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News

Council Update: County's teen birth rate continues to drop

The number of babies born to teen mothers in Palm Beach County continued to drop in 2016, a historic 10th consecutive year there's been a decrease. While that's great news, there is still an average of 11 teen mothers giving birth every week in the county and one-sixth of them already have at least one child, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County staff told the board via a proclamation shared at the April council meeting. Those mothers and their babies often face a host of social issues and there are substantial public health costs to the community. [Click here](#) to read more.

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May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month

May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month. To celebrate, Children's Services Council and Birth to 22: United For Brighter Futures are inviting Palm Beach County to "Get Your Green On," and wear green on **May 25**. Visit www.getyourgreenon.org for resources and information on how to raise awareness. Share your support on social media using #GetYourGreenOn and #GYGO2017 hashtags.

News

Children's Services Council funding opportunity

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking an organization(s)/individual(s) to provide facilitation of transportation services to the Healthy Beginnings System of Care clients and to the families of other CSC system partners as well as community advocacy for improved public transportation. A Proposer's Conference will be held **Monday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**, at

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach, FL. Those interested in submitting a proposal should visit www.cscpbcc.org/openprop. Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2017, by 2 p.m.**

News

Cultural Development Fund for Small or Emerging Organizations is open

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County's Development Fund for Small or Emerging Cultural Organizations is an annual grant program open to nonprofit cultural organizations with operating revenues of at least \$25,000. The grant program is designed to preserve cultural heritages and traditions through the arts, significantly advance cultural opportunities for children and youth, and to create opportunities for Palm Beach County residents to experience culturally diverse, innovative and excellent cultural programs and projects. First time applicants and individuals new to the grant process must contact staff and attend a mandatory workshop on **Monday, May 8**, for training and technical assistance prior to completing the application. [Click here](#) for or more information and to apply.

News

415 local nonprofits to participate in #GreatGive17

The fourth annual Great Give Palm Beach and Martin Counties will have 415 local nonprofits participating in the 24-hour online fundraising event. On **May 17, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.**, Great Give hosts and participating nonprofits will take over CityPlace with arts and crafts, animals for adoption, dancers, performers, live music and information on ways to give to the nonprofit(s) of your choice. [Click here](#) for more information on the Great Give Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The Great Give is hosted by United Way of Palm Beach County, Achieve, Nonprofits First and United Way of Martin County, Great Give celebrates the spirit of giving and the collective effort it takes to strengthen our community by raising critical funds for local nonprofits.

News

Council receives major award from countywide chamber of commerce

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County was honored April 21, 2017, with the Health and Human Services Organization of the Year award by the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. Read more [here](#).

News

Go Teach! Classroom grants available

Do you know teachers who want to launch creative and exciting projects in their classroom? The Education Foundation awards funds to Palm Beach County School District teachers to empower their students each year.

GoTeach! is an annual competitive grants program for Palm Beach County public school teachers. More than \$50,000 is awarded each year to projects that promote original, creative and innovative teaching approaches that address student need. [Click here](#) for more information. Encourage teachers to apply today.

News

2017 Cultural Camp Guide for Palm Beach County is here with \$9,000 in scholarships available

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County has published its 2017 Cultural Camp Guide – a comprehensive online listing of art and cultural summer programs in Palm Beach County. There also will be 30 camp scholarships available totaling \$9,000 to those who apply on or before **May 1**. There are opportunities for children to learn dance, music, visual arts, theater, nature/science and writing. [Click here](#) for camp dates, age requirements, fee information and scholarship information. Apply online for scholarships before the **May 1, 11:59 p.m.** deadline. Scholarships will be awarded by lottery, based upon need.

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Foster parents needed in Palm Beach County

There is a high need for foster parents in Palm Beach County to provide safe and stable homes for children removed from their families due to abuse and neglect. Join Camelot Community Care in learning more about the process to become a licensed foster parent in Palm Beach County. Orientations are held on the **second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.** at Camelot Community Care, 6416 Melaleuca Ln., Greenacres. The benefits and requirements for licensing will be explained and attendees will leave with printed materials. To RSVP for an orientation, please call Jennifer Martin at 561.649.0877 and reference “Orientation – Monday Morning Update” when calling.

News

Volunteer with the Palm Beach County Food Bank to Stamp Out Hunger

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the Palm Beach County Food Bank are looking for volunteers for their annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. On Saturday, May 13, letter carriers across the country will collect donations from consumers, which go directly to support the local community. Volunteers are needed to help unload food donations at post office locations in Jupiter, Tequesta, Palm Beach Gardens and Riviera Beach. [Click here](#) for the volunteering timeframes and post office locations. For more information, please contact Caroline Pollifron, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@pbcfoodbank.org or at 561.670.2518 x300.

