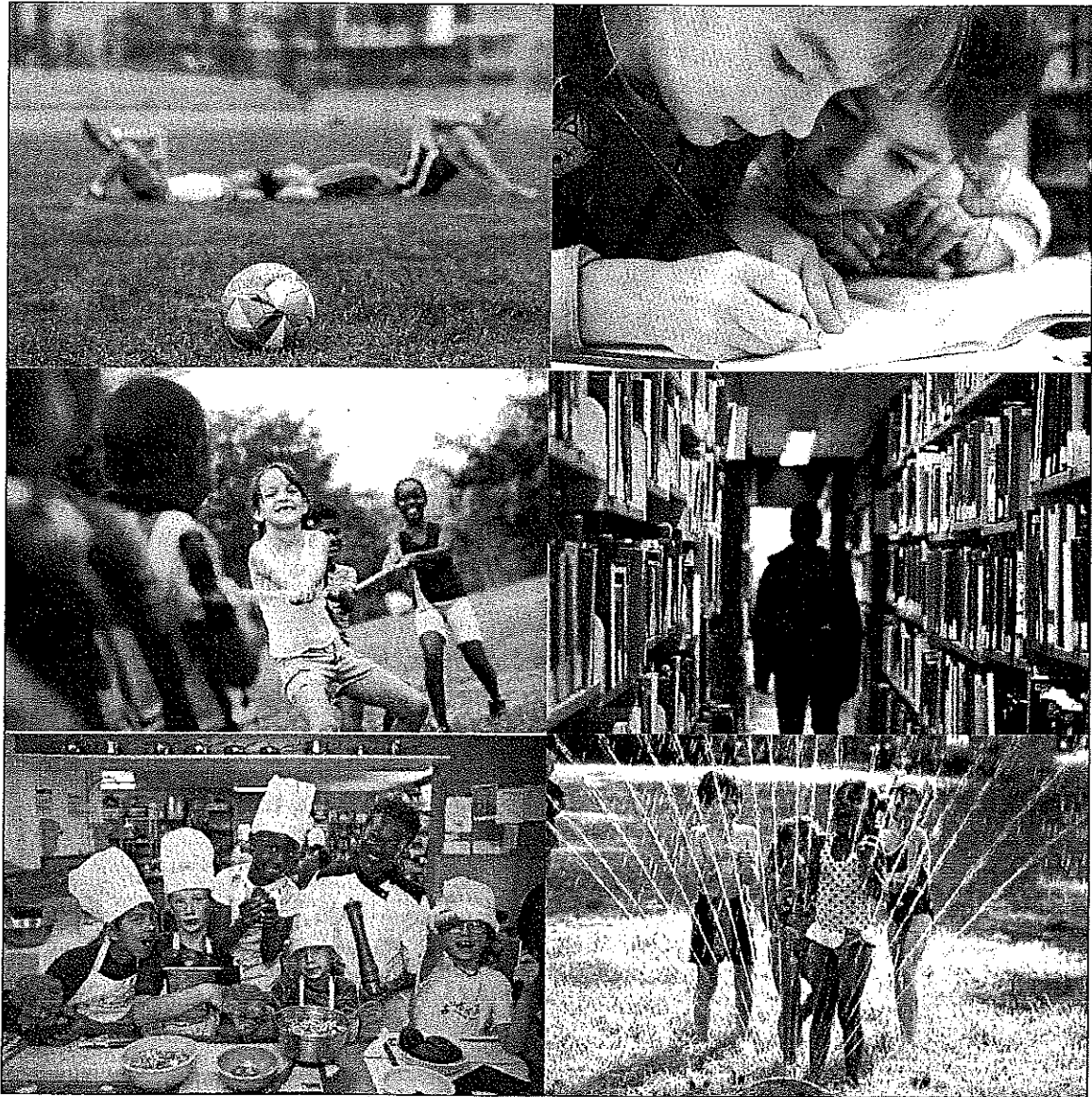


Active in Okeechobee

2018 Summer Activity Guide



Shared Services Network of Okeechobee
700 SW Second Avenue
Okeechobee, Florida 34974
(863) 462-5000 ext. 257

Let's keep our children safe, supervised and active this

Si necesita ayuda con traducción, por favor, vea a la Defensora de Migrantes de la escuela a la que asiste su hijo/a.

Active in Okeechobee

What activities have you planned for your children and teens this summer? The Shared Services Network has prepared this 2018 Summer Activity Guide to assist you in selecting activities appropriate for your children. Take a close look at all the activities; look for age appropriate programs, family-time opportunities, enrollment deadlines, fees (if applicable) and be sure to call the program to verify date, time and location. We hope this guide will assist you in finding several activities to keep your children safe, supervised, healthy and active this summer.

Many thanks to the sponsors of this guide and to the many individuals that have donated time to ensure the information is as complete and accurate as possible.

Sincerely,

Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee

Cathleen Blair, Executive Director, Children's Services Council

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Service Hours:

Monday	8:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday	8:00am - 5:00pm
Friday	8:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday (closed June/July)	8:00am - 11:30am

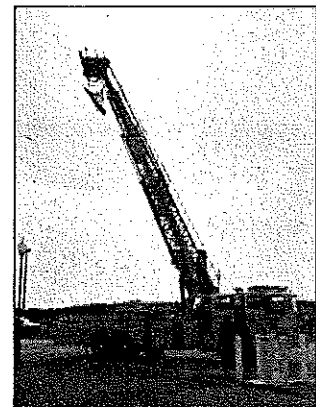
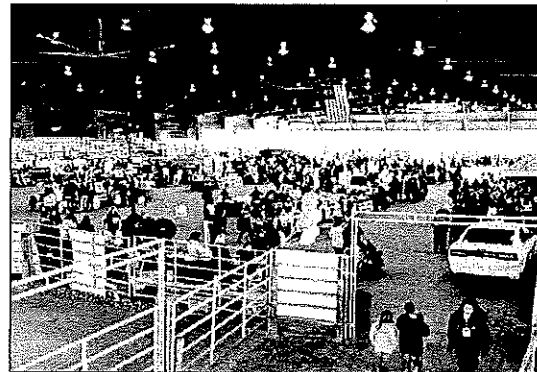
Get a jump start on the school year and get school physicals and immunizations over the summer!



Phone: (863) 763-1951 • www.fchcinc.org • Hablamos Español.
2015 US Highway 441 North, Okeechobee, FL 34972-1901

Twelfth Annual Okeechobee Family Health and Safety Expo SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 26, 2019
Okeechobee Agri Civic Center



For more information call (863) 462-5000 ext. 257. Fun for kids of all ages!
Free health screenings and education, fire/medic and police demonstrations,
helicopters, entertainment, food, vendor booths and prizes.
Call to have your agency added to the registration mailing list.

Arts/Crafts

Mr. Wendy's Scroll Saw Camp

My Aunt's House Inc.
Camp location:

Okeechobee Achievement Academy
1000 N.W. 34th Street

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 634-3776 or (863) 634-2306

Mr. Wendy's Scroll Saw Camp will provide students with instruction and practice of basic skills & safety using the Variable Speed Scroll Saw, Random Orbital Sanders and Drill Press. Students will then progress to complete easy to medium skill scroll work to include names, pictures, scenes, sports, animal figures and sayings. Scroll Saw patterns are available in levels ages 12 - 18 years. Participants must be currently enrolled in Middle School or High School. Camp enrollment is limited due to youth operating machinery. Parent or Guardian MUST sign a permission form before youth can operate machinery. There will be a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee. June 4 - June 15, 9:00 - 1:00.

Summer Fun Art Classes

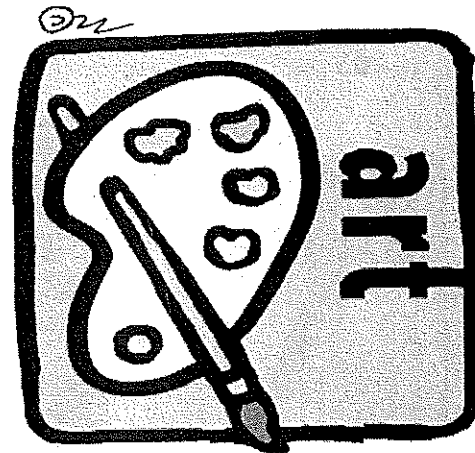
Fawn's Studio & Teaching Center

Okeechobee, FL 34972

863-634-0241 imcneillbar@icloud.com

www.lawnsstudio.weebly.com

Crafts, each week has a different theme. Mondays and Tuesdays for ages 7 and up. Thursdays for ages 5 and up. May sign up for either class or both. May sign up for one or more weeks. By reservations only, must sign up before May 28. Tuesday/Wednesday: 2:00-4:00p, or Tuesday/Thursday: 10:00-12:00 p.m. June 5 -August 2, fees vary per class.



