



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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Gift of Christmas Toy Drive

All donations benefit the Family Violence Prevention Workgroup's annual Gift of Christmas Toy Drive



Deadline for donations is Friday, December 3, 2021



**TOY
DRIVE**

Thank You for helping make Christmas special for families in our community!
We Appreciate Your Support

ALL AGES

BUT WE ALWAYS HAVE A HUGE NEED FOR ITEMS FOR OUR TEENS

EXAMPLES ARE:

- CD PLAYERS
- CAMERAS
- MP3 PLAYERS
- TABLETS
- MAKE UP SETS
- PURSES
- PERFUME SETS
- WALLETS
- WATCHES
- (Boys and Girls)
- FOOTBALLS
- BASKETBALLS
- BOARD GAMES

For more information or to donate toys, contact Monica Bryant at (352) 438-5993 or Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org

Gift cards or monetary donations can be mailed to MCCA, 3482 NW 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475



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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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The **Ocala Family Resource Center** will be re-opening in November between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but will be closed between 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch.

“Mask are Required”

Brady-Owens VFW Post 7193 in conjunction with VetNet, City of Ocala and Councilman Ire Bethea will host a luncheon to honor veterans lost during the Covid-19 pandemic on Saturday, November 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ed Croskey Recreation Center, 1510 N.W. 4th St., Ocala.

All veterans and their families are invited to attend the free event, which is open to the public.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

To register, go to **eventbrite.com** and put Veterans Memorial Brunch in the search box.

Deadline to register is November 5.



**NOVEMBER HOURS
8 TO 5PM**

Week Of Nov. 1st - Tuesday & Thursday
 Week of Nov. 8th - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 Week Of Nov. 15th - Monday thru Thursday
 Week of Nov. 22nd - Monday thru Wednesday
 Week of Nov. 29th - Monday thru Friday

KIDS CENTRAL, INC.
Ocala Family Resource Center



Happy Thanksgiving

*Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with
praise. Give Thanks to Him. Bless His name.*

Please join Kingdom Revival Church for a **FREE**

*Drive Thru Community
Thanksgiving Lunch*

with Turkey and all the trimmings!

Saturday, November 13, 2021

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470



For information, please call Rose at (352)361-5044



NOVEMBER ALLIANCE MEETING IN PERSON



Our Alliance Meeting on
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be held in person
at the MCSO Multi-purpose Room,
3300 N.W. 10th St. Ocala

Agenda:

Welcome/Introductions

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

Director's Report

Beth McCall

Agency Spotlight:

Nilda Sessler, Arnette House -- "SNAP Program"

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Diane Gullett, Superintendent, Marion County Public Schools

Roundtable: (Upcoming Announcements and Events Only!)

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

What's Cooking?

KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN THE KITCHEN

SPOT THE DANGERS

1 Burns

- Keep hot foods away from the edge of your counters.
- Place cooking pot on the back burner and away from the edge.
- Always wear mitts or potholders when removing hot objects from the oven or stove.
- Slowly open containers that have been in the microwave, to prevent scalding and burns from the steam.

2 Shock

- Wrap up and tuck away unplugged cords.
- Cover electrical outlets to prevent children from inserting metal objects, like forks, knives and keys.

3 Poisoning

- Store all household products out of children's sight and reach.
- Install child safety locks on drawers, cabinets, and kitchen appliances.
- Only put detergent in dishwasher when you are ready to run it.
- For poisoning, call the Poison control hotline at 1-800-222-1222

4 Cuts

- Teach older kids how to hold a knife properly when chopping and cutting.
- Keep knives away from the edge of the counter and stored in drawer or cabinet.

5 Chokeables

- Children under 5 should not eat small, round or hard foods, such as hot dogs, cheese sticks, hard candy, nuts, grapes, or popcorn.
- From a babies point of view, check the floor for small objects such as buttons, beads, pills, jewelry, pins, and coins. If you suspect your child has swallowed a small object. Look for symptoms of pain, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, Immediately seek medical attention!

Always call 9-1-1 for all emergency!

