



United Towards Better Health for All

Community Resource Directory

Charlotte County, Florida
2023-2024

Family Services Center

Contact:

(941) 235-0668

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

The Family Services Center is a collaboration among government and non-profit agencies working together to provide an integrated client service delivery system. Agencies at the center offer health and human services to Charlotte County individuals and families. The following agencies are located at the center now:



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Abuse

Department of Children and Family Services

Offers programs to help protect and prevent further harm to adults, children, and families who have been abused.

2295 Victoria Ave.,
Fort Myers, FL
33901

(877) 595-0384

SCR.C20.client.relations@myflfamilies.com
myflfamilies.com

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care

Charlotte Behavioral offers a 16-week 'Anger Management Program'.

1700 Education Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Unit 5, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

513 E. Hickory St., Arcadia, FL 34266



www.facebook.com/charlottebehavioralhealthcare



[charlottebehavioral](https://www.instagram.com/charlottebehavioral)



[cbhcf1](https://twitter.com/cbhcf1)



[charlottebehavioralhealthc3571](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcharlottebehavioralhealthc3571)

(941) 639-8300

_marketing@cbhcf1.org

C.A.R.E

The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies provides victims with shelter, hospital advocacy, legal advocacy, safety planning, counseling, finances, and more.



www.facebook.com/carecharlottecounty/

(941) 639-5499 ADMIN@CAREFL.ORG

Carefl.org

SWFL Coalition Against Human Trafficking

A collaboration amongst law enforcement, private agencies, faith-based communities, and private citizens committed to ending modern day slavery.

info@swfl-humantrafficking.org

<https://swflhumantrafficking.org>

(239) 247-1631



[swflhumantrafficking](https://www.facebook.com/swflhumantrafficking)

Restoring Oaks

A faith-based nonprofit Community alliance to prevent and end human trafficking. They do this through education, advocacy, and Survivor care.

info@restoringoaks.org

www.restoringoaks.org

(941) 421-0474

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-962-2873

The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts reports 24 hours a day and 7 days a week of known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and reports of known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult. **If you suspect or know of a child or adult that is in immediate danger, call 911.**

Alcohol & Drug Addiction

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care

- **Crisis Services / Central Receiving Facility** - The Crisis Stabilization Unit is a comfortable facility that provides assessment and treatment services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for adults and children, including, but not limited to, a detox program.
- **Drug Court** - This intensive use program for patients with non-violent criminal drug charges involves supervision by DOC Probation, group and individual substance use therapy, involvement in the community peer recovery support groups, weekly drug screens, and court appearances.
- **Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)** - The FACT program serves adults with severe and persistent mental illness, who may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder.
- **Family Intensive Treatment Team (FITT)** - The FIT Team provides team-based, family-focused, comprehensive services for caregivers within the child welfare system who have been identified as having a substance use disorder.
- **Integrated Response for Intervention and Support (IRIS)** - IRIS Team responds to certain calls for service and assists our community with mental health/substance abuse related calls.
- **Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)** - MAT employs FDA-approved medications to treat life-threatening, chronic brain diseases like Opiate Use Disorder.
- **MAT Support Group** - Offers free, open discussion and support among recovery peers.
- **Recovery Center** - The Residential Rehabilitation Program serves people 18 years of age and older who seek intensive treatment services to address their current substance dependency.
- **Seeking Safety** - Program designed to help people attain safety from all types of trauma and/or addiction.

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21500 Gibraltar Dr., Unit 5, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

513 E. Hickory St., Arcadia, FL 34266

(941)-639-8300

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www.facebook.com/charlottebehavioralhealthcare



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[cbhcf](https://twitter.com/cbhcf)



[charlottebehavioralhealthc3571](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Edgewater Church

Celebrate Recovery: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addictions of any kind.

19190 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

(941) 625-3039

office@edgewaterchurch.com

<https://edgewaterchurch.squarespace.com>

Department of Children and Family Services

Offers the 'Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program' that aids in prevention, treatment, and recovery in children and adults with serious substance abuse disorders.

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

(877) 595-0384

SCR.C20.client.relations@myflfamilies.com

myflfamilies.com

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

Distributes free Narcan, otherwise known as Naloxone. This is an opioid receptor antagonist used in the event of an overdose.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

(941) 624-7200

<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov>

Alcoholics Anonymous

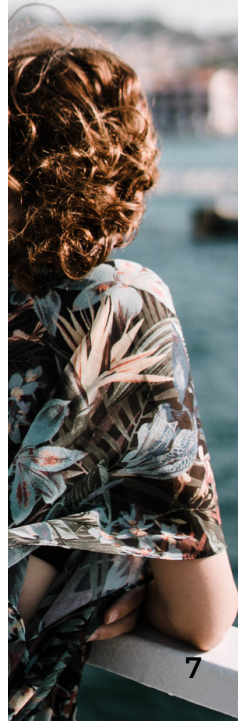
The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

13325 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287

(941) 426-7723

intergroup@aanorthport.org

aanorthport.org



Drug Free Charlotte County

Provides substance use prevention and education for parents and youth, including enCompass - a training to learn about the science of addiction and the tools and knowledge to understand and address it with others and R2A (Responding to Addiction) for employers and other professionals.

1445 Education Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

prevention@drugfreecc.org

www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org

(941) 559-1946



www.facebook.com/drugfreecharlottecounty



DFCCTweets



drugfreecharlottecounty

Drug Free Punta Gorda

Offers substance use prevention (not treatment) services to students and youth in our community including drug free activities and information to parents. Programs include Student Impact Team and Drug-Free Youth. Provides alcohol and underage drinking prevention activities to educate teens about the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

27050 Fairway Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33982

drugfreepuntagorda@gmail.com

www.drugfreepg.com

(601) 701-3470

Englewood Community Coalition

Offers D-Fy (Drug Free Youth) which is a community based prevention initiative. It is a voluntary program for youth and a way for our community to reinforce the healthy choices of our youth.

551 Rotonda Blvd., West Rotonda West, FL 33947

office@ccenglewood.com

ccenglewood.com/index.html



New Season Treatment Center

Provides customized therapeutic programs and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs to patients. They also work to support the education and understanding of opioid addiction as a disease that can be addressed with treatment services.

20580 Veterans Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33954
newseason@cmglp.com
www.newseason.com

(877) 284-7074

St. Mary Baptist Church

Celebrate Recovery: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addictions of any kind. Every Sunday at 6pm.

