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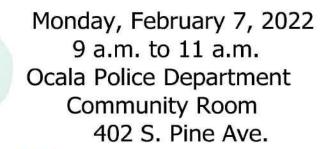
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The Marion County Children's Alliance invites you to attend a

Community Conversation
About Foster Care in Marion County



We hope you will join us for a candid, solutions-focused discussion about foster care recruitment.





RSVP required! Call the Children's Alliance office at (352) 438-5990 or Email Beth McCall at executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org.

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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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Proud Supporter of the Marion County Children's Alliance



Love Isn't Always Sweet

Teen Dating Violence Prevention Workshop



Guest Speaker Ashley Bendiksen

One in three teens experience dating violence. At our Dating Violence Prevention Workshop, parents, guardians, and youth ages 12 and up will learn how to:

- o Spot red flags
- o Set boundaries and priorities
- o Seek help

Event is free and includes dinner and giveaways. To register or get more information, call 352-644-2687.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 • 5:30-8 p.m.

College of Central Florida Webber Center 3001 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474









CONCERT FOR GOOD WILL DO A LOT OF GOOD!

Thank you, Lombardo Family!



A very special thank you to Adam, Lisa, Caleb and Luke for hosting A Concert for Good to benefit the Marion County Children's Alliance and Brother's Keeper. Brothers Caleb and Luke wanted to do something to benefit charitable organizations over the holidays. An hour long concert was held at the Marion Theatre on December 29, 2021. Adults, teens, and children gathered to hear the inspiring music of these outstanding young people. They raised \$7,500 which will be split between the Children's Alliance and Brother's Keeper. Our hearts are full of gratitude because the Lombardo's wanted to make a difference in our community. Thank you

NO ALLIANCE MEETING IN FEBRUARY, BUT





for a Community Conversation About Foster Care in Marion County





Monday, February 7, 2022 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ocala Police Department Community Room 402 S. Pine Ave Ocala, FL 34475

You **MUST** RSVP to attend. Call the Children's Alliance office at **(352) 438-5990** and leave your name, contact information and organization, if applicable, or email information to Beth McCall at **executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org**



GUIDEWELL INNOVATION CENTER, 6555 Sanger Road, Orlando, FL 32827

EVENT REGISTRATION

- · Tickets include refreshments, lunch and an evening reception
- · \$100/person
- · Registration Deadline: April 10, 2022
- · Event is limited to 200 people

https://lsf.salsalabs.org/lsfhealthinnovationsummit/index.html

HOTEL INFORMATION

LSF Health Systems has negotiated a discounted rate for a limited block of rooms at the **Courtyard Marriott – Lake Nona**, located just one mile from the event venue. You must use the link below by March 18, 2022 to secure the discounted rate of **\$199 per night**. Space is limited: Reserve today by going to:

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1640200662326&key=GRP&app=resvlink



Opening Remarks: Tuesday, April 19 Florida Department of Children and Families Secretary Shevaun Harris



Opening Keynote: Tuesday, April 19

Bob Carter, CFRE

Chairman of Carter – Advancing Philanthropy Worldwide and Founding Member of World Health Organization (WHO) Foundation



Keynote: Wednesday, April 20
Nick Kittle

Innovation Coach and Author of Sustainovation

Funding Innovation in Behavioral Health Panel April 20

Panelists include Florida **Secretary Shevaun Harris**, **Senator Darryl Rouson**, private and community foundation leaders, and healthcare executives. Stay tuned to learn more about this and other exciting panels and speaker presentations!



FEBRUARY 26

Drive-thru to get your goodie bag!

1 - 3pm @ Kingdom Revival Church
(3318 East Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala)

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!!