JOHNNY DEBT PRESTIGE

**NOV 13TH & 14TH
9AM-4PM**

OCALI COUNTRY DAYS

**OLD FLORIDA
LIVE MUSIC
GREAT FOOD
CRAFTS
HISTORIC DISPLAYS**

~ AGENCY SPOTLIGHT ~

R.A.M.A.L. Educational and Social Services, Inc.

1636 S.W. 31st Ave. Ocala, FL 34474

CEO/Executive Director: Dr. Barbara J. Brooks

Phone: (352) 875-4237

Fax: (352) 873-1319

Email: Barbarabrooksf@aol.com **Website:** www.ramalservices.org

Mission: To improve the lives of people and the community in which they live.

Clients Served: At-risk children and adults.

Collaborative Partners: Boys and Girls Club of Marion County and Saint Paul A.M.E. Church.

What services does your organization provide? Tutoring, scholarships, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas Party for at-risk children, advocacy, educational seminars and workshops.

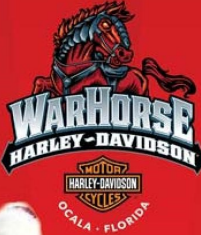


WARHORSE H.O.G. CHAPTER PRESENTS

TOY & FOOD DRIVE

DRIVE

NOVEMBER 20TH



ESCORTED RIDE WITH **SANTA**,
LED BY MARION COUNTY SHERIFF & OCALA POLICE DEPT.

DONATION REQUESTED:
\$5 WITH UNWRAPPED TOY
& A CAN GOOD
TO HELP MARION COUNTY FOOD BANKS.

REGISTRATION:
8AM - 9:30AM
KSU 10AM

**SEAMSTRESS IN STORE
FOR PATCHES
& MINOR REPAIRS.**

**CUTIES
BIKE DETAILERS
11AM - 3PM**

ALL BIKES WELCOME

COFFEE • DONUTS • FOOD • LIVE MUSIC WITH **NORTHSTAR BAND**
10AM - 2PM

MARION COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED:

CAMELOT CHILDREN'S CENTER, KIMBERLY'S CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION,
MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

SPONSORS:

ALLEN LAW FIRM, LORITOS
& OCALA CAR AUDIO

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"Do the good that presents itself to be done."

- St. Vincent DePaul

2021 Holiday Help Drives

Information for Applicants

Each year, Blessed Trinity and Brother's Keeper helps hundreds of families during the holiday season. **Eligible families receive food for Thanksgiving and food & gifts for children 12 and under at Christmas.** This year we are partnering with Toys for Tots. It is only through the generosity of many others in our parish and community that we're able to provide this assistance each year.



Holiday Sign-Ups: **Monday, October 11 through Friday, December 3***
Mon. & Fri. 9am -11:30am and Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am-2:30pm
**Cut-Off for Thanksgiving food applications is Fri. November 12*

Who's Eligible: THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD: Families with at least one child under the age of 18 residing in Marion County.



CHRISTMAS TOYS: Families with at least one child 12 and under living in one of the following zip codes
34470, 34475, 34477, 34478, 34479, 34481, and 34482

Applicants Need: **Photo ID** with Marion County address,
Social Security cards for adults and children,
Birth Certificates for all children,
Lease and Utility Bill to prove residency and zip code
Proof of food stamps qualification (if eligible)



Pick-Up Dates/Times: Thanksgiving: **Tuesday, November 23** from 9:00am-4:00pm
Christmas: **Tues., Dec. 21 or Wed., Dec. 22** from 9am-4pm
**Clients will be assigned a pick-up time/day*

Pick-Up Location: **Knights of Columbus Hall** | 1510 SE 3rd Ave, Ocala, FL 34471
Located at the north end of the Blessed Trinity parking lot
***Bring Photo ID of the applicant when picking up**

Updated (01 OCT 21)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
320 NW 10th St., Ocala
(352) 622-3846

THRIFT STORE
320 NW 10th St., Ocala
(352) 732-7988

SOUP KITCHEN
435 NW 2nd St., Ocala
(352) 789-8139

MAIL TO
5 SE 17th St.,
Ocala, FL 34471



PAYCHECKS FOR PATRIOTS

★ VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR ★



DETAILS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10, 2021

From 10 A.M. to NOON

10 – 11 A.M. – Veterans and Veterans' Families

11 A.M. – Noon – Open Access All Candidates

Register today: bit.ly/paychecks4patriots2021

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with a wide range of businesses dedicated to assisting those who have served in the US military, and veterans' families, find careers that match their unique skills and aspirations.

