Lee County
Community Resource Guide

Linking Youth and Families
to Community Resources

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This guide is not intended to be exhaustive of all the programs available in Lee County. Historically it has primarily included programs and services that parents and youth can access directly, with a focus on social services. This edition also includes programs that can only be accessed when a youth is in the juvenile justice system. They are noted as such. If you know of a youth program that should be included, please contact us at the address below. The programs listed are provided for information purposes only and inclusion here does not represent an endorsement of the program by the Lee County Sheriff’s Office. While every effort has been made to include accurate information, programs change from time to time. Parents are advised to contact programs to ensure the information is current. Please note that there is a fee for services for many of the programs listed. Parents should inquire about any costs when considering a program for their child or family. Compiled by C. Helton.

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Programs and Services

**21st Century C.A.R.E.**
4571 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 936-3756  
Website: www.21stcenturycare.org

A foundation dedicated to cancer patients. Upon physician’s referral, provides financial assistance for incidental expenses related to cancer treatments. A weekly cancer support group meets in Fort Myers. See website for time and location.

**Abiding Love Lutheran Church**
3205 Chiquita Boulevard South
Cape Coral, FL 33914

Phone: (239) 945-2122  
Website: www.abiding-love.com

Provides a food pantry for homeless and needy families.

**The Able Trust Youth Programs**
Phone: (850) 224-4493  
Website: www.abletrust.org

Works to reduce dropout rate of youth with disabilities by improving their participation in employment-related activities. Helps build self esteem, develop leadership skills, and prepare young adults with disabilities for life beyond high school.

**Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)**
P.O. Box 60401  
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 939-2553  
24-Hour Hotline: (239) 939-3112  
Website: www.actabuse.com

Provides assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through shelter, advocacy, counseling, support groups, education on teen dating violence, information and referrals.
**Accelerated Learning Solutions (ALS)**  
Website: [https://finishschool.com/?YourDiplomaYourWay](https://finishschool.com/?YourDiplomaYourWay)

Non-traditional charter schools which use computer-based/mastery-based courses to assist persons ages 16 to 21 to earn a high school diploma. Students work at their own pace and receive individual attention to meet their needs. Students have the option of attending the morning, mid-day, or late afternoon/evening session.

*Locations:*

**Coronado High School**
3057 Cleveland Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-9140

**Island Park High School**
16520 South Tamiami Trail, Unit 190  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 204-5965

**North Nicholas High School**
428 SW Pine Island Road  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 242-4230

**Acceleration Middle School**
3365 Seminole Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 400-1818  
Website: [www.amscharter.org](http://www.amscharter.org)

A free, public charter school that provides a flexible schedule tailored to individual learning styles. Assists students who have fallen behind in catching up to grade level.
**Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District**  
2855 Colonial Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33966  
Ages: 16+

Phone: (239) 939-6310 (Adult Education)  
Phone: (239) 939-6300 (Career Education)  
Website: www.leeschools.net/ace

Classes are provided in various locations throughout Lee County. Classes include GED preparation, computer skills, leisure, English as a second language, literacy, and foreign languages.

**Affordable Home Ownership Foundation, Inc.**  
5264 Clayton Court, #1  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 689-4944  
Website: http://ahf.today

Works to develop affordable housing for purchase or rent to families with moderate incomes. Provides credit counseling and foreclosure prevention counseling.

**AFCAAM/Catholic Charities of Venice, Inc.**  
3681 Michigan Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 461-0233  
Website: www.afcaam.com/

Provides education, youth mentoring programs, tutoring, computers, afterschool reading program, and a Boy Scout program.

**Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA)**

Phone: 1 (800) 615-8720  
Website: http://ahca.myflorida.com/

ACHA administers the statewide Medicaid program in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families. Its website provides FloridaHealthFinder.gov to search for health care facilities and health care information. See Department of Children and Families and Florida KidCare listings for information about enrolling in Medicaid or other children’s health insurance programs.
Agency for Persons with Disabilities
2295 Victoria Avenue
P.O. Box 60085
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 338-1370
Website: www.apd.myflorida.com

Assists individuals who have developmental disabilities and their families. Can assist in identifying and accessing needed services. Its website has a searchable directory of resources.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation
2231 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-2391
Website: www.aidshealth.org

Provides HIV/AIDS education and prevention services. For individuals certified as HIV positive, provides case management and assistance in accessing resources and services.

Aim Target Programs, Inc.
3049 South Cleveland Avenue, #100
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 939-3363
Website: http://aimtargetprograms.com

Provides outpatient alcohol and drug evaluation, counseling and education, relapse prevention, domestic violence psycho-educational program, anger management groups, and support group for victims of domestic violence. Bilingual services are offered.

Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Website: www.southfloridaal-anon.org

Provides support groups for people who have been or are affected by the problem drinking of a relative or friend.
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Lee County Area Intergroup**  
12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 72  
Fort Myers, FL 33907  

Phone:  (239) 275-5111 (24 hour hotline)  
Website:  [www.leecountyaa.org](http://www.leecountyaa.org)

Provides support groups for people affected by problem drinking. Website lists local meeting schedules.

**All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry & Thrift Store**  
14640 N. Cleveland Avenue  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903  

Phone:  (239) 997-7685  
Website:  [http://allsouls.dioswfl.org](http://allsouls.dioswfl.org)

North Fort Myers residents with a limited income may receive up to two bags of grocery items each month on Wed. from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Provides clothing assistance, blankets in cold weather, health checks and referral for medical treatment, counseling, and funds to help obtain a drivers license, birth certificate, or state ID.

**Alliance for the Arts**  
10091 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  

Phone:  (239) 939-2787  
Website:  [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org)

Provides art programs for children ages 8 through high school.

**Alva United Methodist Food Pantry**  
21440 Pearl Street  
Alva, FL 33920  

Phone:  (239) 728-2277

Emergency food pantry for Alva residents on Wed. at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as funds and food donations are available.
**American Cancer Society**  
4575 Via Royale, #110  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  

Phone: (239) 936-1113  
Website: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Supports cancer research, patient services, early detection, treatment, and education. Provides ROCK Camp (Reaching Out to Cancer Kids) for youth ages 1 – 16 that are being treated for cancer or have been within the past 3 years. Must be referred by a physician.

**American Civil Liberties Union of Florida (ACLU)**  
4500 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 340  
Miami, FL 33137  

Phone: (786) 363-2700  
Website: [www.aclufl.org](http://www.aclufl.org)

Works in the courts, legislatures, and communities to defend the personal rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

**American Diabetes Association**  
Phone: (800) 342-2383 (Mon. – Fri.)  
Website: [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

Provides physician referrals, referrals to support groups, diabetes management classes, education programs, and youth camps.

**American Lung Association of Florida**  
P.O. Box 07142  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  

Phone: (239) 908-2680  
Website: [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)

Works to improve lung health and to prevent lung disease.
**American Red Cross – Lee County Chapter**  
7051 Cypress Terrace, Suite 110  
Fort Myers, FL 33907  
Phone: (239) 278-3401  
Website: [www.redcross.org/fl/naples](http://www.redcross.org/fl/naples)

A volunteer-driven organization that helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Offers youth volunteer opportunities. Provides education on topics such as safety, water safety, first aid, disaster preparedness, stranger danger, and bullying prevention.

**AmeriCorps – National Civilian Community Corps**  
Website: [www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps)  
Ages: 18-24

A residential, team based service program. Participants are assigned to one of five regional campuses and travel to complete community service projects throughout the region. Participants must commit to 11 months/1700 hours of service for which they receive a stipend. Upon completion of service they are eligible for a monetary award for college, educational training, or repayment of student loans. Assists participants in getting a GED if they have not completed high school. Participants may not have a history of violent criminal charges or sex offenses. January/February and September/October start dates.

**AMIkids Southwest Florida**  
1190 Main Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Phone: (239) 765-9696  
Website: [http://amikids.org](http://amikids.org)

A day treatment program for adolescents in grades 7 - 12. Youth are referred to the program through the juvenile justice system or school district.

**Amigos Center (Amigos en Christo, Inc.)**  
25999 Old 41 Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
3634 Central Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone: (239) 992-4348  
(239) 278-5400 ext. 237  
Website: [www.amigoscenter.org](http://www.amigoscenter.org)

Provides services to immigrants including temporary food aid to families in crisis, immigration assistance, translation services, language classes, employment assistance, and social services.
Angel Flight Southeast
8864 Airport Boulevard
Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone:  (352) 326-0761
Website:  www.angelflightse.org

Coordinates free air transportation for children and adults with medical or compelling humanitarian needs.

Anger Class Online
Website:  www.angerclassonline.com

Provides an online anger management course. Offers a course for parents and a course for adolescents. Participants can work at their own pace to complete the course.

Around the Clock Caring
1140 Ceitus Terrace, #8
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone:  (239) 464-6976
Website:  http://aroundtheclockcaring.com

Provides transitional housing to families in need. Assists families with job skills training and job mentoring. Connects families to other families in the community to develop networks of support.

Autism Society of Florida
Website:  www.autismfl.com

A statewide organization that supports individuals with autism, their families, and caregivers. Promotes autism awareness and advocacy.

The Behavioral Health Center
12550 New Brittany Boulevard, Suite 200
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone:  (239) 343-9180
Website:  www.leememorial.org/caring/ops/services.asp

Offers child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry, medication management, psychological assessments, and individual, family, couples, and group therapy. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and private pay. Also offers a partial hospitalization program. Free case management is offered for those without insurance.
Benefits.gov
Website: www.benefits.gov
A website to see if you may be eligible to receive government benefits.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast
6237 Presidential Court
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 288-4224
Website: www.bbbssun.org

Offers community-based and school-based mentoring for youth with volunteer mentors who serve as positive role models for youth.

Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc.
976 Lake Baldwin Lane, Suite 104
Orlando, FL 32814

Phone: (407) 895-0802
Email: staff@birthdefects.org
Website: www.birthdefects.org

Provides information on birth defects and links to birth defects support organizations for parents.

(Division of) Blind Services, Department of Education
2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 207
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 278-7130
Website: http://dbs.myflorida.com

Assists individuals who are blind or have visual impairments and their families with services to reach education and independent living goals.

Bonita Springs Assistance Office
25300 Bernwood Drive, Suite 6
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 992-3034
Email: info@bonitaassistance.org
Website: www.bonitaassistance.org

Provides temporary emergency financial assistance for housing, utilities, prescriptions, and dental care for Bonita Springs residents. Open Mon. – Fri.
Bonita Springs Lions Club Eye Clinic/Snead Eye Group
10322 Pennsylvania Avenue
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 498-3937
Website: www.bonitalions.org

Charitable comprehensive eye care for adults and children who fall below the poverty level and are uninsured.

Boy Scouts of America, S.W. Florida Council
1801 Boy Scout Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-8072
Website: www.swflcouncilbsa.org

Volunteer organization that promotes character development, citizenship, career development, patriotism and self-reliance among boys and young men.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County
7275 Concourse Drive, Suite 200
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 334-1886
Website: www.bgclc.net

Provides positive youth development programs and services including education, character development, arts, and recreation. Clubs are located in various locations throughout Lee County. See website for current locations.

Boys Town National Hotline
Phone: 1-800-448-3000
Website: www.boystown.org

Teens and families can talk to trained counselors for help with suicide prevention, sexual abuse, parenting troubles, anger, physical abuse, school issues, chemical dependency, relationship problems, depression, emotional abuse, runaways, and other issues. Spanish speaking counselors are available. Translation services are available for 140 languages.
Brain Injury Association of Florida
Family Help Line: 1-800-992-3442
Website: www.biaf.org

Provides information about traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and assists in connecting families to a Family Support Specialist. A list of local TBI support groups is available from their website.

The Bridge Youth Center
1735 Jackson Street
Ages: 12 -18
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 274-3437
Website: www.urbanteens.org

Provides a safe, drop-in afterschool youth center during the school year. Summer programs are also available. Call for schedule.

Broadway Community Church – SWFL Outreach
3309 Broadway Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 936-8366
Website: www.broadwaycommunitychurchcog.com

Provides emergency financial assistance. Operates a food pantry as food is available.

Café of Life
10540 Childers Street
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 495-9325
Email: info@cafeoflife.org
Website: www.cafeoflife.org

Serves a lunch Monday through Friday to needy individuals and families in Bonita Springs on the East side of Old 41, between Reynolds and Childers. Also distribute groceries, clothing, and emergency financial assistance.
Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, Inc.
9981 South HealthPark Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908
Phone: (239) 432-2223  
Email: info@candlelightersswfl.org
Website: www.candlelightersswfl.org

Provides support, education, and assistance for families who have children diagnosed with cancer or blood disorders.

Cape Coral Arts Studio
4533 Coronado Parkway
Cape Coral, FL 33904
Phone: (239) 574-0802
Website: www.capecoral.net

Offers classes and summer camps in fine arts and musical theater for youth.

Cape Coral Assembly of God
717 Skyline Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33991
Phone: (239) 574-5690
Website: www.capeassembly.com

The Jeff Henry Food Pantry is available for Cape Coral residents in need. Call for hours and availability.

Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry
2691 Pine Island Road
Cape Coral, FL 33909
Phone: (239) 898-2331  
Website: www.bootstraphomelessministry.com

Provides services for those who are homeless, income deficient, and food insecure at Messiah Lutheran Church. Hot meals are provided on Mondays from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Provides food to go, clothing, toiletries, and referrals on second and fourth Monday of the month.
**Cape Coral Caring Center**  
4645 SE 15th Avenue  
Cape Coral, FL  33904  

Phone:  (239) 945-1927  
Website:  [www.capecoralcaringcenter.org](http://www.capecoralcaringcenter.org)

Provides emergency food to needy families in Cape Coral. Provides one-time financial assistance for paying electric bill (when funds are available). Open Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to noon.

**Cape Coral Housing Development Corporation**  
609 SE 9th Terrace  
Cape Coral, FL 33990-2847  

Phone:  (239) 471-0922  
Website:  [www.capecoralaffordablehousing.com](http://www.capecoralaffordablehousing.com)

Assists first-time home buyers, single parents, or displaced homemakers, who meet income guidelines, purchase a home.

**Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Youth Programs**  
P.O. Box 150027  
Cape Coral, FL 33915  

Phone:  (239) 573-3128  
Website:  [www.capecoral.net](http://www.capecoral.net)

Also see **Cape Coral Youth Center**

Provides child care and afterschool/recreational opportunities for elementary and middle school age youth residing in Cape Coral. Full day programs are available on most school holidays. Rent-a-Teen Program provides a resource listing teens looking to find work. Offers many other classes and events for youth.

**Cape Coral Police Department**  
1100 Cultural Park Boulevard  
Cape Coral, FL  33990  

Phone:  (239) 574-3223  
Website:  [http://capecops.com](http://capecops.com)

The "**Do the Right Thing**” program recognizes youth that have made positive choices at a monthly awards ceremony. (Phone: 242-3342) Application is online. A scholarship program is available for high school seniors.

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A Police Explorers Post #465 involves youth in various police operations to help educate them about careers in law enforcement.

Prescription Drug Disposal – residents can drop off unused prescription medications at the Cape Coral Police Department lobby.

Cape Coral Technical College
360 Santa Barbara Boulevard North
Cape Coral, FL 33993

Phone: (239) 574-4440
Website: www.capecoraltech.edu

Offers technical career education programs for adults and high school students ages 16 years and older. Programs include business, health, hospitality, and technology.

Cape Coral Youth Center/William “Bill” Austen Youth Center
315 S.W. 2nd Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 242-3950
Website: www.capecoral.net

Activities include video games, air hockey, big-screen TV, aerobics, dance, arts, crafts, computers, sports, baby-sitting courses, teen dances.

CareerSource Southwest Florida
4150 Ford Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 931-8200
Website: www.careersourcesouthwestflorida.com

Services include a resource room with free access to computers, phone, and fax, job search assistance, job opportunities, vocational rehabilitation, unemployment compensation, educational opportunities to upgrade job skills, family assistance, welfare transition services, and specialists to assist with those who have barriers to employment.
**C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention Resource Center**  
8695 College Parkway, Suite 2428  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  

Phone: (239) 425-3468 *(Note: this is not a suicide hotline. If you need immediate help call 1-800-273-8255)*  
Website: [www.caresprevention.org](http://www.caresprevention.org)

Educates and supports members of the community on suicide prevention.

**Catholic Charities of Lee County/Diocese of Venice, Inc.**  
4235 Michigan Avenue Link  
Fort Myers, FL 33916  

Phone: (239) 334-4007  
Website: [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

Provides social services for those in need to promote self-sufficiency.

**Locations:**

**AFCAAM** – see separate listing

**Bonita Springs Center** – Positive youth development, DUI and substance abuse treatment programs in Spanish, human trafficking victims assistance, food pantry, benefits applications.  
26820 Old 41 Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
Phone: (239) 390-2928

**Elizabeth Kay Galeana Center** - Immigration Services, food pantry, positive youth development, benefits applications, infant/toddler supplies, case management.  
4235 Michigan Avenue Link  
Fort Myers, FL 33916  
Phone: (239) 337-4193

**Clare House Center** – Senior services and case management.  
5597 Sunrise Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  
Phone: (239) 334-2234

**Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) at USF**  
Phone: 1-800-333-4530 (in Florida)  
Website: [http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu](http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu)

Provides support, instruction, and coaching with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Phone: 1-800-232-4636
Website:  www.cdc.gov

A federal agency that works to protect the health and safety of all citizens. Provides information on diseases, health, and safety topics.

CHADD of Lee County, #613
(Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)
14851 David Drive
Fort Myers, FL  33908

Phone: (239) 940-2578          Email:  chadofleecounty@yahoo.com
Website:  www.chadd.net

Provides information and support to parents of children with attention deficits, adults with attention deficits, educators and other interested professionals. Meeting schedule is online at www.chadd.net/template.cfm?affid=613&p=about.

Challenger Baseball
4385 Cortina Circle, #130
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone:  (239) 898-8677               Email: woodenbat22@hotmail.com
Website:  www.woodenbatclassic.com/challengerbb.html

A program for mentally and physically challenged children and adults to enjoy the full benefits of baseball, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun in an atmosphere specifically designed to meet the individual needs of each challenged athlete.

Child Abuse Hotline
Phone: 1-800-96-ABUSE or 1-800-962-2873
Website:  www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/
Report child abuse online at:  https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us

Receives reports of child abuse and neglect. Provides information and referrals to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Florida law requires certain professionals that know or have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected to report this information to the Department of Children and Families.
 **Child Care Aware**  
Phone: 1-800-424-2246  
Website: [http://childcareaware.org/](http://childcareaware.org/)

Assists parents in becoming informed consumers of quality child care and in finding local, accredited child care services.

 **Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc.**  
6831 Palisades Park Court, Suite 6  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 278-1002  
Email: info@ccswfl.org

Website: [www.ccswfl.org](http://www.ccswfl.org)

Provides child care, voluntary pre-kindergarten programs, and afterschool programs located throughout the area.

 **Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)**  
2855 Colonial Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 337-8199 or 337-8363  
Website: [www.leeschools.net/fdlrs](http://www.leeschools.net/fdlrs)

Provides developmental screening for children who might be experiencing developmental delays. Assists in finding appropriate services and educational programs for children with special needs.

 **Child Support Enforcement Office, Department of Revenue**  
2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 112  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: 1-800-622-KIDS (5437)  

Assists in locating missing parents, determining paternity, establishing medical and financial support orders, and enforcing support.

 **Children’s Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.**  
3830 Evans Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 939-2808  
Website: [www.cac-swfl.org](http://www.cac-swfl.org)

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**Children’s Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. (cont.)**

**Child Protection Team (CPT)** provides crisis intervention for child victims of abuse, neglect, or violent crimes which may include comprehensive medical assessments, family assessments, multidisciplinary staffing, case consultation, psychological evaluations and expert court testimony. Children are typically referred through the Department of Children and Families.

**Family Alliance Program** provides counseling for children that are victims of abuse or neglect, or who have witnessed violence or are victims of a violent crime, their families, and offenders.

**Family First** is violence prevention and intervention program offered to parents whose children attend one of four designated day care centers.

**Partners in Parenting** offers free parenting education classes in English and Spanish based on the “Nurturing Parenting Program.” Free childcare is available for infants and toddlers.

**Children’s Home Society**
1940 Maravilla Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-0222
Website: [www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org)

Provides counseling to promote healthy pregnancies, adoption services, support coordination to people with disabilities, independent living services to foster teens, safe sleep education/cribs for kids program, and clinical therapy for youth and families in crisis.

The **Bridges** program provides case management services for families with children who are experiencing housing instability.

The **Healthy Families** program provides home visitation for expecting parents and parents of newborns to promote positive parent-child relationships and optimize the health and development of children.
**Children’s Medical Services (CMS)**
9800 South Health Park Circle, Suite 405
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: prenatal – 20

Phone: (239) 433-6723
Website: [www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/](http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/)

Provides a comprehensive continuum of medical and supporting services to medically and financially eligible children and high-risk pregnant women. Serves children with special health care needs whose serious or chronic physical or developmental conditions require extensive preventive and maintenance care.

**Children’s Network of Southwest Florida**
2232 Altamont Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 226-1524
Website: [www.childnetswfl.org](http://www.childnetswfl.org)

Lead administrative agency for subcontracted social service organizations in Southwest Florida which provide prevention and intervention services that address child abuse and neglect. Provides a diversion program for at-risk children.

**Children’s Rights Council**
Website: [www.crckids.org](http://www.crckids.org)
Email: info@crckids.org

Information, resources, and services on shared parenting to help divorced, separated, and never married parents and their extended family remain actively and responsibly involved in their child’s life.

**City Gate Church/Elevation Ministries**
1735 Jackson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-7747
Website: [www.citygateswfl.org](http://www.citygateswfl.org)

A ministry to the homeless provides breakfast, hot showers, washes two days change of clothes, haircuts, and a bag lunch to go on Tuesdays from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.
City of Palms Charter High School (formerly Life Skills Academy)  
2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 201  
Fort Myers, FL 33916  
Phone: (239) 561-6611  
Email: info@cityofpalmscharter.com  
Website: www.cityofpalmscharter.com  
An alternative education program for students ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of school or are at risk of dropping out. The program accommodates students who are experiencing difficulties with the routine of traditional public school by using computer based instruction. Classes are offered year round. Students may enroll at any time of the year.

Clearpoint  
Phone: 1-800-251-2227  
Website: www.credability.org  
Provides free counseling by phone and online on budgeting, credit, debt management, bankruptcy, housing, and student debt. Provides educational programs online on budgeting, debt management, foreclosure prevention, and buying a home.

Come As You Are Ministries  
2550 South Cleveland Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL  
Hot meals are provided on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 5:00 pm at Lion’s Park (north of Lee Memorial Hospital).

Community Cooperative  
3429 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
P.O. Box 2143  
Fort Myers, FL 33902 -3429  
Phone: (239) 332-7687  
Website: www.communitycooperative.com  
Provides a soup kitchen for homeless and needy families. The Choice Market provides needy families in Lee County a choice of emergency food items up to one time per quarter a year. Offers a Montessori preschool, life coaching, financial literacy classes, crisis intervention and case management for families at risk of becoming homeless, social services for chronic homelessness, and health and wellness programs. Provides food distribution and targeted case management at the Cape Coral United Way House and the Dunbar United Way House.
**Community Pregnancy Clinic**
The Terraces, 8660 College Parkway, Suite 200
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 689-1543
Website: [www.communitypregnancyclinic.com](http://www.communitypregnancyclinic.com)

Pregnancy testing, sexual health/STD education, adoption information, infant care classes, abstinence education, diapers, and infant clothing.

**Compass Center/Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**
2208 Castillo Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-5535 ext. 100
Website: [www.coastalbh.org](http://www.coastalbh.org)

A residential treatment program for adolescents who have a drug or alcohol addiction and co-occurring mental health problems. Has a number of funding options available, including private insurance and a sliding fee scale based on income.

**Cornerstone Ministries**
3220 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 337-4140
Website: [www.firstassemblycornerstone.com](http://www.firstassemblycornerstone.com)

Provides food, clothing, work training, literacy training, back-to-school supplies for low-income families, youth groups and church services.

**Court Administration, 20th Judicial Circuit**
Lee County Justice Center
1700 Monroe Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-9197
Website: [www.ca.cjis20.org/home/main/homepage.asp](http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/main/homepage.asp)

Provides case management and operational support to the courts. Administrates family court programs, court alternative programs, and adult probation, among other programs.

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**Court Administration, 20th Judicial Circuit (cont.)**

**Teen Court** is an alternative to traditional court for first time juvenile offenders that have committed misdemeanor crimes. Youth from the community serve as volunteer attorneys and jury members to impose sanctions. (Phone 533-2840)

**Juvenile Arbitration** also is a court diversion program for arrested youth which utilizes community volunteers to hear the case and impose sanctions. (Phone: 533-7101) (Address: 1039 SE 9th Place, #361, Cape Coral, FL 33990)

**Cyber Tip Line/Child Pornography Tip Line**
Phone: 1-800-843-5678
Website: [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com)

Provides a means for reporting child pornography and cases of child sexual exploitation.

**DJB Technical Academy**
13830 Jetport Commerce Parkway, Suite 6
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Phone: (239) 476-9100 Email: [mail@djbtechnicalacademy.org](mailto:mail@djbtechnicalacademy.org)
Website: [www.djbtechnicalacademy.org](http://www.djbtechnicalacademy.org)

An alternative charter high school designed to work with students who are at risk of dropping out of high school due to previously being retained, suspended, failing to receive credit, or having had excessive school absences. The school combines individually paced academic instruction with career preparation.

