



Communities Connected *for Kids*

Connections - April 5, 2023



The Holland Family was nominated recently to the All Pro Dad Florida Foster and Adoptive Family Hall of Fame.

Behind the Mission: The Holland Family is a Portrait of Love, Dedication and Adoption

CCKids' Behind the Mission segment gives a behind-the-scenes look at the staff, families, children and young people who are part of our local community of care. This week, we present the Holland Family, who was nominated by CCKids' behavioral health specialist Kandace Brooks to the 2023 All Pro Dad Florida Foster and Adoptive Family Hall of Fame.



She writes:

"Thank you for the opportunity to highlight the Holland family. Jay and Emily Holland adopted a child from our community of care in 2014. She has significant needs, but through faith, support and commitment, they've fought hard for their daughter. The road to treatment has been challenging to say the least, but the Hollands are committed to each member of their family thriving mentally, spiritually, physically and socially.

They are committed to giving their child the best life possible. Their love for her is always present and evident in any communication exchange I have had with them. They never fail to notice or mention even the smallest victories.

They truly deserve to be acknowledged for their efforts."

Click the banner to register for 1K For Kids! Then join us

May 20 at Hillmore Lake Park,
and stroll along our 1K foster-care story trail. Free Shirts while they last!



Register for 1K For Kids & Story Stroll - and Get a Free Shirt!

Registration is now open for CCKids' 1K For Kids & Story Stroll, scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, May 20, in celebration of National Foster Care Month.

The first 100 people to register will get a shirt featuring National Foster Care Month art and messaging. Click [here](#) or on the image to register.

Shirts - along with juice provided by a generous donation from [Sunshine Health](#) - will be distributed at the event, located at Port St. Lucie's Hillmoor Lake Park, 1957 SE Hillmoor Drive.

The event is a 1K walk that can be done at your own pace, anytime between 9

a.m. and noon. While you're there, take the Story Stroll, a 1K walk along a tree-lined trail dotted with the stories and videos of children and families of the local foster-care community.

Looking for Meaningful Work? We Need You, Too.

By Evan Hunsberger
CCKids Director of Human Resources

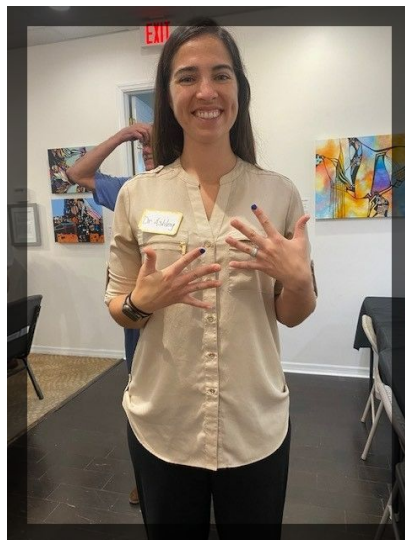
CCKids has a number of critical positions open.

These important roles offer an opportunity to change the world for children and families living in our community.

Available positions include dependency case managers and supervisors, behavior support specialist, Road to Success specialist, and kinship care coordinator.

Whether you want to work with children, families in recovery, foster parents, relative caregivers or young adults - we have something for your inner social worker!

For information on eligibility, to apply for any current CCKids vacancies or to keep up to date with our job opportunities, please visit our careers page at [CCKids Careers.](#)



CCKids Resource Coordinator Jordan Bebout, center picture, left, is attending chamber of commerce events this month to challenge the business community to join the MANicure Movement. The campaign challenges people to paint one fingernail in prevention blue to represent the one in five children who experience abuse before age 18. The nail is a conversation starter that gives us the opportunity to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse.

Campaign Offers Ways to Make a Difference During Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and we at CCKids celebrate it in a lot of different ways. Read on for ways you can get involved:

Take the MANicure challenge: Paint one fingernail blue to represent the one in five children who experience abuse. Take a selfie and post it to Facebook, tagging us at @connectedforkids.

Wear Blue Day: Wear blue on Friday, April 14, to raise awareness for child abuse prevention. Take a selfie and post it to Facebook, tagging us at @connectedforkids.

Are you a member of CCKids staff? The team or unit that posts the most blue in the comments of our #WearBlueDay Facebook post wins the Bragging Rights Trophy held by current champions, UNIT 802!

Join a prevention training: Join one of four webinars listed below to learn more about how child abuse has permeated our communities and how you can help stop it. The first webinar will be a recording from a live event earlier in the week. All other webinars will be live. Click the image below for more information or to register.

The MANicure Movement®

Polishing Off Child Abuse



Join us for Critical Conversations Over Lunch!

Friday, April 7 at 11:30am

Critical Conversation about Child Abuse Prevention

Friday, April 14 at 11:30am

Children's Emotional Growth & Development

Friday, April 21 at 11:30am

Supporting Diverse Families

Friday, April 28 at 11:30am

Learning More About the HOPE Framework



FAMILY FUN FAIR



April 15th 10am-1pm

**at Havert L. Fenn Center
2000 Virginia Ave, Fort Pierce**

Come play with us!

**The first 275 children
will receive a
backpack!**

Sensory Play

Pet a puppy
With Lovedog, Inc

Visit:
Jurassic Park &
Under the Sea

Demonstrations by:

K-9

FL Dept of Corrections

Bean Bag Toss

Arts & Crafts

Cornhole

Become a Time Traveler

STEM



And Much More...

**Genesis Brazilian
Jiu Jitsu
Center**

Take
A Photo
With:



Every child takes home a book!





**HEALTHY
MOMS.
STRONG
BABIES.**



State of Florida Moms and Babies Webinar

April 13, 2023 | 12-1 p.m. ET | Via Zoom

Join us to learn about the health status of moms and babies across the state and a discussion of how we can work together to improve health outcomes.

Register: bit.ly/FLMomsAndBabies2023

Presented by:

