



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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FDLRS Gulfcoast serves Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas Counties.

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October 2019

- ***Pinellas County Schools ESE Advisory***

Welcomes parents, students, community agencies, school, and district staff who are interested in exceptional student education in Pinellas County to discuss various topics.

When: Wednesday October 2, 2019 from 6 to 7:30pm

Where: Pinellas Administration Building, 301 4th St. SW, Largo (Room B213)

RSVP to Tracy at (727)588-6062 or mcmannust@pcsb.org.

- ***Parent Support Group***

For parents of children with special needs

When: Saturday October 5, 2019 from 10 to 11:30am

Where: Connect 2 Christ Church, 9398 Oakhurst Rd., Seminole

For questions, contact Kendra at (727)471-6362 or www.Kendra@AspireAdvising.com.

- ***Pinellas Technical College-Open House***

Jump-start your career! Tour campus, meet instructors, attend enrollment/financial aid workshops.

When: Tuesday October 8, 2019 from 5:30 to 7pm

Where: PTC-Clearwater Campus, 6100 154th Ave. N., Clearwater

For more information, call (727)538-7167 or go to www.myptc.edu.

- ***Pinellas Technical College-Open House***

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When: Thursday October 10, 2019 from 5:30 to 7pm

Where: PTC-St. Petersburg Campus, 901 34th St. S., St. Petersburg

For more information, call (727)893-2500 or go to www.myptc.edu.

- ***Beacon College 30th Anniversary Symposium on Learning Disabilities***

Beacon College-America's first accredited baccalaureate school to educate primarily students with learning disabilities, ADHD, and other learning differences-invites parents, students, educators, guidance counselors, and others to this important event.

When: Friday October 11, 2019 from 9am to 4:30pm

Where: Lake Receptions, 4425 N. Highway 19A, Mount Dora

Register at www.BeaconCollege.edu/LDSymposium or for more information call (352)638-9789.

- ***Florida Association for the Gifted (FLAG) Annual Conference***

Connect with educators and parents from across the state of Florida who promote and support educationally sound programs for gifted students through awareness, advocacy, and action.

When: October 11-12, 2019

Where: Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral, FL

For more information and to register, go to www.FLAGifted.org/ConferenceNews.

- **2019 IDA Florida Conference**

For educators, researchers, therapists, policymakers, parents, and advocates expand their network and gain fresh tools they need to transform the lives of those with dyslexia. Over 100 breakout sessions, exhibit hall, keynote speakers, social events, and more.

When: October 11-12, 2019

Where: The Florida Hotel, Orlando, FL

For more information and to register, go to <https://fl.dyslexiaida.org>.

- **Special Needs Camporee**

Volunteers from all over Florida come and set up carnival-style activity booths and offer fun activities for all exceptionalities. Crafts, games. Leatherworking, fishing military and firetruck displays, campfire program with Native American dancing, stories and skits. Optional overnight camping.

When: October 12-13, 2019 (register by October 10)

Where: St. Johns River Base, 2513 doctor's Lake Dr., Orange Park, FL

For more information, contact Michelle Thompson at michelle.thompson@scouting.org or call (904)265-3708. Register online at www.nfcscouting.org/event/special-needs-camporee-family-participants/2409314

- **Great Connections for Children with Special Needs and their Families**

Great Explorations Children's Museum will close to the general public, modify lights and sounds, and provide a "cool down" room for families on the second Sunday of the month.

When: October 13, 2019 from 10am to noon

Where: Great Explorations Children's Museum, 1925 4th St. North, St. Petersburg

Cost: \$5 per person (free for members)

Visit www.greatex.org or call Lauren Leavine at (727)821-8992, x226 for more information.

- **ESE College, Career & Life Fair**

For PCS high school students with disabilities and their families to find out about financial aid, college, career training, employment, the military, supported living, and more!

When: Thursday October 17, 2019 from 6 to 7:30pm

Where: Pinellas Park High School, 6305 118th Ave. N.

For questions, email joslynj@pcsb.org or call (727)588-5079.

- **LGBTQ Youth Retreat**

Sponsored by the Deliver the Dream Foundation.

When: October 18-20, 2019 (apply by October 4)

Where: The Florida FFA Leadership Training Center (<http://www.flaltc.org>) Haines City, FL

For more information, go to www.deliverthedream.org or call (888)687-3732.