**Deaf Service and Hard of Hearing Center of Southwest Florida**
1860 Boy Scout Road, Suite B208
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 461-0334 or (239) 247-5821 (VP for the deaf)
Website: [www.dsc.us](http://www.dsc.us)

Provides interpreting services for deaf and hard of hearing, information and referral, assistive devices, community education, job assistance, advocacy, and sign language classes.
**Delta Family Counseling**
3723A Del Prado Boulevard            8695 College Parkway, Suite 1250  
Cape Coral, FL 33904                     Fort Myers, FL 33919  
Phone: (239) 540-1155  
Website:  [www.deltafamilycounseling.com](http://www.deltafamilycounseling.com)  

Provides individual, couples, and family counseling. Services include play therapy and pet assisted play therapy. Fee for services. Accepts some insurance (see website).

**Department of Children and Families (DCF)**
2295 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone: (239) 338-1211 or (877) 595-0384  
Website:  [www.dcf.state.fl.us](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us)  

State agency which administers a variety of social services.

*Child Abuse Investigations* conducts child protective investigations on all reports of child abuse or neglect. To report abuse or neglect call 1-800-962-2873.

*ACCESS* sites are located at partner agencies throughout the community to apply for public assistance. For ACCESS locations go to [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida). (Phone: 866-762-2237)

**Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)**
2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 195 (Administrative Offices)  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone: (239) 338-2493  
Website:  [www.djj.state.fl.us](http://www.djj.state.fl.us)  

The *Juvenile Assessment Center Screening Unit* at 2107 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Fort Myers screens all youth who have been arrested. (Phone: 258-3461 or 258-3471)

*Probation Office Locations:*

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**Southwest Florida Regional Detention Center** at 2525 Ortiz Avenue in Fort Myers provides a short-term secure facility for youth who have been detained for committing law violations. Youth may be detained if they have committed a serious offense, are a threat to the community, or to insure his/her presence in court. (Phone: 332-6927)

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance**

Phone: 1-800-826-3632  
Website: [www.dbsalliance.org](http://www.dbsalliance.org)

Provides information and resources about parenting a child or adolescent with depression and bipolar disorder. Find contacts on the website for local support groups.

**Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida/Destiny Diaper Bank**

3677 Central Avenue, Unit A  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 288-6209  
Website: [www.destinydiaperbank.com](http://www.destinydiaperbank.com)

Provides diapers and other baby supplies to low income populations. Moms in school must have an 80% attendance each month. Offers classes in parenting, finances, health and wellness and other specialty classes through its “Mom’s University” program.

**Devereux Florida/Dual Diagnosis Center**

Central Referral Unit: 1-800-338-3738  
Website: [www.devereux.org](http://www.devereux.org)

Has a group home in the local area serving teens with symptoms of both developmental disabilities and mental illness. Statewide offers a range of programs for individuals with emotional, behavioral, or intellectual/developmental challenges.

**Disability Rights Florida** (formerly Advocacy Center)

2473 Care Drive, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Phone: 1-800-342-0823 or 1-800-345-4127 (TDD)  
Website: [www.disabilityrightsflorida.org](http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org)

A non-profit organization that educates, supports, and advocates with people who have disabilities, their families, and circles of support.
(The International) Dyslexia Association
Website:  www.interdys.org

Provides information and research on dyslexia. Search by state for professional services addressing dyslexia.

Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida
2675 Winkler Avenue, Suite 300
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 935-6100
Website:  www.elcofswfl.org

Contracts for subsidized childcare services and for voluntary pre-kindergarten services. Provides free information and referral to families looking for childcare, voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK), before and after school care for school aged children, and summer camps.

Easter Seals Florida, Gulf Coast Region
3984 Arnold Avenue, Suite 100
Naples, FL 34104

Phone: (239) 403-0366
Website:  http://fl.easterseals.com

Provides case management and advocacy for individuals with special needs and their families. Provides workshops for parents of school aged children with Individual Education Plans (IEP’s).

Elite DNA Therapy Services
6360 Techster Boulevard, Suite 1
Fort Myers, FL  33966

Phone: (239) 223-2751
Website:  http://dnakidstherapy.com/

Provides occupational therapy, psychiatry, psychotherapy, nutritional counseling, speech therapy, and mental health services.

Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
4040 Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite D
Fort Myers, FL  33916

Phone:  (239) 275-4838

Provides medical services, consultation, clinical assistance in accessing medication, education program, and summer youth camp. Sliding fees.
**Family Care Council**  
Phone:  1-800-470-8101  
Website:  [www.fccflorida.org](http://www.fccflorida.org)

Promotes the welfare, dignity and achievement of full potential of developmentally disabled individuals and preserving the family’s ability to function as a unit. Local meetings are held once a month. Call for schedule.

**Family Court Services**  
Lee County Justice Center  
1700 Monroe Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  

Phone:  (239) 533-2747  
Website:  [www.ca.cjis20.org/home/main/fcs.asp](http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/main/fcs.asp)

Provides assistance to those representing themselves in family law matters. Staff provide guidance in understanding court procedures, accessing necessary forms, and provide notary and copying services.

**Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida**  
2256 Heitman Street (Executive Office)  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  

Phone:  (239) 278-3600  
Website:  [www.fhcswf.org](http://www.fhcswf.org)

Provides primary medical and dental care to all ages. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Adult, pediatric, and dental services are located at multiple sites throughout the county. See website for locations, phone numbers, and services at each location.

**Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.**  
2196 Main Street, Suite L  
Dunedin, FL 34698  

Phone:  1-800-825-5736  
Website:  [www.fndfl.org](http://www.fndfl.org)

A statewide network of individuals with disabilities or special needs and their families that promotes full access to family-driven support, education, information, resources and advocacy. See Parent Education Network Project (PEN) at [http://fndusa.org/contact-us/programs/pen/](http://fndusa.org/contact-us/programs/pen/) for local network.
**First Candle**  
Phone: 1-800-221-7437 (toll free)  
Website: [www.firstcandle.org](http://www.firstcandle.org)

Provides support to families that experience an infant death. Grief counselors are available 24/7. Supports research, education, and advocacy to promote safe pregnancies and survival of babies through the first years of life. Primary focus is on stillbirths, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID). Provides infant safe sleep education.

**F.I.S.H. of SanCap**  
2430-B Periwinkle Way  
Sanibel, FL 33957  

Phone: (239) 472-0404  
Email: info@fishofsancap.org  
Website: [www.fishofsanibel.org](http://www.fishofsanibel.org)

Provides 24 hour social services available for Sanibel and Captiva residents. Includes a food pantry, emergency rent and/or utility bill assistance, youth scholarships for summer camp, skills building, and/or educational trips, scholarships for adult continuing education, assistance with emergency medical, dental, healthcare, or prescriptions, and WIC services.

**Florida Art Therapy Services**  
6385 Presidential Court, Unit 108  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  

Website: [www.floridaarttherapyservices.com](http://www.floridaarttherapyservices.com)  
Contact at: [https://reina-lombardi-e6j4.squarespace.com/contact/](https://reina-lombardi-e6j4.squarespace.com/contact/)

Provides mental health therapy utilizing art media and the creative process to improve or restore a client’s functioning and sense of well being. No prior art experience is necessary to benefit. Traditional talk therapy is also available.

**Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**  
Phone: 1-800-500-1119 or 1-800-621-4202 (TDD)  
Website: [www.fcadv.org](http://www.fcadv.org)

A 24-hour, toll-free domestic violence hotline that links callers to the nearest domestic violence center. Provides translation services, legal assistance and assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence.
**Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking**  
Phone: (727) 442-3064  
Website: [www.stophumantrafficking.org](http://www.stophumantrafficking.org)  

Provides advocacy, immigration assistance, transportation assistance, information and referral to victims of human trafficking.

**Florida Conservation Corps**  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Ages: 17+  
4801 Camp Ranch Road  
Gainesville, FL 32641  

Phone: (352) 955-2138  
Website: [www.floridastateparks.org/get-involved/florida-conservation-corps](http://www.floridastateparks.org/get-involved/florida-conservation-corps)  

Provides an AmeriCorps work experience removing non-native plants within Florida State Parks. Participants commit to 11 months/1700 hours of service for which they receive a monthly living allowance. Upon completion of services they are eligible for a monetary award for college or vocational school tuition or repayment of student loans. January start dates each year. Requires H.S. diploma or GED, or commitment to earn one.

**Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling**  
Phone: 1-888-236-4848 (888-ADMIT-IT)  
Website: [www.gamblinghelp.org](http://www.gamblinghelp.org)  

A 24-hour, toll-free, confidential and multilingual helpline that provides support, information, and referral to problem gamblers and their families.

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement**  
Fort Myers Regional Operations Center  
4700 Terminal Drive, Suite 1  
Fort Myers, FL 33907  

Phone: (239) 278-7170  
Website: [www.fdle.state.fl.us](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us)  

In addition to many other law enforcement functions, provides a sex offender search to find offenders that live near your home or school. The website also provides information on how one can get criminal records sealed and expunged.
Florida Equal Justice Center
3210 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 102
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone: (239) 277-7060

Provides free legal representation to low income and indigent people in the areas of immigration, landlord/tenant law, education law, family law, and civil rights.

Florida Housing Search
Phone: 1-877-428-8844
Website: www.floridahousingsearch.org

A free resource for finding affordable housing in Florida. Provides a calculator to help figure what one can afford to rent and matches to local listings in that range.

Florida KidCare
Phone: 1-888-540-5437
Website: www.floridakidcare.org

Florida’s children’s health insurance program which includes MediKids, Healthy Kids, the Children’s Medical Services network for children with special health care needs, and Medicaid for children.

Florida Kinship Support Center
USF School of Social Work
4202 East Fowler Avenue, MGY 132
Tampa, FL 33620
Phone: 1-800-640-6444
Website: www.cas.usf.edu/~krisman

Provides emotional support, information, and referral for grandparents and other relatives raising children throughout Florida. Their website lists local support groups.

The Kinship Care Warmline at 1-800-640-6444 provides “a listening ear,” information, and referral for relative caregivers between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.
Florida MENTOR
7680 Cambridge Manor Place, Suite 200
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone: (239) 466-2000
Website:  http://fl-mentor.com

Provides residential and hourly support services for youth of all ages with emotional and behavioral challenges, as well as, adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and medically complex needs.

Florida Network of Youth and Family Services
Phone: (850) 922-4324
Website:  www.floridanetwork.org

A statewide association that manages the local agencies that provide services for homeless, truant, and ungovernable youth ages 10-17. Their website offers information for parents struggling with their child’s behavior.

Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
Website:  www.fpea.com

Offers support to families who homeschool to promote the highest quality home education programs. Provides information for families considering homeschooling and contacts for local support groups.

Florida Rural Legal Services
3210 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 101
P.O. Box 219
Fort Myers, FL 33902
Phone: (239) 334-4554 or 1-800-476-8937
Website:  www.frls.org

Free legal representation is provided to those below poverty level in matters related to housing, civil rights, public benefits, income maintenance, health care and consumer law.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
P.O. Box 2000                                    Ages:  10 – 18 (summer camp)
Boys Ranch, FL  32064                           8 – 18 (residential program)

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Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches (cont.)

Phone: 1-800-765-3797  
Website:  www.youthranches.org

Provides a week-long summer camp for youth. Provides residential programs for at-risk youth. A Request for Service form is filled out by the legal guardians and then submitted to the Sheriff in the child’s county of residence. It is then forwarded to a Family Case Manager responsible for the geographic area of Florida in which the child resides. Check the website for eligibility requirements.

❖ Florida Southwestern State College Dental Hygiene Clinic  
8099 College Parkway, Building A  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 985-8334

Students learning to be dental hygienists provide dental cleaning and x-rays at reduced fees. Must be willing to stay for instructor to check students’ work.

❖ Florida Virtual School  
Website:  www.flvs.net

Provides a statewide, online public school that offers accredited courses for grades K-12. Free to Florida students.

❖ Florida Vision Quest  
Website:  www.flvq.org

Provides free children’s eye exams and new eyeglasses for children with poor vision who cannot afford glasses. Referrals are accepted online from school personnel and public health departments.

❖ Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy  
5629 State Road 16 West  
Ages: 16 – 18  
Building 3800

Starke, FL 32091  
Email: admissions@flyca.info

Phone: (904) 682-4031 or (904) 682-4033  
Website:  www.floridayouthchallengeacademy.org

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Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy (cont.)

A 17½ month voluntary quasi-military training and mentoring program in partnership with the National Guard. Assists high school dropouts, expellees and at-risk youth to develop life skills, complete education goals, and develop employment potential. Applicants must not be on probation for a juvenile crime nor convicted of a felony crime. Must be free of illegal drugs.

✦ Florida’s Adoption Information Center
4203 Southpoint Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Phone: 1-800-96-ADOPT (In FL)   1-904-353-0679 (Outside of FL)
Website: http://adoptflorida.com/index.htm

Provides adoption information and referral services to adoptive parents, adult adoptees, birth relatives, pregnant women, and professionals.

✦ Florida’s Early Steps Directory
Website:

Statewide information and resources for parents or caregivers of children with diagnosed or suspected developmental delays or disabilities from birth to three years of age, providers, and other interested groups or individuals.

