

What is Success By 6?

Helping all children succeed for life-Success By 6 is dedicated to creating a community where all children, by the age of 6, have the mental, physical, social, and emotional foundation needed to grow into healthy, productive members of the community. Success By 6 is a community-wide children's initiative, founded in 1995 by Carol Jenkins Barnett of Publix Super Markets Charities and spearheaded by United Way of Central Florida, which brings together resources from a partnership of private businesses, government, religious groups, educators, and health and human service organizations. Success By 6 is an initiative to make early childhood development a top priority in Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties.

How can you help?

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Everyday life is a learning experience for children! Born Learning is a public engagement campaign that helps parents, grandparents and caregivers explore ways to turn everyday moments into fun learning opportunities. Share materials with parents; post information on your website or newsletters.

Imagination Library provides at risk children with a free, new book every month through their fifth birthday for less than \$2.50 a book! Join our local sponsors, the GiveWell Community Foundation, Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Bartow Library, Bartow Rotary and Florida's Natural Growers Foundation and help clear our waiting list.

Master Teachers

Four master teachers provide supervised internships in childcare centers and family childcare homes. Sponsor a curriculum!

Parent Lending Libraries

Through the generosity of grants and sponsorships, libraries are being placed at childcare centers to allow parents to conveniently borrow books to read with their child every day. We have a waiting list of centers eager to join in the program.

This PRG you are holding appears in The Ledger in March, July and November, reaching over 195,000 homes. Success By 6 is given space for space based on advertisements sold. Call 863-802-7412 to advertise.

Family Fundamentals is a collaboration of organizations committed to strengthening families and our community by increasing access and awareness to resources and services. This parent resource center is a warm, welcoming place where anyone can come to access information, children's classes and support services. Thirty-nine agencies offer services on site to provide a one-stop opportunity for parents. The center is located at 1021 Lakeland Hills Blvd. in Lakeland, above Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine.

For more information please call Jodi at 863-648-1500 ext.265 or jodi.miller@uwcf.org

Birth To Three Program

Do you have questions or concerns about your child's development?

Our program can help!



www.achievementacademy.com

Any child in Polk County, newborn to three years, is eligible for services at no cost to the family



- Monthly home visits
- Developmental evaluations
- Individualized activities, techniques and goals
- Developmentally appropriate toys, materials and books
- Parent information and support

Call today for a **FREE evaluation**

863-683-6504





FREE DAILY CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

Please check our Facebook or website.

Monday Marvelous **Mondays**

Ages 3-5 9:30-11:30 am

Tuesday

Terrific Tuesdays Ages 3-5

9:30-11:30 am

Wednesday **Great Beginnings** Age 0-12 mo.

9:00-9:45 am Once Upon a Time Age 1

10:00-10:45 am **Twogether Time**

Age 2 11:00-noon

Wonderful Wednesdays Ages 3-5

9:30-11:30 am **Thursday**

> **Thrilling Thursdays** Ages 3-5

9:30-11:30 am

Friday

Move it, **Move It Fridays** Aae 3-5

9:30-10:30 am Let's Move **Twogether**

Ages 2 10:45-11:30 am

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Please call for dates, times and possible fees.

ALPI

844-356-8138 Self-sufficiency Training Program

Citizen CPR

863-680-1277 CPR/First Aid

FDLRS/Child Find

863-647-4258

Developmental Screenings, Birth to Five

Court Ordered Parenting/

Kids Need Both

888 310-6630

Co-Parenting Classes Anger Management Classes Parenting Plans

The Toby Center 855-862-9236 Supervised Visitations

Family Court Mediations

Healthy Families Polk

Parenting Classes 863-534-5344

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

863-688-7648

Researchers say that singing is among the most meaningful activities we share with children.



Thank you Bartow Rotary and Bartow Friends of the Library for your continued support of the Imagination Library!



