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News

Apply today for Leadership Palm Beach County Class of 2018

Since 1983, Leadership Palm Beach County's Engage program has existed to unite and educate our county's most promising leaders. The program offers successful professionals a powerful new network and a transformative learning experience. We bring together the right individuals and enable them to see our community with fresh perspective and awareness. Each class is made up of 45-50 motivated, informed and diverse professionals, who are selected for their leadership and service within Palm Beach County and beyond. Participants meet for one full-day each month, from September to May, and travel as a group on a bus to all parts of the county as they explore program topics such as agriculture, public safety and healthcare. Those interested in applying for the Engage Class of 2018 are encouraged to attend one of three information sessions. [Click here](#) for dates, times and locations and to download the program application. Application deadline is **April 30**.

News

Council Update: Quality child care a product of vital partnerships in Palm Beach County

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC) is working hard through its quality improvement system and funding so that Palm Beach County children have access to high-quality child care. Through its partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County (ELC), which administers child care subsidies and scholarships, CSC provided child care assistance to more than 9,000 children last year, staff informed the Council at its monthly meeting. Without these scholarships, many parents of young children would be unable to work or go to school. Statewide, 27.6 percent of children (up to age 5) receive help paying for child care. In Palm Beach County, that number jumps to 33.5 percent because of CSC funding. To read more, [click here](#).

News

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Legal Aid Society seeks fair housing testers

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. is looking for those interested in becoming a tester for our Fair Housing project. The tester performs a community service and receives compensation by posing as a person seeking to rent, buy or finance a home in order to gather information. The requirements to become a Fair Housing Tester are: complete a training session that pays \$25, earn up to \$60 per 2-hour test plus mileage, have no felony convictions, be 18 years of age or older, and be able to provide objective, observant, and timely reports. The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.'s Fair Housing Project provides private enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and promotes lawful housing practices. For more information or to register, [click here](#) or call 561.655.8944, ext. 115.

News

Apply today for PBC Food Bank's Food4OurKids program

Apply today for the Palm Beach County Food Bank's summer portion of the Food4OurKids Program. Agencies participating in the program receive a backpack and a weekend's worth of nutritious, shelf-stable food for each child in their summer program. Summer camp sites interested in participating can [click here](#) to apply.

News

Lutheran Services Florida releases request for bid for Early Head Start programs

This request for bid from Lutheran Services Florida is to solicit Family Child Care Homes that operate high-quality, licensed, child care programs in zip codes 33401, 33404, 33405, 33406, 33407, 33476, 33430, 33493 and 33435 to potentially open and run a full-day/full-year Early Head Start program that follows federal, state, and county standards. The agency is required to hold a child care license with the Florida Department of Health and participate in the USDA Child Care Food Program. Include your capacity and location in response to this posting. An informational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m.**, at 3230 Commerce Place, Ste. A, West Palm Beach. Please attend if you would like to be considered. [Click here](#) for the pre-application and for more information. Send pre-determination applications to Alina Walker, alina.walker@lsfnet.org, or Amy Thomas, amy.thomas@lsfnet.org, at Lutheran Services Florida Inc.

News

Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) free assistance for 2017

Open enrollment for 2017 has ended, but you can still get help. The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (EFOF) provides free assistance with health insurance on the Federal Marketplace. EFOF is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with or paid by any insurance company. During tax time, assisters can help you get your Form 1095 or help explain reconciliation letters received from the marketplace. You also may be eligible for a 60-day Special Enrollment Period (SEP) if you have a life-changing event defined as a change in income, family size or zip code. We also can assist with

Medicaid and SNAP (food stamp) applications. Please call 1.877.553.7453 to make an appointment or ask a question.

News

Become a Light Touch Family Coach with the Institute for Child and Family Health

The Institute for Child and Family Health is looking for a full-time Light Touch Family Coach. Family Coaches work under the supervision of the Light Touch Program Lead. The Light Touch Family Coach, through a home visitation model, provides interventions for young children with developmental vulnerabilities, ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Key job responsibilities include conducting home visits as defined by the Light Touch grant and the program curriculum; providing information, support, and encouragement to participants to help their children's development; administering and interpreting assessments with parents and children during home visits, as scheduled by the program; reviewing assessment results with the parents to help them identify areas of concern and makes appropriate referrals to other organizations, and providing information to participants regarding available community resources. Bachelor's degree (BA) minimum. Must be knowledgeable in areas of child development, infant mental health, healthy and safe environment for children, positive-parent child interaction, and how to deliver and build a productive relationship with families and children, family functioning, child abuse and neglect, and resistant clients. If you are interested in applying, please contact Allison Golden at algolden@icfhinc.org.

