



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

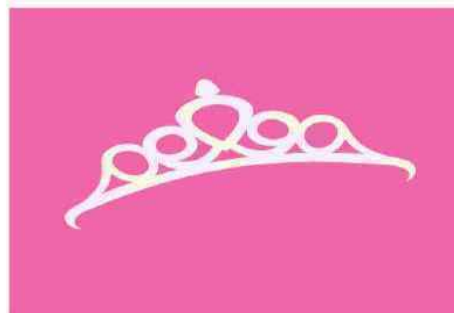
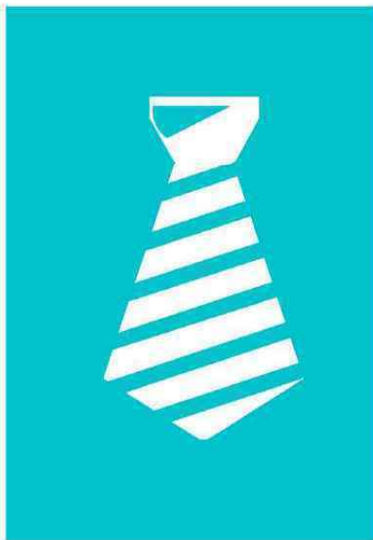
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TIES & TIARAS

@ the  **MARION THEATRE**
50 S Magnolia Ave



JUNE 11 7PM

DATE NIGHT DOWNTOWN
A SPECIAL MOVIE NIGHT FOR FATHERS (OR FATHER FIGURES) AND DAUGHTERS 
Free Event!



Registration Required. To register, go to <https://www.reillyartscenter.com/events/ties-tiaras/>



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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Grant Writing Tip

Avoid common grant writing mistakes

- ✓ **Make sure the program you're proposing meets the funder's interests and that it's not a stretch.** For example, a funder interested in financial literacy will not likely be interested in teaching math to children, even though working with numbers will eventually help with financial literacy.
- ✓ **Be reasonable in the amount of money you request.** Look at the funder's recent 990 forms to see how much they typically grant and stay within that range. Make sure the amount of the request is reasonable for successfully implementing the program. Also, consider the size of your operating budget. A funder may be reluctant to grant funds significantly larger than the organization's operating budget.
- ✓ **When writing the narrative, be clear and concise.** Begin with a statement of the problem you seek to address, describe your organization's qualifications, and end with specifics about what you will do with the funding. If the funder provides a list of questions, answer every question and try to stay within the order they're listed to help the reviewer ensure all questions were addressed. Don't make a reviewer search for your answers.

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

Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series
10 Free Outdoor Concerts
Fridays through June 25
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Webb Field,
1510 NW Fourth St,



June 4
 Featuring JP Soars'
 Gypsy Blue Revue
 with Anne Harris
 supported by Pam
 Taylor & the Flyin' V's



June 11
 Featuring Ruby Velle
 and the Soulphonics
 supported by
 Becky Sinn.



June 18
 Featuring DEAN!
 supported by
 Kristopher James



June 25
 Featuring Thomas
 McClary's Commodore
 Experience supported
 by Fareeza and special
 performance by
 Solomon Jaye

The Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series is a joint partnership between the Marion Cultural Alliance and the City of Ocala bringing free, accessible, music to citizens and residents in our community. Each year we provide 10 shows with 20 artists, 10 cultural arts not-for-profit intermissions and 1 public art project, all completed throughout the 10 week Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series.

MUSIC • FOOD • FUN

www.ocalafl.org/levittamp | artinfo@ocalafl.org | 352-629-8447

@levittampocala   #musicmoves

The Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series is supported in part by the Marjorie & Mimi Levitt Foundation, a private foundation that empowers towns and cities across America to transform underused public spaces into thriving destinations through the power of free, live music. Learn more at levitt.org





Join Us!



for the next Alliance Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, June 2, 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

Kut Different, Founders: Jamie Gilmore and Eddie Rocker

Guest Speaker:

Debra Grant, RN Nursing Director,
Ocala Children's Medical Services, CMS North Central Region

Round Table: (Upcoming Announcements and Events)

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

REMEMBER - NO MEETING IN JULY - SEE YOU ON AUGUST 4, 2021

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

MEALS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS DURING THE SUMMER

The community can pick up meals at one of the 22 locations on a Monday between 9:00 am – 9:30 am.

