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KIDS CENTRAL CASINO

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Enjoy a fun-filled evening of cool casino action benefiting abused and neglected children in our community! Tickets are regularly priced \$75. Get a spectacular discount rate of Two tickets for \$125.

Please contact Maureen Quinlan at **352.387.3411** to learn more about the event, or become a sponsor.

- Featuring Craps, Blackjack Roulette, a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, and Slot-Style Games!
- Use your winnings to bid on fabulous prizes!
- Hors d'oeuvres will be served.



Kids Central, Inc. is a community-based care lead agency contracted with the Department of Children and Families

See Sponsorship Opportunities on Page 4

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For all of Marion County's Children to have a safe, healthy and nurturing environment in which to grow.

Our Vision

Our Mission

"To improve the lives of Marion County Children"

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Proud Supporter of the Marion County Children's Alliance



Read-a-palooza! Join the reading fun February 6 - March 4, 2023!

Marion County Public Library System and Early Learning Coalition of Marion County (ELCMC) co-host this annual, fun-filled reading event for children ages 12 and younger!

Beginning February 6, stop by any of the nine county library locations to pick up a reading log. Each week, through March 4, participants track their reading progress at library.marionfl.org and can visit a Marion County Public Library System location to receive a weekly prize! Participants will also be entered to win a Grand Prize given away at each library branch.

This annual event encourages and rewards families for reading aloud together, one of the best ways to prepare children for lifelong learning success. The ELCMC is honored to partner with the Marion County Public Library System, and other community partners, to bring awareness and enthusiasm to little readers and their families across Marion County.

This year's prizes are very exciting and we look forward to seeing the participation grow! For future announcements related to this event, please LIKE and follow us on Facebook at **www.faceboook.com/ELCMarion** and on Instagram **@ELCMarion**.

For more information on this event, and March Seuss-a-palooza events, please visit **library.marionfl.org** or call the ELCMC at **(352) 369-2315.**



EL PRESIDENTE

- Industry-exclusivity
- Naming rights on private VIP "High-Rollers" Poker Room
- Top billing throughout the event, including all promotional materials and press coverage
- Sponsor of signature event space (photo booth, bar area, etc.)

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- Industry-exclusivity
- Top billing throughout the event, including all promotional materials and press coverage
- Sponsorship and advertising on two casino tables, including the ability to dress dealers in your company's shirt

 Sponsorship and advertising on three casino tables, including the ability to

PROCEEDS

BENEFIT:

- dress dealers in your company's shirt • Recognition in the Kids Central Annual
- Report, Newsletters, KidsCentralwebsite, and customized social media post
- Ad in local publication as a "thank you" to our sponsors

PRESENTING SPONSOR

 Opportunity to give a company promo item to each guest

KIDS CENTRAL, INC.

Building Better Lives

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- Full-page ad in the event program
- Ten event tickets

SPORSORSHIP OPPORTURITIES

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- Sponsor of a signature event space (photo booth, bar area, etc.)
- Full-page ad in the event program
- Ad in local publication as a "thank you" to our sponsors
- Opportunity to give a company promo item to each guest

Sponsor of signature event space

• Recognition in the Kids Central Annual

(photo booth, bar area, etc.)

Half-page ad in the event program

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PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000

- Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report, Newsletters, Kids Central website, and customized social media post
- Eight event tickets

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- Prominent display of company logo on promotional materials and press coverage after event
- Sponsorship and advertising on two casino tables, including the ability to dress dealers in your company's shirt

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- Sponsorship and advertising on one casino table, including the ability to dress dealers in your company's shirt
- Company recognition on promotional materials and advertising
- Half-page ad in the event program

GOLD SPONSOR

- Six event tickets
- Ad in local publication as a "thank you" to our sponsors

\$3,500

\$1,920

\$750

SILVER SPONSOR

- Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report and on the Kids Central website
- Four event tickets

BRONZE SPONSOR

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- Company recognition on promotional materials and website
- Two event tickets
 - Quarter-page ad in the event program

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 Recognition in the Kids Central Annual Report and Kids Central website

ARE YOU HIP TO HELP?

Contact Maureen Quinlan at Maureen.Quinlan@kidscentralinc.org, call 352.387-3411 or visit KidsCentralinc.org

CUSTOM OFFORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE Contact

OUR MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON Soin Us!

for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MCSO Multi-purpose Room 3300 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Agency Spotlight:

Pat York "Arts for All"

Guest Speaker: Grace Daley Care Portal

"Connecting you to the Child in Need"

Black History Museum of Marion County

A Salute to Black History Month

Join us the month of February 2023 for some exciting new exhibits! Check out the schedule below and stop by and take a tour and hear first hand about these exciting pieces of history. The museum is located at Howard Academy Community Center 306 N.W. 7th Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

Thursday, February 9th - 6pm *Rosewood 100th Anniversary - Lizzie Jenkins

*The Groveland 4

Thursday, February 16th - 6pm *The Divine 9, the contributions of Fraternities & Sororities to our community

Emmitt Till , the Black Archives and much, much more!

