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Local, State and National News About Children and Families

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The Children's Board vision: Hillsborough County will be recognized as one of the top places in the nation to raise children. Read the stories below for examples why it is achievable...

CHILDREN'S HOME TO HOST SWEETHEART EVENT TO HONOR FOSTER PARENTS

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/education/teachers/county-chooses-its-top-teacher/1069084>

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/jan/29/na-county-celebrates-excellence-in-education/>

On Saturday, Feb. 13, The Children's Home, Inc. will host its 2nd annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart Bowling event at Pin Chasers Bowling Alley located at 4847 N Armenia Avenue in

Tampa. The event will celebrate the commitment and dedication of Tampa Bay's unsung sweethearts: foster parents. More than 300 foster parents and children and 200 potential foster parents and guests are expected to attend. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Event sponsors include: Hillsborough Kids, Inc., the **Children's Board of Hillsborough County**, and Pin Chasers.



The event is an important part of a concerted effort to appreciate and encourage foster families who open their homes and their hearts to children in the child welfare system. It is also a way to bring awareness to the community that there is a need for additional foster families to care for children in need of a forever family. Gerard Veneman, President and CEO of The Children's Home, Inc. said, "This is our small way of saying 'thank you' to these parents who provide a safe home and a caring family for abused and neglected children and a chance to get the word out that we need many more to join them." The organization hopes local media coverage of the event will bring awareness to the need for more foster families in addition to honoring current foster families in the community.

In Hillsborough County there are approximately 2,600 children with verified findings of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Approximately 1,000 children in Hillsborough County live in licensed foster care. The Tampa Bay area needs families that can provide temporary care for these special children. For more information about becoming a foster parent call Ginger Martin at 813-864-1459 or to get involved at The Children's Home log on to www.childrenshome.org.

The Children's Home, Inc. is a 501 (C)(3) not-for-profit organization with roots that can be traced back to 1892. The Children's Home provides child and family focused programs and services to over 7,000 individuals each year by *healing the trauma of abuse and neglect* for over 120 children living on our residential healing campus; *finding and supporting forever families* through foster care, adoption and kinship services; and *strengthening families* through outreach, prevention and intervention services.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ACHIEVE THE DREAM STORIES AFTER HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

Following are is a local story in the past week about relief and caring concerning the Haitian earthquake tragedy and its aftermath:

Clothing donations to St. Peter Claver – Here is information on more organizational efforts to support Haiti Relief and Recovery efforts: Local clothing donations are accepted 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 - 11 a.m. Friday at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 1203 N. Nebraska Avenue, Tampa - (813) 223-7098. Donations also can be made directly to United Way of Tampa Bay.

University Area collects clothes, donations– Volunteers organized donations of clothing during a relief effort for Haiti involving a coalition of organizations at the University Community Resource Center on Saturday. See

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/tampa-volunteers-keep-spirits-up-while-collecting-goods-for-haiti/1066114>

PROGRAM RECRUITS MEN TO BE TEACHERS, ROLE MODELS

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/jan/18/na-program-recruits-men-to-be-teachers/>

When Clifford Brady walked the halls of Roland Park Elementary some 35 years ago, students knew their hair had better be combed and their shirts clean. One of them was Lionel Bryant, a sixth-grader who would grow up to work with students at the same school. "When I looked at that

powerful African-American educator, I said, 'Wow!' said Bryant, 46. "It was a 'Wow!' factor." There weren't many men teaching in those days - especially black men. There aren't today, either. Of 15,162 certified teachers in Hillsborough County Public Schools, only 3,008 - about 20 percent - are men. Only 453 are black men - 3 of every 1,000 teachers in a district where 220 students in 1,000 are black. To help recruit and retain more men in the classroom, the district has tapped into a new state program, "Call Me MISTER." MISTER stands for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models. Created at South Carolina's Clemson University, the program was designed to attract men to the teaching field. Nationally, men make up less than 2 percent of the profession. Florida's program began in 2008 and is focused on increasing the pool of minority educators to teach in elementary schools. "I'm really excited about it," said Quincenia Bell, Hillsborough's recruitment director. "This targets African-American men with a passion for the younger child."

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LOCAL/COUNTY NEWS & FEATURES

TUNE IN TO CBHC RADIO – THIS WEEK’S FEATURED PROGRAM: IMAGINATION LIBRARY



http://www.childrensboard.org/cbhc_radio.aspx

Tune in to **CBHC Radio**, the 24/7 Internet radio station of the **Children’s Board**. Also tune in to hear programming that regularly includes book shows, classical music and discussions from the national “Best of Our Knowledge” and “51 Percent.” This week’s featured program is the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of the Hillsborough County Public Library System. The Imagination Library is a program funded by the **Children’s Board**.

READ ABOUT NICHOLAS, THIS WEEK’S ‘WEDNESDAY’S CHILD’ ADOPTABLE FOSTER KID

<http://www.wtsp.com/life/community/adoption/>



Each week, 10 News profiles a special needs child waiting for a "Forever Home." You can see Wednesday's Child each Wednesday during 10 News This Morning, 10 News at Noon, and 10 News at 4 p.m. See this week's story on Nicholas at

<http://www.wtsp.com/life/community/adoption/story.aspx?storyid=123074&catid=23>.

