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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...***

**TEEN'S CONCERT JAN. 15 TO HELP STOCK FOOD BANK**

<http://carrollwood2.tbo.com/content/2010/jan/13/cw-concert-to-help-stock-food-bank/>

After idolizing Michael Jackson her entire life, Brittany Perkins is paying tribute to the King of Pop by hosting a benefit concert in his honor. The concert also will raise money and nonperishable items for America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay. "I have been a huge Michael Jackson fan since I was little," said Perkins, 18. "When he passed away it was earth-shattering. I thought the

best way to do this would be to have a concert to honor him and his humanitarian efforts." The concert is slated for 7 p.m. Friday at the Event Factory, 7565 W. Hillsborough Ave. Singers, dancers, dance teams and actors are volunteering to put on a three-hour performance featuring poems dedicated to Jackson as well as interpretations of his music. Perkins said she recruited local talent. Among the performers will be Cesar De La Rosa from "American Idol" and Danny Ware, a Jackson impersonator from Orlando. Perkins has been raising money to host the event since October, when she had the revelation she wanted to do something in Florida to honor her idol. Her main expense for the event is the facility, which will cost \$2,500 to rent. So far, Perkins has raised \$1,700 from carwashes and individual sponsorships. "She has overcome a lot of obstacles," said Marsha Perkins Cowan, Brittany's mother. "I am impressed and proud she wanted to give back." Admission to the concert will be \$10 and all proceeds from tickets sales will benefit Second Harvest. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For advance tickets, e-mail Brittany Perkins50@yahoo.ca or call (813) 469-2001. Concertgoers are also being asked to bring nonperishable food for the America's Second Harvest food bank.

### **USF STUDENTS' 'STAMPEDE OF SERVICE' WILL BENEFIT NONPROFITS, COMMUNITY**

*From the St. Petersburg Times:* Thousands of University of South Florida students will take the streets Saturday, Jan. 16 for a good cause. The annual Stampede of Service pairs student volunteers with more than 50 nonprofit, community and government programs for a day of good deeds. This year's group of more than 3,800 will break a record for its size, the university said. The volunteers will be working with groups that include Lowry Park Zoo, Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful, Hope Children's Home and Metropolitan Ministries.

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## **LOCAL/COUNTY NEWS & FEATURES**

### **MOST HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JAN. 15 & 18**

<http://castor.house.gov/News/DocumentSingle.aspx?DocumentID=159883>

The majority of Hillsborough County offices will close Friday, Jan. 15, the second of five furlough days scheduled this fiscal year, and Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Emergency services, wastewater plants, solid waste collection and some children's services will not be affected by furlough or holiday closures. In addition, Health & Social Services – Sunshine Line will provide transportation of dialysis patients to open dialysis centers. Administrative offices, neighborhood service centers, senior centers and nutrition sites will be closed Jan. 15 and Jan. 18. Libraries will close Jan. 15 and Jan. 18. It will remain open for weekend hours. Three regional parks will remain open Jan. 15: Medard Park, Lithia Springs and E.G. Simmons. All regional parks will remain open Jan. 18. All recreation centers will close Jan. 15 – Jan. 18. The following furlough schedule remains as a budget cut measure, estimated to save \$700,000 for each closure date in personnel costs for fiscal year 2009-2010:

- Friday, April 2, 2010
- Friday, June 18, 2010
- Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

Satellite offices for constitutional offices, such as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector, may be open Jan. 15, even if they are collocated with Hillsborough County offices. Residents should call these respective offices to verify their hours of operation before traveling.

### **HARC OFFERS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP, SPECIAL NEEDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

[www.hillsarc.com](http://www.hillsarc.com)

The Hillsborough Achievement and Resource Centers (HARC) is offering two new opportunities for families having children with special needs at HARC's Centre for Life Development campus is located at 2714 W. Kirby Street, Tampa:

- (1) Family Support Group – HARC has begun hosting, each Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m., a Family Support Group for families who have a relative (any age) with intellectual or developmental disabilities including autism, mental retardation and Down syndrome. Also welcome are families of people on the waiting list for services under Florida's Medicaid Waiver program. (Care during the meeting for children or adults with disabilities will also be provided free of charge.) For more information contact Rick Glaesser at [rglaesser@hillsarc.com](mailto:rglaesser@hillsarc.com) or Ava Napoleon at [anapoleon@hillsarc.com](mailto:anapoleon@hillsarc.com) or call (813) 931-9100.
- (2) Special Needs After School Program – Beginning in August HARC will offer specialized after care programs for children ages 5-13 with varying exceptionalities such as cognitive, emotional, developmental and learning disabilities. Trained staff are equipped to help and nurture special needs children. The after care will be offered from 2-6 p.m. Call (813) 931-9199.