No Charge! ★ For Details Call 800.434.5627

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids/services are available upon request to persons with disabilities and in Spanish. Phone numbers may be reached using TTY/TDD equipment via Florida Relay at 711. For accommodations, call 800-434-5627, ext. 7878. Programs funded by CareerSource CLM as grantee of the U.S. Department of Labor as part of awards totaling \$7.9 million, revised annually, with no funds from non-governmental sources. CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is a proud partner of the American Job Center network and member of CareerSource Florida.



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PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN

COMMUNITY DAY!

November 27th, 2021 12pm-4pm Central Christian Church 3010 NE 14th St. Ocala, FL

2nd ANNUAL

KICKBALL

MAIN EVENT

FREE FOOD

3-POINT CONTEST

BOUNCE HOUSES

RAFFLES

VENDORS

FACE PAINTING

FOOD TRUCKS

TONS OF OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES!

Don't get **Wrapped** up in the Holiday **Stress**

**JOIN THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKGROUP
FOR ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING CAMPAIGN**

Friday, December 10 through Friday, December 24, 2020
available during holiday hours at the Paddock Mall
Gift wrapping Booth will be located center court near Macy's

Bring any unwrapped gifts to the Mall and our volunteers
will wrap them for you. We provide everything needed
i.e wrapping paper, bows and gift tags. Boxes extra!

~ Volunteers Needed ~

Must be at least 18 years
or older and have gift
wrapping experience.

Pick the days and hours you want
to volunteer. Groups welcome!

For information or a volunteer form,
call **(352) 438-5990** or email
Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org

All proceeds benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKGROUP CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING VOLUNTEER FORM

Join Us!



Gift Wrapping Booth located Center Court, in front of Macy's
Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed.

*** Volunteers must be at least 18 years old (or have experience gift wrapping)**

(Please Print Clearly)

*** Required Information**

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone: () _____ -or- Cell: () _____

*E-mail: _____

Volunteers Needed December 10 through December 24, 2021

Please list date and times you want to volunteer:

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Date _____ Time _____ to _____

Your support is sincerely appreciated **BUT**, please remember we will be depending on you to show up to wrap gifts on the days and hours **YOU** sign up for.

Fax completed forms to **(352) 438-5994**, or e-mail to **monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org**.
For more information, available times and dates, call **(352) 438-5990**.

Community Memorial Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 7:00 PM
OCALA FIRST ASSEMBLY
1827 NE 14TH STREET, Ocala

Covid has taken from all of us.
We would like to honor and celebrate
those who we have lost. If you have a
loved one who has passed during this
season, please contact us to have them
included in this service.

**To honor your loved one email
staff@ocalafirst.org for more
information**



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR RECOVERY?

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

Do you need aftercare counseling?

We offer outpatient counseling at
NO COST to our clients. We help
clients develop and use coping
skills, deal with obstacles to ongoing
recovery and assist clients in
realizing their best potential.

Case management is available as
needed. We are a DCF licensed
program.



For further information, contact Kevin Grinnell, ILC, 111 NE 12th Ave., Ocala, FL 34470 or call **(352) 426-0705**.



LEARNING



IS



FUN



EVERY DAY



GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY!!!

