

Join Families First of Palm Beach County and other local organizations in recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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News

Wear jeans on April 21 for child abuse prevention awareness

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Families First of Palm Beach County has created a way for businesses and the community to help raise awareness and funds for prevention efforts. Wear jeans on April 21! The Community Denim Project is asking businesses, schools and community groups to join the effort by asking your employees and peers to donate \$5 to be able to wear denim on **Friday, April 21**. Last year, the first year for this effort, about 40 local businesses took part. The goal is to remind the entire community of the important role we all play in creating a safe and healthy future for our children. For more information and to sign up your business, school or community group, [click here](#).

News

Council increases funding for free swim lessons for Palm Beach County children

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County ensured that at least 1,500 more children will be able to receive free or reduced-cost swim lessons this summer. At its monthly meeting on March 30, the Council approved an additional \$75,000 for the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County for its swim lesson program. The Drowning Prevention Coalition distributes vouchers for swim lessons to families and groups that otherwise could not afford them. To read more, [click here](#).

News

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Palm Beach Sheriff's Office offers "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum to teachers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Bradshaw are offering to buy the "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum for any teacher who attends a half-day training from Dr. Klarich. Dr. Klarich will come to the school and train teachers. The curriculum teaches social and emotional learning that has proven to reduce drug use in children as they get older. Any teacher who attends the training will receive a curriculum (valued at \$150) with the understanding that they will begin to teach the curriculum when they receive it. The curriculum can be taught within 30 minutes a week, once a week, for a 10-week block. [Click here](#) for more information on the program.

News

Receive a Scout Patch through the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can receive a patch from PBSO! [Click here](#) and complete four activities. The Scout leader then can submit the form at the bottom of the webpage to klarichs@pbso.org to receive patches for their troops. Call 561.688.4055 for more information.

News

Extended hours for AIDS Drug Assistance Program services

Clients of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) now will have additional hours on two Tuesdays each month to obtain services. Beginning **Tuesday, April 11**, ADAP clients will be able to make appointments between **4:15 p.m. and 6 p.m.** the second and fourth Tuesday each month at the West Palm Beach Health Center, 1150 45th St. Eligibility must be met in order to receive services during extended hours for ADAP. To schedule your evening appointment, please call 561.514.5325.

Events

Family reading workshop at BRIDGES at Boynton Beach

BRIDGES at Boynton Beach's family literacy activities involve promoting early childhood reading with our children and parents. The next family literacy hour is **Tuesday, April 11, 6 – 7 p.m.**, at 970 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. During the "Happily Ever After Begins with Reading" workshops, families will take part in fun-filled activities that make reading exciting! To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

Register for CareerSource's 2017 REACH Diversity Conference

CareerSource Palm Beach County is holding its 2017 REACH "Reinforcing Employment Access & Career Hiring" Diversity Conference on **Thursday, May 11, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, at the Holiday Inn Palm Beach Conference Center, 1301 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach. Learn about best practices for hiring persons with disabilities and the positive effect it has on your organization. Keynote speakers Haben Girma and Debra Ruh will discuss fostering diversity in the workplace through hiring, training and retaining persons with disabilities. Registration deadline is April 21. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Events

Upcoming events at the Palm Springs Library

The Palm Springs Library has many free programs and events at their location 217 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs. For more information on the events below, please contact Karen Hoffecker at khoffecker@vpslibrary.net or call the library at 561.965.2204.

- Bilingual Story Time – **every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.**
- “Story of Jazz” live performance – **Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.**
- “Credit Confidence” Public Financial Workshop – **Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m.**
- Free Comic Book Day Family Fun - **Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
- Teen Robotics Club – **Saturday, April 29, 4 p.m.**

Events

Free events during Fair Housing Month with Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. celebrates Fair Housing Month in April by hosting various free events. Contact Tequisha Myles, Supervising Attorney, at 561.655.8944 ext. 296 or tmyles@legalaidpbc.org for more information on the following events:

- **April 13, 6 p.m.** - Fair Housing Workshop at the Boca Raton Public Library (Downtown Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave., Boca Raton)
- **April 19, 6 p.m.** - Fair Housing Essay and Poster Contest at Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches, 1 Harvard Circle, #102, West Palm Beach
- **April 20, 11:30 a.m.** - Fair Housing Month Celebration Luncheon at the West Palm Beach Lake Pavilion, 101 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach)
- **April 26, 8 a.m.** - Sober Homes: Understanding Their Role in Creating More Inclusive Communities at the American Polish Club,

Events

Family Fun Day Open House and Resource Fair at the Arc of Palm Beach County

Join the Arc of Palm Beach County for Family Fun Day 2017 Open House and Resource Fair on **Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**, at 1202 Australian Ave., Riviera Beach. This event is for families to connect with local resources while having some fun! There will be free developmental screenings, balloon art, face-painter, music, food, mosaics, drumming and more! Click here to RSVP. For more information, call 561.721.2818 or email familyservices@arcpbc.org.