The week of the July 4 Holiday, schools will distribute meals on Tuesday, July 6. Parents will receive ten meals per child, five breakfasts, and five lunches.

Parents or Guardians picking up meals without children must have documentation to verify their relationship to the child(ren) who will receive meals. Valid forms of identification include birth certificates, day care records, student identification or passport.

Marion County Public Schools Summer Food Service Operations June 7 - July 29, 2021		
Summer School Base Sites with Satellite Locations		
Base School	Community Curbside (Mondays 9:00 am - 9:30 am)	Satellite
Belleview Elementary (VPK)	X	Belleview Santos Elementary
Belleview High	X	Legacy Elementary
Belleview Middle		
College Park Elementary (VPK)	X	
Dr. N. H. Jones	X	
Dunnellon Elementary	X	Dunnellon High, Dunnellon Middle
East Marion Elementary	X	
Emerald Shores Elementary (VPK)	X	Lake Weir High
Forest High	X	Greenway Elementary, Marion Charter, Ocala YMCA
Ft. King Middle	X	Eighth Street Elementary , Osceola Middle, Wyomina Park Elementary
Ft. McCoy School	X	
Horizon Academy	X	Sunrise
Lake Weir Middle	X	Harbour View Elementary, Stanton Weirsdale Elementary
Liberty Middle	X	Hammett Bowen Elementary
Maplewood Elementary (VPK)	X	Hillcrest, Ward Highlands Elementary
Marion Oaks Elementary (VPK)	X	
North Marion Middle	X	North Marion High, Sparr Elementary
Oakcrest Elementary	X	Anthony Elementary
Ocala Springs		
Reddick-Collier Elementary (VPK)	X	Fessenden Elementary
Romeo Elementary	X	Boys and Girls Club (Dunnellon)
Saddlewood		
South Ocala Elementary	X	Shady Hill Elementary, Blessed Trinity
Thelma Parker Center		Madison Street Elementary, Croskey Ctr., Lillian Bryant, Boys and Girls (Ocala), PACE
Vanguard High	X	Howard Middle, Evergreen Elementary
West Port High	X	Ocala Brazilian JUI JITSU
Camp Kiwanis		

Curbside meals provided on the following dates: June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 6 (Tuesday), July 12, July 19, and July 26.

WERE YOU AFFECTED BY COVID AND NEED HELP? APPLY NOW!



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://WWW.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

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



CALL | TEXT | CHAT
VISIT WWW.UWMC.ORG/211

~ AGENCY SPOTLIGHT ~

Arnette House

2310 N.E. 24th St., Ocala, FL 34470

Executive Director: Cheri Pettitt

Phone (352) 622-6135

Fax: (352) 622-2830

Email: CPettitt@arnettehouse.org ~ **Website:** www.arnettehouse.org



Mission: To provide safe and effective programs to strengthen youth and families.

The program serves youth ages 5 to 17 years old

The Arnette House partners with the Marion County School System, United Way of Marion County, Florida Network of Youth and Family Services, Kids Central, Inc. and Marion County Children's Alliance.

The organization provides Emergency Shelter for adolescents 10–17 years old who are ungovernable, runaways, truant, homeless and/or foster children with no placement; Long-term group homes for foster children 13–17 years old; Non-residential counseling for children 5–17 years old; Stop Now and Plan (SNAP) Program for children 6 to 11 years old, which helps troubled children and their parents learn to effectively manage their emotions.



Honoring the Cancer Journey

LIVING WITH AND BEYOND A CANCER DIAGNOSIS AS A PATIENT, LOVED ONE, AND SURVIVOR.

