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SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022 AT 3PM
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1510 NW 4TH 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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Marion County Early Childhood Court works with families with children from birth to five who have been removed from the home and are in the care of the child welfare system.

For more information, contact Martha Firkins, Program Coordinator at
(352) 502-2228, or email **mfirkins@circuit5.org**.



8TH ANNUAL



2022
**HABITAT OCALA
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**
Presented By



SATURDAY MARCH 5TH, 2022

9AM-5PM

MCPHERSON COMPLEX: 601 SE 25TH AVE, OCALA FL

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

STRAWBERRIES ○ **VENDORS**

FOOD/DRINKS ○ **CAR SHOW**

PIE EATING CONTEST ○

KIDS ZONE ○ **& MORE!**



HABITATOCALA.ORG/STRAWBERRYFESTIVAL

MARCH ALLIANCE MEETING IS IN PERSON



Join Us!

for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

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

at the MCSO Multi-purpose Room
3300 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Agency Spotlight: Tammy Slaughter,

Community Engagement Manager,
"Tobacco at the Point of Sale - A Call to Action"

Guest Speaker: Martha Firkins

Early Childhood Court Coordinator,
5th Judicial Circuit Early Childhood Cour

To learn more about the Children's Alliance
visit our website at www.mcchildrensalliance.org

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INNOVATION SUMMIT

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



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



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

Wednesday, April 20

Panelists include Florida **Secretary Shevaun Harris**, **Senator Darryl Rouson**, private and community foundation leaders, and healthcare executives.

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 Courtyard Marriott – Lake Nona. You must use the link below by March 18, 2022 to secure the discounted rate of **\$199 per night**. Go to <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1640200662326&key=GRP&app=resvlink>



10th ANNUAL

5K RACE
AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

Save
THE
Date

APRIL 9, 2022

CALESA TOWNSHIP

8075 SW 63rd St Rd, Ocala, FL 34481

7 AM Registration & Packet Pick-Up

8 AM Run/Walk Starts



CREATE A GROUP OR COMPANY TEAM FOR 5K RACE.

An award will be given to the group with the largest participation.



\$25 per adult • \$10 for kids (under 10)

REGISTER ON KCRACE.COM

Shirts are guaranteed to the first 250 people registered.

If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation please visit kimberlycenter.org.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM?

Join Us for Our Next Parent Partnership Event

Parent Partnership is a collaboration of district schools, departments, and community organizations to provide families opportunities to assist their child (ren) with strategies to be used at home and link families with community resources.



The next Parent Partnership event will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Dunnellon High School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The topic of the March session will be "Physical Fitness and Beating the Summer Slide."

Marion County Public Schools is Hiring

Did you know most Bachelor's Degrees qualify you to teach? If you are interested in receiving more information on how to become a teacher with MCPS, please visit:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cJx5FTLBU06xAkjDueUvEu3m-pD6uXxMvbGwOM4E_U9URDNLOVJIUE1HTEZQOU03NUhTTDRLN004Sy4u&rcode=true&fbclid=IwAR0PLf2VEchSWP6i9rnghKxSAoZgsLIvtsgRvpZ3h9npIHxhdnQftUD7xc

Online Volunteer Application

Marion County Public Schools is looking for volunteers! Anyone wanting to donate their time on campus must fill out an electronic application that can be found at:

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTE2NTplbi1VUw==>.

The all-electronic process enables MCPS to screen volunteers in a timely fashion with increased capacity and results.





**Good Beginnings
for Children Breakfast**
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 [elc-marion.org/get-involved/gbfc](https://www.elc-marion.org/get-involved/gbfc)
or call (352) 369-2315 x202**



ELCMC Early Learning
Coalition
of Marion County, Inc.

DON'T MISS OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ron Shuali, M. Ed has spent over 15 years working and presenting in the education marketplace. 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!