605 Mary St., Punta Gorda, 33950
www.stmarypg.com

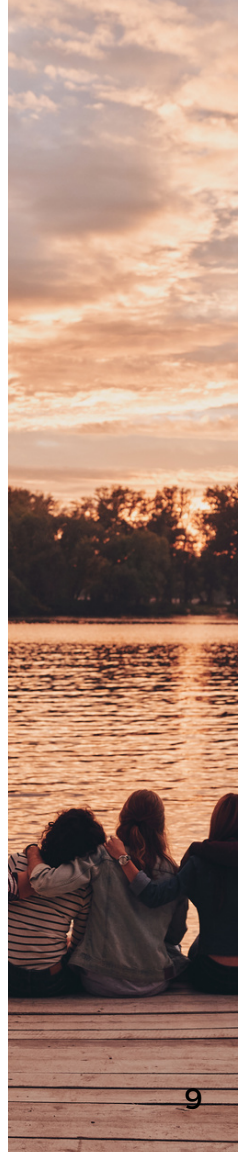
(941) 637-7782

Operation PAR

offers Methadone Maintenance, Methadone Detox, Buprenorphine Maintenance and Detox, and other medication assisted treatments.

946 Tamiami Trail Unit 201 Port Charlotte FL, 33953
www.rehab.com/operation-par-port-charlotte

(941) 637-7782



Churches & Ministry Services

Jesus Loves You

Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc. is a ministry to the homeless located in Charlotte County with services reaching into south Sarasota County. They offer meals, showers, clothing, laundry services, case management, assistance in locating housing, and other needed services.

1734 Cedarwood St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

<https://jesuslovesyouministryinc.com> **(941) 979-5232**

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul provides food and clothing, financial help for paying utilities and rent, and personal hygiene products.

21505 Augusta Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

<https://www.stcharlespc.org/svdpc> **(941) 625-4754**

First Baptist Church Horn of Plenty

Provides food, clothing, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products.

459 Gill St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

<https://fbcpuntagorda.org> **(941) 639-3857**

First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte

Kiwanis Shoes for Kids Project: Provides new tennis shoes to any student in the Charlotte County Public School System who needs them to begin the new school year or throughout the academic year.

2230 Hariet St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

pastorsecretary@fpcpc.com **(941) 625-0736**
<https://fpcpc.com>

Edgewater Church

- Bike ministry - rebuilds donated bikes and distributes them to people in need.
- Edgewater Thrift Store
- Celebrate Recovery Program

19190 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

office@edgewaterchurch.com

<https://edgewaterchurch.squarespace.com/home>

(941) 625-3039

Mercy Mobile Medical Clinic

Free primary medical care for low to moderate income adults and children without health insurance, ages 3 and up. Every Monday 10:30am to 2:30pm excluding holidays. Located at Murdock Baptist Church. Walk-ins accepted, time permitting.

18375 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

www.murdockbaptistchurch.com

(305) 681-1050

St. Mary Baptist Church

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605 Mary St., Punta Gorda, 33950

www.stmarypg.com

(941) 637-7782



Disabilities

Loveland Center

Provides adult day training, after school programs, and supported employment programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

4075 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 **(941) 493-0016**
www.lovelandcenter.org

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

Following the principles of applied behavior analysis, CARD has developed a treatment approach for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder that focuses on maximizing skill acquisition, while minimizing challenging behaviors.

10501 FGCU Blvd., S. MH3 room 224, Fort Myers, FL 33965
info@centerforautism.com **(239) 590-7769**
<https://centerforautism.com>

Center for Independent Living Gulf Coast

Offers assistance to people with disabilities in fulfilling their goals of independence and self-sufficiency. Services include help with employment, housing/independent living, access to technology, and plenty more. They offer the FASST program, which allows individuals to rent out equipment to see if it's useful for them, ranging from assistive reading devices to beach wheelchairs.

7011 Cypress Terrace, Suite 103, Fort Myers FL 33907
www.cilgulfcoastflorida.org **(239) 260-4575**



Education and Literacy Programs

Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Certified Navigators at the Health Planning Council of SWFL provide free assistance to those with health insurance needs in 10 counties - Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Hendry, Glades, Highlands, and Desoto. Navigators can help locate health care providers, provide health literacy education, and assist with the application process of the Healthcare Marketplace.

8961 Daniels Center Dr., #401, Fort Myers, FL 33912

4630 17th St., Sarasota, FL 34235



www.facebook.com/EnrollSWFL/



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[EnrollSWFL](https://twitter.com/EnrollSWFL)

(239) 433-6700

contactus@hpcswf.com

www.hpcswf.com

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic

Educates on health by offering a Diabetes Wellness Program and a Smoking Cessation Class.

21297 Olean Blvd., Unit B, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@volunteercare.org

<https://volunteercare.org>

(941) 766-9570

Healthy Start Coalition

Offers parenting education and breastfeeding education.

17825 Murdock Cir., Suite B, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948

contact@cchsfl.org

<https://www.cchsfl.org/index.html>

(941) 764-9700

Affordable Homeownership Foundation

Offers financial coaching and counseling services.

5264 Clayton Ct., Suite 1, Fort Myers, FL 33907

<https://ahf.today/about-us/>

(239) 689-4944

Restoring Oaks

A faith-based nonprofit Community alliance to prevent and end human trafficking. We do this through education, advocacy, and Survivor care.

info@restoringoaks.org
www.restoringoaks.org

(941) 421-0474

Lee Health Trauma

Offers educational programs such as Youth Violence Prevention, Sports Injury Prevention, Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, Safe Drivers Education, and Senior Programs.

13685 Doctor's Way, Suite 140, Fort Myers, FL 33912
www.leehealth.org/trauma

(239)-343-1617

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

Offers educational classes pertaining to different health topics, such as swim safety, child wellness and safety, fall prevention, and more. The WIC program provides education on nutrition.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980
<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov>

(941) 624-7200

Early Learning Coalition Florida's Heartland

Supports families and children in accessing high quality early care and education services via School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs.

18501 Murdock Cir., Suite 200, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Abouhebert@elcfh.org
<https://elcfloridasheartland.org>

(941) 255-1650



Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

Program offers afterschool and summer camp for kids ages 6-18.

Focus areas: academics, career exploration, health and career exploration, and health and character development. Dinners served nightly during the school year. Lunch and snacks provided during summer camp.

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@bgcofcc.org

(941) 743-1507

Local Website: www.bgcofcc.org

National Website: www.bgca.org



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www.facebook.com/BoysandGirlsClubofCharlotteCounty

SWFL Coalition Against Human Trafficking

To combat human trafficking, SWFL Coalition Against Human Trafficking educates on prevention.

<https://swflhumantrafficking.org>

(239) 208-2088

Charlotte County 4-H

A youth development organization open to all youth ages 5-18 that strives to reach youth through 4-H clubs, special-interest groups, and short-term projects as well as through school enrichment programs and day and overnight camping programs. 4-H uses a learn-by-doing approach and caring adults to help youth gain the knowledge and life skills that they need to be productive, responsible citizens. To achieve this goal, 4-H accesses the expertise and resources of the University of Florida and a nationwide network of Cooperative Extension Service faculty and staff.