### **\$100 MILLION GRANT TO HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOLS IS GREAT, BUT THERE'S A CATCH**

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/jan/10/na-grant-great-but-district-must-find-100-million/>

The Hillsborough County school district is getting \$100 million in a private grant over the next seven years to overhaul education. But the money comes with a catch: The district must come up with \$100 million from other sources to finish the job. Where to get the money in a sparse economy remains a question, leaving some district leaders defensive while others shrug. "We don't have \$100 million," acknowledges school board member Doretha Edgecomb. One thing is for certain: There is give in a district budget that runs about \$3 billion a year, so administrators are confident they can shift money from other programs to initiatives prescribed in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant. Among the possible sources:

- \$16 million over three years to create a computer lab to prepare for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test to move online

- \$8 million to \$11 million each year allocated for the state-mandated Merit Award Program, which ties teacher pay to student performance.

- \$10 million in federal Title I money used to expand the district's "renaissance" schools - high-poverty schools where teachers can earn a higher salary

- \$270,000 in salaries paid to three programmers over time for technical work on the Merit Award Program

The Gates grant requires Hillsborough to revamp the way it hires, trains and pays teachers to create a system that produces high school graduates with a better chance for success.

### **ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN ST. PETERSBURG MOVES INTO NEW HOME**

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/jan/10/na-all-childrens-moves-into-new-home/>

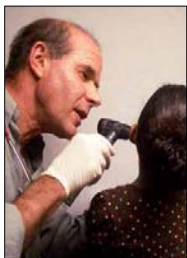
<http://tampabay.com/news/health/bayfront-baby-place-at-all-childrens-hospital-opens-tuesday/1063988>

All Children's Hospital officially opened its new home Saturday, more than four years after construction began. The 10-story hospital sits across Sixth Avenue South from the main Bayfront Medical Center campus. The move transferred 169 patients and an equal number of adult chaperones through Bayfront's underground corridors and skyways from All Children's 42-year-old facility on the south side of Bayfront to the new one on the north side.

### **THE LATEST GROUP TO GRAVITATE ONTO FACEBOOK: TWEENS**

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/tampa-bay-tweens-finding-their-way-to-facebook/1062818>

The latest social group to gravitate onto Facebook? Tweens. They talk to each other. They talk to cousins in other states. They play Happy Aquarium and Farmville. But they aren't supposed to be there. Facebook prohibits anyone under the age of 13 from joining the social networking site. The rule is based on federal laws governing the privacy of children. In order to sign up, you have to say you're at least 13 years old. Many parents and their underage children, however, are choosing to ignore the rules.



### **ON CALL FOR KIDS WITH DR. GORSKI: 'PINK FREUD'**

[http://www.childrensboard.org/on\\_call\\_dr\\_gorski.aspx](http://www.childrensboard.org/on_call_dr_gorski.aspx)

This month's *On Call with Dr. Gorski* column is titled "Pink Freud" (Analyzing our Collective Conscience). Past columns are available by scrolling towards the bottom of the web page.

### EDITORIAL: OPPORTUNITY LOST CONCERNING 'RACE TO THE TOP' PROGRAM?

<http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/article1064139.ece>

Florida should be competing hard to win its share of the Obama administration's \$4.35 billion education grant program called Race to the Top. But its chances diminish with every school district that declines to take part — and within each district if the superintendent, the school board and the teachers union don't all sign on.



### CBHC RADIO FEATURES PROGRAMMING 24/7

[http://www.childrensboard.org/cbhc\\_radio.aspx](http://www.childrensboard.org/cbhc_radio.aspx)

CBHC Radio is the 24/7 Internet radio station of the **Children's Board**. Tune in to hear programming that regularly includes book shows, classical music and discussions from the national "Best of Our Knowledge" and "51 Percent."

