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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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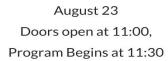


SAVE THE DATE: 2024

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Boys & Girls Clubs of Marion County







Guest Speaker Randy Fox International award winning Speaker, Author and Coach



Signature Brands
Gymnasium
800 SW 12th Ave, Ocala

www.bgcofmarion.org

Join Us at the 7th Annual Recovery Festival!

We are excited to announce the 7th Annual Recovery Festival, taking place on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Tuscawilla Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is a fantastic opportunity to support and celebrate recovery in our community, and we would love for you to be a part of it.

Why You Should Join Us:

- **Connect with the Community:** Engage with thousands of attendees who are passionate about recovery and wellness. This is the perfect platform to showcase your products, services, and commitment to supporting a healthier community.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Meet and collaborate with like-minded organizations, healthcare professionals, and community leaders. Strengthen your network and build valuable relationships.
- **Brand Visibility:** Gain exposure for your brand through our extensive marketing and promotional activities. Your participation will be highlighted in event materials, social media, and press releases.
- **Make a Difference:** Contribute to a meaningful cause. Your support helps raise awareness and provides resources for individuals on their recovery journey.

Event Highlights:

- Live Music and Entertainment
- Inspirational Speakers
- Health and Wellness Exhibits
- Fun Activities for the Whole Family
- Delicious Food and Refreshments All FREE!
- Presentation of the Chief Greg Graham Recovery Champion Award

Become a Sponsor or Exhibitor:

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this incredible event! Secure your spot and take advantage of the numerous benefits that come with being a sponsor or exhibitor.

The deadline to register is **August 14**, so act fast! Use link below to register!

https://mcchildrens alliance.network for good.com/events/73661-7 th-annual-ocal are covery-festival

Join us for a day of inspiration, support, and community spirit. Together, we can make a difference! #RecoveryFestival #OcalaEvents #CommunitySupport #WellnessJourney #SponsorOpportunity





BROWN & BROWN INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. 2024 BOWLING EVENT



Marion County Children's Alliance

Enjoy 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, & appetizers.

For more information about Marion County
Children's Alliance
Visit: www.mcchildrensalliance.org

RSVP - Room for 40 Teams!

For entries please contact
Leslie Caswell at
Leslie.caswell@bbrown.com
Or 352-387-4227



September 19, 2024 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Bowlero East Ocala 3225 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala, FL 34471

\$400 per team
6 Bowlers per team
3 Team Max

Can't Make the Event?

Sponsor the Raffle - \$200

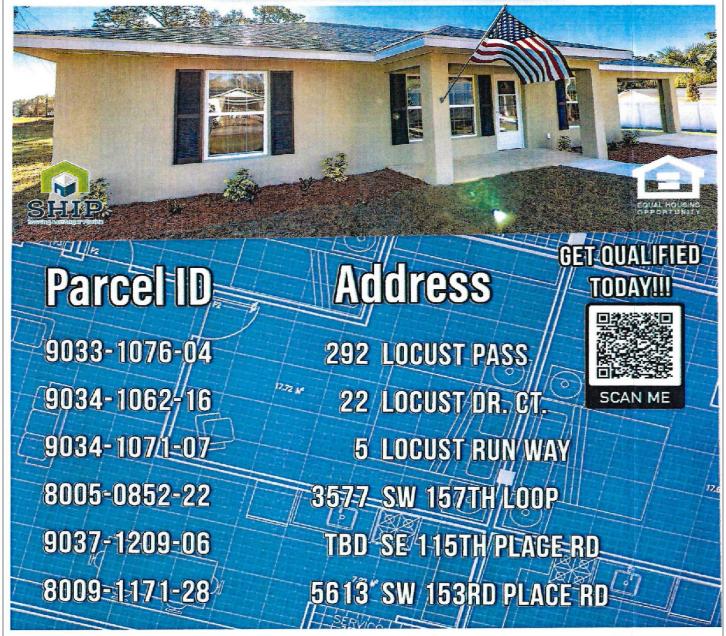
or Donate a Gift





AFFORDABLE HOMES AVAILABLE





Are you Interested?

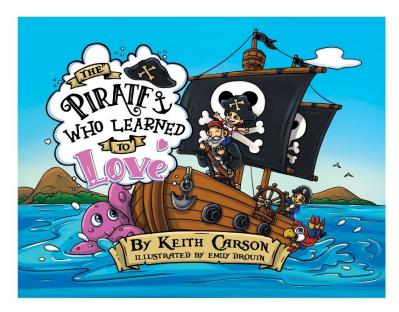
All homes are built & sold by Habitat for Humanity of Marion County in partnership with Marion County Community Services Purchase Assistance Program. and are sold based on a first qualified, first served basis.