For more information, please call (352) 671-4175

Marion County Public Schools

You are cordially invited to the



Join us for an evening celebration of the many who have changed thousands of lives in our community over the course of FORTY years!

> February 4, 2023 6:00 PM - Cocktail Hour 7:00 PM - Dinner 8:00 PM - Evening of Celebration Attire: Semi-Formal

> > Individual Ticket: \$125 V.I.P. Table for 8: \$900

CF Vintage Farm 4020 SE 3rd Ave, Ocala, FL 34480

Auction, Art work, & More

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LOCATION: 1009 NE 28th Avenue Ocala, FL 34470







Take care of yourself and take charge of your diabetes

Our **free** Diabetes Empowerment Education Program can help you:

- Understand how diabetes works
- Identify and prevent diabetic complications
- · Learn to monitor diabetes
- Plan meals with foods you like and need
- Realize how physical activity helps control diabetes

Mary Sue Rich Community Center 1821 NW 21st Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

This is a six-week class that will meet on the following dates: February 7, 14, 21, 28 March 7, 14 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Space is limited FREE medical screenings offered courtesy of Advent Health Ocala

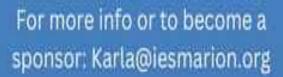
To register or for more information, contact Melissa Marino: Melissa.Marino@FLHealth.gov 352-644-2624 **LEGACIES** -of - LOVE Legacies of Love honors those who have made our community great! Celebrate the legacies of these fabulous 5 people!

Whit Palmer Carlyle Ausley Toro Townley Doug Oswald Nick Nikkinen

Wednesday, February 8th at the Reilly Art Center

Become one of our honored sponsors! Legacy Sponsor \$2,500 Supporting Sponsor \$1,000









First Friday Family Law Forms Review Clinic

Marion County



Have you completed your own forms for Divorce, Child Support, Child Support Modification, Paternity, Name Change, or some other family law matter?

Would you like an attorney to review your forms before filing them?

Not sure what forms you need to file?

Occurs the first Friday of each month, starting: February 3rd, 2023 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM

> Marion County Courthouse Room 1057 110 N.W. 1st Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

Register: <u>https://bit.ly/2MLv7Sb</u> or call 1-800-405-1417



SPRING FLING CORNHOLER

MARCH 25, 2023 REILLY ARTS CENTER 500 NE 9th St, Ocala, FL 34470

Registration at 10am Bags Fly at 11am

> Payouts for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

\$25 per player \$50 per Team

FOOD

Title Sponsor:

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Organized by OMCHC and Ocala Cornhole Crew

Sponsorships Available

MOWCHC

Room Block Available at Equus Inn

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BEER GARDEN

Title Sponsor - \$2,500 (1 available)

- Customized Set of Boards and Bags with Company Logo
- Customized Boards Used for Championship Round
- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Vendor Booth Available (Must Provide Own Tent)
- Signage Throughout the Event
- Recognition on Awards

- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Up to Four Teams (8 Players) Entrance Into Tournament
 - Li o in Tournament Brackets And Score Cards
- s Into VIP Room
- Printed Representation on Swag Bags
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up To 160 Players)

Gold Sponsor - \$500 (10 available)

- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Vendor Booth Available (Must Provide Own Tent)
- Designated Signage at One Sponsored Board
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up To 160 Players)
- Two Teams (4 Players) Entrance Into Tournament
- Access to VIP Room

Silver Sponsor - \$250 (10 available)

- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Designated Signage at One Sponsored Board
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event
- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up to 160 Players)
- One Team (2 Players) Entrance Into Tournament

VIP Room Sponsor - \$1000 (1 available)

- Exclusive Company Branding Throughout VIP Room
- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Signage Throughout the Event
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event

- Provide Branded Koozie or Cups
- Recognition on All Marketing Material
- Vendor Booth Available (Must Provide Own Tent)
- Designated Signage at One Sponsored Board
- Verbal Sponsor Recognition Throughout Event

- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up to 160 Players)
- Sponsor Remarks Opportunity During the Event
- Opportunity to Staff Employees within VIP Room

Beer Garden Sponsor - \$750 (1 available)

- Chance to Provide Promotional Material for Swag Bags (Up To 160 Players)
- Two Teams (4 Players) Entrance Into Tournament
- Access to VIP Room

Custom Board Add On - \$400

For an additional \$400 custom boards and bags representing your company can be made. The custom boards as well as the signage will represent your sponsored lane. The deadline to order is February 21st.

