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## Sarasota Section A - ABUSE

### Children

#### **The 12th Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program**

Also known as (C A S A) recruits, trains, supports, and supervises court appointed volunteers, appointed by a judge, to be his eyes and ears and speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system, with the goal of timely placement in a safe, permanent home.

P.O. Box 49722

Sarasota, FL. 34237

**Phone: 941- 861-4875 Toni Latortue Circuit Director in Abuse and Advocacy**

1051 Manatee Ave. W

Hensley Wing, Suite 330

Bradenton, FL, 34205

**Phone: 941-744-9473 ext. 1717**

<http://guardianadlitem.org>

#### **Abuse Hotline**

A 24-hour hotline to report abuse to abuse, neglect or abandonment of a child or a vulnerable adult. All calls are investigated. You do not need to identify yourself.

**Phone: 1-800-962-2873**

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/abuse/abuse-hotline>

#### **Child Protection Center, Inc.**

Providing crisis intervention, support services & treatment for child abuse victims and their families. CPT provides expertise in evaluating allegations of abuse and neglect, assessing risk factors, and providing recommendations for interventions to protect children.

#### **Programs include:**

- Children & Families Supervised Visitation Program
- Sexual Abuse Treatment Program- Kid Kindness Program & Hanna's Hope
- Additional Support provided by P.A.W.S. (Pet Advocates Working in the Suncoast
- Directory of Services on website
  - Resource Directory-[https:// sccfl.org resources](https://sccfl.org/resources)- (some information not updated since 2019)
  - Find A Provider by county by Sunshine Health

Directory of Services on website

720 South Orange Ave

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-365-1277 ext. 204**

#### **North Port Office**

5600 Peace River Road

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-365-1277 ext. 204**

**Phone: 1-800-962-2873 to report abuse**

**Phone: 941-365-1277 for therapy and supervised visits and other info**

[www.cpcsarasota.org](http://www.cpcsarasota.org)

### **Family Safety Alliance**

The mission of the Family Safety Alliance is to serve as a collaborative, prevention-focused, and transparent partner that provides community oversight, education, and advocacy in the achievement of systemic improvements in community-based child welfare services.

**Phone: 941-861-2578 or cell 941-526-8463 for Nathan Scott, Child Advocate**

**Email: [nathan.scott@flhealth.gov](mailto:nathan.scott@flhealth.gov)**

**[www.fsa12.org](http://www.fsa12.org)**

### **The Safe Children Coalition, Inc.,**

The Safe Children Coalition, Inc., Inc. is a non-profit Community-Based Care provider of education, prevention, diversion, and child welfare services including adoption and foster care. Core functions provided by the The Safe Children Coalition, Inc. are:

- **Adopt/Foster**
- **Adoption**  
Inquire by calling the recruitment line at **941-724-1101** or complete the online inquiry form. Someone will contact you within one business day and you will be provided information regarding the dates and times of the next informational meeting.
- **Fostering**  
Attend a Virtual Information Meeting Learn about foster parenting from professionals who will give an overview of the child welfare system and the supports available to foster parents. You will find answers to your questions and feel more confident moving forward in your fostering journey. Meetings are a no pressure environment where the goal is to inform and assist.
- **Caregiver Assistance Program**  
The **Caregiver Assistance Program (CAP)** helps caregivers of children in relative or non-relative placement with an open dependency case. Most caregivers didn't expect to take in the child(ren) they are now caring for. With CAP, caretakers are not alone as they take on these new responsibilities and costs. Contact the Caregiver Assistance Program at [cap@sccfl.org](mailto:cap@sccfl.org) or **941-402-1101**
- **Independent Living Services**  
If you are between the ages of 18 and 26 and you have or will age out of foster care in Florida (including extended foster care), please call for services, Call **850-300-HOPE (850-300-4673)**  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (ET)
- **Foster Parent Resources**
- **Prevention/Diversion**
- **Achievers**

Requirements to join the Achievers Program:  
Middle School and/or High School aged  
Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater.  
Ready to volunteer for community service projects.  
Attend scheduled program events.  
Commit to the program by signing a contract to meet obligations.

**Phone: 941-365-0056**

- **Hippy**

**Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)** is a home-based, early childhood education program for 2,3,4, and 5 yr. old children. Educators go to homes for one hour a week for reading and writing lessons and each month have Parenting classes.

- **Schoolhouse Link**

Every child has a right to a public education, but when your home is in turmoil, it can be overwhelming to navigate school and social services systems. Schoolhouse Link is here to be your advocate helping students in transition attend and succeed in school. Schoolhouse Link operates under a contract with the Sarasota County School Board and serves as the District's official "homeless liaison." This act enables students in transition to enroll and attend school no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.

- **E.R.A.T. - Emergency Response and Assessment Team**

ERAT provides intensive in-home services and coordinates on-going services for families in need by linking them to any services needed to help avoid unnecessarily removing children from their home in order to preserve families. The goal of ERAT is to ensure children's safety and well-being within the home and preserve intact families in which children have been maltreated, whenever the family's problems can be addressed effectively in the community.

For more information, **Phone 941-361-1504.**

- **Youth Prevention Services**

Free individual school-based counseling services through our Youth Prevention Services Program (serving ages 10 through 17). These services are short-term and individualized to the needs of the child. Once a child is determined eligible for the YPS Program, a counselor will complete an intake assessment to gather more information and assess the nature of the problem. Upon completion of the assessment, an individualized service plan will be developed to address the identified issues. Skills and strategies will be implemented through counseling to help improve and change the situation. Youth and their families may be referred to other community providers as deemed appropriate.

For additional information or to determine if your child qualifies for counseling services through the Youth Prevention Services Program, email [YPS@sccfl.org](mailto:YPS@sccfl.org).

- **Youth Shelter**

When you don't know where to go, you can come to the Youth Shelter. The **Sarasota Youth Shelter** provides temporary housing and safe care for youth ages 10 to 17 who have run away, are experiencing family conflict or have been locked out of their homes. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2841 6th Street  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-955-5596**

1500 Independence Blvd. Suite 210  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-371-4799**

<https://sccfl.org>

## **Domestic Violence**

### **Certified Batterer's Intervention Programs- ( 12th Judicial Circuit Court)**

#### **A Better Man Project**

1680 Fruitville Rd. Suite 305  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-250-0124**

#### **And**

1201 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, W Suite 100  
Bradenton, FL 34205

#### **Affordable Counseling -D.A.I.P.**

4506 26<sup>th</sup> St. W  
Bradenton, FL 34207

**Phone: 941-756-6042**

#### **And**

3205 South Gate Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-756-6042**

#### **And**

333S. Tamiami Trail Suite 205  
Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-756-6042**

#### **Dr. Kimberly Wilcox, PhD, CTP**

2215 Rio De Janerio Ave.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

**Phone: 941-740-0026**

#### **Behavioral Management Services, Inc.**

**Phone: 941-954-1105**

#### **Fisher Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc.**

3653 Cortez Rd., Suite 110 C  
Wildwood Professional Park  
Bradenton, FL 34210

**Phone: 941-758-2529**

#### **And**

677 North Washington Blvd. Suite 73  
Sarasota, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-758-2529**



**Proyecto un Hombre Mejor**

1201 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. West suite 100

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 323-802-3353**

**And**

1680 Fruitville Road Suite 305

Sarasota, FL 342

**Tonine Gaberino, LCC**

6908 Beneva Road

Sarasota, FL, 34238

**Phone: 941-400-3677**

**Tri-County Counseling**

5400 South Biscayne Drive Unit B

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-876-3060**

**Domestic Violence Legal Hotline**

**Phone: 800-500-1119**

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/domestic-violence/>

**Domestic Violence– Clerk of the Circuit Court**

Processes and tracks petitions for **domestic violence** injunctions; provides information and forms for victims of **domestic violence**; deputy clerk can assist with forms.

Restraining Order filing.

2000 Main St.

Sarasota, FL. 3423

**Phone: 941-861-7400**

**and**

R.L. Anderson Administration Center

4000 South Tamiami Trail

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-861-7800**

[www.sarasotaclerk.com](http://www.sarasotaclerk.com)

**Hope Family Services**

Provides services for survivors of domestic violence. Services include emergency safe shelter, counseling, advocacy, food, and clothing.

P.O. Box 1624

Bradenton, FL 34206

**Phone: 941-747-8499 24hour-crisis line 941-755-6805**

<http://www.hopefamilyservice.org>

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

**1-800-799-7233 (toll-free, 24/7)**

**1-800-787-3224 (TTY/toll-free)**

[www.thehotline.org/get-help](http://www.thehotline.org/get-help)

### **SPARCC - Safe Place and Rape Crisis Inc.**

24-hour Hotline: Provides services to women and their children, through shelters and counseling, who have been affected by domestic violence. A private non-profit agency that providing services to victims of domestic violence and rape in Sarasota County.

