



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Website: Mcchildrensalliance.org

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Don't Miss the
**20th
Annual**



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

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

3482 N.W. 10th St. Ocala, FL 34475 Phone: (352) 438-5990 Fax: (352) 438-5994 www.mcchildrensalliance.org

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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;

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Back to School: Backpack in the Park



Saturday, July 15, 2023
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr.
Recreation Complex
1510 NW 4th St.
Ocala, Florida 34475

A backpack giveaway, hosted by local DJ's on the turntables playing music. The event includes free hot dogs and bottled water.

For details, please contact Apostle Samuel Melton Jr.
Ministries of Old School DJ's at (912) 409.8465.

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](https://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



No Monthly Meeting in July



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

To learn more about the Children's Alliance
visit our website at www.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>

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, JULY 23, 2023

**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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**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**
OF MARION COUNTY



CHOW DOWN. GIVE BACK.

Mention Big Brothers Big Sisters Marion County at checkout between 4:00PM-7:00PM on 07/07/23 and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to fund our mission of igniting the potential of all youth!



Date: July 7th

Time: 4:00pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Paddock Mall

3100 SW College Rd, Suite 334

Ocala, FL 34474

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Gavin:
StephanieG@bbbstampabay.org or Call/text at 352.566.3094



MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOMETOWN HIRING CAREER FAIR

Whether Marion County is already your hometown or you are looking to make Marion County your hometown, Marion County Public Schools is excited to host a Hometown Hiring Career Fair!

Three school locations will host hiring events for surrounding hometown schools. We are hiring teachers, support staff, Marion Afterschool Program team members, transportation team members, custodial team members, and food service team members on-the-spot! Join our team!

Location: Fort King Middle

Fort King Middle will be the host site for career opportunities at:

- College Park Elementary School
- Forest High School
- Fort King Middle School
- Fort McCoy School (PK-8)
- Legacy Elementary School
- North Marion Middle School
- Oakcrest Elementary School
- Wyomina Park Elementary School
- Transportation, Custodial, Food Service, Marion Afterschool Program

Location: Marion Oaks Elementary

Marion Oaks Elementary will be the host site for career opportunities at:

- Dunnellon High School
- Horizon Academy at Marion Oaks
- Liberty Middle School
- Marion Oaks Elementary School
- Romeo Elementary School
- Sunrise Elementary School
- West Port High School
- Transportation, Custodial, Food Service, Marion Afterschool Program

Location: Lake Weir Middle School

Lake Weir Middle School will be the host site for career opportunities at:

- Belleview Elementary School
- Belleview-Santos Elementary School
- Emerald Shores Elementary School
- Harbour View Elementary School
- Lake Weir High School
- Lake Weir Middle School
- Shady Hill Elementary School
- Transportation, Custodial, Food Service, Marion Afterschool Program

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH, 11:00-2:00



MARION OAKS ELEMENTARY

280 MARION OAKS TRAIL, OCALA

FORT KING MIDDLE SCHOOL

545 NE 17TH AVE, OCALA

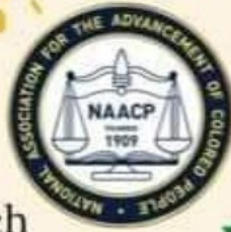
LAKE WEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

10220 SE SUNSET HARBOR RD.
SUMMERFIELD, FL 34471



Please scan the QR Code to complete an RSVP

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**



Tuesday Evening TBRI® Caregiver Training



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

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| June 6 Introduction | July 18 Empowering-pt. 2 |
| June 13 Connecting-pt. 1 | July 25 Correcting-pt. 1 |
| June 20 Connecting-pt. 2 | August 1 Correcting-pt. 2 |
| June 27 Q&A | August 8 Q&A |
| July 11 Empowering- pt. 1 | |

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

Mom & Baby Club

A WIC-sponsored Breastfeeding Support Group

The club is a free relaxed gathering for mummies, 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



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



1/2023

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

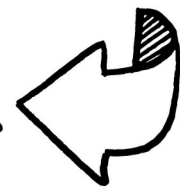
Thursdays, 4 p.m. program | 5 p.m. meal
Freedom Public Library

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

June 1-July 29



Check out our
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

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.



The Pearl Project

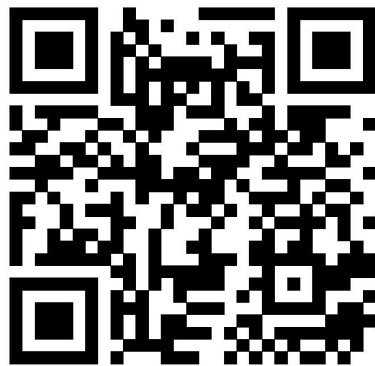
3-DAY THERAPEUTIC CAMP

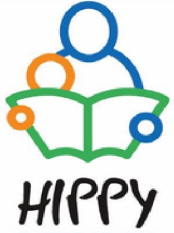
FOR FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN ADOPTED OR IN
FOSTER/KINSHIP CARE

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



APPLY
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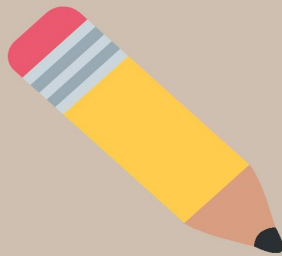




HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY)



MCPS
MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
"Helping Every Student Succeed"



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

Strong Women



Democratic Women's Club of
Marion County

Strong Women



Save The Dates

July 22, 2023 – “Time to Rock 2024- Get Involved”
Voter Registration/How to Get Involved in Preparation for 2024
Speaker: Stacey Peters – President of Small County Coalition

PERIOD DRIVE
Through the
summer

DONATIONS OF
Pads, Tampons,
Panty liners,
etc.

