



## Kinship Pinellas-Largo May 2024 Newsletter

Edited by Debra Young



Hello family and friends! Meet our new Support Group Assistant, **Allison Ruckart**. We are so happy to have you! Welcome to the month of May, which is known for being a month with amazing weather and a variety of celebrations, including **Mother's Day, May Day, Cinco De Mayo, and Memorial Day**. We wish you a beautiful month from the first day to the last.

Please mark your calendar and RSVP for our **Family Fun Day** coming next month! Also, please remember to sign-up for the Madd Hatter Tea Party coming in August. As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us all remember to show our appreciation for Mothers, Grandmothers, Guardians, and/or Relative/Non-Relative caregivers who care and love us so much! A Mother's love is like no other and it should be cherished.

*Your Kinship Team*



### **KINSHIP PINELLAS MAIN OFFICE**

2200 Tall Pines Drive Suite #120 Largo, FL 33771

**Phone: 727-785-2762** <https://www.childrenshomenetworkwork.org>

**Program Manager:** Brenda "Annette" Royal

**Program Supervisor:** Carmela Beasley

**Support Group Assistants:** Debra Young & Allison Ruckart

# May 2024

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**Contact Information for Support Groups:**

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**[aruckart@childrenshomenetwork.org](mailto:aruckart@childrenshomenetwork.org) ~ 813-860-9135**

**Kinship will pay \$7 towards each caregiver's lunch.  
Please RSVP 48 hours prior to meeting**

## MEET THE KINSHIP PINELLAS –LARGO TEAM

**Brenda Royal**  
**Program Manager**  
**813-860-9366**



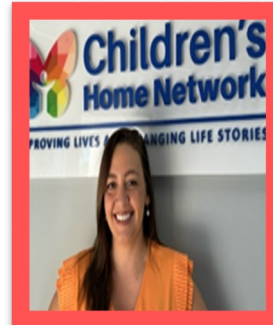
**Carmela Beasley**  
**Program Supervisor**  
**813-860-9370**



**Cynette Houston**  
**Senior Family Support Coordinator**  
**813-860-9261**



**Chelsea Duerden**  
**Family Support Coordinator**  
**813-494-2805**



**Marissa Mortellaro**  
**Data Coordinator**  
**813-860-9162**



**Shana Lawrence**  
**Family Support Coordinator**  
**813-860-9160**



**Paula Davis**  
**System Navigator**  
**813-860-9159**



**Narolyn Jackson**  
**Family Support Coordinator**  
**813-860-9302**



**Alexis De Bose**  
**Family Support Coordinator**  
**813-860-9377**



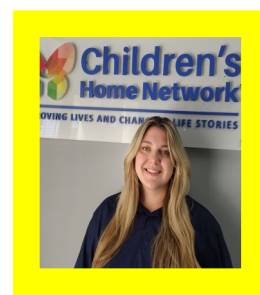
**Lyllian Pardes**  
**Family Support Coordinator**  
**813-513-1675**



**Jennifer Tanner**  
**Tutor Coordinator**  
**813-860-9152**



**Catherine Comeau**  
**Intake Coordinator**  
**813-860-9368**



**Allison Ruckart**  
**Support Group Assistant**  
**813-860-9135**



**Debra Young**  
**Support Group Assistant**  
**813-860-9375**

# Come Join The Fun!



**Save the date for June 7th 2024!**

**Kinship is hosting their Annual Family Fun Day**

**John S Taylor Park**

**1100 8th Ave SW**

**Largo, FL 33770**

**Shelter #2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

School will be out, so let the fun begin. We will have lots of food, games, prizes, and much more.

***RSVP with Debra at 813-860-9375 or Allison 813-860-9135***

# Family Fun Activities

## 1st Friday Flicks

Friday, May 3rd 2024

Waterfront Park

105 Veterans Memorial Lane

Safety Harbor, FL 34695

8:00-10:00 PM

**FREE** Movie: Moana



Bring your blankets or lawn chairs! Movies are sponsored by Positively Dad! Live entertainment and seating 1 hour prior to the movie. Concessions available.

