

Today's MMU: Youth Services Opens 2024 Summer Camp Scholarship Program Provider Applications

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Monday Morning Update December 4, 2023

Youth Services Opens 2024 Summer Camp Scholarship Program Provider Applications

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program provides full tuition and fees for summer camp for children residing in families with income at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Fees are paid directly to the camps who enroll the children with scholarships. Providers can submit an application until January 5 to the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department to join the approved list of summer camp providers for summer 2024. [Click here](#) to learn more and access a recording of the provider information meeting. For more information, please email **YSD-SummerCamp@pbcbgov.org** or call **561-242-5713**.

Quantum Foundation Issues \$500,000 Request for Proposals

Quantum Foundation is launching a \$500,000 Strong Communities Initiative (SCI) Request for Proposal, seeking projects designed to improve the community health of the Northwest, Coleman Park, Pleasant City, Northwood Hills, Pinewood Park and North 45 Street communities of West Palm Beach. Funding will be available for a one-year duration and directed to nonprofit community organizations providing supports and services focused on the social determinants of health, with preference given to projects that are collaborative, innovative in design, and that demonstrate the potential for substantial, measurable and enduring impact. Application deadline is January 17, 2024. [Click here](#) for more information, including a funding boundaries map and timeline. A virtual information session will take place Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. [Click here](#) to register.

Community Foundation Impact Grant Seeker Sessions are Open

Interested in learning more about the next competitive grant cycle at Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties? Learn more at an information session near you! Sessions are designed to help grant seekers better understand the process, requirements, and grantmaking priorities for the next year and are open to all nonprofit organizations supporting Palm Beach and Martin Counties. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with dates, times and locations around the county and [click here](#) to read more about grant and scholarship opportunities.

Help Local Families Succeed and Volunteer to Support the VITA Program

United Way of Palm Beach County is looking for volunteers to support the VITA Program during the 2024 tax season. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national program, in partnership with The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), staffed by local volunteers to provide free preparation and electronic filing of tax returns. It helps households with an annual income of \$75,000 or less with taxes and serves thousands of individuals and families in Palm Beach County each year. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with more information and a QR code to sign up.

Palm Health Foundation Scholarship Applications Open Now

Palm Health Foundation's scholarships are available for students pursuing careers in Nursing or Behavioral/Mental Health. Graduate and undergraduate scholarships are available. Applications are open until February 1, 2024. To learn more about the criteria for the scholarships, selection process timeline and to apply, [click here](#).

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County Announces Move to New Location

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies (HMHB) will be vacating their space in Greenacres and entering into a new lease in West Palm Beach located near Belvedere Road and North Military Trail this December. During this transition they will remain committed to providing uninterrupted services to families. The last day for client visits in the Greenacres office will be Friday, December 15. After that, care coordination services will take place virtually or with home visits until the new office is open. Additionally, their Basics4Babies Emergency Pantry for Infants will continue to operate out of their mobile pantry unit. Locations and times will vary. Please [click here](#) for the most current information.

Holiday-Related Opportunities:

CROS Ministries Serves Meals to Anyone Who is Hungry

CROS Ministries' Caring Kitchen distributes hot meals throughout the week and sandwiches on the weekends. For locations and times of their To-Go and congregate meals, please [click here](#). Additionally, they deliver meals to the homebound living in the 33444 or 33445 zip codes in Delray Beach. If you know someone who could benefit from these services, contact scastillo@crosmministries.org for more details.

PBC Food Finder Map Helps Families in Need this Holiday Season

United Way of Palm Beach County encourages anyone looking for food or helping others find food to utilize their Food Finder map, which is updated weekly. [Click here](#) to access the map. You can also get help finding food locations by calling 2-1-1.

A robust food pantry system is the best way to ensure people can access emergency food. Pantries rely mainly on food from local food banks and other donations. [Click here](#) to learn how you can support Palm Beach County Food Bank and help fight hunger in the county by donating food.

December Holiday Meal and Toy Distribution Events

211 collects seasonal lists that include holiday meal sites and toy distribution events. Individuals and families looking for a warm holiday meal and toy distributions can [click here](#) to access the listing. Please note the list is updated frequently, so families are encouraged to check back often. If you know of an event that is not listed, please email event details and contact information to patrice.schroeder@211pbtc.org.

Gift Drive Seeks to Impact Youth this Holiday Season

Birth to 22 Future Leaders and Girls Coordinating Council are hosting a holiday gift drive this December and seek to provide gifts to youth in underserved communities while teaching the valuable lesson of finding joy in giving. Deadline to drop off new and unwrapped gifts for school-aged

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities with Students Speak Up for Kids

Looking for holiday volunteer opportunities? Students Speak Up for Kids is a division of Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, whose mission is to empower local students with opportunities to serve and speak up for children involved in the county's

youth is December 8 and deadline to drop off gift cards for teens is December 15. To view a flyer with additional details, including drop-off location and contact information, please [click here](#).

dependency court system. As the holidays approach, there are many ways you can help make this holiday season magical for the foster care community. From volunteering at Winterfest, a free carnival for kids in foster care to donating to their toy drive toy drive to completing an individual holiday project, there's something for everyone. To learn more about how to get involved with more incredible projects like these, [click here](#).