For tickets and/or sponsorships, go to
<https://www.elc-marion.org/get-involved/gbfc/>

19th
Annual

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Free Backpack and School Supplies

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

DRIVE THRU ONLY EVENT

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friends Recycling Center
2350 N.W. 27th Ave., Ocala**



Children must be in the car to
receive Backpack - **No Exceptions!**

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

Free Meal for Adults and Children SWAG Bags with
Community Resources for Adults While Supplies Last!

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

19th Annual Back 2 School Sponsorship Form

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

The 19th Annual "Drive Through" Back 2 School Bash will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Friends Recycling Center, 2350 N.W. 27th Ave., Ocala, FL 34475. This **FREE** event provides hundreds of students with backpacks filled with basic school supplies.

Your support makes it possible for us to make sure as many students as possible have what they need and to be prepared and ready to learn on the first day of school.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Sponsorship Levels	BACKPACK SPONSOR \$1,500	GOLD SPONSOR \$1,000	SILVER SPONSOR \$750	BRONZE SPONSOR \$500	COMMUNITY SUPPORTER \$250
1. Logo on B2School Flyer/Website Display Banner at Event (supplied by Company)	X	X			
2. Printed Brochures/Materials in All Backpacks	X	X			
3. Printed Material in Swag Bags Distributed to Parents/Guardians (300 max)			X	X	
4. Immediate Acknowledgment on Social Media	X	X	X	X	X
5. Company Listed on Signage at Event	X	X	X	X	

**To guarantee maximum sponsor benefits 1-2, please submit sponsorship payment by April 4, 2022.*

Choose Your Sponsorship Level: Backpack (\$1,500) Gold (\$1,000)
 Silver (\$750) Bronze (\$500) Community (\$250)

Other Ways You Can Help: (\$10 sponsors a backpack filled with school supplies for one Student)

- Unable to be a Sponsor, but would like to make a donation of \$_____ to sponsor _____ Backpacks
- I would like to donate school supplies valued at \$_____ to support the event.

Sponsor Information:

Business or Organization: _____

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

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to **MCCA** (put **B2School** in Memo area of check) and mail to Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 or pay online at <https://2022b2sbash.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, contact Monica Bryant at (352) 438-5993 or Lena Hopkins at (352) 509-9279.

*Mark
Your
Calendars:*

*Marion County Children's Alliance
Evening of Excellence Gala*

Thursday, April 28, 2022

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Country Club of Ocala

6825 S.E. 12th Circle

Ocala, FL 34480

Corporate Tables Available

Individual Tickets ~ \$80

*For information, email Beth McCall
executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org
or call her at (352) 438-5991*



Dr. Mike Jordan Award of Excellence & Vision Award Nomination Form

This award will be awarded annually to a Marion County Organization that is doing outstanding work for and with the children of Marion County.

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email: _____

Nominator Phone #: _____

Organization to be nominated: _____

Organization Address: _____

Executive Director / CEO: _____

Year Established: _____

Organization Mission: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe why this organization should receive the Dr. Mike Jordan Award of Excellence. Information must not exceed one page.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS BY 5:00 P.M. April 1, 2022

EMAIL TO: executivedirector@mcchildrensalliance.org

**OR MAIL TO: Marion County Children's Alliance
PO Box 3862
Ocala, FL 34478**

OR DROP OFF AT: 3482 NW 10th St

*SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, April 28, 2022 – Country Club of Ocala
Evening of Excellence Gala
Award Presentation*



ARE YOU BEHIND ON YOUR RENT DUE TO COVID-19?

The United Way of Marion County COVID Assistance Program (CAP) helps renters who suffered disruption and/or loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with past due rent and utilities.






Residents are encouraged to apply beginning April 1, 2021, and will be considered on a first-come, first-qualified and approved basis.

Assistance is available for financial obligations incurred after April 1, 2020.

People with language and/or physical or related challenges can request assistance with application submission.

VISIT MARION-CAP.COM

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.marion-cap.com

Seeking access to a computer or assistance accessing the application?