## Folly Faire

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Folly Farm Nature Preserve

1538 Dr. MLK Street N

Safety Harbor, FL 34695

9:00 AM -12:00 PM



No better way to spend a Saturday morning but at Folly Farm by getting some fresh air, taking a walk through the park, visiting our nursery for a plant sale, asking a Master Gardener questions, enjoying music, or participating in family friendly nature activities and kids crafts

## Scenes on the Green at Coachman Park

300 Cleveland Street, Clearwater, FL 33765

May 10th 8:00 -10:00 PM



Join us for "Scenes On The Green" at Coachman Park! Enjoy a FREE magical movie night under the stars. Bring blankets and low-lying lawn chairs.

## Wendy Barmore Sunset Music Series

Weaver Park, 1258 Bayshore Blvd.,

Dunedin, FL 3469

May 3: The Charlie Morris Band (Blues, Rock)

May 10: Caribbean Cowboys  
(A salute to Jimmy Buffet)

May 17: 60 West Band (Top 40 Dance Music)

May 24: The Cats Band (Good Time Rock 'N Roll)

May 31: First of the Day (Pop/Rock)

Join us for a beautiful sunset view from the shoreline and pier of Weaver Park, while listening to a live band. Bring your blanket or lawn chairs for seating. This event is dedicated to Wendy Barmore, who was a renowned local musician and a contributing member of the Dunedin community

# Community Resources

## Kinship is Ready to Serve You

We provide free services to any relative or non-relative caring full-time for children 0 -17. Our staff works with each family individually to link them to community resources they need such as:

- ◆ Legal Services Referral
- ◆ Counseling/Therapy Referral
- ◆ Food stamps & Cash Assistance
- ◆ Bus Passes
- ◆ Support Groups
- ◆ Respite Referral
- ◆ Family Fun Activities
- ◆ Community Resources
- ◆ Tutoring

Please call our Kinship Services Intake:  
**727-785-2762**



## Bay Area Legal Services

If you are a relative caregiver in **Pinellas** or **Pasco County** and currently participating in Kinship Services, you can receive a legal referral to BALS. Bay Area Legal Services can provide legal advice/or brief consultation for **NO Cost**. Ask your Family Support Coordinator or Navigator. For more information:  
**727-490-4040** or **800-625-2257**

[www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)



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## Gulfcoast Legal Services

**(727) 821- 0726**

**[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)**

If you are over 55, a Relative Caregiver, or a Grandparent, and need legal assistance, advice, or representation. We Can Help!

**Apply by Phone: Monday through Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. excluding holidays  
or Online: 24 hours a day**



## KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY ~ ONE CHILD AT A TIME Florida Department of Health In Pinellas County

DOH- Pinellas provides immunizations at no cost for babies, children and young people through the age of 18. Schedule immunizations at your child's health provider's office or visit any Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County

(DOH-Pinellas) Health Departments listed below:

Clearwater: 310 N. Myrtle Ave. 727-469-5800

Mid-County: 8751 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, 727-524-4410

Pinellas Park: 6350 76th Ave. N. 727-547-7780

St. Petersburg: 205 Dr. MLK Jr. St., N. 727-824-6900

"Free" walk in clinics – (first come, first serve) Dental Referrals available and walk-ins welcome at all clinics For more information or to schedule an appointment, call: 727.524.4410 x 7666

**FL Dept. of Health in Pinellas County**  
**727-824-6900 24hrs/day**



# ARE YOU A CAREGIVER RAISING A MINOR WITHOUT A PARENT AT HOME?

Aunt or Uncle Raising  
Nieces or Nephews

Grandparent Raising  
Grandchildren

Sibling Raising  
Minor Sibling

## ¿Está al cuidado de un menor que no tiene a sus padres en casa?

Tía o tío criando sus  
sobrinos

Abuelos criando  
sus nietos

Hermano criando un  
hermano menor



GRAND FAMILIES



Scan  
Escanea

Saturday, May 4th  
Sábado 4 de mayo  
10 AM – 2 PM

## FIRST GRAND FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

### Feria de recursos para familias extendidas

Join us for food, music, fun, giveaways, resources, health screenings, haircuts, and much more! While supplies last. Join us EARLY!