Summer Day Camps

A Place for Kids & Teens

Haven Street, Inc.

Oketchobee, FL 34974

(866) 532-5215 (866) 532-9453 Fax: (866) 763-8706

www.havenstreet.org

Community outreach focusing on children. Provides mentoring through games, art projects, outdoor activities, and interaction with our volunteer staff. Also have free clothing for children. Our mission is to meet some of the social, emotional, and educational needs of children, as well as provide support for their parents through our work with their children. Center is available for children ages 5 and up. May 29 until school resumes, Monday - Friday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m.
Fee: FREE. Donations welcomed.

Superheroes, Changing the World Through One Act of Kindness at a Time

Peace Lutheran School

750 NW 23rd Lane
St. 1-1-ET 34

Okeechobee, FL 34912
(863) 763-7566 Fax (863)

(863) / 03-1-366 FAX (803) / 03-01-47

Hands on activities and crafts - games - music

guest speakers and shhhhhhhh...review of

academics such as writing, reading, math and science. May 30 – July 25, Mon-Fri 9:00-4:00. Fee for summer is \$800. Early morning and late afternoon care available for an additional \$50 each for the summer. Age 2 through having completed fourth grade. Limited scholarships are available.

2018 Summer Basic Sewing Camp

My Aunt's House, Inc. (The Closet)
202 N.E. 2nd Street, Suite 8
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 634-2306

Our "Basic Sewing Camp" will provide sewing skills and tips that will be beneficial throughout their lives. We will learn sewing on buttons, mending, hand sewing, machine sewing and so much more! We will be constructing tote bags, throw pillows, decorative pillow cases, pajamas, and skirts (with or without patterns). Sewing is an art all children should, at least, have the opportunity to learn. For boys and girls ages 12-18, must arrange own transportation. Limit of twelve children. Preference will be given to children who have not attended our basic sewing camp at My Aunt's House. There will be a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee. June 4 – June 15, 9:00 – 1:00. Location: Okeechobee Achievement Academy. Please call (863) 634-2306 for more information.

Chaka's Stars Summer Youth Experience

Chaka's Stars Foundation
P. O. Box 791
Okeechobee, FL 34973
(863) 634-7424
chakastarsfoundation.com

We welcome your child to attend this eight week summer camp presented by Chaka's Stars Foundation. Camp will be conducted beginning June 11 through August 3, 7:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration is open to youth between the ages of 6-18, space is limited. Activities we will have during the summer include: indoor and outdoor games, swimming, arts & crafts, sports, field trips and more. Call for registration dates. Fee: \$25 registration, \$10 a week

Chaka's Stars Men of Distinction

Chaka's Stars Foundation
P. O. Box 791
Okeechobee, FL 34973
(863) 634-7424
chakastarsfoundation.com

Chaka's Stars Men of Distinction is a program that aims to give males ages 14-18 the push they need to excel in school, enroll and finish college, and be positive citizens. Men of Distinction is a community based program that helps young males learn responsibility, build self-esteem, and cultural pride, and develop the skills to become leaders. Program will include: team building, nutritional wellness, college and university visits, etiquette classes workshops on bullying, guest speakers, community service projects

and job shadowing. We welcome your child to attend this seven week summer camp that will be conducted beginning, June 11 through July 27, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration is open to men youth between the ages of 14-18, space is limited. FEE: Free

4-H Day Camps

Horse Camp, Blast to the Past & H2O Camp
Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)
458 Highway 98 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745
<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>

Call for information regarding all of the summer day camps Okeechobee 4-H has to offer. Open to all youth ages 8 (as of 9/01/17) to 18, limited to 30 youth per week, youth must sign up in advance, first come, first served. Extension programs are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, or national origin. Fee: \$150/week

Sheriff's Youth Summer Camp

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office
504 NW 4th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-3117 / (863) 462-5190
Okeesherriff.org

Lindsey.mann@myfwc.com
Sheriff's Youth Summer Camp is funded by Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, Inc. This is a one week camp, located at Okeechobee High School for youth ages 8-11. Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., June 4-8. A free summer day camp fostering positive relationships between youth and law enforcement while teaching outdoor ethics, gun safety, conservation and a wide variety of topics on wildlife. Registrations will be held on a first come first serve basis beginning at 8:00 a.m., May 11, on the east side of Okeechobee Achievement Academy, 1000 NW 34th Street. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.
Fee: FREE



Okeechobee Sheriff's Teen Camp

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-3117/ (863) 462-5190

Okeesherriff.org

Lindsey.mann@myfwc.com

Sheriff's Teen Camp is funded through Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, Inc. This one week camp located at Okeechobee High School will be for youth ages 12-15 years old and run Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., June 11 - 15. A free summer day camp fostering positive relationships between youth and law enforcement while teaching outdoor ethics, gun safety, conservation and a wide variety of topics on wildlife. Registrations will be held on a first come first serve basis beginning at 8:00 a.m., May 11, on the east side of Okeechobee Achievement Academy, 1000 NW 34th Street. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.

Fee: FREE

2018 Summer Play Camp

Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation

1718 NW 9th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6950 FAX (863) 763-0662

www.facebook.com/parksandrec

Indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, sports, swimming, field trips and "Too Good for Violence" curriculum. Campers must be 5-13 years of age. 5 year olds must meet certain prerequisites in order to attend. Selected youth 14-16 years of age are accepted as Counselors in Training. Program Hours: Monday - Friday, June 11 - July 27, 8:30 - 4:30. Registration period is Monday-Friday, April 30-May 31 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The camp fee is \$65/week per participant or \$50/week for children that qualify for free or reduced lunch.



Library/Reading Programs

Summer Reading Program

Okeechobee County Public Library

206 SW 16th Street

Okeechobee, FL 34974

(863) 763-3536

www.myhlc.org

The theme this is year is "Libraries Rock." The program will have story time at both programs along with activities. There will also be crafts at each program. Wednesdays, June 20 - July 25, 10:30 a.m. program for children ages 8 (4th grade) and under. Parental participation is required for both programs. No registration required. FEE: Free

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION:
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday - Closed

REGISTRATION: Residents of Okeechobee County or other Heartland Library Cooperative member counties are eligible for free library cards. The minimum age for a library card is five (5) years of age. Proof of identity (photo ID) and residency (current address) must be supplied when applying for a library card and when renewing or replacing cards. Library cards are available to non-residents for an annual fee of \$10 for a three (3) month membership, \$20 for a six (6) month membership, and \$30 for a twelve (12) month membership. Upon receipt of a library card, first time patrons may check out two (2) items. While in the library, children must be directly supervised by their parents or caregivers.

Educational/Tutoring

Molina Health Care

8300 NW 33rd Street

Miami, FL 33122

(561) 365-0913

Will provide free health education by outreach events such as coming out to read a book on dental hygiene followed by toothbrushes and visit from our mascot Dr. Cleo and many more events. Plus free educational presentations. All ages!

Fee: FREE

FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities

Florida Atlantic University

500 NW California Blvd., D115

(772) 873-3422

www.autism.fau.edu

To provide resources, support, training and expert advice to individuals with autism, their families and the professionals that serve them. Eligibility criteria: documented diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Related Disability or children under six years old who are awaiting diagnosis of ASD. FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities meets with families and professionals in the community of Okeechobee. FAU

CARD's purpose is to serve individuals with autism spectrum disorders across their lifespan by helping them to become valued members of their community. Staff will meet with individuals requesting assistance to develop a plan for receiving services and supports that are based on individual needs and the latest autism research. Meeting with the CARD clinician is flexible and based on the individual's schedule. There are no fees for services for this year-round program. Contact the clinician directly to set up appointment: Rosie Portera, (772) 873-3442 or email r.portera.vaughn@fau.edu

Expanding Horizons Summer Youth Program

Indian River State College – Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-6000 Fax (772) 462-7665
expandinghorizons@irsc.edu
www.irsc.edu

This is an eight-week hands-on program. Program participants learn leadership skills, receive instruction on employability skills, budgeting, and remediation in basic academic skills and receive relevant information on substance abuse, bullying and social media safety. They will also be engaged in career exploration. Program is open to youth 14-16 years of age residing and attending school in Okeechobee County. June 4 – July 28, Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fee: FREE

CASTLE – Positive Parenting

208 N Parrott Ave
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 467-7771, www.castle.org

Strengthening Families Program is an evidence-based, COA accredited program; it is the **ONLY** program that teaches the entire family skills to help the family bond and shift behaviors together. Together, parents and children (ages 6-17) learn how to notice the good in each other, create appropriate rules, and help children understand and step up to age-appropriate responsibilities. It also has one of the most valuable family-focused tools for discussing alcohol and drugs, giving children practical tools for refusal. Families participate in a variety of activities, which are designed to be used at home as well, to improve bonding and engage children in understanding monitoring and boundaries. **Parents learn how to increase desired behaviors, set limits and problem solve. Teens and children (ages 6-17) learn skills that will benefit them their entire lives –** communication, cooperation, resisting peer pressure and social skills! To register, you may go to www.castleetc.org or call 772-461-0863. Tuesdays 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm for 10 consecutive weeks Fee: FREE. Eligibility: One legal guardian and one school-aged child 6-17

CASTLE – Positive Parenting

208 N Parrott Ave
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 467-7771, www.castle.org

Positive Parenting is a 15 hour parenting education workshop for parents (only) is an evidence-based, COA accredited educational and support group for parents who are interested in: learning new parenting skills, redirecting behaviors, managing anger, home safety, nurturing skills, and practical tips on responding appropriately with pre-teens and teenagers. Upon completion of the full 15-hour course, participants will be given a certificate of completion. Preregistration is required at www.castleetc.org. The schedule may change according to the enrollment. Eligibility: Parents (no children) Fee: \$100 for three sessions
Summer Dates: June 6, June 9, June 16; and August 4, 11, 18.

