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Monday Morning Update February 16, 2021

Please note: Children's Services Council's offices were closed on Monday, February 15, for President's Day. Instead, we've released the Monday Morning Update today, Tuesday, February 16.

[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

Black History Month Reflections with Lake Worth West Residential Planning Group

Wednesday, Feb. 17

3 p.m.

Zoom

Meeting ID: 898 9464 2377

Passcode: 841296

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Notification of Funding Opportunity with PBC Division of Victim Services

This Notification of Funding Opportunity is for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' Public Safety Department – Division of Victim

Please join Lake Worth West for their inaugural Black History Reflections Program and hear from some of our black community leaders and why we must remember our black history. [Click here](#) for the Zoom meeting link.

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Services to solicit proposals from qualifying agencies to provide services related the OVW ICJR program. The Division of Victim Services, through the PBC Board of County Commissioners, will be applying for OVW ICJR funding to enhance the County's Coordinated Community Response to domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. We are seeking a Victim Service provider as a grant partner to help carry out the activities of the grant, if awarded. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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2,500 thermometers distributed to families in Palm Beach County

Prime Time Palm Beach County, in partnership with the United Way of Palm Beach County, distributed 2,500 thermometers to afterschool programs to provide to families with school-aged children. This would not be possible without the American Association for Caregiving Youth for making the connection to the anonymous donor. Prime Time has pivoted to offer its services and supports in a virtual capacity to ensure the safety of out-of-school time practitioners, children and families. [Click here](#) to learn more.

United Way of Palm Beach County Opens Taxes Filed Free Program

Get your taxes filed free, fast, safe and secure! If your household income was \$66,000 or less in 2020, United Way of Palm Beach County is offering virtual and socially distanced income tax preparation at 12 sites across the county. This service is supported by IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers. [Click here](#) or call 2-1-1 for all sites, to make an appointment and learn what items to bring.

Black History Month virtual activities with the Palm Beach County Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System is hosting virtual events that honor the heritage, contributions and achievements of the African American community. This year, although events are not in-person, the Library System invite you to participate in a wide variety of events accessible through Zoom. Register and join in for the live events, or enjoy the recordings on their digital events page. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Council declares January Mentoring Awareness Month

While the number of Palm Beach County children waiting for a mentor has decreased 23 percent from last year, more than 830 children remain on the wait list – seeking the friendship and guidance of a trusted adult. In Palm Beach County, about 5,000 children are assigned to mentors through the United Way of Palm Beach County's Mentor Center. Of those, nearly 1,800 are matched with mentors through 23 programs directly funded by Children's

Palm Beach County Youth Services accepting Summer Camp Scholarship applications

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department is accepting parent applications for summer camp scholarships beginning January 22 through April 2. The Summer Camp Scholarship Program offers eligible children, ages 5-14 and a special population up to age 17, a full scholarship to day camp for the entire summer. The scholarship includes all tuition and fees for children residing in families with

Services Council of Palm Beach County. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

income at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Parents may choose from participating camps in Palm Beach County. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

Children's Services Council Funding Opportunity

The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking to support our existing Healthy Beginnings (HB) System of Care that serves parents/caregivers of children birth to five and families expecting a child. Community-Driven Innovation (CDI) Services is a funding opportunity that gives communities the chance to determine for themselves what services or supports they need. We are looking to the community to tell us what these innovative options could, and should, be. The Service proposed must support parents or caregivers raising young children birth to five (0-5) and/or expecting a child and must serve Palm Beach County residents. Find more detailed information on the Scope of the Award; Eligibility Requirements; etc., on our website. A virtual Information Session will be held on February 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. **Deadline for submission is March 8, 2021, by 2:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to learn more.

William A. Cruickshank Scholarship

In March, the Palm Beach League of Cities' Scholarship Committee will award deserving high school seniors and municipal employees. Students planning a course of study in public service and employees continuing their educations in their fields are eligible. The Cruickshank Scholarship program provides scholarships of up to \$1,000* for expenses associated with academic endeavors to qualified high school seniors and expense stipends for municipal employees pursuing continuing education in these fields. We've also added a new category for non-high school, non-municipal employee, persons in school or training for governmental positions. **The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 19.** [Click here](#) to learn more.

Benefits Outreach Program with Palm Beach County Food Bank

The Benefits Outreach Program assists individuals and families with applying for federal food assistance benefits (SNAP). Palm Beach County Food Bank is one of only seven organizations in Florida that provide the DCF required federal food relief interview. This interview will be conducted during your meeting with one of our Benefits Specialists, who speak English, Spanish and Creole. [Click here](#) to learn more and to view the Benefits Outreach Calendar for February.



NEW videos on our YouTube channel!

From expert advice on if you should discipline your child, to helpful tips on connecting with your teen, watch our new videos on our YouTube page: [YouTube.com/cscppbc](https://www.youtube.com/cscppbc). Please share these new videos with your community partners and networks, as well as share on your social media channels! We will continue to add new video content for sharing weekly.



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Events

What goes on in the house, stays in the house: African-Americans and Mental Health

Thursday, Feb. 25

3 p.m.

Zoom webinar

The topic of mental health is often taboo in the African-American community. According to the Health & Human Services Office of Minority Health, Black Americans are just as likely to experience mental health problems as the general population, however significantly less likely to receive treatment due to lack of willingness, lack of access and quality of care. This session will offer a glimpse into the root of trauma and its consequences in the Black community while exploring the cultural challenges and barriers associated with seeking services. [Click here](#) to learn more.

