



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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OPD PRESENTS: HOOPS AND BADGES



Two games!

OPD vs. F.A.M.U. 352 | OPD vs. MCSO

FREE!

Friday, June 16 @ 10 a.m.

Mary Sue Rich Community Center
at Reed Place



FOR MORE INFO.
CONTACT TARA WOODS
@ 352-369-7182



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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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Summer to Success at Pace Center for Girls, Marion!

Enroll today to receive education, counseling and life skills in an individualized experience for middle and high school girls.

We provide:

- Academic classes to earn credits
- Small classrooms with certified teachers
- Regular check-ins with academic advisor and counselor
- Life skills such as arts, money management, social interactions
- Incentives and awards for attendance, progress toward academic and personal goals
- Shopping in the Center
- Personal goal planning to ensure progress

For more information, contact Social Services Manager Adrienne Youmans at (352) 369-0571.



LEADERSHIP MCPS

SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION
FOR
LEADERSHIP
MCPS

Class II

SCAN THE
QR CODE TO
APPLY NOW



Leadership MCPS is a program to familiarize citizens with public education throughout Marion County.

CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM FOR MORE DETAILS AT 352-671-7758

A \$300 fee will be charged to cover class expenses. Applications must be submitted by June 12, 2023. Candidates will be selected the week of June 19, 2023. Selected members will be notified the week of June 26, 2023. Member payment is due to MCPS no later than July 24, 2023.



communityengagement@marion.k12.fl.us



www.marionschools.net

OUR MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON



Join Us!
for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 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:

Ashley Harper

Supervisor, Vocational Rehabilitation

Guest Speaker:

Lisa Fehmerling,

Director of Marketing and Drug Court Services
Langley Health Services

Paul Quinn

Director of Radiology and Community Relations
Langley Health Services

JOIN OUR CHILD ADVOCACY TEAM!

www.guardianadlitem.org

The Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office represents abused, abandoned and neglected children in the community and their legal interests in court. Through the collaboration of a multidisciplinary team that includes a Guardian ad Litem Attorney, a child welfare professional, and hopefully a trained volunteer from the child's community, our team provides quality legal representation for Florida's most vulnerable children while assisting the child in expressing their needs and wishes. Our unique approach allows us to support the whole child, addressing their physical, educational, mental, emotional, social, and legal needs.

This could be you



Guardian ad Litem Attorney

Volunteer



Child Welfare Professional

You can be a part of Florida's award-winning, state-funded child advocacy organization and make a difference in a child's life.

Learn more about how you can become a volunteer child advocate or support the Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation, which provides support and additional resources for the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office and the families served.



SUMMER BREAK SPOT

at Marion County Public Library System

Make memories all summer long. Bring your family to one or all library locations, do something fun and let your kids, 18 years of age or younger, enjoy delicious BreakSpot meals.

BreakSpot meals are USDA sponsored in partnership with the Shores Assembly of God.

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. program | noon meal

Bellevue Public Library

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. program | noon meal

Reddick Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. program | 11:30 a.m. meal

Fort McCoy Public Library

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. drop-in program | noon meal

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Thursdays, 3 p.m. program | 4:30 p.m. meal

Dunnellon Public Library

Thursdays, 4 p.m. program | 5 p.m. meal

Freedom Public Library

Fridays, 11 a.m. program | 12:30 p.m. meal

Forest Public Library

June 1-July 29





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

Present!
Juneteenth: Grown Folks
A 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