Events

Spring Egg-stravaganza with the City of Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks

The City of Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department will host its annual Spring Egg-Stravaganza on **Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, at Congress Avenue Barrier Free Park, 3111 S Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. The free event features an egg hunt, meet and greet with the bunny, face painting, music and games. Food will be available for purchase. Parents should supply baskets for their children. Egg hunts will be scheduled for the following age groups: ages 1-2 at 10:30 a.m., 3-5 at 11 a.m., and ages 6-12 at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, please call 561.742.6642.

Events

Bike rodeos, developmental screenings and more at Safe Kids Day at the Palm Beach Outlets

Safe Kids Palm Beach County, the area's leading child safety group, will distribute free bicycle helmets to children at Safe Kids Day on **Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, at the Palm Beach Outlets, 1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach. The helmets are available on a first-come, first-service basis. In addition, there will be an array of demonstrations and games, including a bicycle rodeo coordinated by the YMCA of South Palm Beach County. HelpMeGrow will conduct free “books, balls, and blocks

“developmental screenings for children 4 months to 5 years old. [Click here](#) to register for developmental screenings at the event. Event activities will be near the fountain in front of Palm Beach Outlets. To learn more about this free event, contact Safe Kids Program Director Kelly Powell at kpowell@cpcto.org.

Events

Register today for the Junior League’s Kids in the Kitchen

The Junior League of the Palm Beaches will host Kids in the Kitchen on **Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Kids in the Kitchen is a league-wide initiative that addresses a growing problem facing today’s children: the number of overweight children in our country is increasing, which also increases the risk of health problems like diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Children ages 4 through 12 are invited to participate in fun activities focused on exercise, nutrition and overall health. There will be cooking demos, exercise demos and a tour of the garden with a real-life farmer! [Click here](#) for more information.

Events

Free tickets to Youth Summit 2017

Register today for the Palm Beach County Youth Summit on **Saturday, April 22, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**, at Palm Beach Lakes High School, 3505 Shiloh Dr., West Palm Beach. This event is for middle and high school students only. Topics include building healthy relationships, career pathways, resiliency, cyber-bullying, gang and substance abuse prevention. Attendees receive 10 community service hours and there will be prizes and giveaways, interactive games, music and more. [Click here](#) to receive your free tickets.

Events

Delta Sigma Theta hosts EMBODI conference

The South Palm Beach County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in conjunction with Delta Cultural Educational and Service Foundation is pleased to announce that they will be hosting its EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) Conference 2017, in the south Palm Beach County area. The conference is on **Saturday, April 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m.**, at Santaluces High School, 6880 Lawrence Rd., Lantana. The day will be full of challenging activities to encourage young men to stay in school, study hard, set goals and become successful adults. Delta Sigma Theta is looking for partners to assist with the planning of the program and the recruitment of the young men. 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. Send your RSVP attendance to the Partnership Meeting, which will be held on Feb. 21, to Rhonda Rogers at rhonda_rogers1@yahoo.com or call 561.312.0539.

Trainings

‘Attachment’ training offered at Youth Services

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training “Attachment,” presented by Kelly Everson, PsyD., on **Wednesday, April 19, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. This course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW’s, LMFT’s, and LMHC’s. There is no fee for this program. Participants must register by **April 18**. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Youth Services’ ‘Multidisciplinary Consultation’ training

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training “Systems Collaboration/Multidisciplinary Consultation,” presented by Amanda Strunin, PhD., on **Wednesday, April 26, from 9:30 - 11:30a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. Registration begins at 9 a.m. This course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW’s, LMFT’s, and LMHC’s. There is no fee for this program. Participants must register by **April 25**. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) for more information.