Services include:

- 24-hour Hotline for crisis intervention
- Injunction for Protection
- Emergency shelter home for battered women and their minor children. Also provided food and clothing
- Professional, individual and group counseling
- Advocacy, case management, information and referral and transportation
- Award-winning children's program for children who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence, and an educational/therapeutic program for people who batter.

2139 Main Street

Sarasota, FL 34237

1531 Tamiami Trail South Suite 702-A

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone 941-492-3752 Administration**

6919 Outreach Way

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 24-hour crisis line 941-365-1976 Administration 941-365-0208**

<http://www.sparcc.net/>

### **Elder**

#### **Elder Abuse Hotline**

##### **Department of Elder Affairs**

Law requires that any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused or neglected or exploited shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the hotline. Abuse may be physical, mental, emotional, or sexual.

**Phone: 1-800-963-5337 for services 1-800-962-2873 is Florida Abuse Hotline**

**<https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services>**

#### **Elder Helpline**

**Phone: 1-800-963-5337 for Florida Sarasota Number is 239-652-6901**

#### **State Senior Legal Helpline**

**Free legal advice to Florida residents 60 yrs. or older for civil legal problems/**

**Phone: 1-888-895-7873**

#### **National Center on Elder Abuse**

**1-855-500-3537 (toll-free)**

[ncea-info@aoa.hhs.gov](mailto:ncea-info@aoa.hhs.gov) (email)  
<https://ncea.acl.gov>

**National Adult Protective Services Association**

**1-202-370-6292**

[www.napsa-now.org](http://www.napsa-now.org)

**National Library of Medicine**

**MedlinePlus: Elder Abuse**

[www.medlineplus.gov/elderabuse.html](http://www.medlineplus.gov/elderabuse.html)

**National Institute on Aging Information Center**

P.O. Box 8057

Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8057

**1-800-222-2225 (toll-free)**

**1-800-222-4225 (TTY/toll-free)**

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/contact>

<https://www.medlineplus.gov/elderabuse.html>

**Sexual Abuse/ Human Trafficking**

**More Too Life**

More Too Life does two things: victim services and prevention. More Too Life offers intensive case management, housing, mental behavioral health services and advocacy to victims of all forms of human trafficking. More Too Life mentees come to us through referrals from their families, the courts, local law enforcement, street outreach, word of mouth, and other federal and state agencies.

1750 17<sup>th</sup> Street F

Sarasota, Fl. 34234

**Phone: 941-227-1012**

[www.moretoolife.org](http://www.moretoolife.org)

**Selah Freedom**

Outreach Support Specialist performs needs assessment and referrals and provides outreach on the streets and jails through a sex trade support group.

Three phase residential program with two safe houses and case management

Three different support groups for victims of sexual abuse and sex trafficking.

P.O. Box 21415

Sarasota, FL 34276

1800 2nd St. Ste 880

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 1-888-373-7888 or 941-677-8840**

<http://www.selahfreedom.com>

## Sarasota Section B - ADVOCACY

### Children

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Hensley Wing, Suite 330

Bradenton, FL, 34205

**Phone: 941-744-9473 ext. 1717**

<http://guardianadlitem.org>

### Consumer Protection

Florida Office of the Attorney - General Division of Consumer Services

Fraud **Hotline 850-414-3990 or toll free 1-866-966-7226** and Lemon Law **1-800-321-5366**

Insurance Commission **Phone: 1-877-693-5236**

[www.myfloridalegal.com/consumer](http://www.myfloridalegal.com/consumer)

### Healthcare and Disability

#### **Cancer Resource Network**

**Mission:** To share community resources to help individuals find services that will aid them in their personal cancer journey. Website has many resources and lists support groups for cancer patients by type, location, and time.

- Support for Children and families
- Financial Assistance
- Support Groups
- Wellness Resources
- Transportation Help
- Member List

[www.cancerresourcenetwork.org](http://www.cancerresourcenetwork.org)

**Patient Advocate Foundation-** Solving Insurance and Healthcare Access Problems

- The **Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR)** currently assists insured patients who are financially and medically qualified and are being treated for breast, lung, lymphoma and cutaneous t-cell lymphoma, prostate, kidney,

colon, pancreatic, head/neck cancers, malignant brain tumor, sarcoma, diabetes, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndrome (and other pre-leukemia diseases), osteoporosis, pain, hepatitis C, rheumatoid arthritis, selected autoimmune disorders and CIA/CIN.

- **Case Management**
  - Insurance Navigation
  - Debt Crisis Assistance
  - Screening and Enrollment in Insurance & Social Programs
  - Disability Enrollment & Appeals Assistance
  - Cost of Living Assistance
  - Identification of Co-Payment & Co-Insurance
  - Assistance and Resolution of Coding & Billing Issues
  - Assistance with Prior Authorizations
- **Access To Care- Direct Services**
  - Preauthorization
  - Coding and Billing
  - Insurance Appeals Process and Expedited Appeals Process
  - Access to Pharmaceutical Agents
  - Access to Medical Devices and Surgical Procedures
  - Expedited application for Social Security Disability, Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIPS, and other social programs
- **Job Retention**
  - Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) qualifications
  - Disability accommodations
  - Communication with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- **Disease Specific Programs**
- **National Financial Resource Directory**
- **Patient Programs for Drug Manufacturers**
- **Health Care Reform Information**
- **Patient Guides**

421 Butler Farm Rd.

Hampton, VA 23666

**Phone: 1-800-532-5274**

[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

### **PAN Foundation**

The PAN Foundation offers over 60 disease-specific assistance programs to help patients pay for their out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles, co-pays and coinsurance, travel expenses and health insurance premiums. Click on the names of the funds to see which funds are currently accepting applications, what type of assistance is available and whether you are eligible for a grant based on your type of health insurance coverage and household income. Medications are covered in this program.

**Phone: 866-316-7263**

[www.panfoundation.org](http://www.panfoundation.org)

### **Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

- Advocacy
  - Applying for social security benefits
  - Appeals processes.
  - Discrimination
  - Housing information
  - Medicaid benefits
  - ADA consultations
  - Self-advocacy

3281 17<sup>th</sup> St,

Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941-351-9545 Fax: 941-351-9545 TDD 800-299-0297**

[www.scil4u.org/](http://www.scil4u.org/)

## **Mental Health**

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness**

NAMI empowers and educates mental health consumers to address their issues around care, Treatment, services, mutual support, and consumer rights.

- NAMI Legal Center provides lawyer referrals as a service to our members and the general public.
- Trained volunteers provide information, referrals, and support to all who have questions about or are affected by serious mental illness. Call 1-800-950- NAMI.

NAMI FLORIDA

P.O. Box 961

Tallahassee, FL 32302

**Phone: 850-671-4445 National Helpline 800-950-6264 or 9-8-8 for Suicide Prevention Hotline**

[www.namiflorida.org](http://www.namiflorida.org)

## **Senior Citizens**

### **Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**

- Advocates for residents' rights and quality care in nursing facilities, personal care homes, assisted living facilities, and similar long-term care facilities.
- Investigates complaints on behalf of residents about long-term care and services.
- Monitors the long-term care system and makes appropriate recommendations for improvements.
- Makes unannounced visits to facilities.
- Provides information to residents and mediates their concerns – Provides community education.

4040 Esplanade Way, Suite 380

Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000

**Phone: 850-414-2323 or toll-free 1-888-831-0404 or Ft. Myers 239-338-2563**

<https://ombudsman.elderaffairs.org/about-us/>

## **Sarasota Section C - CHILDREN SERVICES**

### **Adoptions**

#### **A Bond of Love**

A Bond of Love (ABL) is a non-profit, licensed adoption agency based in Sarasota, Florida. Founded in 1992, ABL provides legal and social services to birth mothers and adoptive parents.

2813 Forest Lane  
Sarasota, FL. 34231

**Phone: 941-957-0064**

[www.abondoflove.org](http://www.abondoflove.org)

#### **Catholic Charities Adoption Services**

This is a state-wide agency that provides counseling of birth parents, provisions, or resources to meet physical needs of birth parents considering adoption planning; facilitates the legal transfer of parental rights for those parents who voluntarily select adoption as their option of pregnancy and/or parental resolution.

6845 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.  
Tampa, FL 33614

**Phone: 866-973-8638**

#### **Adoption Resources phone numbers**

##### **Florida Adoption Information Center**

**Phone: 800-962-3678**

#### **The Safe Children Coalition, Inc.-Sarasota: Adoption, Foster Care & Related Services**

Adoptive parents must complete Florida's FREE standardized parenting training course known as Adoption Parent Training Class (APTC) and complete 30 hrs. of curriculum, pass background screenings and complete a home study. A family's annual income isn't as important as their ability to open their hearts and homes to be a "forever family" to a special child.

1500 Independence Blvd. Suite 210  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-724-1101**

<https://sccfl.org/adopt>

## **Childcare**

### **Children First**

Early Head Start and Head Start programs, Pre- K, Health & Nutrition, Early Learning Inclusion, Mental Health, Parenting Classes- and Comprehensive Services -a validated approach for working with parents, infants, and children in reducing dysfunction and building healthy, positive interactions. Multiple locations in Sarasota, Venice, and North Port.

