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Please note: The Monday Morning Update will not appear for the next two Mondays, Dec. 19 and Dec. 26, and will be back on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017. We hope you enjoy the holidays, and best wishes for the new year!

[News](#)

Council proclaims January as Mentoring Awareness Month

At its monthly meeting, Children's Services Council's board reaffirmed its support for mentoring by proclaiming January 2017 as Mentoring Awareness Month at its board meeting Dec. 8. The Council has committed nearly \$1.1 million this fiscal year to mentoring in Palm Beach County, through its support of the United Way Mentor Center and funding of 14 mentoring programs that serve about 850 children. To learn more, [click here](#).

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Project Sock'em accepting sock donations for the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County

Project Sock'Em is a campaign created by EmpowHER Leadership Academy for Girls to cover the feet of those in need for the new year. The goal of this campaign is to collect 5,000 pairs of new socks to give to the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County. The campaign ends **Jan. 1, 2017**. Drop off your socks donations at the following locations:

- LA Fitness locations in CityPlace, West Palm Beach, Northlake, Palm Beach Gardens, Wellington and Boynton Beach
- Primo Shoes locations in West Palm Beach and Delray Beach
- Johnny Longboat in Singer Island
- Bombshell Clothing in Northwood
- Law Office of Salesia Smith-Gordon in West Palm Beach
- Hooks Insurance Agency in Boynton Beach
- Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County in Boynton Beach

For more information, call 561.336.0498.



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News

Affordable Care Act free assistance through the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida provides free assistance with renewal or signup for insurance provided under the Affordable Care Act. Make an appointment for assistance with the enrollment process. Open enrollment has started and ends on **Jan. 31, 2017**. Please call 1.877.553.7453 to make an appointment or ask a question. Assistors are available at locations across Palm Beach County. [Click here](#) for locations and more information.

News

Scholarship opportunity through the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation (PBCSF) announced the availability of its Youth Scholarship Program for deserving students in Palm Beach County who have been nominated by a sworn employee of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. A total of \$20,000 in scholarships available with each scholarship renewable for up to four years as long as the student reapplies each year and maintains a 3.0 GPA. Scholarships are between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per year. Trade schools are eligible. Applications should be emailed as one packet to Steve.Moss@pbcsf.org. The deadline for all submissions is Feb. 1, 2017. [Click here](#) for scholarship guidelines and application.

Events

BRIDGES at Boynton Beach to host a holiday movie and craft night for families

Bring the family to BRIDGES at Boynton Beach for a holiday movie and craft night on **Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6 – 8 p.m.**, at 970 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Parents and children will create artwork while enjoying hot chocolate with marshmallows and the movie “Polar Express.” Through this activity, children will learn about the seasons are while using fine motor skills to paint their creations. For more information, please call 561.740.9917. To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

Celebrate winter break at the Norton Museum of Art

Knowing family and friends will be in town to enjoy the holidays together, the Norton Museum of Art is presenting additional free music performances, movies, DIY art activities, and guided tours to go along with its free admission through winter break. Drop-in art activities led by Museum staff are scheduled for **Dec. 27, 28, 29, and 30, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.**, at 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Create a piece of artwork to keep or give as a gift. Art materials are provided at no cost.) Museum docents will also lead lively conversations with DIY attendees of all ages about that day’s featured artwork during 15-minute Spotlight Talks on **Dec. 27 – 30, 1 - 3 p.m.** To see a full list of events and activities, [click here](#).

Events

Senior Girls Breakfast celebrating academic success

Senior Girls Breakfast is an event that honors African American high school senior girls, who have at least a 2.75 GPA. The breakfast will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 a.m.**, at the Delray Beach County Club, 4645 White Cedar Lane, Delray Beach. This annual program focuses on preparing senior female high school students for the academic, social and financial transition from high school to college. This year’s program theme is entitled “Keep Calm and First Love Yourself.” Speakers will present on topics such as preparing for college entry, funding your education, college life 101, and staying empowered

Events

Upcoming January events and activities at Palm Beach County libraries

The Palm Beach County Library System will offer events and activities at their locations throughout the month of January. From book chats to trivia for teens, there's something for each family member to enjoy. [Click here](#) to view January's event calendar.

