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Kappa Delta's Loop the Lake Carnival Run!



Step right up and run for child abuse prevention!

When: Saturday, March 23

Where: The SUMP

Florida Southern College
111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive
Lakeland

Sign-in: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Race Starts: 6:00 pm

Foster Families and members of their household attend free!

Foster Families: [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

Loop the Lake 5K Glow Run + Fun Walk 2022 ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...))



Co-Parenting Works!



Feature by Amanda, Co-Parent with Nichole Perrett

At our first meeting, I figured Nichole would be like others who would judge my life and choices. But little by little with each conversation I got to know that she understood my trauma and I soon began to feel the love she had for all my children and me. The day my boys came home, I told her she wasn't finished with the boys yet. All these years later we are still parenting these boys and have gone from co-parenting to family.

Foster Home Statistics

As of 2/28/24

- 32 homes licensed since July 1st, 2023
- 55 inquiries for the month of January
- 184 homes total in Circuit 10
- 35 Children & Teens entered out of home care in January 2023

YOU are our best recruiters for new foster families! Please share your stories with others and ask them to contact us at (863)519-8900 x289 if they are interested in learning more about fostering.



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Important Dates in March 2024

- 9 TBRI Training: Empower
- 13 Board rate payments disbursed
- 19 Challenging Behavior Support Group (Watch your texts for details!)
- 22 TLC Training & Meeting: The Importance of Play for Child Development
- 28 Foster Caregiver Advisory Council Meeting, 12 pm-1 pm

Update from the Finance Department

Effective January 1, 2024, the monthly board rates have changed to:

Age 0 - 5 years: \$570.36
Age 6-12 years: \$584.98
Age 13 -18 years: \$753.17
Medical Homes: \$684.70

If you have any questions, please contact your Relicensing Specialist.

TBRI® Training: Empowering

Saturday, March 9
8:30am-11:30am

Limited childcare for ages 0-12 is available.

Location:

The King's Church
730 Florida Ave S, Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact your Relicensing Specialist to register.

The TBRI® Empowering Principle is designed to facilitate change in children by supporting their physical needs and teaching them self-regulation skills. This is the third of a four-series TBRI training provided by Heartland for Children. Completion of previous training IS NOT REQUIRED to attend.

From the TLC Association

TLC will be meeting on the 4th Friday of March due to Spring break falling on the 3rd Friday. Plan to join us on March 22nd from 6pm to 9pm for a great time of building relationships, free dinner, and much needed free childcare and training hours! Our guest speaker will be Pat Durham with Discovery Toys who will speak on the Importance of Play for Child Development. She will even be bringing some of the educational and developmental toys they have available for those who are interested in purchasing them. We will be meeting at Mulberry Christian Academy located at 200 Dean St in Mulberry. Please contact Lori Chapman Peacock for childcare reservations to ensure that we have enough volunteers to meet our needs. Loriapeacocktlc@gmail.com



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Let's Talk TAYS! (Transition Age Youth Services)



OPTIONS FOR 18+ YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE MYFLFAMILIES/MYFUTURE



For more information on what TAYS has to offer, please check out:
www.heartlandforchildren/youth.org.

If you have additional questions, please contact a member of our staff:
Marquina Butts-Fisher, Program Manager (863)519-8900 ext. 238
Priscilla Copeland, Housing Specialist (863)519-8900 ext. 372

2024 CHILD WELFARE PROVIDER FAIR

MAKE A SPLASH AT OUR SUMMERTIME PROVIDER FAIR
YOUR ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR RESOURCES!

APRIL 25, 2024

10AM - 2PM

BARTOW CIVIC CENTER

2250 S FLORAL AVENUE, BARTOW, FL 33830

GAMES RAFFLE TRAINING CREDIT

HEALTH SCREENINGS MASSAGES SNACKS

**VENDOR
REGISTRATION**



Pre Register by

- NO Vendor Fee
- Lunch & Snacks Provided
- Vendor Scavenger Hunt

April 20th to receive
an extra raffle ticket

**ATTENDEE
REGISTRATION**

