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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"

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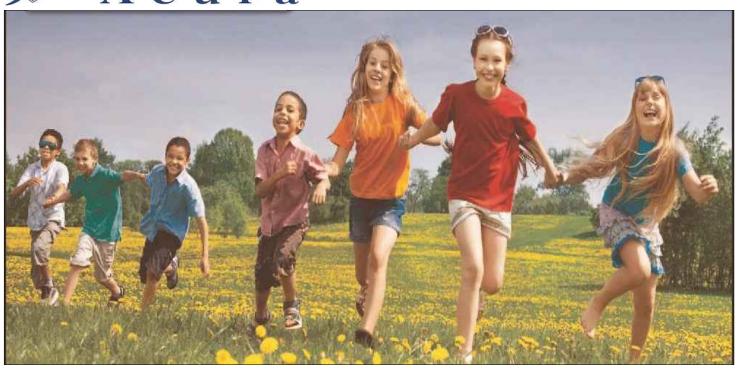
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JOIN US: TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME CELEBRATE THE POWER OF WOMEN AT THE BOOK LAUNCH & TEA PARTY FOR

How The Learned: (Momen



MAY

SUNDAY

AT 1:30 PM

2023

AT ADVINIACARE AT PADDOCK RIDGE 4001 S.W. 33RD CT., OCALA

Put on your classy dress and your favorite fascinator and join us.

Proceeds from the event benefit Interfaith and the FVP Workgroup and proceeds from the Book go to end human and sex trafficking

Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-launch-tea-party-tickets-597886944947

OUR MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON



Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 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:

LaTrisha Sims

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Chief Operating Officer

Guest Speaker: Matt Clay

Heart of Florida Health Center, CEO

"History of Heart of Florida and Services Offered"

A LITTLE HELP Can Make A BIG DIFFERENCE

DONATE TO THE RESOURCE CENTER



MAY 2 IS NATIONAL BABY DAY!

— OUR FAMILIES NEED —

DIAPERS, WIPES, BABY WASH & SHAMPOO, DIAPER CREAM



KIDS CENTRAL, INC. Family Resource Center

352.446.9060

KidsCentralInc.org

Kids Central, Inc. is the nonprofit organization charged with preventing and treating child abuse and selected by the State of Florida to coordinate child protection services in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties (Circuit 5). Kids Central, Inc. is a community-based care lead agency contracted with the Department of Children and Families.



Dates:

Every Thursday From June 1st through July 6th Time: 4:30-6:30pm

Location:

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



DETAILS

The workshop is designed to assist individuals in developing the necessary skills to help create lasting healthy habits. These classes will engage parents, caregivers and extended family members in educational components that are fun and interactive to learn how to enhance healthy family dynamics and family relationships. Space is limited- Incentives will be provided.



CHP OFFERS EACH PARTICIPANT THE FOLLOWING:



Tell you how, you may forget, teach you how and you may remember, but involve you in the learning process and you will learn. At CHP, that is our promise to each participant.



CHP Life skills workshops offer fun and interactive ways to learn the skills to do life in a balanced and healthier way.



The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from youthis workshop series will offer participants an opportunity to "upskill" and grow with new knowledge to tackle some of life's challenges.



All participants will create their own individualized SMART goal planning to help them achieve success with their goals.

HOW TO SIGN UP



To Register email chp@mchdt.org or call 352-671-4186

Connect With Us On Social Media @communityhomeproject



352-671-4186



chp@mchdt.org





#COMMUNITYHOMEPROJECT



Visit www.familytimesmag.com/weve-got-issues

Find local child care providers by zip code, resources to financial assistance, links to learning tools and developmental screenings + more.





ELC-Marion.org | (352) 369-2315

EARLY LEARNING

We still have the CFO position vacant as I shared with you last onth. However, we have several positions open. Could please share that "the Early Learning Coalition is hiring! Please visit our website at www.elc-marion.org for more information.".

MCPS 2023 GRADUATION SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	High School	Location	
Friday, May 19	11 a.m.	Hillcrest	Hillcrest	
Saturday, May 20	8 a.m.	West Port	World Equestrian Center (WEC)	
Saturday, May 20	6 p.m.	Dunnellon	WEC	
Saturday, May 20	8 a.m.	Belleview	Belleview Stadium	
Wednesday, May 24	7 p.m.	Lake Weir	Livestock Pavilion	
Thursday, May 25	7 p.m.	North Marion	SE Livestock Pavilion	
Friday, May 26	7 p.m.	Vanguard	SE Livestock Pavilion	
Saturday, May 27	8 a.m.	Forest	WEC	

PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE STUDY RELEASE

Save The Date

A Comprehensive, Coordinated, Community-Wide Child Development Study to Stem Youth Violence

Wednesday, May 24th, 8:30am - 10:00am

Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place

1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475

RSVP: thom.thomas@cox.net



GET YOUR TICKETS FOR PROM WITH MOM DANCE

The Marion County MSTU Department and Silver Spring Shores Community Center will have its "Prom with Mom" dance on Friday, May 12, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Silver Springs Shores Community Center, 590 Silver Rd, Ocala, FL 34472.

