



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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CONNECTING THE PIECES OF MENTAL WELLNESS

**FREE EVENT
FOR ADULTS
& YOUTH 10
YRS & UP!**

5:15–8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13
College of Central Florida
Klein Conference Center
3001 SW College Rd
Ocala, FL 34474

Mental wellness has many parts. Youth and adults can learn to put them together through our discussion of the following topics:

- What You Don't Know Can Hurt You
- Digital Dangers
- Hidden in Plain Sight
- Love Shouldn't Hurt

Event is **free** and includes dinner & separate workshops for parents and youth. Preregistration recommended but not required. To learn more, call Valerie at **352-438-5990**



FEATURED SPEAKER
Kevin Hines

In 2000, Kevin jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge in an attempt to take his own life. He survived. Since then, he's used that experience to teach people the art of mental wellness and how to overcome adversity.



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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; 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 Department 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; Radiology Associates of Ocala; Renasant Bank; Signature Brands; Tri-Eagle Sales; United Way of Marion County

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Thank you for Your Support



Thank you Sheriff Woods and the Marion County Sheriff's Office for the \$45,000 contribution to our Family Violence Prevention Workgroup initiatives.



So proud of Caleb and Luke Lombardo for receiving the Community Foundation of Ocala/ Marion County Youth Philanthropist Award for your gifts to the Children's Alliance through your Concert for Good.



Thank you John Cooper and Kids Central, Inc. for supporting the Children's Alliance with a \$5,000 Community Grant.

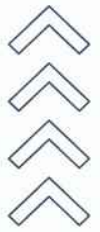


Let's Talk Tech!

FREE Chromebook for MCPS Students
(while supplies last)

Saturday, April 1, 2023

9 am-12 pm



Families will receive information on recommended educational apps and internet safety.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

NORTH MARION MIDDLE SCHOOL

2085 W HWY 329, CITRA, FL 32113

FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

5000 SE MARICAMP RD, OCALA, FL 34480

MARION TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

1614 E FORT KING ST, OCALA, FL 34471

BELLEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

10400 SE 36TH AVE, BELLEVIEW, FL 34420

GREATER NEW HOPE CHURCH

484 EMERALD RD, OCALA, FL 34472

ED CROSKEY RECREATION CENTER

1510 NW 4TH ST OCALA, FL 34475



Eligible students include all K-12 students enrolled in a Marion County Public School

An Equal Opportunity School District

OUR MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON



Join Us!
for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

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

Mary Sue Rich Community
Center at Reed Place

1812 N.W. 21st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475



Agency Spotlight:

Stephanie Gavin,
Marion County Coordinator
Big Brothers Big Sisters

Guest Speaker:

Mike McCormick

Media Relations/Education Coordinator for
the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center,
Jacksonville at UF Health Jacksonville



FREE
event for
families!

Family Fun Wellness Fair

Celebrates

Minority Health Month

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 22
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475

Bring the whole family as the Florida Department of Health in Marion County hosts this **free** event to promote health and wellness during Minority Health Month.

This event will feature many activities and information presented by our community partners that can improve your health and well-being, including:

- Food & music
- Games & facepainting
- Wellness screenings
- Community resources
- Adult & youth immunizations
- Health Education
- and much more!

To learn more, call Monica DaSilva at **352-644-2679**.



11TH ANNUAL | RUN/WALK



REGISTER NOW!!

KCRACE.COM



APRIL 29 2023



CREATE A GROUP OR COMPANY TEAM FOR THE RACE!*

Ina A. Colen Academy | 66 Ct Rd SW | Ocala | 34474

7 AM REGISTRATION & PACKET PICK UP

8 AM RACE | WALK STARTS

\$30 PER ADULT | \$10 PER KID (UNDER 10) \$35 REGISTRATION DAY OF



SCAN HERE



SHIRTS GUARANTEED TO THE FIRST 250 PEOPLE WHO REGISTER.

*AN AWARD WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GROUP WITH THE LARGEST PARTICIPATION

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE VISIT KIMBERLYSCENTER.ORG



For uninsured and underinsured residents of Marion County

**CALL OUR OFFICE TO BE SCHEDULED:
(352) 421-5510**

FREE DENTAL

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**FOR
MARION COUNTY
RESIDENTS ONLY**

**HOWARD ACADEMY
COMMUNITY CENTER**



306 NW 7TH AVE. OCALA, FL 34475



Make plans to spend a few hours with us



NEED A JOB? OCALA HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS POSITIONS AVAILABLE
Fraud Investigator ~ Deputy Director ~ Facilities Coordinator ~ Executive Assistant
Applications and complete job descriptions are available on OHA's website at www.OcalaHousing.org. Successful candidates must pass a criminal background check. All positions are open until filled.



