

KINSHIP CIRCUIT 20

MARCH 2024

NEWSLETTER



HELLO EVERYONE! WELCOME TO CHILDREN'S NETWORK OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA! WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH YOU! WE UNDERSTAND HOW HARD THINGS CAN BE AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO EXPRESS ANY NEEDS YOU HAVE SO THAT WE CAN BE THE BEST OF HELP TO YOU.

KINSHIP IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU! PLEASE READ MORE

BELOW:



ABOUT US

Children's Network of Southwest Florida, a private, nonprofit lead agency, is dedicated to administering the child welfare system in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades Counties. Our primary mission is to collaborate with the community to protect children and preserve families. Since its founding in 2003, Children's Network of Southwest Florida has been working tirelessly to ensure that children in our communities are safer, have better access to local resources, and can experience a stable, loving, and secure home environment. As a contracting partner with the Department of Children and Families, we are committed to overseeing and enhancing the child welfare system in Southwest Florida.

MISSION

The Children's Network of Southwest is committed to working with the community to protect children and preserve families.

VISION

Building strong links for children in need.

VALUES

- **Leadership** - Children's Network embraces leadership guided by informed wisdom and common sense with compassion.
- **Integrity** - Children's Network operates with integrity, honesty, and transparency.
- **Advocacy** - Children's Network advocates for safety, permanency, and well-being of children and their families.
- **Stewardship** - Children's Network is an active steward committed to the efficient and effective use of resources.

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

- The purpose of the kinship navigator is to provide support to relative/non-relative caregivers.
- The kinship navigator will read the CBHA (if available) and ensure all referrals are made for the child(ren).
- An intake will be completed by the kinship navigator with the caregiver to identify all needs and services. Kinship Navigators will also connect you with community resources. After needs are identified referrals will be made. (Automatic referrals include level 1 and BET intro session).
- The kinship navigator will confirm that the caregiver has necessary information for the child. Copy of CBHA, custody letter, and court orders.
- Kinship navigator will complete an exit assessment to make sure all referrals and needs were addressed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Greg Reyna at greg.reyna@cnswfl.org or Jody Ann Foster at Jodyann.Foster@cnswfl.org

Kinship Care Support Group

3/18/2024 6:00PM - 7:00PM



*We are here to listen and
support you!*

PLEASE REACH OUT TO JODY ANN FOSTER FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Happy Women's History Month!

This is a time to celebrate the amazing achievements and contributions of women throughout history. From leaders and activists to innovators and artists, women have made an amazing impact on society and continue to inspire us today. We are grateful for their resilience, courage, and dedication to making the world a better place. Let's continue to uplift and empower women in all aspects of life and strive for a better future for all. Cheers to all the incredible women who have paved the way for us and continue too! We appreciate you! You are strong, you are capable, and you are deserving of all the recognition and praise. Thank you for everything you do!

St. Patrick's Day

Word Search Puzzle

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Y R C E L E B R A T E G W D
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CLOVER

CELEBRATE

HORSESHOE

PIPE

MARCH

GOOD LUCK

GOLD

LEPRECHAUN

HAT

COINS

RAINBOW

PATRICK

MAGIC

GREEN

IRELAND



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

SWFL Reading Festival
Saturday March 2nd
10AM-4PM



Star Party at Rotary Park
Friday March 8th
7PM-10PM

3121 El Dorado Pkwy W Cape Coral FL



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Bonita Fest
Saturday March 9th 2024



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday March 30, 2024
11AM-2PM
18316 Murdock Circle Port Charlotte, FL 33948



Resources



United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades

United way is a 24 hour emergency helpline that is free. it can connect people with human and social service agencies in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties. United way also helps anyone in need of shelter, food, hygiene products and even school supplies for your children! Link attached with number below:

[CLICK HERE FOR WEBSITE!](#)

Charlotte County Human Services are dedicated to improving the wellbeing and critical needs of the Charlotte County community. Below is a link to many services Charlotte County can help you with such as Food & Meal Distributions, Health services, and etc. Link attached with number below:

[CLICK HERE FOR WEBSITE!](#)

(941) 833-6500



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Harry Chapin is a great food bank that feeds a quarter of a million people every month within Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee County! They assist with hygiene products and their food donation hours would be Monday through Friday 8am-2pm by appointment only.

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