An event brought to you by the Cancer Alliance of Marion County

This special Presentation and Discussion is designed especially for you. We also extend the invite to health professionals who wish to further learn and support others in the cancer journey.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH 2021

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

OR

IN PERSON, SOCIALLY DISTANCED WITH MASKS

405 SE OSCEOLA AVE, OCALA, FL 34471

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

AROBERTS@RBOI.COM

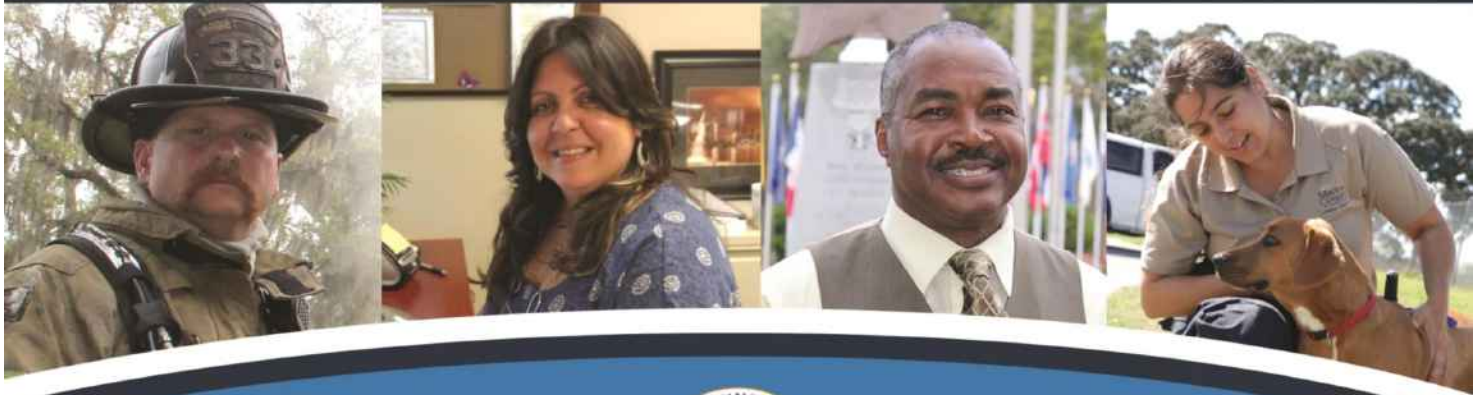
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Special Thanks to our Community Partner: RBOI



Marion County Board of County Commissioners



We're hiring...



Join our team!

Open Positions as of May 17, 2021

Apply Online: [MarionFL.org/Careers](https://www.marionfl.org/Careers)

Hourly Positions

Title	Starting Pay
Animal Care Technician	\$11.80-\$13.57
Conservation Technician	\$15.03-\$17.28
Engineering Construction Insp (2)	\$14.31-\$20.13
Engineering Project Manager I	\$21.07-\$24.23
Engineering Technician III	\$18.30-\$21.04
Facilities Trades Tech-Carpenter	\$14.31-\$25.36
Facilities Trades Tech-HVAC	\$14.31-\$25.36
Heavy Equip Operator	\$15.80-\$21.04
Inspector Plans Examiner	\$22.11-\$33.48
Light Equipment Operator	\$13.02-\$15.68
Litter Crew Leader (On-Call)	\$14.31/hr
Medical Billing Specialist	\$12.82
MO Maint Tech Equip Oper	\$12.42-\$15.68

Title	Starting Pay
Parks Svcs Worker-Seasonal	\$10.00/hr
Public Services Assistant (3)	\$13.02
Recycling Attendant (Contract)	https://www.rgsmarion.com
Recreational Leader (2)	\$11.80-\$13.57
RLE Maint Tech Equip Oper	\$12.42-\$17.28
SELP Bldg Grounds Maint Tech	\$11.80-\$15.68
Solid Waste Collections Driver	\$14.31-\$19.13
Staff Assistant I (2)	\$10/70-\$12.30
User Support Analyst	\$21.07-\$24.23
Utilities Field Technician (2)	\$13.64-\$21.04
Utilities Plant Operator	\$12.42-\$22.11
Utilities Plant Technician (2)	\$12.42-\$22.11
Zoning Technician	\$13.64-\$24.23