(All families will receive a \$150 Gift Card but must attend all 6 Workshops to be eligible on 12/2/2021)



PARENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

(2300 SW 17th Rd. Ocala, FL. 34471)
Dates: 10/21/2021 to 12/2/2021

6pm-7:30pm
(Thursdays)

Enjoy **FREE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS**, **FREE DINNER** (catered by **Mojo Grill**), fun educational activities promoting early learning for your children, and being eligible to receive **Gift Cards and Educational Toys**....Join us at the 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/>

FREE CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING THE PARENT WORKSHOPS



KIRBY FAMILY FARM

Presents

 Six Gun Territory (Official)



Wild West Weekend and Reunion November 6-7, 2021

19650 NE 30TH Street, Williston, FL* (352)812-7435 * kirbyfarm.com

Experience The South's Largest Wild West Shindig!

Remember Six Gun Territory & meet the Original Gunfighters!

Ride a real train from the good ol' days! You'll Experience Wild West Showdowns, Train Robberies, Original Six Gun Shootouts and CanCan dances. Tractor ride to a hidden town in the woods full of Outlaws and Lawdogs. Indian Village. Live Demonstrations. Petting Zoo. Medicine Man Magic Show. Live Music & Shows. Rides. Food. lots of talented Vendors and more exciting stuff!

Free Parking and Your Ticket includes EVERYTHING!

Advance Tickets Save Money! Visit kirbyfarm.com for Details and Tickets.



Enjoy some Family FUN for a GREAT Cause!



Take a Picture of This Poster for your own Digital Flyer!

Kirby Family Farm is a 501(c)(3) Not For Profit Educational destination. All proceeds help the development of the farm and educational programs for children. (352)812-7435

Historic West Ocala Empowerment Day and

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP!

Litter Pickup

Assisting elders with yard cleanup

Lawn mowing

Brush removal

Lunch Provided for Volunteers and Residents

NOVEMBER 13, 2021 • 8AM - 2PM

Meeting location:

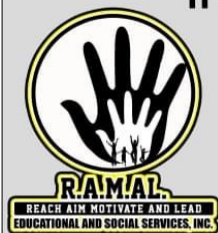
Howard Academy Community Center
306 NW 7th Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

Trash collection trucks will collect any items left at curb.

Information will be available on home ownership,
youth programs, and financial literacy.

Marion
County
FLORIDA
SOLID WASTE

Keep
MARION
Beautiful



OCALA

CITY OF OCALA RECREATION AND PARKS NEEDS YOU



Recreation and Parks

Volunteers are instrumental in helping our city. Studies have shown that volunteering strengthens community, is good for your health and can even help you land a job!

Whether you prefer indoors or outdoors, one-on-one or helping many, there are plenty of ways we can connect you to volunteer opportunities to help make Ocala a better place for everyone!

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Fort King docents and guides
- After school tutoring
- Discovery Center docents
- Senior centers helpers
- Garden volunteers
- Event volunteers
- And more options!



For more information, call (352) 368-5517
or e-mail recpark@ocalafl.org.

AUNT BERTHA HAS A NEW NAME



On November 1, Aunt Bertha became **findhelp.org**. They are still the same nationwide network with tools to help you make an impact, but their new name better reflects their mission.

Findhelp.org and their customer networks will now be better aligned, making the entire network stronger as they continue their mission to connect all people in need to the programs that serve them, with dignity and ease.