School Based Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Okeechobee County
208 N Parrott Ave
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-2227 FAX (772) 828-2098
www.bbbsbig.org

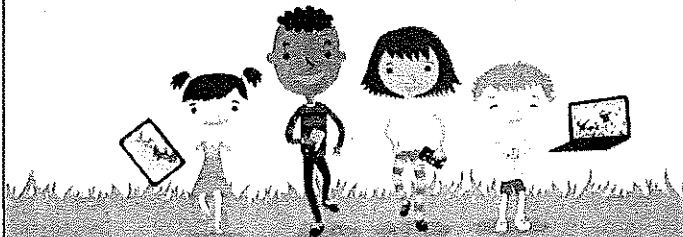
Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable things you'll ever do. Not to mention one of the most fulfilling. With just an hour a week, you have the opportunity to help shape a K-5th graders future by empowering them to achieve. Call us today and start something amazing!

For volunteers – ages 16 and up, available during school hours, must go through screening process. All children must be referred by their teacher. During the school year, Monday – Friday, times vary.
Fee: FREE





FREE LITERACY APP FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY RESIDENTS!



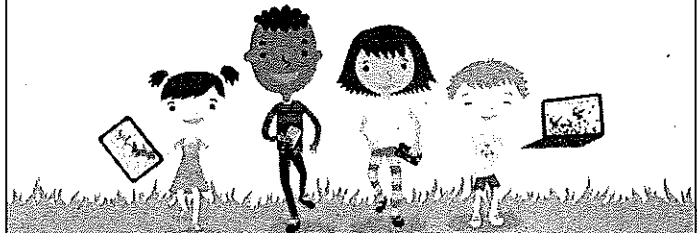
Okeechobee County Schools is providing Footsteps2Bridges®, a comprehensive literacy app, to the parents of all pre-K - 2nd grade children who live in Okeechobee County, FL. This engaging app will help you prepare your child for school.

If you are registered at an Okeechobee County Public School, look for your Super Secret Code from your teacher. Children outside of Okeechobee County Public Schools register now at:

www.okeereads.com



¡APP GRATIS PARA LA LECTURA Y LA ESCRITURA PARA TODOS LOS RESIDENTES DE CIUDAD DE OKEECHOBEE!



Las Escuelas Públicas de la Ciudad de Okeechobee proveen un App de Footsteps2Bridges®, programa comprensivo de alfabetización, para todos los padres de todos los niños de Pre-K - 2 grado que viven en Ciudad de Okeechobee, FL. Este app atractivo preparará su hijo/a para la escuela.

Si está registrado en una escuela pública de Okeechobee, busque su Super Secret Code de su maestro. Niños fuera de las Escuelas Públicas de Okeechobee, registre ahora en:

www.okeereads.com



Okeechobee County Sports Complex
580 NW 27th Lane, Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 467-7667

Pool Hours:

June 4 — August 5: Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Family Swim Night Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Senior Water Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 – August 5, 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m., \$2.00 per class.

Pool dates and rates are subject to approval by the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners and may change without further notice.

2018 Pool Rates: Regular Admission: per day/per person \$3.00; children 3 years and under FREE (accompanied by a swimming adult)

Family Night Admission: per night/per person \$2.00

Senior Water Exercise \$2.00 per day/per person

Parties private/regular 2 hours: \$60.00*

Parties nonprofit organizations: 2 hours \$50.00*

Parties additional hours: \$20.00 per hour

**up to 60 people for each additional 30 guests, or portion thereof, there will be an additional charge of \$20/hour

Passes: Ten visits/individual: \$25.00, Lap Swimming per day: \$2.00

Swim Lessons: Ages 6 months – 30 minute adult swim lessons will be offered. The cost is \$40 per session per child (with a \$5 discount for additional children enrolled from the same household). Payment is due upon registration. Refunds will reflect a \$5 processing fee. Registration will be held June 7 and 8 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Call for session dates and more information. (863) 467-7667

Enrollment is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fast-Track Dual Enrollment Summer Classes

Indian River State College-Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-6000

Dual Enrollment is defined as a student simultaneously earning high school credit toward a high school diploma, along with college credit toward an Associate Degree or credit toward a vocational certificate for an eligible course. Students must have a 3.0 GPA and have college level scores on the PERT/SAT or ACT tests, as well as a High School Administrator's authorization. June 4-June 21. Fee: FREE tuition and book(s) to qualified Dual Enrollment students.

Dual Enrollment Fast Track Classes:

DEP2004 Human Development
8:15-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday 6/4-6/21

SLS1101 Student Success
8:15-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday 6/4-6/21

SLS1101 Student Success
1:00-4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday 6/4-6/21

PSY2012 Intro to Psychology
1:00-4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday 6/4-6/21

GED Classes

Indian River State College-Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 824-6009 FAX (863) 824-6019
www.irsc.edu

GED prep of the four subject areas; reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. Must be 16 years old or older to participate.

Monday – Thursday, May 9 – August 8,
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fee: \$30 for the semester
B Building Room 130

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

Indian River State College-Dixon Hendry Campus
2229 NW 9th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
Anneliese Pahl (863) 824-6031
or Josh Padgett (863) 824-6009

Learn to speak, read, and write in English so you can enter the workforce or continue your education.

Must be 16 years old or older to participate.

Day classes: Monday – Thursday, May 9 – August 8,
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in A Building, Room 105

Night classes: Monday – Wednesday, May 9 – August 8,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in A Building, Room 105

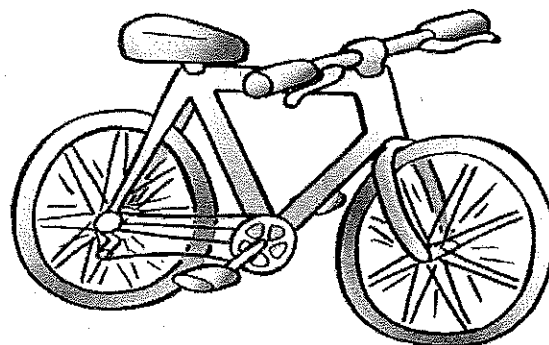
Bicycle Safety

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office
504 N.W. 4 Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-3117 ext. 5156 FAX (863) 763-6366

www.okeesheriff.org

Bicycle Safety. Call for an appointment to discuss availability of the services.



Free Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program

We Help CDC

349 S.E. 3 Street

Belle Glade, FL 33430

888-791-0339 or 561-992-5854 FAX 561-993-2214

We Help CDC is a nationally accredited and HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency that provides FREE mortgage foreclosure prevention services to homeowners that are struggling to pay their mortgage. Losing your home to foreclosure is not your only option. Call We Help to help you save your home. Anyone needing assistance with their mortgage is welcome to call.

Family Activities

Labor Day Festival

Okeechobee Main Street

55 S. Parrott Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34974

863-357-6246

www.okeechobeemainstreet.org

Family fun event with arts & crafts, live entertainment and food vendors. September 3 (parade at 10:00 am) & 4, 2018, 10:00-3:00. The admission is free.

Junior Ranger Program

Florida State Parks/Kissimmee Prairie Preserve
State Park

33104 NW 192nd Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 462-5360 FAX (863) 462-5276

www.floridastateparks.org

Many state parks participate in the Junior Ranger Program. Go to any Florida state park and ask for a Junior Ranger Activity Folder. The kit includes 6 activities about the core principles of the Florida Park Service and what it means to be a Junior Ranger. After completion, the packet is turned in to a state park. The child will recite the pledge to become initiated as a Junior Ranger. Kids can complete more activities after this to learn more about the natural and cultural resources, service, and recreation to receive their Jr Ranger badge, patch, and other merchandise (tee-shirts, water bottles, hat, etc.). Florida state parks are open from 8 a.m. until sundown, 365 days a year. Entrance fee: \$4.00 per vehicle.

