, encouragement and hope.

Both programs are provided at no charge. All materials will be provided. To attend either Family-to-Family or Peer-to-Peer, registration is required. For more information or to register, visit [www.namicala.org/EVENTS](http://www.namicala.org/EVENTS) or call John Podkomorski, NAMI Marion County Executive Director, (352) 875-9890. A ZOOM link will be provided prior to the start of each program.

Missy King's  
Hookin' for Habitat



# MAY 22 2021

**GULF OF MEXICO  
FISHING HOURS: SAFELIGHT-4PM**

**WEIGH-IN: 12 - 4PM  
CAPTAINS COVE OUTFITTERS  
39 CO. RD. 40 INGLIS, FL 34449**

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**FRIDAY MAY 21**

**CAPTAIN'S RECEPTION DINNER: 6-9PM  
AMERICAN LEGION  
10730 SOUTH HIGHWAY 41  
DUNNELLON, FL 34432**

## Categories

**REDFISH: 1ST-\$500 (PLUS TROPHY)**

**2ND-\$350**

**3RD-\$150**

**TROUT: 1ST-\$350 (PLUS TROPHY)**

**2ND-\$250**

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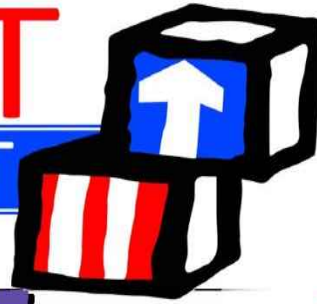
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# HEAD START

## & EARLY HEAD START

@ Episcopal Children's Services



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## Spaces Is Limited for

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# Marion County Board of County Commissioners



*We're hiring...*  *Join our team!*

## Open Positions as of March 22, 2021

Apply Online: [MarionCountyFL.org/Careers](http://MarionCountyFL.org/Careers)

### Hourly Positions

Title	Starting Pay	Title	Starting Pay
Animal Care Technician	\$11.80-\$13.57	Permitting Licensing Tech	\$13.64-\$17.28
Animal Control Officer	\$14.73-\$20.02	Public Service Assistant	\$13.02-\$14.97
Extension Program Assistant	\$14.31-\$16.45	Recycling Attendant (Contract)	<a href="https://www.rpsmarion.com">https://www.rpsmarion.com</a>
Facilities Trades Tech-HVAC	\$14.31-\$25.36	Recreational Leader-Seasonal	\$11.80/hr
Inspector Plans Examiner	\$22.11-\$33.48	RLE Maint Tech Equip Oper	\$12.42-\$17.28
Litter Crew Leader (On-Call)	\$14.31/hr	SELP Bldg Grounds Maint Tech	\$11.80-\$15.68
Mo Maint Tech Equip Oper	\$12.42/hr	Supply Inventory Tech-Fire	\$10.70-\$15.68
Parks Svcs Worker-Seasonal	\$10.00/hr		

### Salary Positions

Title	Starting Pay	Title	Starting Pay
Assistant County Eng Traffic	\$80,953-\$114,025	Information Systems Analyst	\$45,994-\$64,636
Division Mgr Plans Exam Insp	\$69,992-\$98,586	MSTU Project Manager	\$57,512-\$81,005
Facilities Mgmt Ops Mgr	\$63,419-\$89,330	Parks Designer	\$43,825-\$81,005
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★ Participants will be spaced 6 FEET apart ★

**MONDAY • TUESDAY • WEDNESDAY • THURSDAY**

**5:30PM to 6:30PM**

**BURN 500 CALORIES**

**Ed Croskey Recreation Center**  
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Recreation and Parks

**FreeD.O.M. Clinic USA**

**B.E.S.M.A.R.T.**

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

### Contact us

• Contact Heather Thrall at [hthrall@habitatocala.org](mailto:hthrall@habitatocala.org) or call 352-351-4663 for more information



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

### Habitat Homeownership

**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](http://www.FortKingOcala.com)  
or call 352-368-5533.



\*images taken prior to COVID-19 outbreak



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE PAY IT FORWARD

## We Need Volunteers to Help Us Out!

Pay It Forward Outreach, a faith-based, community-driven, donation-funded, outreach organization assisting families facing economic hardships by providing furniture, housewares, and other essential necessities,

If you have some spare time, please contact Bonnie at **(352) 620-8545**.



## ~ SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SHORES ASSEMBLY OF GOD ~

- 1) Summer camp - \$225 for the whole summer (if we receive a grant), for students in grades K-12, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Camp includes: Educational enhancement, field trips, swimming and water fun, arts and crafts, outdoor fun and exercise. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack included. Covid-19 Protocols must be followed by students and parents. Applications available now, first come, first served. Slots fill up fast.
- 2) Free food for children 18 and under for your summer event or summer camp. For more information, e-mail [Shoresag@hotmail.com](mailto:Shoresag@hotmail.com)
- 3) We are hiring for our summer camp and the summer feeding program. If interested, for more information, contact the church at **(352) 687-0190** or pick up an application at the church office, located at or one can be e-mailed to you.



# Grantsmanship

**This Micro-Credential** provides an alternative approach to gain a cutting-edge, real-world credential that is in demand. It is skilled-based and keeps you current with the workforce skills of today and the future. The course provides an introduction to grantsmanship and addresses the basic techniques of preparing grant proposals.