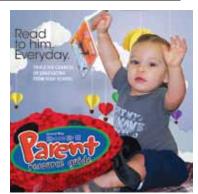
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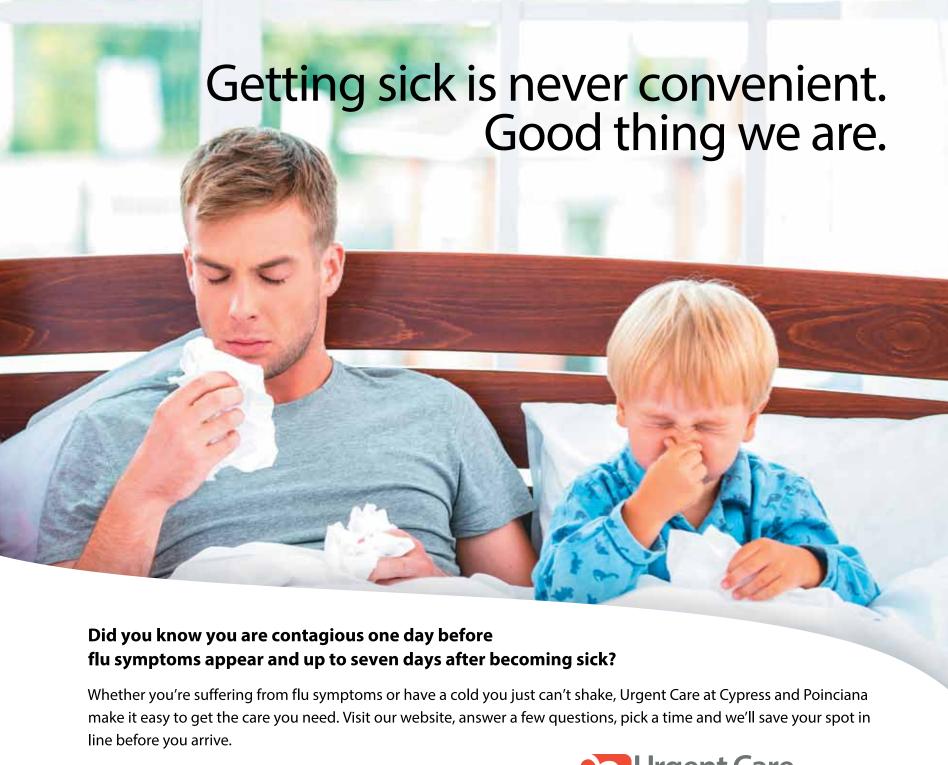
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Check in at *HeartofFloridaFluCare.com*. We're open daily, including holidays.

Se habla español.



7375 Cypress Gardens Blvd. • Winter Haven, FL 33884 3759 Pleasant Hill Road • Kissimmee, FL 34746

For additional resources and referrals please dial 2-1-1 or 863-648-1515.

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Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling

gamblinghelp.org

1-888-ADMIT-IT 888-236-4848

Heartland Intergroup (Al-Anon)

heartlandintergoup.org

863-688-0211

Narcotics Anonymous

Nafheartland.org

863-683-0630

Peace River Center

peacerivercenter.org

863-248-3311

Tri-County Human Services

tchsonline.org

863-701-7373 (Lakeland)

863-773-2226 (Wauchula)

Wilson House

wilsonhouserecovery.org

863-859-7503

ADOPTIONS

Catholic Charities of Central Florida

cflcc.org

863-686-7153

Florida Baptist Children's Homes

fbchomes.ora 863-688-4981

Heartland for Children

heartlandforchildren.org

863-519-8900

A Safe Haven for Newborns

asafehavenfornewborns.com

877-767-2229

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING
Good Shepherd Hospice

goodshepherdhospice.org 863-682-0027, TOLL FREE: 1-800-464-3994

BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT
FL Dept. of Health in Hardee-WIC Program