FRIDAY MARCH 4

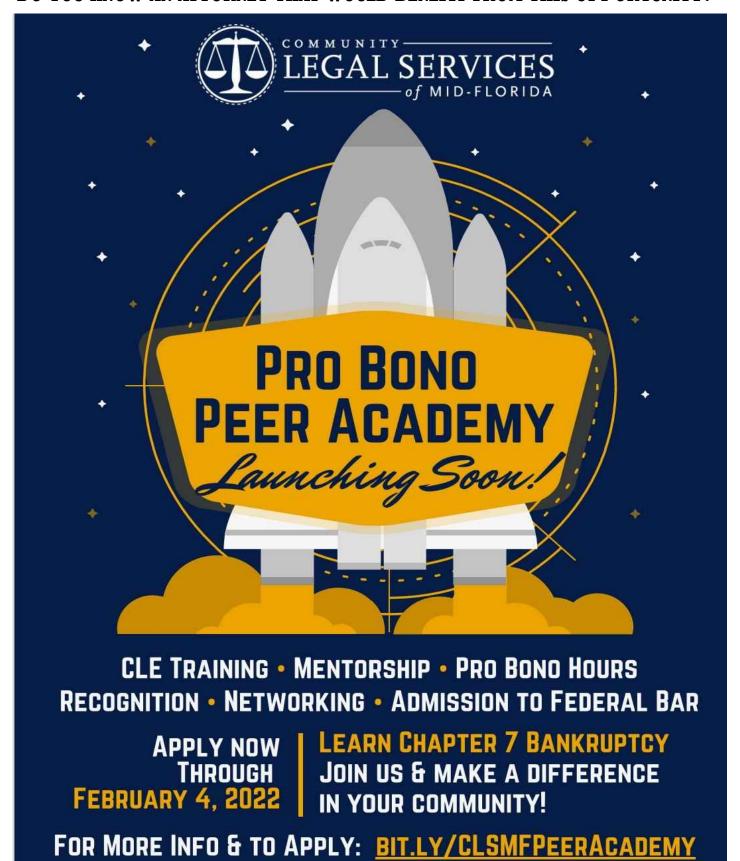
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DO YOU KNOW AN ATTORNEY THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS OPPORTUNITY?





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P.O. BOX 174, OCALA, FLORIDA, 34478

PHSTORY MONTH BANQUET

-HONORING-

DR. N.H. JONES

February 26, 2022

6pm

The Magnolia Event & Conference Center

108 N. Magnolia Ave., Suite 104 Ocala, FL 34475

FEATURED SPEAKER

Bro. Edmond Fordham

TICKETS

Individual \$40 per person

Corporate sponsorship \$500 per table

Purchase tickets from any brother or via cash app \$Arjae014



A Silent Auction of gift baskets will be held.

DR. NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE JONES

was born in Live Oak, Florida in 1897. Dr. Jones graduated from Florida Memorial College, Morehouse College, and in 1926 he earned his medical Degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Two years after graduating from Meharry Medical College he began practicing medicine in Ocala where he opened his practice on W. Broadway Street. Dr. Jones was the first Black doctor to become a staff physician at Munroe Memorial Hospital now AdventHealth Ocala.

Dr. N. H. Jones was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. He became a member of our beloved fraternity in April of 1920 while at Morehouse College.

BRO. EDMOND

FORDHAM is well known as a long-time Principal within the Marion County Public School System. One of the schools which Bro. Fordham was the principal was Dr. N. H. Jones Elementary School.

Bro. Fordham joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1961 through Psi Chi Chapter here in Ocala, FL.

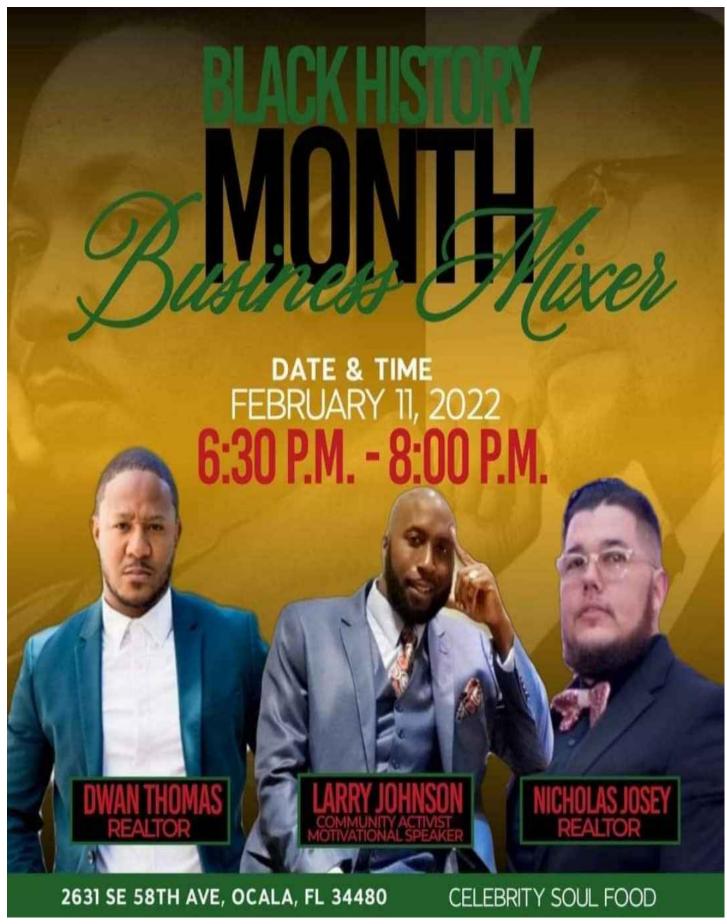
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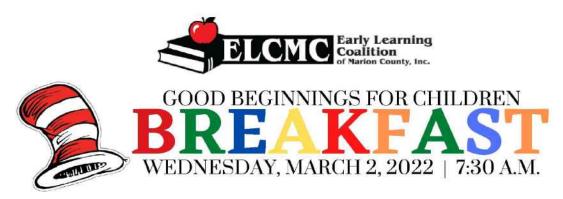
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The Psi Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc 7th District





