

Today's MMU: 3,600-Plus PBC Children Enjoyed Summer Camp Experiences, Thanks to CSC and Partners

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News

3,600-Plus PBC Children Enjoyed Summer Camp Experiences, Thanks to CSC and Partners

Last summer, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County and its partners invested more than \$3.8 million in summer camp scholarships for 3,600-plus children – close to pre-pandemic levels, staff told the Council at its most recent board meeting. Almost two-thirds of the children were between 5 and 10 years old; nearly 1,000 were 11 to 13; and 374 were 14 to 17. Families had a choice of camps that offered educational enrichment; camps that focused on a specialty (such as STEM, arts, sports or leadership); camps for children with special needs; and traditional camps. Children were eligible for scholarships based on their family's income or if they were experiencing housing insecurity,

CSCPBC Funding Opportunity for Fatherhood Engagement Services

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSCPBC) has released a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for Fatherhood Engagement Services seeking, through a proposal process, to identify one (1) or two (2) community-based organizations to implement fatherhood services for families (from pregnancy to age 3) in Palm Beach County. CSCPBC will contract with the selected organization(s) to engage with local fathers by providing in-person home visits, using an evidence-based curriculum, during nontraditional work hours to meet the needs of families. In addition, the program will work collaboratively with Healthy Start /Healthy Beginnings providers, who may already be working with

New Job Opportunities with Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSCPBC)

CSCPBC is seeking two positions within its program division: a Program Specialist and a Program Officer (System Performance). The **Program Specialist** works both internally and externally to engage in, coordinate and provide operational/programmatic support to program division activities. This position is expected to collaborate with colleagues, residents, providers, clients and community members to ensure that multiple perspectives are included in planning and delivering services to reach CSC's child outcomes, with a focus on reducing disparities. Bi-Lingual Preferred (Spanish or Creole). The **Program Officer (System Performance)** contributes organizational and subject matter expertise and

involved in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems, had special needs or were members of a CSC-funded BRIDGES program. Click [here](#) for more information.

families, to ensure seamless, coordinated services. The program will support fathers in taking and maintaining an active role in their child's life, strengthen family and co-parenting relationships, and promote the well-being of children. Deadline to apply is 2 p.m., March 15, 2023. For more information and how to apply for this opportunity, [click here](#).

leadership to planning and implementing strategies that will achieve CSC's goals and outcomes and eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in child outcomes across CSC's early childhood system of care. This position uses data and information from multiple sources and perspectives to identify opportunities, gaps and redundancies within services and systems, including the identification of systemic and institutional barriers that prevent all young children and their families from thriving in Palm Beach County. To read more about the positions, qualifications and to apply, click [here](#). Deadline to apply is March 10.

Early Learning Coalition Seeking Sponsors and Exhibitors for Annual Conference

The Early Learning Coalition is hosting its 5th Annual Early Childhood Conference, EMPOWER, on Saturday, May 6 at Keiser University Flagship Campus in West Palm Beach. This full-day event will provide early childhood educators and parents an opportunity to grow in the areas of family engagement, developmentally appropriate practices, inclusion and early intervention, cultural responsiveness and trauma informed care, strengthening families' protective factors, self-care and many more exciting program areas. The Coalition is currently accepting applications for both sponsorship and exhibitor booths at the event. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply. Deadline for submissions is April 4.

Music Buddies Seeks Student Music Teachers for Free Music Lessons for Foster Children

Do you know a student who plays keyboard or a band instrument? Students will receive community service hours in exchange for offering virtual music lessons to children ages 6-12 in the foster care system. Music Buddies is a program of Speak Up for Kids and was created through the Students Speak Up for Kids program, where students of any age receive community service hours for advocacy or awareness projects on behalf of children in the Palm Beach County Foster Care System. To read more about the Music Buddies program, [click here](#). Students interested in teaching can sign up [here](#). Parents are required to give consent [here](#). Foster children interested in learning how to play a band instrument are welcome to sign up. Foster parents, please [click here](#) to sign your child(ren) up for lessons. Children also may participate if they have been adopted out of the foster care system or live with a relative/non-relative caregiver.

Calling all Artists for Art and Autism Expo to Celebrate Autism Awareness Month

Have you ever wanted to display your art? Now is your chance! This hybrid event, hosted by FAU CARD and the City of Boynton Beach, will take place throughout the month of April. The online portion of the expo will be a virtual museum experience and the in-person event will be an art hanging in the City of Boynton Beach's Art and Cultural Center and a Gallery opening night on April 4. Performance art, music, traditional and modern art, fiber art, sculptures and photography are all accepted mediums. [Click here](#) for more information and a link to apply. Applications are due February 28.