News

Children's Services Council funding opportunity

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a nonprofit agency and/or government organization to implement and deliver mental health therapy that will promote positive mental health and social-emotional outcomes for children and families in Palm Beach County. Expectant families and/or children (birth to 5) and their families identified as needing services will receive evidence-based mental health therapy in their homes or other community locations. Those interested in submitting a proposal should visit www.cscpcb.org/openprop. Deadline for submission is **March 21, by 2 p.m.**

News

\$21,600 financial support available for students interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work

Are you interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Clinical Social Work with a trauma-informed focus working in primary care settings and medically underserved communities? Barry University School of Social Work is taking applications for the MSW Connect Program to begin in the Fall 2017. Connect is a federally-funded program that supports Master of Social work students from educationally, environmentally and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds who need tuition assistance. This grant serves full-time master's level clinical social work education in the amount of

\$21,600, in addition to merit-based scholarships. It involves students interested in primary care settings and/or within a medically underserved community. This grant is available for BSW graduates seeking the advanced standing MSW and those with bachelor degrees seeking the 60 credit MSW program. For more information, please contact our Director of Admissions, Phil Giarrappa at 305.899.4765.

News

United Way of Palm Beach County releases request for proposals in the area of health

United Way of Palm Beach County seeks proposals to implement its funding strategies in the area of health. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that are currently providing, or could successfully implement, quality services or programs in alignment with the strategies noted in the RFP are encouraged to apply for funding. Applications for the 2017-18 funding year must be submitted through United Way's grant website (CyberGrants) by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017**. Prior to this deadline, applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an orientation session on **Friday, Feb. 10, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, at Palm Beach State College's Lake Worth Campus (4200 S Congress Ave., Lake Worth) or on **Thursday, Feb. 16, 2 - 4 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach). Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register for one of the orientation sessions. [Click here](#) to download the RFP for more information on the outcomes, strategies and best practices identified for United Way's Health investment. To apply through United Way's grant website (CyberGrants), [click here](#).

Events

Happily Ever After Parent-Child Literacy Hour with BRIDGES at Riviera Beach

Children who read learn more and achieve more. Join BRIDGES at Riviera Beach for their Happily Ever After Parent and Child Together (P.A.C.T.) Literacy Hour on **Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at BRIDGES at Riviera Beach 2831 Avenue S, Riviera Beach. Parents will be provided with helpful reading facts and hands-on, interactive strategies that they can easily implement at home with their children. This activity will inspire parents to read with their children by modeling different techniques for them to observe and encourage special needs readers to push through their barriers of fear and open up. Additionally, we hope to inspire parents with reading challenges to ask us about ways to support their children with reading while strengthening their personal skills. Parent participation is required. For more information, call 561.899.1644. To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

Outdoor Adventure Day on Saturday at John Prince Park

Are you ready for some free family fun outdoors? Then Outdoor Adventure Day on **Saturday, March 4**, at John Prince Park is for you! There will be canoeing, archery, rock climbing, a Daisy Inflatable BB Range, fishing and other activities that the whole family can enjoy. Outdoor Adventure Day will be from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Smythe Pavilion located at 4759 S. Congress

Ave., Lake Worth. If you are interested in getting more information, please call 561.963.6749. Outdoor Adventure Day is brought to you by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Events

Haitian-American Art Exhibition at the Milagro Center's Blueprint Gallery

The Milagro Center's Blueprint Gallery recognizes the community and its members with its first Haitian Heritage Exhibit on **March 10 through May 5, 2017**. Milagro Center will be collaborating with artist Jason "JaFleu" Fleurant and Haitian-American artists in curating the exhibit in order to provide a faithful representation on what it means to be Haitian-American. This exhibit will -present visual and performing artists with roots in Haiti. Join the Milagro Center for the exhibit's opening ceremony on **Friday, March 10**, at the Blueprint Gallery at the Milagro Center, 695 Auburn Ave., Delray Beach. The opening ceremony will feature spoken word by Flose Boursiquot and Jason "JaFleu" Fleurant, a musical performance by Cleo J'adore in her native tongue, and adance by Le Nubian Dance, Inc. accompanied by Anthony Bacchus on djembe. [Click here](#) for more information and to view upcoming exhibitions.

