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Advocacy Tip of the Week



Did you know that 501(c)(3) organizations can engage in nonpartisan legislative activities? While nonprofit organizations cannot directly lobby or influence legislators, they can educate and engage an elected official to demonstrate the effects of a policy on its constituency.

Upcoming Events

Spring Garden Workshop

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Duval County Extension Office

2892 Loretto Road

Jacksonville, FL 32223

Healthy Jacksonville

>WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Healthy Habits are Growing at Biltmore Elementary School

Join the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition at Biltmore Elementary School for a special Coalition meeting on Friday, April 12. The meeting will highlight how Biltmore Elementary School helps students develop healthy habits through their participation in classroom activities and in the school garden. Email [Healthy Jacksonville](#) by April 10 to confirm your attendance.

>WHAT IS AHEAD?

Looking for Ideas for Your Spring Garden?

The Baker County Extension Office has put together a list of what to [plant in your spring garden](#). Similar to school gardens, home gardening is a cost-effective, healthy way to explore new fruits and vegetables, exercise and reduce stress levels.

>DID YOU KNOW?

Ad-vo-ca-cy: The act of pleading for or recommending a cause

Whether you are a child pleading with your parents to stay up late on the weekend, a patient advocate who helps someone navigate a complex medical situation, or a nonprofit organization that wants an elected official to know how a proposed law will impact their clients, an advocate's role is to educate others.

Many nonprofits are unclear about the difference

**Childhood Obesity Prevention
Coalition Monthly Meeting**

Friday, April 12

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Biltmore Elementary School

2101 West Palm Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32254

*Note: Biltmore Elementary
School will be hosting the April
Coalition meeting.*

**Shannon Miller Lifestyle
Women's 5K and Children's
Fun Run**

Saturday, April 13

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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between advocacy and lobbying. Therefore, they often miss opportunities to educate others about their organization. Read more for tips on [how to be an effective advocate](#) for Jacksonville's youth and download the Coalition's advocacy tool kits.

Have a story for Bite-Sized News? Email [Jacquelyn Lowe](mailto:Jacquelyn.Lowe)

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