### 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>.

### CHECK OUT 'WEDNESDAY'S CHILD' ADOPTABLE FOSTER KIDS AT 10CONNECTS.COM

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

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## NEIGHBORHOOD & FAMILY SUPPORT & RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

### SULPHUR SPRINGS COULD BECOME AN 'AVENUE OF THE ARTS' WITH NEA GRANT

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/article1063497.ece>

It's an unassuming street, only about 10 blocks long and lined with frame houses and nondescript

duplexes. It might seem an unlikely candidate to become an avenue of the arts. But thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the work of a neighborhood arts organization, that's exactly the moniker River Cove Street could someday earn. The organization behind the idea is Community Stepping Stones, a 5-year-old nonprofit that offers arts programs and activities, mostly aimed at young people in the neighborhood. The group recently received the \$10,000 NEA grant to further develop the arts in Sulphur Springs. "We're starting with the concept of turning River Cove into an 'avenue of the arts,'" said Ed Ross, Community Stepping Stones founder and artistic director. "Ten thousand dollars isn't enough to do that, but a grant from the NEA is like a stamp of approval on a national level." In other words, he said, the NEA grant could make it easier for Community Stepping Stones to get more grants for the project from other organizations.

### SEE THE LATEST RSSP NEWSLETTER ONLINE – PROMOTES CBHC FOUNDING ON TV

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

### WEATHERFORD DISCUSSES CLASS SIZE AMENDMENT AT LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

<http://tampa.creativeloafing.com/gyrobase/Content?oid=961264>

A new measure from Republican State Representative Will Weatherford, which would ultimately have to go before the voters, would provide flexibility to school districts as the final part of the class size amendment law takes effect in Florida. The class-size law currently calls for school districts throughout the state to maintain school averages, which means that the 18-student level in pre-K through 3rd grade can still be maintained if there are more than 20 students in a class, as long as the overall average is 18 or below. The class-size limit is 22 in grades 4 thru 8, and 25 students in high school. Speaking last week in Tampa at the **Children's Board of Hillsborough County's** annual breakfast with state legislators, Weatherford called the implementation of the law "cumbersome and problematic." He warmed up the audience for his dissent by saying, "There's nothing scarier in politics than a bad idea that sounds good. And that's exactly what this is." The legislation that Weatherford is sponsoring would maintain the status quo. That calls for an average of 18, 22 and 25 students per class for grades pre-K thru 3rd grade, middle school and high school, with an expanded hard cap. Weatherford's comments received verbal affirmations at the **Children's Board** breakfast. School Board member April Griffin characterized class size as a South Florida issue.. To meet the requirement of the hard cap this fall, many districts would have to hire new teachers, which in turn would cost more money. Steve Hegarty, spokesman for Hillsborough County schools, says that enrollment in the district has been flat for the past few years, yet the district built four new schools in 2008, and five last year. Why? To accommodate the class-size amendment.

### STATE SCHOOLS' CHIEF: TOO MANY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AP CLASSES

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/education/k12/florida-education-chief-agrees-states-ap-program-overenrolled/1063907>

For years, a growing chorus of teachers has complained that they're being swamped by kids unprepared for the rigors of Advanced Placement classes. This week, they got a second from an unexpected source: Florida's top school official. "I do think there is a problem in overenrollment in AP," state Education Commissioner Eric J. Smith told the *St. Petersburg Times* editorial board Wednesday. "There needs to be some selectivity in how kids are guided into AP, and which AP work they're guided into."

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/jan/14/states-budget-hole-could-pass-3-billion/news-breaking/>

## FLORIDA AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK YOUTH BOARD HAS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*From the Florida Child Services Council News, Jan. 14, 2010:* The Florida Afterschool Network now has a Youth Board to bring forward the views and interests of the youth served in programs across the state. The Youth Board held it's first event, an organizational meeting, on December 28, 2009. The group discussed the purpose and goals of the Youth Board as well as communications venues and criteria for recruitment of new youth members. The Youth Board coordinator is Lexi Gonzalez who is a high school senior at Ridgewood High School in New Port Richey. For more information on the FAN Youth Board please contact Lexi Gonzales at [fanyouthcare@yahoo.com](mailto:fanyouthcare@yahoo.com).

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## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS & RESEARCH

### LAWMAKER SEEKS TO END STIGMA OF 'AT-RISK' LABEL

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100112/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/us\\_children\\_at\\_hope](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100112/ap_on_re_us/us_children_at_hope)

Decades ago, poor children became known as "disadvantaged" to soften the stigma of poverty. Then they were "at-risk." Now, a Washington lawmaker wants to replace those euphemisms with a new one, "at hope." Democratic State Sen. Rosa Franklin says negative labels are hurting kids' chances for success and she's not a bit concerned that people will be confused by her proposed rewrite of the 54 places in state law where words like "at risk" and "disadvantaged" are used. The bill has gotten a warm welcome among fellow lawmakers, state officials and advocacy groups.