Events

You have a role in protecting Palm Beach County children!

Join Palm Beach County Unites to kickoff National Child Abuse Prevention Month with its third annual forum to address the crisis faced by Palm Beach County's abused, abandoned and neglected children. The forum is **Tuesday, April 4, 9 – 11 a.m.**, at the West Palm Beach Hawthorne Suites, 301 Lambertson Dr. Palm Beach County Unites is a collaboration of passionate child advocates and the agencies they work with uniting to bring awareness to child abuse prevention and the needs of those children who are already involved in state care. To RSVP, contact info@pbcunites.org or call 561.336.1058. [Click here](#) to learn more about Palm Beach County Unites.

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

AVDA to co-host free Statewide Youth Activism

Summit

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) will host the Statewide Youth Activism Summit on **Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, at Boynton Beach Community High School, 4975 Park Ridge Blvd., Boynton Beach. The event's keynote speaker is Byron Hurt, an award-winning documentary filmmaker, published writer, anti-sexist activist and lecturer. There will be presenters and activities for youth to engage in throughout the day focusing on preventing dating violence and building healthy relationships. The event is free. Youth and adults are welcome. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Events

Upcoming events with the Palm Beach County Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System has several events planned for the month of March. From scrapbooking to telescope viewing, there's something for everyone. [Click here](#) for a full list of events in March. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

Events

Hope Floats, a free family day and memorial event

Tomorrow's Rainbow, Inc. will host a free family day and memorial event on **Saturday, March 11, 1 – 5 p.m.**, at Esplanade Park, 400 SW 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale. There will be games, bounce houses, face painting, live music, miniature horses and more. At 4 p.m., there will be a giant paper boat parade. Tomorrow's Rainbow provides provide grieving children, teens and their families an emotionally safe environment for hope and healing through guidance, education and support. For more information and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, [click here](#) or call 945.978.2390.

Events

Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment program hosts college tour

The Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Teen Center is holding a college tour for local high school students from **Sunday, March 19 through Saturday, March 24**. The college tour will visit colleges and historical sites in Alabama, Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington D.C. Cost is \$625 per student, including lodging, food and attractions. Space is limited. Call 561.840.0135 to register and for more information.

Events

First Annual South Florida Water Safety Symposium

Register today for the First Annual South Florida Water Safety Symposium on **Friday, March 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, at the Sunrise Civic Center's Grand Ballroom, 10610 West Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise. The Florida Department of Health in Broward, Children's Service Council of Broward County, YMCA of South Florida, Swim Central, Water Smart Palm Beach, YMCA of South Palm Beach County and Miami Dade Drowning Coalition have

partnered to bridge the gap between the three counties and help educate the attendees of the crippling effects that drownings have on our entire community. This is a free event. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Events

Promptique offers free prom dresses to young ladies

The Twenty Pearls Youth Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Tau Omega Chapter, in collaboration with The Ivy Educational Foundation, Inc., is hosting its 8th annual Promptique for local high school and middle school young ladies on **Saturday, March 4, 2 – 4 p.m.**, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 418 N. Sapodilla Ave., West Palm Beach. Bring a friend and find the prom dress of your dreams! Try it on, like it, then it's yours for free! There also will be chances to win a complimentary dress rental from Rent the Runway, a \$150 value. To RSVP, please call 210.802.1908 or email TheTwentyPearls@gmail.com.

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

Zero to Three digital event “Diagnosis and Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood”

of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood” on **Thursday, March 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m.** During this live virtual event, Kathleen Mulrooney, Zero to Three's Early Childhood and Infant Mental Health Content Director, will provide a foundation for professionals who will be using the DC:0-5 manual in their clinical work. Participants will gain familiarity with the background, approach and content areas of the new DC:0-5. This 75-minute presentation will be followed by a 15-minute Q&A session. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Youth Services offering a free training on

working sexual assault victims

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer a free training on working with sexual assault victims, on **Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. Presented by Kelly Dambra, MA, LMHC and Monica Gonzalez, MEd, LMHC of Victim Services, this course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW's, LMFT's and LMHC's. This program is free and the registration form must be received by March 14. 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

ACEs, trauma, and toxic stress online workshop with the Center for Child Counseling

The Center for Child Counseling has an online workshop available that provides an overview of the ACEs study, trauma, toxic stress and the impact on health. This workshop is appropriate for teachers, caregivers, early childhood professionals and anyone who is interested in learning more about how adverse childhood experiences impact children. The workshop is available for registration until **Dec. 12, 2017. Upon registration, you have 30 days to complete the workshop.** This is an online event. Upon registration, you will receive an email with your unique link for the workshop. [Click here](#) for more information about the workshop and to register.