Wednesday's Child is proudly sponsored by the [Children's Board](http://www.childrensboard.org) and the Heart Gallery of Tampa Bay (www.dreamsworthgrowing.com).

CHECK OUT LOCAL ONLINE PARENTING NEWS, BLOGS, EVENTS

tampabay.com's Whoa, Momma - <http://blogs.tampabay.com/moms/>

tbo.com's Moms - <http://www2.tbo.com/lifestyles/moms/>

Ch. 8's Connect with Kids - <http://www.connectwithkids.com/>

Ch. 10's Moms Like Me - <http://tampabay.momslikeme.com/members/exploregroups.aspx?p=134>.

HEALTHY BABY CAMPAIGN USES TEXTS TO REACH MOTHERS

http://www.abcactionnews.com/news/national/story/Healthy-baby-campaign-uses-texts-to-reach-mothers/ys_E5i9oFUOt4WWTIfBKJg.cspX

Health education is about to meet the information age. Expectant mothers now have a new tool to help keep themselves and their babies healthy: pregnancy tips sent directly to their cell phones. Sponsors say the so-called text4baby campaign is the first free, health education program in the U.S. to harness the reach of mobile phones. Sponsors include Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, WellPoint and CareFirst BlueCross and Blue Shield. Wireless carriers including AT&T, Verizon and Sprint have agreed to waive all fees for receiving the texts. Organizers say texting is an effective means of delivering wellness tips because 90 percent of people in the U.S. have cell phones. Studies in Africa, Latin America and India have shown that periodic texts can reduce smoking and other unhealthy behaviors in pregnant mothers. Text4baby was expected to be announced the morning of Feb. 4 by officials from the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy.

FUNDING FOR 1ST-TIME HOMEBUYERS NEEDING DOWNPAYMENT, CLOSING COST HELP

Hillsborough County's Affordable Housing Department will be releasing \$1.18 million on Friday, Feb. 5, to help eligible residents in unincorporated Hillsborough County, Temple Terrace and Plant City buy their first home through its First-Time Home Buyer Program. The First-Time Home Buyer Program provides income eligible residents with deferred payment loans for downpayments and closing costs and helps residents get mortgage financing with private lending institutions. As is standard procedure, only eligible lenders, not residents, must submit applications in person to reserve a portion of the funds. The application will be available at the Affordable Housing Department office at 1208 Tech Blvd., Suite 300, in Tampa on Friday, Feb. 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m. No email, telephonic, or fax submissions will be accepted. The lenders can then assist residents that they applied for complete the program. Applications are approved on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible to participate in this release of funds, lenders must attend a mandatory Certified Lender Partner Workshop, offered at the Cooperative Extension offices at 5339 S. County Road 579 in Seffner, Florida, on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 2-4 p.m. Applications will only be received from lender organizations designated as a Certified Lender Partner, as a result of attending the mandatory workshop. Additional program details and requirements will be covered at the Lender Workshop and are listed on the Affordable Housing First Time Home Buyer Program website at: <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice> and then click on "First Time Home Buyers." For more information, contact Judy Jones of the Affordable Housing Department at 813-272-6680 or via email at jonesj@hillsboroughcounty.org.

EXTREMELY PRETERM BABIES ARE AT RISK FOR VISION IMPAIRMENT

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/health/article1067230.ece>

While survival rates of extremely preterm babies are rising, so is the incidence of vision problems related to prematurity, including blindness. Eye doctors and others who serve the needs of the visually impaired worry that they won't be able to handle this new wave. "We're not equipped," Pinellas ophthalmologist Dr. Jeffrey Schwartz said. The technology exists to help children like Cynthia, but costs are high, the number of specialists is limited and many mothers who have preterm babies don't have health insurance, he says. "The issue is access," adds Dr. Jonathan Mines of Bay Area Retina Consultants. "There are patients that get through the cracks because they are indigent and don't have appropriate care."

DCF SECRETARY SHELDON TO SPEAK AT RIBBON CUTTING FOR MHC INTAKE FACILITY

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/localgovernment/article1066981.ece>

Secretary George Sheldon of the State Department of Children and Families will give remarks at the ribbon cutting and open house of Mental Health Care's (MHC) expanded Adult Central Intake at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5. MHC is Hillsborough County's Baker Act Central Receiving Facility. "The Board of Directors and Mental Health Care saw the need and invested \$750,000 to fund this expansion", said, Guy King, Chair of the Mental Health Board of Directors. Mental Health Care has expanded & renovated its Central Intake to three times its original space to include two waiting rooms, reclining chairs, calming soothing colors, piped relaxation music and dimmed lights to decrease stimulation and to create a more therapeutic environment. MHC's Central Intake sees 6,000 individuals annually. Julian I. Rice, CEO of Mental Health Care said this expansion was in direct response to the increase and need in the Tampa Bay Area. "Our Central Intake helps to prevent long

waits in hospital emergency rooms for patients experiencing a mental health crisis and creates a very respectful environment we can all be proud of.” Rice said. Friday’s ribbon cutting is expected to attract state and local officials, community leaders, as well as representatives from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Michael Peacock, from the Public Defender’s Office will give the invocation. MHC would also like to thank the following donors for underwriting the reception: Hanna Foundation, Orange Blossom catering, and Jansen & Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. The event is to take place at 2212A East Henry Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610.