### SOME BIOLOGISTS BELIEVE BABIES ARE BORN WITH A WILLINGNESS TO HELP

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/01/science/01human.html>

Some biologists find in humans a natural willingness to help from a young age. Dr. Michael Tomasello, a developmental psychologist and co-director of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany says that infants can see an unrelated adult, with their hands full, trying to open a door, etc. they will immediately reach out to help.

### AUTISM NOT LINKED TO DIGESTIVE ISSUES

[http://newsok.com/autism-not-linked-to-digestive-ills-experts-say/article/3429496?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_health](http://newsok.com/autism-not-linked-to-digestive-ills-experts-say/article/3429496?custom_click=pod_headline_health)

An expert panel says there's no rigorous evidence that digestive problems are more common in children with autism compared with other children, or that special diets work. It rejected the controversial idea of "autistic enterocolitis."

### TOXIC METAL FOUND IN KIDS' JEWELRY FROM CHINA

<http://www.sphere.com/nation/article/11-baby-deaths-linked-to-simplicity-cribs/19286743>

Barred from using lead in children's jewelry because of its toxicity, some Chinese manufacturers have been substituting the more dangerous heavy metal cadmium in sparkling charm bracelets and shiny pendants being sold throughout the United States, an Associated Press investigation shows. A spokesman for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which regulates children's products, said yesterday that the agency "is opening an investigation" and "will take action as quickly as possible to protect the safety of children." Cadmium is a known carcinogen. Like lead, it can hinder brain development in the very young, according to recent research.

### STUDY FINDS 12 PERCENT OF JAILED JUVENILES ARE SEXUALLY ABUSED

<http://www.einpresswire.com/article/66600-as-many-as-12-percent-of-us-juvenile-inmates-report-being-sexually-abused-by-staff-fellow-inmates>

A Justice Department report states that 12% of juvenile prisoners had been raped or sexually abused over the past year. That number in some institutions is as high as 33%. The Bureau of Justice study, based on surveys from 195 facilities across all US states, also pointed out that there was a "very high rate of staff sexual misconduct." Though some prison and government officials

say the cost to fix the problem would be substantial, human rights groups and prison reformers say more attention must be paid to prison safety.

### **6 MILLION IN U.S. LIST FOOD STAMPS AS THEIR SOLE INCOME**

[http://www.denverpost.com/ci\\_14112108#ixzz0cWCrSH7I](http://www.denverpost.com/ci_14112108#ixzz0cWCrSH7I)

About 6 million Americans receiving food stamps report they have no other income, according to an analysis of state data collected by The New York Times. In declarations that states verify and the federal government audits, they described themselves as unemployed and receiving no cash aid — no welfare, no unemployment insurance, and no pensions, child support or disability pay. Their numbers were rising before the recession as tougher welfare laws made it harder for poor people to get cash aid, but they have soared by about 50 percent over the past two years. About one in 50 Americans now lives in a household with a reported income that consists of nothing but a food-stamp card.

### **TIME MAGAZINE: IN A TOUGH JOB MARKET, TEENS ARE SUFFERING**

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1952331,00.html>

*From Time magazine:* The Great Recession has been particularly uncool to teens. Fewer work than ever before. Is this hurting their future?

### **FOR MANY CHILDREN AROUND THE GLOBE, ZINC TABLETS COULD SAVE LIVES**

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1942949,00.html>

Diarrhea kills 1.6 million children every year. But simple, cheap zinc tablets could change that.

### **NATIONAL NEWS, RESEARCH AND REPORTS FROM THE PORTLAND RTC**

**\*\*2009 NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE**

The Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health is proud to share its report from the 2009 Portland National Youth Summit, which took place in Portland, OR on June 22, 2009. Included in this report is a description of the Summit's planning stages, information about creating and working with a Youth Summit Advisory Board, an overview of the Summit's activities, and details about the youth-centered topics Summit participants felt were crucial to improving mental health services for youth and young adults. Highlighted on the back cover is the Mental Health Youth Bill of Rights, which was formulated during the Summit. This report could not have been created without the hard work of the youth and allies dedicated to youth voice in all arenas of social services.