Tickets costs \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Silver Spring Shores Community Center; over the phone at

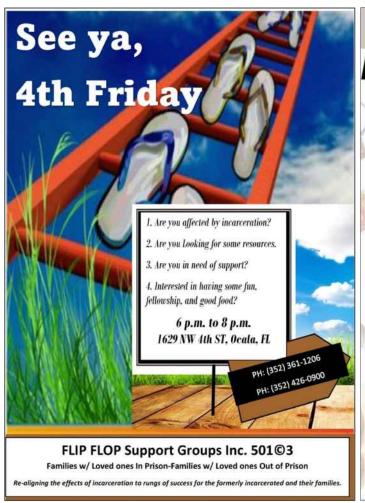
(352) 438-2810; or online at



For information regarding "Prom with Mom" or anything dealing with Silver Springs Shores, please visit MarionFL.org or call (352) 438-2810.









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





SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023

DRIVE THRU ONLY EVENT

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friends Recycling Center 2350 N.W. 27th Ave., Ocala

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



Children MUST BE in the car to receive Backpack
No Exceptions

Registration NOT Required!

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 and the City of Ocala

20th Annual Back 2 School Sponsorship Form

Sponsored by the Marion County Children's Alliance, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc., and the City of Ocala

The 20th Annual "Drive Through" Back 2 School Bash will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023 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 the supplies need and to be prepared and ready to learn on the first day of school.

GOLD

SPONSOR

\$1,000

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X

SILVER

SPONSOR

\$750

X

BRONZE

SPONSOR

\$500

X

COMMUNITY

SUPPORTER

\$250

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

BACKPACK

SPONSOR

\$1,500

X

X

Sponsorship Levels

Display Banner at Event (supplied by Company)
2. Printed Brochures/Materials in All Backpacks

3. Printed Material in Swag Bags Distributed to

1. Logo on B2School Flyer/Website

Email:

Parents/Guardians (300 max)						
4. Immediate Acknowledgment on Social Media 5. Company Listed on Signage at Event	X	X	X	X	X	
						*To guarantee maximum sponsor benefits 1- by May 31, 2023.
Choose Your Sponsorship Level: Backpack (\$1,500) Silver (\$750)		☐ Gold (\$1,000) ☐ Bronze (\$500) ☐ Community (\$250)				
Other Ways You Can Help: (\$10 sponsors Unable to be a Sponsor, but would like to n			75 E			
I would like to donate school supplies value	ed at \$	to su	port the eve	ent.		
Sponsor Information:						
Business or Organization:						
Address:	City:	00	_ State:	Zip cod	e:	
Contact Person:		Pho	ne Number	i		

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

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://2023b2sbash.eventbrite.com.



· Swim 300 yards continuously

· Tread water for two minutes

For more information contact:

Carla Chindamo

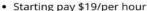
• Submerge to a depth of 7 to 10 feet

CChindamo@ocalafl.org | 352.572.0371 *Conditions apply. Call for more details.

- \$1,000 End-of-season bonus*
- · Certificate reimbursement*

Scan QR Code for job description or to apply:







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 110 N.W. 1st Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

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









HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY)





Now Enrolling

Marion County families with 2, 3 and 4-year-olds

The HIPPY Program is
Offered by Marion
County Public Schools to
All Eligible Families in
the Community

30 weeks of curriculum provided

Scripted step by step lessons to complete with your child that cover literacy, math, science, gross motor, and language.



Weekly sessions
with your Home
Visitor to support
you in preparing
your child for
kindergarten.



FREE Children's Books

Hands-on Activities Provided To apply, provide: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- 1) Proof of Medicaid
- 2) Copy of Child's Birth Certificate
 - 3) Copy of Driver's License or Valid ID
- 4) Child's Social Security Number

Contact us at: 352.671.4171, Iris Starkes-Butler, HIPPY Coordinator or 352.236.0533, Vicki Neveils, HIPPY Supervisor



SAVE THE DATE June 3, 2023

Juneteenth Emancipation Celebration Empowering Freedom Forward

Juneteenth Celebration Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

Saturday, June 3, 2023 6:30pm-10:30pm

One Health Center, 1714 SW 17th Street, Ocala, FL 34471

Dinner, Live Entertainment, DJ, Dancing, Spoken Word, Raffles, Silent Auction, Vendors and more...

