

CIRCUIT 20 KINSHIP NEWSLETTER



AS SEPTEMBER BEGINS AND THE SCHOOL YEAR KICKS OFF, WE WARMLY WELCOME ALL CAREGIVERS WHO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN SHAPING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. THIS MONTH, WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND THE TIME YOU INVEST IN NURTURING YOUNG MINDS. YOUR SUPPORT CREATES A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT AS STUDENTS TAKE ON NEW LEARNING ADVENTURES. WHETHER HELPING WITH HOMEWORK, ATTENDING EVENTS, OR PROVIDING ENCOURAGEMENT, YOUR EFFORTS ARE INVALUABLE. THANK YOU FOR BEING THE BACKBONE OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND FOR FOSTERING THE GROWTH OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. HERE'S TO A FANTASTIC SEPTEMBER FILLED WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND SHARED SUCCESSES!



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.

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

C.A.R.E.S

C- Childcare is our priority; we engage with caregivers upon placement and assist in establishing a nurturing home environment for children in care.

A – Assist caregivers to access food stamps, cash benefits, legal services, ELC and other benefits.

R- Referrals for counseling, therapy, and Level 1 licensure are completed.

E- Educate caregivers about the resources and services at their disposal.

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S- Support group meetings are conducted to offer caregivers a secure environment for sharing experiences and connecting with fellow caregivers.

**If you have questions, please reach out to Greg Reyna at
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Back to School Word Search



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MIDDLE	N	A	A	R	D	A	H	G	H	T	E	R	W	O	U
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HIGH SCHOOL	L	M	L	H	E	O	G	T	A	C	O	V	R	P	D
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RULER	O	S	C	I	S	S	O	R	S	O	S	Y	U	T	E
CRAYONS	T	L	R	U	L	R	O	A	T	S	E	N	L	T	N
MARKERS	R	E	A	G	L	E	L	A	T	L	I	R	A	A	T
BOOKS	A	A	Y	Y	P	K	R	E	D	T	R	E	T	Y	A
PENS	C	J	O	N	E	R	O	D	H	L	E	H	O	B	R
PROTRACTOR	T	Y	N	E	M	A	I	E	M	O	I	D	R	A	Y
COMPASS	O	H	S	T	A	S	S	A	P	M	O	C	R	B	S
CALCULATOR	R	S	K	O	O	B	A	C	V	J	B	R	N	N	B
RECESS	F	O	S	E	M	A	T	E	A	C	H	E	R	E	L
CLASS	B	A	C	K	P	A	C	K	E	R	W	A	P	O	P
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TEACHER															

HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1ST - NOV 30

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Lee County Public Safety website with links for HOME, ABOUT US, RESIDENTS, VISITORS, BUSINESS, DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT, and I WA. The left sidebar menu includes items like Public Safety Home, About Public Safety, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Public Records Request, Other Public Safety Agencies, Disaster Advisory Council, Evacuation, Hurricane, Hurricane Progress Report, ResilientLee, Hurricane Ian - Updates, Hurricane Idalia - Updates, Subjects, Work with Us, Smart Lee County, and Community Health Program. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail (Home » Public Safety Home » Hurricane) and a title 'Hurricane Preparation Guide'. Below the title are options for Font Size, Share & Bookmark, and Feedback. A large banner image of a hurricane with a white text box stating 'Hurricane Season is June 1-Nov. 30, 2024'. Below this is a video player titled 'Message from the Public Safety Director' showing a family gathered around a table with emergency supplies. The video player includes a play button, a 'Watch later' button, a 'Share' button, and a caption 'Have an Emergency Plan & Supply Kit' with a 'Watch on YouTube' button.

Hurricane Preparation Guide (leegov.com)

What is your evacuation plan? Please make sure to share your plan with case worker!

HURRICANE SEASON SAFETY TIPS



Hurricane season runs from **June 1** to **November 30**.

We cannot control the weather, but we can control our preparation. Follow the tips below to make sure you and your family keep safe this hurricane season.



LISTEN TO WARNINGS

Delays in heeding storm warnings are a contributing factor to casualties. People who linger become trapped. Emergency personnel are then put at risk to save those lives. **Do not wait until the last minute.** When warnings are given to evacuate and seek shelter, take your family and your “to-go” bags and evacuate. **Homes can be rebuilt. Lives cannot.**

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY

It's important to schedule time for yourself and your family to sit down and review your resources and checklists. Give yourself a deadline to have your “to-go” bag, as well as one for each family member, packed and prepared. Then, schedule time together to practice your family's emergency plan.