Submit cover letter, application and three verifiable work references to the attention of Glenda Robert, HR Director, Ocala Housing Authority Administrative Office, 1629 N.W. 4th St. Ocala, Fl 34475. Information can also be faxed to (352) 369-2648 or emailed to GRoberts@OcalaHousing.org.

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US

for the 5th Annual
Marion County Children's Alliance

Children First Gala



Table Sponsorships and
Individual Tickets Available
Scan the QR to purchase!



Country Club of Ocala
Thursday, April 13, 2023
Gala begins at 6:00 PM
Cocktail Attire Recommended

Dinner will be served
Cash Bar Available



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
1:00PM - 3:00PM

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

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



SCAN ME

See ya, 4th Friday

1. Are you affected by incarceration?
2. Are you Looking for some resources.
3. Are you in need of support?
4. Interested in having some fun, fellowship, and good food?

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
1629 NW 4th ST, Ocala, FL

PH: (352) 361-1206
PH: (352) 426-0900

FLIP FLOP Support Groups Inc. 501©3
Families w/ Loved ones In Prison-Families w/ Loved ones Out of Prison
Re-aligning the effects of incarceration to rungs of success for the formerly incarcerated and their families.

We Can Help You with Pre-Diabetes & Diabetes Self-Care.

Develop self-care skills

Improve eating habits

Increase physical activity

Prevent complications

What is DEEP?

The Diabetes Empowerment Education Program is a FREE 6-week education program to help people with pre-diabetes and diabetes better understand diabetes self-care. Participants will learn:

- ✓ Proactive nutritional and lifestyle tips for persons with diabetes or pre-diabetes
- ✓ Empowering self-care techniques for those living with diabetes
- ✓ Strategies to manage and control diabetes to reduce the risk of diabetic complications

Howard Academy
306 NW 7th Ave
Ocala, FL 34475

This is a six-week class on the following dates:
May 10, 17, 24, 31
June 7, 14
1:30–3:30 pm

Space is limited
FREE medical screenings offered courtesy of AdventHealth Ocala

To learn more about this FREE program, call 352-671-4186 or email CHP@mchdt.org

Connect With Us On Social Media @communityhomeproject

www.mchdt.org | chp@mchdt.org | [#JOINTHEMOVEMENT](#)

GET READY FOR SUMMER: REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp at Shores Assembly of God, Enjoy 8 weeks of food, field trip, arts and crafts and much more for only \$260.00 for the whole summer!

Camp is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Applications can be picked up at the church office, 206 Midway Rd., Ocala or one can be emailed to you.

Are you hosting a summer event and need to provide food for kids 18 and under at your event? Shores Assembly would love to partner with you! One time events or events that last for a week or all summer are eligible.

Interested or need more information, please call (352) 687-0190 or send email to

JOIN US FOR EAT HEALTHY, BE ACTIVE

FREE HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES & PRODUCE

Eat Healthy, Be Active promotes healthy eating and exercise to reduce the risk of obesity & chronic diseases.

Participants will receive the following:

- **FREE** Health Screenings by AdventHealth.
- Monthly name in drawing for Instapot.
- **FREE** monthly Produce Bags for Each Class Attended (locally grown).

CLASSES WILL BE HELD 1ST TUESDAY EACH MONTH. APRIL-SEPT
5:30PM-7PM
LOCATION: 306 NW 7TH AVE
ROOM 10
COMMUNITY HOME PROJECT: 352-671-4168

From eating the right food to the perfect exercise routine, find the best path to a healthier and happier you.

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPRING 2023 CAREER FAIR



Marion County Public Schools is excited to offer a *family-friendly* Career Fair event! The Career Fair will include multiple career opportunities with various departments ranging in minimum qualifications. A shuttle bus will run throughout the event to take candidates to free horse shows, shopping opportunities, and dining venues.



An Equal Opportunity
School District

We offer a variety of career and growth opportunities for **ALL** skill sets and interests! Our full-time positions include:

- Full Benefits Package - Retirement, Free Life Insurance and Health Care Option
- Free Employee Assistance Program
- Paid Time Off (Personal and Sick)
- Family-Friendly Schedule
- Opportunity to Make a Difference!

Event Information

Saturday, April 15, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The World Equestrian Center
Expo Center Two
1750 NW 80th Ave
Ocala, FL 34482

MCPS Employment Services Division
352-671-7787

How to Apply

- Go to Marionschools.net
- Select the "Careers" Heading or the "Career Fair" Tab
- Select the Hyperlink for the [Skyward FastTrack](#) Application
- Apply to the Career Fair Posting within Skyward



Scan Here to
Submit a "Contact
Us Form" for
Assistance or Text
352-263-1381



Join Our Team!