## Skills Acquired

- Create a logic model
- Create a problem statement
- Write a grant narrative
- Develop a budget

## About the Course

- Four modules
- Self paced
- All materials provided online
- Weekly Q&A meetings available

Your  
Path  
To  
Grantsmanship

## *Who Should Take the Grantsmanship Micro-Credential?*

- Employees of non-profit organizations
- Professionals needing grantsmanship skills

## ***30 Day Self Paced Program***

- Summer 1, 2021      May 3 - June 1
- Fall 1, 2021         August 30 - September 29
- Spring 1, 2022      January 17 - February 15

**Course Price: \$300**

\*Special pricing for groups of 10 or more



The Value  
of the  
Micro-Credential



- Skilled-based that keeps you current with your workforce skills
- Micro-credential is visually represented as a digital badge which provides testimony to individualized learning
- Contains assessments, learning outcomes, and the achieved skills
- The digital badge can be placed on a resume or within social media in order to verify attained knowledge and achieved skills
- Digital micro-credential is portable, verifiable, and linked to you
- Valuable to employers and professional networks

**For a customized course for an agency cohort please contact:**

Dr. Jenenne Valentino-Bottaro email: [jenenne.valentino-bottaro@saintleo.edu](mailto:jenenne.valentino-bottaro@saintleo.edu)

**Registration: [Link for Course Registration](#)**

Available through *The Center for Alternative Pathway Programs at Saint Leo University (CAPPS)*

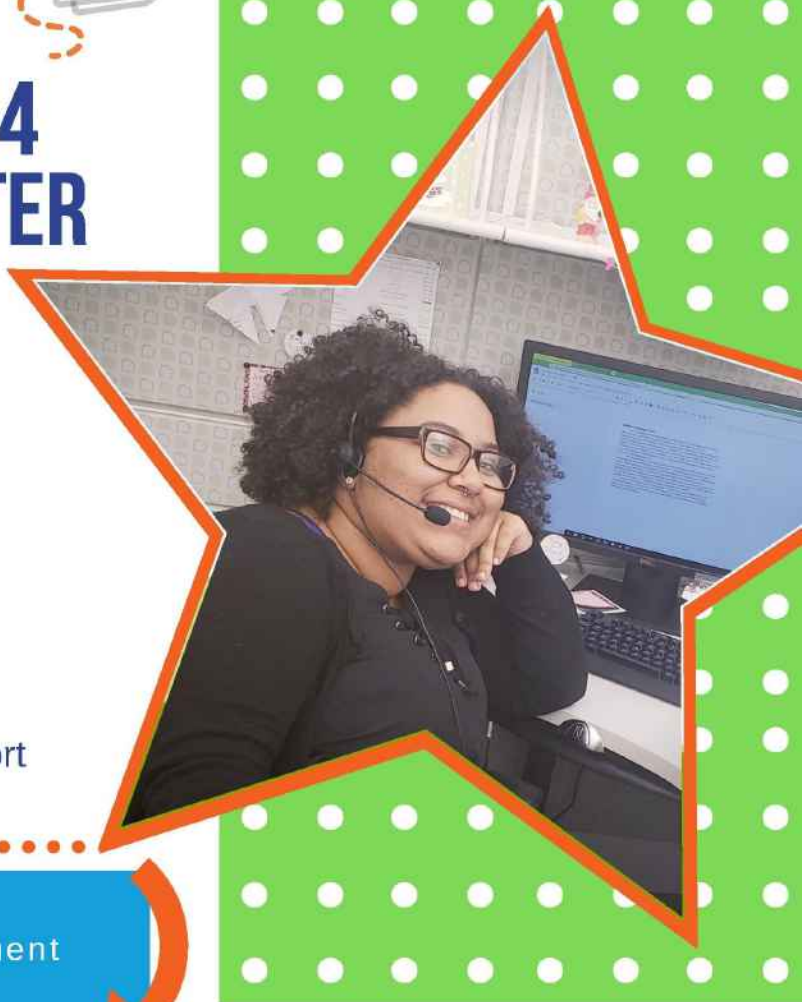
YOUNG ADULT  
WORKFORCE SERVICES

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

## OFFICE LOCATIONS:

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352-249-3278 X1853

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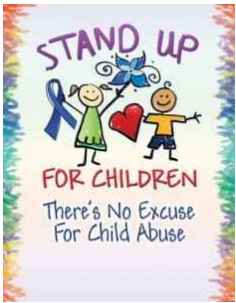


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**Marion County Children's Alliance**  
3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475  
Ph: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994  
E-mail: [mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org](mailto:mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org)

## April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month



National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment. During the month of **April** and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child and family well-being, and work together to implement effective strategies that support families and prevent child abuse and neglect.



Source: Back to School – Child Abuse Prevention Tips! - KidCheck and [www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth](http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth)

### ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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|------------------------------|---|
| <b>April 12</b><br>Monday    | Family Violence Prevention<br>11 a.m.<br>This will be a <b>Zoom</b> meeting |
| <b>April 14</b><br>Wednesday | Safe Kids<br>9 a.m.<br>This will be a <b>Zoom</b> meeting                   |
| <b>April 19</b><br>Monday    | CCASA<br>Noon   |
| <b>April 27</b><br>Tuesday   | SEN<br>9 a.m.<br>This will be a <b>Zoom</b> Meeting                         |
| <b>May 6</b><br>Thursday     | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce<br>3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting                           |

### UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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| April<br>Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting<br>11:30 a.m.<br>This will be a Zoom Meeting<br>See <b>Page 5</b> for Zoom link |
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**Agency Spotlight:**  
**Nilda Sessler**  
Arnette House,  
Group Facilitator  
SNAP Program

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Randy Trammell**  
Camp Director  
Florida Sheriffs Youth  
Ranch, Camp Sorensen

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