hardee.floridahealth.gov

863-773-4161

FL Dept. of Health in Polk-WIC Program

polk.floridahealth.gov

863-519-7542

Healthy Start Coalition

healthystarthhp.org

Auburndale 863-965-5400

Bartow 863-519-7900

Haines City 863-421-3204

Lake Wales 863-678-4144

Lakeland 863-413-2620

Heart of Florida Medical Center heartofflorida.com

863-419-BABY

La Leche League of Lakeland

Illiakeland.org 863-581-6959

Winter Haven Women's Hospital

Breast Feeding Helpline

863-294-7068

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Florida Abuse Hotline

myflfamilies.com

800-96-ABUSE (962-2873) **Heartland for Children**

heartlandforchildren.org

863-519-8900

A Safe Haven For Newborns

asafehavenfornewborns.com

877-767-2229

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center

heartofflorida.com

863-419-2229

Lakeland Regional Health

mylrh.org 863-687-1100

Winter Haven Women's Hospital

winterhavenhospital.org

863-294-7010

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL Early Learning Coalition of the Heartland

Hardee and Highlands counties

Elcfloridasheartland.org

863-314-9213

Early Learning Coalition of Polk

elcpolk.org

Lakeland 863-577-2450 Winter Haven 863-508-2037

800-843-9780

CHILD RECREATION

Boy Scouts of America, Gulf Ridge Council

scouting.org 813-872-2691 **Boys and Girls Clubs**

Citrus Center Boys & Girls Club

ccbgc.com

Haines City 863-422-7014 Lake Wales 863-679-8582

Winter Haven 863-967-1532

Lakeland and Mulberry

bgclakeland.com Carl G. Schowe Club/Crystal Lake Elem.

863-665-3864

James J. Musso Club/Lakeland 863-686-3371

Wogan S. Badcock Jr. Ctr/Mulberry 863-425-0130

John L. Sanders Club/Rochelle

863-686-0721 **Camp Fire USA**

campfire.org 863-688-5491

Girls Inc.

girlsinc.org Bartow 863-533-5000

Lakeland 863-682-3002 Winter Haven 863-967-2874

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

gswcf.org 800-881-4475 **Hardee County YMCA** sarasotaymca.org/hardee

863-773-6445

Kelly Recreation Center 863-834-3284

Lakeland Family YMCA

ymcawcf.org 863-644-3528

Lake Wales Family YMCA

lakewalesymca.org 863-676-9441 **North Lakeland YMCA**

vmcawcf.org 863-859-7769 COUNSELING & MENTAL HEALTH

If you feel you are in crisis, call the Peace River 24-hour

Crisis Line

863-519-3744 or 800-627-5906

BavCare Behavioral

bavcare.org 863-294-7062

Bethany Center Good Shepherd Hospice

chaptershealth.org 863-968-1707

Big Bear Behavioral Health

psychamerica.org 800-840-2528 **Children's Home Society**

chsfl.org 863-413-3126

Families First familiesfirstfl.org 813-290-8560

Fla Diagnostic and Learning Resource (FDLRS)

fdlrs.polk-fl.net 863-647-4257 HEADS

headsusa.com 813-754-5555

The Healing and Empowerment Center

Highlands County healandempower.org

Impower impowerfl.org 321-639-1224

National Alliance for the Mentally III

nami.org 863-513-0073 **Peace River Center** peacerivercenter.org

863-248-3311 Crisis Line 863-519-3744 or

800-627-5906 Highlands 863-402-6859 Wauchula 863-773-3228

Polk County Veterans Services polk-county.net

863-534-5200 **Recovery for Life** lelandfamilyministries.com Bartow - 863-519-0000 Lake Wale s- 863-605-3188

A Safe Haven for Newborns asafehavenfornewborns.com

877-767-2229 SCARF scarffl.com 321-236-1540 Dr. Ed Shoemaker arsponline.org 863-899-2162 **The Toby Center**