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is building six homes in partnership with the Marion County Community Services Purchase Assistance Program.

If you are interested, the first step is to get pre-qualified. Hurry, this won't last long!

For more information, call Marion County Community Services at (352) 671-8770 or Habitat for Humanity at (352) 351-4663.

BOOK



Best Selling Children's Book Author $Keith\ Carson$

Proceeds Benefit
Captain Kidd Carson's Bookaneers



https://bookaneers.org

To order, email captain@bookaneers.org





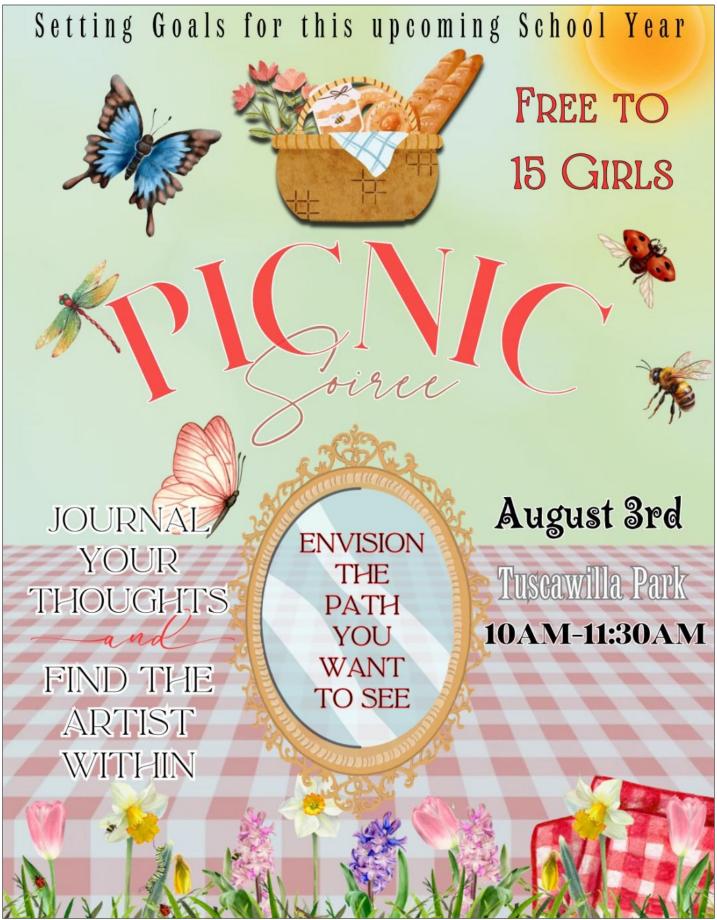
Leadership MCPS is a program to familiarize citizens with public education throughout Marion County.

CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT TEAM FOR MORE DETAILS AT 352-671-7759

A \$300 fee will be charged to cover class expenses. Applications must be submitted by July 26, 2024. Applications will be reviewed and selected members will be notified the week of July 29, 2024. Member payment is due to MCPS no later than August 16, 2024.







Lunch-n-Learn

Monday, October 14, 2024

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

Ocala Police Department's Community Room 402 S. Pine Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

The Impact of Domestic Violence - How to Help!

The **FREE** workshop explores the Cycle of Violence, Lethality, Options, Local Services and How to Assess and Use Real Case Scenarios.

Guest Presenters:

Donna Guinn, Ocala Police Department and Michelle Green, CASA Marion

~ Plus ~ A Community Panel

featuring local experts sharing their expertise!

Seating is limited. Lunch is provided. R.S.V.P for lunch by September 30, 2024

For questions, call Val at (352) 438-5990.
To reserve a seat, e-mail your name to
fvpinfo@mcchildrensalliance.org.

*A confirmation will be sent.

Panelists Include:

Rachael Franklin,

Victim Services Director, Office of State Attorney

Carlean Harris

IFP Project Attorney, The Spring of Tampa Bay/ CASA Marion

Bishop Tanya Hanks

Senior Pastor, Greater New Bethel MBC

Sgt. Erik Dice

Special Investigations -Domestic Violence Unit Commander, Marion County Sheriff's Office

Darnitha Johnson

Domestic Violence Survivor





Sponsored by:



Conqueror Award Nomination Form

The Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup is pleased to present its annual Night of Hope on **Thursday**, **September 26**, **2024** honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence as well as advocates for the amazing work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the **2024 CONQUEROR AWARD** designed to recognize three outstanding survivors in our community that have overcome challenges and flourished despite their circumstances.