¡Acompáñenos para disfrutar de comida, música, diversión, regalos, recursos, chequeo de salud, corte de pelo y mucho más! Hasta agotar existencias.  
Venga temprano

## THE SIMPLE ACT OF CARING IS HEROIC.

### El simple acto de cuidar es heroico.

Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center

4951 78th Ave N

Pinellas Park, FL 33781

For more information  
Para más información, por favor llame a

Yaridis L. García (727) 453-5662  
[ygarcia@jwbpinellas.org](mailto:ygarcia@jwbpinellas.org)



# LET'S RIDE BACK TO SUMMER READING! KINSHIP SUMMER READING PROGRAM

All child ages are welcome to participate.

Looking for some free summer fun?

Why not pick up one of our great reads!

Enroll in our summer reading program contest and win some amazing prizes!

June 10<sup>th</sup>-August 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

To enroll simply fill out the registration form below and turn it in by **May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Questions? Contact: **Jennifer 813-860-9152 [jsabor@childrenshomenetwork.org](mailto:jsabor@childrenshomenetwork.org)**

Sponsored by:



Please cut off and fill out then email or return form to any Kinship Pinellas Staff

## Sailing into Summer Reading Program Registration Form

Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Child's Name | _____ | Grade | _____ |
| 2. Child's Name | _____ | Grade | _____ |
| 3. Child's Name | _____ | Grade | _____ |



# KID'S ZONE

## Memorial Day Word Search

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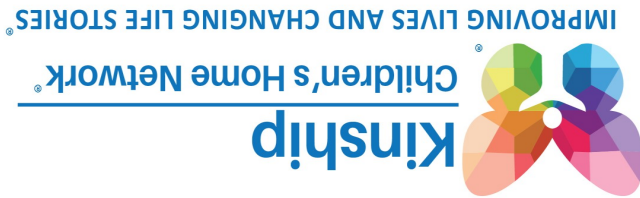
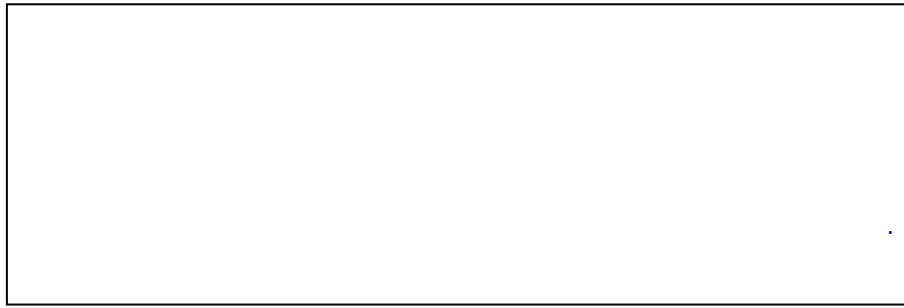
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## KINSHIP MAY 2024

### A PEEK INSIDE:

- ◆ Welcome Letter
- ◆ Support Group Calendar
- ◆ Kinship Pinellas—Largo Staff
- ◆ Save the Date
- ◆ Family Fun Activities
- ◆ Community Resources
- ◆ Summer Reading
- ◆ Kid's Zone



**Our Vision:** Children's Home Network will be a recognized leader in innovative programs and services in the field of child and family well-being and as an exemplary model for the governance, management and operation of non-profit entities.

**Our Mission:** We unlock the potential of at-risk children and families by providing compassionate and effective services that create opportunities for success.

**Our Values:** The values honored by the Children's Home Network help to form our thoughts and guide our decisions and conduct in delivering our mission.

Our interactions are based upon **Respect and Dignity**. We strive for **Excellence** in all that we do.

People can **Trust** in our word and abilities. We conduct our work with **Compassion and Understanding**.

For more information about Kinship, Kinship News, Upcoming Events, Support Groups and much more ...

Please visit: [childrenshomenetwork.org](http://childrenshomenetwork.org)

*Thank You*

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Please visit: [jwbpinellas.org](http://jwbpinellas.org)

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