514 E Grace St., Punta Gorda, FL 33982

kpopa@ufl.edu

(941) 833-3836

YMCA of SWFL

An inclusive, nonprofit that strengthens communities for kids, adults, seniors and families with programs that protect, teach, connect, heal, nourish and encourage. Programs include wellness, aquatics, youth and family activities, sports and recreation, childcare, education, and more.

2905 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

www.ymcaswfl.org

(941) 505-0999

Drug Free Charlotte County

Offers substance use prevention (not treatment) services for youth and families. Programs include LifeSkills Training, Circle of Parents (peer support), Just the Facts, drug-free activities, education and information for parents, medication safety, and more.

1445 Education Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org

prevention@drugfreecc.org

 www.facebook.com/drugfreecharlottecounty

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(941) 559-1946

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27050 Fairway Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33982

drugfreepuntagorda@gmail.com

www.drugfreepg.com

(601) 701-3470

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551 Rotonda Blvd., West Rotonda West, FL 33947

office@ccenglewood.com

ccenglewood.com/index.html

Employment

Better Together

Offers a program 'Better Jobs' and partners with local businesses to help people get hired.

15275 Collier Blvd., Suite 201-284, Naples, FL 34119

info@bettertogetherus.org

<https://bettertogetherus.org>

(239) 470-2733

Goodwill Community Resource Center

Will help with developing skills through digital training, earning certifications, building resumes, polishing interview skills, connecting with employers, and financial literacy.

24123 Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL, 33954

<https://goodwillswfl.org>

(941) 255-3884

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition

For some people, getting a job can be difficult without a proper form of ID or a dependable ride to work. Charlotte County Homeless Coalition helps clients overcome those obstacles so that employment can be secured.

1476 Kenesaw St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

info@cchomelesscoalition.org

<https://www.cchomelesscoalition.org>

(941) 627-4313

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

If you have a disability, VR can help you understand the options available to find, get or keep a better job.

18501 Murdock Cir., Suite 404, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

VREmploymentPrograms@vr.fldoe.org

<https://www.rehabworks.org>

(941) 613-0900

CareerSource Southwest Florida

Services range from helping employers find strong candidates to guiding job seekers in the right direction. For more information about the services offered, please visit a CareerSource Southwest Florida location or website.

3745 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952


6800 Shoppes at Plantation Dr., Suite 170, Fort Myers, FL 33912

www.careersourcesouthwestflorida.com

 www.facebook.com/CareerSourceSWFL?ref=hl

(941) 235-5900

 CareerSourceSWF  [careersource_swfl](https://www.instagram.com/careersource_swfl)

 [careersourcesouthwestflorid1164](https://www.youtube.com/careersourcesouthwestflorid1164)

Financial, Utility, and Other Assistance

United Way of Charlotte County

Financial assistance is available for individuals and families who need help with rent, mortgage, and utilities. Applications are completed with a case manager.

Free income tax preparation is available to individuals and families with a household income below \$66,000 annually. Taxes are prepared by appointment from February through mid-April.

17831 Murdock Cir., Suite A, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

info@unitedwayccfl.org

www.unitedwayccfl.org

(941)-627-3539



www.facebook.com/UWCCFL



[united.way.cc.fl](https://www.united.way.cc.fl)

Gulf Coast Partnership

The One Charlotte Coordinated Entry Process is a centralized approach to effectively ending homelessness amongst individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis in our community. This streamlined process ensures that all persons experiencing homelessness have fair and equal access to, are assessed for, and referred to the most appropriate housing and community resources to meet their housing and service needs. At its core, Coordinated Entry helps to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one-time.

408 Tamiami Trail, Unit 121, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

www.gulfcoastpartnership.org

(941) 626-0220

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

Helps low-income families access clinic, dental, and nutritional services.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov>

(941) 624-7200

Valerie's House

A nonprofit organization that helps children and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one to go on to live fulfilling lives. Their vision is that no child grieves alone. They offer peer grief support groups, school peer support groups, mentor program, one-on-one counseling, and financial/food/legal assistance.

Evening grief support groups with our families is offered:

- The first and third Monday of every month at the New Life in Christ Church (507 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950)
- The second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952)

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

1762 Fowler St., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Jedi.kmak@valerieshouse.org

www.valerieshouse.org

(954) 815-0300



www.facebook.com/ValeriesHouseSWFL/



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Mothers Against Drunk Driving

MADD Victim Advocates are available, 24 hours a day, to help you connect with Crime Victim Compensation—a government financial assistance program that may help compensate you for things like funeral expenses, medical, rehabilitation and prescription expenses, lost wages, counseling services, child care and crime scene cleanup.

13650 Fiddlesticks Blvd., Suite 202-144, Fort Myers, FL 33912

isouthwest.fl@madd.org

https://madd.org/southwest-florida/

(239) 791-7560



Charlotte County Human Services

Provides the Fastrack Program to help pay for rent, mortgage, or utilities.

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

1050 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

6868 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL 34224

www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/human-services/



www.facebook.com/CharlotteCountyFlorida/



[CharlotteCoFL](https://twitter.com/CharlotteCoFL)



[charlottecountyflorida](https://www.instagram.com/charlottecountyflorida)

(941) 833-6500

Charlotte County Transit

A shared ride curb-to-curb transit service provided to the general public throughout Charlotte County. Service area consists of all of Charlotte County and includes the Charlotte County portion of Englewood, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda and the surrounding areas; including Lake Suzy area in DeSoto County.

transit@charlottecountyfl.gov

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/transit/>

(941) 625-3039

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition

Offers the Bridges Out of Poverty Curriculum that addresses some of the root causes of generational poverty.

1476 Kenesaw St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

info@cchomelesscoalition.org

<https://www.cchomelesscoalition.org>

(941) 627-4313

Pregnancy Solutions

Provides free pregnancy options, STI/STD testing, limited ultrasound, family planning, adoption referrals, parenting classes, and more.

950 Tamiami Trail, Suite 105, Port Charlotte, FL 33953

5400 S Biscayne, Suite G, North Port, FL 34287

504 E Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285

209 W Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266

(941) 408-7100

info@pregnancysolutions.org

www.pregnancysolutions.org



www.facebook.com/PregnancySolutions



pregnancysolutions

Department of Children and Family Services

Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) program: provides cash assistance to families with children under the age of 18 or under age 19 if full time secondary (high school) school students, that meet the technical, income, and asset requirements.

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

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myflfamilies.com

(877) 595-0384

Jesus Loves You

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1734 Cedarwood St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

info@jesuslovesyouministryinc.com

https://jesuslovesyouministryinc.com

(941) 979-5232



www.facebook.com/JesusLovesYouMinistry/



Food Assistance

Department of Children and Family Services

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): provides nutritional support for low-income seniors, people with disabilities living on fixed incomes, and other individuals and families with low incomes.

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(877) 595-0384

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1762 Fowler St., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Jedi.kmak@valerieshouse.org

(954) 815-0300

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[valerieshousefl](https://twitter.com/valerieshousefl)



[valerieshouseswfl](https://www.instagram.com/valerieshouseswfl)

Charlotte County Human Services

Assists in meal programs for seniors.