Know what to do before, during, and after a storm is headed your way. Visit [ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) to review preparedness tips and more.

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT



Emergency supply kits: your “to-go” bags vary depending on your family's needs. Two items to have at the top of your list are water and baby/pet care.



Water is the number one item you cannot live without. Have one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days in your home should you lose access to running water. And keep water in your “to-go” bag.



Baby/pet care: Don't forget your dependents. Baby care items and food for your pet should be included in your kit.



Reminder: Check your supply kit each year for expired food and water and replace when necessary. Also, do not store your batteries in your flashlight or radio to avoid corrosion.

For a list of recommended supplies, visit [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)



KINSHIP CAREGIVER LIAISON

Are you a Kinship or Level 1 caregiver? Need someone to talk to? Someone to help guide you, support you, and provide advice and guidance in accessing services and navigating the Child Welfare System?

Children's Network is pleased to announce our newly developed Kinship Care Liaison Program in SWFL. Help is now just a phone call, email or text away. You will be linked to an experienced Kinship/Level 1 caregiver who can help!

Denese B.

Call/Text: (941) 258-7604

Be sure to leave a voicemail if calling.

Email: Denese06@comcast.net

If you need assistance or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Denese. They are readily available to provide support and guidance. Whether you need help with a specific issue or just want to discuss your concerns, Denese is here to help you navigate through any challenges you may be facing. Don't hesitate to contact them—you're not alone, and they look forward to assisting you!

Save the Date

Join us for our 19th Annual Walk to

Prevent Child Abuse



Saturday

October 26th, 2024

at Florida SouthWestern State College, Ft. Myers

Mark your calendars!

**Fun for the whole family!
Activities Include:**

- Walk
- Trunk or Treat
- Free Food - *light breakfast items*
- Raffle Prizes
- Vendors

**Check-in & Registration
@ 7:00am**

Walk begins @ 8:00am

Register Here!

Donate Today!



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Did You Know Your EBT Card Can Do This? | EBT Discounts 2024

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[CLICK THIS LINK FOR THE EBT WEBSITE SO YOU CAN FIND YOUR STATE!](#)

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Got EBT? We've found over 1,000 incredible EBT discounts! You can get FREE museum admission, cheap Amazon memberships and even discounts at certain retailers! That's right – your food stamps benefits can do so much more than just buy groceries!

Springtime Farms

Fall Festival

Fort Myers



All Activities Included
All Day Pass only \$14pp
Sept. 28th - Oct. 27th



Pumpkin Patch - Petting Farm - Activities - Bounce Houses - Haunted Walk - Food Trucks

FORT MYERS FALL FESTIVAL

2024 5th Annual Fall Adventure Festival and Haunted Maze at Springtime Farms Adventure Park in North Fort Myers (30 Acre Farm). Open September 28th - October 27th.

*****OVER 30 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED WITH THE ALL DAY PASS***** Tickets can be purchased at the farm the day of your visit, ages 2 and under are Free. 200 animals that you can hold touch and feed, Pumpkin Patch, 1 FREE Pumpkin Per Child (While Supply's Last), Petting Zoo (over 200 Animals), 70 Foot Jumping Pillows, 2 Inflatables, 2 Large 24 Foot Tall Dry Slides, New Haunted Maze, Haunted Trail, , Bird Aviary, a Scavenger Hunt, Food Trucks and more.

[CLICK THIS LINK IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE
TICKETS ONLINE](#)

COLLIER COUNTY SEPTEMBER EVENTS

FAMILY DAY: CELEBRATING LATINO CONSERVATION

WHERE: 1215 Roberts Avenue West
Immokalee, FL 34142

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
10AM TO 12PM

[CLICK LINK TO REGISTER FOR EVENT!](#)



Wacky Weather Family Day

It's sunny

It's cloudy

Will I need this??

It's rainy

...or this?

It's stormy

It's windy

Always check the
weather before you
go somewhere!

WACKY WEATHER FAMILY DAY!!!

WHERE: 3331 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, FL 34112

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
10AM TO 1PM

[CLICK LINK TO REGISTER FOR EVENT!](#)