Chantal's Story- At the Heart of Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County

Meet Chantal, a staff member at BRIDGES of Lake Worth. Chantal left Haiti after the 2010 earthquake shattered her world. She learned to speak English at BRIDGES of Lake Worth. She is now working at BRIDGES, offering the same support she once received. She is guiding people across the bridge to a new life.

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Events

Palm Beach County Food Bank: November Outreach Calendar

Palm Beach County Food Bank is focused on fighting hunger in Palm Beach County through five programs – Partner Marketplace, Pop-Up Farmer's Market, Benefits Outreach, Childhood Hunger Initiatives (Lois' Food4Kids, Weekend Food for Kids, and School Pantries) and Groceries for Seniors. They support close to 200 partner agencies in Palm Beach County with food, programs and services. [Click here](#) to view a listing of opportunities with locations, times and language services offered. [Click here](#) learn more about the Food Bank.

Volunteer with Feeding South Florida

Winter 2023
Multiple locations & times

Feeding South Florida is planning a series of initiatives and events over the next several months to support hunger relief efforts. The initiatives are being curated throughout the four-county service area (Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe), in hopes of engaging with local partners and friends. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Holiday in the Park

Saturday, December 9
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Samuel J. Ferreri Community Park
2905 Jog Road
Greenacres

You're invited to celebrate a magical evening with Santa and enjoy a special Christmas tree lighting ceremony, amusements, school performances, face painting, arts and crafts, carolers and much more! Children under age 11 may receive a gift from Santa, while supplies last! Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Prime Time Palm Beach County will be onsite, providing families an opportunity to engage in hands-on STEAM activities everyone will enjoy. [Click here](#) to learn more about the event and [here](#) to learn more about

Wonder Festival

Saturday, December 9
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
The Judge Edward Rodgers
Center for Community
Development
251 W 11 St.
Riviera Beach

The Wonder Festival, presented by ser kallai, is an emotional intelligence festival for children and families that offers an exciting array of interactive stations designed to engage children and adults in activities that promote understanding, empathy and emotional skills. From arts and crafts to engaging wellness activities like Zumba, there's something for everyone! This family-friendly event is not only a great opportunity for fun but also an invaluable experience for children to learn about and explore their emotions in a supportive and interactive environment. [Click here](#) to register.

Recurring Events:

Holistic Wellness Circle

Tuesdays
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cocoplum Nature School
342 N. Swinton Ave.
Delray Beach

Holistic Wellness Circle is a collaboration between Soil and Soul and Cocoplum Nature School and seeks justice and healing for families experiencing economic oppression, especially families of color with very young children. No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome. Skills and relationships developed through Holistic Wellness Circle can be transformative for individual and family wellness. Children socialize and play outdoors, and parents and grandparents get a break from childcare and focus on holistic wellness in partnership with other families. [Click here](#) to learn more and [here](#) to view a flyer.

Parenting 101 Support Group: A Way of Being with Children

Second Thursdays of the month
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

Center for Child Counseling invites you to this group for parents of children ages three to six. You will learn to handle difficult behaviors and improve your relationship with your child. To view a flyer for this recurring group, [click here](#) and to register, [click here](#).

Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities Events: African American Under-Representation in Autism Initiative Meetings

Every last Wednesday of the month
10:00 a.m.
Virtual

Research indicates that Black children are being misidentified, delay identified and under-identified with

Mentor Mile with United Way of Palm Beach County

Sunday, December 10
6:30 a.m.
John Prince Park
2700 6 Ave. S.
Lake Worth Beach

Join United Way of Palm Beach County for their Mentor's Center's First Annual 1-mile Walk / 5K Run! This is a family-oriented event filled with fun activities including a bouncy house, petting zoo, firetruck, vendors, music, food, and much more. [Click here](#) to sign up for the run and for volunteer opportunities and [here](#) to view a flyer for the event.

FoundCare Job Fair

Wednesday, December 13
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Yolette Bonnet Center
5867 Okeechobee Blvd.
West Palm Beach

FoundCare originated as the Comprehensive AIDS Program (CAP) of Palm Beach County, Inc. in 1985. Recognizing the unmet need for access to health care among many Palm Beach County residents, the Board of Directors decided to expand services and launch FoundCare, Inc. as a community health center, and there are now seven sites across the county. Walk-ins are welcome or you can reserve a time for this event. [Click here](#) to learn more about FoundCare and their job fair, reserve a time and view the immediate open positions.

ASD. Without identification children will not receive appropriate educational and therapeutic services and they will not maximize their personal potential. The Black Under-Representation Initiative and Black ASD Identification Research Expansion Project helps to spread awareness and implement an action plan for change of autism in the Black community. RSVP by calling **561-212-4930** or email cmckinney@fau.edu.