Fresh From Local Farms, Groves and Backyards: CROS Ministries Invites You to Sign Up for a Gleaning Event

Gleaning is a food recovery strategy that allows produce to be harvested and distributed to the

Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County Providing Lifesaving Naloxone to Reduce Substance Abuse Deaths

The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County (DOH-Palm Beach) is announcing the

Seeking Dynamic Workshop Presenters for 2023 Youth Summit

If you can effectively connect with middle and high school aged youth and would like to present at this year's workshop, you are

food insecure instead of being plowed back into the soil. Since people live so far from where their food is grown, gleaning requires volunteers who will bridge the gap between the field and the pantries. Farmers donate the produce they cannot sell to CROS Ministries and volunteers gather the produce. Recovered produce is then distributed to local agencies with feeding programs for individuals and families with low-incomes, seniors, people with disabilities and the unhoused. Volunteers, 18 years and older can sign up [here](#). Gleaning season runs until July 31. For questions or to schedule a group call **561-713-4317**.

availability of free naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray kits. This lifesaving medication could reduce thousands of substance abuse deaths across the state. Naloxone is available to people who use drugs, people with a history of drug use, others at risk of experiencing an overdose, friends, family members and those who may witness an overdose. Kits comprise two naloxone nasal sprays that can be administered without a health care professional present. Learn more [here](#).

encouraged to complete [this application](#). This event, taking place on Saturday, April 29, offers a free day of fun, food, prizes and education. To learn more and view sponsors, [click here](#).



Hear from Palm Beach County Campers Why You Should Enroll Your Child in Summer Camp

Hear from local children why you should consider signing up your child to go to a summer camp this year. Camp is a great way for your child to have fun during their summer with children their own age.

Now is the time to start thinking about signing up your child for summer camp! The scholarships are through Palm Beach County Youth Services and largely funded by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

[Learn more](#)

Events

Baskets4Babies
Wednesday, March 1
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Village Park
11700 Pierson Road
Wellington

The official tip-off of the Third

Resource Fair and Summer Camp Scholarships Sign-Up
Saturday, March 4
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Belle Glade Library
725 NW 4th St.
Belle Glade

Children ages 5-14 may be eligible

Housing Fair
Saturday, March 4
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Riviera Beach Marina
190 E 13 St.
Riviera Beach

Your dream of home ownership is possible! This free, family-friendly

Annual Baskets4Babies campaign with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County, presented by iTHINK Financial, is almost here! Are you ready for another month of friendly competition, creative baskets, and awesome prizes? Registered fundraisers will be eligible for prizes that include sports memorabilia, tickets for family activities, wine baskets and more! [Click here](#) to register.

FREE Baby Shower for Pregnant Moms

Wednesday, March 8

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Soma Medical Center

2135 S Congress Ave #3C

Palm Springs

Soma Medical Center is hosting this special opportunity for expectant mothers to connect and receive educational resources and goodie bags with baby items.

[Click here](#) to view a flyer and contact **561-346-8093** to RSVP.

AACY Community Caregiving Champions Breakfast

Friday, April 14

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Boca Raton Marriott

5150 Town Center Cir.

Boca Raton

Register today for the American Association of Caregiving Youth's (AACY) Community Caregiver Awards Breakfast. The AACY supports students who are responsible for caring for sick or disabled loved ones. The AACY provides individual and group counseling, tutoring, Camp Treasure, funds for home improvement projects, medical equipment such as ramps, respite care using Certified Nursing Assistants, mentors, meals, holiday meals and family events.

for a summer camp scholarship for the whole summer. Scholarships include all registration and tuition costs. Computers will be available at the event for self-registration and department of Youth Services will be available to assist you. For questions and to find out if your children are eligible, [click here](#). To view a flyer in English and Spanish with more information, including participating agencies, [click here](#).

Palm Beach County Virtual African American Oral History Project

Saturday, March 11

4:00 p.m.

Spady Cultural Heritage Museum

170 NW Fifth Ave.

Delray Beach

This exhibit, hosted by Consider the Culture, Palm Beach County School District and Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, highlights the lived experiences of eight elders in Palm Beach County and the youth who interviewed them. [Click here](#) to view a flyer of the event with RSVP instructions.

Autism Family Retreat with Deliver the Dream

April 14 - 16

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cervený Conference Center

11057 Camp Weed Pl.

Live Oak

This retreat is for families who have a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. All of the activities are centered on fun and are inclusive of the entire family unit. Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and community, Deliver the Dream covers 100% of the lodging, activities and group meal expenses. Families are only responsible for their transportation to and from the retreat location. Application deadline is March 14. [Click](#)

annual event, hosted by Community Partners of South Florida and the Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation, will feature workshops on everything from budgeting to pre-purchasing to taxes so you can learn how you can become a homeowner. Activities include food trucks, face painting and the chance to win fun prizes! [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Spring Break Respite Camp for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Arc of Palm Beach County

North Campus

3879 Byron Dr.

Riviera Beach

The Arc of Palm Beach County is excited to offer Spring Break camp to children ages 4-16. Space is limited, and an in-person assessment is required prior to admission if the child has not previously attended. Daily lunch, snacks and beverages must be provided by the child's caretaker(s). For further information and to register, contact msanchez@arcpcb.org or call **561-842-5814 x206**. To learn more about The Arc of Palm Beach County, [click here](#).