For more information on sponsorships, email tready@dillonmediagroup.com.

HEART OF FLORIDA HEALTH CENTER APPOINTS NEW CEO

Heart of Florida Health Center, (HFHC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Matt Clay as Chief Executive Officer. He will assume responsibilities on February 6, 2023 and will succeed Jamie Ulmer.

He was employed with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians for 8 years as Training and Development Specialist, Director of Information Technology and later as Executive Director of Pokagon Health Services, prior to his current CEO position. His current FQHC has 11 centers with 325 staff members, 115,000 patient visits annually, and a \$37MM budget.

Matt is currently the CEO of Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. in Onancock, Virginia. He is originally from Michigan and received his Bachelor of Science Degree-Industrial Technology Education Degree and Master of Science- Education Technology Degree from Western Michigan University.

"We conducted a nationwide search and we have hired an outstanding Chief Executive Officer. I want to thank the Search Committee and I also want to especially thank Maria Torres, our Interim CEO, and our Executive Team for their leadership, dedication, and diligence throughout this process," said Randy Klein, Board Chairman.

"The process has been thorough and with this organization's best interests in mind." states Maria Torres, Interim CEO. "Matt possesses a unique skill set that aligns well with HFHC's needs and future goals." "I look forward to working alongside Matt as COO and with the Executive Team to help guide us into the next phase and future. Our potential is excellent, our staff is outstanding, and I expect to continue to see great things from this organization." said Torres.

"It is an absolute pleasure to be joining Heart of Florida Health Center as its new CEO," Clay states. "I am delighted to have been the selected candidate. More than anything, I am excited to have this opportunity to be part of the HFHC team. It is a privilege to join such an extraordinary organization, with such a dedicated board, executive team, and staff that cares so deeply about our mission...serving the people of Marion County and beyond."

Matt and his wife Julia have five wonderful children.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!







EARLY LEARNING COALITION HAS JOB OPENINGS

POSITIONS:

- -- Client Services Counselor: Compliance Salary Range: \$18.01 \$25.50 / Hour
- -- Data Assistant Salary Range: \$14.40 \$18.15 / Hour
- -- Chief Finance Officer Salary Range: \$75,000 \$99,000
- -- **Client Services Counselor Quality II:** Professional Development, Quality Improvement and Technical Assistance Salary Range: \$18.01 \$21.25 / Hour
- -- Client Services Counselor: Eligibility Salary Range: \$18.01 \$25.50 / Hour

For Minimum Qualifications and Primary Duties and Responsibilities, go to **https://www.elc-marion.org/about-us/careers/**

All interested applicants should email their resume to Beatrice Montalvo at **bmontalvo@elc-marion.org.**

GEORGE ALBRIGHT MARION COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PRESENTS THE 13TH ANNUAL CHARTY CAR SHOV PROCEEDS SUPPORT MARION COUNTY CHARITIES



SHOW OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES -PAST & PRESENT-

MCPHERSON GOV. COMPLEX

503 SE 25TH AVE OCALA, FLORIDA 9:00AM-3:00PM FEB 25th 2023

Make checks payable to MCTC Employee Fund \$15.00 Pre-registration by February 15th, 2023 \$20.00 at the gate Mail to: PO BOX 63 all vehicle and car part swap spaces same price. Ocala, FL 34478

Name	E-mail		Vehicle Make		
Address	Bu (Abolithed A		Year/Model		
City	State	Zip	Phone		

By execution of this form I hereby release the Marion County Tax Collector's Office from any or all damages during this event.

Signature	Date
For more information contact J	acob Wicklein at 352-368-8206 or e-mail at jwicklein@mariontax.co

DIASPORA WHISPERS PRESENTS

DIASPORANS HIDDEN KULTURE

An American film about the African-Americans' contributions to the kulture of Florida

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2023

MARION THEATER 9 50 S MAGNOLIA AVE, OCALA, FL 34471

Doors open at 5PM, screening at 5:30PM, and Q&A with creator and director Nola D at 7PM. Purchase your tickets at the door or scan the QR code now.



To purchase tickets, https://www.reillyartscenter.com/events/diasporans-hidden-kulture/







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It's the return of Elvis! World Champion Elvis Tribute Artist, Cote Deonath, will take the stage bringing you an action-packed show with his friends Buddy Holly, Blue Brothers, Big Bopper and Frank Sinatra.

