

Stay #HealthySafeStrong



Monday Morning Update April 26, 2021

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

Testing sites, meals sites, health tips and more COVID-19 updates and resources

Children's Services Council has compiled an ongoing list of local resources that Palm Beach County families may find helpful in these uncertain times. [Click here](#) for links to federal, state and local resources and as well as educational resources for your family.

News

Palm Beach County's Youth Summit 2021: E3 Encourage, Engage and Empower

Saturday, May 1
2 - 3 p.m.
Virtual

Calling all middle and high school teens in Palm Beach County! Register today for Palm Beach County's Youth Summit on May 1. Join us to discuss mental health,

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Palm Beach post Point of View: VPK creates brighter futures for our children

What is the best thing a parent can do to help their child succeed in kindergarten? Put them on the path for success. Kindergarten teachers are effective at teaching skills, such as reading and math. But what happens when a student doesn't know how to sit still and

college/career readiness, public speaking and advocacy on substance prevention. Led by youth, they will show you how they put these strategies into practice. Games, workshops, gift cards and up to four community service hours are up for grabs! To register, **text TCIA to 888111**. For questions, please call 561.762.3914. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Office of Equal Opportunity Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant

Palm Beach County's Office of Equal Opportunity is seeking proposals from qualified agencies to improve accessibility and equal opportunity and promote or increase awareness of the rights and ambitions of persons with disabilities through an Awareness Program. Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Program will improve accessibility and increase awareness for the approximately 99,000 disabled persons living in Palm Beach County. \$30,000 is proposed to be slated for funding. Deadline for submissions is **June 18 at 4 p.m.** [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

Out-of-School Time Program prepares teens for workforce by offering workshops on employability skills

In March 2021, longtime participant of the Palm Beach County Quality Improvement System Achievement Centers for Children and Families offered workshops on professionalism, dressing for success and understanding your

awareness events, conferences and community outreach activities for children and families in Palm Beach County. The public awareness events, conferences and activities are important to Children's Services Council in achieving its goals. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

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Scholarships and grants available in Palm Beach County

The Office of Community Revitalization provides Palm Beach County residents and all interested parties with information regarding grant opportunities, relevant community events, and tools or information that can be used to assist in community revitalization efforts. See the links below to

listen to directions? Or how to socialize and communicate with peers and adults? This is where Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten educational program (VPK) comes in. Child care centers and early learning providers who offer VPK are properly trained in preparing children for kindergarten and instilling these lifelong skills in young learners. [Click here](#) to read more.

Get Your Green On for Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care Month

May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month and Palm Beach County is celebrating! Birth to 22: United For Brighter Futures and community partners are hosting the 6th annual Get Your Green on campaign countywide. To kick off the awareness month, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is hosting a virtual event on April 30th. This event will celebrate the community's effort to promote mental wellness and trauma informed care and provide information about local projects. [Click here](#) to register. Everyone in Palm Beach County is encouraged to wear green on May 20th and post pictures on social media (#GetYourGreenOn and #GYGO2021) to show their support for mental health awareness and trauma-informed care.

Florida Children's Council: Capitol Connection

Florida Children's Council's Capitol Connection is a weekly email update sent during Legislative Session to keep you informed of all proposed legislation related to children, youth and families in Florida. This newsletter provides concise and timely information regarding current public policy issues. Each

own identify for 42 teens in attendance as part of a new pilot program, The Employability Skills Training (EST) Program. Youth in attendance also had the opportunity to have some fun, as Lloyd Chin from the City of Delray Beach hosted an archery workshop. [Click here](#) to learn more.

learn more about these available grant and scholarship opportunities:

- [Look Out Foundation](#)
- [Wells Fargo Community Giving: Local Community Grants](#)
- [SC Johnson Grants and Product Donations](#)
- [Walmart Foundation: Community Grant Program](#)
- [Bank of America: Sponsorships](#)
- [The Jim Moran Foundation](#)
- [Kars4Kids: Small Grant Program](#)

subsequent edition will only include the bills from the initial list that moved through the process that week:

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Rental, Relocation and Utility Assistance Portal reopens for applications

The Spring 2021 Written and Video Competition is now OPEN. The topic of this semester is Poverty. Poverty in Palm Beach County is a serious concern with over 60,000 children living in abject poverty. The purpose of the written and video competition is to give our youth the opportunity to tell us how they would “solve poverty” in Palm Beach County. This is a creative competition: you can write, sing, dance, rap, present poetry, submit a graphic novel, anything you like. There will be one winner in the written competition and one winner in the video competition. Winners will receive prizes such as gift cards, ability to implement your idea, and media coverage. [Click here](#) to learn more. Deadline for submission is **May 2** at midnight.

IEECE Skills Labs for Micro-credentialing

The Institute of Excellence in Early Care & Education (IEECE) invites you to learn about Skills Labs for Micro-credentialing. Skills Labs is a limited-time opportunity for students who took IEECE courses between fall 2018 to summer 2020, to move along the micro-credential pathways quicker to earn badges! [Click here](#) to learn more.

Florida Institute for Health Innovation's Oral Health Parent Advisory Committee

Parents, would you like to shape the future of your child's oral health? The Florida Institute for Health Innovation (FIHI) is seeking parents of Medicaid-enrolled children to join our Oral Health Parent Advisory Committee. What is involved in being a member of the Parent Advisory Committee?

- Attending bi-monthly virtual zoom meetings.
- Sharing your and your child's oral health experiences.
- Sharing what services would best serve your family and community.
- Participants will receive a stipend for their participation.

Interested parents please contact Elizabeth Henry at ehenry@flhealthinnovation.org or call 561.838.4444.



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Voluntary Prekindergarten: VPK helps children succeed!

What do Palm Beach County parents think about Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program? Hear for yourself!

VPK is a free program open to all 4-year-olds. Offered at almost 400 locations throughout Palm Beach County, VPK gives children the tools to walk into the first day of kindergarten ready to learn and ready to succeed:

[Learn more](#)

Events

Third Annual PBC Education Exchange: "Mental Health Education during the Pandemic"
Monday, April 26
5 - 7 p.m.
Zoom

Learn from Palm Beach County educators on how mental health is being addressed in the county. Hear presentations from the School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach State College, Action Alliance priorities, youth leader viewpoints and a panel Q&A. [Click here](#) to watch the virtual presentation live on April 26.

10th Annual Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon
Wednesday, May 5
12 - 1 p.m.
Virtual

Join the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County for the 10th Annual Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon. The Lewis Center has helped over 40,000 men, women, and children find the path to end their homelessness. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

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12 - 1 p.m.
Virtual

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women will host it's 20th Annual Community Baby Shower virtually. It's a little different, but we will not let COVID stop us from educating, supporting and advocating for pregnant moms. Virtual Education will take place from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Drive-up/pickup is from 1 -3 p.m. locations will be announced later. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Empower 21 Parent Conference: Making the Most of Every Interaction
Saturday, June 12
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Virtual

This full-day event will provide attendees an opportunity to grow in the areas of family engagement, early language support as preparedness to

Heart of the Matter: Mental Health during the pandemic and beyond
Wednesday, May 19
12 p.m.
Virtual event

In recognition of Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Care Month, local nonprofit and community leaders will be having a virtual conversation about the

Moments 2021: "Bubble" with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
May 7 - 8