Recreational Riding Night

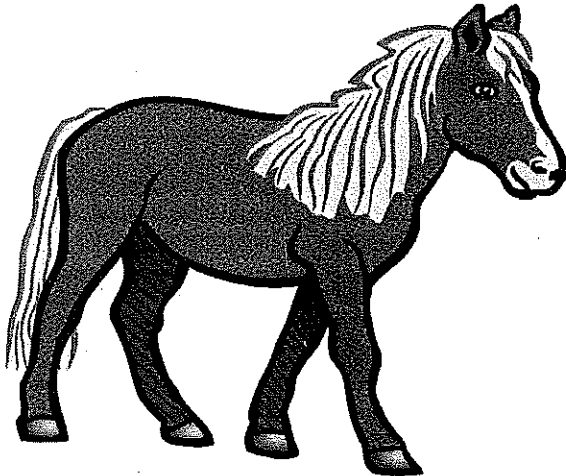
Agri-Civic Center

4601 Highway 710

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-1666

Sign up to bring your horse for recreational riding night the first Tuesday of each month at the Agri-Civic Center from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Fee: \$10 per person per night. You must provide a negative coggins test, signed release form and pay prior to entering the arena, call for complete details.



Health/Medical/Dental

Sandy Pines Residential Treatment Center

11301 Tequesta Terrace

Tequesta, FL 33469

(561) 744-0211 x 399 www.sandypineshospital.com

Sandy Pines is a residential treatment center serving children and teens ages 5 through 17 with a primary psychiatric diagnosis. Located in southeast Florida, we are a Trauma-Informed Care facility using evidenced-based treatments including Trauma-Focused, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Hours: 24/7 Fee: Insurance and Medicaid.

Help Me Grow

211 Helpline

PO Box 3588, Lantana, FL 33465

PHONE: 2-1-1 FAX 561-547-8639

www.211treasurecoast.org

Hours 24/7, children ages 0 – 8 years.

The 211 HelpLine Help Me Grow answers questions about how babies and children grow. This special call center also provides referrals for all children, including those with special needs. You can even get a developmental screening for children birth to age 8 over the phone to find out if your child is at risk. And if necessary a referral for additional screening and/or developmental evaluation will be made. Just dial 211 and ask for Help Me Grow!

Help Me Grow Florida is an affiliate of the HMG National Network and is sponsored by the Florida Developmental disabilities Council Inc. and The Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning. FEE: Free



Women, Infants & Children Program

WIC and Nutrition Services

1728 NW 9th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

English: (863) 462-5795

Spanish: (863) 462-5814

Fax: (863) 462-5220

www.FloridaWIC.org

WIC provides nutritional services and supplemental food to qualified low income families. Nutrition education and counseling with prescribed foods tailored for each client. Breastfeeding support. Eligibility criteria: income per family size and nutrition factors, immunization screenings and voter registrations. Referrals to other community agencies and available resources. Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 Fee: FREE

Orthodontics

Wemmer Family Orthodontics

2025 Highway 441 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 467-2332 FAX (863) 467-2347
www.wemmerorthodontics.com

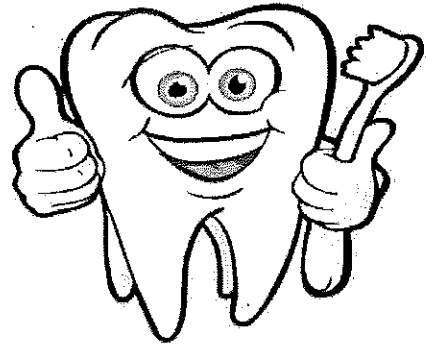
Wemmer Family Orthodontics provides a full range of orthodontic services for both children and adults. Treatment is also available for jaw growth disorders and TMJ (jaw joint) dysfunction. Tooth movement is accomplished by either fixed braces (we use state of the art, low-friction-low force damon system) or by removable clear aligners (invisalign system). Wemmer Family Orthodontics prides itself on customer service and on delivering quality results in a fun, but professional environment.

New patient exams are complimentary and summer is a great time to begin your journey to a new, beautiful smile. Summer Hours: Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health Center a/k/a

Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.
2015 Highway 441 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-1951 Fax (844) 540-4797
www.fchcinc.org

Pediatric health services for children, newborn-18 years old. School physicals, sports physicals and immunization appointments are available as well as limited walk-in appointments. Appointments are available after 5:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Board certified pediatricians are available for all your children's primary health care needs. Bilingual staff is available to assist with interpretation. Make an appointment today with one of our Health Benefit Navigators to see if your children qualify for Florida KidCare coverage. Services are available to everyone regardless of their social or economic situation. To apply for our sliding fee scale for health care services, please bring a copy of your 2017 tax return. If a 2017 tax return is not available, please provide your three (3) most recent paystubs. For more information, please contact our office. Fee: based on income, we accept most major insurances. Mon.-Tues. 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Wed.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed on Saturdays in June and July.



Florida Baptist Mobile Dental Van

Open Hands Health Center, Inc.
309 NW 5th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 357-1257 F: (863) 357-0858
www.openhandshealthcenter.org

Free extractions and fillings for adults only. No medical insurance is required; must be an Okeechobee County resident with income within 200% poverty level. Must come to Open Hands Health Center to fill out paperwork. June 4 – June 8
Fee: FREE, donations accepted.

Free Primary Health Center

Open Hands Health Center
309 NW 5th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 357-1257
www.openhandshealthcenter.org

Primary clinic that offers preventative care, wellness programs, mammogram testing, diabetes management and more. No medical insurance is required; must be an Okeechobee County resident with income within 200% poverty level. Call and leave a message for an appointment and to see if you qualify. Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fee: FREE, donations accepted.

SHINE Medicare Program

Area Agency on Aging Inc.
4400 N Congress Ave
West Palm Beach, FL 33407 (Okeechobee site upon request)
866-684-5885 FAX: 561-214-8670
FloridaSHINE.org

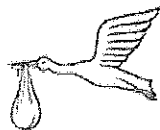
We are a network of volunteers who assist beneficiaries and caregivers with information and appeals for Medicare. Open to anyone that has questions or concerns about Medicare and navigating insurance. Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm Fee: FREE



HEALTHY START



Florida
Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood
Home Visiting Initiative



Okeechobee County Family Health/
Healthy Start Coalition, Inc.

Prenatal and Infant Health Care Program

Healthy Start Services can help you have a healthy baby. Ask your prenatal provider for a free screening today to see if you qualify. Give your baby the best start in life...a Healthy Start!

All services are free. All you have to do is say "Yes"



Located in the White House Plaza
1132 S. Parrott Ave.
Okeechobee, FL, 34974
Coalition: 863-462-5877
Care Coordination: 863-824-0448



You don't have to be a superhero to be a super parent

Foster parents

- ♦ May be working or stay-at-home, married, single, home owners or renters
- ♦ May have children or never have been parents
- ♦ Must be able to provide a safe, loving home
- ♦ Receive formal training and support from staff and other foster parents, access to free medical and dental, help
- ♦ finding child-care services, and a monthly stipend to care for your foster child

Devereux Community Based Care
of Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast

We're updating our brand! Look for our new name in July.

1-772-226-6235 DCBCKids.org

Florida Department of Health

Okeechobee County
1728 NW 9th Ave.
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-462-5800 F: 863-462-5821

Immunizations

Beat the rush! Don't wait until August to make an appointment for your child's immunizations and/or physical, make an appointment with your child's provider soon.

Immunization requirements for school year 2017-2018:

- Kindergarten through 10th grade students required to have 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.
- 7th -12th grade students are also required to have one Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.
- 11th -12th grade required to have one (1) dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.
- The Varicella vaccine is NOT required if there is history of Varicella disease documented by the healthcare provider.

Students entering or transferring into the Okeechobee County School System are required to provide documentation of an up-to-date Florida Certificate of Immunization- 680 Form. If your child has moved from out of state, and is starting school in Okeechobee School System, please have an up-to-date immunization record from your previous provider so your child will not have to have unnecessary immunizations to start school.

Immunizations are available at the Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County, through the Vaccines for Children program, for children from birth to completion of the school immunization series. Florida Department of Health, Okeechobee County also provides **Adult/Program 17 vaccine** which includes; Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis(Tdap), Meningococcal(MCV), for ages 19 and older, and Human Papillomavirus(HPV) for ages 19-26 years of age for **uninsured and under-insured only**. Clients who qualify only pay \$15.00 administration fee. Proof of income and insurance cards must be provided at eligibility interview.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 863-462-5800. The Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holidays.

Become smoke-free

Quit Doc Research and Education Foundation
The Tobacco Free Partnership of Okeechobee
(863) 801-8277

Quit Smoking Now Class- held every six weeks at the Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16 Street, 5:30-6:30. Please contact AHEC at 877-819-2357 for the class and time schedule. Free Nicotine Patch & gum, lozenges available while supplies last.

Quitline 877-U-CAN-NOW (877) 822-6669

Fl♥rida KidCare

What is Florida KidCare?