1723 N. Orange Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-953-3877**

<http://www.childrenfirst.net/>

### **Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County**

Programs:

- Childcare Financial Assistance
- Free Preschool for 4 yr. olds
- Childcare Class Scores
- Help finding quality childcare
- Early education career pathway
- Volunteer Opportunities

1750 17<sup>th</sup> St. Building L

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-954-4830**

[www.EarlyLearningCoalitionSarasota.org](http://www.EarlyLearningCoalitionSarasota.org)

### **Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army has grants for child day care at free low cost and sliding scale child day care including YMCA. Also, scholarships for summer camp are available.

Extended childcare is available through the Family Self Sufficiency Program (Pathway of Hope)

1400 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-364-8845**

1051 Albee Farm Rd

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-484-6227**

## **Early Learning and Youth Development**

### **Beyond the Spectrum**

A non-profit therapeutic clinic and education center for children with autism, Downs Syndrome, ADHD, and related developmental disorders from ages 5-22 in the Sarasota area.

- Peabody High School, Middle school, and Early learners Center.



- Before care and aftercare program for school
- Early Learning Center for ages 5-12
- Applied Behavioral Therapy Analysis Clinic teaches functional life skills.
- H.I.V.E. focuses on life and employment skills and recreational day program.

7333 International Pl  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-907-3443**

[www.beyondthespectrum.org/](http://www.beyondthespectrum.org/)

### **Boy Scouts-Southwest Florida Council**

Learning for Life programs help youth develop social and life skills, assist in character development, and help youth formulate positive personal values.

<http://www.swflcouncilbsa.org/home/>

### **Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County**

After- school and summer programming for Sarasota County youth ages 6-18. A Boys & Girls Club is a safe place to learn and grow; provides life-enhancing programs and character development experiences. Fees: Membership fee Bi-lingual

3100 Fruitville Road  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-3911**

### **Cyesis Program**

Public school educational program within Sarasota County school system serving pregnant and parenting teens. Childcare provided on-site. Counseling for getting into community health care programs is available. Programs at Riverview High School and North Port High School. The three components of Cyesis are.

- Customized Academic Plan
- Parenting Skills Development
- Childcare/Family Advocacy

**Phone: At RHS, the social worker may be reached at 941-923-1484 extension 64049.**

**Phone: At NPHS, the Cyesis Program coordinator may be reached at 941-423-8558.**

<https://www.sarasotacountychools.net/>

### **Early Steps**

Offers early intervention to infants and toddler's birth through 36 months, with significant delays or a condition that places them at risk of developmental delay.

- Brings services into the child's life rather than fitting the child into services.
- Maximizes each child's everyday natural learning opportunities.
- Enhances each child's development and participation in community life.
- Provides each child with a consistent team for evaluation and services.
- Gives families options in service decisions and encourages active partnerships.
- Provides a primary service provider to work with your family, other caregivers, and the team.

Health Planning Council

4630 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, Fl 34235

**Phone 941-487-5400**

**Phone: 800-218-0001**

<https://floridaearlysteps.com>

### **Every Child, Inc.**

Provides backpacks filled with supplies for every student from K-8<sup>th</sup> grade living in public housing in Sarasota County. Also provides Holiday parties and gift distribution. Cinderella project provides gently worn prom dresses and they also provide groceries & clothes. They also offer after school programs, summer camps & enrichment classes.

1700 North Dr.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-376-2663**

### **Face Autism**

Programs and parent support groups in locations in Sarasota and Bradenton. Phone for information. Programs include Art, Dance, Social Skills, Music Therapy, Social Thinking Class, and many other programs.

Multiple locations for specific programs with phone numbers. Check Resources for links and contact phone numbers.

[www.face-autism.org](http://www.face-autism.org)

### **Florida Center For Early Childhood**

- **Starfish Academy** is the Florida Center's nationally accredited early childhood education program and serves children aged six weeks to five years and operates as an inclusion therapy model.
- **Developmental Therapies Program** provides early intervention assistance to children birth to 10 years, or through fifth grade.
- **Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services** provide diagnostic and therapeutic assistance to children, from birth to age 10.
- **Healthy Families - Home Visiting Program** for expectant parents and parents of newborns.
- **Early Childhood Court** is a specialized court model designed to address the needs of infants and young children under the age of three. The purpose is:
  - Change the experience and outcomes of young children in the welfare system.
  - Heal trauma and repair the parent-child relationship.
  - Expedite a permanent home for the child.
  - Break the intergenerational cycle of abuse, neglect, and violence.
- **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic Clinic** provides assessments and interventions for ages 0-8 to diagnose alcohol-related disorders in children due to alcohol use during pregnancy. Nationally accredited preschool classrooms. Pre-school offers a part-time program, and extended school day to meet needs of working parents.
- **School-Based Mental Health** provides mental health counseling services to students in 18 Sarasota County elementary schools.

- **Early Childhood Training** provides seminar and onsite training and online training for educators, parents, and caregivers.

4620 17th Street

Sarasota FL 34235

**Phone: 941-371-8820 ext. 1000**

[www.thefloridacenter.org](http://www.thefloridacenter.org) Click on What We DO

#### **40 Carrots Family Center**

A comprehensive parenting center, a community outreach and parenting programs and education program. Child and Family Therapy is available with licensed therapist.

Nationally accredited preschool for children up to age 5

1500 South Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-365-7716**

**Child and Family Therapy**

**Phone: 941-960-2565**

[www.fortycarrots.org](http://www.fortycarrots.org)

#### **Foundation for Dreams, Inc. - Temporarily suspended operations due to Hurricane Milton**

Provides fun, educational, and recreational experiences in an outdoor camp environment to enhance the lives of children ages 7-17 with physical and developmental disabilities and serious illnesses. Provides day, weekend, and overnight camps. Camps are week-long in the summer and held on the weekends throughout the year.

16110 Dream Oaks Place

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-746-5659**

[www.foundationfordreams.org](http://www.foundationfordreams.org)

#### **Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County**

Non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring girls to be Strong, Smart and Bold. Offers after-school and summer camp programs for girl's ages 5-18. Many Girls Inc. programs are offered at school, community, and private venues throughout Sarasota County.

201 S. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-6646**

[www.girlsincsrq.org](http://www.girlsincsrq.org)

#### **Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.**

Meets the needs and interests of girls (ages 5-17) while building courage, confidence, and character in a safe, supportive, all-girl environment. Call or visit the website to find out about troops in your area.

4780 Cattlemen Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 941-921-5358 800-232-4475**

[www.gsgcf.org](http://www.gsgcf.org)

**Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County**

Offers support, education and services to pregnant women, families, and children. Provides physician referral, childbirth classes, parenting, education, and support. Provides service in North Port area. Care coordination, childbirth education classes, breast-feeding education and support, psychosocial counseling, nutrition, education, parenting education and more. Other services include Momcare and Fetal & Infant Mortality Review, T.E.A.M. Dad Services and An Education and Support Program for Hispanic women in Spanish. Also have a Resource Directory  
The Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center

1750 17<sup>th</sup> St. Building A

Sarasota FL 34234

**Phone: 941-373-7070**

[www.healthystartsarasota.org](http://www.healthystartsarasota.org).

**Laurel Civic Association, Inc.**

Non-profit focused on community development by providing educational and social activities leading to self-sufficiency for predominantly low-income families and children; supporting the elderly; and collaborating with government and other organizations to bring in needed services. Programs:

- Youth Empowerment
  - Homework Assistance Program- students work with staff and volunteers Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm to complete math sheets, reading and writing assignments, and other academic projects.
  - Kid Café- provides a nutritious hot meal for about 50 kids each day after school and over the summer months.
  - STEMS- Pine View High School students volunteer to help kids from 3rd to 8th grade develop a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
  - Vans transport children from schools
- Teen Empowerment- (TEP) is a proactive prevention program designed to reach and engage our teens.
  - Summer Camp Life Skills- This one-of-a-kind, seven-week summer life skills camp for teens from 14 to 18 years old allows them to explore career and training opportunities that match their interests and aptitudes. In addition, they learn about finances, health and wellness, safety, and more.
    - Financial Literacy- Banking and money management. Teens paid for attending class.
    - Career Exploration- Job seeking skills, job interviews, educational and experiential field trips including public service & safety county jobs.
    - Life Skills
    - Health and Wellness

509 Collins Rd.  
Laurel, FL 34275

**Phone: 941-483-3338**

[www.laurelcivic.org](http://www.laurelcivic.org)

### **The Safe Children Coalition, Inc**

The Safe Children Coalition, Inc is a non-profit Community-Based Care provider of education, prevention, diversion, and child welfare services including adoption and foster care. Core functions provided by The Safe Children Coalition, Inc. are:

- **Adopt/Foster**
  - **Adoption**

Inquire by calling the recruitment line at **941-724-1101** or complete the online inquiry form. Someone will contact you within one business day and you will be provided information regarding the dates and times of the next informational meeting.
  - **Fostering**

Attend a Virtual Information Meeting Learn about foster parenting from professionals who will give an overview of the child welfare system and the supports available to foster parents. You will find answers to your questions and feel more confident moving forward in your fostering journey. Meetings are a no pressure environment where the goal is to inform and assist.
  - **Caregiver Assistance Program**

The **Caregiver Assistance Program (CAP)** helps caregivers of children in relative or non-relative placement with an open dependency case. Most caregivers didn't expect to take in the child(ren) they are now caring for. With CAP, caretakers are not alone as they take on these new responsibilities and costs. Contact the Caregiver Assistance Program at [cap@sccfl.org](mailto:cap@sccfl.org) or **941-402-1101**
  - **Independent Living Services**

If you are between the ages of 13 and 23 and you have or will age out of foster care in Florida (including extended foster care), please call for services, Call **850-300-HOPE (850-300-4673)**  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (ET)
  - **Foster Parent Resources**
- **Prevention/Diversion**
- **Achievers**

Requirements to join the Achievers Program:  
Middle School and/or High School aged  
Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater.  
Ready to volunteer for community service projects.  
Attend scheduled program events.  
Commit to the program by signing a contract to meet obligations.  
**Phone: 941-365-0056**
- **Hippy**

**Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)** is a home-based, early childhood education program for 2,3,4, and 5 yr. old children. Educators go to homes for one hour a week for reading and writing lessons and each month have Parenting classes.

- **Schoolhouse Link**

Every child has a right to a public education, but when your home is in turmoil, it can be overwhelming to navigate school and social services systems.

Schoolhouse Link is here to be your advocate helping students in transition attend and succeed in school. Schoolhouse Link operates under a contract with the Sarasota County School Board and serves as the District's official "homeless liaison."

This act enables students in transition to enroll and attend school no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. **Phone: 941-923-6100**

- **E.R.A.T.** = Emergency Response and Assessment Team is Circuit 12's Prevention and Diversion Program for families who are at high risk of entering the child welfare system. ERAT provides intensive in-home services and coordinates on-going services for families in need by linking them to any services needed to help avoid unnecessarily removing children from their home in order to preserve families. The goal of ERAT is to ensure children's safety and well-being within the home and preserve intact families in which children have been maltreated, whenever the family's problems can be addressed effectively in the community.

For more information, **Phone: 941-361-1504.**

- **Youth Prevention Services**

Free individual school-based counseling services through our Youth Prevention Services Program (serving ages 10 through 17). These services are short-term and individualized to the needs of the child. Once a child is determined eligible for the YPS Program, a counselor will complete an intake assessment to gather more information and assess the nature of the problem. Upon completion of the assessment, an individualized service plan will be developed to address the identified issues. Skills and strategies will be implemented through counseling to help improve and change the situation. Youth and their families may be referred to other community providers as deemed appropriate.

For additional information or to determine if your child qualifies for counseling services through the Youth Prevention Services Program, email [YPS@sccfl.org](mailto:YPS@sccfl.org).

- **Youth Shelter**

When you don't know where to go, you can come to the Youth Shelter. The **Sarasota Youth Shelter** provides temporary housing and safe care for youth ages 10 to 17 who have run away, are experiencing family conflict or have been locked out of their homes. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2841 6th Street  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-955-5596**

1500 Independence Blvd. Suite 210  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-371-4799**

<https://sccfl.org>

**Step Up Suncoast formerly Manatee Community Action Agency**

Primarily serves Manatee, DeSoto and Hardee counties with limited service in Sarasota County. The majority of programs are directed to providing quality child development programs for children birth to age 5 such as head start, and early head start along with child development screenings. Also, Language and speech screening are available.

Healthy Families Program- education & support for New Parents

6428 Parkland Drive

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-827-0188**

[www.stepupsuncoast.org](http://www.stepupsuncoast.org)

**The Haven Children's Services**

- **Selby Preschool**

The Preschool specializes its learning environment for the infants/children, birth thru five, who have disabilities and special needs.

- **Haven Academy Middle and High School**

- **The Haven Academy** is a private Family Empowerment Scholarship school registered with the Florida Department of Education serving students ages 14-22 with a wide range of abilities. The Haven Academy provides functional academics, life skills, vocational skills, and community-based instruction.

**Life Skills Development :**

- The Haven's life skills program, offered at both our Sarasota and Venice campuses, provide a supportive, educational, and social setting that is intended to champion adult clients 22 and beyond in their daily routines. Clients are provided hand on experiences such as cooking, baking, cleaning, as well as opportunities to expand on transferable skills..
- **Residential Services**
- The Haven's residential program consists of five single-family style residential homes for adults 18+ with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Located on a lush, 32-acre campus, The Haven assists all residents in every aspect of their daily life as needed. Assistance and education can include social skills, cooking and cleaning, self-care and hygiene, and personal safety skills.
- **Culinary Academy**  
Participants in our program will have the chance to work alongside experienced professionals in a variety of food service settings, such as restaurants, cafes, and catering companies. Through this on-the-job experience, they will learn essential skills such as food preparation, cooking, customer service, table service, and kitchen operations.

4405 DeSoto Road

Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941- 355-8808**

[www.thehavensrq.org](http://www.thehavensrq.org)

**Triad Alternative School**

The School Board of Sarasota County assigns students to the Triad Alternative Program. Students learn to respect others, to take responsibility, to be honest, and to care about the feelings of other people. Grades 6-12

4430 Beneva Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-925-6693 Melanie Ritter, program Director**

[www.sarasotacountyschools.net](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net)

**Social Services and Social Agencies****American Red Cross - Southwest Florida Chapter**

Provides emergency help to disaster victims, service to military families and veterans, as well as training in CPR, First Aid, swimming, small craft, AIDS education, AED, babysitting and programs for the elderly.

2001 Cantu Ct.

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-379-9300**

<http://www.redcross.org/local/florida/central-florida/chapters/southwest-florida>

**Bridge to Life**

Bridge to Life provides support for Foster Parents and Adoptive Families and Christ-centered hope for children with relational trauma through awareness and family support with Financial Assistance, free meals, home repairs. Special events, education and training, Prayer requests., Parents night out and Ladies Night out and resources.

9015 Town Center Parkway suite #126

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

**Phone: 941-306-8628**

<https://www.bridgealife.com>

**Catholic Charities of Sarasota and Manatee Counties**

The Catholic Charities agency operates 21 sites throughout southwest Florida. Services are offered regardless of race, creed, or color. Services available to the community in Sarasota and Manatee counties are direct assistance; family, individual and group counseling; post adoption services; shelter to mothers and infants; outreach coordination and referral for young families in distress.

5900 Pan American Boulevard, Suite 203

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-564-8637**

5055 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-355-4680**

[www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

**Child Protection Center, Inc. - Supervised Visitation Program**



The court-ordered Supervised Visitation Program facilitates visits between non-custodial parents and their children by extensively trained volunteers. Such visits take place throughout Sarasota County at safe, clean, and healthy environments for children.

720 S. Orange Ave,  
Sarasota, FL 34246

**Phone: 941-365-1277**

[www.cpcsarasota.org](http://www.cpcsarasota.org)

### **Children's Medical Services**

Provides information and referrals on services for disabilities and special health care needs for children.

**Phone: 1-800-654-4440**

<https://www.elcgateway.org/providers/107-assisting-special-needs-children/>

<https://www.cms-kids.com/index.html>

### **Child Support Enforcement**

- Establishing paternity.
- Getting support orders, including healthcare coverage for the child.
- Collecting and sending support payments.
- Enforcing support orders.
- Genetic Testing

Services are free. Go to website to fill out application. You can still get child support without relinquishing legal custody.

1991 Main Street Suite 140  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 850-488-5437 or 877-769-0251**

<https://childsupport.floridarevenue.com>

### **CoAbode**

CoAbode's mission is to provide online support and services that connect women raising children alone. Through this connection, single parent women families pool their finances and resources to improve their living conditions for themselves and their children by sharing a home.

[www.coabode.org](http://www.coabode.org)

### **Easter Seals of Southwest Florida**

Offers the highest quality of care and services to children, youth, and adults with special needs so that they can enjoy access, opportunities, and increased life choices. Provides information and support to individuals with special needs and the families who care for them. Helping children and adults with a variety of special needs, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and developmental delays.

350 Braden Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-355-7637**

[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

### **Florida Department of Children and Families – ACCESS Florida**

One Stop Service Center serves residents of Sarasota County for programs including: Food Stamps; Medicaid; Temporary Cash Assistance; Refugee Assistance; Child Protective Investigations; Adult Services (for frail, elderly or disabled at-risk of abuse); Domestic Violence; Economic Self-Sufficiency Services (ACCESS); Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services (contracted to community providers); Developmentally Disabled Services; and Foster Care Services. Eligibility criteria for these programs differ but are based on state and federal poverty guidelines. You may apply on-line at or at various community ACCESS sites.

