



“It Takes A Village to Raise a Child – What is Your Role?”

February 2012 Highlights

Family Literacy/Parent Child Activities

Event: Early/Family Literacy Activities

Date: Monday, February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Thursday, February 16th

Time: 10:30am – 11:30am

Place: Belle Glade Library

Bridges at Belle Glade in conjunction with the Belle Glade Library will be hosting family literacy/communication skill building activities. Children ages 1 to 4 will have an opportunity to sing, dance, in addition to listening to short stories during this time. Parents will have a great time participating along side of their child. December activities are listed below:

February 6 th	“Valentines Day”
February 13 th	“Colors”
February 16 th	“Orisirisi (African Folklore & Drumming)”
February 20 th	“Humor”
February 27 th	“Cats”

Please call 561-899-1646 or the Belle Glade Branch Library at 561-996-3453 to register.

Event: “Raise Me Up”

Date: Mondays – 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
Wednesdays – 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29

Time: 10:00am – 12noon (Mondays & Wednesdays)

Place: Bridges at Belle Glade

Bridges at Belle Glade will be hosting weekly “Raise Me Up” activities which assist parents in reinforcing skill building activities (i.e., fine motor, communication, etc.). Parents will have an opportunity receive supports from Bridges staff along with building relations with other parents participating in the “Raise Me Up” activities. If you would like to register, call 561-899-1646. **(Child Watch available)**

Event: “Mommy Te’ (Tea)
Date: Mondays – 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
Wednesdays – 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am (Monday’s & Wednesday’s)
Place: Bridges at Belle Glade

Come join Bridges staff in a “Mommy Te’ (Tea) parenting support dialogue. Parents can expect to meet and engage with others while addressing issues unique to parents. The sessions are parent driving and Bridges staff will facilitate and provide support wherever needed. If you have any question, contact Nadege Jolicoeur at 561-899-1646. **(Child Watch Available)**

Event: Love Your Child – Valentine Activity
Date: February 11, 2012
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm
Place: Bridges at Belle Glade

Bridges at Belle Glade invite parents with children ages 3 - 5 to an interactive activity where parents can have good old fashioned fun. Crafts, story time and parenting tips will be introduced during this activity. Register by calling 561-899-1646.

Community Strengthening Activities

Event: Safety Kids Car Seat Check
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2012
Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Place: Belle Glade Chevrolet Dealership

Bridges at Belle Glade will be partnering with Safe Kids Coalition in Safety Kids Car Seat monthly Checks. Parents will have an opportunity to have their child safety car seats checked for **FREE**. For parents who are in need of a car seat, a small monetary donation of \$25 will purchase a new car seat along with having the safety technician install the car seat. Parents are asked to bring their child with them in order to ensure installation procedures are followed accordingly. To register, call 561-899-1646.

Event: “Let’s Talk” – Man to Man
Date: Monday, February 13, 2012
Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Place: Bridges at Belle Glade

This is an all-call for men to join “Let’s Talk” – Man to Man dialogues. We need your voice at the table. Topics vary, but the focus is specific to ways to support fathers in the community with childrearing, parenting, and day to day issues that impact fathers. To register, call 561-899-1646.

Event: Family Matinee “Movie & Popcorn”
Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm
Place: Noah Housing Complex

Its popcorn and movie time for Bridges families and parents with children ages 3 to 5. Come one, Come all! Call 561-899-1646.

Event: Grandparents – What’s Your Role

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2012

Time: 9:00am – 10:30am

Place: Bridges at Belle Glade

Bridges at Belle Glade will host a dialogue for grandparents in highlighting “**It Takes A Village To Raise A Child**”, by introducing them to the Healthy Beginning System, and the concept of how Bridges is charged with helping parents raise children healthy, safe and strong. To register, call LaClaire Bowdry at 561-899-1646.

GLADES COMMUNITY EVENT

Event: Bridges Community Forum “Meet the Village”

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Time: 9:00am– 11:00am

Place: Bridges at Belle Glade

Bridges at Belle Glade will bring the community villagers (key partners & parents) together to break bread, eat and discuss issues related to children – the first five years. This is a networking opportunity with Bridges facilitating a dialogue to engage community members in an aggressive awareness campaign for families with children ages 0-5. For more information, contact LaClaire Bowdry at 561-899-1646.