Events

Raise Me Up “Flower of Love” activity with BRIDGES at Lake Park

Mother’s Day will soon be here! BRIDGES at Lake Park is celebrating mothers with a Raise Me Up activity on **Thursday, May 4, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, at BRIDGES at Lake Park, 1411 10th St., Lake Park. In this parent-child activity, children will be making a special flower for their mothers. With your help, your child will work on communication skills and increase the strength in their fingers as they make these flowers. Come see the garden of love grow! For more information, call 561.881.5060. To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

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Stop by the Mental Health and Wellness Festival

The West Palm Beach Mental Health Coalition is hosting its first Mental Health and Wellness Festival on **Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 600 N. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. This free event includes talks on mental wellness, community resource tables, stage performances, praise dancing, food, giveaways, raffle prizes and more. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, [click here](#).

[Events](#)

The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County hosts the Sixth Annual Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon & Great Give

The Sixth Annual Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon & Great Give 2017 will take place on **Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, at the Hilton at CityPlace, 600 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. This annual luncheon is dedicated to raising awareness and funding to implement the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County, and will benefit the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center. Tickets cost \$85 per person. [Click here](#) to register.

[Events](#)

Join MY LIFE Florida and empower local youth

The Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County (MHA PBC) is hosting MY LIFE Florida kickoff event on **Thursday, May 11, 6 – 8 p.m.**, at the McDonald Wilson Center at Gaines Park, 1501 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. Join MHA PBC for this free dinner to learn more about helping young people in our community. MY LIFE empowers youth to use their experiences and voices to create positive change for themselves, other youth and their communities. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

[Events](#)

Palm Beach County Library System celebrates Haitian Heritage Month

For the eighth consecutive year, the Palm Beach County Library System shares the beauty of the Haitian culture through the celebration of written word, art, music and dance. Enjoy cultural events offered at local branches in

celebration of Haitian Heritage Month. Classes and events are presented in English and Creole. [Click here](#) for a full list of events and classes.

Events

City of West Palm Beach hosts Young Adult Job and Resource Fair

The City of West Palm Beach is hosting its fifth annual Young Adult Job and Resource Fair on **Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at the Gaines Park Community Center, 1501 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. This event hosts dozens of employers and hundreds of young adults. With participation from employers, this event provides a wide range of job opportunities for young adults. Employers should bring jobs suitable for young adults ages 17 – 25. Resources will also be available for internships, apprenticeships and future career paths. [Click here](#) to register your organization. For more information, contact Kevin Jones at 561.822.1413 or kljones@wpb.org.

Events

May events at the Palm Beach County Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System has several fun activities and events planned for May. From crochet fundamentals to game nights, there's something for everyone to enjoy. To see a full list of events and activities at each Palm Beach County Library location, [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

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies host Moments luncheon

Join Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County at the fourth annual Moments Luncheon on **Friday, May 12, 11:30 a.m.**, at the Country Club at Mirasol, 11600 Mirasol Way, Palm Beach Gardens. Kicking off Mother's Day weekend, this event honors mothers and all of their extraordinary moments. Alex Price of Comcast will emcee the luncheon, which will include a keynote speech by life and style blogger, Alyson

Trainings

Boys Town Common Sense Parenting classes

If you have a child, chances are you've had your fair share of challenging days. Boys Town Common Sense Parenting (CSP) classes are here to help! We are partnering with Florence Fuller Child Development Centers to offer a pre-school class on **every Tuesday from May 30 – July 18, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**, at Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, 10130 185th St., Boca Raton. CSP classes helps parents effectively communicate with their children by balancing discipline with affection, praising good behaviors, reducing problem behaviors and power struggles. If you're interested in attending or would like to refer a parent/caregiver, please contact Rebecca Harley at 561.723.0835 or Rebecca.Harley@boystown.org.

Trainings

Summer residential programs at FAU for middle and high school students

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is offering two residential programs this summer for middle and high school students. The Center Stage and Beyond program for 9 – 12 grade students is designed to cultivate young artists' awareness of the theater world, themselves, and their special gifts. Broadway World Award Winning Director/Choreographer, Darius J. Manuel will lead young actors in identifying the needs of a character, audition techniques and scene work. FAU is also offering the Crack the Code program for 6 – 8 grade students. This program is for beginning "coders" and will cover the skills needed to build webpages, create mobile applications and manipulate games. Both programs are scheduled for **June 5 – 9** at the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. For more information, please contact pcpo@fau.edu.

Trainings

Palm Beach Association of Marriage and Family Therapy hosts general body meeting

The Palm Beach Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (PBAMFT) will hold its General Body Meeting on **Thursday, May 11, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. The meeting will welcome new members and share leadership opportunities and free resources. [Click here](#) for more information.

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.

Trainings

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy using play techniques

The Center for Child Counseling will hold a Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy workshop on **Thursday, May 11, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. This workshop will provide participants with an overview of TF-CBT, an evidence-based model for the treatment of trauma, with integration of Play Therapy techniques into each component. Participants will learn how trauma affects children and the use of play as a vehicle for healing. The presenters will introduce the basic components of the TF-CBT model. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Trainings

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@arcpbc.org.

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

[Visit the CSC website](#)

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[Sign up for the MMU](#)

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

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