Youth Summit of Palm Beach County

Saturday, April 29

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Palm Beach Central High School

8499 W. Forest Hill Blvd.

Wellington

Middle and high school students are invited to join this free day of fun, food, prizes and education. Community service hours are available! Text **YOUTH SUMMIT** to **888-687-0035** for more information and to register and [click here](#) to view a flyer.

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Hey Sistas Launch Party

Saturday, May 20
6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Olentv Selfie Museum
205 N Federal Hwy
Lake Worth

“Hey Sistas” is a women’s support group for women of color to focus on health, wellness and mental health awareness. The group will participate in fitness activities, as well as hear from expert guest speakers on health-related topics. Through the support of this program, women will work together to develop their leadership skills and find their voice to positively advocate for issues related to women’s physical and mental health. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Writing the Grant

Thursday, March 2
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Vegso Community Resource
Center
261 Nw 13 St.
Boca Raton

This hands-on, skills development training is part of the Junior League of Boca Raton's Professional Development Series and will arm you with new skills for writing grants that will earn attention. Registration is open through March 1. [Click here](#) to register.

Parenting 101: A Way of Being with Children, Center for Child Counseling

Tuesdays through March 14
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

Parenting 101 is a support group for parents and caregivers of children ages three to six and provides a safe space for parents and caregivers to freely share their experiences, challenges and strengths in a confidential group setting. Parents will learn about the importance of attitude and acceptance to strengthen the parent-child relationship, child development, and parenting techniques such as reflective listening, encouragement, limit setting and choices to manage children’s emotional and behavioral difficulties. The skills taught set the foundation for the life-long skill of self-regulation. The support group provides an experience where parents learn from each other’s experiences and practice the techniques learned in sessions through group activities and discussions. [Click here](#) to begin the registration process.

Teacher Support Group: A Way of Being with Children, Center for Child Counseling

Tuesdays through March 14
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Virtual

This Teacher Support Group provides a safe space for teachers to freely share their experiences, including challenges and strengths, within a confidential group setting. Teachers will learn about the importance of attitude and acceptance to strengthen the teacher-child relationship and techniques such as reflective listening, encouragement, limit setting, choices and behavior management in the classroom. Skills focus on emotional and behavioral development, academic success and teaching children the life-long skill of self-regulation to enhance learning in the classroom. This group provides a unique experience where teachers will learn from each other’s experiences as well as process and practice the techniques learned in sessions through group discussions. [Click here](#) to begin the registration process.

Teen Community Emergency Response Team Training

Saturdays, March 18 - April 29
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Palm Beach State College Lake
Worth Campus
Lake Worth

Join Corporate and Continuing

Career Building Youth Program

Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The ARC of Palm Beach County
South Campus
4522 S Congress Ave.
Palm Springs

Re-creating Recreation as a Supplemental Intervention for Individuals with ASD Conference

Thursday, March 23 & Friday,
March 24
8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
The ELS Center of Excellence
campus

Education at Palm Beach State College in partnership with Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management for this grant-funded training for teens. Teen CERT aims to train students in emergency preparedness and basic response to ensure that they have the skills needed to protect themselves and assist others in the event of an emergency. [Click here](#) for more information and to register and [here](#) to view an event flyer.

The Arc of Palm Beach County is offering this free program for students ages 15-21 who have a developmental disability (must have an IEP or 504 plan). In this program students will learn work readiness, employment skills and develop self-advocacy skills. Space is limited. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the event and [here](#) to register. A referral form can be found [here](#).

18370 Limestone Creek Road
Jupiter

The Re-creating Recreation Conference, hosted by Els for Autism Foundation, will focus on demonstrating how recreation can be used as a platform for other therapeutic interventions for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and will feature leaders in recreation programs and services dedicated to improving the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum. The conference will provide tools and best practices for organizations, providers and practitioners interested in initiating or expanding recreation services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disorders. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

Center for Child Counseling In-Person Play Therapy Series

Friday, March 24

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Center for Child Counseling
8895 N. Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens

Join Play Therapy experts to learn the language of the child through this new Play Therapy Series. The first workshop focuses on termination of therapy, which is an opportunity for closure and for the client and therapist to review the personal growth that has unfolded over the course of treatment. When done successfully, the end of therapy can be a positive experience with a long-lasting impact on both the client and therapist. To learn more about the event and to register, [click here](#). Cost includes 4 CEUs and Contact APT CEs. Early bird and student discounts are available. Upcoming workshops include Child-Centered Group Play Therapy, Utilizing Sand Tray in Play Therapy: The Basics and Continuing the Practice, Addressing Trauma Through Play Therapy and Treating Trauma using TF-CBT.

Additional Resources

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[CSC Employment](#)
[CSC Provider Agency Employment](#)
[Search for Trainings](#)

Do you have information for the MMU?

Email your MMU submission to mmu@cscpsc.org. [Click here](#) to review the MMU Submission Guidelines.

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