PLEASE CALL:

352-820-3700



Bridges Project Ocala Essay Contest Entry Form

Prizes:

High School:

- 1st Place – \$100 Barnes and Noble Gift Card
- 2nd Place – \$50 Barnes and Noble Gift Card
- 3rd Place – \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card

Middle School:

- 1st Place – \$100 Barnes and Noble Gift Card
- 2nd Place – \$50 Barnes and Noble Gift Card
- 3rd Place – \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card

In preparation for your role as informed and responsible citizens and future leaders in our democracy, Bridges Project Ocala invites middle and high school students to explore aspects of bullying on an individual level as well as on communities, society, the nation, and the world.

Fourth Annual Essay Contest Theme:

“Bullying: its pervasive nature and how to resolve it”

As you create your essay, consider the following questions:

- What is bullying? What bullying have you experienced or witnessed?
- What were your responses?
- What tools and resources help to break the cycle of bullying?

You are our future. We value you. We need you. We ask that each of you do your own research, using your own words and critical thinking skills to respond to the prompting questions. Consider including what books, websites, news media, interviews, or any source material that you use to develop your essay.

Guidelines:

- ◆ Essays must be between 300-600 words in length, submitted in English and typed, with student’s name, grade, and teacher’s name on the upper right corner of the first page.
- ◆ A completed entry form must accompany each essay.
- ◆ Only one entry per student is allowed. That entry must solely be the work of that named student.
- ◆ Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- ◆ Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified.

Student’s Grade Level _____

Name of Student _____

School _____

Teacher’s Name _____

Email essays to: BridgesProjectEssay@gmail.com

Winners are expected to attend the awards ceremony to read their essays and receive their award. Date and location of the awards ceremony to be determined.

Entries must be received by 5:00 PM on March 31, 2022.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Date Received

Received by



LSF HEALTH SYSTEMS
9428 Baymeadows Rd., Suite 320
Jacksonville, FL 32256
904-337-4054
<http://samh.lsfnet.org>



COMMUNITY COALITION ALLIANCE, INC.
11250 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 15 – 314
Jacksonville, FL 32257
904-337-4054
www.ccafl.org

Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training

Community Coalition Alliance, Inc., LSF Health Systems, Florida National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Outreach (DDRO), and Department of Children and Families, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) has collaborated to offer the Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) to prevention providers and prevention coalition partners in Florida.

The training includes two components: A self-paced course entitled “*Introduction to Substance Abuse Prevention: Understanding the Basics*” and an in-person training. Registrants are expected to participate in both components (***must attend all 4 days of the in-person training***).

Please note: *The maximum number of participants is 30.*

INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION: UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS (Self-paced):

Due Date: Prior to attending in person training session, you register for.

- Visit the Health Knowledge website to complete the online component:
<https://healthknowledge.org/course/search.php?search=INTRODUCTION+TO+SUBSTANCE+ABUSE+PREVENTION%3A+UNDERSTANDING+THE+BASICS+>
- If you are a new user to HealtheKnowledge, you will have to create a new account (it is free)
- Once your account is created, click on the “Register Now and Begin Course” button.
 - You may need to go back to the previous link to locate the course
- Upon completion of the course, you will be issued a certificate of completion and directed to a training evaluation (GPRA) form.

This foundational course offers practitioners new to the field of prevention, or working in related fields, an introduction to the history of prevention, key concepts and definitions, specific drug effects, and an exciting glimpse into the effects of substance use and addiction on the brain.

Participants will learn about:

- Basic terminology and facts
- History of substance use and prevention in the U.S.
- Addiction and the brain
- Effects and health risks of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs



IN-PERSON SAPST TRAINING OPTIONS AND LOCATIONS:

Option 1 – March 8-11, 2022, Baker County, Florida Department of Health 480 West Lowder St., Macclenny, FL 32063

Option 2 – May 10-13, 2022, St. Johns County - TBD

Option 3 – June 14-17, 2022, Marion County, Marion County Sheriff's Office Jail Adm/ Visitation Building 3300 NW 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

This 4-day training addresses the following topics:

- Behavioral health
- Institute of Medicine's Continuum of Care
- Public health approach
- Risk and protective factors
- Developmental perspective
- Application of SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework: assessment, capacity, planning, implementation, and evaluation
- Cultural competence and sustainability

To register, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RZW5Z5P>

For questions, please contact: Nancy Castillo, CCA Program Mgr
via email at manager@ccafl.org or by phone 863-450-7969

AVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

Participants will receive two certificates for training hours –upon completion of the online course and one for 26 hours (upon completion of the in-person training). These certificates can be submitted to your respective credentialing authority responsible for providing certification or approving continuing education credit.





Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF), in partnership with Melissa Pendergrass of the Law Office of Melisa L Militello, PA and the Citrus County Bar Association present

a Virtual Community Education webinar

Paternity

March 11, 2022
5:00–6:00 PM

Topics Include:

- Why it is important to speak with an Attorney about Paternity
- Establishing Paternity
- Legal and Biological Paternity
- Rights and Benefits
- Resources Available

Pre-registration is required as there are limited spaces available. To attend this virtual presentation, please register here:

<https://bit.ly/paternityeducation>

If you are an Attorney and are interested in volunteering to provide advice and counsel to clients on paternity or other family law matters, please register here: <https://bit.ly/3LjF8zv>



Scan Here



Scholarships for CF Early Childhood Education Minority Students

College of Central Florida minority students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education program are eligible to receive the Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program scholarship. The award amount is \$2,000 per semester for fall and spring.



COLLEGE of
CENTRAL
FLORIDA

Office of Financial Aid
CF.edu | 352-873-5801

Scholarship Requirements

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Have less than 18 hours of upper-division courses in education at the time of application.
- Be one of the following: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American/Pacific Islander, or American Indian/Alaskan native.
- Be enrolled full time in the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education program at CF.
- Have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.

Visit the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers at » www.ffmt.org for application deadlines.

For additional rules and requirements, download the PDF at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/factsheets/MTES.pdf

Keep household products and small objects out of children's reach and sight.

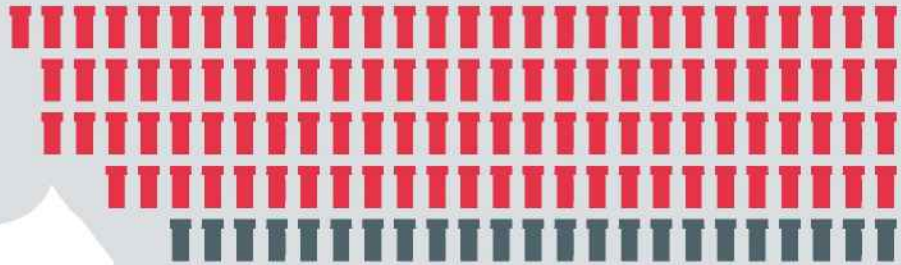
Did you know?

Every day, **65 children** are seen in the emergency room (ER) due to exposure to **household cleaning products**.¹



Products to be mindful of include soaps, detergents and bleaches.

Every day, **130 children** are seen in the ER after getting into **medicine** when their caregivers weren't watching, and **23 are hospitalized**.²



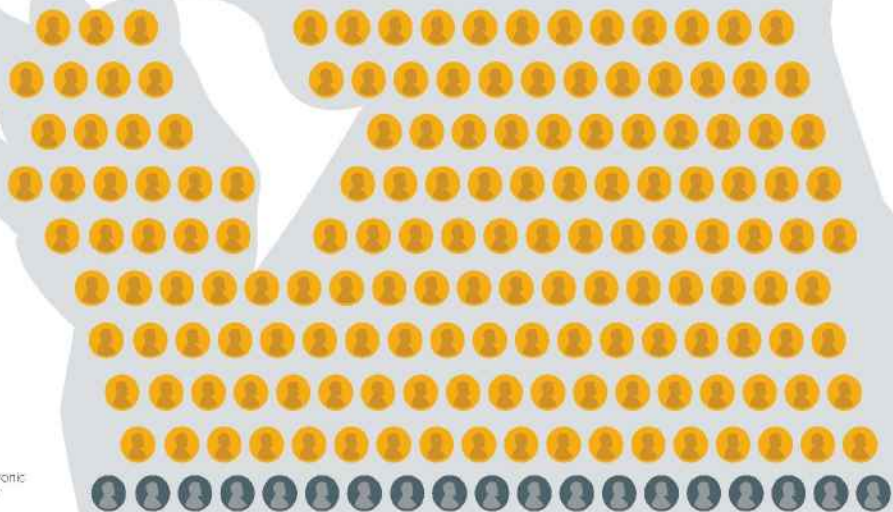
Medicines meant to treat pain, heart conditions and allergies are most often involved.