1864 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 850-300-4323**

[www.myflfamilies.com](http://www.myflfamilies.com)

### **Jewish Family and Children's Service**

#### **Adolescent Diversion & Assistance Program**

To reduce or prevent future involvement of youth, ages 11-17 years old with the juvenile justice system.

#### **Camp Mariposa**

Camp Mariposa is a program designed to help meet the needs of children (9-12 years old) facing the difficult challenges associates with an addicted or co-dependent family member.

#### **Counseling for Children and Adolescents**

JFCS provides counseling and social services for children over 6 yrs. old and adolescents.

#### **Summer Enrichment Programs**

JFCS Summer Programs involve middle school youth, ages 11-14.

#### **School Based Programs**

**Restoring Empowerment and Choosing Hope (REACH)** – This federally funded program assists low income, at-risk adults develop the skills they need to hone healthy relationship/marriage skills, improve ability to parent/co-parent effectively, and identify and enhance skills and abilities required to gain/retain economic self-sufficiency through the usage of evidence-based curricula and case management. A 2Gen approach also provides education to children mirroring adult workshops to promote healthy, stable, and safe families.

**Ignite** is a federally funded fatherhood program aimed at helping to struggle. fathers and father figures improve the parent-child relationship, sustain healthy marriages/relationships, and identify and support their economic stability and employment objectives. Through case management and an experiential curriculum, participants receive tools to improve relationship skills, build self-awareness, address emotions, promote mindful choices, and are encouraged to value themselves as fathers and as men in the world.

2688 Fruitville Road.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-2224**

**Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery and Addiction Recovery Services  
DFY (Drug-Free Youth)**

Drug Free Youth is committed to the reduction of harm created by early use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco in the adolescent population (grades 6-12). We are supported by the community at large including businesses, parents, schools, and social service agencies.

**Family Life Intervention Program (FLIP)**

The Family Life Intervention Program (FLIP) is a comprehensive initiative designed to uplift and support at-risk youth between the ages of 7 and 17 and their families as they navigate through challenging life circumstances.

**School-Based Mental Health**

Mental health therapists provide on-site treatment to middle school students who are referred by school counselors or administrators.

Mental health therapists provide on-site treatment to middle school students who are referred by school counselors or administrators. Therapists provide individual and family counseling, crisis stabilization services and ongoing treatment for depression, anxiety, and PTSD, with the goal of supporting school performance.

**Student Assistance Program**

Prevention and early intervention specialists located in Sarasota and DeSoto County high schools and middle schools. Prevention and early intervention specialists located in Sarasota and DeSoto County high schools and middle schools. Staff members meet with students individually and in groups for check-ins, counseling, and mentoring, drop-out or suspension prevention, substance-abuse counseling, mediation, social media bullying, grief counseling, or help during a personal crisis or to help find community resources.

**Administrative Services:**

4579 Northgate Court

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837**

<https://lightsharewellness.org>

**One More Child Compassion Center**

One More Child is faith-based and has nine locations in Florida and has a location in Palmetto and serves Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

**Families**

- Food, clothing and household items, diaper wipes, free tax return services, after school programs and spiritual mentors.

**Foster Care training**

**Single Moms:**

- Safe housing in safe secure locations
- Mentors
- Assist with education and career advancement.
- Budgeting, cooking, and other life skills

**Survivors of sex trafficking:**

- Safe housing with trauma counseling

**Phone 863-687-687-8811**

<https://onemorechild.org>

### **Project 10**

#### **Transition Education Network**

An alliance of parents, professionals and community members interested in helping families with children up to age 18 who have special needs and disabilities. They provide support, education, advocacy & respite, which empowers parents to provide the best opportunities for their children.

7631 Merchant Ct.

Sarasota, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-928-0682**

<http://project10.info/DetailPageDistrictLocal.php?MainPageID=46>

### **Sarasota School Programs**

- **Sarasota School Program for children with disabilities-Exceptional Student Education**

The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department provides support and services to students with disabilities (SWD) who are eligible for special education services. Sarasota County Schools serve over 7,000 students with disabilities, ages three through 21, in over 40 schools. A continuum of services is provided in a variety of settings, which include general education classrooms, resource rooms, separate classes, cluster programs, a separate day school, and hospital/homebound. Services for many SWD can be provided at their neighborhood school. Eligible students are provided supports and/or services per their Individual Education Plan (IEP) which is based on each child's unique needs.

1960 Landings Blvd.

Sarasota, Fl. 34231

**Phone: 941-927-9000, ext. 34226 Dr. Heather Wasserman**

- **Sarasota County Schools Office of School Choice Home School Liaison**

The Program provides emotional and financial assistance to students who are homeschooled.

**Phone: 941-927-9000 ext. 32258.**

### **Sarasota County Parks and Recreation**

Sarasota County Parks and Recreation has over 200 beach and park areas. Also provides recreational facilities and programs to enhance quality of life. Call 861-5000 to reserve a pavilion at a park.

1660 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34241

**Phone: 941-861-7275 or 941-861-5000**

[www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net)

### **Special Day Foundation**

The mission is to enrich the lives of special needs children and adults through nature-based opportunities in recreation/social experiences, one Special Day at a time.

11523 Palmbrush Trl

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

**Phone: 941-225-3103**

<http://www.specialdayfoundation.org/>

### **Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County**

Informative website with information on their mentoring & scholarship program for Sarasota County *at risk youth* from *low-income families*. Students are selected in middle school through an application & interview process. The family must meet financial guidelines & the student signs a contract pledging to remain drug & crime free, maintain good grades and behavior & meet with a mentor once a week. Upon graduation from High School, each student earns a full tuition scholarship to a College/Technical School.

PO Box 48186

Sarasota, Florida 34230

**Phone: 941-270-3850**

[www.takestocksarasota.org](http://www.takestocksarasota.org)

### **The 180 House**

An outreach of Suncoast Youth for Christ

The 180 House is a place where youth can come to connect with their peers, engage in inter-generational relationships, and learn the tools to navigate through the challenges of life. The 180 House uses board-sports and the arts as a common interest to engage and teach youth about the love of Christ. Our mission is to use community volunteers to get involved in the life of local teens and help them grow in their faith.

Some of the activities include.

- Mentoring
- Life coaching
- Skating
- Rock climbing
- Ping-Pong
- Basketball
- Video Games
- Eating tons of snacks

2020 Hawthorne Street

Sarasota FL 34239

General Inquiries: [180Sarasota@SuncoastYFC.org](mailto:180Sarasota@SuncoastYFC.org)

[www.the180house.org](http://www.the180house.org)

### **Women's Infants and Children (WIC)**

Provides a free nutrition program to pregnant and postpartum women with infants and children birth to 5 years old. Program provides healthy food, nutrition education, counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health care.

2200 Ringling Blvd. Room 167

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-861-2929 or 1-800-342-3556**

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/wic/>

## **Sarasota Section D - CLOTHING AND FURNITURE**

### **Angel's Attic**

Provides Children's Clothing, Furniture, Small household items, Occasional Emergency Food Assistance. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-1pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 10am-1pm  
1255 Seeds Ave.

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-413-3363**

### **Baby Basics**

Provides diapers for infants up to 3 years old. Program is for working low-income families. Families must be referred to us by one of our partner agencies:

- WIC: Sarasota (941) 861-2929 Northport (941) 861-3336
- Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota (941) 365-545
- Jewish Family & Children's Services: Sarasota and Northport (941) 366-2224
- Healthy Families: Sarasota (941) 371-8820 Ext. 1000  
Northport (941) 371-8820 Ext. 1900

P.O. Box 15485

Sarasota, FL 34277

**Phone: 941-684-0009**

[www.babybasicssarasota.org](http://www.babybasicssarasota.org)

### **Beds for Kids**

Beds for Kids Inc, serving Manatee and Sarasota Counties, is a faith-based nonprofit corporation established in Bradenton, Florida, whose mission is to provide free beds for kids that need them. As a faith-based organization, we acknowledge and call upon God for help, guidance, and purpose in fulfilling our mission.

P.O. Box 110437

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211

**Phone: 941-290-2774**

<https://b4kids.org>

### **Episcopal Thrift House**

Clothing, furniture, housewares are for sale and all profits from sales go directly to those in need

1503 2<sup>nd</sup>. St.

Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941-365-1519**

<https://www.redeemersarasota.org/sarasota-fl-thrift-store/>

### **Friendship Baptist Church**

*Free clothing* Tuesdays 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Wed. 6:00 pm-7:30pm. Call office to confirm hours. Sprout truck here on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. 10:30-11:30am

5700 Palmer Blvd.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-371-2301**

**Goodwill Industries of Manasota - Airport Bargain Barn**

Goods that do not sell in the local stores go to this location where they are sold by the pound at a discounted rate of \$1.25 per pound. However, Goodwill has a voucher program for needy families that would entitle them to 10 pounds of free clothes and two pairs of shoes for each adult and for those children aged 5 or above. A picture ID will be required on the day of shopping. Furniture assistance is offered only to victims of domestic violence, elderly persons, the disabled or those in danger of losing their children. *An agency referral slip is required.* (8-4) M-F

2150 Whitfield Industrial Way

Sarasota, Florida 34243

**Phone: 941-365-1297**

14879 Tamiami Trail

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-429-3461**

<http://www.experiencegoodwill.org>

**Goodwill Retail Store**

Inventory categories include clothing, furniture, housewares, toys, books, linens, accessories, shoes, bikes, books, electronics, small and large appliances.

**Arcadia**

1701 E Oak St #B

Arcadia, FL 34266

**Phone: 863-491-1445**

**Bradenton - Corporate Campus**

2715 51st Ave E

Bradenton, FL 34203

**Phone: 941-827-0064**

**Bradenton - Cortez**

3465 Cortez Rd W

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-684-0073**

5512 Manatee Ave W

Bradenton, FL 34209

**Phone: 941-795-0978**

**Englewood**

1501 Placida Rd

Englewood, FL 34223

**Phone: 941-475-9401**

**Lakewood Ranch**

8750 E State Road 70

Bradenton, FL 34202

**Phone: 941-405-1850**

**Laurel/Nokomis**

2210 N Tamiami Trl

Nokomis, FL 34275

**Phone: 941-966-4359**

**North Port**

14879 Tamiami Trl

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-584-4355**

**Palmetto**

1210 10th St E

Palmetto, FL 34221

**Phone: 941-723-2824**

**Sarasota**

7241S. Tamiami Trl

Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-923-0464**

1704 N. Honore Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-487-3561**

5150 N Tamiami Trl

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-359-8211**

**Venice**

676 Tamiami Trl

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-441-0241**

<https://experiencegoodwill.org>

**Habitat for Humanity Home ReStore**

Administration Office

1757 North East Avenue

Sarasota, FL 342344

**Phone: 941-487-5512**

**Manatee ReStore**

5108 15<sup>th</sup> St E

Bradenton, FL 34203

**Phone: 941-355-7082**

**Sarasota ReStore**

2095 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-487-5512**

**South Sarasota ReStore**

1400 Ogden Rd.

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-493-0529**

[www.sarasotahabitat.com](http://www.sarasotahabitat.com)



### **Hope to Dream by Ashley Home Stores**

Provides a mattress, bed frame, bedding and a pillow (a \$399 value) for deserving children. Apply online. A child can be referred by a school social worker, case manager, or other charitable organization. Sarasota Ashley Home Store participates.

4650 S Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL.34231

**Phone: 941-925-5100**

[www.ahopetodream.com](http://www.ahopetodream.com)

### **Mothers Helping Mothers**

Programs:

- Classes with childcare available with chance to win prizes.
- Shopping by appointment only - You may shop every 4 months. Hours are Tues and Fri. and 1st Saturday (9-11:15) am 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month (5:30pm-8:30pm)
- Apply online for Emergency Financial Assistance
- Computers for Kids
- Safe Ride- Safe Sleep educational and new bassinets
- Helping Hands connects mothers to each other.
- Reusable Period Cups
- Cloth Diapers

5933 North Washington Blvd.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-953-7572 (APPLY ONLINE)**

[www.mhmsarasota.com](http://www.mhmsarasota.com)

### **One More Child Compassion Center**

One More Child is faith-based has Nine locations in Florida and has a location in Palmetto and serves Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

Families

- Food, clothing and household items, diaper wipes, free tax return services, after school programs and spiritual mentors.
- P.O. Box 8190 Lakeland, FL 33802

**Phone 863-687-687-8811 email addresses ore listed.**

<https://onemorechild.org>

### **Resurrection House**

A day resource center for homeless people, which provides food, showers, laundry, restrooms, local bus transportation for job and housing search, local telephone calls. Receives client mail, assists in obtaining permanent picture ID's and birth certificates, emergency clothing, haircuts, AA meetings, VA counseling, legal aid, health referrals. Legal Assistance on Tuesday mornings.

507 Kumquat Court

Sarasota FL 34236

**Phone: 941-365-3759**

[www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org](http://www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org)

**Salvation Army Thrift Shop**

Low cost used furniture and household goods.

2280 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-952-0349**

1160 US Highway 41 Bypass

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-488-9300**

<http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/sarasota/>

**SPARCC Treasure Chest**

High-end clothing and furniture

1426 Fruitville Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941-953-7800**

**St. Vincent dePaul Society Thrift Store**

2711 Mall Dr., 'Gulf Gate Area

Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-444-9343**

**Streets of Paradise**

Street Outreach

- We offer free toiletries such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream and feminine hygiene products at all our events.
- Every Sunday ready-made breakfast sandwiches, fruit and cold water are served in three places:
  - **Payne Park**  
2110 Adams Ln,  
Sarasota, FL 34237
  - **Salvation Army**  
1400 10th St,  
Sarasota, FL 34236
  - **Five Points Park**  
61 N Pineapple Ave,  
Sarasota, FL 34236
- **Street To Home**

Streets of Paradise is currently the only organization in the Continuum of Care that is providing furniture and household essentials to individuals and families that are receiving housing through our member agencies. Our climate-controlled warehouse is stocked with gently used furniture that we use to transform an empty house or apartment into a comfortable home, which restores dignity and self-worth into the lives of our friends.

8521 15<sup>th</sup> ST. E

Sarasota, FL. 34243

**Phone: 941-899-5854**

[www.streetsofParadise.org](http://www.streetsofParadise.org)

**Suncoast Humane Society Thrift Store**

656 Tamiami Trl.

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-480-9811**

228 S Indiana Ave.

Englewood, FL 34223

**Phone: 941-681-2627**

**Tidewell Thrift Shop**

5441 Palmer Crossing Circle

Sarasota, FL 34238

**Phone: 941-552-7555**

Bird Bay Plaza/ 523 US Hwy 41 Bypass

North Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-882-4467**

## **Sarasota Section E - DISABILITY RESOURCES**

### **Community And Government Agencies**

#### **Agency for Persons with Disabilities-State of Florida**

Informative website serving 50,000 Floridians:

- **\*\*\*Click on Resource Directory & Calendar to view local resources and search by zip code and select up to 5 topic keywords.**
- **Florida Navigator is map to access state agency disability Programs.**
- **Also review FAQ.**

#### **Disabilities Served**

- People severely impaired by autism
- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida
- Intellectual disabilities
- Down syndrome
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Phelan-McDermid syndrome
- Children aged 3-5 who are at a high risk of a developmental disability.

#### **Services does APD provide?**

APD provides:

- Medicaid HCBS Waiver through iBudget Florida
- Placement in an intermediate care facility for those with developmental disabilities
- Supported employment services.
- Supported living services.
- Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)
- IFS (Individual and Family Supports) funding for non-waiver customer expenses.

**Housing Assistance Phone: 877-428-8844.**

1313 North Tampa Street Suite 515

Tampa, Florida

**Phone 1-800-615-8720 or 1-813-233-4300**

**[www.apd.myflorida.com](http://www.apd.myflorida.com)**

#### **Area Agency on Aging**

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) is a nonprofit organization serving older adults (age 60-up) and adults with disabilities. We serve Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota counties.

Provides:

- Elder Helpline,
- Elder Abuse, Education and Prevention
- SHINE Medicare Counseling

- Home Care and Community Care Services
  - Adult Day Care
  - Personal Care
  - Case Management
  - Home-Delivered Meals
  - Congregate Meals
  - Nutrition Education
  - Transportation
  - Caregiver Training, Support and Respite
  - Housekeeping
  - Home Health Aid
  - Legal Assistance
  - Shopping Assistance

These services are funded through Federal and state grants. These include the Older Medicaid Waiver Program, Americans Act, National Family Caregiver Support Program, Community Care for the Elderly, Home Care for the Elderly, and Alzheimer's Disease Initiative programs.

<https://aaaswfl.org>

### **Community Care Programs**

#### **Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Program**

Veteran Directed Care gives Veterans of all ages the opportunity to receive the Home and Community Based Services they need in a consumer-directed way.

This program is for Veterans who need personal care services and help with activities of daily living. Examples include help with bathing, dressing, or fixing meals. This program is also for Veterans who are isolated, or their caregiver is experiencing burden.

Veterans in this program are given a budget for services that is managed by the Veteran or the Veteran's representative. With the help of a counselor, Veterans hire their own workers to meet their daily needs to help them live at home or in their community.

Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

2830 Winkler Ave. Ste. 112

Fort Myers, FL 33916

**Phone: 1-800- 963-5337 toll-free or local 239-652-6900**

[www.aaaswfl.org](http://www.aaaswfl.org)

### **Medicaid Waiver Programs**

#### **From Agency for Health Care Administration**

Home and Community-Based Services Waivers programs are the federally approved Medicaid programs authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Section 1915(c) that provide services in the home for persons who would otherwise require institutional care in a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility.

