

Today's MMU: Impact the Palm Beaches Grant Opportunity

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Monday Morning Update June 5, 2023

News

Impact the Palm Beaches Grant Opportunity

Each year, Impact the Palm Beaches awards \$100,000 grants to qualified nonprofits in central and northern Palm Beach County with programs and projects that ignite transformational change in the community. Impact accepts grant proposals that focus on Arts and Culture, Education, Environment and Animal Welfare, Family and Health and Wellness. If you have a program or project, (new or existing), that will make an impact in Palm Beach County, they want to hear from you! Informational sessions will be hosted July 24, 26 and 28. See times and more information [here](#). The 2023-2024 Impact the Palm Beaches grant process officially opens on Monday, August 7 at 9:00 AM. To read more about the process, click [here](#), for timeline information, [click here](#), and eligibility, [click here](#).

Join ELC Reads: A FREE Early Literacy Program for Families

ELC Reads is a free early literacy program that provides a set of five books for caregivers and their little ones. All books will be mailed to families, along with activities to support early literacy. By signing up, families will also get access to exclusive workshops with the Early Learning Coalition's family engagement specialists. Books will be distributed over the course of four weeks and cater to families with children aged birth to three. [Click here](#) to register. Contact **561-231-5590** for questions.

The Sunshine State Says Goodbye to Diaper Tax

[HB7063](#) was recently passed into law and will permanently remove taxes on diapers and other baby essentials. There are still many Palm Beach County residents who struggle to afford baby basics. If you or someone you know is in emergency need of diapers, baby food or formula, please [click here](#) to learn more about Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County's Basics4Babies Emergency Pantry for Infants. To read more about the new law and other tax-exempt items in the Sunshine State, [click here](#).

Survey Opportunity with Nonprofits First

Nonprofits First invites you to please continue to improve their services and experiences by completing a survey. The survey is brief and should take no more than ten minutes. By completing the survey, your organization or company will have the chance to win either a \$250 credit toward future programs/membership or an Amazon gift card. [Click here](#) to access the survey, which closes on Friday, June 16.

Fearless Caregiver Conference Offers Limited FREE Tickets for Family Caregivers

Fearless Caregiver events provide attendees with hands-on support and training designed to help family caregivers overcome their caregiving challenges. A limited number of free tickets are being offered for the upcoming Boca-Delray Conference on July 20 at the South County Civic Center. To read more about the event, [click here](#). [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the event. To register, [click here](#) or call **954-362-8126**.

New Food Distribution Opportunities at Community Food Pantry's West Palm Beach Locations

Starting last Friday, June 1, CROS Ministries' Central Palm Pantry, located at First Christian Church, 215 S Congress Ave, in West Palm Beach has a Friday morning food distribution from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.. Their West Palm Beach Pantry is now a mobile pantry site in the parking lot of the Urban League Community Service Center, 2101 N. Tamarind Ave., in West Palm Beach. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. For a calendar view and listing of all pantry locations and times of operation, [click here](#).

Kids Free at Palm Beach Zoo Saves Money and Wildlife in June and July

Kids are wildlife-saving heroes at Palm Beach Zoo and are being celebrated with free all-day admission from June 1 through July 31. Two children, ages three to 12 get in free for each full-price adult admission. Children ages two and younger are always free at Palm Beach Zoo. Included with each admission, get up close with panthers by stepping into the new Candace S. & William H. Hamm III Everglades Conservation Center in the Florida Wetlands section of the Zoo. Simply purchase an adult ticket online or at the gate, and up to two children will be admitted at the gate with the adult. Read more and make purchases [here](#).

Students Ages 5-18 Called to Audition for Performance of Rapunzel

If you love to act, dance and sing and are between the ages of five and 18, Red Orange Theater Illustrations Drama Club invites you to audition for Rapunzel on June 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Dolly Hand/Palm Beach State College in Belle Glade. For more information, a flyer can be viewed [here](#).