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

1050 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

6868 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL 34224

(941) 833-6500

www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/human-services/

 www.facebook.com/CharlotteCountyFlorida/

 CharlotteCoFL  [charlottecountyflorida](https://www.instagram.com/charlottecountyflorida)

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

WIC (Woman, Infants, and Children): a federally funded nutrition program that provides healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, and breastfeeding support.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, 33980

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

6868 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL 34224

(941) 624-7200

<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/index.html>



Meals On Wheels

Program is designed for Elderly residents of Charlotte County who are unable to prepare or obtain meals for themselves.

3082 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@mowofcc.org

<https://mowofcc.org>

(941)-625-4343

Pregnancy Solutions

Provides free baby formula for moms and dads that participate in the program.

950 Tamiami Trail, Suite 105, Port Charlotte, FL 33953

5400 S Biscayne., Suite C, North Port, FL 34287

504 E Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285

209 W Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266

info@pregnancysolutions.org

www.pregnancysolutions.org

(941) 408-7100



www.facebook.com/PregnancySolutions



[pregnancysolutions](https://www.instagram.com/pregnancysolutions)

CareerSource Southwest Florida

Offers the SNAP Program: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

3745 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

6800 Shoppes at Plantation Dr., Suite 170, Fort Myers, FL 33912

www.careersourcesouthwestflorida.com

 www.facebook.com/CareerSourceSWFL?ref=hl

(941) 235-5900

 CareerSourceSWF  [careersource_swfl](https://www.instagram.com/careersource_swfl)

 [careersourcesouthwestflorid1164](https://www.youtube.com/careersourcesouthwestflorid1164)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

Program offers afterschool and summer camp for kids ages 6-18.

Focus areas: academics, career exploration, health and career exploration, and health and character development. Dinners served nightly during the school year. Lunch and snacks provided during summer camp.

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@bgcofcc.org

Local Website: www.bgcofcc.org

(941) 743-1507

National Website: www.bgca.org

 [bgcofccfl](https://twitter.com/bgcofccfl)  [bgcofccfl](https://www.instagram.com/bgcofccfl)

 www.facebook.com/BoysandGirlsClubofCharlotteCounty



Food Pantries

Edgewater Church

Every other Friday from 10am- 12pm.

19190 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

office@edgewaterchurch.com

<https://edgewaterchurch.com>

(941) 625-3039

Jesus Loves You

They offer free lunch for the homeless on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-12:30pm.

1734 Cedarwood St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

<https://jesuslovesyouministryinc.com>

(941) 979-5232

Community Life Center Church

Every Thursday from 4:00pm-5:30pm.

19048 Edgewater Dr, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

communitylifefl@yahoo.com

www.communitylifefl.com

(941) 629-0999

Englewood Christian Church

Every third Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm.

9600 Gulfstream Blvd., Englewood, FL 34224

office@englewoodchristian.com

www.englewoodchristian.com

(941) 475-4973

Ebenezer Punta Gorda

Every Tuesday and Friday from 9am - 4pm.

28038 Cleveland Ave,

Punta Gorda, FL33982

(941) 639-2775

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition

The Homeless Coalition offers a Hunger Prevention program that includes hot meals and a food pantry.

- Bread and pastries: Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm
- Take-out Hot Meals: Every evening from 5pm-6pm.
- Food pantry: Open weekly for drive-thru distribution on Wednesdays from 1pm-5pm. Bring an ID for assistance.

1476 Kenesaw St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948

info@cchomelesscoalition.org

<https://www.cchomelesscoalition.org>

(941) 627-4313

St. Vincent de Paul Society

- Every Monday and Wednesday from 9am-12pm at **2499 Gates Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33952.**
- Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am-12pm at **25200 Airport Rd., Punta Gorda 33950.**
- Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am-1pm and every Wednesday evening from 5pm-7pm at **17783 Toledo Blade, Port Charlotte, FL 33948.**

First Baptist Church Horn of Plenty

Every Tuesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

459 Gill St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

<https://fbcpuntagorda.org>

(941) 639-3857

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Every Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 12pm.

2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

office@htlchurch.org

www.htlchurch.org

(941) 625-5262





First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte

Every first and third Tuesday of the month from 8am - 11am.
Every second Wednesday of the month from 4pm - 7pm.

2230 Hariet St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
pastorsecretary@fpcpc.com
<https://fpcpc.com>

(941) 625-0736

Friendship United Methodist Church

Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 4pm - 6pm.

12275 Paramount Dr, Port Charlotte, FL 33955
info@yourchurch.com
<https://friendshipumcpuntagorda.com>

(941) 637-1717

Trinity United Methodist Church

- Every Wednesday 9am-11am.
- **Care and Share Program:** Provides monthly food kits to adults 60 or over that meet the income eligibility guidelines.

23084 Seneca Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33980
charlotteharbortrinity@gmail.com
<https://charlotteharbortrinityumc.com>

(941) 625-3372

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church

Every Thursday from 12 pm to 4 pm.

18305 Wintergarden Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
office@wintergardenpres.org
www.wintergardenpres.org

(941) 743-5335

First Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am - 1pm.

411 E. Charlotte Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

(941) 637-7743

Harry Chapin Food Truck

Rotates every Thursday between the two locations provided below from 9:30am - 11:30am.

Sacred Heart Church: 211 W. Charlotte Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Family Services Center: 21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

harrychapinfoodbank.org

(239) 334-7007



Housing and Shelter Assistance

Gulf Coast Partnership

The One Charlotte Coordinated Entry Process is a centralized approach to effectively ending homelessness amongst individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis in our community. This streamlined process ensures that all persons experiencing homelessness have fair and equal access to, are assessed for, and referred to the most appropriate housing and community resources to meet their housing and service needs. At its core, Coordinated Entry helps to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one-time.

408 Tamiami Trail, Unit 121, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
www.gulfcoastpartnership.org

(941) 626-0220

Affordable Homeownership Foundation

Offers purchasing and renting programs, as well as programs specific for Veterans, seniors, and youth aging out of foster care.

5264 Clayton Ct., Suite 1, Fort Myers, FL 33907
<https://ahf.today/about-us/>

(239) 689-4944

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The Homeless Coalition has an emergency shelter that provides a safe, supervised, low barrier shelter for up to 30-days. They also offer a Homeless Prevention Program.

1476 Kenesaw St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948
info@cchomelesscoalition.org
<https://www.cchomelesscoalition.org>

(941) 627-4313

Punta Gorda Housing Authority

The primary role of a Public Housing Authority is the delivery of quality, affordable rental housing and rental subsidies to qualified low-income households within its jurisdiction. Residents pay a portion of the rent typically based on 30% of the family's income.

340 Gulf Breeze Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
pgha@puntagorda.org
www.puntagordaha.org

(941) 639-4344

Better Together

Better Together's unique model enables parents who have fallen on hard times to voluntarily place their children with a loving host family for up to a year.

