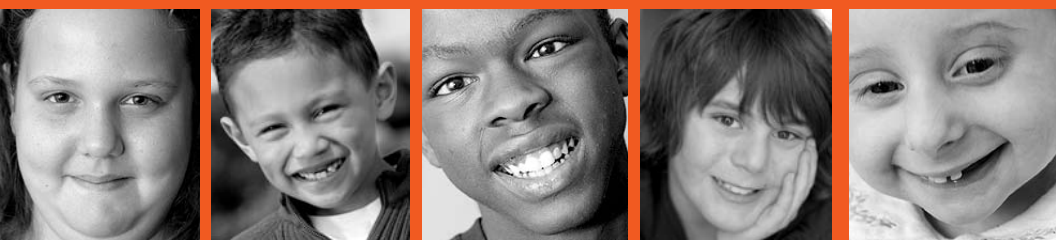


2008

Family Resource Guide



Helping Jacksonville Grow Great Kids



The Jacksonville Children's Commission

Mission

To support families in their efforts to raise their children to be healthy, safe, educated, and contributing members of the community.

About Us

The Jacksonville Children's Commission, also known as Jax Kids, was created by the City of Jacksonville in 1994 to provide resources to help families grow great kids. Like all parents and caregivers, we want the best for our children, and we know that all children have the potential to succeed. Our broad range of programs and services helps families plant the seeds of success for their children.

This guide offers information about our free programs and services in the following areas:

- Parenting/Family
- Health, Insurance and Intervention
- Child Care and Early Learning
- After-School and Youth Development
- Special Needs

Our programs are located at various sites in the community including the Jax Kids Campus conveniently located at 1095 A. Philip Randolph Boulevard and East First Street. Please note the locations and telephone numbers listed for each program.

We are also proud to present Jax Kids, a half-hour show featuring topics of interest to parents and families. The show airs on Comcast Channel 29 every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**For more detailed information about us
and our programs please visit
www.jaxkids.net or call us at 690-9647.**



Parenting & Family Programs

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Family Involvement

The Jacksonville Children's Commission offers programs and resources specifically tailored for families, parents and caregivers. Please call the contact number for details about the following Family Involvement programs:

Family Resource Center*

630-7004, 630-7264 or 630-7251

Use the Internet to find family-friendly sites, resources and community agencies. View educational videos, meet with a family educator, get information from and inclusion specialist and attend make-and-take workshops while your children can enjoy books, puzzles and other educational toys in the children's area.

Fathers Make a Difference

630-7264

Specifically designed for fathers, by fathers, this program provides opportunities for men to come together to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting. Information about bonding, health, school involvement, literacy and other topics is available at various workshops and events. The Fathers Make a Difference Fun Day takes place annually. Specific information can be found at www.jaxkids.net.

Grands*

630-7004

Specifically designed for grandparents, by grandparents, this program provides opportunities for grandparents to come together to discuss the joys and stresses of their roles. Discussions and workshops focus on a variety of topics including health, discipline, literacy, school involvement and other issues.

*Spanish-speaking staff available.

Jacksonville Family Literacy Initiative*

630-7004

A partnership between the Jacksonville Children's Commission, Jacksonville Public Library and WJCT.

This free four-component program includes:

- Adult Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Parenting Education
- Parent and Child Together (PACT) Time

Note: Space is limited to 20 families and requires pre-registration.

Jacksonville Network for Strengthening Families

630-6481

Families can register online at www.jaxkids.net.

Dr. Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Successful Families includes a Character Education program for children ages 3-12.

Attend an interactive, self-improvement relationship class that helps families:

- adopt a positive self-image
- set habits that lead to success
- focus on issues within your control
- prioritize tasks
- set realistic goals
- develop positive and lasting relationships

Parenting Counts Family Workshops and Classes*

630-7264 or 630-7251

You are your child's first and best teacher! These free classes support parents and caregivers with valuable information and an opportunity to talk with a family coach about different aspects of parenting. Workshops are offered for parents and families of children birth to 18 at sites throughout the city.

*Spanish-speaking staff available.

Toy Lending Center

Jax Kids Campus

630-6433

Books, puzzles, blocks, and dolls are just a few of the items available for you to check out at no charge. You can also create make-and-take items for your child. Staff is available to help you make developmentally appropriate choices for your child.