Volunteer Program Opportunities for Ages 15 and Up at the Fuller Center

The Fuller Center is in need of volunteer mentors and tutors to help bridge the learning gap that many school age children have experienced as a result of the pandemic. Volunteers are always welcome and there are many ways to help! The biggest needs right now are homework helpers between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., mentors/buddies for children ages 5-12, one-on-one or small groups with on-site and remote opportunities, and pen pals and mentors for youth ages 16-22 enrolled in the Teen Leadership Program (both on- and off-site). For more information, view a

Students Speak Up for Kids Empowers Students to Stand Up for Kids in Foster Care

Looking for summer volunteer opportunities? Students Speak Up for Kids (SSUFK) is a division of Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County. Their mission is to empower local students with opportunities to serve and speak up for the children involved in the County's dependency court system. They do this through flexible community service projects, chapters of SSUFK at local schools and fun-filled in-person events. One of their most notable projects is Music Buddies - a program that pairs kids in foster care with student music teachers

Mentors Needed to Assist Children in Take Stock in Children Program

Do you aspire to be a role model? Are you passionate about making a positive impact on children's lives? Perhaps you had a significant mentor who influenced your life, and now it's your turn to pay it forward as a mentor for Take Stock in Children. As we prepare for the new school year, we require mentors from across Palm Beach County to assist our students. Apply now and participate in a mentor orientation to ensure you are prepared for the fall semester. Invest your heart in supporting students in the program, as every student who completes it and graduates high

volunteer mentor recruitment flyer [here](#). Except for special events and other select activities, regular volunteer hours are between 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are interested in any of the volunteer roles available, please complete and return the enrollment application, located [here](#).

Palm Beach County Mentoring Program Receives National Award

Palm Beach County's Level Up mentoring program received "Best in Category" recognition for Children and Youth Achievement from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The award honors innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents. Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County Youth Services Department and United Way of Palm Beach County's Mentor Center launched the Level Up Enhanced Mentoring Program in 2021 to offer mentoring opportunities for youth ages 11 to 19 who are involved with or at risk of entering the juvenile justice or dependency systems. Read more [here](#).

who then provide them with free virtual music lessons. To learn more about how to get involved with other incredible projects like this one, [click here](#).

Council Update: Children's Services Council Honored with United Way's Champion for Children Award

Children's Services of Council of Palm Beach County received a surprise Champion for Children Award this month at United Way of Palm Beach County's Heart of Palm Beach County: Celebrate the Impact ceremony, staff informed the board at its monthly meeting. The recognition is one of 22 that United Way awards community members, nonprofit agencies, donors and others who support the organization's mission. [Click here](#) to read more.

school receives a college scholarship. Upcoming virtual mentor orientation dates are June 8 at 5:30 p.m. and June 13 at 12:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to submit your online mentor application. Contact kbriard@takestockpalmbeach.org with questions.

CSC Seeks Applications for 2023 Great Ideas Initiative (GII)

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC) has released a funding opportunity seeking applications for the 2023 Great Ideas Initiative (GII). CSC's Great Ideas Initiative enables us to reach into the local communities and find those organizations and programs that are making a difference in the lives of children and their families. With grants up to \$40,000, it's our way of supporting new and creative ideas and programs designed to help families succeed...right where they are. Deadline for application submission is June 27 by 12:00 p.m. (noon). Those interested in submitting an application should [click here](#) to find the GII guidelines and instructions and to apply through Foundant. Any questions should be directed to bidsadmin@cscpbcc.org.



LOCAL CHILDREN EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH UNIQUE, COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC ART PROJECT

More than 30 children in the Lake Worth Beach community learned new and creative ways to express themselves last summer through a unique community public art project. To launch the project, the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County engaged Jose R. Mendez, a teaching artist at the Norton Museum of Art and creative director of R. Dot Arts & Creative Agency.

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Events

FREE Baby Shower for Expectant Moms

Tuesday, June 6
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Soma Medical Center
1402 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Bldg. 700
Royal Palm Beach

Expectant moms are invited to come celebrate their bundles of joy at this free event hosted by Soma Medical Center that includes educational resources and goodie bags with baby items. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with instructions on how to RSVP.

Daddy and Me Father's Day Celebration

Saturday, June 17
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Pavilion at Howard Park
1302 Parker Avenue
West Palm Beach

West Palm Beach Center for Arts & Technology invites you to join them for the next Daddy and Me program session in honor of Father's Day. They will be serving lunch, playing games and providing gifts for the fathers. Please share this information with the men in your life. They are looking for a few great men to honor and recognize on this special holiday for their hard work and dedication to their children. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the event and register.