15275 Collier Blvd., Suite 201-284, Naples, FL 34119
info@bettertogetherus.org
<https://bettertogetherus.org>

(239) 470-2733

Habitat for Humanity

Creates a partnership with low-income families where the homeowners are involved in all aspects of the building of their home. Habitat does not charge interest on the mortgage, and in most cases the mortgages are for 30 years.

1750 Manzana Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
www.charlottecountyhfh.org

(941) 639-3162



Charlotte County Human Services

Assists in home repairs, purchase assistance, rent/mortgage assistance,
and disaster recovery assistance.

21500 Gibralter Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

1050 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980 **(941) 833-6500**

6868 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL 34224

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Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

Florida certificates are issued through the Bureau of Vital Statistics at the Department of Health. This includes Birth Certificates and Death Certificates.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov>

(941) 624-7200

Florida Rural Legal Services

Services include family law, housing law, public benefits, consumer law, individual rights, elder law, immigration, and community economic development.

514 E. Grace Street, Suite 128 & 130, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

<https://www.frls.org>

(888) 582-3410

Certificate of Marriage
This is to certify that
and
were united in marriage
the year

Medical Services

Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Certified Navigators at the Health Planning Council of SWFL provide free assistance to those with health insurance needs in 10 counties - Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Hendry, Glades, Highlands, and Desoto. Navigators can help locate health care providers, provide health literacy education, and assist with the application process of the Healthcare Marketplace.

8961 Daniels Center Dr., #401, Fort Myers, FL 33912

4630 17th St., Sarasota, FL 34235

contactus@hpcswf.com

www.hpcswf.com

(239) 433-6700



www.facebook.com/EnrollSWFL/



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[enrollswfl](https://www.instagram.com/enrollswfl)

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

- Offers immunizations to children ages zero to 18
- Tuberculosis screening and disease control
- STI and HIV testing and prevention services
 - Participates in outreach STI testing throughout Charlotte County at the following locations: Jesus Loves You, Homeless Coalition, Charlotte Behavioral Healthcare, PAR Clinic, and more.
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Family planning services
- Dental services for eligible children under the age of 21
- WIC (Woman, Infants, and Children) services
- Refugee health services *See page 56 for more information

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

(941) 624-7200

<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov>

Lee Health Trauma

The Trauma Center at Gulf Coast Medical Center cares for patients with injuries caused by car crashes, falls, blunt force, or other accidents.

13685 Doctor's Way, Suite 140, Fort Myers, FL 33912

syndi.bultman@leehealth.org

www.leehealth.org/trauma

(239)-343-1617

Empath Tidewell Hospice

Although hospice is often misunderstood as care just for cancer patients, Tidewell cares for patients with a broad range of diagnoses, including heart and lung disease, AIDS, renal failure, ALS and end-stage Alzheimer's.

1158 Veronica St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

<https://tidewellhospice.org/>

(941) 979-4300

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic

Provides qualified Charlotte County residents with no-cost, onsite exams, primary and semi-urgent wellness services, medical care, minor procedures, and access to limited surgical and laboratory services.

21297 Olean Blvd., Unit B, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@volunteercare.org

<https://volunteercare.org>

(941) 766-9570

Charlotte County's Red Dot Program

The Red Dot Program is a way for you to share your medical history with emergency responders before an emergency occurs. During an emergency, you may not be able to communicate or remember all of your information.

www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/public-safety/fire-ems/programs/red-dot.shtml



Mercy Mobile Medical Clinic

Free primary medical care for low to moderate income adults and children without health insurance, ages 3 and up. Every Monday 10:30am to 2:30pm excluding holidays. Located at Murdock Baptist Church. Walk-ins accepted, time permitting.

18375 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948
www.murdockbaptistchurch.com

(305) 681-1050

HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital

A full-service, acute care hospital. Specialties include emergency care, orthopedic and spine care, stroke care, cardiovascular surgery, general surgery and oncology.

21298 Olean Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
hcafloridahealthcare.com

(941) 629-1181

ShorePoint Health

A full-service hospital that offers a wide range of care. Services include bariatric weight loss, behavioral health, heart care, joint replacement, maternity care, robotic surgery, and wound care.

2500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
809 E. Marion Ave., Punta Corda, FL 33950
shorepointhealthcharlotte.com

(941) 766-4122 (PC)

(941) 639- 3131 (PG)

HCA Florida Englewood Hospital

An acute care hospital offering a wide variety of healthcare services, including 24/7 emergency care and cardiovascular care.

700 Medical Blvd., Englewood, FL 34223
hcafloridahealthcare.com

(941) 475-6571

Lions Club of Punta Gorda

Performs vision screenings for Charlotte County Children. The Punta Gorda Lions Club has 12 collection points in the area for used Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids in the greater Punta Gorda area.

25166 Marion Ave., Unit 115, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

info@puntagordalions.org

<https://www.puntagordalionsclub.com>

(941) 391-1203



Mental Health Counseling & Support

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care - mental health

- **Case Management** - Offers coordination of a variety of community services for individuals suffering from ongoing mental health issues.
- **Behavioral Health Liaisons** - Staff works with child protective investigators to determine if mental health concerns affect the safety of the children in the home as well as facilitate referrals for services to meet the needs of families in the child welfare system.
- **Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)** - The FACT program serves adults with severe and persistent mental illness, who may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder.
- **Self-Help and Recovery Exchange (S.H.A.R.E.) Spot** - A drop-in center for people with severe, persistent mental illness. The program focuses on socialization, advocacy, and self-help for each member.
- **Therapeutic Family Care (TFC)** - Program utilizes licensed/certified Adults Family Care homes and provides care for adults and seniors with serious and persistent mental illness who have been determined could benefit from a family care treatment approach.
- **Trauma Therapy** - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) enables people to heal from the symptoms and emotional distress that are the result of disturbing life experiences.
- **Integrated Response for Intervention and Support (IRIS)** - IRIS Team responds to certain calls for service and assists our community with mental health/substance abuse related calls.
- **Mental Health Court** - This program provides assessment, professional treatment, and treatment compliance monitoring for people who have committed criminal offenses and are diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness.
- **Psychotherapy Services** - The outpatient team provides assessment as well as individual, family, and group therapy to individuals of all ages.

- **Psychiatric Services** - This outpatient service provides psychiatric assessment and medication treatment for psychiatric disorders, both for children and adults.
- **MAT Support Group** - Offers free, open discussion and support among recovery peers.
- **Dungeons and Dragons Therapy Group** - This group is intended for teens struggling with depression, anxiety, isolation, and other interpersonal difficulties. The group therapy utilizes a mix of playing Dungeons and Dragons, a table-top role-playing game, while interacting with others in a traditional process group format.