August 26, 2023 – “EQUALI-TEA – Wake Up Everybody”
Enjoy an afternoon with other women at the Appleton Museum
Celebrating “Women Empowering Women Become Empowered”!
Speakers: FL House Minority Leader Rep Fentrice Driskell &
FL State Representative Rita Harris
Cost \$60 – More details to come

**All meetings take place on the 4th Saturday of the month, 12:30pm, at
DEC office – 970 SW 6th Ave, Suite 108, Ocala 34471
Contact info: dwcmcpres2016@gmail.com**



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For uninsured and under-insured residents of Marion County

FREE DENTAL

← **TO BE SCHEDULED**

GO TO www.freedomclinicusa.org

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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.



**FREE
EVENT**

LIBERTY CHAPEL MBC YOUTH PRESENTS

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

@BLUE SINK COMMUNITY CENTER
11230 NW HWY 225, REDDICK, FL

- > FOOD & DRINKS
- > BOUNCE HOUSE
- > WATER SLIDE
- > KICKBALL
- > VOLLEYBALL & MORE

SATURDAY
JULY 8TH
12PM TO 6PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

(352) 843-6960 (TOYUNA GRANT) OR (352) 497-4880 (SAUNDRA FRAZIER)



LIBERTY CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
DR. CHARLES H. PERRY, PASTOR/TEACHER
13235 NW HWY 225, REDDICK, FL 32686



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.



SAVE THE DATE
BACK TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY GIVEBACK
SATURDAY, JULY 29TH
10 LOCATIONS ACROSS MARION COUNTY



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Ocala/Marion County



SKANSKA



REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY
JULY ON EVENTBRITE.
OVER 7,000 BACKPACKS WILL BE DISPENSED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
ASHLEY@OCALAFUNDATION.ORG



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



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF OCALA

2023 Sportsman's Dinner Sponsorship Form

Dear Community Partner,

The Kiwanis Club of Ocala is hosting its 12th Annual Sportsman's Dinner and Auction on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at the Oak Run Palm Grove Clubhouse. We invite you to be part of helping the children of the Marion County, Florida community. Your contribution goes to Kiwanis Club projects such as Reading is Fundamental, Homeless Hygiene Kits, Camp Kiwanis Scholarships, and the Key Clubs of 5 high schools in our Marion County community. Our mission is to improve the world one child and one community at a time and with this event sponsorship, you can propel that mission to greater heights. Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs your help.



Yours,

Travis Bennett
22-23 President-Elect
Kiwanis Club of Ocala

Questions? Email, Travis.Bennett101@gmail.com

For more information and tickets visit:

www.ocalakiwanis.org or
<https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubOfOcala>



Sponsorship Levels

Media Sponsor	Up to \$1,000 in advertising in exchange for their logo to be printed on all material. **All donations larger than \$500 will include 2 tickets/dinner for the event.
The Pro-Sportsman	\$3,000+ - Includes two tables/dinner totaling 16 people, 2 tickets for a SHOTGUN OR CHANCE TO WIN \$1,000 (\$100 VALUE), name/logo recognition in advertising, logo on sponsor table tents and all printed material, and sponsor dinner slide presentation, a banner/sign at the event, and an information table at the event; if desired.
The Angler	\$1,000-\$2,999 - Includes one table/dinner for 8 people, 2 tickets for a SHOTGUN OR CHANCE TO WIN \$1,000 (\$100 VALUE), recognition in the event program, name/logo on table tents, name/logo in the event program, your name/logo on the dinner slide presentation, and name/logo on our event sponsor’s sign.
The Weekender	\$500-\$999 - Includes one table/dinner for 8 people, recognition in the event program, your logo or name on the dinner slide presentation, and name/logo on our event sponsor’s sign.
Happy Camper	Up to \$499 - includes name/small logo on the dinner slide presentation and name/small logo on our event sponsor’s sign.

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Contact Phone:** _____

Contact Email: _____ **Preferred Method:** Phone Email

Desired Sponsorship Amount: \$ _____

Please send all Artwork to Travisbennett101@gmail.com re: Sportsman’s Sponsorship

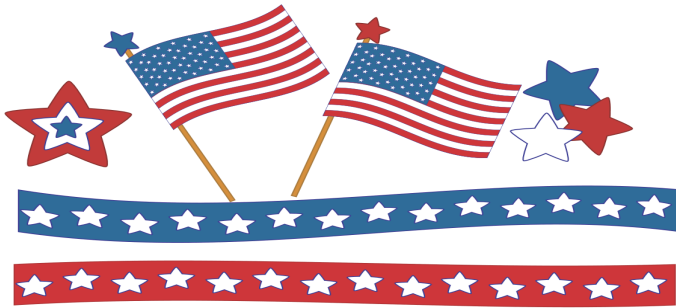
Please make checks payable to Ocala Camp Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. Registration Number: CH21685 is a charitable foundation (501c3) established by the Kiwanis Club of Ocala. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling (800) 435-7352. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.



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Wishing You and Your Family A Happy 4th of July



MINORITY
MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH
JULY

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- July 10**
Monday Family Violence Prevention
11 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

- July 10**
Monday Community Council Against
Substance Abuse (CCASA)
Noon
Zoom Meeting

- July 12**
Wednesday Safe Kids Marion
9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health

- July 17**
Monday Teen Gun Violence Prevention
Mary Sue Rich Community Center

- August 22**
Tuesday Substance Exposed Newborns
9 a.m.
OPD Community Room

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

No Alliance Meeting in July



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

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