Center for Child Counseling Events:

The Wisdom of Trauma Screening

Wednesday, June 7
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
The Breakers
1 S. County Road
Palm Beach

Join Center for Child Counseling for a screening of "The Wisdom of Trauma" to travel alongside physician, bestselling author and Order of Canada recipient Dr. Gabor Maté to explore why our western society is facing such epidemics. This is a journey with a man who has dedicated his life to understanding the connection between illness, addiction, trauma and society. Movie theatre-style snacks and refreshments will be served. Valet parking is available at no cost for the event. To read more and register, [click here](#). A \$25 registration fee applies.

FAIMH Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Chapter Meeting

Friday, June 9
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Hybrid: Opportunity Early Childhood Education and Family Center/Virtual
4171 Westgate Ave.
West Palm Beach

This meeting of Florida Association for Infant Mental Health is open to anyone who works with, or on behalf of, our youngest children and their families, and anyone who is interested in promoting infant mental health in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast. Director of Infant Mental Health program, Claudia Morona, will co-chair alongside Aruna Gilbert, Executive Vice President of Early Learning Coalition of PBC. For more

Men's Empowerment & Health Fair

Saturday, June 10
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pahokee Elementary School
560 E. Main Place
Pahokee

Get screened by medical professionals and learn best practices for men's health care, as well as resources available to support families. Free family activities, food and prizes available. To view a flyer for the event, [click here](#).

Young Voices & Advocates

Monday, June 26 to Friday, June 30
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Digital Vibe, Inc. - Conference Room
2635 Old Okeechobee Blvd.
West Palm Beach

Teens are invited to participate in this free, one-week Summer Civics program through Youth Empowered to Prosper, where they will engage with local, elected leaders and become effective advocates for issues that matter to them. Includes a field trip and light breakfast and lunch. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with a QR code to sign up.

information and to RSVP, [click here](#).

Recurring Events:

Summer Junk Hour, with Resource Depot

Tuesdays, June 13, 20, 27 & July 11 & 25

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Resource Depot

2508 Florida Ave.

West Palm Beach

Junk Hour is an open-ended summer class featuring six different workshops, each with a different theme to engage students with upcycled materials and open-ended play. The first theme is cardboard city and will utilize cardboard boxes and tubes to design a cityscape. Future themes include TP Animals, Outer Space, Underwater Creatures, Junk Robots and Make a House. These sessions are geared toward school-aged students. A small fee of \$20 per student applies. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Art Therapy Classes for Middle-School Students

Tuesdays: 7-week sessions

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Art Center

Tequesta

Group art therapy classes support mental health, peer relationships and overall well-being. The purpose of this program is to increase feelings of community and connectedness, build resilience and coping skills and decrease feelings associated with anxiety, depression, loneliness and/or stress. For each group cohort, a Center for Child Counseling therapist will partner with a Lighthouse ArtCenter art instructor to provide weekly therapeutic art activities from painting to pottery! The first session's topic is anxiety. [Click here](#) for the ArtClub schedule with a list of topics and registration form.

Black Under-Representation Initiative Task Force Meetings

Every last Wednesday of the month

10:00 a.m.

Virtual

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities invites you to join the Black Under-Representation Initiative meetings to discuss research that indicates black children are being misidentified, delay identified and under-identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Without proper identification, children will not receive access to evidence-based interventions to progress academically and socially, and parents and families will not receive the support and training needed to help their children. RSVP by calling **561-212-4930** or email cmckinney@fau.edu.

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 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, May - 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: June Educational Calendar

June events include educational classes for pregnant women, new parents and their support partners, maternal wellness support group meetings, childbirth classes, pregnancy and infant loss and Circle of Dads support groups and prenatal yoga. Many classes are offered in both English and Spanish with a virtual option. A calendar with details can be found [here](#).

Cultural Competency Training

Tuesday, June 6
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Children's Services Council -
Andersen Room
2300 High Ridge Road
Boynton Beach

OR

Wednesday, June 7
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tyke's & Teens, Inc.
3577 SW Corporate Pkwy.
Palm City

Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition presents this community training on cultural diversity with the purpose of building cultural competence. Understand how employees' culture and social context influence interaction with the community and how to use community culture elements to strengthen relationships by implementing research-based practices with ethnically diverse stakeholders. View a flyer [here](#) and [click here](#) to register.

ABCD's of Water Safety

Wednesday, June 7
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Greenacres Community Center
501 Swain Blvd.
Greenacres

This training is part of the City of Greenacres Let's Talk...A Series of Community Conversations. Drowning Prevention Coalition will present information such as the importance of adult supervision, beaches, boating and backyard safety as well as canal and drain safety. High school students that attend will receive three community service hours. Call 561-642-2090 to reserve a spot. [Click here](#) to view a flyer with more information.

