

## **Marion County Children's Alliance Monthly Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2010**

### **Invocation:**

Given by Ken Nelson, Interfaith-Food4Kids

### **Introductions:**

Scott Hackmyer asked new attendees to introduce their organizations.

### **Minutes:**

No corrections to the July minutes and approved as written.

### **Coordinator's Report:**

Mike Jordan addressed upcoming events.

A "Charity of the Month" cookout will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the last Friday of each month at Highland Memorial Park, 1515 NE Third Street, Ocala (2 blocks behind the Cascades Office Complex) beginning with August 27<sup>th</sup>. Marion County Children's Alliance will benefit from this first event.

A professional pollster has created a Community Leaders Survey pertaining to the Alliance to be posted on Survey Monkey in the near future.

The Alliance will hold their Tri-Annual Board meeting on Wednesday, September 1st. It is open to the public and an effort will be made to hold it to the 1-1/2 hr. as with the regular monthly meetings.

The Wednesday, October 6th meeting will host a Candidate Forum.

Save the Date: Wednesday, October 27th for the "*Children First*" Annual Breakfast at the Hilton. The Alliance Directory is currently being updated. It is distributed at the Alliance's Annual breakfast. To be added or to update your organization's information fax the form to 438-5994. The form can be found on the Alliance website: [www.mcchildrensalliance.org](http://www.mcchildrensalliance.org) on the left scroll down to: FORMS, then click on "Alliance Annual Directory Request."

At the Wednesday, November 3rd meeting there will be a Provider Fair.

Get Fit Ocala brought to you by the General Mills grant – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 coming to Silver Springs Shores & Reddick. For more information call Gerry Brent at 438-5995.

Back-To-School Bash, Saturday, August 14, Ed Croskey Center, 1510 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St., Ocala, FL from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., sponsored by Marion County Children's Alliance, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. and City of Ocala.

### **Speaker:**

Mr. Hackmyer stated that Devereux Kids will be the beneficiary of the September Charity Cookout at Highland Memorial Park. If your organization would like to participate or become a beneficiary, please contact Beverly Brown at 369-1020.

Scott introduced Roseann Fricks, Executive Director of Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. (ELC) to help explain the difference between VPK, PreK, Kindergarten, Head Start and Subsidized Care. The mission

of ELC is to provide leadership and foster partnerships to optimize a quality early learning environment for children through childcare, voluntary pre-kindergarten and parent education.

A short video was shown called: Change the First Five Years and You Change Everything

Krissy Howell, Success by 6 Manager spoke about the following programs: Powerful Parenting, Caring through Cribs, Imagination Library and Pajamas & 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Books for Bedtime.

A question and answer session was held. Early Learning's number is 369-2315.

Brandi Cooney, Childhood Development Services (CDS) spoke on Head Start, Early Head Start, Teen Parent and State Mandated Training for child care providers. A PowerPoint clip was shown. Brandi can be reached at 629-0055 x 353.

### **Roundtable:**

- \* Scott Hackmyer, Devereux Kids, 598-1848 – West Ocala newsletter deadline is this Friday.
- \* Carolyn Torey, a parent 867-7925 or 840-5464, cdthouse@cox.net – can help with parents working through the IEP process.
- \* Meghan Shay, the Centers, 291-5462 – Healing Heart, Witness the Healing Power of Art, September 12-October 10 at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, 4333 E. Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, FL.
- \* Danielle Damato, Kids Central, Inc., 873-6332, [www.kidscentralinc.org](http://www.kidscentralinc.org) – has a number of event flyers on the handout table.
- \* Connie King, 629-0055 x228 – is now working at CDS doing education.
- \* Rashad Jones, Health Dept., 629-0137 – reminder Teen Pregnancy meeting on Thursday, 8/26 at 11:00 a.m., Health Dept., Coleman Center.
- \* Diana Scroggie, Kimberly's Cottage, 572-4323, DianaS@kimberlyscottage.org – Heart & Soul, Southern Hospitality will be held on 8/12, 7-10 p.m., Gateway Bank. Also, The Highlands Memorial Park Charity Cookout on 10/29 will benefit The Marion County Children's Advocacy Center Inc. - Kimberly's Cottage.
- \* Evelyn James, Health Dept., 629-0137 – Get Fit Ocala, 6 week Family Challenge September 11-October 24.
- \* Lola Gonzalez, 361-6050, Devereux Kids – 2 upcoming fundraisers, one middle of October and the other November 11. More to come!
- \* Ken Nelson, 620-8239 – reminder Interfaith-Food4Kids will be restarting soon.
- \* Monica Bryant, Marion County Children's Alliance, 438-5993 – reminder Alliance monthly newsletter deadline is next Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Jim Bullock, Marion County Children's Alliance, 438-5997 – The Detention Center is collecting peanut butter.

\* Adrian Fletcher, Workforce Connection, 840-5700, ext 5500 – West Ocala Green Jobs Program, Pathways Out of Poverty funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. View videos on Green Jobs at: [www.youtube.com/WorkforceCLM](http://www.youtube.com/WorkforceCLM)

\* Herb Dupree, Howard Academy Community Center, 629-7082 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival, 9/25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., 306 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala, FL.

\* Judy Wilson, Domestic Violence Center, 622-8495 – cuts are coming, donations are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

### **Future Alliance Meetings**

Family Violence Prevention	Monday August 9 – 11:00 a.m., Sheriff's Office
M.C. Disability Alliance	Tuesday, August 10 – noon, ARC Marion
Faith Community Network	Wednesday, August 11 – noon, OPD
Safe Kids Coalition	Friday, August 13 – 9:00 a.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr. Conf. Rm.
Mentoring Workgroup	Wednesday, August 18 – 11:30, Jail Admin. Conf. Room
Childhood Nutrition	Monday, August 23 – 9 a.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr. Conf. Rm.
Grant Advisory Workgroup	Thursday, August 26 – 11:00 a.m., OPD
Teen Pregnancy	Thursday, August 26 – 11:00 a.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr.
Tobacco Coalition	Thursday, August 26 – 4 p.m., Health Dept. Coleman Ctr. Conf. Rm.
Board of Directors	Wednesday, September 1 – 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg.
Alliance Monthly Meeting	Wednesday, October 6 – 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg.
<b>Alliance Annual Breakfast</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 27 – 7:30 a.m., Hilton Hotel</b>