NOTICE TO APPLY FOR UP TO \$75,000 IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/education/k12/article1068124.ece>

The following information attached is intended for you to share with our funded agencies and other community NGO's who are interested in applying for up to \$75,000 in disaster preparedness resources to harden their facilities. Please contact Gary Lisiewski of Homeland Security at Garry.Lisiewski@ci.tampa.fl.us for additional information.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 NSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2009 NSGP is to provide funding support for target-hardening activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. This program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. Additionally, the program is designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, state and local government agencies and Citizen Corps Councils.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2009 NSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2009 NSGP will be \$15 million. Each nonprofit organization may apply through its state for up to a \$75,000 grant award.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2009 NSGP funds?

Eligible applicants under the FY 2009 NSGP are nonprofit organizations (as described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of such code) that are at high risk of terrorist attack and are located within one of the specific UASI-eligible urban areas. Applicants must also satisfy the eligibility requirements to apply for grants through their State Administrative Agency (SAA).

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2009 NSGP?

The key milestones associated with NSGP are:

- Nov. 5, 2008: NSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- Jan. 13, 2009: Deadline for sub-grantees to submit applications to the SAA
- March 20, 2009: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA

5. How will the FY 2009 NSGP funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for the FY 2009 NSGP will be based on risk analysis, effectiveness and integration with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2009 NSGP?

The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2009 NSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2009 NSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2009 NSGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, March 20, 2009.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- To access application forms and instructions, please refer to <http://www.grants.gov>, the CFDA number for NSGP is **97.008**. If you experience difficulties or have any questions, please call the [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2009 NSGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justification why an extension is required.

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NEIGHBORHOOD & FAMILY SUPPORT & RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

FROM UNITED WAY: FREE TAX PREP HAS BEGUN IN NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATIONS

<http://unitedwaytampabay.wordpress.com/2009/09/29/free-tax-prep-begins-january-2010/>

If you know anyone who earned less than \$49,000 in 2009, they may be eligible for up to \$5,600 in earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) – and they can get their taxes done free beginning in January. Many families have their taxes done using their year-end paycheck and sometimes pay more than they should, especially if they want a quick refund. By taking advantage of the free tax preparation, These working families and individuals can keep more of what they earn. Free tax prep begins at some locations as early as late January. The previous announcement in Just Dream incorrectly dated the specific date of Jan. 10, 2010. Beginning dates will vary per location. Eligibility requirements for the 2009 EITC are:

- Families with three or more qualifying children who earn less than \$43,279 (or less than \$48,279 married filing jointly) are eligible for a credit of up to \$5,657.
- Families with two qualifying children who earn less than \$40,295 (or less than \$45,295 married filing jointly) are eligible for a credit of up to \$5,028.
- Families with one qualifying child who earn less than \$35,463 (or less than \$40,463 married filing jointly) are eligible for a credit of up to \$3,043.

- Workers without a qualifying child who earn less than \$13,440 (or less than \$18,440 Married filing jointly) are eligible for a credit of up to \$457.

Another credit sometimes overlooked is the Child Tax Credit, which is up to \$1,000 per qualifying child. For tax year 2009, the minimum income threshold needed to qualify for the Additional Child Tax Credit has been reduced from \$12,050 to \$3,000, so more families will be eligible. The free tax preparation service is offered by partners of the Prosperity Campaigns of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, including United Way of Tampa Bay. All tax preparers are trained volunteers. Thirty-seven sites will be open in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties by the end of January 2010. Site locations will be posted at www.unitedwaytampabay.org shortly. If you know anyone who would benefit, spread the word. Help low- and moderate-income working families and individuals keep more of what they earn. Free tax prep at the Family Support & Resource Centers, including the Central Tampa FSRC at the **Children's Board**, began the first week in February 2010. For locations of the five **Children's Board**-sponsored FSRCs throughout Hillsborough County, go online at www.familysupporthc.org.

PLANNING COMMISSION ISSUES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR COMMUNITY DESIGN AWARDS

The Planning Commission invites entries to its 28th Annual Community Design Awards Program to recognize excellence in planning, landscape architecture, environmental sensitivity and architectural design in building and development projects throughout Hillsborough County. The Community Design Awards Program is a well-respected program that honors the very best in planning and community design offered in Hillsborough County. Its aim is to call attention to well-planned projects. Some may serve as models for others so that they may learn and imitate.