Salary Positions

Title	Starting Pay
Assistant County Engineer Traffic	\$80,953-\$114,025
County Engineer	\$93,662-\$131,929
Division Mgr Plans Exam Insp	\$69,992-\$98,586
Environmental Svcs Eng Manager	\$80,953-\$114,025
Growth Svcs Deputy Director	\$69,992-\$98,586
MSTU Project Manager	\$57,512-\$81,005

Title	Starting Pay
OCE Engineering Project Mgr	\$53,123-\$93,901
Public Services Librarian II (2)	\$39,998-\$56,331
Public Services Librarian III	\$43,825-\$61,734
Senior Planner - Growth Svcs	\$54,870-\$77,084
TPO Sr Transportation Planner	\$63,419-\$89,330

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](https://www.marionfl.org/Careers)



352-438-2345



[fb.com/MarionCountyFlorida](https://www.facebook.com/MarionCountyFlorida)

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Night of Hope

Dinner • Music • Giveaways • Survivor Recognition • Vendors
Honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Rd., 34474

Keynote Speaker:
Wambui Bahati

- Professional Speaker
- Artist
- Actress
- Producer
- Author
- Playwrite



Tickets: \$35 per person
For tickets, to sponsor a survivor, donate a basket or support the event, go to <https://2021noh.eventbrite.com> or at the Children's Alliance office, 3482 N.W. 10th St. Ocala, 34475

*Free childcare for children 2 years old or older (potty trained). Call (352) 438-5993 to reserve a place.

Save \$5
with a combo registration

21ST ANNUAL BREAK THE SILENCE ON VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

Two Workshop Tracts: Domestic Violence and Substance Use



Featuring:
Wambui Bahati
One Act Play
"I Am Domestic Violence"



Keynote Speaker:
Lisa Jacques-Lynn
Dove Wellness & Counselling, LLC

Friday, October 1, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15 per person
Includes:
Continental Breakfast
CEU's available for \$15

Register at <https://2021btsconference.eventbrite.com>

College of Central Florida Klein Conference Center 3001 S.W. College Rd. Ocala, FL 34474



For more information, call (352) 438-5993 or go to: breakthesilenceonviolence.org

Conqueror Award Nomination Form

The Marion County Children’s Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup is pleased to present its annual Night of Hope on Thursday, September 30, 2021 honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence as well as advocates for the amazing work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the **2021 CONQUEROR AWARD** designed to recognize two outstanding survivors in our community that have overcome challenges and flourished despite their circumstances and we need your help!

If you work in the domestic violence field, are a community supporter or know someone who is, please nominate those individuals for this award.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Nominee must be a Survivor and resident of Marion County
- Nominee must be making a positive impact by speaking out against domestic violence
- Nominee must have made a positive change in their lives
- How the nominee’s actions influenced attitudes, policies or practices in the field of domestic violence

Conqueror Awardees receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Night of Hope plus a makeover and highlights of their story will be shared at the event.

Nominee’s Name: _____ # of years a survivor _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you willing to share your story at the Night of Hope? ____ yes or ____ no

Nominator’s Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee? _____

Why do you believe this nominee should be nominated for this award?

Call Monica at **(352) 438-5993** for more information or a Nomination Form. Nominations can be mailed to Marion County Children’s Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 Attn: Monica Bryant. Forms can also be e-mailed to **Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**. Put Conqueror Nomination in the Subject Line. Deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, August 27, 2021** at 5 p.m.