9th Annual Habitat Ocala Strawberry Festival

March 4th, 2023

Fun for the entire family. Strawberry Festival will feature live music & entertainment, over 200 vendors, car show, pie eating contest, kids area, food court, and

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A fun, Saltwater Fishing Tournament that will promote a healthy and friendly outdoor experience for the entire family. There will be a Youth Division for two age groups to encourage our future leaders to stay & play outdoors, and learn about the ecosystem.

Become a sponsor, a vendor or attend the upcoming Habitat events

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT HABITATOCALA.ORG/EVENTS





Come explore the possibilities!

Tuesday, Feb. 28 5-7 p.m. | Ocala Campus 3001 S.W. College Road

> Attend for a chance to win a scholarship for one 3-credit* undergraduate class! *in-state rate

- LEARN about academic programs and degrees.
- MEET representatives of clubs and organizations.
- FIND OUT about services to help students succeed.
- GET HELP with admissions and financial aid.
- PLAN your very own fun, successful college experience.
- > APPLY for free. Complete a survey and get a CF T-shirt!

CF.edu/Preview | 352-873-5800

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WAITLIST OPENING PUBLIC HOUSING

HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency

February 8 (9:00 AM), 2023, through March 31, 2023 (or until 2,000 applicants have been reached) 1- \$34,850

- 2- \$39,800 3- \$44,800 4- \$49,750 5- \$53,750 6- \$57,750
- When applying, you need the following for <u>ALL</u> household members: income, SSN, and DOB
- Any individual who is income-qualified will be eligible for the waiting list
- For any special accommodations, please call Jacalyn Brown @ 352*620*3350 or any of the contacts listed below
 *Bilingual staff available
 *Income Limits Subject to Change

For questions, call:

Michelle Jennings: 352-620-3666 (Mjennings@ocalahousing.org) Kimala Beechum: 352-620-3366 Judy Houlios:352-620-3563 APPLY ONLINE ONLY! https://ocalahousing.housingman ager.com

Computers available at:

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion <u>2703 NE 14th Street</u> <u>Ocala, FL 34470</u> Ph. <u>352-732-1700</u> Hours – M-F <u>8am to 5pm</u> <u>Bilingual staff</u>

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County <u>2300 SW 17th Rd</u> <u>Ocala, FL 34471</u> Office Hours: <u>Mon-Thurs</u>: <u>7:00am-5:00pm</u>





Richard Davila, ACSW, Ph.D.



Ana F. Pagnotta, MS



Rita Ballard, RCP, RFM,CRRA



Henry Singleton, MS, HS-BCP

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

email: rick4shs@me.com or call Dr. Davila at (813) 766-3328 Visit us at... https://www.recovery4all.com

Winter Trimester—2023

Recovery Coach Professional

CCAR RECOVERY COACH ACADEMY

30hrs. \$488

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JANUARY 19-20 9:30AM-1:30PM

+ WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 26, & 27, 9:30AM-1:30PM

CCAR ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR RECOVERY COACHES

16hrs. \$288

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBURARY 23-24, 9AM-2PM

MACRO PERSEPCTIVES OF PEER & FAMILY SYSTEMS SUPPORT

21hrs. \$388

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, MARCH 23-24 9AM-2PM

+ THURSDAY, MARCH 30 9AM-2PM

CCAR RECOVERY COACHING IN AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

16hrs \$288

APRIL 27-28, 9AM-1:30PM

All trainings provide education hours for the following credentials: Recovery Coach Professional (RCP) & Certified Recovery Peer Specialist (CRPS).

Classes will be on a virtual platform. All offerings have pre-class assignments. **Recovery 4 All** is an approved education provider for the Florida Certification Board



SUPER BOWL SUPER SUPER BOWL SUPER

Invite a friend, wear your team's jersey, & enjoy hot dogs before 9am & 10:30am services! Make a difference bringing a can of soup as we partner with Interfaith & Project Hope in filling their pantries!

FREE ADMISSION on the first Saturday of each month.



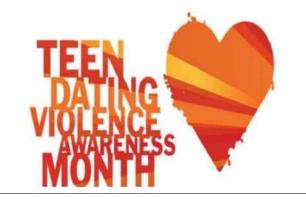
Appleton Museum, Artspace and Store Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m. 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd. | AppletonMuseum.org





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CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

February 8Safe Kids MarionWednesday9 a.m.Florida Dept. of Health

- February 13Family Violence PreventionMonday11 a.m.Zoom Meeting
- February 20 CCASA Wednesday Noon (No Meeting This Month)
- February 28Substance Exposed NewbornsTuesday9 a.m.OPD Community Room

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



Agency Spotlight:

Pat York "Arts for All"

Guest Speaker: Grace Daley Care Portal

"Connecting you to the Child in Need"