Project Categories Include:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Residential Projects
3. Urban Infill or Adaptive Reuse
4. Historic Preservation/Restoration
5. Commercial, Institutional, Public or Quasi-Public Projects
6. Environmental Projects
7. Master Planning & Urban Design
8. Public Participation Projects
9. Sustainability Projects

Dates to Remember:

February 26, 2010 - 4:30 pm - Deadline for Entries. Deliver to County Center The Planning Commission Attention: Barbara Kennedy Gibson, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. 18th floor, Tampa, Florida 33602. 813-273-3774 ext. 355.

April 29, 2010 - Winners Announced, 28th Annual Community Design Awards Program, Straz Center for the Performing Arts (Downtown Tampa) Cocktail Reception - 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Presentations - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Call for Entries can be downloaded at:

<http://www.theplanningcommission.org/2010-community-design-awards.html>. Tony LaColla, AICP, Senior Planner/Public Participation Coordinator. Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. 18th Floor, Tampa, FL 33602 813-273-3774 ext. 350. 813-272-5557 fax lacollaa@plancom.org. www.theplanningcommission.org

CHECK OUT CHARLIE'S THRIFT STORE IN WEST TAMPA TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S HOME

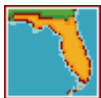
<http://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=d66ed8fb9129191ebc929f4e0&id=d99b938ee3&e=321d7154f3>
Check out the website for information about Charlie's Thrift Store to benefit The Children's Home, Inc. Included is the opportunity to print out a 25% off coupon.

SEE THE LATEST RSSP NEWSLETTER ONLINE

Check out the Rural Social Services Partnership (RSSP) newsletter online. To view current and archived newsletters go to <http://www.rssphillsborough.org/index.cfm?page=Newsletters>. Visit the RSSP website at www.rssphillsborough.org.

*****See also individual FSRC and Neighborhood events within all "Upcoming Events" at <http://www.childrensboard.org/citizens/enews.aspx>**

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STATE NEWS

THE GOVERNOR'S TAKE ON THE STATE OF THE STATE

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/jan/30/co-the-governors-take-on-state-of-the-state/>

Gov. Charlie Crist admitted that governing during an economic downturn has not been easy and wondered what it would be like to be in charge during better times. Still, he said there are signs the state has turned a corner, citing rising home sales and new industries as reasons to be hopeful. He bemoaned Florida's unemployment rate, but said he is determined to put people back to work.

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NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS & RESEARCH

NOMINATE A CHILD FOR KOHL'S 'KIDS WHO CARE' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Through the Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program, Kohl's aims to recognize deserving kids who have invested in their communities by giving them a jumpstart on investing in their own futures. Since the program began in 2001, Kohl's has awarded nearly 11,000 youth volunteers with more than \$2.2 million in scholarships and prizes. Marking the 10th anniversary of its Kohl's Kids Who Care® Scholarship Program, Kohl's Department Stores (NYSE: KSS) will award more than \$410,000 in scholarships and prizes, ranging from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to ten \$10,000 scholarships, recognizing youths who make a difference by volunteering in their communities. Nominations for kids ages six to 18 will be accepted Feb. 1 – March 15 at kohlskids.com. Kohl's continues its scholarship program and will double national scholarship amounts to \$10,000 each during a time when rising tuition costs, tightening credit and less financial aid availability makes footing the average \$60,000 bill for a four-year degree increasingly difficult. To nominate young volunteers ages six to 18 for a Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship, visit www.kohlskids.com. Nominations are accepted Feb. 1 through March 15, and nominators must be 21 years or older. Two nominees from each of Kohl's 1,059 stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card, and more than 190 of them will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education. This year, Kohl's is increasing the national winner scholarships where ten national winners will each receive \$10,000 in scholarships, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each winner's behalf. Kohl's Cares for Kids benefits children's health and education initiatives nationwide through its merchandise program, featuring special books and plush toys where 100 percent of net profit benefits children's initiatives, fundraising gift cards and the A-Team associate volunteer program. For more information or a list of past Kohl's Kids Who Care winners, visit www.kohlskids.com.

LANCET RETRACTS FLAWED AUTISM STUDY LINKING CONDITION TO VACCINATIONS

<http://www.baynews9.com/content/85/2010/2/2/577962.html?title>

British medical journal The Lancet says it has retracted a flawed study linking the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to autism and bowel disease. The Lancet published the controversial paper by Andrew Wakefield and colleagues in 1998. British parents abandoned the vaccine in droves, leading to a resurgence of measles. Subsequent studies found no proof the vaccine is connected to autism. Ten of the study's 13 authors renounced the study's conclusions, and The Lancet has previously said it should never have published the research. "We fully retract this paper from the

published record," its editors said in a statement on Tuesday. Wakefield and two colleagues face being stripped of their right to practice medicine in Britain.

