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MB Monday Habit

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Dear Talmage,

In developing countries around the world, millions of children lack access to soap and clean water. Lack of cleanliness leads to disease, illness, and ultimately death.

Ugandan **Derreck Kayongo** was well aware of this issue when he visited the United States for the first time in the early 1990s. That is why he was so shocked when he witnessed the amount of hotel soap being thrown away every day.

That visit to Philadelphia hotel inspired Mr. Kayongo to start the **Global Soap Project**, which recycles partially used hotel soap to save lives in impoverished countries such as Haiti, Uganda, Kenya and Swaziland.

In 2011, Mr. Kayongo was honored as a **CNN Top 10 Hero**. Watch the below video or [click here](#) to learn more about his inspiring story.



Heroes Tribute: Derreck Kayongo

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Training Calendar

The City is offering the following training opportunities.

Countdown to Services

The City is in receipt of The Children's Trust contract! It is currently with our Legal Department awaiting Form Approval, and will then go to our City Manager for signature. It will then be returned to TCT for CEO signature and final execution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please ensure you request assistance now, as your Vendor Contracts have been prepared.

Credit Corner



By Elizabeth Karwowski FICO & Fair Credit Reporting Act Certified Credit Coach and CEO of Get Credit Healthy

Your Credit Bill of Rights: Right #7

RIGHT 7: The right to privacy.

This states that no one can look at your credit report without your permission. That is why creditors have you sign a form allowing them to examine your credit report. The only exception to this right is the credit reporting agencies. They are allowed to look at your credit report without your permission as long as it is for legitimate business purposes.

If you owe you, need to know! For more information on credit related questions, you can find us on the web at www.getcredithhealthy.com, email ek@getcredithhealthy.com or call 877-850-3444 and select option 1. I look forward to your questions.

At Get Credit Healthy, we make it easy.

SU Engagement Training

Date and location will be announced soon. Please expect to reserve a full day in early January.

RSVP: If you have specific calendar restrictions, please email TalmageThornhill@miamibeachfl.gov

CCDH

Offers a variety of trainings on how to best help children with disabilities and their families. Trainings are offered at various locations in Miami-Dade County. Visit the website to explore and sign up:

<http://www.ccdh.org/act/training/>

For more information, or to register, please contact Sheena VanDyke at 305-596-1160 x 263, or e-mail svandyke@ccdh.org

Service Sales 101:

Flexible dates, times, & locations are available for this two hour training.

To schedule, please contact TalmageThornhill@miamibeachfl.gov
Front line staff are encouraged to attend.

Please visit the CCDH website at <http://ccdh.org/> or contact the City of Miami Beach if you have additional training needs.

Lessons in Literacy



Children's Book Gift Guide

Books make great gifts! This is true for children and adults of all ages. We get so much "screen time" these days. Considering the omnipresence of technology in our daily lives, books are more important and appropriate than ever. Draw your children away from video and internet with an engaging book.

If it's your first time experimenting with books as gifts, you may not be sure what to buy and for whom. Consider [this list](#) from [No Time for Flash Cards](#) if you need some help.

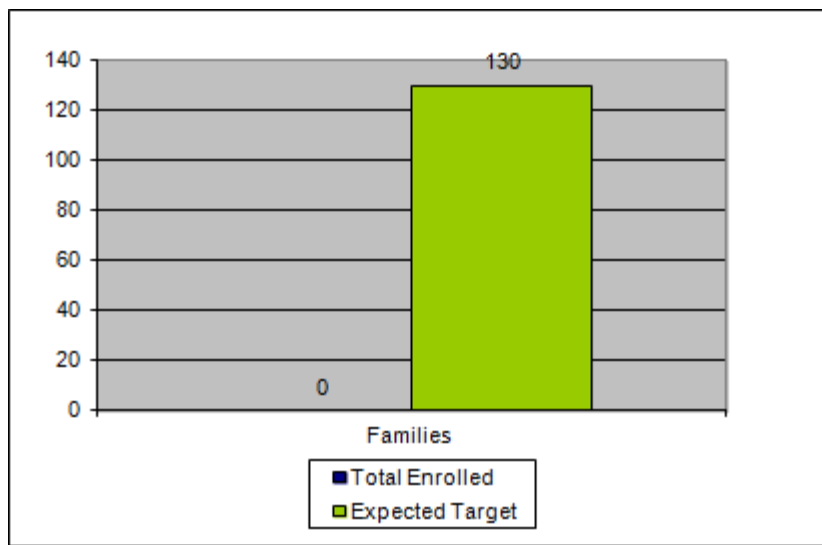
Success University

The date for the **Success University Engagement Training** is being changed. Originally scheduled for Dec. 23, several Partner agencies have advised us that their teams are unavailable on that date. Please be

on the lookout for the new date and see the training calendar on the right hand side of this email for additional information.