1700 Education Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
21500 Gibraltar Dr., Unit 5, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
513 E. Hickory St., Arcadia, FL 34266

(941)-639-8300

_marketing@cbhcfl.org

 www.facebook.com/charlottebehavioralhealthcare

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Many of MADD's local offices are hosting Virtual Support Groups for victims and survivors of crashes. Please reach out to MADD's Helpline at **1-877-623-3435** to be connected to a current list of support groups.

13650 Fiddlesticks Blvd., Suite 202-144, Fort Myers, FL 33912
isouthwest.fl@madd.org
<https://madd.org/southwest-florida/> (23)

(239) 791-7560



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[valerieshouseswfl](https://www.instagram.com/valerieshouseswfl)

Department of Children and Family Services

Responsible for planning, managing and evaluating a statewide program of mental health services and supports, including community programs, crisis services, state residential treatment facilities, and children's mental health services.

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

SCR.C20.client.relations@myflfamilies.com

myflfamilies.com

(877) 595-0384

Lee Health Trauma

Hosts free monthly support groups for survivors of traumatic injury.

13685 Doctor's Way, Suite 140, Fort Myers, FL 33912

syndi.bultman@leehealth.org

www.leehealth.org/trauma

(239)-343-1617

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Offers educational programs on mental health as well as support groups.

21450 Gibralter Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

(941) 624-2168

<https://www.nami.org/Home>

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
or dial 988**

In emergencies, call 911.



Mentorship Programs

Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

Program offers afterschool and summer camp for kids ages 6-18.

Focus areas: academics, career exploration, health and career exploration, and health and character development. Dinners served nightly during the school year. Lunch and snacks provided during summer camp.

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Pregnancy Solutions

Provides free pregnancy options, STI/STD testing, limited ultrasound, family planning, adoption referrals, parenting classes, and more.

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5400 S Biscayne, Suite G, North Port, FL 34287

504 E Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285

209 W Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266

info@pregnancysolutions.org

(941) 408-7100

www.pregnancysolutions.org



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Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast provides one-to-one mentoring relationships to children ages 6-18 years. Serving Englewood and Port Charlotte.

25166 E Marion, Suite 113, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
www.bbbssun.org

(941) 764-5812

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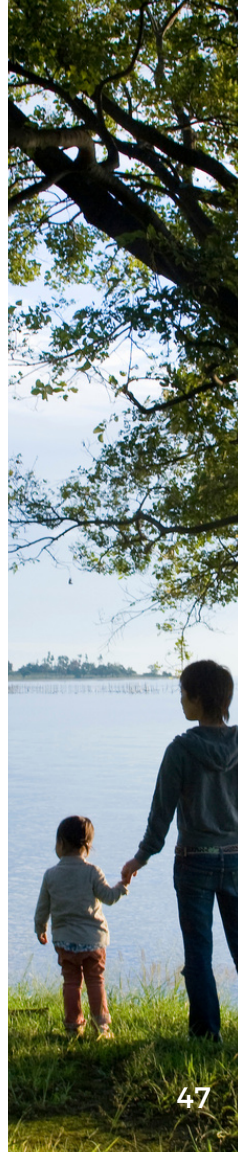
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Children's Network of SWFL

In Southwest Florida, hundreds of kids have experienced abuse and neglect. These children, teens, and groups of siblings urgently need a safe, loving refuge. If you have ever felt called to care for kids, please consider opening your heart and home as a foster or adoptive parent now. You can make a difference for a lifetime.

Children's Network of Southwest Florida will be with you every step of the way. We are the private, nonprofit lead agency that administers the child welfare system in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades Counties. Our mission is to work with the community to protect children and preserve families. Together, we can change a life for good.

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2232 Altamont Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

2180 W. First St., 4th Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901

4150 Ford St., Extension Suite 1C, Fort Myers, FL 33916

2503 Del Prado Blvd., 3rd Floor, Cape Coral, FL 33904

<https://childrensnetworkflorida.org/>
info@cnsfwfl.org

(855) 933-5437



www.facebook.com/CNSWFL



Parenting Support

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(855) 933-5437

 www.facebook.com/CNSWFL

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

- Offers a Child Wellness and Safety Workshop
- Car seat fittings and installations
- **WIC Program** provides the following at no cost for those eligible: healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals for health care and community services.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov>

(941) 624-7200

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care

- **Children's Community Action (C.A.T.) Team** - A multi-disciplinary clinical team that provides comprehensive, intensive community-based treatment to families with youth and adults (ages 11-21) who are risk of out-of-home placement due to mental health or co-occurring disorder
- **Family Safety Prevention** - Offers a variety of support programs designed to educate and guide parents in the skills needed for safe home environments with nurturing interactions.
- **Behavioral Health Liaisons** - Staff works with child protective investigators to determine if mental health concerns affect the safety of the children in the home as well as facilitate referrals for services to meet the needs of families in the child welfare system.
- **Family Intervention Specialist (FIS)** - FIS Specialists work with families in the DCF system to help expedite treatment services for those involved in the child welfare system.
- **Family Intensive Treatment Team (FITT)** - The FIT Team provides team-based, family-focused, comprehensive services for caregivers within the child welfare system who have been identified as having a substance use disorder.
- **Healthy Start** - Services are dedicated to providing services to pregnant women and families with children up to 3 years. Services include: early access to prenatal care, the reduction of infant mortality, and ensuring positive maternal and child health outcomes.
- **PCIT (Parent-Child Interaction Therapy)** - A family-based behavioral therapy for young children experiencing behavioral and emotional problems. PCIT teaches caregivers to manage their child's difficult behaviors, while increasing their positive behaviors.

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Abouhebert@elcfh.org

<https://elcfloridasheartland.org>

(941) 255-1650

Department of Children and Family Services

Offers adoption services, foster services, and childcare services.

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

SCR.C20.client.relations@myflfamilies.com

(877) 595-0384

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Jewish Family and Children's Services

- **Ignite Fatherhood Program:** helps fathers and father figures improve the parent-child relationship, sustain healthy relationships, and identify and support their economic stability and employment objectives.
- **REACH Program:** assists adults in developing the skills they need to hone healthy relationship skills, improve parenting/co-parenting skills, and enhance skills and abilities required to gain and retain economic self-sufficiency.

4045 N. Tamiami Trail, Suite A, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@jfcs-cares.org

<https://jfcs-cares.org/find-help/>

(941) 366-2982

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5400 S Biscayne, Suite G, North Port, FL 34287

504 E Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285

209 W Oak St., Arcadia, FL 34266

info@pregnancysolutions.org

www.pregnancysolutions.org

(941) 408-7100



www.facebook.com/PregnancySolutions



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2905 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

www.ymcaswfl.org

(941) 505-0999





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drugfreepuntagorda@gmail.com

www.drugfreepg.com

(601) 701-3470

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1445 Education Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org

prevention@drugfreecc.org

(941) 559-1946



www.facebook.com/drugfreecharlottecounty



DFCCTweets



[drugfreecharlottecounty](https://www.instagram.com/drugfreecharlottecounty)

Englewood Community Coalition

Offers D-Fy (Drug Free Youth) which is a community based prevention initiative. It is a voluntary program for youth and a way for our community to reinforce the healthy choices of our youth.