Florida KidCare is health insurance for children under age 19 who do not have insurance. Eligibility for Florida KidCare is based on income and family size. Florida KidCare covers doctor visits, immunizations, dental, emergencies, and much more! It includes the following: **MEDIKIDS:** Children ages 1 through 4. **HEALTHY KIDS:** Children ages 5 through 18. **CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES NETWORK:** Children birth through 18 who have special health care needs.

MEDICAID: Children birth through 18. *A child who has other health insurance may still qualify for Medicaid.*

Florida KidCare - How do I apply?
The fastest and easiest way to apply for Florida KidCare is online! Visit www.floridakidcare.org and click "Apply Now" to begin.

You can also obtain an application by calling 1-888-540-5437 or visiting www.floridakidcare.org. If you apply through a paper application, you can submit your application one of these ways:

- Fax application to: 866-867-0054 (TOLL FREE)
- Email application as a scanned attachment to: contactus@healthykids.org
- Mail application to: Healthy Kids and Florida KidCare, P.O. Box 980, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0980

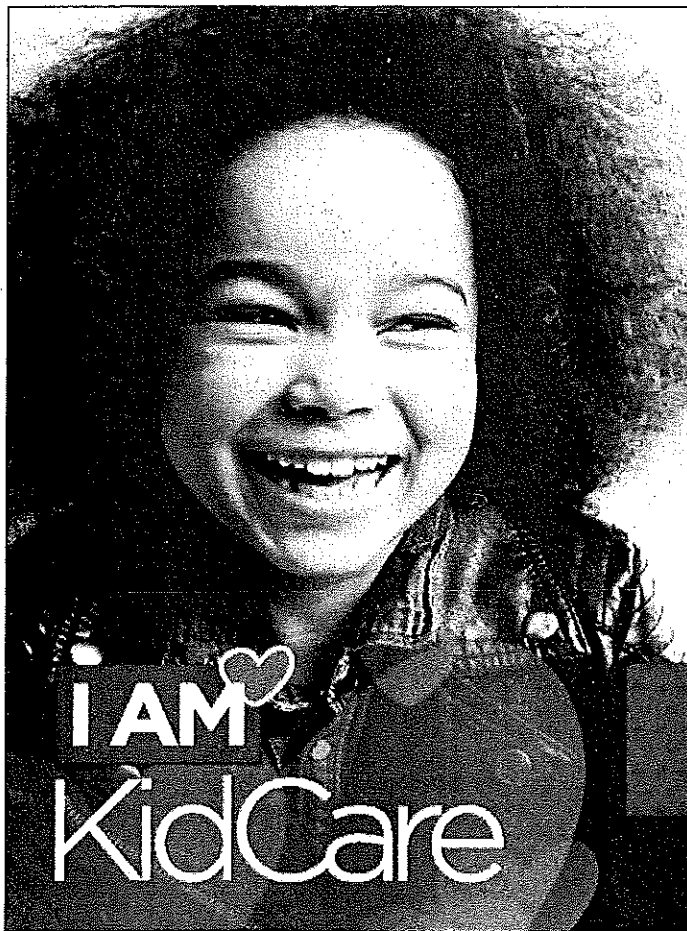
How much do I pay each month for coverage?

- There is no charge for Medicaid.
- For MediKids, Healthy Kids, and the CMS Network, most families pay just \$15 or \$20 per month. Monthly premiums depend on your household's size and income. If you do not qualify for subsidized coverage, you may be eligible for the full-pay option.
- You may have to pay small charges or co-payments for some services.

Dental Everglades Pediatric Dentistry

2029 Highway 441 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 357-7338 FAX (863) 357-7342

Everglades Pediatric Dentistry provides a full range of dental services for healthy and medically compromised children from age 0 to 18 years old. These services include dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings, extractions, nerve treatments, crowns, space maintenance and sealants. In office sedation is available (nitrous oxide, conscious sedation, IV sedation). Treatment is provided in a child friendly environment with a board certified pediatric dentist, Dr. Melissa Kindell. Insurance accepted: Cigna, Delta Dental, Met-Life, Guardian, Assurant, HealthyKids-MCNA, HealthyKids-ADI Dentamax and CMS. Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00.



Fl♥rida KidCare HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE

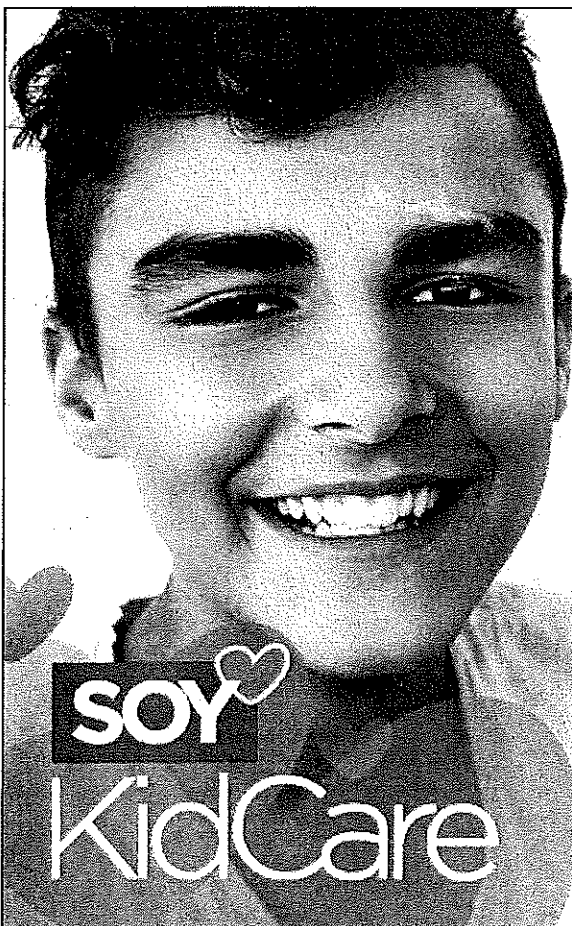
Head to toe coverage for
all Florida kids from birth
through the end of age 18,
even if one or both
parents are working.

Most families pay nothing
at all, and many families pay
just \$15 or \$20 a month.
Full-pay options are
also available.

With year-round enrollment, the
time to apply is always now:

floridakidcare.org • 1-888-540-5437

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Fl♥rida KidCare SEGURO MÉDICO Y DENTAL

Cobertura desde la cabeza hasta los pies
para todos los niños de la Florida
desde el nacimiento hasta completar
los 18 años de edad, aun cuando
uno o ambos padres trabajen.

La mayoría de las familias no pagan nada
en absoluto, y muchas familias solamente
pagan \$15 o \$20 al mes. También hay
disponibles opciones de pago completo.

Con la inscripción abierta durante
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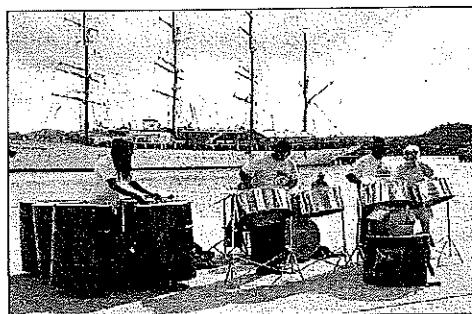
Performing Arts

Music Lessons

Okeechobee Music, Inc.
909 S. Parrott Ave., Suite J4
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 467-9373 FAX (863) 467-9370
Okeechobeemusic@yahoo.com
Private lessons for guitar, bass, voice, keyboard/piano, violin, mandolin, drums, sound and brass/woodwinds. Once a week suggested. Days vary according to instrument. Must have instrument to practice at home. Rentals available. Monday - Friday 10:00-6:00, Saturday 10:00-4:00. \$15 per half-hour.

Ballet Summer Camp

Okeechobee Ballet Company
1204 NE 12th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 447-7350
Facebook: Okeechobee Ballet Co & Dance Arts
One week long, half-day camp introducing the basics of ballet! Including a beginner ballet class, crafts, classical music, stories of red ballets and more! Our theme this year is fairies. **Ages 5-9**; Monday - Friday; June 11-15, 1:15 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday; June 18-22, 1:15 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sign up and pay at the Fitness and Aquatic Center (address above).
Fee: \$125/week.



Chobee Steelers Steel Drum Band Summer Camp

Martha's House, Inc.
4134 Highway 441 North
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 697-6107 FAX (863) 763-6712
This is a violence prevention program focusing on bullying, bystander intervention and responsibilities, developing health relationships, responsible dating and any other issues they may be facing or dealing with. The drums are secondary and work for participant longevity. This is a wop not a babysitting service. June 11-August 4, Monday - Friday, 11:00-4:00. Youth ages 10-16, boys and girls.
Fee: FREE

Open Recreation

Oakview Baptist Church

677 SW 32nd Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 763-1699
www.oakviewbaptist.com
Playground and jogging/walking track open for public use from dawn to dusk. Available for private party, call church office for details.

