



Empower & Inspire: DRMI Monthly

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Train-the-Trainer (T3) Workshop Series for Interacting with Incarcerated and Returning Citizens



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T3 Workshop #2 – Supporting Correctional Facility Programs & Services: Navigating Difficult Conversations

Join Mark F. and Bernice McMillan of DRMI for this impactful second workshop drawing from extensive experience in FL, NY, and TX, where the McMillans share proven strategies, insights, and tools to create successful learning environments in correctional facilities. This workshop is ideal for instructors, nonprofit leaders, program coordinators, and anyone teaching programming to incarcerated or returning citizens. Whether you are launching a new initiative or seeking to refine your approach, this workshop offers actionable insights and proven strategies for success.

March 29th - from 11 am to 2 pm
\$25 fee

**Tallahassee State College, 444 Appleyard Dr.,
Workforce Development - Room 123**

- ✓ Conflict resolution and de-escalation
- ✓ Building trust and maintaining professionalism
- ✓ Engagement strategies
- ✓ Emotional and mental health challenges
- ✓ Setting clear expectations, best practices, and more!

 

More Information OR use QR code to register
Call – 850-755-7167 or email mbmcmillanllc@gmail.com

Join Mark F. and Bernice McMillan of DRMI for this impactful second workshop drawing from their 25+ years of experience in FL, NY, and TX. The McMillans share proven strategies, insights, and tools to create successful learning environments in correctional facilities. This second workshop in the series delves into managing challenging conversations, personality and learning styles, and classroom/group management of incarcerated individuals.

Use QR code or [link](#) to register.



Also in this issue: Geeks & Gramps Program is recruiting youth and volunteers; Warnings for Older Adults, Warnings for Youth and honoring Black History Month.

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Bridging Generations Through Innovation: How Geeks & Gramps is Shaping the Future of Technology

In today's fast-paced, technology-driven world, it's more important than ever to prepare the next generation for success in tech-related fields while fostering meaningful connections within our community. The DRMI Geeks & Gramps program, based in Tallahassee, Florida, is doing just that—empowering youth ages 8 to 18 by pairing them with older adults to learn, innovate, and collaborate through technology.

Benefits for Youth Participants

For young participants, the Geeks & Gramps program offers hands-on experiences that spark creativity and build critical skills in using digital devices, cyber-security, web design, virtual reality, and more. By engaging in real-world technology applications, youth develop problem-solving, teamwork, and leadership skills that lay the groundwork for future success in education and careers.

The program also helps students explore career paths in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. Mentorship opportunities and exposure to industry trends prepare youth for roles in fields like software development, data analytics, cybersecurity, and beyond. These experiences are invaluable in preparing them to enter the ever-evolving technology industry as innovative, forward-thinking professionals.

Long-Term Impacts on the Technology Industry

The Geeks & Gramps program recognizes that youthful minds bring fresh perspectives to the table. By equipping young people with technical skills and encouraging creativity, we're planting the seeds for a future workforce capable of technological innovation.

These youth will not only address existing industry challenges but will also pioneer groundbreaking solutions that could redefine technology as we know it.

Community Impact: Bridging Generational Gaps

What makes Geeks & Gramps truly unique is its intergenerational approach. By partnering youth with older adults, the program fosters mutual learning, respect, and understanding. Older adults bring their life experiences and wisdom, while youth offer technical skills and fresh perspectives. Together, they create an environment that strengthens the community and reduces generational divides. For Tallahassee, this collaboration builds a stronger sense of community by encouraging lifelong learning and promoting the value of

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teamwork across all ages. The program also combats isolation among older adults, giving them an opportunity to engage with today's technology and share their knowledge with future leaders.

Educational and Career Path Opportunities

The program's focus on STEM education introduces youth to a range of future opportunities. Workshops, hands-on projects, and mentorships provide foundational skills that can enhance academic success and open doors to scholarships, internships, and job opportunities. Participants are encouraged to dream big and see the possibilities in their futures. The program has expanded to include life-coaching related to mental health & wellness to help youth develop coping mechanisms, build resilience and learn emotional management skills.

Why Support Geeks & Gramps?

This program doesn't just benefit individuals; it benefits our entire community. By preparing youth for STEM careers and creating intergenerational connections, we're building a brighter future for Tallahassee and beyond. Community funders and supporters play a vital role in ensuring this program continues to thrive and expand, creating opportunities for more youth and older adults to join.



The flyer for the Geeks & Gramps Program 2025 features a vibrant orange and blue color scheme. At the top left, it displays the DRMI logo and the program's name, 'GEEKS & GRAMPS PROGRAM BRIDGING GENERATIONS'. The main title 'Geeks & Gramps Program 2025' is prominently displayed in white on a blue background, with the tagline 'Unlock Your Future while helping older adults stay tech savvy!' below it. The flyer is divided into several sections: 'Location' (TSC Innovation Center-Lower Level, 300 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, FL), 'Who Can Apply' (Youth ages 8-18), 'Benefits' (Hands-on Experience, STEM Skill Development, Virtual Reality, Robotics, Microsoft Office Certification, Mental Health Awareness, Mentorship/Volunteering with older adults), 'Why Choose Us' (Exciting Projects, Learning & Development Culture, Team Collaboration, Learn From Industry Leaders), 'Application Deadline' (28 February, 2025), 'Workshops Begin' (7 March, 2025, Friday @ 5 PM), and a 'Register' section with a QR code. At the bottom, it includes the website 'www.drmius.com', email 'drmiusfl@gmail.com', and phone number '1-877-572-3399 ext. 4'. A 'FREE' badge is also present. The background of the flyer shows images of people interacting with technology.