✦ Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center
3500 Fowler Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 481-6262
Website: www.fmcoc.com

Includes a teen ministry. Provides food and clothes closet to individuals and families on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

✦ Fort Myers Police Department
2210 Widman Way
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 321-7700
Website: www.fmpolice.com

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Fort Myers Police Department (cont.)

The "Do the Right Thing" program recognizes youth that have made positive choices during a monthly awards ceremony and at special events planned for the winners. See website for nomination form.

The JAM Unit (Juvenile Arrest and Monitoring) assists in providing monitoring of youth that have been arrested and have court sanctions.

The Police Athletic League (PAL) offers sports and other recreational activities for boys and girls ages 8-17.

KOPS (Kids Our Primary Source) provides youth, ages 11-13, an opportunity to build positive relationships with police through live police scenarios and demonstrations, hands-on equipment displays, and team building activities. Call 321-7700 for information.

The Police Explorer Post #55 provides youth ages 14-19 with an opportunity to experience daily operations of the police department by riding along with police officers on the road. Explorers assist police officers with various tasks and at community events.

Respect for Law Camp – 1 weekend in summer, ages 11-14. Space is limited. Call 321-7700 for information.

City of) Fort Myers Recreation Division
1820 Hendry Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 321-7530
Website: www.cityftmyers.com/551/Recreation

Offers recreational classes and programs, special events, summer camps, school break camps, afterschool programs, swimming lessons, skate board park, ice skate rink, and youth athletic programs.

Fort Myers Technical College
3800 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-4544
Website: www.flortmyerstech.edu

A post secondary career and technical education center. Offers career training and GED preparation. Students must be at least 16 years old. High school students must be enrolled as a student in a Florida public secondary school, be classified as at least a junior, have a good attendance record, and have a satisfactory discipline record.
**Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center**  
410 Santa Barbara Boulevard  
P.O. Box 150027  
Cape Coral, FL 33915-0027  

Phone: (239) 574-0574  
Website: [www.capecoral.net](http://www.capecoral.net)

Provides adults and children with developmental disabilities social and educational opportunities designed to foster independence, self-esteem, individual growth and interpersonal relations. Provides supported employment, non-residential support services, after school, evening and weekend socials, special events, bowling and travel club.

**Gabriel House**  
6900 Daniels Parkway, Suite 29  
Ages: 0 – 6  
Fort Myers, Florida 33912  

Phone: (239) 489-2663  
Website: [http://gabrielhouse.org](http://gabrielhouse.org)

A Christian based home for abandoned, displaced, under privileged, and medically needy children.

**Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.**  
4780 Cattlemen Road  
Sarasota, FL 34233  
Other: girls  
Ages: 5 -17  
Phone: (239) 561-1800 (for Lee County membership specialists)  
Website: [www.gsgcf.org](http://www.gsgcf.org)

Volunteer organization that promotes character development, good conduct, patriotism and service.

**Gladiolus Learning and Development Center**  
10320 Gladiolus Drive  
Ages: 4 weeks - 12  
Fort Myers, FL 33908  

Phone: (239) 481-2100  
Website: [www.gladkids.net](http://www.gladkids.net)

Provides an enriched educational program with an emphasis on literacy for children of working parents in the Harlem Heights community. Includes afterschool and summer programs.
The Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
9981 S. HealthPark Drive
Ft. Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 343-5000  Email: children@leememorial.org
Website: www.leememorial.org/childrenhospital

A comprehensive child health care facility. Offers Safe Sitter classes for ages 11 to 16 (fees, call 343-5101).

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
5100 Tice Street
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 995-2106
Website: www.goodwillswfl.org

Assists those with employment challenges to find jobs, keep a job, and advance in a career.

The Florida High School – High Tech program is for youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 22. It encourages youth to explore their potential and interests in science, technology, engineering, and math through mentoring, corporate site visits, job shadowing, and visits to colleges. (Phone 995-2106, extension 2227)

Job-Link Family Resource Centers – Joblink centers are located throughout the community. They can help with employment skills training and can assist with resume preparation and job applications. They are co-located with other social service agencies where one can access family strengthening services. Check their website at www.goodwillswfl.org/joblink for locations.

The L.I.F.E. Academy is a charter school for students with intellectual disabilities ages 11 to 22 entering grades 6-12. Located at 5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers. (Phone: 334-4434)

TOPS (Teen Outreach Program) is a weekly program for youth in 6th through 12 grades guided by a nine-month curriculum that helps reduce the risk of problem behaviors and promotes healthy choices. Meets at the Suncoast Community Center and the Pine Manor Community Center (call 995-2106 extension 2312 for information).
Grace Community Center
4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 574-7161

Thrift store, GED classes, parenting classes, afterschool programs, Celebrate Recovery, free health screenings, and food bank. Call for hours.

Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus
13 SE 21st Place
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-7161
Website: www.egracechurch.com

“Celebrate Recovery: Healing Hurts, Habits, and Hang-ups,” a church service to assist those in recovery and in resolving family issues, is offered on Fridays at 6:45 pm. Separate services are available for youth and adults.

G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenting)/The Ol’Geta Beckworth Foundation
P.O. Box 249
Estero, FL 33929

Phone: (239) 415-9780 or (239) 433-0780

Provides outreach, assistance, workshops, and support meetings for grandparents raising their grandchildren. Provides financial resources, clothing, and food on a limited basis.

Guardian Ad Litem
2075 West First Street, Suite 300
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-5437
Website: www.guardianadlitem.org

Assigns volunteers to represent abused, neglected and abandoned children in court proceedings.
Habitat for Humanity
1288 North Tamiami Trail
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 652-0434
Website: http://habitat4humanity.org/

Offers an opportunity for low income families to own a home through the help of donors, volunteers, and homeowner participation in construction of the home.

Harbor Counseling & Lighthouse Addiction Services
2804 Del Prado Boulevard, #104
Cape Coral, Fl 33904

Phone: (239) 540-8011

Outpatient substance abuse treatment for adolescents and adults. Sliding fee scale.

Harry Chapin Food Bank
3760 Fowler Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-7007
Website: http://harrychapinfoodbank.org/

Works in a cooperative effort with other local entities to procure and distribute food to those in need. (Does not distribute food directly to individuals or families.) Provides opportunities for volunteer community service.

Head Start/Early Head Start/Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten/Lee County Public Schools Early Childhood Learning Services
3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 4 (administrative offices)
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-2512
Website: www.leeschools.net/earlychildhood

Provides programs for families with pre-school children to enhance school readiness. Both center based programs and home-based programs are available.
Health Insurance Marketplace
Website:  www.healthcare.gov

Florida residents may use this website to compare insurance plans and apply for health insurance coverage.

Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida
8961 Daniels Center Drive, Suite 401
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone:  (239) 433-6700
Website:  www.hpcswf.com

Provides health-related information and data. Works to improve citizen’s access to health care and reduce disparities in health status,

Early Steps/Early Intervention Program serves children ages 0 to 3 with developmental delays and their families.

Healthy Kids
Phone:  1-888-540-5437  Ages:  5 – 18
Website:  www.healthykids.org

Offers affordable, low cost health insurance for uninsured children in Florida who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
2070 Carrell Road, Suite B  Ages: up to age 3
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone:  (239) 418-2900
Website:  www.leememorial.org

Provides home nurse visitation and care coordination to high-risk pregnant moms, babies, and young children who are at risk of poor health outcomes.

Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
1921 Jefferson Avenue  Ages: up to age 3
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone:  (239) 425-6920 (administration)
1-800-883-1959 (customer services)
Website:  www.healthystartswfl.com/

Assists at-risk pregnant mothers and families with young children to access health care and other community services to improve health outcomes.
The Heights Center/The Heights Foundation
15570 Hagie Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 482-7706
Website: http://heightsfoundatioin.org

Provides educational opportunities to the Harlem Heights community including classes in literacy, GED, and computer, employment training, medical screenings, visual and performing arts, violence prevention, afterschool program, sports, scouts, and family strengthening activities. Has a charter school for grades K-3. Operates a food pantry at 10511 Gladiolus Drive on Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County (HORC)
2915 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 200
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 768-2013
Website: www.horcswfl.org

Provides comprehensive counseling and education on housing including affordable housing assistance, credit and budgeting, buying a first home, and foreclosures.

Home School Education Program/School District of Lee County
2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 337-8259
Website: www.leeschools.net/homeschool

Home School is one option parents have in schooling their children. To do so, parents must register with the Home School Education Office.

Tip: Use Control + F to search for key terms and program names when accessing the electronic version of this resource guide.
Hope HealthCare Services
9470 Healthpark Circle (Main Office) Ages: 5 and up
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 482-4673 or 1-855-454-3104
Website: www.hopehospice.org

Other Locations:
2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral 33909
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Provides a variety of services to all people with complex needs related to transitions, loss, and end of life. Services include individual and group grief counseling, support groups, counseling for victims of crime, visiting nurses, caregiver support, and hospice care.

Hope Kids Care provides developmentally appropriate care to infants, children and adolescents with life-limiting conditions.

Rainbow Trails Camp is provided for children ages 6-16 who have lost a loved one.

Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
4224 Renaissance Preserve Way
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 344-3220
Website: www.hacfm.org

Provides public housing, family services, and a Boys and Girls Club.

IMPACT for Developmental Education, Inc.
1650 Medical Lane #4 Mail: PO Box 51319 Ages: 0 – 5
Ft. Myers, FL 33994 Fort Myers, FL 33994

Phone: (239) 334-6160
Website: www.impactforkids.org

Provides a continuum of early intervention services and education programs to families of children with developmental delays or special needs including autism spectrum disorders and behavioral issues. An inclusive preschool is available for children ages 2 to 5.
**Interfaith Charities of South Lee, Inc.**  
17592 Rockefeller Circle  
Fort Myers, FL 33967

Phone: (239) 267-3510  
Website: [http://icslee.org](http://icslee.org)

Provides a food pantry, emergency financial assistance and minor home repair. Co-locates other social service agencies on-site. Serves only residents of San Carlos Park and Estero.

**Into the Jordan Ministries**  
2701 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 160  
Ages: 16 – 40  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (518) 545-4856  
Email: info@intothejordan.org  
Website: [http://intothejordan.org](http://intothejordan.org)

A counseling center for trafficked and sexually exploited adolescent girls and women. Provides Christian based individual and group counseling, wellness group, residential program placement, life coaching, and biblical mentorship.

**Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties**  
9701 Commerce Center Court  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 481-4449  
Website: [http://jewishfederationlcc.org/menu-of-services](http://jewishfederationlcc.org/menu-of-services)

Offers a food pantry and emergency financial assistance (by appointment only).

**Job Corps**  
Ages: 16 – 24

A comprehensive residential education and job training program for economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth. Must be a U.S. citizen, have parent’s permission (if a minor), be drug free, a high school dropout or in need of further vocational training/education, and free of face-to-face court or institutional supervision while in the program. Programs are located throughout the state. Call for information at (239) 278-7140 or go online to [http://jobcorps.dol.gov/centers/fl.htm](http://jobcorps.dol.gov/centers/fl.htm).
**Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida**  
9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 302  
Fort Myers, FL 33912  

Phone: (239) 225-2590  
Email: info@jaswfl.org  
Website: www.jaswfl.org  

Provides in-school and after-school programs for students to learn work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

**Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC)**  
2107 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33901-3603  

Phone: (239) 258-3450  
Website: www.swfljac.org  

Provides screening/assessment and referral for arrested youth and at-risk youth (non-arrested). Partner agencies provide counseling with youth and families. Provides information and referral to assist families to find treatment and services for youth.

The *Civil Citation* program is an alternative to arrest for youth who have committed minor crimes. Youth who successfully complete assigned sanctions will have no arrest record. Youth are referred by a law enforcement officer. (Phone: 258-3466)

**CHAMPS (Choosing Healthy Attitudes & Motivating Personal Success)** works with youth in the Civil Citation program. It includes screening, inspiring motivation to change, setting individualized goals, counseling, support groups, random drug testing, short term case management, and referral for community services. (Phone: 258-3452)

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**  
Website: www.jdrf.org  

Supports diabetes research and provides education about diabetes.

**Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program/Bay Area Youth Services**  
2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 103B  
Fort Myers, FL 33916  

Phone: (239) 939-3238  
Website: http://baysflorida.org/  

“J-DAP” provides intensive case management, monitoring, and behavioral interventions for arrested youth who are at risk for reoffending. Youth are referred to the program by the court system.
**Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program**  
An educational program to teach children about the dangers of fire and fire safety. Children may be referred by law enforcement or parents. Contact the fire district where the youth resides.

**Knox Academy**  
4481 Pine Road  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 362-0903  
Website: [www.theknoxacademy.com](http://www.theknoxacademy.com)

A therapeutic school for students in grades 6 – 12 with emotional disturbances or high functioning disabilities. Accepts McKay and Step Up for Students scholarships.