4TH ANNUAL CIRCUIT 5 HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM

When: June 17, 2021 from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Where: Via Zoom

Register using the link:

<http://lsftraining.coursestorm.com>



Training is open to all agencies that are in contact with victims of Human Trafficking but is geared toward Law Enforcement, State Attorney's Office, Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice Professionals, CSUs, Hospitals, Medical Professionals and Faith-Based Groups. Training is FREE. CEU's available for \$25. Approved Provider 50-16467 by Florida board of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy and mental health and Florida board of psychology. Contact Lesley Hersey for more information at Lesley.hersey@lsfnet.org



The Human Trafficking Task Force is a network of governmental & non-governmental agencies working together to end modern day slavery.

SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



for Victims and
Survivors of
Domestic Violence
attending the 2021
Night of Hope
September 30, 2021



Choose from one of our themes (Personal Pampering, Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Board Game, A Night Out, Gardening, Summer Time, Scrap Book/Memories, Music, Healthy Living) or ***Choose Your Own*** or You Can Donate Items to Make a Basket.

All baskets are given to survivors attending the event.

Baskets or supplies can be dropped off at the Alliance Office, located at 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL by **September 10, 2021**. Call **(352) 438-5993** for information, to sign up to sponsor a basket or to have a workgroup member pick up your basket or supplies.

IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE SPACE, YOU CAN HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS



While you may think that Santa Claus comes only once a year, he actually spends all year helping children in need. This includes children living in poverty, crime victims, disaster survivors, hospitalized, terminally ill, or the child of a serviceman or woman.

Kiefer Realty has partnered up with the Believe in Santa Foundation www.BelieveInSanta.com to help Santa raise money for them throughout the year.

One of the hardest things for a non-profit organization is asking for money.

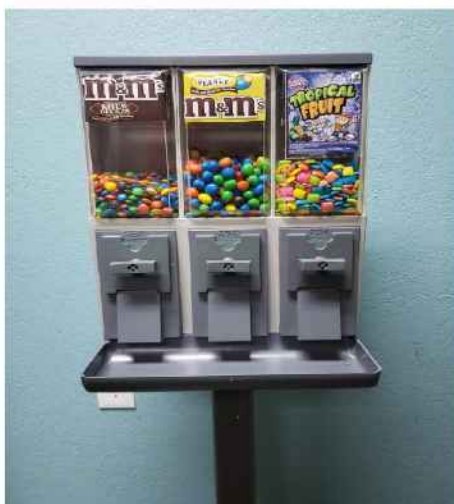
While Santa still needs monetary support, we have an opportunity to place small vending machines around town as a silent fundraiser.

These small candy machines take up just a small amount of space in your place of business and help support a great cause. The machines are monitored and serviced frequently.

If you are willing to donate a little space for a great cause, please let us know and we will get one right out to you.

Contact Scott Kiefer at 352-812-3645

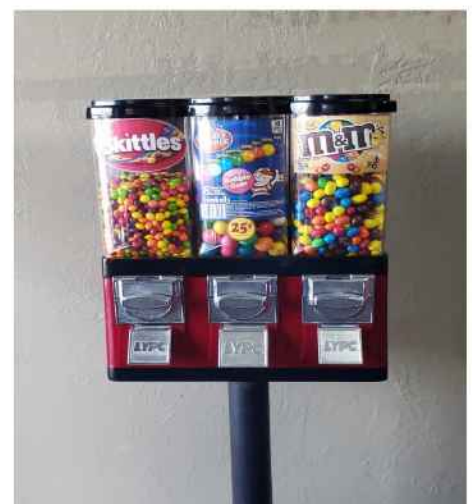
Monetary donations are accepted at <https://believeinsanta.com/support-us>



**A PERFECT WAY TO SUPPORT
THE BELIEVE IN SANTA
FOUNDATION**

**ONE OF THESE SMALL VENDING
MACHINES CAN BE PLACED AT
YOUR LOCATION.**

**PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO
HELP CHILDREN IN NEED
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**





GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!
(All families will receive a \$250 Gift Card but must attend all 6 Workshops to be eligible on 6/10/2021)



VIRTUAL PARENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS
Thursday, June 10, 2021
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

“Internet Connection and Computer/Smart Phone with camera/speakers required to participate”

Enjoy **FREE VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS** for the entire family, fun educational activities promoting early learning for your children, and being eligible to receive **Gift Cards and or Educational Toys...** Join us at the Virtual Parents as Teachers Workshops happening weekly in Marion County.