2727 Mahan Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Phone: 888-419-3456**

[http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs\\_waivers/index.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs_waivers/index.shtml)

- **FL DD Individual Budgeting (0867.R01.00)**

Provides residential habilitation, respite, support coordination, adult dental services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, skilled nursing, specialized medical equipment and supplies, specialized mental health counseling, speech therapy, transportation, behavior analysis services, behavior assistant services, dietitian services, environmental accessibility adaptations, life skills development, personal emergency response system, personal supports, private duty nursing, residential nursing, special medical home care, supported living coaching for individuals w/autism, IID, DD ages 3 - no max age

- **FL Familial Dysautonomia Waiver (40205.R02.00)**

Provides respite, support coordination, adult dental, durable medical equipment, behavioral services, consumable medical supplies, non-residential support services for medically fragile individuals ages 3 - 64 years.

- **FL Model Waiver (40166.R05.00)**

Provides respite, assistive technology and service evaluation, environmental accessibility adaptations, transition case management, for medically fragile individuals ages 0 – 20.

- **FL Long-Term Care Managed Care (0962.R01.00)**

Provides adult day health, case management, homemaker, respite, attendant care, intermittent/skilled nursing, medical equipment and supplies, OT, personal care, PT, respiratory therapy, speech therapy, transportation, adult companion, assisted living, behavior management, caregiving training, home accessibility adaptations, home delivered meals, medication administration, medication management, nutritional assessment and risk reduction, PERS, structured family caregiving for aged individuals 65 – no max age, physical disabilities 18-64

### **Beyond the Spectrum**

A non-profit therapeutic clinic and education center for children with autism, Downs Syndrome, ADHD, and related developmental disorders from ages 5-22 in the Sarasota area.

- Peabody High School, Middle school, and Early learners Center.
- Before care and aftercare program for school
- Early Learning Center for ages 5-12
- Mariposa Program for ages 12-22 for life skills
- Applied Behavioral Therapy Analysis Clinic teaches functional life skills.
- H.I.V.E. focuses on life and employment skills and recreational day program.

7333 International Pl  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-907-3443**

[www.beyondthespectrum.org/](http://www.beyondthespectrum.org/)

### **Easter Seals of Southwest Florida**

Offers the highest quality of care and services to children, youth, and adults with special needs so that they can enjoy access, opportunities, and increased life choices. Provides information and support to individuals with special needs and the families who care for them. Helping children and adults with a variety of special needs, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and developmental delays.

Services:

- Early Child Development
- K-12 Education
- Children's Therapy- speech, occupational and early intervention
- Adult Enrichment
- Autism Center of Excellence
- Help for Heroes- support for Veterans and First Responders

350 Braden Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-355-7637**

[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

### **Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida**

Provides services to individuals with epilepsy and their families. Programs include medical services, case management, vocational services, and education.

Provides a comprehensive of Epilepsy resources websites.

750 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Building I-2

Sarasota, Florida 34234

**Phone: 941-953-5988**

[www.epilepsy-services.org](http://www.epilepsy-services.org)

### **Florida Center for Early Childhood**

- **Starfish Academy** is the Florida Center's nationally accredited early childhood education program and serves children aged six weeks to five years and operates as an inclusion therapy model.
- **Developmental Therapies Program** provides early intervention assistance to children birth to 10 years, or through fifth grade.
- **Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services** provide diagnostic and therapeutic assistance to children, from birth to age 10.
- **Healthy Families - Home Visiting Program** for expectant parents and parents of newborns.
- **Early Childhood Court** is a specialized court model designed to address the needs of infants and young children under the age of three. The purpose is:
  - Change the experience and outcomes of young children in the welfare system.
  - Heal trauma and repair the parent-child relationship.
  - Expedite a permanent home for the child.
  - Break the intergenerational cycle of abuse, neglect, and violence.

- **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic Clinic** provides assessments and interventions for ages 0-8 to diagnose alcohol-related disorders in children due to alcohol use during pregnancy. Nationally accredited preschool classrooms. Pre-school offers a part-time program, and extended school day to meet needs of working parents.
- **School-Based Mental Health** provides mental health counseling services to students in 18 Sarasota County elementary schools.
- **Early Childhood Training** provides seminar and onsite training and online training for educators, parents, and caregivers.

4620 17<sup>th</sup> St. Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941- 371-8820 ext. 1000**

**6929 Outreach Way North Port, FL 34287**

**Phone: 941-371-8820 ext. 1900**

[www.thefloridacenter.org](http://www.thefloridacenter.org)

### **Face Of Hope Foundation**

In-home care and high-touch waiver support services for developmentally and disabled veterans — exclusively for Sarasota, FL families. We're here to support your loved one's independence with expert, compassionate care delivered in the comfort of home across Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte & Lee counties.

Also helps with employment.

12765 South Tamiami Trail

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone 941-237-0235**

[www.faceofhope211.org](http://www.faceofhope211.org).

**Florida iBudget Waiver) Medicaid Waiver Program for individuals with developmental disabilities.** Provides in home services for permanently disabled adults ages 18-59 who need assistance to remain in their homes. Must meet Medicaid financial eligibility.

- **Agency for Persons with Disabilities Program** supports persons with developmental disabilities in living, learning, and working in their community.

113 North Tampa St.

Tampa, Florida

**Phone: 1-800-615-8720**

[www.apd.myflorida.com/](http://www.apd.myflorida.com/)

### **Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation -Bureau of Rehabilitation and Re-employment (Voc. Rehab)**

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federal-state program that helps people who have physical or mental disabilities get or keep a job. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

3660 N Washington Blvd., Suite 216

Sarasota FL 34234-6258

**Phone: 941-359-5670**



871 Venetia Bay Blvd. Suite 220  
Venice, FL. 34285

**Phone: 941-882-7730**

<http://www.rehabworks.org/>

**Foundation for Dreams, Inc.**

Provides fun, educational, and recreational experiences in an outdoor camp environment to enhance the lives of children ages 7-17 with physical and developmental disabilities and serious illnesses. Provides day, weekend, and overnight camps. Camps are week-long in the summer and held on the weekends throughout the year.

16110 Dream Oaks Place

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-746-5659**

[www.foundationfordreams.org](http://www.foundationfordreams.org)

**Goodwill Industries - Supported Jobs Plus and Jobs Connection**

Helps individuals with physical or developmental disabilities gain positive personal and workplace behaviors and skills while earning a paycheck at Goodwill. The program features workplace accommodations and access to job coaches and mentors who offer employment, family, and personal counseling to participants.

**Bradenton- Corporate Campus**

2715 51<sup>st</sup> Ave, E.

Bradenton, FL

**Phone: 941-355-2721**

**Bradenton/Galvano One Stop**

701 17th Ave W

(Turning Points)

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-747-1509**

**Selby Newtown**

1781 Dr Martin Luther King Way

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-359-0520**

<https://experiencegoodwill.org>

**Early Steps Gulf Central**

Provides early intervention services for families of children with disabilities, age's birth to 36 months in Charlotte, DeSoto, Highland, Hardee, Manatee and Sarasota counties at no cost to the family.

4630 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota FL 34235

**Phone: 941-487-5400 or 866-510-5594**

<https://www.hpcswf.com/>

**Josh Provides Epilepsy Assistance Foundation, Inc.**

Josh Provides services include:

- Support Groups

Support groups are an excellent resource for people living with epilepsy as well as their family, friends, and caregivers. Support groups can be an uplifting experience and a tremendous resource for support, referrals, and information.

- Education

Josh Provides has a volunteer speaker's bureau.

- Seizure Response Dog Program

Dogs can be trained to alert someone when a seizure is occurring, lay between the floor and the person having a seizure to protect them from injury, get help, and some can even be trained to detect a seizure before it begins and alert someone else or signal their owner to get into a safe position,

- Transportation

Adults experiencing seizures are prohibited from driving until they are six-months seizure free. This limitation can directly impact an individual's ability to go to work, attend school, or get to medical appointments. Josh Provides offers assistance with transportation through bus passes, access to paratransit services, LYFT, and UBER gift cards. Transportation assistance will also be considered for medical treatment/diagnosis.

- Seizure Alert Monitors

Seizure alert monitors can assist in detecting a seizure is occurring and issue an alert to parents, friends, or caregivers. Josh Provides provides part or all of the financial assistance for the purchase of an item.

- Medical Services

Josh Provides offers medical services assistance with the cost of a neurology appointment or seizure-related treatment that is recommended by the patient's medical doctor and not covered by private medical insurance, other reimbursement plans, or government-funded programs.