Health, Insurance & Intervention Programs

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The Bridge of Northeast Florida - Bridge Connection I

1824 Pearl St., 32203

354-7799

This is a teen pregnancy prevention program with case management and health education services for 10- to 14-year-old at-risk youth at The Bridge and other youth-serving agencies.

Child Guidance Center Outpatient Services Program

Main Office

5776 St. Augustine Rd., 32207

448-4700

Provides behavioral health counseling and treatment services for children ages 3 to 18 and their families.

Sites include:

Arlington/Beaches Office

1100 Cesery Blvd., #11, 32211

745-3070

Northside Office

1110 Edgewood Ave. W., 32208

924-1550

Westside Office

6316 San Juan Ave., #41, 32210

783-2579

Florida KidCare

1-888-540-5437

www.floridakidcare.org

Florida KidCare is Florida's health insurance program for children from birth through age 18 who do not have insurance. Eligibility for Florida KidCare is based on income and family size.

Many non-citizen children are eligible. Visit the Web site to download a KidCare application.

Full-Service Schools of United Way of Northeast Florida

These neighborhood school-based centers have staff on-site to provide comprehensive social and educational services, as well as limited medical services for students, families, and the community.

Sites include:

Andrew Jackson Resource Center

3816 Main St., 32206

359-6250

Beaches/Fletcher Resource Center

700 Seagate Ave., 32266

270-8200

Englewood Resource Center

4412 Barnes Rd., 32207

730-6289

Paxon High Resource Center

964 St. Clair St., 32254

381-6073

Ribault Resource Center

3701 Winton Dr., 32208

924-1680

Terry Parker Resource Center

8015 Parker School Rd., 32211

858-1970

Westside Resource Center

6910 Daughtry Blvd. S., 32210

390-3284

Northwest Behavioral Services

2400 N. Edgewood Ave., 32254

781-0600

Outpatient counseling, case management, and psychiatric services are available to children and their families, in addition to in-home parent training for caregivers.

PACE Center for Girls

2933 University Blvd. N., 32211

448-8002

Provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy. This is a non-residential therapeutic prevention and intervention program for at-risk teenage girls that serves as an alternative school.

Screening and Assessment

In collaboration with early learning centers

630-3670

Provides developmental screening to infants and toddlers who are in the age range between 4 months to 60 months. The purpose is to identify developmental concerns early and work toward preparing children for kindergarten.

Summer Lunch Program

Sites are listed at www.jaxkids.net

630-6400

The Summer Lunch Program serves nutritious snacks and lunches at sites identified as geographical areas of need where at least half of the children qualify for free or reduced meals during the school year. Sites include parks, housing complexes, churches, and recreation centers. Children do not need to be enrolled at the site (for example, if it is a club, etc.) to receive the food—they just need to show up during mealtimes.

Youth Crisis Center (YCC)

3015 Parental Home Rd., 32216

720-0002

YCC strives to prevent and/or reduce juvenile delinquency and promote healthy family functioning by providing crisis prevention, short-term residential care for troubled youth, and counseling for families in crisis.



Early Learning & Child Care Programs

Early Learning & Child Care Programs

Child Care Resource and Referral

Early Learning Coalition of Duval

208-2044 www.elcofduval.org

Child Care Resource and Referral specialists can help you locate a child care center or family child care home in any area of the city that suits your needs.

Child Care Tuition Assistance

Jax Kids Campus

630-3647 www.jaxkids.net

Visit the Web site homepage and refer to the income guideline chart to find out if you are eligible for assistance. If so, click on Simplified Point of Entry and fill out the application.

Mayor Peyton's Book Club - RALLY Jacksonville!

630-4754

All children who are four years old by September 1st of the current school year and attending kindergarten in the upcoming school year are invited to join Mayor Peyton's Book Club. Register online at www.jaxkids.net.

Training Institute

Jax Kids Campus

630-7265

Do you want to become certified in performing CPR? Did you ever wonder about how a child's brain develops? How do you apply literacy techniques to infants, and why is it important? You can get information about these topics and many more by taking free or low-cost classes through the Jacksonville Children's Commission.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

Early Learning Coalition of Duval

208-2040 www.elcofduval.org

This is a free four-hour-a-day, pre-kindergarten program offered by the State of Florida to all children who are four years old by September 1st of the current school year.



After-School & Youth Development Programs

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeast Florida

3100 University Blvd. S., #120, 32216

727-9797

Big in Schools provides school-based mentors for students who need help achieving academic and/or behavioral improvements.

