



## Monday Morning Update January 21, 2020

**Please Note:** Children's Services Council's offices were Monday, Jan. 20, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Instead, we've released the Monday Morning Update today, Tuesday, Jan. 21.

### News

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#### **United Way Launches 17th Year of Taxes Filed Free Campaign**

United Way of Palm Beach County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program officially begins its 17th year of service today, January 21, 2020, offering free and safe income tax preparation throughout Palm

#### **2020 Scholar Career Coaching Scholarship Opportunity**

Scholar Career Coaching is now accepting Scholarship applications from the class of 2020. Under the Scholar Career Coaching Scholarship Program, nonrenewable scholarships will be awarded to local high school

#### **Step Up for Students Reading Scholarship**

Is your public school child having trouble reading? If so, the Reading Scholarship can help. Step Up for Students is currently accepting Reading Scholarship applications for the 2019-20 school year. Applications are

Beach County to those with a 2019 household income of \$66,000 or less. The VITA Program helps Palm Beach County taxpayers save over \$1.6 million in fees had they used a tax-preparation service. Taxpayers receiving refunds through returns processed at VITA sites used the money to pay off debt, invest in education or housing, or open a bank account. VITA now offers three easy tax filing options: [click here](#) to learn more.

### **Palm Beach County Library System Presents Tournament for the Iron Throne 2020**

The Palm Beach County Library System will host a three-part series for lovers of the "Game of Thrones" book and TV series. The tournament will take place over the course of three Saturdays: **Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and 22**, at the Okeechobee Boulevard Branch. All events are sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Beach County Library System. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **Prime Time Palm Beach County now offers IACET Continuing Education Units to Out-of-School Time Practitioners**

The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) has awarded Prime Time Palm Beach County the prestigious accredited provider designation. Commencing this month, Prime Time will offer out-of-school time practitioners in Palm Beach County IACET

seniors graduating this Spring. [Click here](#) for details and to apply. Application deadline is **May 1, 2020**.

### **Register your 4-year-old for VPK with the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County**

Florida's VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) program is now taking applications for the 2020-21 school year. VPK is a free education program that prepares all 4-year-olds in Florida for kindergarten. The only requirement is their age and must live in Florida. When a parent or guardian applies for VPK, they will receive a voucher certificate to take to any preschool or public school in Florida that offers VPK. The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County administers this enrollment process and are happily answer any questions about VPK. [Click here](#) to learn more and register or call the Family Resource Line at 561.514.3300.

### **Palm Beach County Library System launches Express Collection**

The Palm Beach County Library System has added another digital collection for members to access via the cloudLibrary. In December 2019, the Library System added an option for Library members to borrow the latest and most popular e-books and e-audiobooks for a shorter loan period of seven days. This new

processed on a first-come, first-served basis in the order all documents are received. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

### **Apply today: OCR's FY-2021 Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program**

Palm Beach County's Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) is accepting applications for its Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) grants program. It provides grants of up to \$10,000 to neighborhood-based groups and/or organizations for resident-driven neighborhood improvement projects proposed within unincorporated Palm Beach County and the Lake Region municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee. [Click here](#) for details and to apply. Application deadline is **March 31, 2020**.

### **News and updates from the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County**

The Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County prevents drowning, near-drowning and other water-related incidents in Palm Beach County by educating residents on water safety and basic rescue techniques. [Click here](#) to see their latest news and updates in their newsletter.

Continuing Educations Units (CEUs) through its professional development training offerings. [Click here](#) to learn more.

offering gives members a swift and easy way to access popular and bestselling works of fiction and nonfiction at their fingertips. [Click here](#) to learn more.



## VIDEO: Expert advice on why touch is important for babies

[Watch this Ask an Expert video](#) and learn about the importance of physical touch for a baby from Dr. Neil Boris, an expert in infant mental health. For more information, local tips and expert advice, create a family profile today on [EveryParentPBC.org](#).

## Events

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### Job Fair with CareerSource Palm Beach County

Wednesday, Feb. 12  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Palm Beach Airport Holiday Inn  
1301 Belvedere Blvd.,  
West Palm Beach

Meet hiring businesses in Palm Beach County on Feb. 12, 2020! Companies are looking for job seekers just like you! Join CareerSource Palm Beach County February 12 for a job fair in West Palm Beach and speak with hiring businesses. Priority of service for veterans and persons with disabilities. To register, contact [ttwteam@careersourcepbc.com](mailto:ttwteam@careersourcepbc.com) or call 561.340.1060 ext. 2632.

### Save the date: R.E.A.C.H. Conference

Wednesday, April 29  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Palm Beach Airport Holiday Inn  
1301 Belvedere Blvd.,  
West Palm Beach

R.E.A.C.H. is an interactive business-to-business conference that provides real-life experiences and a practical guide on best practices for hiring, training and retaining individuals with disabilities. Held annually, this year's theme focuses on vision impairment and disabilities. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

### February events with the Palm Beach County Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System has planned a fun-filled February packed with events and activities! From kids crafts to book chats, there's something for everyone in the family. [Click here](#) to view the February calendar.

### Baby Shower with BRIDGES at Highland

Sunday, Feb. 2  
10 a.m. - noon

### Birth to 22: Continuing the Community Conversation

Feb. 4 and 18  
6 p.m.  
Multiple locations

### Dyslexia and Your Child: Understand and Impact Reading Struggles & Dyslexia Stimulation

Sunday, Jan. 26

BRIDGES at Highland invites all moms-to-be to its annual baby shower. This year's theme is an Alice in Wonderland tea party. To RSVP, please call Daphney at 561.899.1652.