**Laces of Love**  
1976 Bethany Place  
Naples, FL 34109

Website: [www.lacesoflove.org](http://www.lacesoflove.org)  
Email: info@lacesoflove.org

Provides new shoes to low income and disadvantaged youth in Lee and Collier counties. Educates the public on the needs of these children.

**LARC, Inc.**  
2570 Hanson Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-6285  
Email: info@larcleecounty.org  
Website: [www.larcleecounty.org](http://www.larcleecounty.org)

Assists individuals with developmental disabilities through support services, vocational training, job placement and assisted living.

**Lee Adolescent Mother’s Program (LAMP) at New Directions**  
3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 2  
Fort Myers, FL  33916

Phone: (239) 332-2526  
Website: [http://lamp.leeschools.net](http://lamp.leeschools.net)

Allows pregnant teenagers to continue their high school education during their pregnancy. Students may continue in the program after the birth of their child with the assistance of on-site day care.
Lee County Bar Association
2077 First Street, Suite 207
P.O. Box 1387
Fort Myers, FL 33902-1387

Phone: (239) 334-0047
Website: http://leebar.org/

Sponsors free legal clinics on important topics of local interest. Provides a lawyer referral service. Youth programs include Moot Court and annual Mock Trial competitions.

Lee County Clerk of Courts
P.O. Box 2469
Ft. Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 533-5000
Website: www.leeclerk.org

Juvenile/Delinquency Division
P.O. Box 9347
Fort Myers FL 33902

Phone: (239) 533-1400

The office’s many functions include filing and maintaining court records, collecting and disbursing court fees, collecting court ordered child support, maintaining all official records for the county, collecting traffic fines, processing passports, summoning jurors, and issuing marriage licenses.

Program Locations:

Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe St. or 2075 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Fort Myers

First Floor: Criminal and Traffic Services
Includes processing of payments for traffic fines and probation, pre-trial payments, payment plans on traffic and criminal balances, scheduling criminal court dates, reinstating and clearing drivers licenses suspensions, printing driving records, juvenile/delinquency, and providing copies of criminal court and traffic records.

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Lee County Clerk of Courts (cont.)

Second Floor: Civil, Jury Assembly, and Clerk Administration
Includes all processes dealing with Circuit Civil Court and County Civil Court, family law, probate, small claims, appeal cases, foreclosure cases, child support payments, and jury duty.

Lee County Government Center, 1039 S.E. 9th Place, Cape Coral

Second Floor: Traffic Services and Payments, Official Records, Probate, Civil
Check the website for the specific services offered at this location as it is not a full service site.

Lee County Coalition for a Drug Free Southwest Florida
P.O. Box 61688
Fort Myers, FL  33906-1688

Phone: (239) 931-9317
Website: www.drugfreeswfl.org

An alliance of community members that work to prevent and reduce substance abuse in Lee County.

Lee County Department of Human Services
2440 Thompson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-7930
Website: www.leegov.com/dhs

Provides emergency services for families experiencing unforeseen financial hardship. Provides assistance with mortgage, rent, utility expenses, and emergency home improvement repairs for eligible low income families. Offers vocational training in medical office skills to assist individuals in becoming financially self sufficient.

The Moral Reconciliation Therapy Program (MRT) works with youth who have committed a crime and strives to re-educate them socially, morally, and behaviorally and instill appropriate goals, motivations and values.

The Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NAB) program is a court diversion program for youth who were arrested for minor crimes. It utilizes trained community volunteers in a restorative conferencing model. Program participants must be referred through the justice system. However, youth and adults in the community may serve as volunteers. (Phone: 533-7947) (Website: www.leegov.com/dhs/neighborhood/youth)
Lee County Extension
3410 Palm Beach Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 533-4327
Website: http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/index.shtml

Provides training and education on topics such as nutrition, health, food safety, agriculture, natural resources, horticulture, youth development, financial management, consumer education, and stress management.

Lee County 4-H
c/o Lee County Extension Service
3410 Palm Beach Boulevard
Ft. Myers, FL 33916-3736

Phone: (239) 533-4327
Website: http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/4H/4HHome.shtml

Provides youth development opportunities through traditional 4-H clubs, school enrichment, and special interest programs.

Lee County Government
2115 Second Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-2111
Website: www.lee-county.com

The county’s website provides information about local public resources.

Lee County Health Department
3920 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-9501
Website: http://lee.floridahealth.gov

Works to assure the health and safety of all county residents and visitors.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a federally funded nutrition program for women, infants, and children that provides at no cost healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breast feeding support, and referrals for health care.

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**Lee County Health Department (cont.)**

**Clinic Locations:**  
Lehigh Clinic  
5624 8th Street West, Suite 106  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971  
Phone: (239) 344-2000

Michigan Clinic  
3920 Michigan Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916  
Phone: (239) 332-9501

Pondella Clinic  
83 Pondella Road  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903  
Phone: (239) 461-6100

**Lee County Homeless Coalition**  
1500 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 235  
Fort Myers, Florida 33907  
Phone: (239) 322-6600  
Email: leehomeless@gmail.com  
Website: [www.leehomeless.org](http://www.leehomeless.org/)

A coalition of agencies and citizens that work to solve problems of affordable housing and homelessness in Lee County. Their website provides guides to finding local emergency assistance including free meals, housing, food pantries, financial assistance, etc. (Note: Their listings of resources for these issues are more extensive than provided in this resource guide).

**Lee County Housing Authority**  
14170 Warner Circle  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903  
Phone: (239) 997-6688  
Website: [http://leecountyha.org](http://leecountyha.org)

Offers public housing, housing vouchers, and family self sufficiency program.
Lee County Legal Aid Society
2211 Widman Way, Suite 600
Fort Myers, FL  33901
Phone:  (239) 334-6118                     Email:  info@leecountylegalaid.com
Website:  www.leecountylegalaid.org

Provides family law services to residents of Lee County with a limited income.

Lee County Library System
2345 Union St. (Administration)
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone: (239) 533-4800
Website:  www.leelibrary.net

Provides youth/family activities and sources of self-help information. Website provides catalog search for books and resources.

Other Library Locations:
Bonita Springs, 26876 Pine Avenue, Bonita Springs  533-4860
Cape Coral, 921 S.W. 39th Terrace, Cape Coral  533-4500
Captiva Memorial, 11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva  533-4890
Dunbar – Jupiter Hammon, 3095 Blount St., Fort Myers  533-4150
East County Regional, 881 Gunnery Rd., Lehigh Acres  533-4200
Fort Myers Regional, 2450 First St., Fort Myers  533-4600
Johann Fust, 1040 W. 10th St., Boca Grande  533-4000
Lakes Regional, 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers  533-4000
North Fort Myers, 2001 N. Tamiami Trail NE, North Fort Myers  533-4320
Northwest Regional, 519 Chiquita Blvd. N., Cape Coral  533-4700
Pine Island, 10700 Russell Road NW, Bokeelia  533-4350
Riverdale, 2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers  533-4370
South County Regional, 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero  533-4400
Talking Books, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers  533-4780
Victor Yingst, 2325 South Olga Drive, Fort Myers  533-4780

Lee County Parks & Recreation
3410 Palm Beach Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL  33916
Phone:  (239) LEE-PARK (533-7275)    Email:  LeeParks@leegove.com
Website:  www.leeparks.org

Provides recreation and positive youth development programs at numerous sites throughout unincorporated Lee County including summer camps, after-school recreation, sports, aquatics, teen and special needs activities. Also has volunteer opportunities for teens (call 432-2159). Check their website for programs and locations.
The Lee County Sheriff’s Office youth programs work in partnership with the community to provide positive and preventive programs to the youth and families in Lee County.

**Crime Prevention Programs and Services** offers a wide variety of free presentations to prevent crime and enhance safety in the community. Examples of presentations and programs geared to youth and families include alcohol and drug awareness, bicycle and pedestrian safety, child fingerprinting, child safety, computer/cyber safety, children home alone, stranger danger, and gun safety. Call 258-3280 for information and to request services.

The “Do the Right Thing” program recognizes and rewards youth (grades K-12) that have made positive choices. School Resource Officers, teachers and other members of the community may nominate the students. Winners are recognized at a monthly awards ceremony during the school year.

The Sheriff’s Office **Explorer Post 18** provides youth ages 14-21 with an opportunity to experience daily operations of the sheriff’s office by assisting deputies with various tasks and attending community events with fellow members. The program instills responsibility, leadership, teamwork and initiative. For information contact your Lee County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer or call 477-1000.

**Also see Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County.**

**Prescription Drug Drop Off Sites** – Proper disposal of prescription medications can help prevent substance abuse in the community. Citizens who wish to properly dispose of unused medications may anonymously drop off prescription medications at drop boxes during regular business hours at the following LCSO locations:

14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, 33912  
121 Pondella Road, North Fort Myers, 33903  
1301 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, 33936  
15650 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers, 33908  
8951 Bonita Beach Road, Springs Plaza # 565, Bonita Springs, 34135

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Lee County Sheriff’s Office (cont.)

School Resource Officers (SRO’s) are assigned to middle and high schools in Lee County. The SRO’s interact with students, make presentations, attend school functions, and serve as a community services referral source for students, parents, and faculty. Call (239) 258-3200 for the Youth Services Office. SRO’s can also be reached by calling the individual school. School phone numbers can also be found from the School District of Lee County’s web site at www.leeschools.net.

Teen Driver Challenge is a two day, hands on education program that teaches life saving skills in the operation of a motor vehicle for youth ages 15 to 19. It is held at the Lee County Gun Range/Buckingham Airfield. Call 561-8336 for the schedule and for more information.

The Sheriff’s Youth Activities League provides various youth athletic programs and activities in Lee County with focus on the Lehigh Acres community. (See www.leecountysheriffsyouthactivitiesleague.com.)

Lee Tran (Lee County Transit)
3401 Metro Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-8726 (LEE-TRAN)
Website: www.leegov.com/leetran

Provides a fixed route public bus system within Lee County. Their website includes routes, schedules, and a trip planner.

Lee Virtual Instruction Program
2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 337-8178
Website: http://lvip.leeschools.net

Provides virtual school opportunities for kindergarten through grade 12. (Lee residents only.)
Lehigh Community Services
201 Plaza Drive, Suite 3
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 369-5818  
Website: http://lehighcommunityservices.com

Provides emergency assistance to families who reside in Lehigh Acres with food, past due rent, utilities, medicine, diapers, school supplies, and clothing. Documentation of need is required. Call for schedule or appointment.

Liberty Youth Ranch
Ages: 4 – 17
24900 Liberty Youth Ranch Way
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 597-7070 or 1-866-FL-YOUTH (toll free)  
Website: www.libertyyouthranch.org

A home for youth who are orphaned, abused, abandoned, or neglected with no history of delinquency.

Lifeline Assistance Program
Website: www.floridapsc.com/ConsumerAssistance/LifelineAssistance

Program of the Florida Public Service Commission that is designed to ensure that all residents of Florida have access to telephone service in their homes.

Lifeline Family Center
Ages: 15 – 22
907 S.E. 5th Avenue  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 242-7238  
Email: helpline4teens@mindspring.com

Helpline: (239) 772-4673 (available 24/7)  
Website: www.lifelinefamilycenter.org

A Christian residential program for pregnant teens. Provides parenting skills training, counseling, education, GED preparation, and job training. Participants must pass a drug test and have no active felony charges.
Prominent
Lighthouse of SWFL
35 W. Mariana Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Phone: (239) 997-7797
Website: www.lighthouseswfl.org

Assists visually impaired persons to develop the skills necessary to achieve their desired level of independence.

Literacy Council Gulf Coast
26820 Old 41 (Main Campus)          Mail: P.O. Box 2703
Bonita Springs, FL                  Bonita Springs, FL 34133
Phone: (239) 676-5202

Volunteer agency that provides literacy services to adults and children with low reading and writing skills or for whom English is a second language. Assist literacy students with studying for GED or citizenship tests. Offers a financial literacy class.

Lucy’s Love and Light Ministries/Living Word Ministries
2900 North Tamiami Trail
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Phone: (239) 997-7701
Website: http://livingwordministriesnfm.org

On Tuesday nights provides a hot meal, groceries, haircuts, clothing, and hot showers for the homeless.

Lutheran Services of Florida
3615 Central Avenue                      Ages: 10 - 17
Fort Myers, FL  33901                     Other: Youth cannot be under the supervision of DJJ or DCF
Phone: (239) 278-1030
Website: www.lsfnet.org

Youth and Family Services provides crisis counseling for youth and their families. Services are available for run away, truant, homeless, and ungovernable youth and their families. Call 278-5400 for intake.

A Lutheran Services counselor also provides individual and family counseling for non-arrested youth at the Juvenile Assessment Center. Call 278-5400 for an intake.

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Adolescent Outpatient Substance Abuse Program at 3615 Central Avenue in Fort Myers offers a 12-week treatment program for youth ages 12-17 and family members. Call 275-1126.

The Family Preservation Program provides extensive in-home case management and counseling services to families in Lee County referred by the Department of Children & Families.