We need your help! If you work in the field of domestic violence, are a community supporter or know someone who is a survivor, please nominate those individuals for this award.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Nominee must be a Survivor and resident of Marion County
- Nominee must have made a positive change in their lives
- How the nominee's actions have influenced attitudes, policies or practices in the field of domestic violence

Conqueror Awardees receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Night of Hope, a special gift and highlights of their story and recognition at the event.

Nominee's Name:			_ # of years a survivor
Address:	City:	State: _	Zip code:
Best Contact #:	Em	nail Address:	5-1
Are you willing to have part o	of your story share	d at the Night of	Hope? yes or no
Nominator's Name:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip code:
Best Contact #:	Em	ail Address:	
What is your relationship to t	he Nominee?		
Why do you believe this nom	ninee should be no	minated for this a	award?

Call Valerie at **(352) 438-5990** for more information or a Nomination Form. Nominations can be mailed to Marion County Children's Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 Attn: Monica Bryant. Forms can also be e-mailed to **Fvpinfo@mcchildrensalliance.org**. Put Conqueror Nomination in the Subject Line. Deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, September 6, 2024** at 5 p.m.



HOPE

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Dinner ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Survivor Testimonies ~ Vendors

Keynote Speaker

Pastor Michael Neely Senior Pastor of New Millennium Community Church

~ Domestic Violence Survivor ~

Author of "Black Eyes and Sweet Talk."





Tickets: \$40 per person Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

College of Central Florida,

3001 S.W. College Rd., Ocala

FREE Childcare for children 2 years old or older. For information, sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, scan the QR Code or call Valerie at (352) 438-5990.

Buy Tickets using the QR Code above or by visiting: https://bit.ly/NOH2024

SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



at our
Annual Night of Hope
honoring victims
and survivors on
September 26, 2024









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*

Baskets or supplies can be dropped off at the Alliance Office, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475



Deadline: Friday, September 20, 2024.

Scan the **QR Code** to purchase tickets to attend the event or for Sponsorship Opportunities

Call Valerie at (352) 438-5990 for more information.





Corporate Sponsorships Night of Hope ~ Thursday, September 26, 2024

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
- 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 **\$40** donation makes it possible for a domestic violence survivor in our community to attend the event for free.

Scan QR Code to pay online



NIGHT OF HOPE: HONORING VICTIMS AND SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Sponsored by Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup

2024 SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Contact Perso	on:			
Mailing Addr	ess:			
City:	State:	Zip: _		
Phone:	Email:			
Please select	Your Level of Sponsorship:	Sponsorsh	ips and/or tickets can be	
\$2,500	Title Sponsor	purchased by scanning the QR Code below		
\$1,500	Presenting Sponsor			
\$1,000	Supporting Sponsor			
\$500	Friend of the Alliance	or checks can be made payable to MCCA and mailed to 3482 N.W. 10th St.,		
\$500	Corporate Table	Ocala, FL 34475 put Night of Hope in memo		
\$100	Table Sponsor	\$40 Sponsor a Survivor		
Other: U	nable to sponsor, please accept this	donation of \$	to support the Night of I	
In-Kind Dona	ations		Donate a themed Basket or	
Product or Basket:			supplies to make a basket.	
Service:	·		*Baskets given to Survivors attending the event!	
air market va	lue (product or service): \$	<u></u>		
		n		
Please h	ave a volunteer pick up our donatio			

Please remit as soon as possible to enjoy maximum benefit for your sponsorship! Deadline Sept. 6, 2024

Return this form to: Marion County Children's Alliance – Night of Hope 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475





AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Our exclusive School Year Ambassador Program is here to take your aspirations to new heights.

OUR PROGRAM:

Supportive Community through Mentorship and Guidance

Hands on Leadership

Impactful and Networking Opportunities

Empowerment

Deadline For Application

31 August 2024

diamondgcircle23@gmail.com



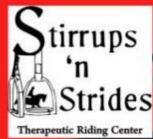


High School & Middle School Girls

@ diamond_girls2023

f @DiamondGirls

@diamond.girls06



SUMMER



FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR

ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS & GIRLS 7-11 & 12-16 YEARS OLD.

HORSE SHOW ON FRIDAY
TO SHOW OFF THIER
SKILLS!

17-21/24-28 JUNE AGES 7-11 15-19/22-26 JULY AGES 12-16 Admission

\$400

Activities 9Am-2PM

- ✓ Riding Lessons and games
- Horse decorating/painting
- Learning about Horses
- Water days with horses
- Crafts and more!

