

Hello
August

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Warm welcome to all of our amazing caregivers! As we enter the month of August, us at Children's Network want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for all that you do. Your tireless efforts to provide love, care, and support to the children in our community is truly invaluable, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our team. We recognize that being a caregiver can be challenging at times, but we want you to know that you are not alone. Our organization is devoted to supporting you every step of the way, from providing resources and guidance to offering a listening ear and a helping hand. We are here for you, and we appreciate all that you do for the children in your care. Thank you for stepping up and making a difference in their lives - we are honored to be a part of this journey with you!



MISSION

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

VISION

Building Strong Links for Children in Need.

VALUES

LEADERSHIP - THE CHILDREN'S NETWORK OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA EMBRACES LEADERSHIP GUIDED BY INFORMED WISDOM AND COMMON SENSE, WITH COMPASSION.

Integrity - The Children's Network of Southwest Florida operates with integrity, honesty, and transparency.

Advocacy - The Children's Network of Southwest Florida advocates for safety, permanency and well-being of children and their families.

Stewardship - The Children's Network of Southwest Florida is an active steward committed to the efficient and effective use of resources.

HOW CAN A KINSHIP NAVIGATOR HELP YOU?

5 WAYS WE CAN HELP YOU!

- 1. Helping with Navigating the System:** Kinship navigators can guide caregivers through the complex child welfare system, helping them understand the process and paperwork involved in caring for a child or youth.
- 2. Fostering Connections:** Kinship navigators can facilitate connections between caregivers and other family members or supportive individuals, helping to build a sense of community and social support.
- 3. Helping with Communication:** Kinship navigators can facilitate communication between caregivers and the child welfare system, ensuring that caregivers have a clear understanding of their child's needs and circumstances.
- 4. Providing Information and Referrals:** Kinship navigators can provide caregivers with information and referrals to local resources, services, and programs that can support their caregiving needs.
- 5. Supporting Caregiver Self-Care:** Kinship navigators can encourage caregivers to prioritize their own self-care, providing resources and strategies to help them manage stress, anxiety, and burnout.



ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO:

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BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

COLLIER COUNTY:

LIPMAN'S BACKPACK GIVEAWAY & BACK 2 SCHOOL EVENT

Join Lipman for their 14th Annual Back Backpack Giveaway as they distribute 1,800 backpacks filled with school supplies to elementary and middle school age children of Immokalee and the surrounding areas! Please note that children must be present to receive a backpack, they must also be accompanied by an adult. They will have over 50 local nonprofits sharing their resources as well. There will be free food, services, entertainment, giveaways, and more!!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

@ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

701 IMMOKALEE DR, IMMOKALEE, FL 34142-3140

NEOPOLITAN FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL EXPO 2024

Join us at 2024 Neapolitan Family Back to School Expo. Enjoy food trucks and refreshments while you enjoy the free entertainment and get your face painted as well. And don't forget to enter to win big prizes! But that's not all! At the Neapolitan Family Back to School Expo, you can also learn about and register for after-school activities, clubs, scouting, arts, theater and dance classes, sports, fitness, community services, schools, and healthcare resources in SWFL. It's the perfect opportunity for your child to discover new activities and interests.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 @ 10 AM TO 2 PM
NORTH COLLIER REGIONAL PARK GYMNASIUM
15000 LIVINGSTON ROAD NAPLES, FL 34109

CHARLOTTE COUNTY:

BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA BY RESTORING OAKS

Join us for a special evening, inspiration, and fun to kick up the new school year! There will be music, games, speakers to empower students to step up, have each others back, and be world changers!

RSVP WITH BAR CODE ----->



**THE TWISTED FORK
2208 EL JOBEAN RD. PORT
CHARLOTTE FL 33948**

**AUGUST 5, 2024
@6PM-9PM**



SONSHINE BAPTIST CHURCH BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Are you looking for a fun and family-friendly way to kick off the new school year? Join us at Sonshine Baptist Church for our annual Back to School Event!

RSVP WITH BAR CODE ----->



**23105 VETERANS BLVD.
PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954**

**AUGUST 3, 2024
@10AM-12PM**



Back to School K-5

EVENT DETAILS:

- Free Backpacks
- School Supplies
- Exciting Giveaways
- Meet Community Partners
- Food Distribution

Event begins:
August 3rd 10:00am-1:00pm

SCAN HERE:



Florida Blue Center - Fort Myers
8041 Plaza del Lago Dr.
Estero, FL 33928
(239) 494-3460

**While supplies last. Attendees will be eligible to receive a backpack by visiting a participating Florida Blue Center on August 3, 2024. Limit 3 backpacks per household. Parent or guardian must be present with child(ren).*





LaBelle



Back to school



United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades

SUPPLY & RESOURCE EVENT

Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 4-6 p.m.

LaBelle Civic Center

481 W. Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80), LaBelle

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FREE BACKPACKS

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE SUPPLIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT 239-433-7559

SEPARATE EVENTS WILL BE HELD FOR CLEWISTON, MOORE HAVEN, AND MONTURA

SPECIAL THANKS TO CITY OF LABELLE



RESOURCES



AT HOPE, THEY ARE COMMITTED TO BEING A BEACON OF SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES, EMPOWERING THEM TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE THROUGH RESOURCES, MENTORSHIP, AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION. OUR HOPE 4 KIDS INITIATIVE SHINES A LIGHT ON THE NEEDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS, RALLYING OUR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.

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Foster Village is dedicated to bridging the divide between foster families and caregivers, providing more than just basic support. Our holistic approach addresses the practical, emotional, and social needs of our community, empowering them to thrive.

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FOSTER VILLAGE SWFL!!!](#)**

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