Every day, **9 children** are seen in the ER after getting into cosmetics and/or **personal care products**.¹



Products to be mindful of include hand sanitizers, creams/lotions, makeup, dental care products and deodorants.

Every day, **173 children** are seen in the ER after swallowing or choking on a **small object** and **19 are hospitalized**.¹



Coins account for 40% of these ER visits. Other small objects to think about include toys, jewelry and batteries.

¹ Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Data is for ages 0-4 and is based on estimates for year 2019.

² Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NEISS-Cooperative Adverse Drug Event Surveillance Project (NEISS-CADES). Data is for ages 0-5 and is based on combined average estimates for years 2018 and 2019.

50% Of Head Injuries Are Caused by Falls

Falls put children at risk for traumatic brain injuries (TBI). TBI is a head injury that causes damage to the brain by a blow, jolt, shaking, or puncture to the head.



Eyes on these effects of TBI

- Loss of consciousness
- Severe headaches
- Dizziness and confusion
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dilation of pupils
- Mental impairments
- Difficulty communicating
- Constant crying among infants
- Struggles in academics

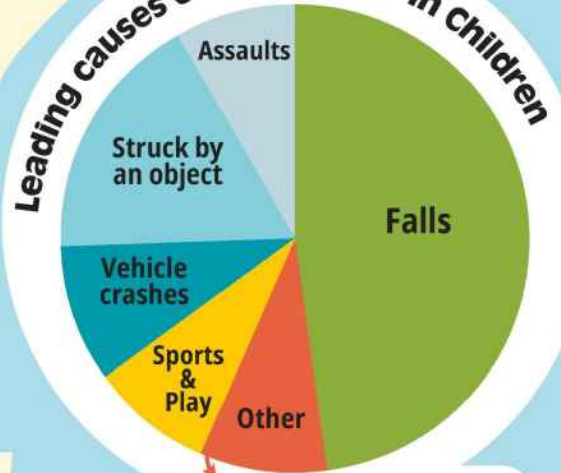
Reduce the risk of TBI

- Buckle up every ride
- Install safety gates and window guards in your home
- Avoid shaking infants and toddlers
- Wear a properly fitted helmet when playing in sports or on wheels
- Talk to coaches or P.E. teachers about sport and play safety
- Keep all firearms locked and away



Florida Department of Health in Marion County
Marion.FloridaHealth.gov • 352-629-0137

Leading causes of TBI injuries in children



Other: Shaken baby syndrome, firearm, drowning, electric shock, and toxic exposure

About 1.8 million kids sustain a TBI in their lifetime.