551 Rotonda Blvd., West Rotonda West, FL 33947

office@ccenglewood.com

ccenglewood.com/index.html

Florida Rural Legal Services

Offers experienced advocates and attorneys to provide representation and guidance on issues including orders of protection, parenting plans, divorce, paternity, temporary custody, and more.

514 E. Grace Street, Suite 128 & 130, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
<https://www.frls.org>

(888) 582-3410

Healthy Start Coalition

Learn to be a positive parent and role model through Healthy Start parenting education. Moms and dads receive parenting guidelines, information on child growth and development, and ways to manage child health problems.

17825 Murdock Cir., Suite B, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948
contact@cchsfl.org
<https://www.cchsfl.org/index.html>

(941) 764-9700

Healthy Families Charlotte County

A free, voluntary home visiting program that provides coaching and support to new and expectant parents. The program makes parenting easier and ensures every family is happy, healthy, and safe. Our services begin prenatally or immediately after the birth of a baby and can continue for five years.

992 Tamiami Trail, Unit H1, Port Charlotte, FL 33953
www.TheFloridaCenter.org

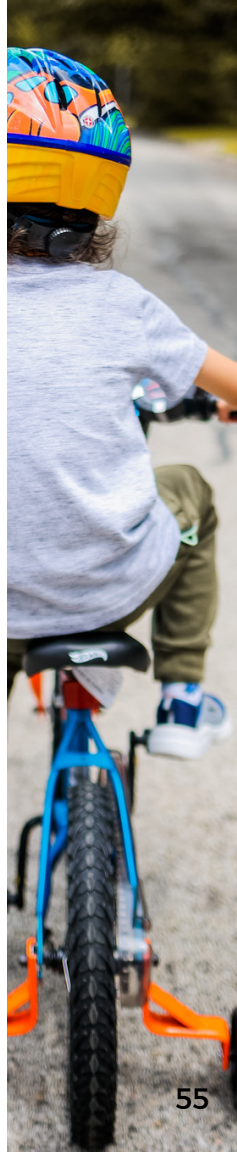
(941) 629-6477

Better Together

Keeps families together – and children out of foster care – by providing them with a temporary loving home and helping their parents work to build a better life.

15275 Collier Blvd., Suite 201-284, Naples, FL 34119
info@bettertogetherus.org
<https://bettertogetherus.org>

(239) 470-2733



Refugee Services

Department of Children and Family Services

Offers these services for some refugees: employment services, adult and vocational education, childcare, comprehensive refugee services (CRS), youth services, eligibility training, interpreter services, health screenings, and the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program.

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901
SCR.C20.client.relations@myflfamilies.com
myflfamilies.com

(877) 595-0384

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

Offers a health assessment for those eligible as part of the resettlement process within the first 90 days of entrance in the United States. This health assessment is different and more complete than the one received before entering the country. The health assessment will help ensure that you are free of health problems, which could affect your family and your new community in Florida.

1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980
<https://charlotte.floridahealth.gov>

(941) 624-7200

Lutheran Services Florida, Inc SW Region

Offers a Comprehensive Refugee Services Program (CRS). Staff coordinates services that are essential to refugee/entrant families' self-sufficiency, effective resettlement, and successful integration into the local community.

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
3615 Central Ave., Suite 4, Fort Myers, FL 33901
shelia.dixon@lsfnet.org

(239) 278-1030

lsfnet.org



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Senior Services

Senior Friendship Center

Services are focused on nutritious meals and social engagement, home-delivered meals and supportive aging.

27420 Voyager Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33983
<https://friendshipcenters.org/location/charlotte-friendship-center/>

(941) 255-0723

Charlotte County Human Services

Offers in-home support and assists with meal services for seniors.

21500 Gibralter Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
1050 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980
6868 San Casa Dr., Englewood, FL 34224

www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/human-services/



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[charlottecountyflorida](https://www.instagram.com/charlottecountyflorida)

(941) 833-6500

Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

Programs include the Elder Helpline, home and community-based care, Medicare counseling, health and wellness workshops, elder abuse prevention and education, respite care, and more. All direct services are free.

2830 Winkler Ave., Suite 112, Fort Myers, FL 33916
<https://aaaswfl.org>

(866) 413-5337

Hope PACE

When you enroll with Hope PACE, they handle your primary care, medications, equipment, and all the medical services that will keep you healthy.

3280 Tamiami Trail, Suite 46, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
<https://hopepace.org/>

(239) 985-6400

Lee Health Trauma

Offers a safe driving course for 65+ and a fall prevention course.

13685 Doctor's Way, Suite 140, Fort Myers, FL 33912

syndi.bultman@leehealth.org

www.leehealth.org/trauma

(239)-343-1617

Meals On Wheels

Program is designed for Elderly residents of Charlotte County who are unable to prepare or obtain meals for themselves.

3082 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@mowofcc.org

<https://mowofcc.org>

(941)-625-4343

Jewish Family and Children's Services

Offers a wide array of senior-based programs, from caregiver support groups and counseling to Alzheimer's support and education.

4045 N. Tamiami Trail, Suite A, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@jfcs-cares.org

<https://jfcs-cares.org/find-help/>

(941) 366-2982

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(941) 505-0999



Charlotte County Homeless Coalition

Works alongside the Veterans Administration and other local agencies to help veterans navigate the VA to secure available financial, medical, and housing benefits. There are always 22 beds reserved for homeless Veterans at The Homeless Coalition.

1476 Kenesaw St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948
info@cchomelesscoalition.org
<https://www.cchomelesscoalition.org>

(941) 627-4313

Affordable Homeownership Foundation

Offers the "Homes for Vets Program".

5264 Clayton Ct., Suite 1, Fort Myers, FL 33907
<https://ahf.today/about-us/>

(239) 689-4944

Gulf Coast Partnership

The One Charlotte Coordinated Entry Process is a centralized approach to effectively ending homelessness amongst individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis in our community. This streamlined process ensures that all persons experiencing homelessness have fair and equal access to, are assessed for, and referred to the most appropriate housing and community resources to meet their housing and service needs. At its core, Coordinated Entry helps to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one-time.

408 Tamiami Trail, Unit 121, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
www.gulfcoastpartnership.org

(941) 626-0220

Women's Health and Family Planning

Florida Department of Health Charlotte County

- Offers birth control methods, abstinence counseling, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, pregnancy testing and counseling, physical exams, and screening for hypertension, breast, and cervical cancer.
- Offers a Child Wellness and Safety Workshop
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- **WIC Program:** provides the following at no cost for those eligible: healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals for health care and community services.