Event Details and Sponsorhip Information

Contact: Barbara J. Brooks, Ph.D., President R.A.M.A.L. Education and Social Services, Inc. (352) 875-4237

www.ramalservices.org

R.A.M.A.L. Educational and Social Services, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES, INC.



The Ocala Juneteenth Celebration Commission



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!

ARNETTE HOUSE

INAUGURAL BOAT POKER RUN

JUNE 10, 2023

10 A - 1 PM



CALLING ALL BOATERS
AND JET SKIERS!!

\$100 per boat & Captain \$25 per crew over 16 yrs \$10 per crew under 16 yrs



\$50 per Jet Ski & rider \$25 per rider

**Price includes lunch

Register on line: arnettehouse.org

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\$20 Per Person

You can purchase your meal ticket on Act Blue https://secure.actblue.com/donate/democratic-women-s-clubof-marion-county-2

Saturday, May 6, 2023 11am - 2pm

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT dwcmcpres2016@gmail.com

W.H. Willoughby Park

14005 SE 100th Ave, Summerfield, FL 34491



Please Bring a Comfortable Chair

HOSTED BY: Democratic Women's Club of Marion County SE Marion County Democrats WITH Generous Donations by Democratic Women's Club of The Villages FUN FOR KIDS MUSIC BOUNCE HOUSES SNOWCONES, POPCORN, COTTON CANDY

SATURDAY MAY20, 2023 11.00AM TO 3.00PM

SIVER SPRINGS SHORES COMMUNITY JOIN US FOR OUR TOPS.

CARNING SHORES COMMUNITY JOIN US FOR OUR TOPS.

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SURPRISE GUEST

LOCATION:
GREATER NEW HOPE CHUCH
484 EMERAL RD. OCALA FL 34472
SENIOR PASTOR BISHOP JAMES DAVID STOCKTON III

FOR MORE INFORMATION
GNH CDC COMMUNITY OUTREACH
DIRECTOR BISHOP SERMON 352-687-1130

OUTDOOR VENDOR BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE!!

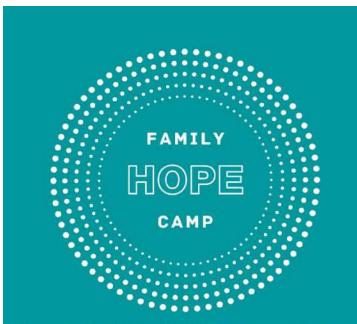












The Pearl Project

3-DAY THERAPEUTIC CAMP

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ADOPTED OR IN FOSTER/KINSHIP CARE

July 12th-14th 9am-3pm 3010 NE 14th St, Ocala, FL













Build A Better Business Series

Shark Tank Style Competition

Join us and support local entrepreneurs as they pitch our judges on their business concept. Each of the contestants have completed our Build A Better Series 9 week course and are competing for a \$5,000 grant to launch their concept!

Date:

FRIDAY MAY 5, 2023

Location:

MLK FIRST RESPONDERS CAMPUS

505 NW MLK Jr. Avenue Ocala, FL 34475

Time:

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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For more information visit our website at www.gocdc.org







A 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Organization for Public Charities

Present!

Juneteenth: Grown Folks & Night of Elegance

Featuring Speaker: Lizzie Robinson Jenkins
Founder & President of The Real Rosewood Foundation, Inc.,



American Sunday Plate Catering
Ex Chef Mario Mctier
Kim's Unique DECOR * MORE
Dances by:

Be Heard Through Movement, Orlando, Fla

Ticket admission \$50



Sponsorship packages available

Entertainment By: DJ Tony, Dothan, AL FREE GIVEAWAYS 3-\$1,000 Scholarship Awarded

Friday June 16, 2023 6:00pm -11:30pm

Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reeds Place

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Sunday,
May 14
is
Mother's
Day

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

May 8 Family Violence Prevention

Monday 11 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

May 10 Safe Kids Marion

Wednesday 9 a.m.

Florida Dept. of Health

May 15 Community Council Against Monday Substance Abuse (CCASA)

Noon

Zoom Meeting

May 23 Substance Exposed Newborns

Tuesday 9 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

May 3 Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place



Agency Spotlight:

LaTrisha Sims

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County,
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Guest Speaker: Matt Clay

Heart of Florida Health Center, CEO

"History of Heart of Florida and Services Offered"