Walking/biking trails

Agri-Civic Center
4601 Highway 710
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-1666
Walking and biking trails 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Residents are allowed, and encouraged, to use the roads and parking lots at the facility for walking, exercising, bike riding, etc. as long as it does not interfere with an event that is taking place. Even if there is an event in the arena, people can still use the perimeter road, the parking lot on the West side of the facility, or other areas on the facility grounds that do not interfere with the event.

C. Scott Driver Park

10100 Highway 78 West
Okeechobee, FL 34974
Access to the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee, including boat launch ramps (6) and floating docks (4). Open 24 hours; handicap accessible restrooms; open dawn to dusk; (9,000 s.f.) event pavilion, providing drive-through covered pavilion, weigh-in area for tournaments (5,400 s.f.), meeting/banquet room (3,600 s.f. A/C, heated area); two parking areas providing 161 parking spaces for vehicles and trailers.
(Please call Sharie Turgeon at 863-763-3959 for more information)

Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (L.O.S.T.)

Okeechobee County Parks & Rec
(863) 763-6950
Designated as a segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail, the L.O.S.T. encircles Lake Okeechobee. Approximately 110 total miles, it spans Okeechobee, Martin, Palm Beach, Hendry and Glades counties. It is located atop the Herbert Hoover dike, and provides views ranging from scenic lake side to working agricultural landscapes. It also takes users near and through communities that are at the heart of agriculture in this part of the state, such as Clewiston and Belle Glade. The area affords opportunities for viewing wildlife, particularly in fall and winter, when birds such as herons, egrets, and a variety of wintering waterfowl are abundant. And of course, fishing opportunities are endless. Approximately 17 miles of paved trail is located within Okeechobee County and may be accessed from the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area, Lake Okeechobee Recreation Area, Taylor

Creek Lock, Nubbin Slough Recreation Area and Henry Creek Recreation Contact information: US Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 525 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, FL 33440-5399, 863-983-8101

<http://pillar.saj.usace.army.mil/recreation>

www.floridagreenwaysandtrails.org

Okee-Tantie Campground & Marina

10430 Highway 78 West

Okeechobee, FL 34974

Year-round facility located on the North shore of Lake Okeechobee. Access to Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River. Recreation area includes: picnic pavilions, new bandshell, boat launch ramps (6), floating docks (2) restrooms, wildlife, etc. Boat slip rentals. *(For boat slip rental reservations or more information please call 863-763-2622)*

Platt's Bluff Park

CR 599 off SR 70 West

Boat launch ramp

Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area (STA)

North on Highway 441 across from G4S Okeechobee Youth Development Center. Owned by South Florida Water Management District and managed by Okeechobee County. Hiking and biking are the approved activities to explore and enjoy on this property. This trailhead provides access to three miles of hiking and biking trails, with views of the marsh, cypress stands and creek. Hike on the levee trail and see a variety of wildlife in the treatment area, bicycle on the three miles of levee trail around the treatment area, or simply enjoy nature with your binoculars and cameras.

Douglas Brown Basketball Courts

826 NE 16th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

2 lighted concrete courts (50' X 84').

First come, first served. Hours: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Willie Alderman Field

424 NE 15th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

Youth baseball/softball field, 1 lighted, (225' down the lines; 275' center field) reservations available.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Lake Okeechobee Recreation Area, a/k/a, Jaycee Park and/or Lock 7

U.S. Highway 441 South and Highway 78 West

Okeechobee, FL 34974

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

Access to Lake Okeechobee's north shore, including boat ramps (3), observation, fishing pier, restrooms,

picnic tables & paved parking. Park hours: October 1-April 30, 24 hours; May 1-September 30, 5:00 a.m. - midnight.

Darrel Enfinger Sports Complex

640 NW 27th Lane

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Parks & Rec (863) 763-6950

Hours: 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Note: During school hours, use of the facility may be restricted based on school use.)

Baseball/Softball Fields (4) lighted; youth baseball fields (3), softball field (1), Concession, restrooms; limited use during youth league seasons.

Football Field (1) lighted; drop-in use; limited use during youth league seasons.

Tennis courts (8) lighted, first come, first served. Limit play to one hour when others are waiting.

Racquetball Courts (3 in service) first come, first served; limit play to one hour when others are waiting.

Basketball Courts (2) first come, first served

Wooden Jungle Playground ages 2 - 13

Picnic Pavilion - reservations for use of the pavilion are required with a, \$25 per/day fee. Call (863)763-6950 or (863)467-7667 for scheduling. (Minimum two week notice on pavilion rentals)

Pool Hours:

June 4 - August 5: Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Family Swim Night Thursday, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

August 12 - October 1: Saturday and Sunday 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Senior Water Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 - August 5, 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m., \$2.00 per class.

Pool dates and rates are subject to approval by the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners and may change without further notice.

2018 Pool Rates: Regular Admission: per day/per person \$3.00; children 3 years and under FREE (accompanied by a swimming adult)

Family Night Admission: per night/per person \$2.00

Senior Water Exercise \$2.00 per day/per person

Parties private/regular 2 hours: \$60.00*

Parties nonprofit organizations: 2 hours \$50.00*

Parties additional hours: \$20.00 per hour

*up to 60 people for each additional 30 guests, or portion thereof, there will be an additional charge of \$20/hour

Passes: Ten visits/individual: \$25.00, Lap Swimming per day: \$2.00

Swim Lessons: Ages 6 months - 30 minute adult swim lessons will be offered. The cost is \$40 per session per child (with a \$5 discount for additional children enrolled from the same household). Payment is due upon registration. Refunds will reflect a \$5 processing fee. Registration will be held June 7 and 8 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Call for session dates and

more information. (863) 467-7667

Enrollment is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shockwaves Summer Swim Team

Please call the pool for more information or should you have any questions (863) 467-7667.

Kiwanis Park

350 NW 6th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

North Ballfield: 8:00 a.m. – dusk, call for reservations

Picnic Pavilion: 8:00 a.m. – dusk, reservations available (\$25/day)

Playground: 8:00 a.m. – dusk, no reservations available/required

Skate Park: 8:00 a.m. – dusk; helmet required; skate card required

Restrooms: 8:00 a.m. – dusk

Tennis Courts (2), 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. No reservations available/required, first come, first served, one hour limit when others are waiting.

Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation

950 NW 23rd Lane

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6950

OK Softball Fields (adult)

Hours 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Access restricted during league seasons.)

Softball Fields (2) field reservation fee = \$10/hour per field, light fee = \$15/hour.

Sand Volleyball Courts (2) first come, first served. 8:00 a.m. - dusk

Playground ages 5 – 12, adult supervision recommended. Hours: 8:00 a.m. – dusk

Okeechobee Historical Park

1850 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

Hours: Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Historical Museum and Schoolhouse

Okeechobee County Rental Facilities:

(863) 763-6950 for reservations, rental and security deposit information.

Alton Chandler Civic Center a/k/a Basinger Community Center

20350 Hwy 98 North

Douglas Brown Community Center

812 NE 16th Avenue

Okeechobee County Civic Center

1750 Hwy 98 North

C. Scott Driver Pavilion and Hall

10101 Hwy 78 West

Overnight Camps

4-H Camps

Okeechobee County 4-H

(University of Florida/Florida 4-H)

458 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745

<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu> or

www.florida4h.org/camps

Florida 4-H Gator Adventures Camp

(Camp Cloverleaf) July 23-27

This week is full of fun and educational activities such as canoeing, swimming, recreational games, campfires, fishing, a dance and more. It's guaranteed to provide youth with an exciting Outdoor Adventure! Youth will have an opportunity to learn teambuilding skills and will participate in activities that will promote healthy lifestyle choices as well as physical activity. A daily snack from the canteen and a summer camp T-shirt are included in the camp fees, along with three nutritious meals per day prepared on site by our Certified Food Safety Staff. All cabins are air-conditioned. Located on the Lake Wales Ridge just north of Lake Placid, 4-H Camp Cloverleaf is situated directly on Lake Francis, a 545-acre basin with plenty to explore. Our highly trained Camp Staff will encourage all campers to experience new adventures and make new friends. All activities and educational programs are taught and/or led by University of Florida 4-H Staff. Campers must be between the ages of 8-13. Eligibility is based on age by June 1, 2018 FEE: \$275/week, must register and pay online.

Florida 4-H Marine Camp

(Camp Timpoochee 4-H Center)

Senior Marine Camp (ages 14-17): July 16-20

Marine Camp (ages 8-13): July 23-27

Are you interested in learning about marine life, going fishing, or exploring the underwater world with a mask and snorkel? If so, this is the camp for you!

