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This First Friday newsletter connects you with virtual resources and information to help you better serve families by connecting with one another in our shared mission to build a community where all children thrive.

8th Annual Summit on Children 2022

Thank you to all who attended the 8th Annual Summit on Children held on November 3. The hybrid event was a great success with more than 150 attendees. This year’s program: Paving a
Positive Path Forward: Defining Our Children’s Success

included special guest speakers

Dr. Sally Karioth from Florida State University, College of Nursing, Cecka Rose Green, Executive Director of the Children Services Council of Leon County; Rocky Hanna, Superintendent for Leon County Schools; Sheriff Walt McNeill, Leon County Sheriff’s Office and Elizabeth Gaines, Executive Director of Children's Funding Project. Special thanks Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare for sponsoring the event.

Captain Lakisha Snow, Sheriff Walt McNeill and Assistant Sheriff Argatha Gilmore

Superintendent Rocky Hanna

Cecka Green, Courtney Atkins, Kim Kelling, Dr. Sally Karioth, Dr. Louis St. Petery, Ed Feaver, and Bryan Gibson

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Leadership and Advocacy Award

In recognition of your leadership, dedication and advocacy
Dr. Louis St. Petery
Pediatrician and Child Advocate

Dr. Louis St. Petery Receives Leadership Award

First Annual Whole Child Whole Oyster Roast

Whole Child Leon held the First Annual Oyster Roast Fundraiser with live and
The Children’s Services Council of Leon County (CSC Leon) issued 29 contracts to fund the expansion of 30 existing programs during summer 2022. These one-time, short-term investments totaled $1,565,481.69 across the three priority areas and were projected to impact more than 10,000 children, youth and families. Funding was used to provide summer learning opportunities to keep kids engaged and off the streets, as well as overcome transportation barriers, improve data collection, enhance hands-on learning, build workforce readiness skills, provide creative spaces for career exploration, improve access to mental health resources, and better educate the community on societal needs including recognizing the signs of and responding to human trafficking situations.

This first funding cycle reinforced that there is no one, stand-alone solution to address childhood concerns and support youth development. Rather, there are several solutions, many of which are interrelated and reliant on one another to result in positive impacts on child and family well-being, and promote student achievement. The solutions levied this summer crossed over priority areas and worked because providers—including business, industry, nonprofits and faith-based providers—intentionally collaborated together.
Tallahassee Housing Authority Celebrates the Orange Avenue Residential Community Groundbreaking!
Housing Commissioners and Special Guests enjoy the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Brenda Williams, Tallahassee Housing Authority Executive Director and Kendal Jones, Chair Housing Board of Commissioners

EVENTS

JOIN US!
Film Screening on Friday, November 11 at Cascades Park
7:30-9:00 PM
Equity Tallahassee Leon & the City of Tallahassee invite you to this special documentary screening and to announce the launch of a youth-led initiative to explore how to foster healthy conversations about race and racism.

Register for this Free Event

Training Opportunity

Join the FSU College of Medicine Center for Behavioral Health Integration for Pediatric Eating Disorders: Screening Tools, Risk Factors, and Resources on November 7th, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

Johanna Kandel, the Founder/CEO of The National Alliance for Eating Disorders and Dr. Kelsey M. Latimer, the Director of Clinical Services at ViaMar Health, will be discussing ways to improve both screening and treatment of eating disorders in the pediatric population.
28 November
We hope you can join us

#COMMUNITYCONVERSATION

Monday, November 28 12:00-1:00pm VIA ZOOM

Registration Available Soon

Organic Blue Fest 2023
On Monday, May 19 - 21, the Organic Blue Presents: Blue Fest
Pick your favorite blueberries with your friends & family at the Jubilee Orchards
(12008 Miccosoukee Road)
How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character
By Paul Tough

Only One You
By Linda Kranz

"Enjoy the little things and you may look back & realize that those were the big things" - Robert Brault

STAY ENGAGED.
We convene several workgroups, policy committees and action teams. If you want to get involved with one, contact us.

- Early Childhood Education & Empowerment Committee
- Breastfeeding Policy Workgroup
- Community Screening Team
- Children's Week TLH Planning Committee

Volunteer

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