Trainings

Free training on 'Toxic Parenting: Estrangement and Alienation' offered at Youth Services

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training "Toxic Parenting: Estrangement and Alienation," presented by Malissa Tigges, PsyD., on **Wednesday, March 8, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**, at the 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. A registration form must be received by March 7. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Sugar Sand Community Center hosts free trainings for special needs families

Sugar Sand Park Community Center will hold free parent trainings for families with special needs children. Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) will lead trainings designed to help parents manage everyday issues surrounding kids with autism and related disorders. Each training date will focus on a specific topic, with time for discussion, questions and open communication. The trainings are scheduled for **April 28, 6 – 7 p.m., and May 20, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** During the training

for parents, the Children's Science Explorium will be open until 7 p.m. for caregivers who wish to take the kids. Each event is an open forum/panel for parents to ask questions and seek advice, tips and tools. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Free training on developmental sexuality offered at Youth Services

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training "Developmental Sexuality: Raising Sexually Healthy Kids," presented by Richard Siegel, PhD, LMHC, CTS, CSTS, on **Wednesday, March 1, 9:30 – 11:30 a.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. Registration form must be received by Feb. 28. Seating is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Barry University hosts conference on clinical approaches to sexual trauma

Barry University School of Social Work and the Center for Human Rights and Social Justice will host the conference "Clinical Innovative Approaches to Support Survivors of Sexual Trauma," on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, at 11300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami Shores. The keynote speaker is Dr. Pat Ogden from Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Institute. This conference is approved for 5 CE credits. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Local conference on child welfare with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence will host a one-day Child Welfare Regional Training Institute on **Wednesday, March 8, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, at the Doubletree Palm Beach Gardens. This training is for local child welfare professionals, domestic violence advocates and community partners. The purpose of the trainings is to enhance collaboration between certified domestic violence centers and child welfare agencies, to build the capacity of child welfare and partnering agencies around the dynamics of domestic violence, and to discuss best practice when working with the families experiencing domestic violence and child maltreatment. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Become a community health worker care coordinator!

Palm Beach County Medical Society Services is offering a training program for community health workers each **Friday starting March 4 through May 26, 1 – 4 p.m.**, at CareerSource Palm Beach County, 3400 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach. Throughout the United States, the community health worker field is burgeoning, both in interest and demand. The field is also rapidly expanding into new areas of health and community wellness as

community health workers continue to improve chronic disease management programs, health insurance enrollment, immunization drives, HIV/AIDS treatment, access to mental health services and maternal-child health interventions. The Community Health Worker Care Coordination Training Program offers the full complement of education hours and content areas needed to fulfill the training requirements (30 CEUs) for the certification application as a community health worker. Applications are due on Feb. 17. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

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 their neighborhoods, homes and in the media. Sign up by **Jan. 31** for a 10% early registration discount. For more information, call 561.832.3755. Cost is \$150 for MHAPBC members and \$175 for non-members. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Register today for the Southeastern School of Behavioral Health Conference

Registration is now open for the Southeastern School of Behavioral Health Conference, the premier conference in the southeast region focusing on behavioral health interventions and outcomes for children in school settings. The conference will take place on **April 27 and 28**, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year's conference will feature George Sugai, renowned educator and expert in the field of positive behavioral support, and Gloria Reeves, an adolescent psychiatrist working with family navigators in mental health. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Trainings

Tomorrow's Rainbow holds Rainbow Retreat 2017

Experience a unique therapeutic grief retreat like no other! The Rainbow Retreat is specifically designed for individuals and families of all ages that have experienced the death of a loved one due to a stigmatic death. The retreat is **Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**, at Tomorrow's Rainbow Ranch, 4341 NW 39th Ave, Coconut Creek. Sign up for a day filled with tons of healing, understanding and fun. Space is limited. For more information and to register, [click here](#) or call 954.978.2390.

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@cscpb.org by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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