The Geeks & Gramps Program is a proudly funded CHSP agency.

Interested youth can register [here](#)

Volunteers can register [here](#)

For more information about the DRMI Geeks & Gramps program or to learn how you can support this initiative, please contact Divine Revelations Ministries, Inc. at (877)572-3399 or office (850)755-7167 Email: divinerevelations@drmius.com Website: www.drmius.com

Together, let's inspire the next generation of tech innovators and strengthen our community one connection at a time!

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Warnings for Older Adults



Geeks & Gramps Program at Gadsden County Senior Center in Chattahoochee, FL

Scam Warnings!⚠️

A Grandparent Scam is when someone pretends to be a family

like a grandchild, to ask for money. They create a false sense of urgency and trust to carry out the scam.

How to Spot a Grandparent Scam

Scammers use various tactics to deceive their victims. Recognizing the warning signs can help protect you from falling for their schemes. Here are some key red flags to watch out for:

- You receive an unexpected call or email claiming a loved one is in trouble.
- The caller pretends to be a grandchild, hospital staff, police officer, or lawyer.
- The request is urgent and demands immediate payment via cash, gift cards, or wire transfers.
- They insist on secrecy, asking you not to inform parents or other relatives.
- The caller may use intimidation or threats to force quick action.

What to Do if You Suspect a Scam

If you suspect that you are being targeted by a grandparent scam, staying calm and taking the right steps is crucial. Follow these actions to safeguard yourself and your loved ones:

- Do not send money or provide personal information.
- Hang up and contact your grandchild or another family member to verify the situation.
- Report the scam to local authorities or the Anti-Fraud Center.

Information retrieved from Cyber Seniors 2/13/25.

Warnings for Youth



Youth Geeks completing Microsoft Office Certification training in Frenchtown

Florida has a law that prohibits children under 14 from creating social media accounts. The law went into effect on January 1, 2025.

Warnings!⚠️

Youth should be cautious about sharing personal information online, not meeting people they meet online in person without parental approval, being cautious about accepting friend requests from strangers, reporting any suspicious activity or uncomfortable interactions to a trusted adult, and understanding that online predators can pose as someone they know to gain trust and potentially exploit them; they should also be aware of the dangers of sharing explicit photos or engaging in sexual conversations online. **Key points to warn youth about online predators:**

Never share personal details like full name, address, phone number, or location publicly online. Be cautious about interacting with people you don't know in real life online, including accepting friend requests. Predators often create fake profiles to appear trustworthy, continued.

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Cartoon youth on their cell phones

so be skeptical of anyone who seems too perfect or eager to connect. Predators may try to build trust by complimenting you,

sharing personal information, or asking for secrets before making inappropriate requests.

- **Catfishing:** Be aware of people who might create a false online persona to manipulate you.
- **Sextortion:** Do not send explicit photos or videos to anyone online, as they can be used to blackmail you.
- If someone makes you feel uncomfortable online, tell a trusted adult immediately and report the interaction to the platform.

How to stay safe on social media:

- **Privacy settings:**

Adjust your privacy settings to limit who can see your posts and personal information.

- **Be mindful of what you post:** Think twice before sharing anything that could be embarrassing or incriminating.

- **Think before you click:**

Be cautious about clicking on links or downloading files from unknown sources.

- **Strong passwords:**

Use strong, unique passwords for each online account.

What to do if you encounter a predator:

- **Do not respond:** If someone is asking inappropriate questions, do not engage and immediately block them.
- **Tell a trusted adult:** Inform a parent, guardian, or another trusted adult about the situation.
- **Report the activity:** Report the predator to the platform and relevant authorities.



AI generated picture showing diverse African Americans

Black History Month Acknowledgment

As we celebrate Black History Month, Divine Revelations Ministries, Inc. (DRMI) honors the

extraordinary resilience, achievements, and contributions of Black Americans who have shaped our nation's history and culture. This month serves as a powerful reminder of the rich legacy and enduring strength of a community that has overcome tremendous challenges to pave the way for future generations. At DRMI, we are deeply committed to empowering individuals to reclaim their freedom, embrace healing, and build brighter futures. As we reflect on the struggles and triumphs of Black history, let us also look ahead, drawing inspiration from the past to fuel the work we do today in our community. We encourage everyone to join us in celebrating the richness of Black history—not just in February, but every day—by continuing the fight for justice, equality, and opportunities for all. Together, let us honor the past, celebrate the present, and build a legacy for generations to come.

In unity and purpose,

Mark F. and Bernice McMillan, Co-Founders DRMI