NNIP TO EXPLORE HOW FORECLOSURE CRISIS IS AFFECTING SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

<http://www2.urban.org/nnip/foreclosures.html#act>

The National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) has launched a cross-site project funded by the Foundation for Open Society to explore how the foreclosure crisis is affecting school-aged children in three cities. The Urban Institute will coordinate the project in partnership with the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance, New York University's Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, and NeighborhoodInfo DC. The first stage of the analysis will link property-level foreclosure data to public school student home addresses at the approximate time of foreclosure, resulting in a detailed picture of how many children in both renter and owner families are affected by the foreclosure crisis. The next stage will link these records to student records across time, shedding light on the elusive question of "where do foreclosed families go" along with whether families stayed in their original neighborhoods, if children changed schools, and if foreclosed student's attendance and grades differ from non-foreclosed students. The local partners will produce briefs in Spring and Fall 2010, and the project will culminate in a cross-site brief by the end of the year. In addition to research briefs, we are publishing working documents throughout the project on the NNIP Foreclosure page to help those interested in doing similar analysis for other cities. The analysis plan for each city describes the local foreclosure situation, the data sources available, and method for identifying children affected by foreclosure. We have also posted the NeighborhoodInfo DC's sample Memorandum of Agreement and Research Proposal to the public school system as examples for those just getting started in accessing confidential student data. Other NNIP partners and researchers are also working in this area, including the Urban Strategies Council in Oakland (see resources from their Funders Briefing on Foreclosures and Children) and Ryan Allen's analysis on Foreclosures in the Immigrant Community of Minneapolis. We would love to hear about other researchers working in this area or practitioners working with school systems on response strategies. If there is enough interest, we can explore featuring the different projects on Foreclosure-Response.org.

NEW ONLINE MODULE: REDUCING THE RISK OF SIDS IN CHILD CARE

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/workinglife/floridas-unemployment-rate-hits-118-percent/1067308>

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Healthy Child Care America is pleased to announce the release of a new online module on *Reducing the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in Child Care!* Based off of the AAP Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Child Care Speakers Kit, this free course is designed to educate everyone who cares for babies, including child care providers, health care professionals, parents, grandparents, and relatives. In 1 hour, participants will learn how to create a safe sleep environment to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep related deaths. With an easy to use format, this course is available 24/7 from your home or office computer. Child care providers will receive a certificate of completion for 1.0 contact hour. Health care professionals can also receive credit. For instructions on how to access this course, visit www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/SIDSmoduleflyer.pdf. Feel free to disseminate this flyer to anyone who cares for infants. For more information and materials on how to reduce the risk of SIDS, visit www.healthychildcare.org/sids.html.

STUDY SHOWS DRAMATIC DROP IN CHILD ABUSE INCIDENTS

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/article1070268.ece>

A large federal study documents an unprecedented and dramatic decrease in incidents of serious child abuse, especially sexual abuse. Experts hailed the findings as proof that crackdowns and public awareness campaigns had made headway. An estimated 553,000 children suffered physical, sexual or emotional abuse in 2005-06, down 26 percent from the estimated 743,200 abuse victims in 1993, the study found. "It's the first time since we started collecting data about these things that we've seen substantial declines over a long period, and that's tremendously encouraging," said professor David Finkelhor of the University of New Hampshire, a leading researcher in the field of child abuse. The findings were contained in the fourth installment of the National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, a congressionally mandated study. The new study is based on information from more than 10,700 "sentinels" — such as child welfare workers, police officers, teachers, health care professionals and day care workers — in 122 counties across the country. The detailed data collected from them was then used to make national estimates. Some dramatic differences in child abuse rates found in the

study:

- Poor children were three times more likely than other kids to experience abuse.
- Rates of abuse in African-American families were significantly higher than for whites and Hispanics.
- Children whose single parent had a live-in partner faced an abuse rate 10 times that of a child living with two parents.

FDLRS – ESE NATIONAL PARENT NEWS & INFORMATION

From FDLRS – ESE Parent News of Hillsborough County, FL - The National Center for Learning Disabilities, "[http://www.nclid.org/Learning Disabilities: What They Are, and What They Are Not](http://www.nclid.org/Learning%20Disabilities%20-%20What%20They%20Are,%20and%20What%20They%20Are%20Not) There are a number of disabilities, conditions or disorders that may impact learning, but not all of them are "learning disabilities." Learn why it's important to understand what is and isn't "LD."

<http://www.nclid.org/ld-basics/ld-explained/basic-facts/learning-disabilities-what-they-are-and-what-they-are-not>

20. National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) "<http://www.fatherhood.org>

- Three 3 Tips for Keeping Home Time Focused on the Family: "<http://www.fatherhood.org/wfb012810.asp>
- How To Raise Responsible Kids: "<http://www.fatherhood.org/dademail/2010/de0127.asp>
- Making Small Moments With Your Kids: "<http://www.fatherhood.org/dademail/2010/de0120.asp>
- Webinars Schedule, Free Trainings: "<http://www.fatherhood.org/webinars/schedule.asp>

CONTESTS / FUNDING / GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS:

2010 National Fatherhood Initiative Military Fatherhood Award
Nominations will be accepted until 600 nominations are received.

<http://www.fatherhood.org/gala/militaryaward/nomineeform.asp>

The award will be presented at the 2010 Military Fatherhood Awards Ceremony, to be held June 8, 2010, in Washington, DC.

The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation Music Matters Grants for 2010 will focus on educational reform in school music programs and independent music programs across the United States.

