Center for SOCIAL CHANGE

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Homelessness Resources

Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust coordinates the local response to homelessness, providing resources, funding, and support services.

Camillus House offers shelter, food, and medical care to homeless individuals and families, focusing on long-term solutions.

Miami Rescue Mission Offers food, shelter, and recovery programs for homeless men, women, and children, focusing on restoring lives through faith-based initiatives.

Lotus House A safe haven for homeless women and children, offering shelter, meals, and comprehensive support services.

Honoring Native Cultures

Native American Heritage Month honors the rich history and cultures of Indigenous peoples. Their contributions in art, agriculture, and governance have shaped our nation. This month reflects on the resilience of Native communities and fosters understanding and respect for America's diverse tapestry.

If you'd like to learn more about the local indigenous people, visit **AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum**. Nestled in the swamplands of the Big Cypress Reservation, this local museum celebrates the history and rich traditions of the Seminole people with both temporary & permanent exhibitions.

FOLLOW OUR JOURNEY

Practical Progress

by Maya Arden, EsoTerra

PERFORMANCE VS REAL CHANGE

In our sector, we have a tendency to fall into the trap of prioritizing outward displays of action - public statements, diversity campaigns, quick-fix programs - while sidestepping the discomfort of examining the biases and inequities in our own organizations.

It's easier to focus on the visible, performative measures that satisfy stakeholders and project an image of progress. But the real work of dismantling systemic issues is not out there - it's in here.

Today, take 30 minutes to have a candid conversation with your team. Ask "Where do we fall short of our mission within our own walls?" and "What uncomfortable truths are we avoiding? "

If the room is silent, consider whether you've built the trust needed for people to feel safe bringing the real. Can you hold space for an open dialogue, actively listening without defensiveness or justification?

It's okay if you struggle with this. Our culture doesn't teach us to hold discomfort with maturity. We are all learning. But if we truly want to do meaningful work, we must engage in this process often. Commit to this, brave leader, and real change becomes possible.

TCP GLOBAL

COMMUNITY highlight

TCP Global is an organization of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and Rotarians with an 8 year+ track record building permanent loan pools in remote, underserved communities for small, affordable business loans.

They believe that by creating opportunities in rural communities they help make possible a world in which migration becomes a choice rather than a necessity.

To date, only 20 of their 298 loan programs are in the Americas. They would like to change that. They seek introductions to existing savings groups in small villages that want to increase their loan pools after at least one year managing loan programs from their combined savings.

Until they secure more robust grant funding, they would also need help in funding these new sites, but it requires less than $10,000 each to establish a permanent loan pool.

What distinguishes TCP Global is that loan funds are managed by people in the community. Loans are never predatory because funds that enter the community stay in the community along with interest paid on those loans. There is no profit motive. They build self-sustaining programs, not dependency. Two sites in Liberia invested the $18,500 from TCP Global more than 8 times in 3 years issuing 761 loans worth $154,000.

They believe there is a wealth of talent, which, if freed from abject poverty, could transform marginalized communities. They do this because it is the right thing to do, but they also believe that by creating opportunities in poor villages, pressure for economic migration is reduced. It is a win-win for impoverished communities and for developed countries as well.

Learn more & connect with TCP Global

Event Board

REUSE-A-PALOZA

Sat, Nov 9 | 12pm - 4pm

The Things Lab
7251 NE 2nd Ave, #106
Miami, FL 33138

The Climate Café Series

Wed, Nov 13 | 4pm - 6:30pm

UM Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmosperic Science, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway
Virginia Key, FL 33149

Artmaking & Yin Yoga Session at MBBG

Sat, Nov 16 | 11am - 1pm

Miami Beach Botanical Garden
2000 Convention Center DR
Miami Beach, FL 33139

SUPPORT S.T.E.A.M.

