



FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES EXPO



Saturday, March 22, 2025 | 10AM-2PM
FAMU DRS | 400 W Orange Ave. Tallahassee

Join us for a "one-stop shop" experience to identify **FREE** summer camps for children, grades K-8, funded by CSC Leon. STEM, Literacy, Sports, and Arts. There is truly something for every one. Enjoy games, food and music, while learning about child care scholarships, family supports, and more!

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CSC LEON PLEDGES \$2.5M FOR YEAR-ROUND YOUTH PROGRAMS, EXPANDS EXPO

***Families Invited to Explore Free & Low-Cost Summer Camps, Afterschool,
and Family Support Programs at March 22 Event***

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The Children’s Services Council of Leon County (CSC Leon) is making a historic commitment to the future of local children and families with a \$2.5 million investment in year-round youth development programs. This unprecedented funding will expand access to high-quality afterschool and summer program ensuring that more children throughout Leon County have the support they need to succeed.

Building on the success of its past Summer Youth Expos, CSC Leon is expanding the event this year to include family support services and year-round youth development opportunities. Renamed the **Family and Youth Services Expo**, this event will take place on **Saturday, March 22**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at **FAMU Developmental Research School**. The Expo is a community event open to all families, offering a one-stop-shop opportunity to explore and sign-up for free and low-cost afterschool programs, summer camps, and additional family support services funded by CSC Leon.

“Expanding the Expo to offer both summer and year-round opportunities goes beyond simply increasing program availability—it’s about driving lasting, transformative change for the children and families we serve,” said **Cecka Rose Green**, CSC Leon executive director. “By shifting our focus from outputs to outcomes, we ensure that the Expo leaves a meaningful impact on every family that participates. This shift represents our commitment to giving families access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to empower their children to achieve their greatness.”

Programs Available for Enrollment

CSC Leon’s **\$2.5 million investment** directly funds **13 high-quality summer and year-round youth development programs**, offering **free tuition** to qualifying families. Enrollment is on a **first-come, first-served basis**, with priority given to families residing in targeted neighborhoods. Some programs may require a small registration fee. Families that enroll in free programs must commit to full participation.

Summer-Only Programs:

- Diamonds in the Rough Sports, Entertainment & Education, Inc.
- Dynamic Xplosion Cheer
- EmpowerED Youth Network
- FSU Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement
- Reach One Youth Organization, Inc.
- Tallahassee Nights Live Performing Arts Foundation

Year-Round Programs:

- Bethel Christian Academy
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Big Bend
- Brownsville Seeds of Literacy, Inc.
- Camp Summer Garden, Inc.
- Foundation4ARTS, INC
- Institute for Music Business, LLC
- Omega Lamplighters, Inc.

Beyond these **13 CSC Leon-funded programs**, the Expo will feature **additional service providers** that offer **low-cost summer camp solutions or one- to two-week specialty camps**. Families will have the opportunity to meet directly with local service providers and enroll their children in programs on-site.

What Families Can Expect at the Expo

Families attending the Expo will have the opportunity to explore a variety of resources designed to support their child's success. In addition to youth development programs, the Expo will also feature information about other **family support programs** funded by CSC Leon, such as the **Oasis Center for Women & Girls** and **Legal Services of North Florida**.

Additionally, other **community partners** like the **LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library**, **WFSU**, and **2-1-1 Big Bend** will be on-site to share valuable resources and services available to families year-round.

For **older youth**, the Expo will feature **specific programming focused on workforce readiness**. Families can learn about **summer youth internship programs**, **career exploration opportunities**, and **other workforce development initiatives** designed to equip young people with the skills needed for future success.

Event Details and How to Attend

The **2025 Family & Youth Services Expo** will take place **rain or shine** on **Saturday, March 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at FAMU Developmental Research School** (400 W. Orange Avenue, 32307). Families are encouraged to attend, connect with local service providers, and explore the variety of free and low-cost programs available for children and youth who live in Leon County.

For more information on participating programs, visit <https://cscleon.org/summeryouthexpo>.

For additional details about CSC Leon and its commitment to investing in Leon County's children and families, visit www.cscleon.org.

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The Children's Services Council of Leon County (CSC Leon) is a catalyst for positive change to improve the lives and outcomes of children, youth and families in the local community. Established as an independent special district by the voters of Leon County in 2020, CSC Leon provides dedicated funding to expand access to programs and family supports, ensuring all children and youth are socially, emotionally, and physically equipped to reach their full potential.