



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

Volume 23, Issue 8 ~ August 2023

OCALA RECOVERY FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, TAKE ACTION

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Saturday,
September 9th

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at Tuscawilla Park.

Thanks to the
generosity of our
sponsors
EVERYTHING IS FREE!

Visit this link for
Sponsor and
Exhibitor
Opportunities:



Don't miss the
presentation of the Annual
Recovery Champion
Award!

EXHIBITOR BOOTHS
RECOVERY RESOURCES
FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS ZONE
SWAG AND GIVEAWAYS

MCCHILDRENSALLIANCE.NETWORKFORGOOD.COM/EVENTS/56144-6TH-ANNUAL-OCALA-RECOVERY-FESTIVAL

Info Detail: Tuscawilla Park
500 NE 9th Street Ocala, FL 34470
have questions? email us at mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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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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2023 EQUALI-TEA



Make up everybody!

August 26th ~ 12:30-3pm
APPLETON MUSEUM

Celebrating our 6th Annual
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
*Enjoy an afternoon with strong, active
women of awareness in one of Ocala's
most beautiful venues.*

TICKETS \$60/EA
OR \$500 TABLE



Buy tickets online at
[BIT.LY/2023-EQUALI-TEA](https://bit.ly/2023-EQUALI-TEA)
Or from any DWCMC member

SPONSORED BY

Strong Women



- Remembering long time member & supporter, *Joyce Carta*
- Funding High School Scholarships for Trade School
- *Limited seating*
- Special Guest Speakers from our Florida State Legislature
- and *MORE* Guest Speakers to be announced!

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN: EDUCATE • LEAD • PERSIST



Marion County Public Schools 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar

Board Approved 2/6/2023

July 2023				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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August 2023				
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April 2024				
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May 2024				
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June 2024				
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1st 9 Weeks - 44 Days
2nd 9 Weeks - 43 Days

3rd 9 Weeks - 45 Days
4th 9 Weeks - 48 Days

****Weather Make-Up Options****
Early Dismissal Days May Be Used for Weather Days
December 20, 2023 December 21, 2023
April 19, 2024

- = Professional Learning - No School for Students
- = Teacher Workday - No School for Students
- = Two Hour Early Dismissal for Professional Learning and Collaboration
- = School Holiday - No School for Students and Teachers

First Day of School

★ August 10, 2023

Last Day of School

★ May 24, 2024

End of Grading Period

- ◆ October 11, 2023 - Quarter 1
- ◆ December 19, 2023 - Quarter 2
- ◆ March 8, 2024 - Quarter 3
- ◆ May 24, 2024 - Quarter 4

Students Return from Winter Break

January 4, 2024

Teacher Work Day - No School for Students

- October 16, 2023
- January 3, 2024
- March 18, 2024
- May 28, 2024

School Holiday - No School for Students and Teachers

- September 4, 2023 - Labor Day
- November 18-26, 2023 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 20, 2023-January 2, 2024 - Winter Break
- January 15, 2024 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 19, 2024 - Presidents' Day
- March 9-17, 2024 - Spring Break
- April 19, 2024 - Mid Term Break
- May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day



Join Us!

for the next

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 2, 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

Guest Speakers:

Michele Schulze

Career Development Coach,
CareerSource, Citrus|Levy|Marion

Leslie Andrews

Elder Abuse Project Coordinator, Elder Options
"Coordinated Community Response Team"

To learn more about the Children's Alliance
visit our website at <https://mcchildrensalliance.org>

SAVE-THE-DATE

NIGHT OF HOPE

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Dinner ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Survivor Testimonies ~ Vendors



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Rosalind Osgood

Senator, Florida State District 23

Community Activist

Ordained Minister

President/CEO of non-profit

Mount Olive Development Corp.

Thursday, September 28, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Rd.

Ocala, FL 34474

For information or sponsorship opportunities,
call Valerie at (352) 438-5990

See **Page 12 and 13** for more ways to support this event!
Sponsorship Opportunities available at <https://2023noh.eventbrite.com>



Corporate Sponsorships Night of Hope ~ Thursday, September 28, 2023

A special night at the College of Central Florida to honor victims and survivors of Domestic Violence.

Title Sponsor \$2,500

- Reserved seating for **8 guests** and company name on table
- Free vendor table at event
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Inclusion of logo or corporate name in press releases
- Prominent Signage at the event
- Recognition from the podium at the event
- Corporate logo on invitations and all event material
- Corporate logo on the Marion County Children's Alliance Facebook page and website
- Corporate logo on the Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Presenting Sponsor \$1,500

- Reserved seating for **6 guests** and company name on table
- Free vendor table at event
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Signage at the event
- Recognition from the podium at the event
- Corporate logo on invitations and event material
- Corporate logo on the Marion County Children's Alliance Facebook page and website
- Corporate logo on the Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Supporting Sponsor \$1,000

- Reserved seating for **4 guests** and company name on table
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Signage at the event
- Corporate logo on the Marion County Children's Alliance Facebook page and website
- Corporate logo on the Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Friend of the Alliance \$500

- Reserved seating for **2 guests** and company name on table
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Acknowledgement on Marion County Children's Alliance and Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Corporate Table \$500

- 8 reserved seats and company name on table

Table Sponsor \$100

- Company name on table and one reserved ticket to attend the event

Sponsor a Survivor

- A \$35 donation makes it possible for a domestic violence survivor in our community to attend the event for free

Checks can be made payable to MCCA. Put Night of Hope in memo and mail to 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475



JOB FAIR

Thurs., Aug 17

4 to 6 P.M.