Stirrups 'n Strides

4246 W. HWY 318 Citra, FL 32113

Students with disablilites may join us but must be able to care for themselves.

More Information

Brandi 352-286-2519

Programassistant@stirrupsnstrides.com

Summer Nights Lecture Series

The Way It Was: Stories that Shaped our Community



Thursday | July 18 6 - 8 PM | FREE

Join us for an enthralling lecture by Dave Schlenker on the local book 'The Way It Was' by David Cook. Experience a nostalgic journey through Central Florida's past and immerse yourself in the rich history and captivating stories that have shaped our community. Don't miss this opportunity to uncover the treasures of our heritage.

Fort King National Historic Landmark 3925 E Fort King St. | FortKingOcala.com | 352.368.5533





JOIN US AND HELP SUPPORT VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Shirts and finisher medals guaranteed to first 250 registrants. First place overall male/female and top three finishers in each age group awarded. Proceeds benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence.



O College of Central Florida **Dassance Fine Arts Center** 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala, FL 34474

Runners Register Here

https://bit.ly/ WearYourWings2024



Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024

7 a.m. registration and packet pick up 8 a.m. race/walk start

Register Now!

\$30/adult early rate through DATE \$10/child early rate through DATE \$35 day of registration

Group rates available





To Sponsor or Donate:

https://bit.ly/ 2024WearYourWingsSponsor



For sponsorships, donations or race information, contact Valerie at (352) 438-5990.

WEAR YOUR WINGS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK



Sponsored by MCCA's Family Violence Prevention Workgroup in partnership with the College of Central Florida

2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 5, 2024 ~ Walk starts and ends at the College of Central Florida

~ HOPE SPONSOR: \$1,500

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 6 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K Race Entries
- ✓ 5 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the HOPE Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms and in Alliance monthly newsletter

~ LOVE SPONSOR: \$1,000

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 4 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ 3 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **LOVE** Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms and in Alliance monthly newsletter

~ PEACE SPONSOR: \$750

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 3 complimentary Wear Your Wings Domestic Violence T-shirts
- ✓ 2 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by September 6, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the PEACE Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms

~ JOY SPONSOR: \$500

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 2 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ 2 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the JOY Sponsor
- ✓ Acknowledgement of your support on social media platforms

Scan QR Code to pay online.



~ FVP WORKGROUP COMMUNITY PARTNER: \$250

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 1 complimentary ticket to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by September 6, to attend)
- ✓ 1 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ Acknowledgement of your support on social media platforms

~ UNABLE TO SPONSOR, PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$

SUMMER

JOB FAIR

Heat Up Your Job Search!

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, Community Home Project, and the Marion County Hospital District have teamed up for a summer job fair.

This job fair is ideal for anyone looking for employment, whether temporary, part-time or full-time positions.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact: 800-434-5627.

Tuesday, July 23 | 5 - 7 p.m.

Howard Academy Community Center

REGISTER NOW:

BIT.LY/SUMMERJOBFAIR









CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids/services are available upon request to persons with disabilities and in Spanish. Phone numbers may be reached using TTY/TDD equipment via Florida Relay at 711. For accommodations, call 800-434-5627, ext. 7878. Programs funded by CareerSource CLM as grantee of the U.S. Department of Labor as part of awards totaling \$6.9 million, revised annually, with no funds from non-governmental sources. A proud partner of the American Job Center network and member of CareerSource Florida.

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.



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 ELECTRIC WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDEN

INTERACTIVE HANDS-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 MÚCH 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.





- 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

GIFT CARDS & PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

CLICK THE REGISTRATION LINK ABOVE OR GO TO YEA20240CL.EVENTBRITE.COM BY 7/14/2024!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: MIKLE GORDON @ 813.525.6559, MIKLE.GORDON@DUKE-ENERGY.COM KATHY IUDKINS @ 352 303 8470 KATHY IUDKINS@SECOENERGY COM







Marion County Children's Alliance

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WE'RE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL Monday, August 12, 2024

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

Community Council Against **July 15** Monday Substance Abuse (CCASA)

700m

August 7 Safe Streets of Marion County

Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Sue Rich Community Center

at Reed Place

Family Violence Prevention August 12

Monday 11 a.m.

700m

August 14 Safe Kids Marion

Wednesday 9 a.m.

Florida Dept. of Health

For more information regarding the Marion County Children's Alliance, Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or visit our website at:

https://mcchildrensalliance.org.

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES



There will not be a Children's **Alliance Monthly Meeting in July!**

Have a safe and happy Summer.

Join Us for the Next Alliance Meeting

August 7 Alliance Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

Mary Sue Rich Community

Center at Reed Place