Centering Humanity in our Journey as Diversity Informed Healers

Tuesday, June 27
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Virtual

Take a journey towards enhancing your diversity-informed practice with Dr. Barbara Stroud as she guides us to see ourselves through the lens of humanity...embracing that our humanity is our greatest healing tool. More than a training, this experience from the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health Training Academy will be a reflective exploration of the multiple identities that influence both providers and caregivers as healers. Dr. Stroud's training is open to all professionals who serve and support infants, toddlers and young children. It is right for direct service positions, managers/supervisors, leaders and policymakers. Continuing education (2 hours) for licensed clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors and psychologists will be offered by the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health. [Click here](#) to register. Late registration prices start June 5.

All About Guardianship

Wednesday, June 28
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Virtual

3Ts Parenting Workshops

Mondays, July 3, 10, 24 & 31
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Virtual

In-Person Play Therapy Series

Friday, July 14
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Opportunity Early Childhood

This workshop from Alpert Jewish Family Service will discuss the role of a professional guardian, process to obtain a guardian, how to plan for succession of a guardianship and skills to look for in a guardianship team. [Click here](#) to register by June 26.

The 3Ts – Tune In, Talk More, Take Turns- is a simple but powerful tool to help make the most of everyday interactions with children. Early Learning Coalition's 3Ts workshop shares resources that foster knowledge and build skills parents can use to promote foundational brain development. These workshops are for anyone who takes care of a child ages 0-3 years old. [Click here](#) to register.

Education and Family Center
4171 Westgate Ave.
West Palm Beach

Join Play Therapy experts with Center for Child Counseling to learn the language of the child through this new Play Therapy Series. The next workshop focuses on utilizing sand tray in play therapy, a powerful method in treating children and adults. This workshop will explore the fundamental theory, skills, tools and methods of sand tray play therapy through hands-on experiences that allow participants to explore the various elements of the sand tray process. Participants will be able to develop and practice basic skills for incorporating sand tray play therapy into their practice. To learn more about the event and to register, [click here](#). Includes 4 live contact APT CE hours. Upcoming workshops include Continuing the Practice, Addressing Trauma Through Play Therapy and Treating Trauma using TF-CBT.

United Way Trainings:

How to Change Your Stress to Strength

Wednesday, June 7
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Virtual

Everyone experiences stress. Our bodies are meant to feel stress and to react to it. Most people experience stress on a daily basis. Stress keeps us alert and ready to avoid danger. Stress results from things that impact upon us in the normal course of life. But what happens when our stress does not go away? Your body is only meant to handle stress in small bursts. Chronic stress can lead to serious problems, lowering your immune system and interfering with the proper functioning of your body's systems. Participants will learn what is stress and stress response levels, impact of stress, symptoms of stress, self-care and self-regulation skills and how to cope with stress. [Click here](#) to register.

Advanced ACEs: Building Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice Systems

Wednesday, June 14
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Virtual

In the absence of protective relationships, toxic stress in childhood impacts an individual's health and well-being across the lifetime. This workshop provides an overview of the ACE Study, trauma, toxic stress, PACEs, and the impact on health. Florida DJJ research, resilience, and building a trauma-Informed approach is also explored. By building the capacity of adults in our community to address this issue, we can nurture the social-emotional wellness of the next generation. And by shifting our perspective and recognizing that behaviors may be fueled by feelings a child may not be able to manage, we can build the foundation to help children impacted by adversity. [Click here](#) to register.

Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities Trainings:

Transition from High School for Middle School Students with ASD

Tuesday, June 13

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Virtual

It is never too soon to think about the future. During this training participants will discuss the transition process, guardianship, post-secondary pathways, transition programs for 18-22 year-olds, employment options, career and technical training, higher education, certificate programs, independent living skills, recreation and leisure, volunteering and safety. [Click here](#) to reserve a spot.

Keeping Children With Autism Safe

Tuesday, June 19
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Virtual

During the training, participants will learn about elopement prevention strategies and resources, understand how to support a child's safety in the home environment and in the community, obtain information about drowning prevention and swim lessons and review local and national agencies that offer safety supports and resources for children with ASD and their families. [Click here](#) to reserve a spot.

Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)
[CSC Employment](#)
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Do you have information for the MMU?

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

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