855-862-9236 **Tri-County Human Services**

tchsonline.org 863-709-9392 **The Wilson House**

thetobycenter.org

wilsonhouserecovery.org 863-859-7503

Winter Haven Hospital

winterhavenhospital.org

863-294-7062

Women's Resource Center

wrcfl.org 863-294-5318

Youth & Family Alternatives

yfainc.org 863-499-2430 **DENTAL**

Central Florida Health Care

cfhconline.org Frostproof 863-635-4891 Lake Wales 863-855-9718 Mulberry 863-425-6200

Wauchula 863-773-2111 Winter Haven Clinic 863-292-4280 WH Magnolia 863-229-7950

Florida Dept. of Health in Hardee hardee.floridahealth.gov

863-773-4161

Florida Dept. of Health in Polk polk.floridahealth.gov

863-519-7900

DRUG PREVENTION EDUCATION InnerAct Alliance inneractalliance.org

863-802-0777 **Tri-County Human Services**

tchsonline.org 863-709-9392

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT/TUTORING

AmeriCorps americorps.gov 863-519-8638 **East Area Adult School**

eastareaadult.com

863-965-5475 **Hardee County Adult Education**

863-773-3173

Lake Wales Family Literacy Academy

863-604-8012 **Learning Resource Center**

863-688-9477 **New Beginnings High School-Ages 16-21**

polk-fl.net 863-298-5666

Ircpolk.com

Parent Informational Resource Centers

polk-fl.net 863-534-0500 **West Area Adult School** westareaadult.com 863-499-2835

Women's Resource Center wrcfl.org

863-294-5318 FAMILY SUPPORT
Heartland Intergroup (Al-Anon)

863-688-0211 **Bikers Against Child Abuse**

bacaworld.org 866-71ABUSE

Healthy Families Hardee healthyfamiliesfla.org 863-491-9832

Talk, sing and point. When you point at something, that helps your baby to start to associate words with objects. Some babies will point before they can even talk.

RESOURCES FOR PARENT

For additional resources and referrals please dial 2-1-1 or 863-648-1515.

Healthy Families Polk healthyfamiliesfla.org 863-534-5257 Healthy Start Coalition healthystarthhp.org Auburndale 863-965-5400 Bartow 863-519-7900 Haines City 863-421-3204 Lake Wales 863-678-4144 Lakeland 863-413-2620 Wauchula 863-773-4161

Heartland for Children heartlandforchildren.org 863-519-8900

InnerAct Alliance-Substance Abuse inneractalliance.org

863-802-0777

Lake Wales Family Literacy Academy 863-604-8012

Parent Informational Resource Centers polk-fl.net

863-534-0500 A Safe Haven For Newborns

asafehavenfornewborns.com 877-767-2229

The Toby Center thetobycenter.org 855-862-9236

Wings of Eagles-Outreach Center

wingsofeagles.net 863-665-7700

FINANCIAL EDUCATION
Church Service Center

churchservicecenter.com

863-533-5822

Exploration V Children's Museum

explorationsy.com 863-687-3869

Hardee Coop Extension Service

hardee.ifas.ufl.edu 863-773-2164 **Frostproof Care Center** 863-635-5555

Mulberry Community Service Center

mulberrycsc.com 863-425-1523 **Salvation Army**

salvationarmyflorida.org 863-853-2214

Talbot House Ministries talbothouse.org

863-687-8475

Women's Care Center of Bartow 863-534-3844

Women's Resource Center

wrcfl.org 863-294-5318

FOOD ASSISTANCE
Saint Joseph Catholic Church

863-294-3144

First Baptist Church at the Mall 863-682-0163

heartlandforchildren.org

FOSTER PARENTING Heartland for Children 863-519-8900

HEALTH INSURANCE ACA Marketplace

healthcare.gov 1-800-318-2596 Florida KidCare floridakidcare.org 1-888-540-5437

Children's Medical Services - Department of Health

cms-kids.com 863-701-1240 Medicaid myflfamilies.com Polk HealthCare Plan polk-county.net 863-533-1111