Find the Perfect Career For You!



**High School Diploma
Preferred, But Not Required**

- Bus Driver
- Bus Aide
- Custodian
- Food Service Worker

**High School Diploma
or GED Required**

- Clerk
- Marion Afterschool Program
- Receptionist

Associate's Degree

Or 60 Hours of College Credit OR
Passing Paraprofessional Exam Score

- Classroom Substitute
- Paraprofessional

Bachelor's Degree

- Classroom Teacher
- Content Area Specialist
- Instructional Coach
- Student Services Manager

MarionSchools.net

An Equal Opportunity School District



Mom & Baby Club

A WIC-sponsored Breastfeeding Support Group

The club is a free relaxed gathering for mommies, daddies, and children. We provide information, support, refreshments, and lots of fun.

**In 2023, the club meets 10–11 a.m.
on the following dates:**

January 4
February 1
March 1
April 5

May 3
June 7
July 5
August 2

September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6

For more info or
help, call WIC:
352-622-1161

Club location:
WIC Main Office
1801 SE 32nd Ave

Florida
HEALTH
WIC Florida

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



JOIN OUR TEAM



NOW HIRING SEASONAL LIFEGUARDS OF ALL AGES

APPLY NOW AT
www.ocalafl.org/employment

Candidates must be able to pass the
provided American Red Cross
lifeguard training course

Candidate pre-requisites:

- Swim 300 yards continuously
- Submerge to a depth of 7 to 10 feet
- Tread water for two minutes

- Starting pay \$19/per hour
- \$1,000 End-of-season bonus*
- Certificate reimbursement*

For more information contact:

Carla Chindamo

CChindamo@ocalafl.org | 352.572.0371

*Conditions apply. Call for more details.

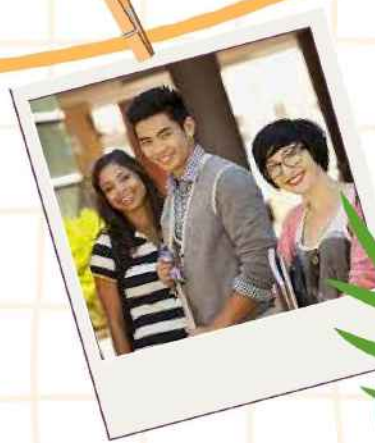
**Scan QR Code for
job description
or to apply:**



PARENT PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS

CATCH THE SUMMER WAVE

FREE RESOURCES
AND GIVEAWAYS



Location/Time

Saturday, April 22, 2023
Vanguard High School
7 NW 28th Street Ocala, FL 34475
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Transportation

Limited transportation is
available for adults and their
children 5 or older

Exhibit Hall

Features community partners, school
district offices and community
organizations

Pre-register Here:





Employee Health: Your Greatest Asset

***HEALTHY EMPLOYEES TYPICALLY HAVE A BETTER
QUALITY OF LIFE OVERALL,
AND CAN REWARD THEIR EMPLOYERS WITH
MORE PRODUCTIVITY, FEWER SICK DAYS, AND
MORE ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT.***

***HOW CAN EMPLOYERS INFUSE MORE OPPORTUNITIES
TO BOOST WELLNESS?***

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

**BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING 8:00 – 8:30
PRESENTATION: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**LOCATION: POWER PLANT INCUBATOR- 2ND FLOOR
405 SE OSCEOLA AVE, OCALA, FL 34471
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
AROBERTS@RBOI.COM
352-732-0277**

Breakfast Sponsor: Sabal Direct Primary Care



CAMC IS made possible by HUGS Charities
Special Thanks to our Community Partner: RBOI





MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

8:30-5pm

Central Christian Church

The Venue

\$15

Watch Testimonial
& Get Tickets Here:



Learn the best in

**TRAUMA-
RESPONSIVE
CARE!**



Event is Free for foster, adopt and kinship families. Email joy@thepearlproject.org for special code. The \$15 fee includes breakfast, lunch and materials.