Deadline: February 5, 2010. "<http://heart.muzak.com/what/grants.aspx>

VSA arts Announces International Collaborative Art Project

Deadline: February 5, 2010. Please send all postcards to: Wendy Finklea, VSA arts of Florida, 3500 E. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, Florida 33613email: wfinklea@coedu.usf.edu Phone: 813-558-5093. "<http://www.vsarts.org/postcardproject>

The Western Union Foundation's Family Scholarship Program is an educational initiative for migrants, immigrants, and their families in the United States that aims to help two members of the same family move up the economic ladder through education. Deadline: February 5, 2010

<http://corporate.westernunion.com/scholarship.htct>

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants for Parent Organizations Deadline: February 12, 2010

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) is dedicated to helping parent-teacher groups achieve more for their school. The application is online:

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

ChairScholars Foundation Scholarships "<http://chairscholars.org/index.html>

The ChairScholars National Program, available to students in any state provides deserving high school seniors

and college freshmen up to \$20,000 for tuition at any college or university of their choice.

Deadline: February 15, 2010 "<http://chairscholars.org/scholarships.html>

Best Buy: Scholarship Program

The 2010 Best Buy Scholarship Program will award scholarships to students based on their outstanding commitment to and involvement in community service, along with solid academic

performance. Eligibility: 9–12th grade students from private, public, alternative, or home schools, graduating with plans to enter a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocation technical school in the U.S. no later than fall 2010.

Deadline: February 15, 2010

["http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/scholarships.asp"](http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/scholarships.asp)

2010 Community Service Scholarship Award

Tampa Jewish Family Services is proud to announce its second annual community excellence scholarship honoring high school students who excel in community service.

["http://www.tjfs.org/2010trifecta/2010-community-service-scholarship-award/"](http://www.tjfs.org/2010trifecta/2010-community-service-scholarship-award/) Deadline February 16, 2010.

National Summer Learning Association: Excellence in Summer Learning

The Excellence in Summer Learning Award recognizes an outstanding summer program that accelerates academic achievement and promotes positive development for young people.

Deadline: February 24, 2010 ["http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=excellence_summer"](http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=excellence_summer)

VSA arts Apprenticeship at the Williamstown Theatre Festival

The VSA arts apprenticeship provides a unique insight into the world of a professional theater for undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities, ages 19–24 old with disabilities, interested in expanding their theater education and knowledge. Deadline: February 25, 2010. Download rules and guidelines:

["http://www.vsarts.org/documents/programs/williamstown_app/2010ApprenticeshipSubmissionRules.pdf"](http://www.vsarts.org/documents/programs/williamstown_app/2010ApprenticeshipSubmissionRules.pdf)

Emotion Pictures Call for Entries - 4th International Documentary Festival on Disability

This year seven prizes will be presented, each one carrying a cash award. Deadline: February 28, 2010. For more information: ["http://www.ameamedia.gr/en/festival"](http://www.ameamedia.gr/en/festival) email:

festival@ameamedia.gr Phone: +30 210 9098 245.

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ADVOCACY

FEB. 16 LUNCH MEETING OF CHILES FDN. CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES IN TAMPA

From Bud Chiles of the The Lawton Chiles Foundation - The Lawton Chiles Foundation is committed to the legacy of Governor Lawton Chiles and his belief that Florida cannot succeed if we fail our children. That's why we established the Worst To First campaign -- to build a statewide movement of people committed to improving our investments in children. In September of 2009, we launched One Million Steps for Florida's Kids, and I have so far walked 240 miles across Florida to build awareness and involvement in making Florida a better place for kids and families. We are bringing our campaign to Tampa on February 16th, and I would like to invite you to join me at a lunch meeting of the leaders in your area to talk about the critical needs in your area, and how we can work together to make things better. The meeting is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Chiles Center at USF, 3111 E. Fletcher Avenue in Tampa. We need you to be a part of it, so please let me know if you can attend. I will be walking in your community with leaders and advocates who are working to make our state stronger by investing more in our children. As the next legislative session approaches in Tallahassee, I fear that continuing shortfalls of money will lead to more short-sighted cuts. Leadership priorities will be influenced by well-financed special interests, while funding for children's programs will continue to be cut and more financial burdens pushed down to local governments. Worst To First is moving from advocacy to action and will be proposing a "ten-year investment platform" to the Legislature, encouraging them to look further

down the field and invest in Florida's future. We need your help and support as we form our platform and work to bring all advocates together. Now is the time to come together and present a united front in our fight for the future of our children. Thank you in advance for your support. I look forward to seeing you in Tampa. Sincerely, Bud Chiles

Geoffrey Chiles

Coordinator

Worst To First Initiative

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

*****NOTE:** *This (full) section is located on the Children's Board website at <http://www.childrensboard.org/calendar.aspx>.*

*****You can also post your community events online at the Crisis Center website at <http://www.211atyourfingertips.org/calendar.asp>**

*****See also a comprehensive calendar of events posted by the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) of Hillsborough County Public Schools at http://fdlrs.mysdhc.org/10EB7F50-00757E5A?object=/support_calendar&infoabar=no&templates=RWD&ConfPosition=0&Calendar=1**