School sites include:

Elementary School Sites

Atlantic Beach Elementary

Brookview Elementary

R.L. Brown Elementary

Central Riverside Elementary

Garden City Elementary

George Washington

Carver Elementary

Highlands Elementary

Hogan-Spring Glen Elementary

Hyde Grove Elementary

Lola Culver Elementary

Englewood Elementary

Ft. Caroline Elementary

Jacksonville Beach Elementary

Justina Road Elementary

Kings Trail Elementary

Lake Lucina Elementary

Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary

Mayport Elementary

Annie R. Morgan Elementary

North Shore Elementary

Oak Hill Elementary

San Jose Elementary

San Pablo Elementary

Seabreeze Elementary

Southside Elementary

Spring Park Elementary

Westside Elementary

Whitehouse Elementary

Woodland Acres Elementary

Carter G. Woodson Elementary

Yulee Elementary

Middle School Sites

Arlington Middle School

Ft. Caroline Middle School

Jean Ribault Middle School

High School Sites

Terry Parker High School

William M. Raines High School

Jean Ribault High School

Boys & Girls Clubs

1300 Riverplace Blvd., #310, 32207

396-4435

This neighborhood-based, after-school and summer program focuses on academic, cultural, health, and leadership enrichment services.

Sites include:

Beaches Club

820 N. 20th St., Jax Beach, 32250

Kooker Park Club

2902 Bennett St., 32206

Lee Club

313 E. 10th St., 32206

Victory Pointe Club

6750 Ramona Blvd., 32205

Woodland Acres Club

191 Pecan St., 32211

The Bridge BUS Program

1824 Pearl St., 32206

354-7799

This before- and after-school program provides homework assistance, positive youth development, nutrition, and recreational activities. The BUS program is accredited by the National School Age Care Alliance.

The Bridge at Southwind Villas

8711 Newton Rd., Units 68 & 72, 32216

928-1240

This after-school program provides homework assistance, recreational, and life-skills training at Southwind Villas.

Community Connections

327 East Duval St., 32202

350-9949

This after-school program provides learning activities for children ages 5 to 18 as well as arts, crafts, and recreation.

Sites include:

Courtney Manor

5620 Collins Rd., 32244

Davis Center

325 E. Duval St., 32202

Kendall Court

10535 Lem Turner Rd., 32218

Leigh Meadows

4320 Sunbeam Rd., 32257

A.L. Lewis Center

3655 Ribault Scenic Dr., 32208

Lindsey Terrace

6455 Argyle Forest Rd., 32244

Nia Terrace

2045 Jammes Rd., 32210

Sable Palms

2150 Emerson St., 32207

Communities in Schools/Take Stock in Children

3108 Lenox Ave., 32254

354-5918

Provides college/vocational scholarships and mentors to eligible students in the 5th through 8th grades.

daniel - Project Prepare

1526 N. Parental Home Rd., 32216

722-0462

Provides housing, support, and jobs for homeless youth.

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment - Club Rec

Mary Lena Gibbs Recreation Complex

6974 Wilson Blvd., 32210

630-3500

This program provides after-school tutoring, recreation, and life-skills training for 1st through 5th grade students.

Duval's Youth Voice Council

Jacksonville Children's Commission

1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., 32206

630-6441

Young people ages 13 to 18 are invited to become members of this council to give a voice to their age group and actively participate in community forums and projects.

Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville

1627 Rogero Rd., 32211

731-9933

This program provides after-school homework assistance, life-skills training, and recreational activities in neighborhood centers... and yes, boys can attend, too!

Sites include:

Caroline Arms

6457 Ft. Caroline Rd., 32277

Spring Park Center

3702 Stanley St., 32207

Majivai Washington Kids Foundation - TNT

Emmett Reed Community Center

1093 West 6th Street, 32209

301-3786

This after-school program provides tennis lessons, homework assistance and life-skills classes for students in the 1st through 5th grades.

Police Athletic League (PAL)

355-3308

This after-school program for youth ages 8 to 15 focuses on an advanced survival and awareness curriculum, enrichment activities, and tutorial assistance.

Sites include:

11751 McCormick Rd., 32226

1050 Franklin St., 32206

2165 West 33rd St., 32209

TEAM UP - Be Cool After School

Jacksonville Children's Commission

1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., 32206
630-7259

This high-quality comprehensive after-school program provides educational and enrichment opportunities to youth. Children who participate in TEAM UP tend to have better attendance, promotion and grades than students at the same schools who do not attend the program.