3rd Annual Waste to Wonder Exhibition with Resource Depot

Through March 11

Open during regular business hours

The GallerE at Resource Depot

Baskets4Babies with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

March 1 – March 31, 2021

Virtual Event

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies invites all ages and groups to play along with Baskets4Babies - the agency's inaugural, completely virtual, crowdfunding event. Join a team or create your own and make a pledge of baskets to shoot during the month of March, while fundraising to support the mission of HMHB. Baskets can be made with a traditional basketball and hoop or by imagining creative ways to sink a shot – whether that's throwing paper into a recycling bin or dunking laundry into the hamper. Get started today! [Click here](#) to register and help support HMHB, one basket at a time!

Great American Cleanup 2021

Saturday, April 17

The Solid Waste Authority is now accepting registrations for the Great American Cleanup 2021.

Over the Edge: Fiscal Benefits Cliff Webinar

Friday, Feb. 26

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Virtual

Hear directly from Florida Legislators and community agencies on the Fiscal Benefits Cliff and what you can do to help. The purpose of this webinar is to increase participant's understanding about the fiscal benefit cliff, discuss how the "fiscal cliff" impacts economic mobility for individuals and families and discuss strategies that government and other organizations can use to address the issue. [Click here](#) to register.

Heroes 5K Run/Walk with Children's Home Society of Florida

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Okeeheliee Park

7715 Forest Hill Blvd.,

2508 Florida Ave.,
West Palm Beach

The 3rd Annual Waste to Wonder welcomes the new year in our GalleRE with fresh artwork and revived outlook. This group show features 21 artists who transformed found objects from Resource Depot's "Warehouse of Wonder" that sparked their individual curiosity and became inspiration for new works of art for this exhibition. This show takes a dive into the world of creative reuse to answer the question - What do the objects in our lives reveal about our values, our culture, and ourselves? This exhibition is free and open to the public. Masks required for entry. [Click here](#) to learn more.

You can have the option to do it on an alternative date if the date is in April or first Saturday in May only. Please indicate the alternative date on the registration form. Return your Site Registration Form by email by Friday, February 14, 2021, so that there is time to order your supplies and t-shirts. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

West Palm Beach
7:30 a.m.

Bring the whole family out for a beautiful day at Okeeheelee Park to include a timed run and kids fun run! Not only will you be helping us invest in the future of children in your community, you'll be joining us in honoring our everyday heroes, Palm Beach County firefighters and police. Virtual option also available so you can run anywhere anytime! [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

2021 Virtual Community Conversations: Your Voice, Your Needs

Feb. 18 and 23
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Virtual

Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures invites you to virtually join four upcoming Community Conversations in February. These conversations will address what's working, what's not working, and what's needed in our communities. Featured breakout groups include access to health and wellness, achieving success in higher education, social emotional learning, ensuring safety and justice, economic access and more. Youth, young adults, parents, guardians, community based agencies, local business, and more are invited. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.

Community Access Program with the Norton Museum of Art

The Norton Museum of Art is committed to making a visit to the museum welcoming, accessible, and enjoyable to all residents of the community. The regular price of admission should not be a deterrent for those who cannot afford to pay or are otherwise disadvantaged, and so the Community Access Program was formed. Working directly with Palm Beach County non-profits, civic organizations, and agencies, the Norton provides passes for free admission that may be distributed by these organizations to their clients and the populations they serve. [Click here](#) to learn more and to participate.

Trainings

Online Workshops to help college students destress and find success

Feb. 23, March 9, 23 and April 13
Virtual

Surviving college is already a challenge. But in the middle of a

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Free LifePlanning® Virtual Workshop on Assistive Technology in February

Wednesday, Feb. 24
2 p.m.
Zoom

When daily tasks are too difficult to accomplish, assistive

global pandemic?! That's why we're pleased to announce the Achieve Your Success workshop, created by Achieve's Post-High School Advising & Guidance Team.

This virtual series is open to any college-age student in Palm Beach County—regardless of whether they're even enrolled right now. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Introduction to Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health

Thursday, Feb. 25
English 12:30 p.m.
Spanish 2 p.m.
Virtual

The COVID-19 pandemic has made us realize how important our mental health is. Take 1 hour to learn what mental health looks like for babies & young children, and how to support them. This training with the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health is perfect for you if you wonder... "What is mental health in a baby or young child?" or "How do I help the children I care for have good mental health?" [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Upcoming Classes for Pregnant and New Parents with Health Mothers, Healthy Babies Online

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies is 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 here](#) to learn more and to register.

The class will begin on February 8 and end on March 17. Once you have completed your Eventbrite registration you will be emailed a link for the class. This free Zoom training for parents of children up to age 6 with autism covers topics such as, encouraging social communication, preventing problem behavior and resources. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

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TEACUP Premie Program Virtual Support Groups

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. - English
Thursdays, 6 p.m. - English
Mondays, 6 p.m. - Spanish
Virtual

The TEACUP Premie Program of The Children's Healing Institute announces a new schedule of twice-weekly virtual support groups for 2021! Moms and dads of premature infants can join other premie parents who understand what they're going through — because they're going through it too. Whether preemies are in the NICU or at home, the TEACUP Premie Program invites all to join in for this special time of learning, friendship, and hope. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)

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Do you have information for the MMU?

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

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