HEALTH SERVICES

Central Florida Health Care cfhconline.org Dundee 863-419-3330 Frostproof 863-635-4891

Lake Wales 863-855-9718 Lakeland 863-413-8600 Wauchula 863-773-2111 Winter Haven 863-292-4280 **Good Samaritan Clinic at Talbot House**

talbothouse.org 863-687-8475

Florida Dept. of Health in Hardee

hardee.floridahealth.gov

863-773-4161

Florida Dept. of Health in Polk polk.floridahealth.gov

863-519-7900

Florida Discount Drug Card Program

floridadiscountdrugcard.com 1-866-341-8894

The Haley Center firstwinterhaven.org 863-299-6562 Lake Wales Free Clinic 863-676-1222

Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine

lvim.net 863-688-5846 Polk Health Plan polk-county.net 863-533-1111 We Care of Polk County wecarecentralflorida.org

863-662-4227 HOMELESS SERVICES
Lighthouse Ministries

lighthousemin.org 863-687-4076

New Life Center for Family Preservation, Inc. niclakeland.org

863-812-2351 **Salvation Army** Lakeland and West Polk salvationarmyflorida.org Lakeland

863-940-9696 Winter Haven 863-294-7493 **Talbot House Ministries** talbothouse.org 863-687-8475

Women's Resource Center

wrcfl.ora 863-294-5318

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Bartow 863-533-6311 Haines City 863-421-3680

Lake Wales 863-676-7414 Lakeland 863-687-2911 **Hardee County** hardeecounty.net 863-773-6349

LEGAL SERVICES Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society

hofla.org 863-519-5663

LITERACY ORGANIZATIONS
Lake Wales Family Literacy Academy

863-604-8012

Lake Wales Literacy Council (adult literacy)

863-676-5767

READ Lakeland (adult literacy)

readlakeland.com 863-802-1512

MENTORING Big Brothers Big Sisters

bbbstampabay.org 813-769-3600 Girls Inc. girlsinc.com Lakeland 863-682-3002

Winter Haven 863-967-2874 **Girl Scouts of West Central Florida**

gswcf.org 800-881-4475 **Polk County School Board**

polk-fl.net 863-534-0636

NUTRITION

Florida Dept. of Health in Polk WIC Program

(Women, Infants and Children) polk.floridahealth.gov 863-519-7542 **Polk County Extension Office** polk.ifas.ufl.edu

863-519-1041

PARENT/CHILD ACTIVITY GROUPS & EDUCATION Explorations V Children's Museum

explorationsy.com 863-687-3869

Family Fundamentals (ages 0-5)

uwcf.ora 863-686-1221 x221

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida aswcf.ora

800-881-4475

Lake Wales Family Literacy Academy

863-604-8012 Learning Resource Center ircpolk.com 863-688-9477

Public Libraries mypclc.org (Polk Co.) Auburndale 863-965-5548 Public Libraries (cont'd) Bartow 863-534-0131 Bookmobile 863-678-4004

Books by Mail 863-679-4441 TOLL FREE 1-866-679-4441

Dundee 863-439-9424 Eagle Lake 863-293-2914 eLibrary South 863-838-4507 Fort Meade 863-285-8287 Frostproof 863-635-7857 Haines City 863-421-3633

Historical and Genealogical Library 863-534-4380

Lake Alfred 863-291-5378 Lake Wales 863-678-4004 Lakeland 863-834-4280

Larry R. Jackson Branch 863-834-4288

Mulberry 863-425-3246 Polk City 863-984-4340

Polk County Law Library 863-534-4013 Winter Haven 863-291-5880

myhlc.org (Hardee Co.) Wauchula 863-773-6438

POISON HELP

Florida Poison Information Center-Tampa

poisoncentertampa.org 800-222-1222

RESOURCE & REFERRAL

Aunt Bertha

heartland.auntbertha.com

United Way 2-1-1

navigateresources.net/211CommunityResources

2-1-1 or 888-370-7188

Email: uw211help@gmail.com Crisis Response Team at Peace River Center

peacerivercenter.org

863-519-3744 TOLL FREE: 800-627-5906

A Safe Haven For Newborns asafehavenfornewborns.com

877-767-2229 **SAFETY**

Citizen CPR, Inc.