The 2nd Annual Good Beginnings for Children Breakfast is at the College of Central Florida Harvey R. Klein Conference Center. The theme for this year's breakfast is "Colors of the ELC," and to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, the event will also include some Seuss-inspired fun! Nearly 300 community leaders will join us for green eggs and ham to celebrate early learning and enjoy a delightful message from Keynote Ron Shuali, M. Ed. We will also recognize our Children's Champion, someone who strengthens our community by advocating for and positively impacting children in Marion County.

Being a sponsor is your opportunity to be showcased at the event while publicly supporting our work for children in Marion County. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to meet needs in the community, including providing diapers, books, pack 'n plays, and car seats to families and classroom supplies to early childcare providers, but we can't do it without you. Visit <u>elc-marion.org/get-involved/gbfcb/</u> to secure your sponsorship today.

Cat in the Hat Presenting Sponsor - \$3,000

Horton Premier Sponsor benefits, plus....

Your choice of 3-minute company presentation during event or EXCLUSIVE placemat sponsor

Horton Premier Sponsor - \$2,000

Thing 1 and Thing 2 Sponsor benefits, plus....

- · Sponsor material provided to all attendees
- Reserved table for 8

Thank you gift

Thing 1 and Thing 2 Partner Sponsor - \$1,000

Sam I Am Table Sponsor benefits, plus....

- Recognition during program
- Recognition on ELC website (avg. 3,000 monthly users)
- Recognition on ELC social media (over 4,800 avg. monthly reach)
- Recognition in event email announcements (700 contacts)
- · Prominent recognition on event sign

Sam I Am Table Sponsor - \$400

- Sponsor name on event sign
- Sponsor name in Breakfast program
- Sponsor name on table
- 8 Breakfast tickets

Please be a "Champion for Children" and commit to one of the above sponsorship levels at ele-marion.org/get-involved/gbfcb/. Help us meet our printing deadline and reserve your sponsorship by February 8, 2022.

Cindy Lou Who Individual Tickets - \$25

Tickets available at elc-marion.org/get-involved/gbfcb/.

For more information, contact Wendy Williams at 352-369-2315 x202 or WWilliams@elc-marlon.org.

2300 SW 17th Rd., Ocala, FL 34471 - 352-369-2315 - elc-marion.org



Wednesday, March 2 | 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. College of Central Florida Klein Center, Ocala

Sponsorship Opportunities Available! Enjoy a delightful message from Keynote Ron Shuali, M. ED.

If you love green eggs & ham, you'll love

COLORS OF THE ELC,

our Crayola & Seuss-inspired breakfast, benefitting families served by the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County

Tickets at <u>elc-marion.org/get-</u> <u>involved/gbfcb</u> or call (352) 369-2315 x202



Ron Shuali, M. Ed has spent over 15 years working and presenting in the education market-place. He is a best selling author of his award winning book "Breaking the Bullying Circle" and the book based on his successful behavior management system "Building the 21st Century Child," top motivational speaker and presenter with expertise in the preschool through middle school arena.

Ron's keynote programs and workshops are designed to engage every audience and immediately enlist the audience's commitment to listen and learn. Through fun and comedy, Ron activates the "yearning for learning" that resides inside us all while watching audiences have life changing "Ah-HA!" moments. You've never experienced a speaker like him before!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program



5 Locations available in Marion County



FREE IRS Certified Training—Call today to schedule



Dates & times vary by location—Set your own schedule

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT:

Doug MacPhail, VITA Program Manager

(352) 355-1225 or dmacphail@uwmc.org







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Since 2010, the NonProfit Business Council has served local 501(c)(3)s in Marion County.