- **Interactions Matter! 12th Annual Early Learning Conference**

Sponsored by The Early Learning Coalition of Pasco-Hernando, this conference has over 30 breakout sessions, vendor exhibition, and keynote speaker Gina Gates.

When: Saturday October 19, 2019 from 8am to 4pm

Where: Bishop McLaughlin HS, 13651 Hays Rd., Spring Hill

For more information, call (727)233-8291 or register at www.regpacks.com/phelc2019

- **Trailways Camp**
Fishing, canoeing, talent show, arts & crafts, swimming, campfires, animal guests, and meeting new friends. Must be 18 years of age or older and have a disability.
When: October 21-24, 2019
Where: Riverside Camp and Retreat Center, LaBelle, FL
Cost: \$25.00 per camper
For more information call (239)995-2106, ext. 2312 or register at www.goodwillswfl.org/trailwayscamp.
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Summit**
Free event with lunch provided. Presentations/resources include services available in Hernando County, how to help with homework, financial and legal services information, understanding youth mental health.
When: Wednesday October 23, 2019 from 10am to 1pm
Where: Brooksville Wesleyan Church, 22319 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville
For more information and to register, call (352)797-7315.
- **Halloween Costume Dance**
Door prizes, refreshments and music by P.J. the D.J.
When: Friday October 25, 2019 from 7 to 10pm
Where: The Arc Nature Coast Education Center, 6495 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill
Cost: \$5.00 per person (parents, Arc staff, and children 10 & under are free)
For more information call (352)544-2322, ext. 109 or email info@tancinc.org
- **2019 4th Annual FDSWF Buddy Walk**
Join the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Down Syndrome West Florida as they unite for a common cause and raise funds at the Buddy Walk.
When: Saturday Oct. 26, 2018 from 1 to 5pm
Where: Raymond James Stadium, Tampa
Registration coming soon. Go to www.friendsdownsyndrometampa.com.

November 2019

- **Family Retreat – for families who have a family member with cancer**
Sponsored by the Deliver the Dream Foundation.
When: November 1-3, 2019 (apply by October 15)
Where: The Florida FFA Leadership Training Center (<http://www.flaltc.org>) Haines City, FL
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- Hernando County ESE Advisory Meeting***
 Parents, teachers, administrators, community representatives coming together to share information, brainstorm ideas, discuss concerns, and provide input on current ESE initiatives. All are welcome.
When: Monday November 4, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Where: Winding Waters K-8-Media Center, 12240 Vespa Way, Weeki Wachee
 For more information call (352)797-7070 ext. 490 or email Bratcher_s@hcsb.k12.fl.us.
- ESE Parent Collaborative Network***
 Parents, teachers, administrators, and community representatives with a focus on sharing information, brainstorming ideas, discussing concerns, and providing input on current ESE initiatives.
When: Tuesday November 5, 2019 from 5 to 6:30pm
Where: Lake Myrtle Elementary School (in Media center), 22844 Weeks Blvd., Land O'Lakes.
- National Association for Gifted Children 66th Annual Convention***
 Choose from 230+ content-rich sessions covering a full range of topics in gifted education.
When: November 7-10, 2019
Where: Albuquerque, NM
 For more information and to register, go to www.nagc.org.
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Where: Great Explorations Children's Museum, 1925 4th St. North, St. Petersburg
Cost: \$5 per person (free for members)
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- R.O.C. The Barriers Special Needs Field Day***
 Adaptive sports games, live music, food, vendors! Miracle by the Bay is focused on highlighting vendors and organizations that provide services to our special needs community and raise awareness of their needs. Hosted in conjunction with Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches and R.O.C. Park.
When: Saturday November 16, 2019 from 10am to 3pm
Where: Madeira Beach Rec Center, 200 Rex Place, Madeira Beach
 For more information, contact mbtbfl@gmail.com or call (727)412-4292.
- Trailways Camp***
 Fishing, canoeing, talent show, arts & crafts, swimming, campfires, animal guests, and meeting new friends. Must be 18 years of age or older and have a disability.
When: November 18-21, 2019
Where: Riverside Camp and Retreat Center, LaBelle, FL
Cost: \$25.00 per camper
 For more information call (239)995-2106, ext. 2312 or register at www.goodwillswfl.org/trailwayscamp.