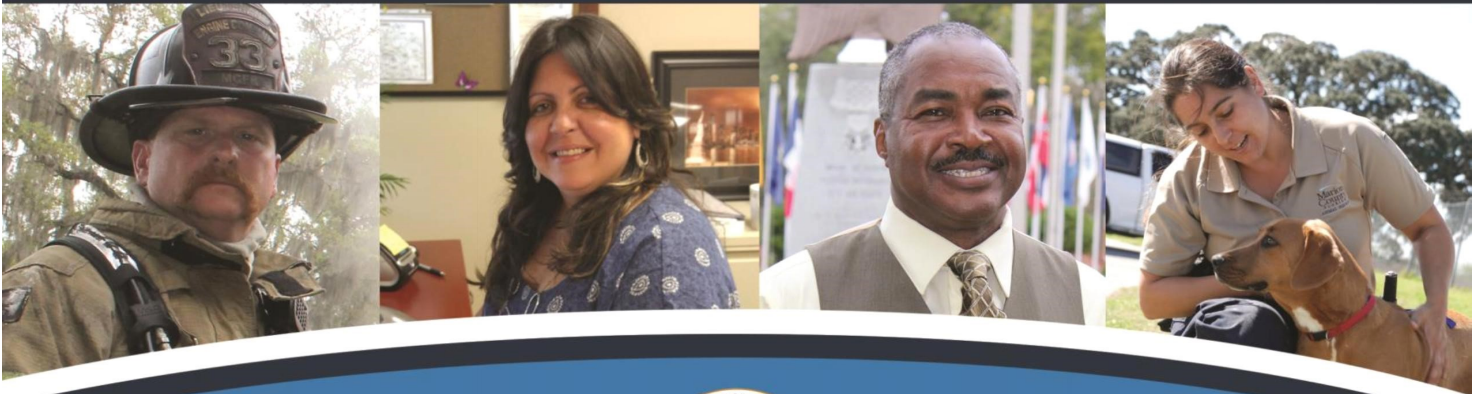
FOOD



HOUSING



Marion County Board of County Commissioners



We're hiring...



Join our team!

Open Positions as of October 25, 2021

Apply Online: MarionFL.org/Careers

Hourly Positions

Title	Starting Pay	Title	Starting Pay
Admin Staff Assistant-Facilities	\$18.30-\$21.04	OCE Med Equip Operator	\$14.31-\$17.28
Airport Ops Tech-Dunnellon	\$10.70-\$12.30	Parks Svcs Worker-Seasonal	\$10.00/hr
Airport Ops Lead Tech-Dunnellon	\$13.02-\$14.97	Paramedic	\$15.68/hr
Animal Care Technician	\$12.02/hr	Public Service Assistant (3)	\$13.02/hr
Animal Control Officer	\$14.31-\$20.02	Purchasing Inventory Assist	\$11.80-\$13.57
Animal Control Representative	\$15.46-\$17.77	Recreational Leader-Seasonal	\$11.80/hr
Continuum of Care Program Coord	\$18.30-\$21.04	Recreational Leader	\$11.80-\$16.45
Emergency Medical Technician	\$10.00/hr	RLE Maint Tech Equip Oper	\$12.42-\$17.28
Emergency Telecommunicator II	\$17.41-\$20.02	SELP Bldg Grds Maint Tech	\$11.80-\$15.68
Engineering Const Inspect I	\$14.31-\$16.45	Solid Waste Collections Driver	\$14.31-\$21.04
Facilities Trades Tech-Carpenter	\$14.31-\$25.36	Solid Waste Litter Specialist	\$14.31-\$16.45
Firefighter/EMT	\$11.00-\$12.00	Solid Waste Semi Driver	\$18.30-\$21.04
Fleet Vehicle Technician	\$16.64-\$25.36	Traffic ATMS Signal Supervisor	\$24.39-\$28.04
Heavy Equip Operator	\$15.80-\$21.04	Traffic Supervisor - OCE	\$20.19-\$24.36
Inspector Plans Examiner	\$19.24-\$33.48	Utilities Construction Rep	\$15.03-\$17.28
Light Equip Operator-OCE	\$13.02-\$15.68	Utilities Field Technician	\$13.64-\$21.04
Medical Billing Specialist	\$12.55-\$13.64	Utilities Plant Technician	\$12.42-\$22.11

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.