The **Training Matrix** can be found at [this link](#). You may utilize this document to stay on top of all the training requirements for Care Coordination staff.

Below are service numbers for Success University.

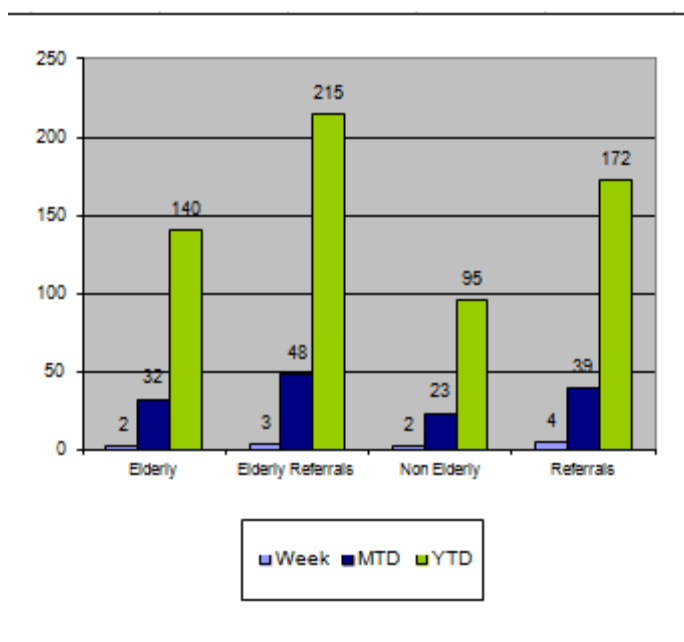


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Office of Community Services Update

MedlinePlus is the National Institutes of Health's Web site for patients and their families and friends. Produced by the National Library of Medicine, it brings you information about diseases, conditions, and wellness issues in language you can understand. MedlinePlus offers reliable, up-to-date health information, anytime, anywhere, for free. For additional information visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aboutmedlineplus.html>

Below are service numbers for the Office of Community Services.



Partner News

The City of Miami Beach and AARP will host a **Home Fit** workshop on December 12, 2013 that will educate older adults about how to age in place in their home. The workshop will explain how homes can be designed and modified to make living spaces as safe and convenient as possible for older adults, as they age in place.

Attendees will receive a Home Fit guide and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will take place in the First Floor Conference Room in the City Hall of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive. For more information, please call 305.673.7491 or register by following [this link](#).

Does your agency have an event, fundraiser, or resource to share? Send your flyer and brief description to TalmageThornhill@miamibeachfl.gov and we will include it in next week's newsletter.

Grant Opportunities

[U.S. Department of State](#) The Global Equality Fund: Programs to Protect the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Persons. The Fund invites organizations to submit Statements of Interest (SOIs) outlining program concepts and organizational capacity to manage programs that will protect and advance the human rights of LGBT persons. This solicitation is the first step in a two-part process. After reviewing SOIs, selected organizations will be invited to expand their ideas into full proposals at a later date. The intention of requesting SOIs first is to provide organizations with time to focus on submitting creative and new ideas to address human rights challenges facing LGBT persons and their advocates. The Global Equality Fund is part of DRL's broader initiative to support at-risk and vulnerable populations, including women, people with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, and religious minorities. Eligible applicants: non-profit organizations or international organizations; universities or research institutions; or for-profit organizations or business. Award ceiling: \$100,000.

Innovative Programs that Serve Women and Girls

The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade is accepting Requests for Proposals to provide funding to nonprofit organizations for innovative programs that serve women and girls. Grants typically range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Call (305) 411-0506 or email fran@womensfundmiami.org. For information and application, visit <http://womensfundmiami.org>.

Family Literacy

The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote family literacy in the United States. The focus of the Foundation's grant-making is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed four times per year. Visit <http://wishyouwellfoundation.org> to download the Donation Request Form.

Urban Sustainability Partnerships

The Local Sustainability Matching Fund, an initiative of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities (TFN) and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, supports partnerships between local government (city or county) sustainability directors and local, place-based foundations to advance important community-based urban sustainability initiatives. The Fund will provide matching grants; grants will primarily be between \$25,000 and \$75,000, with a 1:1 match. Proposals for two-year support, with an award range of \$50,000 to \$150,000, will also be considered. The deadline is Jan. 8, 2014. Visit www.fundersnetwork.org to download the Request for Proposals.