<http://www rtc.pdx.edu/PDF/pbYouthSummitReport.pdf>

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**\*\*CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING ON FAMILY STRENGTHS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Building on Family Strengths Scholarship has been established to recognize the contributions of the Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health and the importance of leadership of family members in the human services workforce. More specifically, the scholarship is intended to support the education of Masters of Social Work students who are preparing for careers in Social Work. The scholarship will be awarded to students who have experience with seeking services and providing care for a family member less than 18 years of age with a serious mental health condition.

<https://www.foundation.pdx.edu/publicgift/familystrengths.jsp>

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**\*\*SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is now accepting

applications for the 2010 Violet and Cyril Frank Scholarship, which supports a graduate level project to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. The deadline for proposals is May 15, 2010.

<http://www.apa.org/apf/franks.html>

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## \*\*NEWS FROM THE WEB

### \*\*Identifying Effective Transition Practices

This paper from the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education evaluates transition programs that focus on getting youth into postsecondary education.

[http://136.165.122.102/mambo/index.php?option=com\\_remository&Itemid=0&func=showdown&id=193](http://136.165.122.102/mambo/index.php?option=com_remository&Itemid=0&func=showdown&id=193)

### \*\*Guide for College Transitions and Beyond

The American Youth Policy Forum has compiled programs that have been effective in helping young people finish high school and move onto postsecondary education and careers.

<http://www.aypf.org/publications/SuccessAtEveryStep.htm>

### \*\*Watch This! "Missing Opportunities: Adolescent Health Services"

This award winning video highlights the frustrations and barriers adolescents experience when navigating a healthcare system that is not designed for their needs.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5939446517701113787&hl=en#>

### \*\*Promoting Foster Youth Transition Policy

This edition of the National League of Cities' Municipal Action Guides looks at how city leaders can promote the successful transition of foster youth into independent adulthood.

[http://www.nlc.org/ASSETS/6548970283A04EAC8EA64FDC003202FB/IYEF\\_Foster\\_Youth\\_MAG\\_8-09.pdf](http://www.nlc.org/ASSETS/6548970283A04EAC8EA64FDC003202FB/IYEF_Foster_Youth_MAG_8-09.pdf)

### \*\*Highlighting Foster Youth Involvement

Children's Bureau Express has collected a variety of reports where youth in foster care have contributed their ideas, participated in research, or empowered others to better the child welfare system.

<http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewSection&issueID=112&subsectionID=24>

### \*\*Youth-Focused Child Welfare Resource Directory

Child Welfare Information Gateway has a list of resources for organizations and initiatives for youth involved in child welfare.

[http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl\\_dsp.cfm?rs\\_id=29&rate\\_chno=19-00131](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl_dsp.cfm?rs_id=29&rate_chno=19-00131)

### \*\*Supporting Young Mothers

The Healthy Teen Initiative released a report earlier this year that offers policy recommendations to better the outcomes of young families after teen birth.

[http://healthyteennetwork.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={E818B9AA-9A85-4EC3-9420-F2AB0BDF3569}>](http://healthyteennetwork.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={E818B9AA-9A85-4EC3-9420-F2AB0BDF3569}>)

\*Video testimonials from young parents struggling with challenges relating to raising a child have been collected by the Healthy Teen Network.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/healthyteennetwork>

\*\*"Young Mothers @ the Margin" aims to empower young mothers by raising

awareness and creating a supportive community.

<http://www.atthemargin.org/>

**\*\*It Doesn't Pay to Drop Out**

According to this report from the Center for Labor Market Studies the unemployment rate for youth, age 16-24, who have dropped out of high school, has reached an astounding 40%.

[http://www.clms.neu.edu/publication/documents/The\\_Consequences\\_of\\_Dropping\\_Out\\_of\\_High\\_School.pdf](http://www.clms.neu.edu/publication/documents/The_Consequences_of_Dropping_Out_of_High_School.pdf)

**\*\*Less Room for Community College Students**

According to the New York Times, applications to community colleges for the 2010 spring semester have increased 19% from the same time last year.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/12/education/12community.html?\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/12/education/12community.html?_r=2)

**\*\*Getting Back on Track After Incarceration**

Approximately 100,000 young people exit the juvenile justice system each year, and most return to negative living situations where their chances of recidivism is heightened. This report from the Youth Reentry Task Force of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition looks at what services and supports are needed to keep youth from reverting back to problem behaviors.