Trainings

Free training on ‘Colorism’ offered at Youth Services

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training “Colorism: When Shade Matters More Than Color,” presented by Che Hurt, PsyD, on **Wednesday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. This course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW’s, LMFT’s and LMHC’s. There is no fee for this program. Participants must register by **April 11**. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Tomorrow's Rainbow hosts Hopeful Tears Grief Summit

Tomorrow's Rainbow, in partnership with Children's Services Council of Broward, presents Holding Space, the 7th Annual Hopeful Tears Grief Summit, on **Tuesday, May 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at Broward Health North Auditorium, 201 Sample Rd., Pompano Beach. Holding Space allows practitioners to engage clients in meaningful, cathartic work with individuals and groups that have witnessed, experienced and dealt with traumatic situations. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Center for Child Counseling to hold ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE training

The Center for Child Counseling has scheduled an ASQ 3/ASQ-SE2 training for **Friday, April 21, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**, at the Palm Healthcare Pavilion, 5205 Greenwood Ave., West Palm Beach. This hands-on training will give participants all the basics needed to incorporate and utilize the ASQ screening assessments into practice. You will learn how to effectively introduce the tools to parents and caregivers and communicate screening results sensitively to families. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Free career building youth program

The Arc of Palm Beach County is now accepting applications for the Career Building Youth Program. During this hands-on experience, you will learn work readiness, employment skills, develop self-advocacy skills and gain work-related experience. Students with developmental disabilities age 15 to 21 can participate in a free program to explore their career options. **Session 1 is June 5 – June 12, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., session 2 is July 10 - July 21, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and session 3 is Aug. 3 – Aug 11, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** The program will take place at 1201 Australian Ave., Riviera Beach. Students who complete the program will receive a free tablet. For more information, please contact Kristie Giles at 561.721.2818 or kgiles@arcpcb.org.

Free training on domestic violence identification and prevention

Palm Beach County, the Criminal Justice Commission and the Domestic Violence Council of Palm Beach County will hold a free training on domestic violence identification and prevention on **April 19 and 20, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at Palm Beach State College's Lake Worth Campus, Public Safety Conference Center PSD 108, 4200 S Congress Ave, Lake Worth. Attendees of this training will be able to demonstrate how to: identify the signs and symptoms of non-fatal domestic violence strangulation cases; understand and recognize the anatomy and medical aspects of surviving and non-surviving victims; investigate and document cases for the prosecution; prosecute cases, including using experts in court; and enhance victim safety through trauma-informed advocacy services. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

7th Annual South Florida Community Health Worker and Patient Navigators Regional Symposium

The 7th Annual South Florida Community Health Worker and Patient Navigators Regional Symposium will take place on **April 20 and April 21** in two locations in South Florida. Day 1 is Thursday, April 20, at Bethesda Hospital West's Education Classroom, 9655 Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach. Day 2 will take place on Friday, April 21, at Miami Dade College's Hialeah Campus, 1780 W 49th St., Hialeah. This symposium provides an opportunity for Community Health Workers/Patient Navigators (CHWs/PNs) to receive valuable training in English and Spanish on various topics, Florida CHW Certification information and updates. This symposium provides CHWs/PNs the opportunity to network with many representatives from hospitals, nursing homes, insurance companies, community organizations, program funders and health industry professionals. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Conference on helping children and families cope with violence

Join the Mental Health Alliance of Palm Beach County (MHAPBC) at the upcoming conference, "In an Age of Violence: Helping Children and Families Cope" on **Thursday, April 20, 1 – 5 p.m., and Friday, April 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. This conference will examine ways to decrease the effects of toxic stress, depression and anxiety resulting from violence in families' neighborhoods and homes as well as in the media. For more information, call 561.832.3755. Cost is \$150 for MHAPBC members and \$175 for non-members. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Family-to-family classes now available in Spanish

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Palm Beach County is now offering Family-to-Family classes in Spanish. The course will be held every **Saturday, April 22 through May 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at NAMI Lake Worth office, 1520 10th Ave N., Lake Worth. The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free, 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illnesses. The course is taught by trained family members and all instruction and course materials are free to class participants. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Hanen SPARK Communication workshop for early interventionists

Register today for the SPARK Communication workshop on **April 27 – 28**, at Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. Hosted by the Institute for Child and Family Health, this training is designed specifically for early intervention professionals who work with young children with language delays and their families. SPARK Communication offers research-based responsive interaction strategies shown to accelerate children’s language use. You will also learn a coaching framework for helping parents apply these strategies during everyday interactions with their child. Receive a comprehensive set of resources to structure, plan and implement SPARK strategies with families (valued at over \$100). This workshop offers 13.0 Professional Development Hours and may be eligible for registration with your local CEU provider. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Upcoming Touchpoints boosters and Infant Mental Health reflective practice session

Have you missed a reflective practice session from Touchpoints or are you seeking a Touchpoints refresher? See the upcoming training links below:

May 31, 2017 [Maternal Post-Partum Depression](#)

July 25, 2017 [Reflective Supervision](#)

July 27, 2017 [Booster: Touchpoints 101](#)

To view a full list of training opportunities, [click here](#).

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 cscpb.org/agencyjobs.

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

Links

Check Out These Additional Resources

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