Community Projects

The Coca-Cola Foundation partners with nonprofit organizations worldwide that address community needs and priorities in a meaningful way. The Foundation supports programs that focus on one of the following four categories: Water Stewardship, Healthy and Active Lifestyles, Community Recycling; and Education, which focuses on scholarships, school drop-out prevention, access to education programs, and other

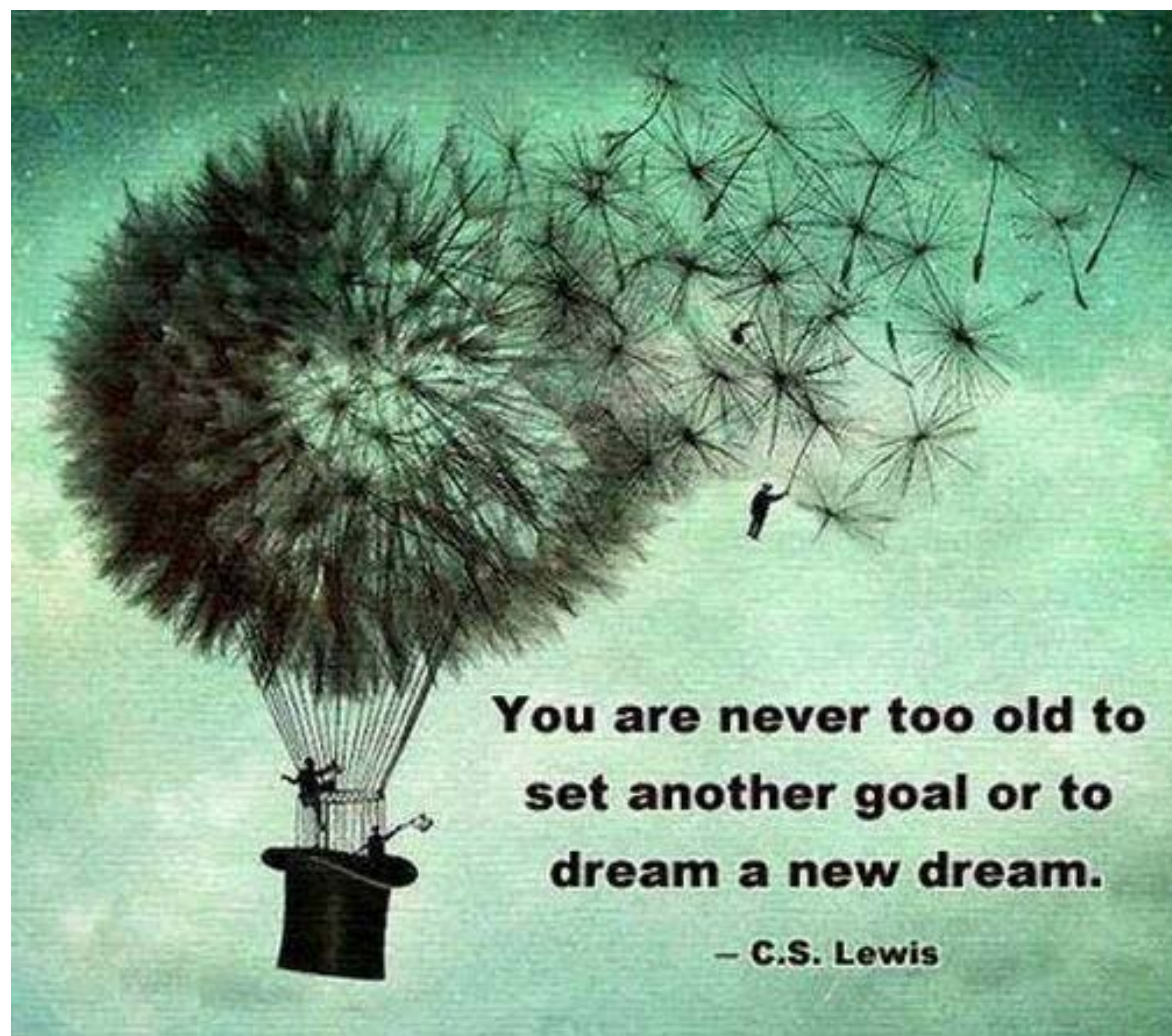
education initiatives. Online applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit www.coca-colacompany.com to review the community request guidelines and application procedures.

Youth-Led Projects to End Childhood Hunger

The Sedexo Foundation and Youth Service America (YSA) are encouraging youth to lead projects focused on ending childhood hunger in their communities. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of \$500 are available for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, and other community members to address childhood hunger. Young people ages 5-25 are eligible to apply. Funded projects should take place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 11-13, 2014. The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2014. Visit www.ysa.org to access the online application.

Professional Development for Pre-K-12 Teachers

The Fund for Teachers awards fellowships to pre-K-12 classroom teachers throughout the United States so that they may participate in training and enriching activities that will improve their skills as teachers. Applicants must propose a summer activity and explain how the endeavor will make the applicant a better teacher; how the applicant will implement his or her new improved skills in the classroom; and how these improved skills will benefit students, curricula, and the school. Eligible teachers may apply as individuals (funding limit of \$5,000) or as a team (funding limit of \$10,000). The application deadline is January 30, 2014. Visit www.fundforteachers.org for detailed fellowship guidelines.



Make it a great week.

Talmage Thornhill

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