*denotes 21st Century Community Learning Center

Elementary School Sites

***Lola M. Culver Elementary – Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida**
580 Lawton Ave., 32208
924-3000

S.A. Hull Elementary – Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida
7528 Hull St., 32219
924-3136

***Justina Road Elementary – The Bridge of Northeast Florida**
3101 Justina Rd., 32277
745-4909

S.P. Livingston Elementary – Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville
1128 Barber St., 32209
630-6580

Long Branch Elementary – Communities In Schools
3723 Franklin St., 32206
630-6620

***John Love Elementary – Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida**
1531 Winthrop St., 32206
630-6790

***Pinedale Elementary – Communities In Schools**
4229 Edison Ave., 32254
381-7490

Sallye B. Mathis Elementary – Communities In Schools
3501 Winton Dr., 32208
924-3086

***North Shore Elementary – The Bridge of Northeast Florida**
5701 Silver Plaza, 32208
924-3081

***Rutledge Pearson Elementary – The Bridge of Northeast Florida**
4346 Roanoke Blvd., 32208
924-3077

***Pickett Elementary – Communities In Schools**
6305 Old Kings Rd. N., 32254
693-7555

Pine Forest Elementary – Wayman Community Development Corp.
3929 Grant Rd., 32207
346-5600

***Reynolds Lane Elementary – Communities In Schools**
840 Reynolds Ln., 32254
381-3690

Saint Clair Evans Academy – The Bridge of Northeast Florida
5443 Moncrief Rd., 32209
924-3035

***Wayman Academy of the Arts**
1176 LaBelle St., 32205
695-9995

West Jacksonville Elementary – Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida
2115 Commonwealth Ave., 32209
630-6592

**Woodland Acres Elementary –
Communities In Schools**
328 Bowland St., 32211
720-1663

**Carter G. Woodson Elementary –
Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville**
2334 Butler Ave., 32209
924-3004

Middle School Sites

**Arlington Middle School – The Bridge
of Northeast Florida**
8141 Lone Star Rd., 32211
720-1680

***Eugene Butler Middle School –
Communities In Schools**
900 Acorn St., 32209
630-6900

**Highlands Middle School –
Communities In Schools**
10913 Pine Estates Rd., 32218
696-8771

**Jefferson Davis Middle School –
Communities In Schools**
7050 Melvin Rd., 32210
573-1060

**Matthew Gilbert Middle School –
Communities In Schools**
1424 Franklin St., 32206
630-6700

***Northwestern Middle School –
Communities In Schools**
2100 W. 45th St., 32209
924-3100

**Paxon Middle School – Communities
In Schools**
3276 Norman E. Thagard Blvd., 32254
693-7600

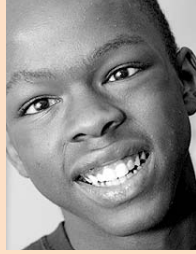
**Ribault Middle School – Communities
In Schools**
3630 Ribault Scenic Dr., 32208
924-3062

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Special Needs Programs

Alden Road Exceptional Student Center

11780 Alden Rd., 32246

565-2722

The Hope Haven Association operates a TEAM UP after-school program from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with snack included.

ECAR Services/Lighthouse Learning Center

550 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, 32073

264-7392

This program provides in-home therapy for children from birth to 5-year-olds who have identified disabilities. Their main focus is to promote inclusion as part of the learning process to inspire parents to become involved with their children's educational program.

Cerebral Palsy of Northeast Florida

3311 Beach Blvd., 32207

396-1462

Provides developmental, speech, physical, and occupational therapies for children with developmental disabilities. Services are provided in the children's home, community child care programs, or at the agency. **Respite Care** provides caregivers with a much needed temporary break from the responsibility of caring for their child.

DLE Nurse and Learn

4101-1 College St., 32205

387-0370

Provides after-school programs (with therapists and nurses on staff) for children ages 3 to 21 who have complex developmental and physical disabilities.

Hope Haven - BASICS

4600 Beach Blvd., 32207

346-5100

The BASICS program provides after-school and summer programs for children ages 5 to 18 who have complex developmental and physical disabilities.

Inclusion Services

Duval County Warm Line

630-7914

Inclusion specialists observe and screen children to provide special needs services. Specialists identify disabilities and connect the families with local community agencies for support.

Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center

1301 West Palm Ave., 32254

693-7516

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