This Week's Featured Events:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Children's Board of Hillsborough County wishes to announce the following meetings, which have been scheduled for **FEBRUARY 2010** at **The Children's Board** located at 1002 E. Palm Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

Organizational Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Conference Training Room - 2nd Floor

Communications Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2010

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Conference Training Room - 2nd Floor

Board Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2010

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Conference Training Room - 2nd Floor

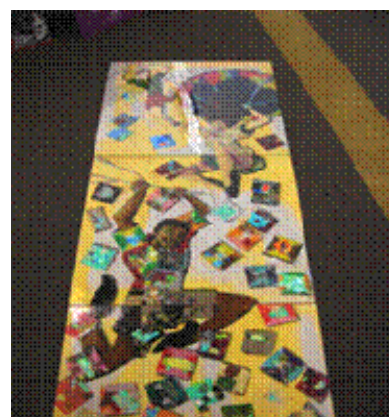
Advocacy Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2010
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Conference Rooms B/C

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2010
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom

New! KIDZCREATE CHILDREN'S GALLERY RECEPTION WILL BE FEB. 18



Gallery Reception

February 18, 2010 5:30- 7:30 p.m. 2010

Featuring the art of children from La Casa Cuba de Tampa and Waimauma Academy, Palm River Point CDC, and "I Made A Mural Project" at the "It's All About Kids" Back to School Bash

Artists: Raquel Ache Leonard, Elio Lopez and Rosemary Prins

R.S.V.P. Paula Allen pallen@childrensboard.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL POSTS 2010 TRAININGS NOW THRU AUGUST 2010

<http://www.ecctampabay.org/info/>

The Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County has posted trainings for social services personnel, including major safety trainings for workers and for parents, on its website. The trainings run through August 2010.

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CLASSIFIEDS

NOTE: announcements will run a maximum of 3 weeks unless other arrangements are made.
Contact DCasseday@childrensboard.org.

New! HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT RUSKIN FSRC

High School Juniors

AFTER SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS

Ruskin Family Support & Resource Center



A high school internship is a great opportunity to:

- Get "real" work experience
- Learn something new
- Build and improve your skills
- Work and interact with people
- Build self-confidence
- Strengthen your college application

The Family Support & Resource Center's Internship Program is for Juniors in Hillsborough County high schools and requires an application and interview process.

Applicants must be available to work after school 3 days a week, be willing to take or show evidence of a completed CPR and First Aid Class, and follow Center dress code and conduct.

Contact the Family Support & Resource Center nearest you for an application.



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201 14th Avenue, S.E.
Ruskin, FL 33570

To learn more about the Centers, visit: www.familysupporthc.org

New! APPLY FOR JOBS AT NEW GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN TAMPA
<http://www.glazermuseum.org/>

With a mission to create learning environments where children play, discover and connect to the world around them while developing lifelong learners and readers, the Glazer Children's Museum will be completed this year and it is expected that more job opportunities will become available in coming

months. "With the opening of the Glazer Children's Museum later this year, we anticipate recruiting for many full-time and part-time positions in the coming six months.," says Kristen Nieves, director of administration for the Glazer Children's Museum. "I encourage anyone interested in seeking employment with the Museum to check the employment tab on our website regularly for available job openings." The Glazer Children's Museum is currently seeking an experienced Facility and Operations Manager and a Director of Education.

FAMILY COUNSELOR NEEDED FOR INTENSIVE TEEN PROGRAM

Needed: Family Counselor/ Healthy Start Intensive Teen Program – Licensed Mental Health Professional or Registered Intern (MSW preferred) for in-home counseling with pregnant and parenting teens and their families/father of baby. Also, entails developing and facilitating some support group services for teens and development of ongoing relationships with school personnel; child welfare case managers and other community mental health providers. Experience with any of these community partners, Spanish language proficiency, and experience working with high-risk teens is preferred. Clinical supervision provided. Please contact Linda Stacey, LCSW at the Child Abuse Council (813-673-4646, ext. 292) or e-mail resume to lstacey@cachillsborough.com.

ALPHA HOUSE SEEKS MASTER'S LEVEL CLINICIAN AS PROGRAM MANAGER

Alpha House of Tampa, Inc. is seeking a master's level clinician with supervisory experience for the position of Program Manager. The Program Manager will provide oversight of all residential activities; interview, hire and train staff, complete evaluations of staff as required by Alpha House policies; provide supervision to direct care supervisors case managers, interns; complete statistical data for reports as requested by Program Director; and ensure all practices at Alpha House are in compliance with licensure requirements (refer to Florida Statute 65C-14) contractual obligations and accreditation standards.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. An individual must have maturity and excellent judgment to perform this job successfully. Individuals must also have a current driver's license and a driving record that allows them to be covered by the organization's insurance policy. DCF background check and fingerprinting are required.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE: MA/MS/MSW degree required. Florida license preferred. Minimum of 3 years of supervisory experience required. Knowledge and skills in needs and identification of abused and neglected children and adults, child development, individual functioning, family functioning, principles of group interaction, working with hard to reach or resistant individuals and families, collaborating with other disciplines and services, accessing community resources, strengths-based intervention.

Employment applications are available 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday at 201 S. Tampania Ave., Tampa, FL 33609. Resumes accepted by mail, fax, or e-mail. Mail: Alpha House of Tampa, 201 South Tampania Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609 (Attn: Barbara McCormick, LCSW Director of Programs) Fax: 813-876-0657 Email: bmccormick@alphahouseoftampa.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALSO POSTED ON THE RSSP WEBSITE

Click on the link below to see the Rural Social Services (RSSP) website Employment Opportunities page: <http://www.rsspillsborough.org/index.cfm?page=Employment>.

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Did You Know?

The Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Women Act (TOPWA) program was funded by the Legislature in 1998 to reach high-risk or HIV-infected pregnant women not receiving adequate prenatal care. The purpose of the program is to lower the number of babies born with prenatal drug exposure and HIV infection. This projects provide HIV testing and pregnancy testing for women who are not sure of their pregnancy status. Women receive HIV prevention education and are assisted with substance abuse evaluations and treatment when needed. Pregnant women who are HIV infected are educated in the benefits of taking prescribed antiretroviral to reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to their infants. Pregnant TOPWA clients are linked to prenatal care and other services such as Medicaid, Healthy Start other social service programs. Transportation to appointments through providing bus passes or actually giving the client a ride is one of the services offered through TOPWA. Referrals are tracked to ensure completion and clients are followed through the birth of the infant to ensure they continue to access services. TOPWA providers effectively use incentives to enroll clients into the program and ensure continued participation. At the end of the program mom's receive a bag with baby items. HIV-infected pregnant women will receive the highest priority from the TOPWA program to ensure that they have the support they need to have a healthy baby. We currently enrolling & seeking for pregnant women or women that are not sure of their pregnancy status, please contact Elizabeth Lessey via email at lesseyelizabeth@yahoo.com.

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TO BE ADDED TO (OR DELETED FROM) WEEKLY E-MAIL FOR JUST DREAM, submit your request to Dan Casseday at DCasseday@childrensboard.org and be sure to include your first and last name and your e-mail address. Sorry, no e-mail addresses only. It is not the intent of the editor that your name and e-mail address be shared with other groups or used for any personal solicitations.

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CRITERIA FOR INFORMATION USED IN JUST DREAM:

Information and pictures used in including *Just Dream* weekly e-news are collected and published by staff of the **Children's Board of Hillsborough County**. The information relates to issues affecting children and families and is shared by e-mail with members of child and family services agencies in Hillsborough County, and with other interested individuals and organizations, including contracted partners, as a public service of the **Children's Board**. Much of the information included is gleaned via local newspapers, local and national newsletters related to child and family news, magazines, websites and e-mail. Many items are submitted by individuals and agencies.

Just Dream grew out of *Just Think About the Children*, a communications tool of the 7-year federal system of care grant in Hillsborough County, called the Tampa-Hillsborough Integrated Network for Kids (THINK) grant. The grant worked to improve the systems of care for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families. *Just Think* was (and now *Just Dream* is) one of the legacies of the THINK grant which became integrated into the social services community in Hillsborough County and now serves to provide information about children's issues and children's social services.

Following is the major criteria by which an agency or individual may have information or pictures included in *Just Dream*:

- Information and pictures should relate to local, state or national news and events affecting children and families, Family Support & Resource Centers, or positions available within child and family service agencies.

- The information or pictures must have an obvious and clear connection with children and/or neighborhoods and Family Support & Resource Centers.
- Information should be submitted on a timely basis – preferably at least one week before publication of *Just Think* and no later than two weeks before publication of any quarterly or periodic e-newsletters also produced by the editor of *Just Dream*.
- Information about children and families suitable for inclusion will include but not be limited to feature stories, accomplishments, news announcements, grants, awards, honors, legislation affecting children and families, upcoming events, trainings, seminars, classes or conferences, special event fundraisers designed to increase awareness of a social service agency and/or children who benefit from it, research (local, state or national professional organization or university) and very importantly, *Just Dream* space considerations.
- Presentation of information should be in a journalistic format – never a personal style; any final decisions about this are at the discretion of the editor. Neither use of personal pronouns nor general use of adjectives to describe people and events are generally considered appropriate, except in the case of attribution, and in a journalistic format.
- Agencies and individuals may be excluded, at the discretion of the editor, from putting an item or picture in *Just Dream* if the goal is to simply advertise or promote increased business or profits; in those cases, advertisements in commercial media are more appropriate. It is acceptable, however, to promote an individual charity event or project for an agency that helps children and families.
- Information used must be brief, preferably condensed to one (continuous) paragraph. It is also preferable for the information to include both web link and contact information, particularly an e-mail address, if possible.
- If there is no web link associated with the item and it is longer than one paragraph, the information may be edited at the discretion of the editor of *Just Dream*, or the editor may choose to summarize the information and refer the reader to a contact for more information, if available.