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Healthy Start Coalition

Care Coordinators assess mother's needs and provide referral to risk-appropriate services, assist with Medicaid application, provide emotional support and encouragement, and deliver pregnancy and childcare information.

17825 Murdock Cir., Suite B, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948

contact@cchsfl.org

<https://www.cchsfl.org/index.html>

(941) 764-9700



Youth Services

Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

Program offers afterschool and summer camp for kids ages 6-18.

Focus areas: academics, career exploration, health and career exploration, and health and character development. Dinners served nightly during the school year. Lunch and snacks provided during summer camp.

21500 Gibralter Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@bgcofcc.org

Local Website: www.bgcofcc.org

(941) 743-1507

National Website: www.bgca.org



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www.facebook.com/BoysandGirlsClubofCharlotteCounty

Children's Network of SWFL

In Southwest Florida, hundreds of kids have experienced abuse and neglect. These children, teens, and groups of siblings urgently need a safe, loving refuge. If you have ever felt called to care for kids, please consider opening your heart and home as a foster or adoptive parent now. You can make a difference for a lifetime.

Children's Network of Southwest Florida will be with you every step of the way. We are the private, nonprofit lead agency that administers the child welfare system in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades Counties. Our mission is to work with the community to protect children and preserve families. Together, we can change a life for good.

19621 Cochran Blvd #4, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

2232 Altamont Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

2180 W. First St., 4th Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901

4150 Ford St., Extension Suite 1C, Fort Myers, FL 33916

2503 Del Prado Blvd., 3rd Floor, Cape Coral, FL 33904

info@cnswfl.org

<https://childrensnetworkflorida.org/>

(855) 933-5437



www.facebook.com/CNSWFL

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care

- **Children's Community Action (C.A.T.) Team** - A multi-disciplinary clinical team that provides comprehensive, intensive community-based treatment to families with youth and adults (ages 11-21) who are risk of out-of-home placement due to mental health or co-occurring disorder.
- **Behavioral Health Liaisons** - Staff works with child protective investigators to determine if mental health concerns affect the safety of the children in the home as well as facilitate referrals for services to meet the needs of families in the child welfare system.
- **Healthy Start** - Services are dedicated to providing services to pregnant women and families with children up to 3 years. Services include: early access to prenatal care, the reduction of infant mortality, and ensuring positive maternal and child health outcomes.
- **Dungeons and Dragons Therapy Group** - This group is intended for teens struggling with depression, anxiety, isolation, and other interpersonal difficulties. The group therapy utilizes a mix of playing Dungeons and Dragons, a table-top role-playing game, while interacting with others in a traditional process group format.

1700 Education Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

21500 Gibraltar Dr., Unit 5, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

513 E. Hickory St., Arcadia, FL 34266

_marketing@cbhcnfl.org

 www.facebook.com/charlottebehavioralhealthcare

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 [charlottebehavioralhealthc3571](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3571)

(941)-639-8300





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(941) 255-1650

CARD

Following the principles of applied behavior analysis, CARD has developed a treatment approach for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder that focuses on maximizing skill acquisition, while minimizing challenging behaviors.

10501 FGCU Blvd., S. MH3 room 224, Fort Myers, FL 33965

info@centerforautism.com

<https://centerforautism.com>

(239) 590-7769

Department of Children and Family Services

Offers assistance to families working to stay safely together or be reunited, foster care, youth and young adults transitioning from foster care to independence, and adoption.

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

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(877) 595-0384

Valerie's House

A nonprofit organization that helps children and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one to go on to live fulfilling lives. Their vision is that no child grieves alone. They offer peer grief support groups, school peer support groups, mentor program, one-on-one counseling, and financial/food/legal assistance.

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(954) 815-0300

CareerSource Southwest Florida

Services range from helping employers find strong candidates to guiding job seekers in the right direction. For more information about the services offered, please visit a CareerSource Southwest Florida location or website.

3745 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

6800 Shoppes at Plantation Dr., Suite 170, Fort Myers, FL 33912

www.careersourcesouth

westflorida.com

 www.facebook.com/CareerSourceSWFL?ref=hl

 [CareerSourceSWF](https://twitter.com/CareerSourceSWF)  [careersource_swfl](https://www.instagram.com/careersource_swfl)

 [careersourcesouthwestflorid1164](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1164)

(941) 235-5900





Jewish Family and Children's Services

Adolescent Diversion and Assistance Program: offers individual and group counseling with an emphasis on learning better coping skills, anger management, and social skills to reduce the risk of repetitive destructive behaviors.

4045 N. Tamiami Trail, Suite A, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

info@jfcs-cares.org

<https://jfcs-cares.org/find-help/>

(941) 366-2982

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Offers prevention services, such as G.A.A.P. Discussions (Gaining Appreciation by Adjusting Perspective) and The IMPACT Experience that serves to motivate youth and empower them to thrive for a better future.

2737 Centerview Dr., Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Secretary.DJJ@fldjj.gov

<https://www.djj.state.fl.us/services/prevention-services/prevention-initiatives>

(850) 717-2425

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

We seek to make disciples through our strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same. Mentoring coaches and athletes is our focus.

215 Longley Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

tparker@fca.org

www.fca.org

(941) 456-5433

Lutheran Services Florida, Inc SW Region

Provides free counseling and case management to at risk youth ages 6-17 years old. Provides an emergency youth shelter for youth ages 10-17.

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shelia.dixon@lsfnet.org

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 www.facebook.com/Lutheranservicesflorida/

 [lutheranservfla](https://www.instagram.com/lutheranservfla)

Gulf Coast Partnership

Offers homeless youth between the ages of 18-24, who do not live with a parent or guardian, help with getting stable housing, reaching future goals, and continued social, emotional, and financial assistance.

408 Tamiami Trail, Unit 121, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
www.gulfcoastpartnership.org

(941) 626-0220

Kids Needs of Englewood

Donates school-approved clothing, personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, and shoes. They also award annual \$1,000 high school scholarships to seniors at Lemon Bay High School.

2670 S. McCall Rd., Unit 10, Englewood, FL 34224
info@kidsneedsenglewood.org
<https://kidsneedsenglewood.org/>

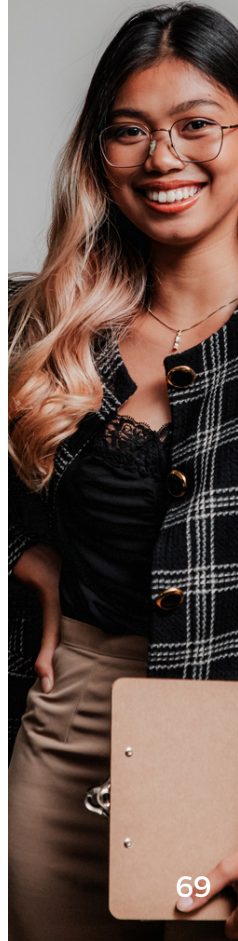
(315) 256-6613

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