Members Receive These Benefits:

MONTHLY
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DEVELOPMENT
MEETINGS

COST-EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH MORE THAN 100 AREA NONPROFITS

ACCESS TO MEMBER ONLY RESOURCES & EVENTS

Join today! Visit OcalaFoundation.org/non-profit-business-council/





8TH ANNUAL HABITAT STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

ARTS & CRAFT, BUSINESS/RETAIL, FARMERS MARKET, NONPROFIT, FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

McPherson Government Complex – 601 SE 25th Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471

Voted Best of the Best Local Event/Festival 2017, 2018, 2019



The undersigned requests consideration for a vendor space at the 2022 Habitat Ocala Strawberry Festival scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 9:00 – 5:00 pm at the McPherson Government Complex. <u>Vendors MUST provide their own tent, chairs & tables</u>. <u>NO DRINK SALES, OR DRINK GIVEAWAYS DURING EVENT. No Refunds</u>.

COMPANY NAME: Click or tap here to enter text. (This name will be listed on our Facebook page and website prior to and day of the event)				
CONTACT NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.				
(Person who will be working the booth at the event- to receive updates and information)				
ADDRESS: Click or tap here to enter text. CITY:Click or tap here to enter text. STATE:ZIP:				
TELEPHONE: () E-Mail: Click or tap here to enter text.				
How many years have you been a vendor at the strawberry festival?				
List ALL ITEMS to be displayed and/or sold: (use back of page, if necessary) Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.				
Special Requests (ie., near bathrooms, handicapped accessibility, away from sun, full sun etc.): Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text. MOBILE CONCESSIONS: Vendors must complete the information to help the organizers find the appropriate space for your trailer or booth. Generators must be low noise & remain in your booth space. All FOOD vendors MUST have FOOD prices posted at all times. Generator used: Length (incl. tongue of trailer): Width: Height: Serving Side:				
Registration RATES				
Vendor spaces 12x12 spaces on grass, 10x10 spaces on asphalt: (check box)				
\square Arts & Crafts vendor \$ 110.00 \square 12x24 \$220 \square 12x36 \$330				
☐ Food vendor \$ 135.00 ☐ 12x24 \$270 ☐ 12x36 \$405				
☐Business/Retail vendor \$ 135.00 ☐ 12x24 \$270 ☐ 12x36 \$405				
□Farmer's Market vendor \$ 110.00 □ 12x24 \$220 □ 12x36 \$330				
□Non-profit vendor $$85.00$ □ $12x24$ \$170 □ $12x36$ \$255 (excluding food vendors- must reg as food vendor)				
Described Control (S. Available)				
Booth Decorating Contest (Optional- read rules & regulations) \$ 5.00 (win great prizes and a chance to win a free booth				
Meal Deal — Special Offer (from Habitat Food Court) \$5.25 each—lunch will be delivered to your booth- between 1130-1230 If more than one meal, please check all appropriate boxes or if same meal- indicate the number of items in each box).				
Choose one per meal: Sausage, peppers & onion sandwich hotdogs (2) Hamburger Chick-fil-a sandwich				
Choose one drink for each meal: ☐ water ☐ Coca-Cola ☐ Diet Coke ☐ Sprite **Bag of chips or similar item included**				
Kid Zone Area- check box if you would like your vendor space to be in or near the kid zone area				
Total enclosed: S (Check payment method) Check #: Cash: (if paid at Habitat office) Mail Checks and application to Habitat for Humanity 1321 SE 25 th Loop Suite 103 Ocala, FI 34471 Attn: Joanne Black Pay by credit card or Paypal, go to https://www.habitatocala.org/strawberry-festival for application				
Information or questions on festival visit website at https://www.habitatocala.org/strawberry-festival or contact Joanne at jblack@habitatocala.org				
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANTDATE OF APPLICATION				



Habitat for Humanity of Marion County- 1321 SE 25th Loop Suite 103 Ocala 34471 * Phone (352) 351-4663 www.habitatocala.org





VIRTUAL TRAINING



Stress Check

February 7th, 2022

VIA ZOOM

1pm-2pm

Signs to look out for to make sure your family is doing well emotionally.

Tools to help cope through stressful situations.

Register TODAY!

Contact Keara McKnight at 352-630-2107 (text or call) or email: keara.mcknight@kidscentralinc.org to register.

NEED HELP FOR YOU OR YOUR CLIENTS?



Aunt Bertha is now **findhelp.org.** The name has changed, but they are still the same nationwide network with tools to help you make an impact. The new name just 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.





USING

NUTRITION

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MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS

FEBRUARY 22, 2022, 9AM - 4PM MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 3290 NW 10TH ST **OCALA, FL 34475**

30 DIFFERENT PROFESSIONS ON SITE RANGING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, RESTAURANTS, HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, AND MORE

> Looking for a career? These businesses are looking for you! They will be participating in the Job Fair and will be on-site.