1821 NW 21st Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED



SAVE THE DATE

The Ocala Juneteenth
Celebration Commission

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

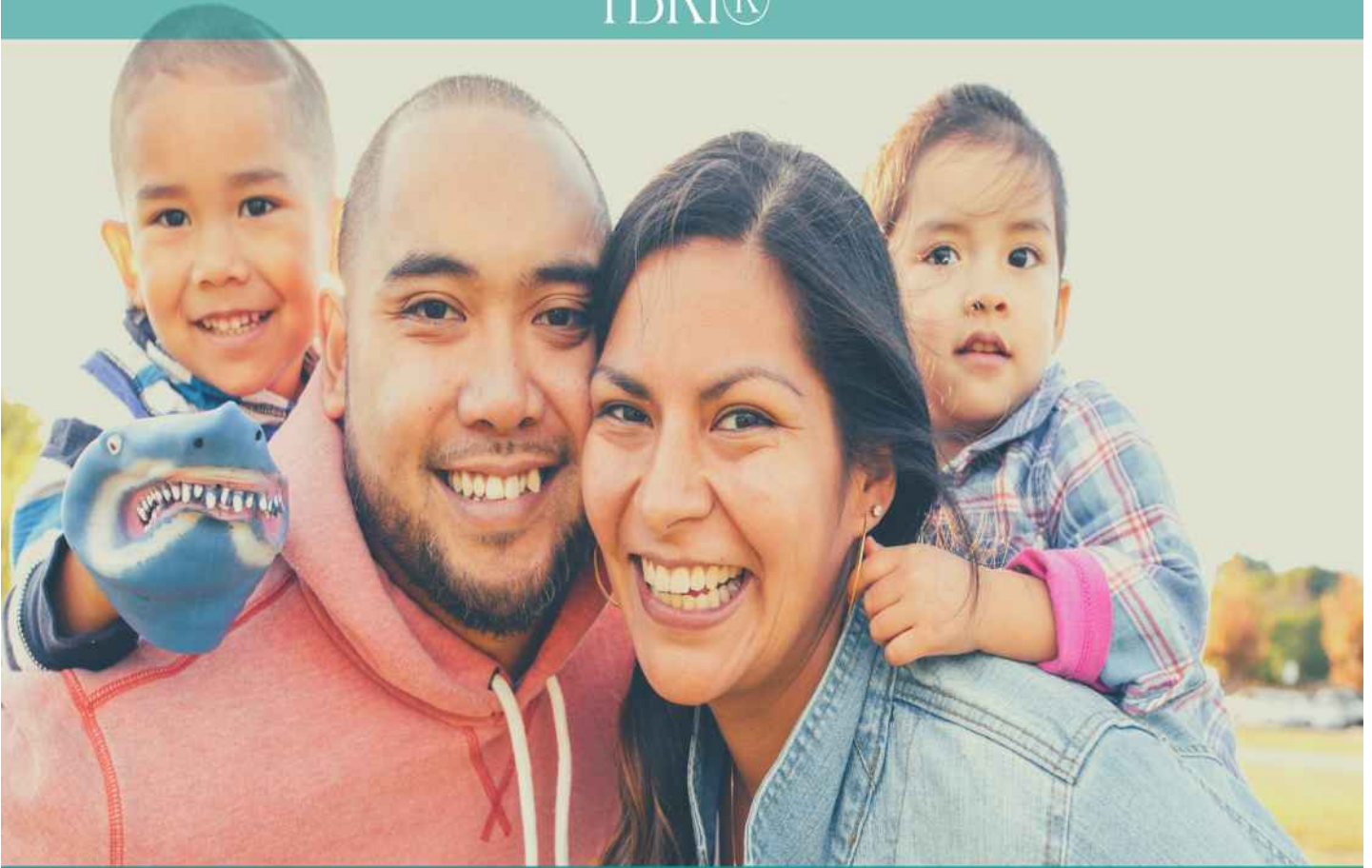
Saturday, June 17, 2023
10am to 3pm

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

For more information, email
ocalajuneteenth2020@gmail.com

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

INTRODUCTION TO TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION TBRI®



Saturday, June 3rd
Frank Deluca YMCA
Ocala

9am-2:30pm \$35 or \$50/couple
lunch and materials included
thepearlproject.org



Tuesday Evening TBRI® Caregiver Training



7-9 pm EST on Zoom! \$25/session or \$200/all

June 6 Introduction

June 13 Connecting-pt. 1

June 20 Connecting-pt. 2

June 27 Q&A

July 11 Empowering- pt. 1

July 18 Empowering-pt. 2

July 25 Correcting-pt. 1

August 1 Correcting-pt. 2

August 8 Q&A

Trust-Based Relational Intervention®, developed at the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention, designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.

register at thepearlproject.org

WE'RE CELEBRATING 20 YEARS! JOIN US!

DRIVE THRU ONLY

BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

Sponsored by:
Marion County Children's Alliance and
Community Legal Services



July 29, 2023
10 AM to 1 PM



Friend's Recycling
2350 NW 27th Ave
Ocala, FL 34475



FREE Backpacks
filled with school supplies
for all school aged youth

SPONSORS NEEDED!

Help us impact
Marion County's youth so
they can start the school
year confident and
empowered to learn!

FREE

CHILDREN MUST BE IN THE CAR TO RECEIVE BACKPACK!



Scan the QR Code or
Follow the Link Below to become a sponsor!

Questions? Email Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org

<https://mcchildrensalliance.networkforgood.com/projects/194555-back-2-school-bash-2023>

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.

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 as soon as possible or by May 31, 2023.*

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://2023b2sbash.eventbrite.com>.

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

9TH ANNUAL OCALA YOUTH ENERGY ACADEMY



A TWO-DAY EVENT OF CAREER EXPLORATION THROUGH INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS DESIGNED TO EXPOSE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CAREERS IN ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES AND RELATED STEM FIELDS.

June 22nd & 23rd @ 8:00AM *Click here to register*

(DAY 1) MARY SUE RICH COMMUNITY CENTER @ REED PLACE > 1821 NW 21ST AVE., OCALA, FL 34475
(DAY 2) MARY SUE RICH COMMUNITY CENTER @ REED PLACE (TRANSPORT TO AND FROM Ocala, FLORIDA WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS)

INTERACTIVE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

BE EMPOWERED AS YOU NAVIGATE THE ENERGY INDUSTRY WITH US



WORKSHOPS ON "A DAY AS A LINE TECH", ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EV), CYBERSECURITY, PANEL DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS, COHORT-BUILDING GAMES, AND MUCH MORE

OCALA AREA YOUTH IN GRADES 8TH - 12TH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

REGISTRATION WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS.