ELCMC OFFICE,

2300 SW 17th Rd.

Ocala, FL 34471

PART- & FULL-TIME BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Medical insurance
- Life insurance
- Dental insurance
- Short & long-term disability insurance
- 403(b) retirement plan
- Paid personal leave
- Paid holidays
- Family & medical leave

MORE THAN **10**
OPEN POSITIONS!
Part- and Full-time
Entry to Management

OPEN POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- Early Childhood Program Manager, FT, \$56,971 - \$62,668
- Provider Support Liaison, FT, \$19.23 - \$21.15/hr.
- Quality Assessment Coordinator, FT, \$47,424 - \$52,166
- Client Services Counselor: Reimbursement, PT, \$18.01 - \$19.81/hr.
- Client Services Counselor: Assessor, FT, \$18.01 - \$19.81/hr.
- Early Literacy Specialist, FT, \$19.23 - \$21.15/hr.



Visit ELC-Marion.org/about-us/careers for a full list of openings and job descriptions

The ELCMC IS GROWING!

www.ELC-Marion.org



JOSE CALDERON INC. presents
INTERNATIONAL
Blues Music
 Day Durrellan
SAT AUG 5
 Downtown Historical Depot
 1001 N. Williams St.
 Durrellan, FL 34422
7:00PM FREE
 (to benefit the 1001 N. Williams St. Historic Building)
 Blues Jazz Music
 Historic Building

WITH KATIE MC JEFFERS
 The Blues The Musician's Voice
 Casey Jones
 Son Thomas
 SPANISH MUSIC WITH THE
 TERRY GEAR & COMPANY
 The Rhythm Machine
 Kenneth Wagner
 Baby Doodle

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YOLANDA N. THOMAS
 PRESENTS

A Top Tier Tea Party

THE APPLETON MUSEUM
 4333 E. SILVER SPRINGS BLVD. OCALA, FL 34470
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
 2:00PM-4:00PM

EVENTBRITE.COM: A TOP TIER TEA PARTY
\$30.00 PER TICKET

DRESS IN YOUR BEST
 TEA PARTY ATTIRE
 FANCIEST HAT
 PRIZE
 MUSICAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 SPECIAL MISSION
 STATEMENT
 AN ARRAY OF AMAZING
 REFRESHMENTS

SPONSORSHIP
 AVAILABLE

CONTACT YOLANDA THOMAS FOR INQUIRIES
 MADEFORTEACHERS5@GMAIL.COM

Youthbuild Phoenix Rising



Save the Date!

OPEN HOUSE

Mary Sue Rich Community Center | At Reed Place
August 4, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475

• Now Recruiting •

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**Coming Soon
Save-the-Date**

**WEAR YOUR WINGS
5K RUN/WALK**

Saturday, October 7, 2023

**Race Starts and Ends on the
Campus of the College of Central Florida**



**Bringing Awareness
to Domestic Violence**

**All proceeds benefit victims and
survivors of Domestic Violence**

For questions or information, call (352) 438-5990.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, AUGUST 21

**TEEN GUN
VIOLENCE
PREVENTION
TASKFORCE**

3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**BE A PART OF
THE SOLUTION**

Community Taskforce
Facilitated by the Marion
County Children's Alliance

**MARY SUE RICH COMMUNITY CENTER
1821 NW 21st AVE OCALA, FL 34475
6:00pm**



For information contact: Jeremy Vickers
Cell: (352) 512-5276
email: Jeremy@mcchildrensalliance.org

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Hear the opinions and concerns of our youth pertaining to gun violence



TEEN GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASKFORCE & MEGGA PRESENTS

LABOR DAY JUMPOFF

TEEN SUMMIT

BOUNCE HOUSES

GIVEAWAYS

LIVE DJ

FREE FOOD

ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 3RD
4:00-8:00pm

Special Guest Panelist

MOOK BOY

ED CROSKEY RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

1510 NW 4TH ST OCALA, FL 34475

For More Info

Jeremy (352) 512-5276
Shawn (352) 445-3539



SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



for Victims and
Survivors of
Domestic Violence
attending the 2023
Night of Hope
September 28, 2023



Choose from one of our themes (Personal Pampering, Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Board Game, A Night Out, Gardening, Summer Time, Scrap Book/Memories, Music, Healthy Living) or

Choose Your Own Theme or Donate Items to Make a Basket.