[www.sentencingproject.org/doc/publications/CC\\_youthreentryfall09report.pdf](http://www.sentencingproject.org/doc/publications/CC_youthreentryfall09report.pdf)

**\*\*Police Involvement in Mental Health Crisis Intervention**

Many communities do not have adequate services or programs for people with mental health conditions. Because of this, over a thousand police departments have set up specially trained crisis intervention teams to respond to the needs of this population, according to this article in the Associates Press.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5htXjwZUcaSIGYg9u\\_V3LDPWpasAD9C433M80](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5htXjwZUcaSIGYg9u_V3LDPWpasAD9C433M80)

**\*\*Ethnic Pride Helps Mental Health**

Stronger feelings of ethnic pride can have a positive impact on mental health and self esteem, according to a new study reported in Science Daily.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/11/091113083259.htm>

**\*\*How are Children Affected by Unemployed Parents?**

Studies are showing that having an unemployed parent is increasing anxiety, lowering self esteem, and affecting school performance of children, according to this article in the New York Times.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/12/us/12families.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/12/us/12families.html?_r=1)

**\*\*Emotional Challenges for Military Children**

Teens 14 to 17 have more behavioral and emotional problems than younger children when a parent is deployed, and for girls in particular, those problems persist after the parent comes home, according to a new study by the Rand Corporation.

[http://www.rand.org/news/press/2009/12/07/?ref=homepage&key=t\\_soldier\\_kisses\\_daughter](http://www.rand.org/news/press/2009/12/07/?ref=homepage&key=t_soldier_kisses_daughter)

**\*\*Media Can Play a Role in Increasing Risk of Suicide**

Young people could be more likely to attempt suicide when other people in their communities have recently committed suicide. For this reason, media outlets should be careful in the way they cover these events, according to this article from NPR.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=120755264&ps=rs>

**\*\*Smoking and Lead Exposure Raise Risk of ADHD**

Science Daily reports on research that concludes about 38% of ADHD cases among children (ages 8 to 15) in the United States may be caused by prenatal exposure to tobacco smoke and about 25% are caused by lead exposure.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/11/091123083652.htm>

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## ADVOCACY

### READ ONLINE THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES INVOLVING CHILDREN

The **Children's Board**, United Way and Hillsborough County helped usher in the 2010 State Legislative season when they joined with the community to brief area legislators and other decision-makers with a list of county-wide priority issues affecting children, families and communities on Jan. 5 at the Children's Board in Tampa. It was third consecutive year that members of the community presented the Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation and other elected officials, including Tampa City Council and Hillsborough County Public School Board members, with advocacy priorities before the 2010 Legislative Session. Officials were given a "Redbook" listing countywide legislative priorities, some of which were discussed at length during the briefing. The Redbook is online at the **Children's Board** web home page at [www.dreamsworthgrowing.com](http://www.dreamsworthgrowing.com).

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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>**

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**\*\*\*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](http://fdlrs.mysdhc.org/10EB7F50-00757E5A?object=/support_calendar&infoabar=no&templates=RWD&ConfPosition=0&Calendar=1)**

### **This Week's Featured Events:**

#### **CHILDREN'S BOARD POSTS JANUARY BOARD MEETINGS ONLINE**

[http://www.childrensboard.org/board\\_meeting\\_dates.aspx](http://www.childrensboard.org/board_meeting_dates.aspx)

See the Children's Board website for Board committee meetings scheduled in January. The Board workshop and regular Board meeting will be 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m., respectively, on Jan. 28.

**CBHC: DON'T SAVE THE DATE FOR RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY ON JAN. 22**

From the **Children's Board of Hillsborough County**: "The Mark Friedman Presents Results-Based Accountability event will not be held January 22, 2010 as previously planned. Please release the date. The **Children's Board** will continue to work with Mr. Friedman on a comprehensive plan to integrate Results-based Accountability in the community."

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**NOTE: announcements will run a maximum of 3 weeks unless other arrangements are made. Contact [DCasseday@childrensboard.org](mailto:DCasseday@childrensboard.org).**

### COMMUNITY TAMPA BAY SEEKS AMERICORPS PROJECT PLANNING COORDINATOR

Community Tampa Bay is seeking an AmeriCorps Project Planning Coordinator. This 10 month, FT position to facilitate planning process resulting in comprehensive funding proposal that addresses collaborations and partnerships, curriculum, funding, recruitment and sustainability. The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience with planning, budgeting, writing, documentation and creative problem solving. Unique opportunity to work with non-profit, philanthropy and business communities to create additional support to youth serving programs/schools across the Bay area. EOE. Resume and cover letter to Stacie Blake, [sblake@communitytampabay.org](mailto:sblake@communitytampabay.org).