Oasis Youth Shelter at 3634 Central Avenue, Fort Myers provides temporary shelter for troubled, runaway, or homeless youth (ages 10-17). (Phone: 278-1030)

Project Safe Place is a network of business and community locations at which youth that are runaway, at risk, or in crisis can get help immediately. Yellow and black Safe Place signs are displayed outside of businesses and agencies that have been trained to be Safe Place sites. Youth who request assistance at a Safe Place site are immediately linked to supportive services at the Oasis Youth Shelter.

MADD of Southwest Florida (Mother’s Against Drunk Driving)
13130 Westlinks Terrace, Suite 8
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Phone: (239) 791-7560
Website: www.madd.org

Supports efforts to stop drunk driving, provide support to victims of drunk driving, and prevent underage drinking.

Make a Wish Foundation, Southern Florida Chapter
West Coast Field Office
3655 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 3
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Phone: 239-992-9474 E-mail: naples@sfla.wish.org
Website: http://sfla.wish.org

The foundation grants the wish of any child who is between the ages of 2 ½ -18 and diagnosed by a physician as having a life-threatening medical condition. Children may be referred by the child’s physician, parents or legal guardians, social worker or other healthcare professional or themselves.
**March of Dimes – Southwest Coast Division**  
6314 Corporate Court, Suite 140  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  
Phone: (239) 433-3463  
Website: [www.marchofdimes.com/](http://www.marchofdimes.com/)

Works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. Provides information about birth defects, genetic conditions, prenatal care, labor and delivery, and newborn screenings.

**McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry**  
3131 East Riverside Drive  
Fort Myers, FL  
Website: [www.mcgregor.net/need-help/benevolence](http://www.mcgregor.net/need-help/benevolence)

Provides groceries to individuals and families on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse-Florida**  
Phone: 1-888-356-4774  
Email: MEPIC@fdle.state.fl.us  
Website: [www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch)

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) operates a state clearinghouse that provides a centralized file to collect, store and disseminate information on missing endangered persons.

**Missionary Directional Mission Church of God**  
2837 Cleveland Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone: (239) 334-0122  
Email: missionarychurchofgod@gmail.com

Provides faith-based self development programs for at-risk youth and teens.

**Mount Hermon Christian School**  
2856 Douglas Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33916  
Phone: (239) 334-8075

Provides day school (K-12), recreational activities, and tutoring.
NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)
7275 Concourse Drive, Suite 300
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 337-9024  Email: namilee@nami.org
Website: http://namilee.org

Provides support groups, education and advocacy for those with mental illnesses and their families. Classes available for parents of mentally ill youth.

Nar-Anon Family Groups/Nar-Ateen
Phone: 1-888-947-8885 (help line)
Website: www.naranonfl.org

A support group for families and friends of addicts whose lives are being affected by someone else's addiction. The website lists local meeting sites and meeting schedules.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Gulf Coast Area
Phone: 1-866-389-1344 (24-hour help line)
Website: www.nagulfcoastfla.org

Support groups are offered for those recovering from drug addiction in Cape Coral, Fort Myers, and Lehigh Acres.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Phone: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678 (24-hour Hotline)
Website: www.missingkids.com

Provides information and support for families of missing or exploited children. Provides information on prevention of child abductions.

National Child Traumatic Stress Network
Website: www.nctsnet.org

Youth that have had multiple exposures to violence or victimization are at higher risk for mental health problems, health problems, behavioral problems, school problems, substance abuse, and delinquent behaviors. Systems which address these youth problems are at a disadvantage if they are not trauma-informed. This website provides information and resources for professionals, survivors of childhood trauma and their families, and the general public on child traumatic stress.
National Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities
Phone: 1-800-695-0285
Website: http://nichcy.org/

Provides information on disabilities and related topics with a focus on babies through young adults.

National Domestic Violence Hotline
Phone: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Website: www.ndvh.org

A 24-hour, toll-free hotline for victims of domestic violence or those calling on their behalf to provide crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referral.

National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.
Phone: 1-888-818-7662
Website: www.pomc.com

Provides ongoing emotional support, education, advocacy, prevention, and awareness to all survivors of homicide victims.

National Parent Helpline
Phone: 1-855 4A PARENT  1-855-427-2736
Website: www.nationalparenthelpline.org

Operated by Parents Anonymous (www.parentsanonymous.org), a trained advocate is available to provide emotional support to parents, Monday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (EST)

National Runaway Safeline
Phone: 1-800-RUNAWAY or 1-800-786-2929 (24-hour Hotline)
Website: www.1800RUNAWAY.org

Provides crisis intervention for runaway teens, or those at-risk, and their families. Provides information and referral. Teens may leave messages to their parents to reopen communication. Conducts conference calls between teens and parents/guardians/social service agencies to resolve issues. Assists in arranging free transportation home for runaways through assistance from Greyhound Lines, Inc.
**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
Phone: 800-273-TALK (8255)  
Website: [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)  

A 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service for anyone in suicidal crisis. Callers are routed to the closest crisis center in their area. Their website provides education about warning signs of suicide risk and suicide prevention information.

**National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline/LoveIsRespect.org**  
Phone: 1-866-331-9474  
Website: [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)  

Engages, educates, and empowers young people to prevent and end abusive dating relationships. Raises awareness on healthy dating behaviors and how to identify unhealthy and abusive patterns. Provides a 24-hour phone and internet support service.

**Nations Association Charities**  
4625 Palm Beach Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33905  

Phone: (239) 332-7575  
Website: [http://nationsassociation.org/](http://nationsassociation.org/)  

Provides mentoring, tutoring, and summer youth camp.

**NCEC Pediatric Dental Center**  
7007 Lely Cultural Parkway  
Ages: birth - 21  
Naples, FL 34113  

Phone: (239) 775-3052  
Website: [https://ufhealth.org/ncef-naples-pediatric-dental-center](https://ufhealth.org/ncef-naples-pediatric-dental-center)  

Provides comprehensive dental care to children in Southwest Florida. It is staffed by University of Florida College of Dentistry faculty and residents. In addition to providing routine dental care, it is able to provide advanced dental care and specialty services including sedation and hospital based dentistry. Accepts some private insurance as well as Medicaid and Healthy Kids-CompDent. For patients without insurance, a sliding fee scale is available (with proof of income).
New Life Dream Centers
2150 Collier Avenue, H
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Mail: P.O. Box 60134
Fort Myers, FL 33906
Phone: (239) 274-8881
Website: http://newlifedreamcenters.com

A Christian based 12-month disciplined residential program to address substance abuse, addictions, and dysfunctional lifestyles for men and women.

Northern Palms Charter High School
13251 North Cleveland Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Phone: (239) 997-9987
Website: http://npchs.com/

Tuition free computer based curriculum that allows students to work at their own pace. Offers three sessions a day. Classes are year-round. Students may enroll at any time of the year.

Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victims Services
Phone: 1-800-226-6667
Website: http://myfloridalegal.com

A state agency which administers a compensation program for injured crime victims. Victims may be eligible for financial assistance for medical care, lost income, mental health services, funeral expenses and other out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the injury. If needed, they can also be referred to support organizations within their home area.

Office of the State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit
2000 Main Street, 6th Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone: (239) 533-1000
Website: www.sao.cjis20.org

Prosecutes criminal cases on behalf of the state. Advocates for the rights of victims.
✦ **On-Line Gamers Anonymous (OLGA)**
Website:  [www.olganon.org](http://www.olganon.org)

A self help support network for recovery from the problems caused by video game addiction. Website has information for parents dealing with their child’s video game addiction.

✦ **Our Mother’s Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.**
18011 S. Tamiami Trail, #16-106  
Fort Myers, FL 33908  
Ages: 12 – 21  
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 267-4663  
Email: info@ourmothershome.com  
Website: [www.ourmothershome.com](http://www.ourmothershome.com)

Residential home for pregnant teens and post-partum mothers and their babies. Residents are provided with education, life skills, parenting classes, and physical, spiritual, and mental health care. Works with teen mothers transitioning from foster care and human trafficking and their children.

✦ **PACE Center for Girls**
3800 Evans Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Ages: 12 – 18  
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 425-2366  
Website: [www.pacecenter.org/centers/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/centers/lee)

A non-residential delinquency prevention program, targeting the unique needs of females who are identified as dependent, truant, runaway, delinquent, or in need of academic skills.

✦ **Palm Acres Charter High School**
507 Sunshine Boulevard  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone: (239) 330-3300  
Website: [www.palmacrescharter.com](http://www.palmacrescharter.com)

Offers a tuition free computer based curriculum that allows students to work at their own pace. Offers three sessions a day. Classes are year-round. Students may enroll at any time of the year.
**Parenting & Divorce**  
Website: [http://pcdclasses.educationprograms.com/](http://pcdclasses.educationprograms.com/)

Fulfills the court mandated parent education course required of all divorcing parents in Florida. Classes are available online, by mail, or within the community. Class schedules are available on their website.

**Partnership for Prescription Assistance**  
Website: [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

Helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage locate free or low cost prescription assistance programs.

**Peace By Piece Learning Center**  
6714 Winkler Road  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  
Ages: 5 - 14

Phone: (239) 245-8301  
Email: info@pxpinc.net  
Website: [www.peacebypieceinc.com](http://www.peacebypieceinc.com)

Provides specialized education for children with autism and related disorders. Services include parent coaching, parent support group, training and consultation to schools and other agencies.

**Pine Manor Community Resource Center**  
5447 10th Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5180  
Website: [www.leegov.com/dhs/neighborhood/revitalization/pinemanor](http://www.leegov.com/dhs/neighborhood/revitalization/pinemanor)

Provides an afterschool program on school days and all day on teacher in-service days, a summer camp, and a teen program. Provides education, parenting classes, support activities, and referrals for services for Pine Manor residents. A food bank is available to Pine Manor residents.

**PIVOT Charter School, Fort Myers**  
2675 Winkler Avenue, Suite 200  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 243-8266  
Website: [http://pivotfortmyers.com](http://pivotfortmyers.com)

A charter high school that incorporates an online curriculum with teacher assistance both online and on-site. Students receive an individual educational program to meet their needs and learning styles. Students have flexibility in scheduling classes and school hours.
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
8595 College Parkway, Suite 250
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 481-9999
Website: www.plannedparenthood.org/ppsfc

Provides affordable sexual health care for adults and teens including gynecological exams, bladder/urinary tract infections, pregnancy testing and options education, sexually transmitted disease testing/treatment, and counseling.

(Florida) Poison Information Center – Tampa General Hospital
Phone: 1-800-222-1222
Website: www.poisoncentertampa.org

Provides expert advice in poisonings 24-hours a day including information on poisonings from bites, stings, household products, chemicals, food poisoning, plants, medicines, and substance abuse.

Prescription Discount Card
Website: www.leegov.com/dhs

A prescription discount card is available to anyone in Lee County. Discounts average 20%. Available at county libraries, Lee County Human Services (2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers), and other locations throughout the county. A card can also be printed from the Coast 2 Coast website at www.coast2coastrx.com/index.php. Cannot use with insurance.

Project Dentist’s Care of S.W. Florida, Inc. / Lee County Dental Society
Phone: (239) 628-1454
Website: http://leecountydental.com/dental_programs.htm

A low-income clinic staffed by dentists that volunteer their time on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Performs extractions, fillings, and x-rays. Services are free for those who qualify. Call to apply.

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Public Defender’s Office, 20th Judicial Circuit
P.O. Drawer 1980
2000 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33902-1980

Phone: (239) 533-2911
Website: www.pd.cjis20.org

Provides legal representation for persons with criminal charges and are determined by the court be unable to afford a private attorney.

Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida/“The Q”
3210 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Mail: P.O. Drawer 1290
Fort Myers, FL 33916 Fort Myers, FL 33902-1290

Phone: (239) 334-2797
Website: www.qualitylifecenter.org

Provides positive youth development activities, homework assistance, tutoring, life skills, character development, performing arts, martial arts, a young men’s drill team, summer camp, and social services.

Royal Palm Christian Counseling
1705 Colonial Boulevard, D2 Ages: All
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 939-0707
Website: http://rpmcounseling.org

Provides Christian and Bible based counseling, workshops, and seminars including parenting, effective discipline, anger management, marriage and family, blended families, grief, trauma, abuse issues, and careers. Fee for services based on a sliding scale. Some evening hours.

Rx Assist
Website: www.rxassist.org

A searchable website that provides information about free and low cost medicine programs.
Safe Families for Children/Southwest Florida
4500 Executive Drive, Suite 210
Naples, FL 34119

Phone: 1-855-240-6604
Website: http://safe-families.org

Supports families during a crisis to help keep children safe and out of foster care. Provides screened and approved host families to take in children for short periods of time. Provides support to families in crisis to help parents get back on their feet (e.g., mentoring, transportation, used furniture). Assists youth ageing out of foster care.

Safe Haven for Newborns
Phone: 1-877-767-2229
Website: www.asafehavenfornewborns.com

Under Florida statute, a parent may leave an unharmed, newborn infant (up to seven days old) at a Safe Haven without fear of prosecution. Hospitals, fire stations and EMS facilities are considered Safe Havens.