For more information and to register contact **Success By 6** Coordinator ChriSSy Vickers at (352) 369-2315 ext. 213 / cvickers@elc-marion.org or register at <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/success-by-6/parent-training-scheduling/>

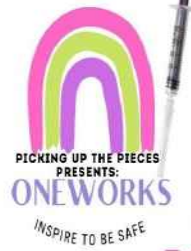


BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

NOW HIRING

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF
MARION COUNTY IS LOOKING
FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT
BUILDING GREAT FUTURES!

EMAIL RESUME TO
ADMIN@BGCOFMARION.COM
OR CALL 352-690-7440
FOR MORE INFORMATION



SAFE NEEDLE EXCHANGE

INTERFAITH EMERGENCY SERVICES
(BACKSIDE OF CLINIC)
108 N. PINE AVE.
OCALA, FL 34475
352-415-4616

"THE BEAUTY IS IN
WATCHING THE
TRANSFORMATION"

- MICHELLE PEPIR,
FOUNDER

EXCHANGES ARE HELD
EVERY:
TUESDAY 9AM-2PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM-2PM
THURSDAY 11AM-3PM

ANONYMITY

RESPECT

COMPASSION

SERVICES PROVIDED

EXCHANGE USED POINTS FOR NEW ONES

SAFE INJECTION SUPPLIES

WOUND CARE SUPPLIES

RISK REDUCTION COUNSELING

SAFER SEX SUPPLIES

REFERRALS TO MEDICAL CARE, STD TESTING &
TREATMENT, MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL &
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, MEDICATION
ASSISTED TREATMENT

NALOXONE (NARCAN) DISTRIBUTED FREE OF
CHARGE

FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

RECOVERY GROUPS OFFERED

We do not condone drug use and would 100% prefer for people to choose recovery, but the sad truth is that it never happens like that. We are meeting the community where they are at and loving them until THEY initiate the next step.



Aquatic **FUN** Centers

JERVEY GANTT AND HAMPTON

AQUATIC FUN CENTERS OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 29



Beat the summer heat at one of our Aquatic Fun Centers! Each center has spray features, a waterfall and water slide. Each pool has a zero inch depth entry for easy access and are ADA compliant. [Click here for more information.](#)

Jervey Gantt Aquatic Fun Center

2390 SE 36th Ave.

Hampton Aquatic Fun Center

255 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Hours

Mondays - Saturdays

Morning: 10 AM - 1 PM

Afternoon: 2 - 5 PM

Sundays

1 - 5 PM

Cost

One Time Admission

(Valid for ONE swim session)

\$2 per child

\$3 per adult

The Jervey Gantt Aquatic Fun Center will be open to the public Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. It will open fully for the season on Saturday, May 29.

The Hampton Aquatic Fun Center season opening will be Saturday, May 29.

Due to COVID-19, the following restrictions and guidelines are in effect at both facilities:

- Temperature and health screenings at entry
- Social distancing is strongly encouraged
- Pool capacity will be reduced
- Limited table rentals available
- Groups/field trips by reservation only
- Daily cleaning will take place

JUNE TEENTH FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 19

www.showcaseeventsocala.com

Fundraising Dinner

RAMAL Educational and Social Services presents an evening of music, dance, food, and live entertainment.