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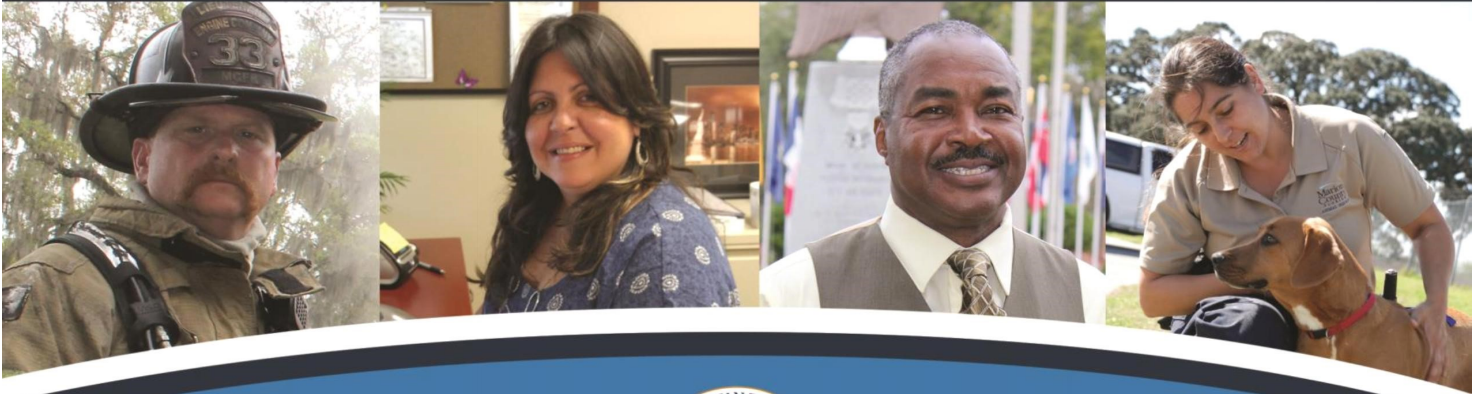


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Salary Positions

Title	Starting Pay	Title	Starting Pay
Animal Center Veterinarian	\$80,953-\$114,025	Planner II	\$45,884-\$64,636
Assistant County Engineer Traffic	\$80,953-\$114,025	Public Services Librarian II	\$39,998-\$56,331
Budget Administrative Coordinator	\$38,064-\$53,608	Solid Waste Resources Liaison	\$43,825-\$61,734
Comm Dev Grant Administrator	\$53,123-\$74,495	TPO Sr Transportation Planner	\$63,419-\$89,330
Development Review Manager	\$50,731-\$71,463	TPO Transportation Planner	\$48,297-\$67,953
Inspector Plans Exam Supervisor	\$60,569-\$84,890		

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Activity Guide | September - December 2021

The guide features holiday programs, fall youth sports, free park activities happening through December. Printed guides are available at their centers and the Recreation and Parks administrative building during business hours or read on www.ocalafl.org.

Find Us



2022

MARION COUNTY

World's Greatest Baby Shower

THURSDAY JANUARY 20

@ Kingdom Revival Church
(3318 East Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala)

Session 1 2:00-4:00pm
Session 2 5:00-7:00pm
Choose ONE Session
Preregistration Not Required

Expecting a baby? Come to our community Baby Shower!
Parents of infants up to one year old are also invited.

EXHIBITS • GAMES • SCAVENGER HUNT
PRIZES • FATHERS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN

PROUD SPONSORS:



No Cost



TOBACCO FREE EVENT



ARE YOU DEPRESSED? LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?

Together To Thrive's Depression Support Group meets Monday evening at 6 p.m. at Shores Assembly of God Church, 206 Midway Rd., Ocala.

The Tuesday Support Group meets at 10 a.m. at Central Christian Church, 3010 NE 14th Street Ocala, FL.

For one-on-one support or other information, call **(352) 261-3367** or visit their website at **togethertothrive.com**.





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THANKSGIVING IS ABOUT BEING THANKFUL!



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, observed annually on the fourth Thursday of November.

In the beginning, it was celebrated as a harvest festival, a period of giving thanks for the autumn harvest, until 1863, when it became an official holiday under the administration of Abraham Lincoln.

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- November 3 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
MCSO Multi-purpose Room

Join Us!

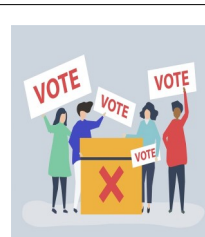
Agency Spotlight:
 Nilda Sessler, Arnette House
 SNAP Program

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Diane Gullett
 Superintendent,
 Marion County Public Schools

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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Don't forget to Vote
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Ocala City Council
Run-Off Election