Events

Delta Sigma Theta hosts EMBODI program

Join Delta Sigma Theta's EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) program on **Saturday, April 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m.**, at Santaluces High School, 6880 Lawrence Rd., Lanatana. EMBODI is designed to refocus Delta Sigma Theta's efforts to collaborate with other organizations to address the plight of African American males ages 11-18. For more information, contact Rhonda Rogers at rhonda_rogers1@yahoo.com.

Events

Experience Camps for grieving children

Experience Camps are free, one-week camps for boys and girls who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver. It's a place where kids can laugh, cry, play, create, remember the person who died and forget the grief that weighs them down. Experience Camps will host a week session on **Tuesday, Aug. 1 – Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017**, at Camp Blue Ridge in Georgia, 355 Playhouse Dr., Mountain City. Bus transportation to camp will be provided from Atlanta International Airport. Financial assistance for flights is available upon request. Experience Camps are accepting applications for boys and girls currently in 3rd - 6th grades. To learn more or to apply, [click here](#) or contact josh@experience.camp.

Events

2017 seminar schedule and resource fair with Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service

Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service released its 2017 Levine LifePlanning seminar and workshop schedule for the Melvin J. & Claire Levine LifePlanning program. These seminars and workshops provide families with resources and information to make appropriate future planning arrangements for a family member with a disability. [Click here](#) to view the 2017 schedule. Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service will hold its 2016 Resource Fair on **Thursday, Dec. 15, 4 - 6:30 p.m.**, at the Therapeutic Recreation Center, 2728 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth. This will be a great opportunity to gather information from more than 25 agencies that assist

people with disabilities. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Eating Disorders and Suicide intervention presentation with the Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness

The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness and Castlewood Eating Disorder Treatment Centers will hold a presentation titled “Matters of Life and Death: Eating Disorders and Suicide” on **Friday, Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at the Ramada Inn, 1901 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach. This presentation will be an intensive advanced training in suicide assessment and intervention specific to eating disorders and will provide attendees with the most up-to-date best practices for treating suicidality in eating disorders. RSVP by Dec. 14. [Click here](#) to RSVP. For more information, please call 561.841.0900.

Trainings

Free course on neighborhood revitalization

Palm Beach County’s Office of Community Revitalization will offer a five-week, hands-on educational program providing community revitalization and civic leadership development. The Residential Education to Action Program (REAP) will take place in Belle Glade and West Palm Beach. The Belle Glade session is **every Thursday from Jan. 26, – Feb. 23, 2017, 6 – 8:30 p.m.**, at Quiet Waters Assisted Living, 306 SW 10th St., Belle Glade. The West Palm Beach session is **every Thursday from March 9 – April 13, 2017, 6 – 8:30 p.m.**, at the Vista Center, 2300 N. Jog Rd., West Palm Beach. Through this course, residents will learn of innovative ways to solve neighborhood issues. The course and all materials are FREE but a commitment for the entire five-week course is required. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Trainings from Nonprofits First

Nonprofits First offers a range of classes for nonprofit organizations and staff. Register now before classes fill up. To see the course schedule, visit: <http://www.nonprofitsfirst.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=courseCatalog.list>

Jobs

Enhance Your Hiring Search with Free Job Postings

Children's Services Council continues to offer free job postings for CSC-funded providers in Palm Beach County. For job openings at CSC-funded agencies, go to cscpbc.org/agencyjobs.

If you are a CSC-funded agency, contact Paulina Rudzinska at Paulina.Rudzinska@cscpbc.org to post a position on CSC's website.

Links

Check Out These Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)

[CSC Employment](#)

[CSC Provider Agency Employment](#)

[Search for Trainings](#)

[Check the Local Events Calendar](#)

[Sign up for the MMU](#)

Do you have information for the MMU? Please send information to mmu@cscpbc.org by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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