You can also register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/576161904767>



SAVE THE DATE

The Ocala Juneteenth
Celebration Commission

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

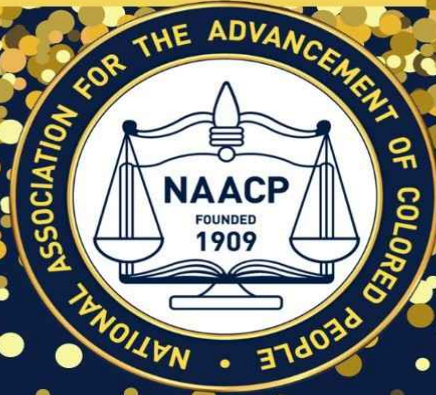
**Saturday, June 17, 2023
10am to 3pm**

**Webb Field
1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd. - Ocala, FL 34475**

For more information, email
ocalajuneteenth2020@gmail.com

**FOOD ★ VENDORS ★ ENTERTAINMENT
& MORE!**

NAACP 5114 MARION COUNTY BRANCH



You are invited to attend

*47th Freedom Fund
and
Awards Banquet*

"ACTION REQUIRES PEOPLE: THE NAACP NEEDS YOU"

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH 2023

7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

The Klein Center

3001 SW COLLEGE ROAD,
OCALA, FL 34474

\$60.00 PER TICKET

MARIONCOUNTYFLNAACP@GMAIL.COM; FOR
SPONSORSHIPS, ADS, DONATIONS, AND TICKETS



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of Marion County

MUSIC & FOOD AVAILABLE

3RD ANNUAL **CAR** **TRUCK** & **MOTORCYCLE** *Festival*



MAY 21ST
9AM-12PM



TO SIGN UP PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.THEOCALASHOW.COM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Some restrictions may apply, see dealer for details.

5331 N. HWY. 441, OCALA, FL 34475 | (352) 227-1606 | WARHORSEHARLEY.COM



SISTER CIRCLE — MOMENT —

Let's talk about **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

APRIL 15, 2023 / 8AM - 10AM



Featuring
GUEST SPEAKERS
AND TESTIMONIALS
AN IMPACTFUL GATHERING
FOR WOMEN.

LOCATION: IMMERSE CHURCH / 5105 N US HWY 441 / OCALA 34475

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND ~ TOWN HALL MEETING

Governor's West Ocala Neighborhood Revitalization Council Inc. in conjunction with the City of Ocala's Community Programs Department and Councilman Ire Bethea, will host a **Town Hall** meeting On Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place, 1812 NW 21st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475.

Since April is Fair Housing month and May is Affordable Housing month, Community Programs and Governor's West will offer presentations on Fair Housing by Community Legal Services, the Office of Homeless Prevention will provide an update on the Homeless, a presentation of the City's Annual Action Plan will be by Community Programs, and a discussion on a potential housing development in West Ocala.



MARION COUNTY YOUTH JOB FAIR



Thursday, April 27, 2023 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium
(2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala, FL 34470)



BARBERSHOP TALK
 @ Urban Stylez Beauty & Barbershop

10 Free cuts for ages 5-17

Chop it up while getting chopped up

Saturday April 29th
 Noon-3pm

2620 SW 17th Rd suite 100
 Ocala, FL 34471



SAT APRIL 8TH
 FROM 11AM TO 4PM

MARION COUNTY REDHAWKS AND CERTIFIED PROMO PRESENTS

EASTER ON A SATURDAY FUNDAY

FREE FOOD AND DRINKS- EASTER EGG HUNT
 FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES

PAVILLION @ WEBB FIELD

1501 W. SILVER SPRINGS BLVD
 FOR MORE INFO CERTIFIED PROMO 352-361-9863

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

Presents
FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT EVENT

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

Saturday, April 29, 2023
(9:30 Registration) 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LEARN HOW TO: Take Steps to Own a Home, Improve Credit Score, Connect with Financial Institutions, Leave a Financial Legacy, Talk to Your Children about Saving, Connect with Community Resources

Vendors | Food | Prizes (1) \$250 Basket
This is a FREE EVENT!

Contact: Barbara J. Brooks, Ph.D.
 (352) 875-4237 • www.ramalservices.org

SPONSORSHIP/VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE



PINWHEELS for prevention

ELCMC Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.

United Way
SUCCESS BY 6

SAT. APRIL 15, 2023
 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
PADDOCK MALL

FREE:

- Live Entertainment
- Kids Activity Area
- Face Painting
- Children's Books
- Giveaways and More...

For more information, call (352) 369-2315
 Visit www.ELC-MARION.org

PADDOCK MALL 3100 SW College Road
 Ocala, Florida 34474



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 Ph: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month
 and Volunteer Appreciation Month**



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- April 10** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
Zoom Meeting
- April 12** Safe Kids Marion
Wednesday 9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health
- April 17** Community Council Against
Monday Substance Abuse (CCASA)
Noon
Zoom Meeting
- April 25** Substance Exposed Newborns
Tuesday 9 a.m.
OPD Community Room

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
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 up to receive a free copy of this
 newsletter or to join a workgroup.

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