Spring into Moments 2021 with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies reimagined celebration! Moments will look a bit different than years past - but will be equally as special. Instead of one big event, we are encouraging guests to

kindergarten, bridging the gap, assessment of young children, the importance of play and the power of communication. EMPOWER21 will also feature a virtual vendor exhibitor area accessible to conference attendees promoting networking opportunities and other valuable community resources. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

mental health landscape in PBC and the impact of the pandemic and recent social and racial unrest on our community's well-being. Panelists will discuss various types of trauma, how to foster resiliency skills, and local behavioral health initiatives and resources for adults, youth, families, veterans, and businesses. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

celebrate in smaller virtual or in-person "bubbles" to honor the women in your lives – the mothers, aunts, daughters, sisters and friends who make up your village. Moments 2021 invites hosts to create bubbles that can be in-person or virtual based on comfort level. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Florida Grade Level Reading: Learning Tuesdays Webinar
Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Virtual

Learning Tuesdays affirms the Florida Grade Level Reading Campaign's commitment to get better at getting better by learning with and from each other. We are using these webinars as a portal through which to access and explore the best science, ideas and programs. We expect to be informed, inspired and energized by an eclectic mix of presenters who will bring knowledge derived from research, practice and lived experience. [Click here](#) to learn more.

BRIDGES: Child Abuse Prevention Month
Throughout April

Join your local BRIDGES for virtual events that spread the message of Child Abuse Prevention Month. See the calendar at your nearest BRIDGES location to get involved! [Click here](#) to learn more.

Back to School PBC: Drive-Up Event
Saturday, July 24

Registration is now open for the 2021 Back to School PBC Drive-Up Event! Students can receive free school supplies and other resources by **registering online and entering the code: PBCOCR**. Registration is required. Students must reside in designated neighborhoods or mobile park homes in unincorporated Palm Beach County to be eligible to register. [Click here](#) to register.

Trainings

Strengthening Families Webinar: Concrete Support at the Federal Level: What You Need to Know about the American Rescue Plan's Child Tax Credit
Thursday, May 13
3 - 4 p.m.
Zoom

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 includes a historic one-year expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), providing much-needed concrete support to families with children. Register for this webinar to learn about the benefit as well as steps we can take to ensure

Webinar: The Importance of Early Learning in Palm Beach County
Tuesday, May 11
9 - 10 a.m.
Virtual Webinar

The Chamber of Commerce the Palm Beaches invite you to join this webinar about why early learning is so important and why every business and resident in Palm Beach County should be an avid early learning champion. During this webinar, you will learn about early learning, what's at stake, how the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County

May classes for pregnant and new parents with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
Throughout May 2021
Virtual

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County is here to support you through pregnancy with educational classes and groups. Register today for upcoming support groups and educational classes for pregnant and new parents like Small Steps, Great Parents classes and Circle of Moms. All are at no cost, but registration is required. [Click](#)

that this expanded benefit reaches the children who need it most, including children in Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and immigrant communities, and is made permanent. We will also hear from the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) and the Children's Trust Fund Alliance about new resources and opportunities related to Strengthening Families. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

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Access CSC's Learning Management System!

Have you logged in to the CSC Learning Management System lately? We have added a lot of new dates and courses for the spring and summer. Check it out by [clicking here](#).

The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old

June 4 - July 16
1 - 4 p.m.

Decades of research indicate that the early years of life are a period of exponential brain development, characterized by great opportunity and vulnerability, dependent on the relationships and environment in which the child is growing. This innovative workshop presents the information using lecture, hands-on activities and discussion to illustrate the comprehensive concepts every practitioner should know when working with young children and their families. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

ACEs: Trauma to Resilience Virtual

This 2.5 hour on-demand, online workshop provides an overview of the ACE study, the impact of ACEs, brain development, the results of ACEs, and how to build resilience. Participants will learn outcomes and findings of the ACEs study; the impact of ACEs over lifelong health; the definition of toxic stress and its impact on the developing brain; the results of ACEs and the importance of Resilience and how resilience is built. [Click here](#) to register or learn more about this workshop.

Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)
[CSC Employment](#)
[CSC Provider Agency Employment](#)
[Search for Trainings](#)

Do you have information for the MMU?

Email your MMU submission to mmu@cscpsc.org. [Click here](#) to review the MMU Submission Guidelines.

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