SAVE THE DATE

2022 International Women's Day Celebration

Tues, March 8, 11:30am-1pm
at CF Webber Center

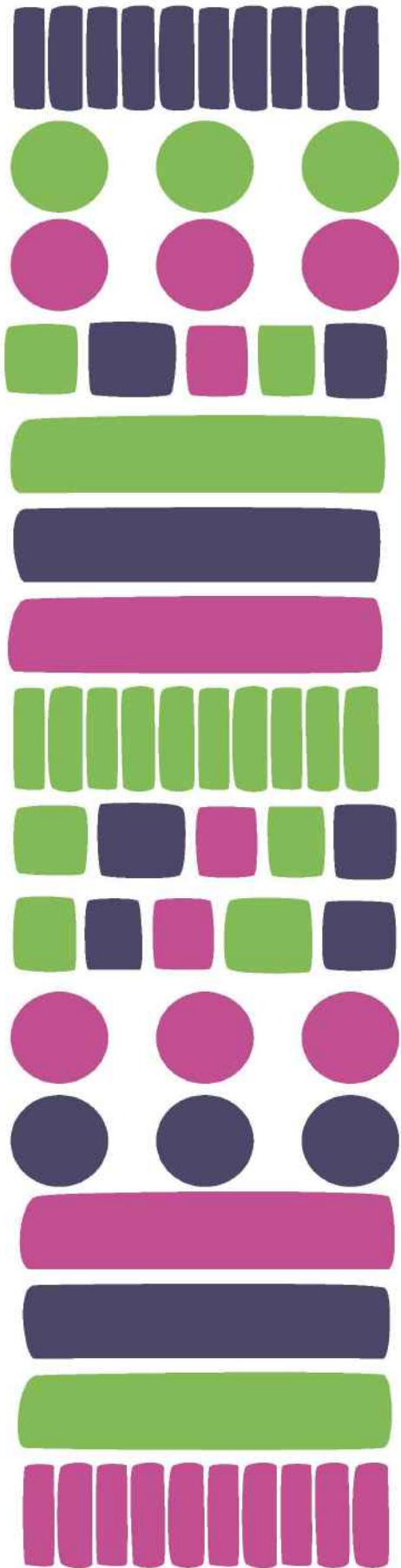
Honoring women in education

ollinwomen.org
Register on Eventbrite

MARION COUNTY DAY 2022

MARCH 26
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

McPherson Governmental Campus
601 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471



Books, Balls, & Blocks!



FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022
1 to 3 P.M.
 Early Learning Coalition
 2300 SE 17th Rd., Ocala

- Free event for children 5 and younger with activity stations
- Free books and activities
- Parents learn to observe and evaluate children's development through play
- Community resources available

For more information contact Help Me Grow Care Coordinator Tonya Cox at TCox@elc-marion.org or call 352-369-2315 x225.



We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 cases in Marion County, and, if needed, this event will be converted to a drive-thru.



OPEN REHEARSALS

AN EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES



Open Rehearsals provide the unique opportunity for students to experience a professional Orchestra during one of the most crucial parts of any performance - the final rehearsal! Guests will have a front-row seat as the conductor and orchestra bring a piece to life.

Open rehearsals are free and include pizza!

2022 OPEN REHEARSALS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022: THE FOUR TEMPERAMENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022: THE UNFINISHED

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022: 21ST CENTURY ANTHOLOGY

Visit ocala-symphony.com to learn more about the concert programs and the OSO!



REILLY ARTS CENTER

6:30 PM: DOORS OPEN AND PIZZA

7 PM: OPEN REHEARSAL BEGINS

8:30 PM: OPEN REHEARSAL ENDS

All rehearsals take place at the Reilly Arts Center located at 500 NE 9th St. Ocala, FL 34470. Let us know you're coming! RSVP to info@reillyartscenter.com.



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3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475
Ph: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994

IT'S OUR DAY!



International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day for celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, and marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

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| March 9
Wednesday | Safe Kids Marion
9 a.m.
(Zoom Meeting) |
| March 14
Monday | Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m.
(Zoom Meeting) |
| March 21
Thursday | CCASA
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(Zoom Meeting) |
| March 29
Tuesday | SEN
9 a.m.
OPD Community Room |
| March 3
Thursday | Heroin/Opioid Taskforce
3:30 p.m.
OPD Community Room |

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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| March 2
Wednesday | Alliance Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m.
MCSO Multi-purpose Room |
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Agency Spotlight:
Tammy Slaughter,
Community Engagement Manager,
"Tobacco at the Point of Sale -
A Call to Action"

Guest Speaker:
Martha Firkins
Early Childhood Court Coordinator,
5th Judicial Circuit
Early Childhood Court

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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