Cheney Brothers City of Ocala Career Opportunites Coleman Federal Bureau of Prisons Fish & Wildlife Conservation McLane Trucking Ring Power Ocala Army Recruiting Center World Equestrian Center Orlando Police Department Ocala Police Department

Chewy Colen Built Development FL Women's Reception Center Encompass Health Farmers Insurance Company

FL Sheriff's Youth Ranch

Ocala Marine Corp. Recruiting

Avante Of Ocala

Cardinal Glass Auto Zone Distribution E-One

Express Employment Pros **FM Meat Products** Ford of Ocala

Pro Poly America

Marion County Government St. John County Sheriff's Office Citrus County Sheriff's Office Marion County Schools

FedEx Ground

Fidelity Manufacturing

Nurse Core

Trademark Metals Recycling Department of Transportation National Guard

Come on out and find your new career!

MCSO VOLUNTEERS AND MCSO FOUNDATION WILL ALSO BE PRESENT FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES













SATURDAYS 9 - 10 AM \$5 PER PERSON, PAID ON SITE

FORT KING NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

3925 E FORT KING ST.

All fitness levels and body types will benefit from this class. Pose modifications will be provided as needed. Class will be taught by local yoga and dance instructor DeNaya Wilkerson. Please bring your own yoga mat and a water bottle (yoga block and scarf/stretch strap optional).



352.368.5517 | RECPARK@OCALAFL.ORG





GEORGE ALBRIGHT MARION COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR 12TH ANNUAL CHARITY CAR SHOW



Marion County Tax Collector invites you to submit an application for participation in the 12th annual Car Show on Saturday, February 26th, 2022 from 9:00 to 2:00 in the parking lot of the McPherson Government Complex (503 SE 25th Ave). This family fun event will feature cars (past & present), music, food available on-site, kids bounce house, antique vendors, azaela sale, craft vendors and car parts swap spaces. Trophies to be awarded! Proceeds support Marion County Charaties.

All vendors must provide own set up. We reserve the right to approve or reject vendors based on the product they wish to sell.

503 SE 25TH AVE OCALA, FLORIDA

FEB 26TH 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

VENDOR REGISTRATION

Make checks payable to MCTC E Mail to: PO BOX 63 Ocala, FL 34478	mployee Fund	\$25.00 fee per space by Feb 15th for all vendors. (Food, Antiques, Car Parts, Etc)	
Vendor Name:		Vendor Type:	
E-Mail:			
Address City	State	Zip	Phone
			ector's Office from any or all damages
Signature For more information conta	act Jacob Wickle	Date_ in at 352-368-8206 o	r e-mail at JWicklein@mariontax.com
	VEHI	CLE REGISTRAT	ION
Make checks payable to MCTC Er Mail to: PO BOX 63 Ocala, FL 34478	nployee Fund	\$15.00 Pre-registrati	on by February 15th, 2022 \$20.00 at the gate.
Name		Vehicle Make/Model	
E-mail			
\ddress			
AddressSityS	State	Zip	Phone
By execution of this form I hereb during this event.	y release the Ma	arion County Tax Colle	ector's Office from any or all damages
Signature		Date	
For more information conta	ct Jacob Wicklei	n at 352-368-8206 or	e-mail at JWicklein@mariontax.com



For High School & Community College Students

CashApp \$swn2you INCL RT Travel and Tour.

Sat. March 26th

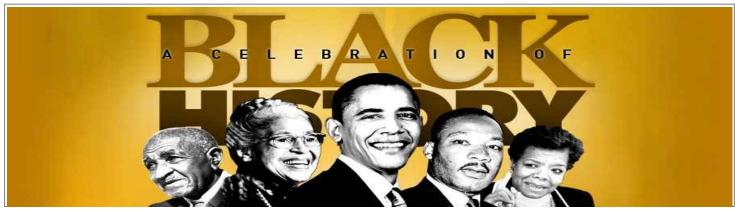
Seats limited. Reserve your spot today!! Email swn2you@gmail.com call 352-462-0663

https://www.facebook.com/SWN2YOU



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ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

February 9 Safe Kids Marion

Wednesday 9 a.m.

(Zoom Meeting)

February 14 Family Violence Prevention

Monday 11 a.m.

(Zoom Meeting)

February 21 CCASA

Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(NO MEETING THIS MONTH)

February 22 SEN

Tuesday 9 a.m.

Beacon Point

February 3 Thursday

Heroin/Opioid Taskforce

3:30 p.m.

MCHD Conference Room

Zoom Option also available

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.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

February 2 No Alliance Meeting This Month

Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

MCSO Multi-purpose Room





March 2 Wednesday Alliance Monthly Meeting 11:30 a.m.

MCSO Multi-purpose Room