Support Group: Raising Black Children with Autism

Every last Wednesday of the month

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Virtual

This group is specifically for parents and guardians of Black children with autism, to support, encourage and be a resource on issues related to autism and the Black community. RSVP by calling **561-212-4930** or email cmckinney@fau.edu.

Thea's Night Out - Community Respite Program

Second Fridays, monthly: November 10 & December 8

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

St. Peter's United Methodist Church

12200 Forest Hill Blvd.

Wellington

Parents are invited to drop off their children for fun activities, crafts and games and enjoy much-needed rest or a night out. This free respite program is available to families of children with special needs and their siblings, up to age 11. Children are paired with a qualified volunteer and qualified medical supervision will be at each event. To view a flyer with more information and instructions on how to register, [click here](#).

Unicorn Children's Foundation Family Fun Nights

Every last Wednesday of the month

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

99 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 120

Boca Raton

The Unicorn Children's Foundation is dedicated to creating cradle to career pathways for kids and young adults with developmental differences and helping their families navigate the complex journey. This free event is open to people of all ages and abilities and includes karaoke, dancing, light bites and refreshments, crafts, board games, cups of kindness served by Percs Café baristas and tours available upon request. [Click here](#) to register.

Girls Voice Task Force (GVTF) Virtual Space Meetings

Every second Thursday of the month

6:00 p.m.

Virtual

The GVTF virtual space serves as a place for girls to connect with one another, learn valuable skills and grow together. [Click here](#) to complete the application to receive the meeting link. Join GVTF on Remind by texting [@girlspbc](#) to **81010**.

Food as Medicine Workshops

Second and Fourth Saturdays, through December

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Riviera Beach Urban Farm and Garden

W. Blue Heron Blvd.

Riviera Beach

The idea that our foods can aide in our wellness is a proven fact. The need for medications can be reduced by learning medicinal remedies composed of veggies, fruits and herbs. Operation No Food Gap, in partnership with the American Heart Association is excited to host these events and invites you to join in the fun by participating in cooking demos, gardening, wellness events, juicing and educational workshops along with fitness such as Zumba! The events are free and open to the entire family of all ages. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

Trainings

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County: December Educational Calendar

December events include Childbirth and Caring for Newborn classes in English and Spanish, Breastfeeding and Infant Feeding class in English and Prenatal Yoga in English. A calendar with details, including holiday closure dates, can be found [here](#).

Mental Health First Aid Training Various opportunities - see links below

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an eight-hour course that gives people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program shows that MHFA builds mental health literacy, helps the public identify and understand the signs of mental illness and respond to the signs. Jewish Family Service of Palm Beach County invites those who want to learn how to provide initial help to someone who may be experiencing symptoms of mental illness or in crisis and give people the tools to help friends, family members, colleagues or others in their community. Classes are currently being scheduled for January and February of 2024. [Click here](#) to read more, [here](#) to view a flyer for youth first aid services and [here](#) for adult services. Contact Timothy Bouck, MHFA Instructor, at **561-713-1877** or tbouck@alpertjfs.org.

Recurring Trainings:

Mommy Matters Virtual Series

Second Wednesdays

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. OR 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Virtual

Baptist Health South Florida invites you to join this educational series emphasizing mental health, breastfeeding, nutrition and more. [Click here](#) to view flyers with specific topics.

On-Demand Trainings:

ACEs, Trauma, and Toxic Stress - Center for Child Counseling

Workshop available on bekidsafe.org

Virtual

This workshop provides an overview of the ACE study, Trauma, Toxic Stress and the impact on health. Resilience and building a trauma-informed approach is also explored. This workshop is appropriate for teachers, caregivers, professionals and anyone who is interested in learning more about how adverse childhood experiences impact children, and what we can all do to foster resilience throughout the lifespan. Small fees apply. Click the link above to learn more.

Save the Date(s) - 2024:

Leadership Palm Beach County FOCUS

Wednesday, January 17, Thursday, January 18 and Monday, January 22

Locations vary - see link below for details

Leadership FOCUS is a program for those interested in deepening their knowledge about Palm Beach County (PBC). Participants will connect with people of influence, explore PBC's strengths, challenges and initiatives and increase knowledge of issues and systems that affect PBC quality of life. Through panel discussions and behind-the-scenes tours of hospitals, research centers and other institutions, FOCUS gives participants an accelerated understanding of the issues and systems that affect the quality of life for all. The cost of the Focus program is \$800. Seats are limited for this exclusive experience, and the class always fills up quickly. [Click here](#) to register.

Student Mental Health and Wellness Conference: Inspiring Resiliency and Well-being

Monday, February 19

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Park Vista High School
7900 Jog Road
Lake Worth Beach

This full-day conference will offer keynote speaker Randy D. Blakely, Ph.D., Executive Director, FAU Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute and special guest Michael J. Burke, Palm Beach County School District Superintendent, as well as break-out sessions and a community resource fair providing information and strategies that support the well-being and mental health of students and staff. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Additional Resources

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