Saturday June 19, 2021 - 7:00pm - 11:00 pm

Showcase Event Center (formerly the Ocala Ballroom)
108 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 104

Tickets: \$35 per person - \$60 per couple

Attire: African Attire Encouraged or Casual Chic

For More Information

Contact Dr. Brooks @ (352) 875-4237

Tickets Available on Eventbrite

www.ramalservices.org



KUT DIFFERENT PRESENTS...
END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION
MADDEN 21 TOURNAMENT

So, you think you are the best Madden 21 player is Ocala? It time to prove it!

FIRST PLACE \$300

Registration is \$25 to compete (includes lunch)

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2021

9:00 AM - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Showcase Event Center
108 N. Magnolia Avenue

WWW.KUTDIFFERENT.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

4TH ANNUAL



Ocala Recovery Fest

IT'S TIME TO

CELEBRATE
RECOVERY!

REMEMBER
THOSE
WE
LOST

Take
PREVENTATIVE

ACTION!

4th Annual Recovery Fest Sept. 11, 2021

Join us at Tuscawilla Park

To celebrate recovery and increase awareness for those struggling with mental or substance use disorders.

Listen to great music, taste local food share your story and learn about services available to help recovery.



Various businesses and healthcare vendors from the community will also be offering services on site.

Businesses or individuals looking to get involved or sponsor
The 4th Annual Recovery Fest,
Please contact Nancy Castillo at (352) 438-5992
or nancy@mcchildrensalliance.org

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WELCOMES CINDY HOOKER



Cindy started her career with Boys & Girls Club in 2006 when she began working to establish a Club in Polk County, TN.

The Club opened November 2007. After building the program and a new facility, she moved to Columbia Falls, Montana with her husband and took over a Boys & Girls Club that was about to close their doors.

They spent four years rebuilding it and now it's growing and expanding in the area. They moved to Florida to be closer to their children and she has been fortunate to find a home at the Boys & Girls Club of Marion County. She is the new Director of Operations for the Club.

Cindy says she is excited to be working with April and their team to serve youth in our community.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY, CINDY!

HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT DURING THE PANDEMIC

The **Emergency Broadband Benefit** is an FCC program to help households struggling to **pay for internet service** during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, and virtual classrooms.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a **discount of up to \$50 per month** towards **broadband service** for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a **one-time discount of up to \$100** to purchase a **laptop, desktop computer, or tablet** from participating providers if they contribute \$10-\$50 toward the purchase price.

The program has been authorized by the FCC but the start date has not yet been established.

Learn more here: <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>

CLSMF is a nonprofit law firm striving to remove barriers to justice by empowering vulnerable communities through legal advocacy and education. As the primary provider of free legal aid for low to moderate-income residents in Central Florida, we provide legal assistance and advocacy to help people obtain the basic necessities of life: food, shelter, health care, safety, and education.

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COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES
OF MIDDLE FLORIDA

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MARION COUNTY

SUMMER PROGRAMS
June 7 - July 30
7:30am - 5:30pm

WEEKLY RATE: \$50
Includes snack, lunch & member shirt. Scholarships available.

LOCATIONS
Dunnellon
352-462-9797
City of Ocala
352-690-7440
Silver Springs Shores
352-680-0011



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We Celebrate Father's Day in the Month of June
 Father's Day

is observed on the third Sunday of June. It honors all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and father figures for their contribution.

The Day was created to complement Mother's Day.

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- June 9** Safe Kids
Wednesday 9 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- June 14** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- June 21** CCASA
Monday Noon
This will be a **Zoom** meeting
- June 29** SEN
Tuesday 9 a.m.
This will be a **Zoom** Meeting
- June 3** Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
Thursday 3:30 p.m. Zoom meeting

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- May 5 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
This will be a Zoom Meeting
See **Page 5** for Zoom link

Agency Spotlight

Kut Different, Inc.
 Founders:
 Jamie Gilmore & Eddie Rocker,

Guest Speaker:

Debra Grant,
 RN Nursing Director,
 Ocala Children's Medical Services,
 CMS North Central Region

NO MEETING IN JULY

**NEXT MEETING
 AUGUST 4, 2021**



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