### JAN. 19 DEADLINE FOR FAMILY SUPPORT OPENING AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Position Title: Administrative Aide – Part Time  
 Program: Pregnancy & Parenting Support Services  
 Location: Dade City, Pasco County  
 Salary: Determined by Agency Salary Classification  
 Starting Date: ASAP

Description: The Administrative Aide is responsible for providing administrative and secretarial support to the Dade City, Pregnancy & Parenting Support Services Program and other programs provided from the Dade City office. Responsibilities include: answering phones and providing information & referral, record keeping, monthly reporting, data entry, maintenance and storage of client files, managing the office including equipment repair, coordinating facility cleanliness & repairs, ordering of office supplies and attending meetings as required. This person will also provide direct services and mentoring in absence of the Program Coordinator.

Qualifications: Excellent oral, written and interpersonal skills in dealing with staff, volunteers and clients. Computer literate. Ability to multi-task, prioritize and work with deadlines. Candidate must display sensitivity to the cultural diversity of clients in order to successfully work with diverse racial, ethnic and economic groups. Must be bi-lingual (English/Spanish). Office experience preferred. Apply to: Emma Boe, Program Director, 813-631-4370. To be considered for this position, applications must be received by Jan 19, 2010. It is the policy of Catholic Charities to make every effort to fill position vacancies from within our organization. The Agency may also conduct simultaneous searches for job candidates outside of Catholic Charities while the vacant position is posted in order to find the most qualified candidate for the position. EEO/AA/ADA Employer.

### MARY AND MARTHA HOUSE SEEKS FULLTIME BILINGUAL CASE WORKER

The Mary and Martha House is looking for a full-time Permanent Bilingual (Spanish) Case Worker ...Position will start, February 1, 2010.

Normal hours are from 8-5 with some flexible hours in the evenings

Duties Include:

Case management work, answer phones and transport clients

Applicant should have some case work experience and able to cope with homeless women and children

Pay start at \$10.00 hourly

Please submit your resume to Jean Gaylord to: [gaylordj.maryandmarthahouse@verizon.net](mailto:gaylordj.maryandmarthahouse@verizon.net)

Or contact Ms. Gaylord at 813-641-7027

### **CENSUS BUREAU TO HIRE 5,000 TEMPORARY WORKERS IN TAMPA BAY AREA**

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/census-bureau-to-hire-5000-tampa-bay-temporary-workers/1051280>

Temporary workers are needed in the Tampa Bay area for the 2010 census. Peak hiring is underway and will last through May for the five- to 10-week assignments. There will be two offices in Tampa and one each in St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Brooksville. Each office will need about 1,000 workers. To apply, go to [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov) and search for an office in your area, or call toll-free 1-866-861-2010. Most positions require U.S. citizenship, a driver's license and use of a vehicle. Background checks will be conducted.

### **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?**

### **Important 2010 Census Information**

**From May 10 to July 10 hundreds of thousands of census workers will pour into U.S. neighborhoods in 2010. Here are tips that *all* U.S. citizens should be aware of:**

**Beware of scam artists. Real census workers carry identification at all times and are required to show you identification proof plus give you a telephone number (you are encouraged to call on-the-spot) to verify their identity before answering any questions.**

**Census takers never ask for social security numbers or bank account information or credit card information. Don't give out this information even if you believe the person *has* been hired as a census taker. (Census takers are just people hired, so a scam artist could possibly sneak into the group.)**

**Census takers never ask for donations or fees. If they ask for money, close and lock your door and call your local police department to report the census taker.**

**About 140 million U.S. households will receive a census questionnaire by U.S. mail or hand delivery in March. Census workers will personally visit households that do not return the questionnaires.**

**You are required by law to answer basic questions for census data. Census data collected determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, plus it factors into formulas for distributing federal money to states and to local communities.**

**Census workers will never contact you by email. Never click on a link or open any email attachment that claims to be from the U.S. Census Bureau.**

**Census workers this year may contact people by phone, but this seems like a faulty method of collecting data. How could you know who the caller *really* is and how could the caller know that *you are who you claim to be*? Request an actual person to come to your door to gather your information.**

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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](mailto: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.