The Gloria M. Silverio Foundation Safe Haven for Newborns Helpline is a 24/7, multilingual helpline to assist pregnant girls or mothers who are considering the Safe Haven option or are hiding a pregnancy or are not receiving medical care. They can assist with coordinating the Safe Haven option or provide other resources to protect the lives of both the mother and the infant.

St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries
4711 Palm Beach Boulevard                          P.O. Box 50754
Fort Myers, FL 33907                                     Fort Myers, FL 33994

Phone: (239) 693-4711
Website: http://stmartindeporresministry.org

The Café offers a free meal Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A food pantry is open on Mondays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. A training center offers instruction Monday – Friday in English as a second language, sewing, computer skills, food preparation, literacy, and basic construction skills. Showers are available on Thursday and Friday. They also have a clothing distribution program.
Saint Vincent DePaul Church / Our Lady’s Cupboard Food Pantry
13031 Palm Beach Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL  33905

Phone: (239) 693-0818
Website:  http://stvincentftmyers.org

Provides a food pantry for families in need.  Call (239) 694-3895 and leave your name and return phone call number.

Saint Vincent DePaul Society

Many participating Catholic churches provide emergency food and financial assistance to residents in their neighborhood.  Call the Catholic church nearest one’s residence.

SalusCare
3763 Evans Avenue (Main Campus)
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 275-3222              Emergency Services:  (239) 275-4242
Website:  www.saluscareflorida.org

Comprehensive provider of services for individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse issues including outpatient, residential, emergency/crisis services, and community based services.  Accepts some insurance and Medicaid.  Fees may be adjusted based on household income.  (See website for adult services.)

Other Program Locations:
Cape Coral Campus, 1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral    275-3222
Colonial Campus, 10140 Deer Run Farms Rd., Fort Myers     275-3222
Ortiz Campus, 2789 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers        275-3222
Vince Smith Campus, 2450 Prince Street, Fort Myers   338-2306

YOUTH SERVICES:

The Access Centers provide mental health and substance abuse assessments for first-time, non-emergency patients.  Walk in from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday – Friday for an assessment at the Cape Coral, Colonial, or Ortiz Campuses.

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The **Baker Act Receiving Facility** offers 24-hour emergency, involuntary assessments for children and teens with psychiatric symptoms at the Colonial Campus.

The **Challenge Ropes Course** is used to promote team building in a challenging rope climbing environment.

The **Community Action Team (CAT)** offers a community behavioral health and co-occurring treatment solution for parents and caregivers of seriously emotionally disturbed children as an alternative to residential treatment or psychiatric hospitalization.

The **Crisis Stabilization Unit** provides secure, inpatient psychiatric stabilization for youth who require the highest level of care and are at risk of harming themselves or others.

**Day Treatment** offers structured programming and treatment in the daytime to youth ages 13 to 17 years old that are in need of more intensive services than outpatient services.

The **Juvenile Addiction Receiving Facility (JARF)** offers voluntary and involuntary substance abuse services (per the Marchman Act) to children and teens at the Colonial Campus.

**Outpatient Psychiatry Services** include psychiatric evaluations and medication management services.

**Residential Substance Abuse Treatment** is provided at the Vince Smith Campus for youth ages 13 to 17 with a substance dependence diagnosis. The program provides a 24-hour supervised, structured setting with intensive treatment programming, family counseling, and an academic program provided through the School District of Lee County.

The **Substance Abuse Diversion Program** is an outpatient treatment program that serves as an alternative to court for youth who are arrested for a substance abuse related crime.

**Therapeutic Behavioral On-Site Services (T-BOS)** is a voluntary service that provides mental health services to children and their families in the home or in the community. It includes individual and family therapy plus behavioral skills training with services lasting around three to six months.
The Salvation Army
10291 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 278-1551
Website: www.salvationarmyleecounty.org

Outreach centers provide emergency food on a limited basis, limited emergency assistance with utility bills, crisis management and referral. Some are open limited hours.

Service Locations:

Bonita Springs Outreach Center
28410 Bonita Crossing Boulevard
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
Phone: (239) 948-5200

Red Shield Lodge
2400 Edison Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone: (239) 334-3745

Provides meals, food pantry, emergency shelter, crisis management, transitional living, and medical care to people who are homeless or near homeless.

Fort Myers Outreach Center
2476 Edison Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Lehigh Acres Outreach Center
25 Homestead Road, Unit42-A
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Phone: (239) 491-6071

(City of) Sanibel Recreation Department
3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Phone: (239) 472-0345
Website: www.mysanibel.com/Departments/Recreation2

Offers recreational facilities and activities for Sanibel residents. Includes youth fun days, teen game room, afterschool activities, and youth camps during school breaks.
School District of Lee County
2855 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 334-1102
Website: www.leeschools.net

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For the Transportation Department, go to www.leeschools.net/transportation for a list of transportation zones and the schools within each zone.

SEDNET (Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network)
Hendry County School District
25 Hickpochee Avenue
Labelle, FL 33935

Phone: (863) 674-4164 extension 238
Website: www.sednetfl.info

A multiagency service network for emotionally disturbed students and their families. Facilitates the coordination of services provided by education, mental health, juvenile justice, and child welfare agencies.

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Shriners Hospital for Children - Tampa  
Phone: (813) 972-2250  
Website: www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/locations/tampa

A network of hospitals that provide specialized medical care for children with a focus on orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. The Tampa location specializes in orthopedics, scoliosis, and spine care.

Sinfonia Family Services of Florida  
3820 Colonial Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 208-9449  
Website: http://sinfoniafamilyservices.com/florida/

Provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric services, home-based services, and targeted case management for clients of all ages.

Sky Family YMCA  
701 S. Center Road  
Venice, FL 34285

Phone: (941) 492-9622  
Website: www.swflymca.org

Program Locations:  
Bonita Springs, 27200 Kent Road, 34135 (239) 221-7560  
Fort Myers, 1360 Royal Palm Square Blvd., 33919 (239) 275-9622  
Lehigh Acres, 25 Homestead Road, 33936 (239) 275-9622

Provides recreational programs, childcare and summer camp. Provides subsidized care for low-income families.

Social Security Administration  
3650 Colonial Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: 1-800-772-1213 or (239) 931-0066  
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov

Government agency providing retirement, disability, survivor benefits, and supplemental security income for the aged, disabled, and survivors.
Source of Light and Hope Development Center/Hope House
3903 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 2666 Lime Street
Fort Myers, FL 33916  Fort Myers, FL 33916
Phone: (239) 334-3739 (239) 337-2302

A residential shelter for teens in the dependency system, placed there by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Southwest Florida Children’s Home/Florida Baptist Children’s Homes
4551 Camino Real Way  Ages: 6 – 18 for residential program
Fort Myers, FL  33966  Ages: 0 – 18 for foster care
Phone:   (239) 275-7151
Website:  www.fbchomes.org

Provides residential care to children that have been abused or neglected or come from families in turmoil. It also operates a Christian-based foster care program and adoption services.

Southwest Florida Safety Council
1714 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone: (239) 332-3008
Website: www.safedrivingschool.com/index.htm

Offers live and online traffic schools. Provides Drug Alcohol Traffic Education (D.A.T.E.) course, which is a prerequisite for getting one’s first drivers license. Learner’s permit test is available online.

Special Equestrians
5121 Staley Road, P.O. Box 61528
Fort Myers, FL 33906
Phone: (239) 226-1221 Email: spequestrians@gmail.com
Website: www.specialequestrians.net

A horseback riding program which provides therapeutic riding to mentally and physically challenged children and adults. Fee for services; scholarships available.
**Special Olympics – Lee County**  
Lee County Parks and Recreation Department  
3410 Palm Beach Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 432-2031  
Email: dbarilla@specialolympicslee.org  
Website: [http://specialolympicsflorida.org/lee](http://specialolympicsflorida.org/lee)

Provides sports training and competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities.

**STARS Complex**  
2980 Edison Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 321-7545  
Website: [www.cityftmyers.com/584/STARS-complex](http://www.cityftmyers.com/584/STARS-complex)

Provides recreation programs, afterschool program with tutoring and homework assistance and summer camp programs.

**Step Up for Students**  
Phone: 1-877-735-7837  
Website: [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org)

Provides scholarships for low income Florida school children to attend a private school or for transportation costs to attend an out of district public school that may better suit their individual needs. Students qualifying for the free or reduced lunch program are generally income eligible for this program. This is a Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program which is funded through tax credit donations from corporations.

**Student Assignment Centers / School District of Lee County**

Website: [www.leeschools.net/student-assignment](http://www.leeschools.net/student-assignment)

Provides information on the school district’s student assignment process (school choice) and registers students to attend Lee County public schools.

**Registration Locations:**

- Cape Coral Office, 370 Santa Barbara Blvd. N.  
  Phone: 242-2059
- Fort Myers Office, 2855 Colonial Blvd  
  Phone: 337-8247
- Lehigh Acres Office, 1262 Wings Way, Suite 207  
  Phone: 337-8347
**Suncoast Community Center / United Way House**
2241 Case Lane  
North Fort Myers, FL 33917  
Phone: (239) 731-9838  

Their food pantry is open on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to noon (bread & pastries).

**Sylvan Learning Center**
12741 World Plaza Lane  
Fort Myers, FL 33907  
See website for satellite locations.

Phone: (239) 275-1130  
Website: [http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/centers/tutoring-fortmyers/index.cfm](http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/centers/tutoring-fortmyers/index.cfm)

Provides learning skills assessment, individualized learning program, tutoring, college exam preparation, and enriched learning opportunities.

**Take Stock in Children / Lee County School Foundation**
2266 Second Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  

Phone: (239) 337-0433  
Website: [www.leeschoolfoundation.org](http://www.leeschoolfoundation.org)

Provides mentoring and support to low income and at risk middle school and high school students. Students apply for the program in 6th or 9th grade, and upon selection, sign a contract promising to remain crime and drug free, maintain good grades and behavior, and meet with an assigned mentor on a regular basis through high school graduation. Upon graduation, students receive a 4 year college tuition scholarship.

**Talking Books Library**
1651 Lee Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  

Phone: (239) 533-4780  
Website: [www.leegov.com/library/services/talking-books](http://www.leegov.com/library/services/talking-books)

Provides recorded books and magazines, and Braille materials for individuals who are not able to see regular print or have a physical limitation.
Teen Challenge International
15 West 10th Street
Columbus, GA 31901

Phone: (706) 596-8731
Website: www.teenchallenge.cc

Locations:
Men’s Home, 5646 7th Ave. Fort Myers 33907 275-1974
Women’s Home, 1805 Cypress Drive, Fort Myers 33907 939-7705

A Christian organization that provides substance abuse treatment programs throughout Florida. (Note: They have youth treatment programs located outside of Lee County.)

Thrive Therapy
2734 Oak Ridge Court, #404
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 963-4367
Website: http://thrive-therapy.org

Provider of therapy for children and adolescents who are having difficulty at home, school, work, or interpersonally.

TMC Productions
10251 Metro Parkway, #121
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 939-4769
Website: www.tmc4.com

Provides “Intentional Parenting” and other personal growth courses.

The Trevor Project
Phone: 866 4U TREVOR (1-866-488-7386)
Website: www.thetrevorproject.org

A 24-hour, toll-free, suicide prevention helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. It also provides an online, confidential question and answer forum for non-emergency questions regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.
**Txt 4 Help**
A project of the National Safe Place program, youth in crisis can text the word **SAFE** and their current location to the number **69866** and they will receive an address of the nearest Safe Place site and contact number for the local youth shelter.

**United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida**
810 S.E. 10th Court
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 283-1333  
Email: capecoral@sunrisegroup.org  
Website: [www.sunrisegroup.org](http://www.sunrisegroup.org)

Provides adult day training, companion services, intermediate care for developmentally disabled, in-home support services, respite care, supported employment, and supported living coaching.

**United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, & Okeechobee Counties**
7273 Concourse Drive, SW
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 433-2000
Website: [www.unitedwaylee.org](http://www.unitedwaylee.org)

**United Way 211** - Dial 211 or utilize the 211 website at [www.unitedwaylee.org/211-data-base](http://www.unitedwaylee.org/211-data-base) to locate social and health services in Lee County. (Call 433-3900 from cell phones.)

**United Way Houses** – Neighborhood based resource centers are located throughout the county. Services vary by location.

**United Way Volunteer Center** – creates connections between those who wish to volunteer to help serve the community and volunteer opportunities available in the community.