Wed, Nov 20 | 6pm - 9pm

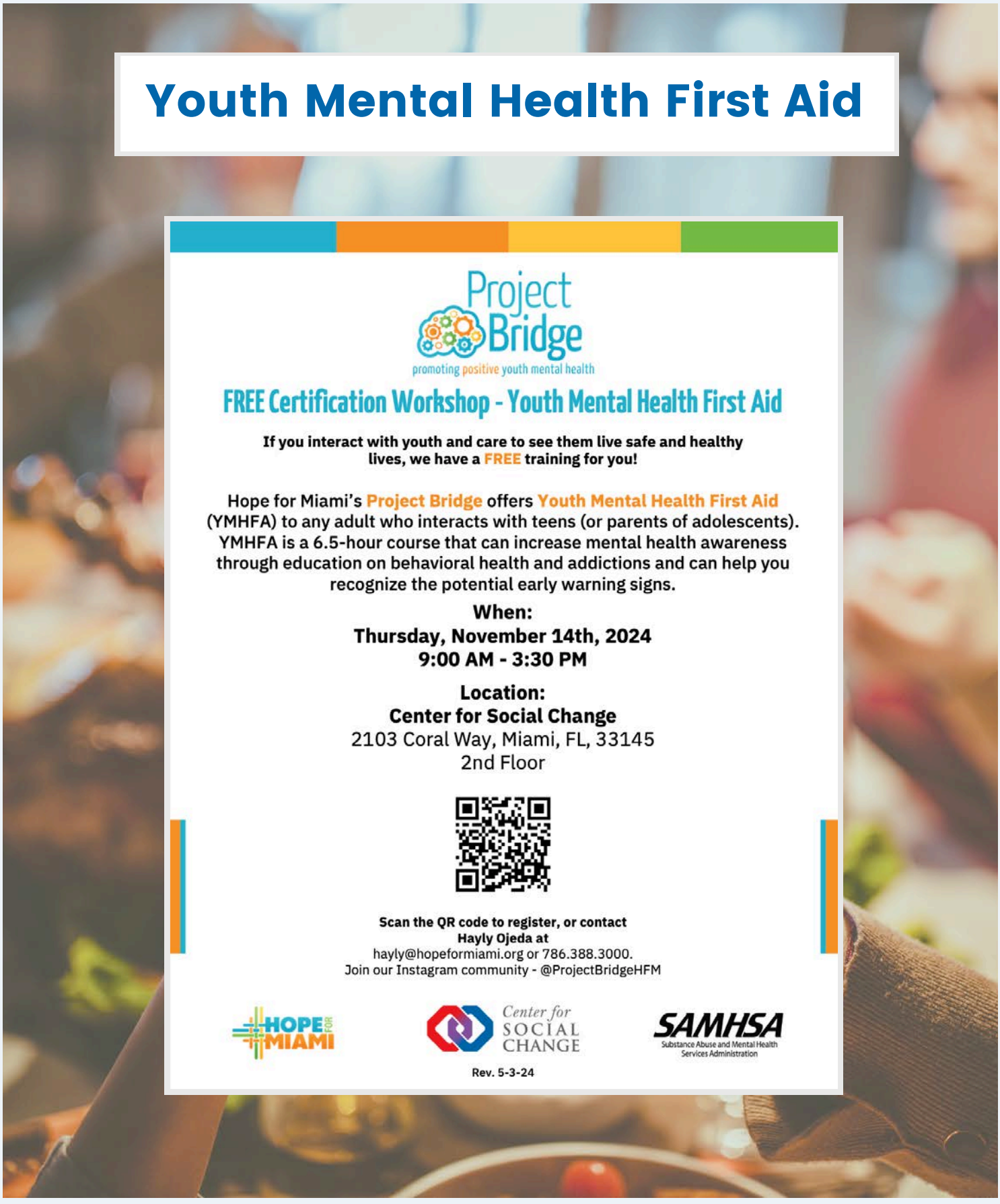
Moonlighter FabLab
11661 Pennsylvania Ave
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Thanksgiving Run / Food Drive

Sun, Nov 24 | 10am - 1pm

La Diosa Taqueria Miami Lakes
7321 Miami Lakes Drive
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Youth Mental Health First Aid



Project Bridge

promoting positive youth mental health

FREE Certification Workshop - Youth Mental Health First Aid

If you interact with youth and care to see them live safe and healthy lives, we have a FREE training for you!

Hope for Miami's **Project Bridge** offers **Youth Mental Health First Aid** (YMHFA) to any adult who interacts with teens (or parents of adolescents). YMHFA is a 6.5-hour course that can increase mental health awareness through education on behavioral health and addictions and can help you recognize the potential early warning signs.

When:
Thursday, November 14th, 2024
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Location:
Center for Social Change
2103 Coral Way, Miami, FL, 33145
2nd Floor

Scan the QR code to register, or contact Hayly Ojeda at
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Women's Health Event