Child/Infant Preventative Safety Education

citizencprinc.com 863-680-1277 SENIOR SERVICES
Alzheimer's Association

alz.org 800-272-3900

American Assoc. of Retired Persons

aarp.org 866-595-7678

Catholic Charities Lakeland Activity Center for Seniors

cflcc.org 863-687-2988 Elder Helpline 1-800-963-5337 **Elder Point** elderpoint.org 863-682-7249

Faith in Action North Lakeland, Inc.

fianl.homestead.com 863-686-0009

Neighborhood Service Center 863-294-5860 Winter Haven

NuHope

nuhopeeldercare.com 863-773-2022 Wauchula Seniors First

seniorsfirstinc.org 863-534-5320

Turn off the TV and phones during meals and TALK!

For additional resources and referrals please dial 2-1-1 or 863-648-1515.

Rath Center Therathcenter.org 863-937-8023

Senior Connection Center

seniorconnectioncenter.org

1-800-963-5337

Viste

Lakeland, Bartow, Mulberry & Fort Meade

viste.org 863-284-0828

SMOKING - HELP TO QUIT SMOKING

Lake Wales Free Clinic

lakewalescarecenter.org

863-676-1222

InnerAct Alliance

inneractalliance.org 863-802-0777

Winter Haven Hospital-Behavioral Health Division

winterhavenhospital.org 863-294-7062

Tobacco Free Florida

tobaccofreeflorida.com

863-773-4161 Hardee Co.

SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES

Achievement Academy (ages 0-3)

achievementacademy.com Bartow 863-533-0690

Lakeland 863-683-6504

Winter Haven 863-965-7586

All Children's Specialty Care of Lakeland

allkids.org 863-802-6600

Alliance for Independence

afi-fl.org 863-665-3846

Bolesta Center (ages 0-5) bolesta.cbcs.usf.edu

813-974-2326

Central Florida Autism Institute, Inc.

autismspeaks.org 863-680-1396

Central Florida Speech and Hearing

cfshc.org

863-686-3189 (includes TDD/TTY)

Children's Medical Services (Department of Health)

863-413-3484

Early Steps Intervention Program

866-549-1740

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida

fndusa.org

727-523-1130 (Voice & TTD)

800-825-5736

Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resource System (FDLRS)

fdlrs.polk-fl.net 863-647-4257 Florida Epilepsy Services

863-686-5880

Florida First Start (ages 0-3)

Frostproof Elementary 863-635-8569 Griffin Elementary 863-853-6027

Winter Haven Community Ctr 863-291-5316

Florida School for the Deaf and Blind

fsdb.k12.fl.us

TOLL FREE: 800-344-3732 TDD/TTY

Lighthouse for the Blind (ages 0-5)

tampalighthouse.org 863-299-3633

Nu-Hope

863-773-2022 Wauchula

Victory Ridge Academy (ages 1-grade 8)

ourchildrensacademy.org

863-679-3338

Parental Ed & Encouragement for Autism in

Children Everywhere (PEACE) 863 413-2722 ext.203 **Peace River Center**

peacerivercenter.org

Behavioral Health (children) 863-248-3311

Rape Recovery Resources

Crisis line (Lakeland) 877-688-5077

Domestic Violence Sérvices

Crisis line (Lakeland) 863-413-2700

Pediatric Health Choice

pediatrichc.com

863-603-0515

Pediatric Therapy Services, Inc.