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**United Way House Locations:**

- **Bonita Springs East**, 26820 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs
  - **Phone**: 357-4024
- **Bonita Springs West**, 25300 Bernwood Dr., Bonita Springs
  - **Phone**: 992-3034
- **Cape Coral**, 1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral
  - **Phone**: 242-0401
- **Dunbar**, 3429 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers
  - **Phone**: 931-9305
- **East Ft. Myers**, 4040 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers
  - **Phone**: 313-7719
- **Estero/San Carlos**, 17592 Rockefeller Cir., Ft. Myers
  - **Phone**: 267-3510
- **Harlem Heights**, 15570 Hagie Dr., Fort Myers
  - **Phone**: 482-7706
- **Lehigh Acres**, 201 Plaza Drive, Suite 103, Lehigh Acres
  - **Phone**: 369-5818
- **Palm Beach Blvd**, 4162 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers
  - **Phone**: 693-9510
- **Pine Island**, 5090 Doug Taylor Circle, St. James City
  - **Phone**: 283-5123
- **Pine Manor**, 5547 10th Avenue, Fort Myers
  - **Phone**: 275-5180
- **Sanibel**, 2430 Periwinkle Way, Suite B, Sanibel
  - **Phone**: 472-4775
- **Suncoast Community Center**, 2241 Case Lane, N. Ft. Myers
  - **Phone**: 731-9838

**United Way Clinics:**

- **Cape Coral**, 1435 SE 8th Terrace, Suite C
  - **Phone**: 424-2757
- **Dunbar**, 3511 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers
  - **Phone**: 343-4910
- **North Fort Myers**, 13279 N. Cleveland Ave., N. Ft. Myers
  - **Phone**: 652-4111

**Verity Pregnancy and Medical Resource Center**

8890 Salrose Lane, Suite 104
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 433-1929
Website: [www.veritypmc.com](http://www.veritypmc.com)

Provides information and support for unplanned pregnancies. Provides free pregnancy testing, referrals, peer counseling, childbirth/parenting classes, limited assistance for infant supplies, and post abortion support.

**Vineyard Church**

923 SE 47th Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 549-8075

A free hot meal is served at 5:30 pm on Thursdays. A free bag of groceries is available one time per month from their food pantry. A Lee County resident photo ID is required.
**Visuality**
8359 Beacon Manor Boulevard, Suite 604    Mail: P.O. Box 9835
Fort Myers, FL 33907                                      Fort Myers, FL 33902
Phone: (239) 898-6124                    Email:  visualityflorida@gmail.com
Website:  [www.lgbtcenters.org/Centers/Florida/1419/Visuality-Community-Center.aspx](http://www.lgbtcenters.org/Centers/Florida/1419/Visuality-Community-Center.aspx)

A center for LGBTQ teens that provides a safe, welcoming environment where youth can engage in social activities, educational programs, and peer support groups, plus special events and outings.

**Vocational Rehabilitation (Division of), Department of Education**
5264 Summerlin Commons Way, Ste 404      1031 SE 19th Place, Ste 1
Fort Myers, FL 33907                                    Cape Coral, FL 33990
Phone:  (239) 278-7150                               (239) 772-6968
Website:  [www.rehabworks.org/](http://www.rehabworks.org/)

Provides services for eligible persons with physical or mental impairments. Services include vocational evaluations, career planning, job placement, job coaching, school-to-work transition services for high school students, and other support services.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Ombudsman**
Phone:  1-866-515-3692                             Email:  ombudsman@vr.fldoe.org
Website:  [www.rehabworks.org/ombudsman.shtml](http://www.rehabworks.org/ombudsman.shtml)

A Division of Vocational Rehabilitation help line to assist with information and referral for all disability needs and to resolve client service needs.

**Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida**
2075 West First Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone:  (239) 533-1435                    Email:  program@voicesforkids.org
Website:  [www.voicesforkids.org](http://www.voicesforkids.org)

Provides support and advocacy for youth in foster care in Southwest Florida. Provides limited financial assistance for the health, education and social needs of children in the child welfare system when no other resources are available, or as funding allows.
- **We Care / Faith Presbyterian Church**  
  4544 Coronado Parkway  
  Cape Coral, FL  33904  
  Phone:  (239) 542-2858  
  Provides food to needy families in Cape Coral.

- **Wings of Shelter International, Inc.**  
  21301 South Tamiami Trail, Suite 320, PMB 335  
  Estero, FL 53928  
  Phone:  (239) 340-2980  
  Website:  [http://wingsofshelter.com](http://wingsofshelter.com)  
  Operates Safe Houses in Southwest Florida for adolescent girls rescued out of domestic sex trafficking. Provides education to others in the community to recognize and intervene in cases of child sex trafficking.

- **Young Driver Program**  
  c/o Lee Memorial Health Systems  
  A class which teaches young drivers about driving responsibly and outcomes of acts of irresponsible driving. Call 336-6797 for schedule.

- **Young Life Lee County**  
  5264 Clayton Court #5  
  Fort Myers, FL  33907  
  Phone:  (239) 275-5908  
  Website:  [https://lee.younglife.org](https://lee.younglife.org)  
  Provides positive youth development activities through weekly meetings, outings and seasonal camping. Clubs are available at most high schools.

- **Youth Connections**  
  4150 Ford Street Extension  
  Ages: 16 - 24  
  Fort Myers, FL 33916  
  Phone:  (239) 931-8200 ext. 1221  
  Provides career coaching and assistance to young adults, ages 16-24, to complete high school or GED, attain job skills, and connect to jobs. Eligibility based on youth having barriers to employment. Administered by Henkels and McCoy.
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Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling
On-Line Gamers Anonymous (OLGA)

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Children's Network of Southwest Florida
Florida's Adoption Information Center

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Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
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Autism Society of Florida
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
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Babysitting Classes
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Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida
Gladiolus Learning and Development Center

**Child Support**
Child Support Enforcement Office, Department of Revenue
Family Court Services

**Clothing Assistance**
Café of Life
Laces of Love
Lehigh Community Services
Lee County Homeless Coalition

**Counseling – Individual, Group and/or Family**
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Aim Target Programs, Inc.
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Delta Family Counseling
Elite DNA Therapy Services
Florida Art Therapy Services
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Hope Healthcare Services
Lutheran Services of Florida
Royal Palm Christian Counseling
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Sinfonia Family Services
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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Safe Families for Children/Southwest Florida
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**Dating Violence**
Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Teen Dating Violence Hotline

**Deaf/Hearing Impaired**
Deaf Services Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Dental Services or Assistance
Bonita Springs Assistance Office
F.I.S.H. of SanCap
Florida Southwestern State College Dental Hygiene Clinic
Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida
NCEF Pediatric Dental Center
Project Dentist’s Care of S.W. Florida, Inc.

Development – Infant
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
Children’s Medical Services (CMS)
Early Steps/Early Intervention – see Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida
Head Start/Early Head Start
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
IMPACT for Developmental Education
March of Dimes

Developmental Screening
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
March of Dimes

Diabetes
American Diabetes Association

Diapers
Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida/Destiny Diaper Bank

Disabilities
Able Trust Youth Programs
Blind Services (Division of), Department of Education
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Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
CHADD of Lee County, #613
Challenger Baseball
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Children's Medical Services (CMS)
Deaf Service and Hard of Hearing Service Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
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Disability Rights Florida
Early Steps/Early Intervention – see Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida
Easter Seals Florida, Gulf Coast Region
Family Care Council
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.
Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services
Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc./Florida High School – High Tech, L.I.F.E Academy
IMPACT for Developmental Education
LARC
Special Equestrians
Special Olympics
Divorce
Children’s Rights Council
Family Court Services
Parenting & Divorce

Domestic Violence
Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Domestic Violence Hotline

Dropout Prevention, see Alternative Schools
Able Trust Youth Programs
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Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy
Youth Connections

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Child Care of Southwest Florida
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
Children's Medical Services (CMS)
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Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
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Emergency Services
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Poison Information Center (Florida) - Tampa General Hospital
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CareerSource Southwest Florida
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Heights Center
Job-Link Family Resource Centers – see Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida
Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida
Lee County Department of Human Services
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries
Youth Connections

Employment Services
CareerSource Southwest Florida
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.

English as a Second Language
Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
Amigos Center
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries
Epilepsy
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.

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Family Counseling
The Behavioral Health Center
Children’s Community Action Treatment Team (CAT) – see SalusCare
Delta Family Counseling
Lutheran Services of Florida
SalusCare

Family Planning
Lee County Health Department
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

Financial Assistance (Emergency)
Benefits.gov
Bonita Springs Assistance Center
Cape Caring Center
Economic Self-Sufficiency Services – see Department of Children & Families
F.I.S.H. of SanCap
Interfaith Charities of South Lee County
Lee County Department of Human Services
Lehigh Community Services
Saint Vincent DePaul Society

Financial Management
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Lee County Extension

Firesetting
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program

Food Assistance
Abiding Love Lutheran Church
All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry
Bonita Springs Assistance Center
Broadway Community Church
Cape Coral Assembly of God
Cape Coral Caring Center
Café of Life
Come as You Are Ministries
Community Cooperative
Cornerstone Ministries
Department of Children & Families (food stamps)
Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center
Interfaith Charities of South Lee County
Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Lehigh Community Services
Lucy’s Love and Light/Living Word Ministries
McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries
Saint Vincent DePaul Society
Salvation Army
Suncoast Community Center
Vineyard Church

**Foster Care**
Children's Home Society
Children's Network of Southwest Florida
Department of Children and Families
Florida MENTOR
Gabriel House
Safe Families for Children, Southwest Florida (works to keep children out of foster care)
Southwest Florida Children's Home
Source of Light and Hope

**GED Preparation**
Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
Grace Church – Cape Coral Campus
Heights Center
CareerSource of Southwest Florida

**Grandparents as Parents**
Florida Kinship Support Center
G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenting)

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**Gun Safety**
Lee County Sheriff's Office – Crime Prevention Programs

**Health Services**
American Cancer Society
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Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
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Health Insurance Marketplace
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**Help Line**
Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
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Boys Town National Hotline
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National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Parent Helpline
National Runaway Safeline
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline
Poison Information Center (Florida) - Tampa General Hospital
SalusCare
The Trevor Project

Hispanic Services
Catholic Charities

Home School
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
Home School Education Office/Lee County School District

Homeless Services, also see Food Assistance, Financial Assistance
Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry
Children’s Home Society
City Gate Church/Elevation Ministries
Community Cooperative
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Oasis Youth Shelter - see Lutheran Services
Salvation Army
See Lee County Homeless Coalition website for more homeless services.

Housing Assistance
Affordable Home Ownership Foundation Inc.
Around the Clock Caring
Cape Coral Housing Development Association
Habitat for Humanity
Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County (HORC)
Housing Authority of Fort Myers
Lee County Department of Human Services
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Lee County Housing Authority

Human Trafficking
Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Into the Jordan Ministries,
Wings of Shelter International, Inc.

Immigration Services
Amigos Center
Catholic Charities
Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Florida Equal Justice Center

Information and Referral
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Child Care of Southwest Florida
Deaf Service and Hard of Hearing Service Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Family Court Services
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC)
Lee County Library System
United Way 211

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Learning Disabilities
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Legal Services
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Family Court Services
Florida Equal Justice Center
Florida Rural Legal Services
Lee County Bar Association
Lee County Legal Aid Society
Public Defender’s Office

LGBTQ
The Trevor Project
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Literacy Services
Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
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Literacy Council Gulf Coast

Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
Department of Children & Families

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Mental Health/ Mental Illness
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Florida MENTOR
NAMI
SalusCare
Sinfonia Family Services of Florida

Mentoring
Able Trust Youth Programs
AFCAAM
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast
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Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (Florida)
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Nutrition Counseling/Education
Elite DNA Therapy Services
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida
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Lee County Health Department

Parenting Education
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Children’s Home Society
Lutheran Services of Florida
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Children's Home Society
Community Pregnancy Clinic
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP)
Lee County Health Department
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
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Prescription Assistance
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Prescription Medication Disposal
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Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's)
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Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida
Narcotics Anonymous, Gulf Coast Area
New Life Dream Centers
SalusCare
Sinfonia Family Services of Florida
Teen Challenge International
Vince Smith Center - see SalusCare

Suicide
C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention Resource Center
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
The Trevor Project
Summer Camps
Alliance for the Arts
American Diabetes Association
Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County
Boy Scouts of America, S.W. Florida Council
Cape Coral Arts Studio
Cape Coral Parks & Recreation
Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
(City of) Fort Myers Recreation Division
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida
Heights Center
Lee County Parks & Recreation
Quality Life Center
Rainbow Trails Camp - see Hope Hospice (may be scheduled other than summer)
Respect for Law Camp - see Fort Myers Police Department
ROCK Camp – see American Cancer Society
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Office of the State Attorney 20th Judicial Circuit
Wings of Shelter International, Inc.
Vision, Glasses
Bonita Springs Lions Club Eye Clinic/Snead Eye Group
Florida Vision Quest

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DJB Technical Academy
Lee County Department of Human Services

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Wish Fulfillment
Make a Wish Foundation

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Lee County Health Department

Work Experiences
Americorps - National Civilian Community Corps
Florida Conservation Corps

Note: This resource guide focuses primarily on services for youth and families with children. For a more extensive list of the community’s social and health resources access the Lee County United Way’s 211 website at www.unitedwaylee.org/211-data-base.

Or call them at 211. (Call 433-3900 from cell phones.)