



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Back-to-School Safety Fair
August 18, 2007
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
LAKE SQUARE

Central Florida KIDFEST & FAMILY EXPO
Saturday, September 29, 2007 9:00am - 2:00pm
Celebration of Praise Church of God
3700 South US Hwy. 27 Clermont, FL 34711 (352) 394-2855

Early Childhood Association of Florida 52nd Annual Conference
SAVE THE DATE!
September 27-29, 2007
Double Tree Hotel
Orlando, Florida
Make plans now to attend the Early Childhood Association of Florida's 52nd Annual Conference: Children our Concern in Orlando, FL on September 27-29, 2006.
For more information or to register for this conference, please visit www.eca2007.org or call 1-866-322-6335.

Seminar For Women
Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007
8:00 am - 1:30 pm
Open to all women age 13 and over
Lake Square Presbyterian
10200 Morningside Dr.
Leesburg, FL (off Radio Road)
Telephone 352-728-1620
Isaac Deas - 352-406-1264
Co-Sponsored by Parent Mitchell Staff Bonds

2007 CSC MEETINGS
Wednesday, August 15, 2007
Wednesday, September 19, 2007
Wednesday, October 17, 2007
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Know someone who volunteers to help kids in your community? Print off our form and nominate them for Volunteer of the Month. You can find the form on our website @ www.lakecountyfl.gov/csc

Do you know a kinship caregiver in need of information, assistance and emotional support? Call the Statewide Warmline @ 1-800-640-6444

Check out our website @ www.lakecountyfl.gov/csc. You can access the CSC monthly calendar, our Resource Directory, and most recent newsletter!

FEEDBACK
Ideas, suggestions, information for future articles are always welcomed!
Contact Rebecca Foley-Kearney
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To find out what's happening in Lake County...access the website @ www.lakecountyfl.gov

SUMMERTIME: KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

SUMMER SUN SAFETY TIPS & SUN FACTS
 July is UV Safety Month and we would like to share some safety tips and facts with you!

- SUN FACTS**
- On average, children get 3-times more exposure than adults.
 - One blistering sunburn can double a child's lifetime risk of developing skin cancer.
 - You can sunburn even on a cloudy day.
 - Concrete and water reflect 85% to 90% of the sun's UV rays.
 - More than 1.2 million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in the U.S.

- SAFETY TIPS**
- Seek shade, especially between 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
 - Apply sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher whenever outside & reapply often...especially after swimming, perspiring or toweling off.
 - Use products that contain ingredients like Avobenzone (Parsol 1789) or zinc oxide to protect skin against both UVA and UVB radiation.
 - Protect your eyes with sunglasses that block 99-100% of UVA and UVB rays. Wear a wide-brimmed hat.



- Don't wear heavy, dark-colored clothes.
- Stay away from beehives and wasp nests.
- If you feel too hot, tired or dizzy, get out of the sun right away and tell an adult.

- SWIMMING SAFETY TIPS**
 When you are swimming, keep these tips in mind:
- Never swim during a storm or when there is lightning.
 - Never swim alone. Always use the buddy system.
 - Swim only in safe, guarded areas.
 - Know how deep the water is.
 - Don't dive or jump into water that is not at least 12 feet deep.
 - Don't run around a pool, push people in or dunk other swimmers.
 - Don't chew gum or eat food while swimming, diving or playing in the water.
 - Take swimming lessons.

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LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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CSC RECEIVES SENATOR'S PROCLAMATION



Mike Matulia, CSC Vice Chair, Will Pruitt & B.E. Thompson, CSC Chair

The Lake County Children's Services Council was awarded A Florida Senator's Proclamation by Senate President Ken Pruitt and Senators Daniel Webster, Nan H. Rich & Durell Peaden, Jr. honoring Jeppesen VisionQuest and the many eye-care professionals throughout the State, who have joined together to provide critical vision care for needy children.

The award was presented by local child advocate Will Pruitt, brother of Senate President Ken Pruitt.

CABINET TO FOCUS ON CHILDREN'S NEEDS

By Bill Cotterell ~ Tallahassee Democrat ~ July 12, 2007

The sponsor of legislation creating a "children's cabinet" said Wednesday the panel will focus legislative attention on health, education and development needs of Florida's young people.

Rep. Loranne Ausley, D-Tallahassee, said she would like to serve on the 15-member board, which will work with state agencies to present recommendations in future legislative sessions. She said she has spoken with Gov. Charlie Crist about his personal involvement in the project, as well as with Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink and House Speaker Marco Rubio, R-West Miami, who have designees on the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet.

Crist held a ceremonial signing of Ausley's bill (HB 509) at Kids in Distress, a Broward County agency that provides early intervention and treatment for victims of child abuse. Sen. Nan Rich, R-Weston, the Senate sponsor of the bill, also attended the event in Wilton Manors.

"We have an obligation to protect the most vulnerable among us, our children," Crist said. "I am confident the children's cabinet will streamline the distribution of critical services to ensure that Florida will remain the best place to grow up."

Ausley said that many legislators and state agency officials "have worked for a long time to get kids a seat at the table" in Tallahassee.

"Today, we're giving them the table - here's a whole cabinet that will be working for their needs," she added.

The group will be chaired by the governor, secretaries of the Departments of Juvenile Justice and Children and Families, Agency for Health Care Administration and directors of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Other members include the state education commissioner, surgeon general, chief child advocate and director of the guardian ad Litem office. Crist will appoint five members from children-advocacy agencies.

The children's cabinet will meet six times a year in public forums across the state.



July 12, 2007

Dear Friend of Children,

People across the United States have told us they want leaders to do more for children. Over the past month, we've conducted polls of likely primary voters and caucus participants in Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina, as well as a national sample of likely general election voters. The results of all five polls provide a snapshot of where voters stand on children's issues, how well they think political leaders address these issues, and the investments they want elected leaders to make on children's behalf. Here are some of the key findings from the polls:

Voters across the country (72% total) believe that political leaders are not doing enough to ensure the health, education and well-being of children and that the next President and Congress need to give a higher priority to the country's children and spend less time on other issues (76% total). This concern permeates voters regardless of partisanship or region of the country.

Nearly half of voters nationally say that the health, education and well-being of children in America in the last 10 years have gotten worse (45%).

A significant share (38%) of voters say children's issues will be more important to them personally in the presidential election than in past elections. Children's issues will play a greater role with Independents (46%) than either Democrats (35%) or Republicans (33%). Independents also are most pessimistic that when today's children in the United States grow up, they will not have the same opportunities that the current generations had (59% pessimistic compared to 40% of Democrats and 40% of Republicans).

For more information about the polls, please visit <http://www.everychildmatters.org/2008/combination-analysis.html>.

To learn what the candidates are saying about children, and to learn how you can help, go to <http://www.everychildmatters.org/2008/index.html>.

As adults we need to be what we want children to be, see what children need us to see. Believe in those who refuse to believe, give to those who need to receive. Listen to those who feel they know the way, but hear those who fear they have nothing to say. ~ Carl Boyd ~

SPOTLIGHT ON...



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF LAKE & SUMTER COUNTY
BETH WORK, CHIEF PROFESSIONAL OFFICER**

"Our mission at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lake and Sumter Counties is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. We are able to do that due to the generous support of community agencies like the Children's Service Council. The funds from the CSC help support our physical fitness program, known as "FIT." The "FIT" project serves 200 youngsters ages 5-18, and helps them to develop healthy nutrition and physical activity habits.

Projects like this help give our members a well-rounded group of activities to participate in at our Clubs.

Through generous support from the CSC and other community agencies, we continue to assist our youth in developing into the community leaders we need and want throughout our country."

LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL—COUNCILOR JULIE YANDELL, DISTRICT 1

"My husband Bill & I relocated from Charlotte, North Carolina on Thanksgiving 1983. We had the opportunity to go into business for ourselves, and we chose Leesburg to enjoy lakefront living for the first time in our lives. I saw my first alligator the day after the moving van unloaded our things. What I didn't know is the elderly couple we bought the house from had been feeding them! Our daughter Caroline, husband Scott & grandson Bradford reside in Birmingham, AL. Our son, Chris and his fiancée Amy reside in a privately run group home with five housemates in Charlotte, NC.

I had the privilege of serving as recording secretary for the initial study group to form the first Children's Commission in 1991. In addition to my current term, I served as representative from 1998-2000. It is very rewarding to be a part of something that you worked on so long ago, and to know first hand, the committee is still making a positive difference in the lives of Lake County children!"

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA TO ASSIST LAKE COUNTY WITH CONDUCTING SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

University of Central Florida's Center for Community Partnerships (CCP) is conducting a social services needs assessment for Lake County with their second focus group at the Lake County Children's Services Council monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 15th.

Local agencies and programs that provide children's services to Lake County are encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information, call or email Rebecca Foley-Kearney @ 352.742.6520 (or) rkearney@lakecountyfl.gov.

Robbie Hollenbeck, Director of Citizen Support Services, is coordinating the needs assessment for Lake County. "What this assessment will try to do is identify the current social services as they exist in Lake County across four categories: elder services, children and family services, health related services and other social services," Hollenbeck said. "The social services we are trying to access are countywide, including state, county and municipal governments, individual agencies and not-for-profit organizations."

By determining the level of services currently available, the Department of Community Services will be able to identify what social services gaps exist today and be better able to predict what future concerns may also exist. The focus groups are targeting agencies that help provide the specific social services for the community.