Separated from the Destin beaches by the Choctawatchee Bay, Camp Timpoochee 4-H Center, (located in Niceville, Florida) allows campers firsthand experience with Florida's marine environment from above and below the waterline. Timpoochee's marine lab is equipped with large aquariums supporting life from both fresh and saltwater habitats. Sport fishing sessions will help youth learn about local fish and how to catch them.

This week is full of learning and other fun activities such as snorkeling, swimming, recreational games, campfires, camp dance, evening activities and more. Marine education activities will be led by specialists with the University of Florida's Sea Grant Program and State 4-H Staff, making this week an exciting Outdoor Ed-Venture. A daily snack from the canteen and a summer camp T-shirt are included in the camp fees, along with three nutritious meals per day prepared on site by our certified food safety staff. All cabins are air-conditioned. Open to all youth ages 8 (as of 9/01/16) to 17. Youth must sign up in advance,

first come, first served. Extension programs are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, or national origin.
FEE: \$275.00/week, registration and fee paid online

We have taken great care to ensure that all dates, phone numbers and information listed are correct; however mistakes do happen. Please call the programs that are of interest to you and your child to verify location, dates, times, fees and ages.

Special Events

GRAD Nite 2018

Friday, May 25, 2017, 10:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. at Chobee Play Skate & Bowl
1465 SE 14th Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974
Annual Non-Alcohol GRAD Nite Party for 2018 Okeechobee High School graduates and their pre-approved guest; safe entertainment on your last night together, great prizes, scholarships and more!
For donations of money, food, prizes or your time please contact Tabitha (863) 763-5573.

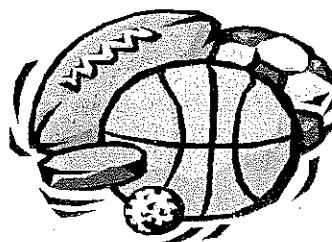
Back to School Expo

Our Village Okeechobee
504 NW 2nd Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
Find Our Village Okeechobee on Facebook!
SAVE THE DATE: The Back to School Community-wide event will be held July 28 at Okeechobee High School from 8:00-11:00am. Like the Our Village Okeechobee Facebook page to make sure you know all of the details. Community providers will be on site to provide information about their programs geared towards children and their families. We will be giving away new backpacks, school supplies, and new or gently used clothing on a first come, first served basis.
Fee: FREE. A positive attitude is required for entry.

Sports/Fitness

“STORM” Summer Cheer Camp

Okeechobee “STORM” Cheerleaders
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 634-4327 or (863) 697-3211
“STORM” Summer Cheer Camps is funded by Children’s Services Council of Okeechobee, Inc. This camp includes instruction in all aspects of cheerleading, dance and tumble. Students will also participate in crafts and game activities. Must call to register.
Fee: FREE



Chobee Nation Basketball Camp

Chobee Nation
P O Box 2384
Okeechobee, FL 34973
chobenation@gmail.com
Find Chobee Nation on Facebook!
This summer camp will provide basic basketball training and skill sets, as well as promote team work and leadership. Email to sign up.
Fee: FREE

Chaka’s Stars Cheer Camp

Chaka’s Stars Foundation
2800 Hwy 441 N – OHS Gym
(863) 801-9229
chakastarsfoundation.com
The Chaka’s Stars Foundation will provide and environment for each participant to learn basic cheer skills while building team and communication skills. Activities will promote: confidence, team building, building trust among team members, self-discipline, safety precautions and physical health. Cheerleading skills will be taught by a licensed cheer instructor. A healthy drink and snack will be served each day. June 4 - June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration is open to youth between the ages of 5-18, space is limited.
Fee: FREE

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of Okeechobee

310 S.W. 5th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 467-7625
www.fbcokee.org
“Game On” (VBS ’18) Bible. Missions. Crafts. Recreation. Music. Snack Rotations. Children GOING INTO Kindergarten through 5th grade. June 25 – June 29, 8:30-12:00, Fee: FREE

Oakview Baptist Church

677 SW 32nd Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 763-1699
www.oakviewbaptist.com
Ship Wrecked: Rescued by Jesus June 18-22, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Ages 3 thru adult. Fee: FREE

OCSB 2018 SUMMER Food Service Program Announcement of FREE Summer Meals

Okeechobee County Schools is sponsoring Summer Break Spots with free meals from May 30th – Aug 3rd. In addition, several community summer day camps will open their doors during meal time for walk-ins to join them for free meals. Students age 18 and under may walk in and eat breakfast and lunch at no charge at the locations below. Meal types vary at community summer day camps and will be handled by each individual camp. All registered summer school program attendees are eligible to eat meals at no charge.

Monday, June 4th, through Thursday, June 28th, and July 30 – Aug 3rd (high school only)

Seminole Elementary School

3rd Grade Reading Camp, Credit Retrieval
Extended year ESE, Migrant STEM, Migrant Reading

Breakfast: 7:30- 8:30
Lunch: 10:30 – 12:30

Yearling Middle School

6-8th Graders, Credit Retrieval, Extended year ESE

Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:30
Lunch: 10:30 – 12:30

High School Summer Programs

9th-12th Credit Retrieval, Agile Mind
Migrant Drama, Extended year ESE, PERT Boot Camp

Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:30
Lunch: 10:30 -12:30

Monday, June 11th through Friday, July 20th

Join Chaka Stars Summer campers at Douglas Brown Park for breakfast and lunch
Walk-ins should plan to leave the park immediately after eating
Center **will be** open on days the camp is on a field trip

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00
Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30

Monday, June 11th through Friday, July 20th

Join Parks and Rec at the Okeechobee Civic Center for breakfast and lunch
Walk-ins should plan to leave the center after eating
Center **will not be** open on days the camp is on a field trip

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00
Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30

Friday June 29th - Friday July 20th

Walk-in's, age 18 and under are welcome for breakfast and lunch
at Yearling Middle School

Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:30
Lunch: 10:30 – 12:30

Questions about the Summer School Food Service Program may be directed to the
District's Food Service Office at 863-462-5148.

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Other

The Salvation Army

1600 SW 2nd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(772) 464-4846 FAX (772) 464-4933

Social Services: Care to Share/FPL bills, Angel Tree/Christmas toys, and summer camps/low income. We help people as referred on an individual basis. For Care to Share, must be the final bill. All others, according to the individual crisis. Tuesday's 10:00-1:00. Fee: FREE

Foster Care Licensing

Camelot Community Care
1111 SE Federal Highway Ste. 326
Stuart, FL 34994

772-226-6235 FAX 772-226-6236
www.camelotcommunitycare.org

Recruit, train and license foster homes for Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Indian River and Martin counties. Must be able to pass a level II background check, have a good driving record and have a safe and loving home! We'd love to have you join our team by becoming a Foster Parent! Call us at 772-226-6235, or email DDomingos@camelotcommunitycare.org
Fee: FREE

CASTLE – Safe Families

CASTLE
208 N. Parrott Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-467-7771

www.castleco.org

In-home parenting education. Eligibility criteria: must have a child 0-17 years of age living in the home.
Fee: FREE

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CASTLE – Families In Between

CASTLE
208 N. Parrott Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-467-7771

www.castleco.org

Families In Between is a five-hour COA accredited course, using evidence-based curriculum for parents of minor children who are divorcing or separating. The skill-based curriculum focuses on teaching anger control, respectful communications as a means of ending loyalty conflicts and lowering risk for children of divorce. A certificate is provided upon completion of the course. Eligibility: Parent going through separation Fee: \$50 Summer dates: Saturday 8:00 – 1:00 pm June 23 or August 25

NOPE Task Force – Okeechobee County

Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education
Reaching communities through prevention, education and support. <http://www.nopetaskforce.org/chapter-okeechobee.php>



Substance Abuse Coalition Meetings

Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition
(863) 697-1993

Osacokee@gmail.com

www.okeechobeehope.org

Meetings held at Beef 'O' Brady's, 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Call or email for meeting dates.

Community Transportation

Okeechobee County (863) 357-9900

Any qualifying resident may request services from the Community Transportation System. Some passengers will ride for free if sponsored 100% by a local social services agency or when traveling to a fully Medicaid-funded medical service. Other passengers, depending on age or disability, may ride at a reduced or subsidized rate under the Transportation Disadvantaged Non-sponsored program. Fees will vary depending on the sponsorship program which you qualify for. Your reservationist will tell you the cost of your trip when your reservation is made. Children under the age of five (5) must use a child restraint seat which the passenger must provide. Children age eighteen (18) and under require an adult escort.