THE YOUTH ENERGY ACADEMY WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:

- EDUCATE AND SPARK THE INTEREST OF A DIVERSE POPULATION OF THE EMERGING WORKFORCE IN THE ENERGY ARENA.
- ALIGN EDUCATION WITH WORKFORCE NEEDS.
- ADVANCE THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN THE UTILITY INDUSTRY.



TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR SPECIAL YEA PARTICIPANT SWAG PACKAGE, REGISTER TODAY! EARLY REGISTRANTS (BY FRIDAY, 6/9) WILL BE ENTERED INTO A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR A \$50 GIFT CARD!

- 8:30AM - 4PM each day, (Continental Breakfast 8:00AM - 8:15AM)
- Registration and permission slip required
- Continental breakfast, snacks and lunch provided
- **Bring your mobile phone to participate in various activities**
- Closed toe shoes required

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
MIKLE GORDON @ 813.525.6559, MIKLE.GORDON@DUKE-ENERGY.COM
KATHY JUKINS @ 352.303.8470, KATHY.JUKINS@SECDEENERGY.COM
SHEREE MUNROE @ 352.694.8437, SHEREE.MUNROE@DUKE-ENERGY.COM

GIFT CARDS & PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

CLICK THE REGISTRATION LINK ABOVE OR GO TO YEA2023OCL.EVENTBRITE.COM BY 6/15/2023!



To Register, go to YEA2023OCL.EVENTBRITE.COM
Early Registration: Friday, June 9, 2023
Registration Closes: Thursday, June 15, by 11:30 p.m.

PRESENTS

Sunday

SUNDAY JUNE 18, 2023

Linen & Sundresses

Special Guest
Live Entertainment
Sultry Sounds
Special House Wine & Craft Beer
Selections
Hors d'oeuvres,
Door Prizes
Open Mic-Spoken Word

PROFESSIONALS, ENTREPRENEURS
- SUMMER MIX -
DAY PARTY
OPEN MIC
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT OUTSIDE

\$10 ADMISSION
4PM-8PM AFTERNOON MIXER

THE CORKSCREW 16 SW Broadway St. A Ocala FL 34471

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	May 3	September 6
February 1	June 7	October 4
March 1	July 5	November 1
April 5	August 2	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.



HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY)



MCPS
MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
"Helping Every Student Succeed"



New 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



COLLEGE of
CENTRAL
FLORIDA

Express Enrollment Event

JUNE



Free Lunch. Giveaways. Registration Assistance.



Ready to earn a degree or certificate?

Visit the Ocala Campus Ewers Century Center for everything you need to get enrolled – from start to finish in a single day.

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Fill out the admissions application
- Complete your FAFSA
- Explore the campus
- Meet with an academic advisor
- Complete student orientation
- Register for classes

Enjoy a **free lunch** and a chance to win **free tuition for a 3-credit class** at the in-state rate this fall!

CF.edu/Express | 352-873-5801



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Women's Series
Sunday June 4th
1:30-3:30 pm
AdviniaCare Paddock Ridge
4001 SW 33rd Court, Ocala



Women Legacy and Wealth
Legacy: Something that is passed on

RSVP

Lou James

mlj@touchstonewealthadvisors.com

352-362-6696

Snacks and refreshments provided

Grab a girlfriend and join Lou James & Jessica McCune as they co-host this event about women & our stories. Discover how capturing these priceless conversations are precious treasures for our families!

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

BEST LAKE DAY EVER!



Sponsored by:



GREAT GIRLS! EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ART



Dates

June 7, 14 & 21, 2023

Time

1 pm - 2:30 pm

Register Now

[OcalaFL.org/RecPark](https://ocalafl.org/RecPark)

or call

(352) 401-6980



Girls Ages 12 - 16

12 Seats Available

**All Supplies
Included**

**FREE
PROGRAM!**



AIHOM Instructor
Becky Hudson

Projects Include:

- Making empowerment bracelets
- Painting an inspired self-image
- Creating an affirmation painting.

Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place
📍 1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475



Life Skills Workshop

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 you- this 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](https://www.instagram.com/communityhomeproject)

 352-671-4186

 chp@mchdt.org



#COMMUNITYHOMEPROJECT



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

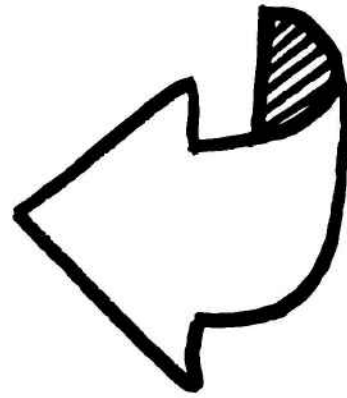
Register: <https://bit.ly/2MLv7Sb>
or call 1-800-405-1417



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EARLY LEARNING
DIRECTORY!



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



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



**APPLY
HERE**





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



Sunday, May 18, is Father's Day



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- June 12**
Monday Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m.
Zoom Meeting
- June 14**
Wednesday Safe Kids Marion
9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health
- June 19**
Monday Community Council Against
Substance Abuse (CCASA)
Noon
Zoom Meeting
- August 22**
Tuesday Substance Exposed Newborns
9 a.m.
OPD Community Room

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

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