ptsbeyourbest.com 863-802-3800

Polk County School Board "Child Find"

polk-fl.net

863-647-4258

Spina Bifida Association of Central Florida

sbacentralflorida.org

407-248-9210

The Roberts Academy-Dyslexia

flsouthern.edu/robertsacademy

863-680-3741

TianVica Riding Academy

tianvica.org

888-548-2972

TEEN PARENT SERVICES

Polk County School Board

polk-fl.net

863-534-0930

A Safe Haven for Newborns

asafehavenfornewborns.com

877-767-2229

VETERAN SERVICES

James A. Haley VA

tampa.va.gov 813-972-2000

Lakeland VA Clinic 863-701-2470

Veterans Crisis Line

veteranscrisisline.net 1-800-273-8255

Veteran Service Office

863-534-5200

Maximize love, manage stress. Babies pick up on stress, which means moms and dads have to take care of themselves, too! It is not possible to over-love or be too affectionate with young children. Research shows feeling safe can have a lasting influence on development.

Partner Spotlight Heartland for Children

There is an urgent need for quality foster homes. Currently there are approximately 1360 children in out of home care in Hardee, **Highlands and Polk Counties.**

Foster Parents are the key to unlocking children's futures and are the healing agents allowing children to recover from the trauma they have experienced. Every child deserves to live in a traditional family setting where they can participate in normal childhood activities like playing sports and being involved in extracurricular activities.

Heartland for Children is the local non-profit agency charged with the re-design of the foster care system. Help us provide safe and nurturing environments for local children in need. To learn more, visit our website at www.heartlandforchildren.org. You can also keep up with all the great work being accomplished for our local children by following Heartland for Children on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus and Instagram.

Interested in becoming a foster parent? Call (863) 519-8900 ext. 289 for more information.

From The New York Times: "At least 60 minutes of physical activity a day, nine to 11 hours of sleep a night, and no more than two hours a day of recreational screen time were tied to higher mental test scores."

Congratulations! Amanda, Keeley, Levyi, Leef and Zekeriah will be enjoying a shopping spree at Publix!

> YOU CAN'T WIN YOU DON'T ENTER!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM **YOU TOO!**



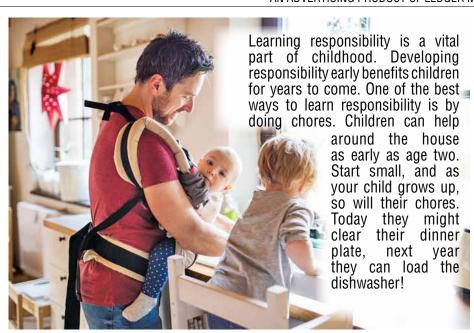
Send this original coupon to Success By 6 and you could win a \$100 Gift Certificate to..... All blanks must be completed to be eligible.

What would you like to see added to the Guide?

Name	Address	}
City	Zip Code	Phone
email	·	Birthdate
I found the	Parent Resource Guide helpful. YES	NO Ages of Children

Where did you get your copy of the Parent Resource Guide?

Mail to Success By 6, P.O. Box 1357, Highland City, FL 33846-1357 or go to www.uwcf.org/EntryForm





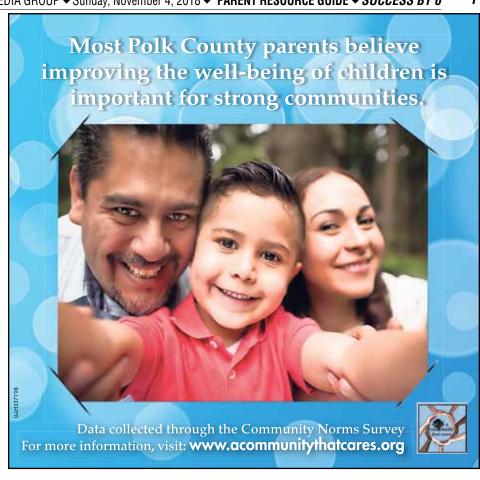
BABIES SLEEP SAFEST:

ALONE IN A CRIB ON THEIR BACK



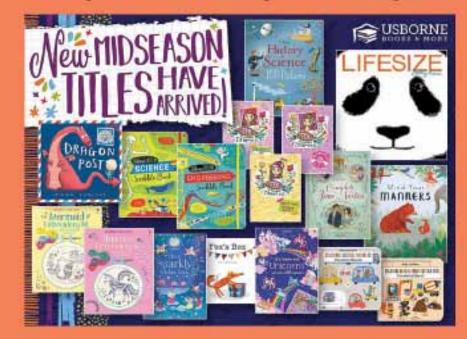
DO YOU KNOW AN INFANT OR YOUNG CHILD AGE 0-6 WHO CANNOT SEE WELL, EVEN WITH GLASSES?

We may be able to help. Our teachers work with infants and young children, ages 0-6, who are blind or visually impaired, and their families. The goal is to equip the children with skills needed to develop physically, emotionally, intellectually, and socially. For more information, call Becky at 863-299-3633 in our Winter Haven office.



The Books Kids Love are Here!

~Perfect for holiday gifts & stocking stuffers~ See the books at the Lakeland Downtown Market on Saturdays and online at www.peaceloveliteracy.com.



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Crispy banana snacks! 1 cup crushed cereal · 2 peeled bananas • 1/4 cup peanut butter Spread the peanut butter all over the outside of each banana. Roll each in the crushed cereal. Slice them up. Yum!

You can freeze them for a chilly treat.



Build a world with books!

Here are a few simple things you can do to start building a world with books for your child.

Keep age-appropriate books around your home where your child can reach them.

Create special reading routines

Visit the library or bookstore often with your child.

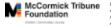
Bring books along for your child to look at while you are out and about.

The more often you read with your child, the more successful he will be in reading, in school and in life.

For additional ideas and free downloadable materials to help you enhance your child's early learning, visit us online at www.bornlearning.org.

bornlearning.org™









CREATE A DAILY SCHEDULE

When kids know what they need to do at different times every day during the school week, it helps take worry out of the day and builds healthy habits.



I spy something green.

Everyday moments can be learning moments with your kids.



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This page is blue.

Do you like the color blue? Lots of things in the world are blue. The sky. This page. Your sister's eyes. Here's a fun game. Let's see how many blue things we can count around us!

When you talk to your child, you build vocabulary, so everyday moments become learning moments. For more tips, visit bornlearning.org



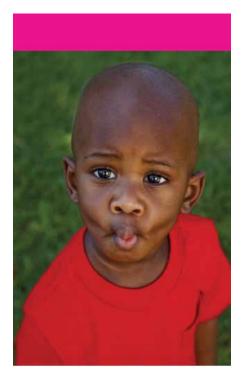


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Milk Art

Here are the supplies you need: food coloring, milk, dish soap and toothpicks

Because you are working with food coloring it is a good idea to protect your table and clothing just in case! Just be sure an adult is in charge of the food coloring and little fingers are in charge of the tooth picks and dish soap.

Start by adding milk to a dish like a pie plate, anything with a side to hold the milk but also a wide surface area for painting.

Add a thin layer of milk. Add a few drops of food coloring in the colors of your choice. Close together or far apart.

Let your child take the tooth pick and start swirling the colors around. Talk about using the primary colors to create more colors.

For variety, you can dip the tooth pick in the dish soap first or you can squeeze one drop on top of the food coloring directly into the dish with milk. It looks like fireworks!



Attending school regularly is important for students to gain the academic and social skills they need to succeed. Reducing absenteeism is a simple, cost-effective, but often ignored way for parents to help their child improve their academic performance. Start as early as preschool and kindergarten! Absence from school can leave third graders unable to read skillfully, sixth graders struggling with their studies and high school students off track for graduation.

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