Baskets or supplies can be dropped off at the Alliance Office, located at 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala by **September 15, 2023.**

Donations to sponsor a basket can also be made online at

<https://2023noh.eventbrite.com>

Call **(352) 438-5990** for information, to sign up to sponsor a basket or to have a workgroup member pick up your basket or supplies.

Mom & Baby Club celebrates

World Breastfeeding Week

10 a.m.–12 p.m., Wednesday, August 2
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium
2232 NE Jacksonville Rd., Ocala FL 34470



Learn about breastfeeding and community agencies that support breastfeeding families in Marion County. This event will feature activities and information presented by our community partners, including:

- Breastfeeding education
- Health education
- Community resources
- Activities for kids
- Door prize drawings
- and much more!

**Florida
HEALTH**
WIC Florida



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For uninsured and under-insured residents of Marion County

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← **TO BE SCHEDULED**

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MARION COUNTY
RESIDENTS ONLY**

**HOWARD ACADEMY
COMMUNITY CENTER**



306 NW 7TH AVE. OCALA, FL 34475



Make plans to spend a few hours with us



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.



NAACP
5114 Marion
County Branch



RE-REGISTER YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOTS NOW!



Please provide your:

- Voter's name
- Voter's address
- Voter's date of birth

- Voter's Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or last four digits of social security number

- Voter's signature (written requests only)



FLORIDA SENATE BILL 90

**ALL MAIL-IN BALLOTS
EXPIRED 12/31/2022**

How to Request:

1. **Online:** Online Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Service
2. **By phone:** 352-620-3290
3. **In person:** **Marion County Election Center, 981 NE 16th Street, Ocala, FL 34470**
4. **In writing:**
Email: VoteByMail@VoteMarion.Gov
Fax: 352-620-3286
Mail: PO Box 289, Ocala, FL 34478-0289



www.VoteMarion.Gov
★ **352-620-3290**





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



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

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.



KINGDOM REVIVAL CHURCH

PRESENTS



FALL FEST

“EVERYTHING’S FREE”

FOOD ~ CLOTHING ~ HYGIENE ITEMS ~ MUSIC ~ AND MUCH MORE!

Saturday, August 19, 2023
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3318 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

For more information, Call Rose at (352) 361-5044





Therapeutic Riding Center



Volunteer Orientation

September 23, 2023; 9am-12pm

♥ Do you enjoy being around horses?

Experienced or not, join us at Stirrups 'n Strides. We are happy to teach you.

♥ Do you have a desire to be part of a group who is working together to make a difference in the lives of others?

Join us at Stirrups 'n Strides, where ordinary people do extraordinary things!
There are many ways to help. Call us today to talk about opportunities.



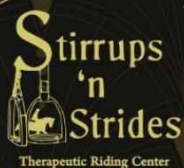
Contact Us: (352)286-2519 or (352)817-6446

www.stirrupsnstrides.com



4246 West Highway 318, Citra, Florida 32113

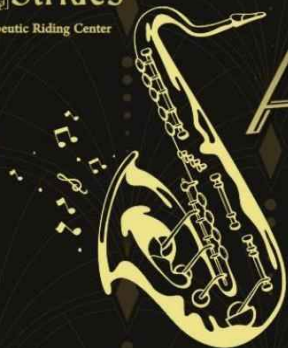
STIRRUPS 'N' STRIDES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER PRESENTS



BOOTLEGGERS



ACKPOTS



December 2^{*} 2023



Saturday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Reserved Table
Sponsorships Available



SPEAKEASY LOCATION:
MARY SUE RICH
COMMUNITY CENTER
1821 NW 21ST AVE,
OCALA, FL 34475

Tickets \$100
suggested donation
Call 352-427-3569

NO PASSWORD NO PARTY!

DON'T TELL NOBODY!!!



Stirrups'n
Strides
Therapeutic
Riding Center,
Inc. is a 501(c)3
Non-Profit Organization. Tax ID#20-5935626. Donations tax deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines.



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Back to School Tips ~ Get Off to a GREAT Start

1. Make sure you have the right tools and backpack
2. Eat a balanced breakfast
3. Brush up on your study skills
4. Get a routine to make things easier
5. Create a system to keep important information
6. Go to bed early for better academic performance
7. Attend your classes regularly

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- August 9** Safe Kids Marion
Wednesday 9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health
- August 14** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
Zoom Meeting
- August 21** Community Council Against
Monday Substance Abuse (CCASA)
Noon
Zoom Meeting
- August 21** Teen Gun Violence Prevention
Monday 6 p.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
- August 22** Substance Exposed Newborns
Tuesday 9 a.m.
OPD Community Room

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- August 2 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community
Center at Reed Place



Guest Speakers:

Michele Schulze
Career Development Coach,
CareerSource, Citrus|Levy|Marion

Leslie Andrews
Elder Abuse Project Coordinator,
Elder Options
"Coordinated Community
Response Team"

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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