Note from Admin Staff

We LOVED all of the amazing new friends we made this month. Can’t wait for next month. We hope you enjoy this month’s edition as much as we enjoyed seeing it live and in color.

Note from Advocacy Council

Elections are on May 2nd for your new Advocacy Council. Next month’s edition will have a message from whoever wins… Good Luck to all the candidates!

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This newsletter is put together by the program participants of Pathways to Opportunity.

For more information on Pathways to Opportunity please call 239-823-1625 or visit https://goodwillswfl.org/pathways-programs
April Birthdays!

Peter
Mark
Kimberly
Lisa
Anthony

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Cooking Class Makes Lasagna
Participants learned about food safety and how to make and assemble tacos in their cooking class!
In Community Events, the class went to the pet store and bought two fishes for our PTO fish tank.

The Gardening Club has been working hard to keep everything growing.
In Marine Life, the class learned how to clean a fish tank, and how to properly change the water inside the tank without harming the fish.
In Library, the participants learned how to check out books through a mock scenario with our very own Librarian, Ms. Cassandra.
In relationships and communications, the class learned about non-verbal communication and what information we should keep private. Participants learned serval phrases in sign-language.

In marine life, we learned about the starfish and were able to hold one.
Thank you to Peace River Botanical Garden for your hospitality! Gardening Club loved learning about different plants and how they interact with one another. The exhibits and sculptures were gorgeous and the staff were amazing!
Easter Celebration

Kirk, thank you for the pizza!
Easter Celebration
Happy Easter
Thank you to Best Buddies for Hosting Pathways to Opportunity! We had such a blast!
Pathways Patterns

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Advocacy Council Debate
PTO is partnering with CRN and LARC to host a private screening of Champions. This is a movie about a minor league basketball coach ordered to manage a team of players with intellectual disabilities.
D3Day Ft. Myers is quickly approaching! Please enroll ASAP as space is limited. D3Day is completely free for participants, family members, and caregivers.

**Date:** May 6, 2022  
**Registration:** 9:45am  
**Lunch:** 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Hammond Stadium, 14100 Ben C Pratt/6 Miles Cypress Pkwy, Fort Myers, FL 33912

**To register:** [https://d3day.com/register-ft-myers/](https://d3day.com/register-ft-myers/)

Lunch is provided for all participants, their family members and caregivers!

Each D3Day Participating Family will receive tickets to the Sunday, May 7th Mighty Mussels Game.
Blake P. Hampton Presents

“PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR LOVED ONE”

May 5th, 2023, 1:00 PM
Hodges University

- Hear from Attorney Blake P. Hampton on how to successfully plan for the future with a developmentally delayed child.

- Mr. Hampton will share the considerations to be aware of when a child turns 18 and the necessary estate planning documents that you should have in place.

- Mr. Hampton will also discuss the complexities and legalities around decision making, garnering public benefits, and housing.

- In addition, useful resources for parents and caregivers will be provided.

About Us

Founded in 2015, Hampton Law offers legal counsel in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, and elder law. The firm specializes in comprehensive long-term care for the elderly, ensuring that clients are set up for financial success and have legal peace of mind as they head into their sunset years.

Owner Blake P. Hampton is a VA accredited attorney who serves on the Medicaid, VA Benefits, and Special Needs Trust Committees of the Florida Bar Elder Law Section. Hampton also serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors for LARC, Inc. and as President for the Lee County Bar Association.
Program Calendar 2023

The Pathways to Opportunity (PTO) will be closed for the following holidays and in-service training days.

PTO may add additional closure days for In-Service training. Participants, caregivers, and guardians will be notified as much time in advance as possible.

Summer Quarter: 07/05/23 – 10/07/23

July:
- In-Service Day: 07/03/23
- Independence Day: 07/04/23

August:
- None

September:
- Labor Day: 09/04/23
- In-Service Day: 09/22/23

Fall Quarter: 10/10/23 – 12/31/23

October:
- In-Service Day: 10/02/23

November:
- In-Service Day: 11/10/23
- Thanksgiving: 11/23/23
- In-Service Day: 11/24/23

December:
- Christmas Day: 12/25/23

Winter Quarter: 01/02/23—04/01/23

January:
- New Years’ Day: 01/02/23
- In-Service Day: 01/16/23

February:
- In-Service Day: 02/20/23

March:
- None

Spring Quarter: 04/04/23 – 07/01/23

April:
- In-Service Day: 04/03/23

May:
- Memorial Day: 05/29/23

June:
- **NEW**: In-Service: 06/14/23
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WORD SEARCH

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underground
daffodil
tulip
bloom
taurus
diamond
earth
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passover
fool

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c u n d e r g r a d s
p a s s o v e r u u e
e s h o w e r s r y i
d a t a b f e d u r n
v b l o o m q f s a i
e s h p f g z v w x a
Easter Word Scramble

Instructions: Unscramble the letters to find the words from the list below.

- ndusya
- gesg
- olrewfs
- takebs
- nuynb
- snirgp
- traroc
- nuth
- ihkcc
- cortdeea

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Babies born on March 31 are the easiest to prank on April Fools’ Day. They were literally born yesterday!

Don't stare at the turkey dressing. You'll make him blush!

What do you call a hammer bought on April 1? An April tool.

Why do eggs like April Fools’ Day? They love practical yolks.