- ***Pinellas Interagency Networking Council for Students (PINCS)***
Our meetings are open to all agencies, employers, and self-advocates that are interested in benefitting the progress of Pinellas County youth with disabilities who are transitioning from high school.
When: Thursday November 21, 2019 from 1 to 2:30pm
Where: SPC Epi Center, 13805 58th St. N, Clearwater
To RSVP and for more info, contact Dr. Jayme Joslyn at joslynj@pcsb.org or (727)588-6000 x 5079.
- ***Sensory Processing and ASD***
Presented by Virginia Spielmann, MSOT. Part of Autism Research Institute sponsored webinar series.
When: Wednesday November 27, 2019 from 1 to 2pm
Register online at www.autism.com.

December 2019

- ***Project Connect***
The mission of the Hernando County Interagency Council is to increase agency and parent/family involvement at the school level. It is our intent to assist students with disabilities in transitioning to adult life by empowering them with the knowledge and tools to become participating members of their communities.
When: Monday December 2, 2019 from 9 to 11am
Where: Hernando High School, 700 Bell Ave., Brooksville
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January 2020

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When: Thursday January 16, 2020 from 9 to 10:30am

Where: PCS Discovery Room, 304 4th Ave SW, Largo

To RSVP and for more info, contact Dr. Jayme Joslyn at joslynj@pcsb.org or (727)588-6000 x 5079.

February 2020

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When: Monday February 3, 2020 from 9 to 11am

Where: Central High School, 14075 Ken Austin Parkway, Brooksville

For more info, contact Simone Bratcher at (352)797-7070 x490 or Bratcher_s@hcsb.k12.fl.us.

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Where: JD Floyd Elementary-Media Center, 3139 Dumont Avenue, Spring Hill

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March 2020

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Our meetings are open to all agencies, employers, and self-advocates that are interested in benefitting the progress of Pinellas County youth with disabilities who are transitioning from high school.

When: Thursday March 5, 2020 from 1 to 2:30pm

Where: SPC Epi Center, 13805 58th St. N, Clearwater

To RSVP and for more info, contact Dr. Jayme Joslyn at joslynj@pcsb.org or (727)588-6000 x 5079.

April 2020

- ***ESE Parent Collaborative Network***

Parents, teachers, administrators, and community representatives with a focus on sharing information, brainstorming ideas, discussing concerns, and providing input on current ESE initiatives.

When: Tuesday April 7, 2020 from 5 to 6:30pm

Where: Lake Myrtle Elementary School (in Media center), 22844 Weeks Blvd., Land O'Lakes.

May 2020

- ***Project Connect***

The mission of the Hernando County Interagency Council is to increase agency and parent/family involvement at the school level. It is our intent to assist students with disabilities in transitioning to adult life by empowering them with the knowledge and tools to become participating members of their communities.

When: Monday May 4, 2020 from 9 to 11am

Where: PHSC-Conference Room, 450 Beverly Court, Spring Hill

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- ***Hernando County ESE Advisory Meeting***

Parents, teachers, administrators, community representatives coming together to share information, brainstorm ideas, discuss concerns, and provide input on current ESE initiatives. All are welcome.

When: Monday May 4, 2020 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Where: Central High-Media Center, 14075 Ken Austin Parkway, Brooksville

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- ***Pinellas Interagency Networking Council for Students (PINCS)***

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When: Thursday May 21, 2020 from 9 to 10:30am

Where: PCS Discovery Room, 304 4th Ave SW, Largo

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June 2020

- **22nd Annual Family Cafe**

Join thousands of individuals with disabilities and their family members for three days of information, training, and networking. There is no registration fee for individuals with disabilities and their family members. Registration opens on February 14, 2020.

When: June 5-7, 2020

Where: Orlando, FL

For more information, go to <https://familycafe.net>.

Additional Events:

Check with your local library for all types of free services, workshops, activities including:

- Reading with therapy dogs
- Homework help
- Employment help
- Computer/technical training
- ESOL tutoring
- Infant to Preschool learning activities
- Adaptive toy lending
- Large print/audio books
- Sign language classes
- Crafts/music/robotics

Hernando County Libraries

(352)754-4043 (main number) www.hernandocountylibrary.us

Pasco County Libraries

(727)861-3040 (main number) www.pascolibraries.org

Pinellas County Libraries

(727)441-8408 (main number) www.pplc.us



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