Teach Children to Save for Their Future

CenterState Bank
2100 South Parrott Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974

CenterState Bank offers a youth savings account that will help teach your child to save for college, a new car, or a rainy day. Your child can start saving with as little as \$10.00. There is no minimum balance, no monthly service charge, and interest is earned on the entire balance. Let CenterState Bank help your child get the right start in learning to save for their future. Please visit the Okeechobee office or call (863) 763-5573 for more information. Member FDIC

Okeechobee County 4-H

Okeechobee County 4-H (University of Florida/Okeechobee County Extension Service)
458 Highway 98 North

Okeechobee, FL 34972

(863) 763-6469 FAX (863) 763-6745

<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>

There are 32 different 4-H clubs and many 4-H activities available in Okeechobee County. The clubs

range in interest from dairy, beef, swine, horse, exotic animals, small animals, leisure arts, leadership development, photography, cooking, sewing and public speaking. 4-H is open to all youth, ages 5-18. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to sign up to become a member of 4-H for the 2017-18 4-H year. Youth must complete a new application each year. September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018 Fee: New state mandated \$20 fee beginning 2016-2017 4-H year (covers all insurance plus state and national fees, paid directly to the state 4-H program) some clubs may have minimal dues.

The Just-Us (Justice) Awards Program is an Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office sponsored program where School Resource Deputies recognize school aged youth for noteworthy achievements and contributions to their schools and community. The Just-Us Program will present awards in various categories:

- Just-Us Citation Youth Recognition Award
- Just-Us Citation Youth Community Enhancement Award
- Just-Us Citation Random Acts of Kindness Award
- Just-Us Citation Outstanding Youth-Friendly Business Award
- Just-Us Citation Outstanding Supporter of Youth
- Just-Us Citation Outstanding Youth Team Award

If you have any questions or would like to request more information about the Just-us Citation Program please email schoolresource@okeesherriff.org or call (863) 763-3117

2-1-1 Crisis Hotline/Community Helpline

211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

Post Office Box 3588

Lantana, FL 33465

2-1-1

www.211treasurecoast.org

Open 24 hours/7 days a week

TEXT 898211

211 provides a one-stop service for everyday needs and in times of crisis. By simply dialing 2-1-1 or texting 898211 you can find out about and get connected to such resources as health services, drug/alcohol treatment, mental health counseling, Medicare/Medicaid, victim services, domestic violence programs, financial assistance, food assistance as well as summer free meal sites and back to school events.



GAL

Guardian ad Litem

**A POWERFUL VOICE FOR
FLORIDA'S CHILDREN**

**FLORIDA GUARDIAN AD LITEM
PROGRAM**

This summer there will be children removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment and placed in the court system. Your help is needed to ensure the children will have a safe permanent home. Become a Volunteer Child Advocate. As the voice for an abused child, you will help to ensure that the court system will not overlook a child's rights and needs. You will represent the best interests of the child.

- Must be at least 21 years of age. There is no age limit.
- No legal or social work experience is required.
- We provide training and professional support.
- It takes approximately 10 - 15 hours a month.
- You must see your GAL child once a month.

No child should have to go to court alone. Please consider joining our team of volunteers. As one child shared, her Guardian ad Litem, "... helped me keep my head held high when things got out of hand and never let me give up." Let's give every abused child a voice. For more information please contact Nicole Hughes at: (772) 871-7269

Email: nicole.hughes@gal.fl.gov

Website: www.guardianadlitem.org

Web Resources:

- **Teach a Child to Read**
<http://www.succeedtoread.com/>
- **One Tough Job**
<http://www.onetoughjob.org/>
- **Florida Department of Education**
<http://www.fldoe.org/>
- **Parents Television Council**
www.parentstv.org/PTC/familyguide/main.asp
- **Think Green**
<http://www.thinkgreen.com/students-k-5>
- **AAA Math**
<http://www.aaamath.com/>
- **Kids Know It Network**
<http://www.kidsknowit.com/>
- **Crayola**
<http://www.crayola.com>
- **Kids Click** – search engine for students
<http://www.kidsclick.org/>
- **Online dictionary**
<http://dictionary.reference.com/>
- **Online thesaurus**
<http://thesaurus.com/>
- **Florida's Safe Surfing**- internet safety information for kids, teens, and parents
<http://www.safeflorida.net/safesurf>
- **Florida's Prepaid College Board** - prepay for your college tuition and save money
<http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/>
- **Okeechobee County School District Website**
<http://www.okee.k12.fl.us/>
- **Bright Futures**
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>
- **Florida Diagnostic Learning & Resources Center**
<http://www.fdlrs.org>
- **Florida KidCare**
<http://www.floridakidcare.org>
- **Animal Fact Guide**
<http://www.animalfactguide.com>
- **America's Library**
<http://www.americaslibrary.gov>
- **A safe place where kids can create, share and learn.**
<http://www.kids.gov>
- **Florida Center for Reading Research**
www.fcrr.org
- **FSA**
www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families

We have taken great care to ensure that all dates, phone numbers and information listed are correct; however mistakes do happen. Please call the programs that are of interest to you and your child to verify location, dates, times, fees and ages.

Learning the Basics of Internet Safety

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long
- Remember that internet technology can be mobile, and make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops
- Surf the internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, emailing, online gaming and using webcams
- Continually dialogue with your children about online safety
- Start a discussion with your child
- What are your favorite things to do online?
- What is personal information? Why should you keep it private?
- What could you do to be safer online?
- What would you do if anyone online asked to meet you face-to-face?
- Besides me, who do you feel that you can talk to if you are in a scary or uncomfortable situation?

Great resource for both parents and students:
www.netsmartz.org.





What is Footsteps2Brilliance?

Footsteps2Brilliance is a transformative pre-K through 3rd grade literacy solution that utilizes mobile technology to connect school, home, and the community for academic success. **EVERY** child in Okeechobee County - those registered in a public or private school, homeschooled and not yet attending school - have access to Footsteps2Brilliance-- for **FREE!** Since it's a mobile reading app, it can be used virtually anywhere. All parents need to do to get started is register.

The 30 Million Word Gap

At risk children hear 30 million fewer words by age 3 than their more affluent peers. These children enter kindergarten with 25% of the vocabulary they need to succeed, and 88% of them will never catch up. Teachers are spending valuable instructional time catching students up rather than teaching them to read. We aim to change that with Footsteps2Brilliance.

With Footsteps2Brilliance...

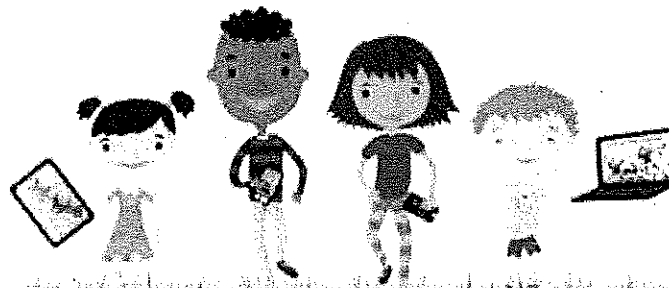
- Students are motivated to become active learners through engaging animated eBooks and innovative games.
- Teachers can instantly track student progress, differentiate instruction and engage in collaborative learning through a professional development network. The data gleaned will provide teachers with real-time formative assessments that help differentiate instruction. (All Prek-2nd grade and ESE teachers have access)
- Parents are given the tools they need to extend classroom learning into everyday life.
- Teachers and parents can track mastery of reading comprehension, vocabulary and standards based concepts.

Resources

Using F2B for just 15 minutes per day in school, students can significantly increase their vocabulary, comprehension, critical thinking, and writing skills. Resources for ideas or help can be found in this shared on www.okeereads.com. Check often, it is updated regularly. If there is a resource you would like, please feel free to contact me.

Help is Here!

Should you need any further information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Trisha Jennings at (863)462-5000 ext 262 or jennings@okee.k12.fl.us. I can help you with almost any aspect of the program (how to log on, forgotten usernames, how to implement the program, summer program, etc).



Children's Services Council of Okeechobee

(863) 462-5000 ext. 239



CSC is a taxing authority that generates .0400 per \$1,000.00 of property value. Ten members and an Executive Director make up the Council; five members are appointed by the County Commissioners and Governor and five members are required in statute.

Each year a Request for Proposal or grant is sent out to agencies to submit to the Council requesting funds to have programs that work with Okeechobee children.

During the last fiscal year, over \$335,000 was given to twenty-six agencies. These agencies had programs such as after-school programs, mental health programs, residential programs or mentoring programs. This fiscal year, eleven agencies received special funds totaling \$82,000 to carry out extra activities for the children of Okeechobee.

The Council meets monthly at the Okeechobee County School Board office. For further information, call Cathleen Blair, Executive Director, at 863-610-0176.



Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County



Every Day!

- 5** or more fruits & vegetables
- 2** hours or less recreational screen time*
- 1** hour or more of physical activity
- 0** sugary drinks, more water & low fat milk

*Keep TV/Computer out of the bedroom. No screen time under the age of 2.



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¡Todos los días!

- 5** ó más frutas y verduras.
- 2** horas o menos frente a una pantalla*
- 1** hora o más de actividad física.
- 0** bebidas dulces, más agua y leche con poca grasa.

*Mantenga el TV/computador fuera de la habitación. No permita pantallas para menores de 2 años.



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