Now is your chance to shape the future of youth in Palm Beach County by joining one of these upcoming community conversations. [Click here](#) to learn more. To RSVP, contact LaShonda Stevens-Lacey or Geeta Loach-Jacobson by phone at 561.242.5713.

12:30 - 2:45 p.m.  
West Boynton Branch Library  
9451 Jog Road  
Boynton Beach

Parents and teachers: Join us to learn how the science of reading can help your child or student. You will also have the chance to experience how it feels to have dyslexia. Beth Klein, Ph.D, will provide an educational talk and Tricia Gerard M.Ed., NBCT, C-SL/DI, will give a dyslexia simulation. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

**Confront Human Trafficking**  
Tuesday, Feb. 25  
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Community of Hope  
14055 Okeechobee Blvd.,  
Loxahatchee

Learn how you can be a part of the human trafficking solution and the how, why, where and who of human trafficking in our county. The event will show "Invisible," a film by a Place of Hope. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

**Glades Family Fun Fest**  
Saturday, Feb. 22  
1 - 4 p.m.  
Louis Butts Park (Lake Shore Park)  
1224 SW Ave. E Pl,  
Belle Glade

Families are invited to the 5th Annual Glades Family Fun Fest . This free family event includes bounce houses, rock climbing walls, DJ/dancing, jumbo games, community resources and more. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Free health literacy series with the Health Council of Southeast Florida**  
Jan. 21 and 28  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Healthier Jupiter  
1335 W. Indiantown Road, Suite B  
Jupiter

Take charge of your health and join the Health Council of Southeast Florida for one of their FREE health literacy series. Come and learn how to find, manage and understand the basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions for you and your loved ones. Workshops are free and after all three sessions are attended, participants will receive a certificate of completion. [Click here](#) for more details.

## Trainings

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### **New CSC Learning Management System and Trainings**

Children's Services Council of Palm beach County anticipates the roll out of our new Learning Management System shortly! In the meantime, we have posted training that will occur in the month of February on our current

**Filial Play Therapy**  
Friday, March 6  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County  
2300 High Ridge Road  
Boynton Beach

Filial Therapy is a highly-effective intervention that integrates family therapy with play therapy to

**Free training: Believing and Realizing the College Dream**  
Tuesday, Feb. 11  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
North County Support Center  
3661 Interstate Park Road North,  
Suite 100, West Palm Beach

Do you work or volunteer with middle school or high school students? This FREE workshop by

site. [Click here](#) to access and register for classes that interest you.

address child and family problems. Filial therapy was developed by Bernard and Louise Guerney and strives to enhance the child-parent (caregiver) relationship by empowering the adult in the relationship with new and innovative ways to interact with their child. Earn 7 CEU's and contact APTs (play therapy credits). [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

ECMC is for you! Learn how to offer the right tools and information to foster a college-bound attitude for 4th through 8th grade students and their families. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

**ACES, Trauma and Toxic Stress**  
Tuesday, March 20  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Children's Services Council of  
Palm Beach County  
2300 High Ridge Road  
Boynton Beach

This 4 hour intensive workshop will provide an overview, hands-on interactive learning, and strategies on becoming trauma-informed. [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

**Palm Beach State College  
IEECE Webinar: Parents  
Connecting with Pre-K Through  
Literacy**

Early literacy learning involves children practicing, thinking and talking about books or texts with their teachers and parents. Parents, watch this webinar to get practical ideas of how you can engage and support your child and his/her teacher on the journey of lifelong reading. Teachers, we encourage you to watch to get ideas on how you can further support parents in the future. [Click here](#) to access the webinar.

**Parent Cafe with Boys Town of  
South Florida**  
Jan. 21, Feb. 18  
Boys Town of South Florida  
607 S Main St.,  
Belle Glade

Parenting can be tough! Boys Town Common Sense Parenting (CSP) classes are here to help. If you have a child, chances are you've had your fair share of challenging days. Parents are invited to join in our fun and interactive classes. CSP classes can help you with balancing discipline and affection, praising your child's good behavior, reducing your child's problem behavior, power struggles between you and your child and effective communication. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**Fearless Caregiver Conference**  
Wednesday, Feb. 12  
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Carolyn Sims Center  
225 NW 12th Ave.,  
Boynton Beach

Find the support and resources you need at the Fearless Caregiver Conference: interact with caregiving experts, have your questions answered, get support when you want it, find balance while caregiving, legally protect your loved ones and more. Limited FREE tickets for family caregivers. Lunch is

**Domestic violence weekly  
support groups**  
12 session minimum  
Tuesday or Wednesday nights  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
2840 6th Avenue South  
Lake Worth

These domestic violence weekly support groups through HomeSafe and the SateyNet program are for adults (English and Spanish speaking) and teens and children (ages 6-17). Childcare is available (0-5 years old) Meals for all children will be offered prior to group. Limited transportation available. New clients accepted weekly.

**Domestic Violence support  
groups**  
12 Session Minimum  
Wednesdays  
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26  
March 5, 11, 18, 25  
April 1, 8, 15, 22  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Center for Family Services  
Conference Room  
4101 Parker Ave.,  
West Palm Beach

The Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County offers free support groups for adult women survivors of domestic violence. [Click here](#) for more

provided. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Services and support groups are offered year-round. Individual Therapy available. Please call for Intake Appointments at 561.383.9800 ext. 1238 or 1240, or [brianmccarey@helphomesafe.org](mailto:brianmccarey@helphomesafe.org)

information. To register, call 561.616.1222.

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## Additional Resources

[Visit the CSC website](#)

[CSC Employment](#)

[CSC Provider Agency Employment](#)

[Search for Trainings](#)

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## Do you have information for the MMU?

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

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