Andria Bilan, Chief Executive Officer

5428 Sundew Drive

Sarasota, FL 34238

**Phone: 800-706-2740**

<https://joshprovides.org>

## **InStride Therapy**

### **InStride Therapy merged all business operations with Easterseals Happiness House**

Easterseals Happiness House is proud offer therapy and horseback riding services at InStride Ranch, a beautiful 62-acre therapy facility in Nokomis, Florida to deliver Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), and Speech Therapy. Additionally, InStride also offers Therapeutic Riding and Equine-Assisted Learning Programs. Our horseback riding program offers the ability for riders ages 7 and up to learn Classical Horsemanship and Classical Dressage. As the horse walks it produces movement throughout the rider as if they were walking. Riders with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, autism, traumatic brain injury and learning disabilities have all benefited from participation in the InStride therapeutic riding program.

1629 Ranch Rd.

Nokomis, FL 34275

**Phone: Patrick Frost 941-412-9333 or Easterseals 941-355-7637**

<https://easterseals-swfl.org/about-us/instride-ranch/>

### **Loveland Center, Inc.**

Loveland Center helps adults with developmental disabilities live their lives to the fullest.

- **Adult Day Training** -Navigate the employment process with support from job coaches through the hiring and interview process to securing and maintaining employment.
- **Supported Employment**- Navigate the employment process with support from job coaches supported through the hiring and interview process to securing and maintaining employment.
- **Personal and Companion Support**- Encourage independent living with services that support budgeting, shopping, managing household repairs, and more..
- **Residential**  
Loveland's Venice campus houses the Nancy Detert Residences, a low-income apartment complex of 1, 2, 3, and 4-bedroom apartments in an independent living model.
- Therapy- Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- Summer Camp
- Recreation
- After-school Care
- Week-end Overnight Respite
- Respite Services
- Culinary Training
- Supported Volunteer
- Companion Services
- Transportation to and from ADT programs
- Theatre program

157 S. Havana Rd.

Venice, FL 34292

**Phone: 941- 493-0016**

[www.lovelandcenter.org](http://www.lovelandcenter.org)

### **Lutheran Services Florida - Guardianship Services**

The Court may appoint a guardian for an adult who suffers from developmental disability, mental illness, physical injury, Alzheimer's disease, or another age-related dementia. Lutheran Services Florida guardians ensure that clients reside in clean, healthy, safe environments, receive nutritious meals daily and receive appropriate medical care.

Case Managers organize clients' financial affairs, ensure bills are paid, monitor insurance issues, apply for benefits, and manage income and assets.

5104 Lockwood Ridge Rd. Suite 307

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-358-6330**

[www.lsfnet.org](http://www.lsfnet.org)

## **The MCKAY Academy**

### **Programs**

- Thrive Program – neurological protocol learning to reverse symptoms of Autism, ADHD, DD and Emotional Delay
- AMUP for Autism- addresses sensory integration issues and self-stimulation
- Pet Therapy – reduce anxiety
- Sensory Yoga- Brain to body integration
- Shepherd's Field- 2yr. agricultural college

Serve students ages 6-22 with learning-challenges (including autism, ADD, PDD, and dyslexia) and their families while maintaining a safe and caring atmosphere where students and staff are valued for their gifts and dignity.

400 30<sup>th</sup> Ave.W

Bradenton. FL 34205

**Phone: 941-840-5331**

## **Sarasota School - Exceptional Student Education**

The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department provides support and services to students with disabilities (SWD) who are eligible for special education services. Sarasota County Schools serve over 7,000 students with disabilities, ages three through 21, in over 40 schools. A continuum of services is provided in a variety of settings, which include general education classrooms, resource rooms, separate classes, cluster programs, a separate day school, and hospital/homebound. Services for many SWD can be provided at their neighborhood school. Eligible students are provided supports and/or services per their Individual Education Plan (IEP) which is based on each child's unique needs.

1960 Landings Blvd.

Sarasota, Fl. 34231

**Phone: 941-927-9000**

Heather Wasserman, Executive Director

heather.wasserman@sarasotacountyschools.net

## **BREEZE ( formerly Sarasota County Area Transit)**

BREEZE offers transportation throughout Sarasota County. Senior citizens (age 65+), persons on Medicare and Disabled Persons are offered special BREEZE fare discounts.

**Bus passes may be purchased from any Sarasota BREEZE Operations manager, Transit Administration 5303 Pinkney Ave. or the Downtown Transfer Station 150N. lemon Ave. Sarasota and Robert L. Anderson Administration Center 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.**

### **Bus Fares:**

- Single ride \$1.50
  - Discounted Fare \*Single ride 75¢
- Children 5 years old and under:
- Up to two children per adult FREE
  - Additional children 75¢
- 80 Years of Age or Older FREE (excluding Express and Paratransit)
- 30 days pass \$50 and Discounted Pass is \$25
- Staff and Students of the following schools ride free with current student ID:

- University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
- Ringling College
- New College
- Suncoast Technical College
- Local government employees (inquire about eligibility)
- OnDemand by Sarasota County:
  - All trips for the OnDemand service areas are \$2.00 for individuals aged 6-79 years old.
  - Those who are 5 and under or 80 and over are free.
  - Discounted Fare is \$1.50.
  - Drivers are unable to make change so exact payment is required if paying in cash.
  - Passes are not accepted for OnDemand.

### **BREEZE Plus**

BREEZE Plus provides Para transit services to individuals who, due to their disability, are not capable of using BREEZE, the local fixed route bus services. Eligible passengers may schedule a trip on BREEZE Plus by calling 861-1234. Individuals must have proof Medicare or Food Stamps to qualify. Fee is \$25 for 30 days.

**BREEZE offers veterans daily transportation (Monday-Friday)** to two out-of-county medical facilities, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in Bay

Pines and James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa

5303 Pinkney Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 941-861-1234**

### **Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development**

The Barrier Removal Program is a grant and forgivable loan program designed to make the home accessible to allow income eligible disabled and elderly residents live independently. The first \$3,000 in assistance is a grant that does not need to be repaid. Improvements costing between \$3,000 and \$15,000 are a loan that is forgiven at a rate of \$3,000 a year as long as the property is not sold, transferred, leased and the homeowner continues to live in the home. There are no monthly payments or interest on the forgiven loan. Maximum amount is \$30,000.00

City Hall 1565 1<sup>st</sup> St.

Sarasota, Florida 34236

**Phone: 941-263-6323**

<https://www.sarasotafl.gov/government/office-of-housing-and-community-development/barrier-removal>

### **Sarasota County Parks and Recreation - Therapeutic Recreation Program**

Recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities, offering an inclusive approach to all recreation. Variety of activities is scheduled during the year including dances, sports day, ball games, pool, and beach parties, and much more.

1660 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-861-5000**

[www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net)

### **Sarasota County Veteran Services**

Sarasota County Veteran Services provides assistance to veterans and their families with

filing claims for veteran's benefits. Benefits include compensation for service-related disabilities; medical benefits; pension for wartime veterans with non-service-related disabilities; survivor benefits; and death benefits.

2200 Ringling Blvd. Suite 125

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-861-8387**

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-861-3047**

6919 Outreach Way, Suite B109

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-851-3047**

[www.scgov.net/VeteranServices/](http://www.scgov.net/VeteranServices/)

### **Sarasota Vet Center**

Serving Combat Veterans and their families. Support groups available through the Vet Center include Spouses of War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, WWII and Korea Veterans, Vietnam PTSD, Women Veterans, GWOT Veterans, Bereavement Counseling, Spouse Support Groups, Anger Management, Substance Abuse Support Groups, Couples Counseling, Male and Female Sex Trauma Counseling (for combat and non-combat veterans) and Stress Management Skills. Hours of Operation: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F; Support groups have day & evening hours Fees: Free

4801 Swift Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-927-8285 or 877-927-8387**

[www.va.gov/](http://www.va.gov/)

### **Social Security and Medicare**

*Find out online if you qualify for benefits or visit your local Social Security Office*

#### **Social Security and Medicare**

- Social security disability insurance (SSDI) pays benefits to you and certain family members if you worked long enough and paid social security taxes. Your adult child also may qualify for benefits on your earnings record if he or she has a disability that started before age 22.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources. SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet financial needs.
- Medicare is a federal medical insurance program that helps to pay the medical bills of persons at least 65 years of age, who have permanent kidney failure, or who receive Social Security payments based upon age or disability. Medicare insurance is available based upon disability in cases in which the disability has lasted for 24 months.

2001 Siesta Drive Suite 301

Sarasota, Florida 34239

1435 E Venice Ave

Venice, FL 34292

**Phone: 1-800-772-1213**

### **The Haven Children's Services**

- **Selby Preschool**

The Preschool specializes its learning environment for the infants/children, birth thru five, who have disabilities and special needs.

- **Haven Academy Middle and High School**

- **The Haven Academy** is a private Family Empowerment Scholarship school registered with the Florida Department of Education serving students ages 14-22 with a wide range of abilities. The Haven Academy provides functional academics, life skills, vocational skills, and community-based instruction.

### **Life Skills Development :**

- The Haven's life skills program, offered at both our Sarasota and Venice campuses, provide a supportive, educational, and social setting that is intended to champion adult clients 22 and beyond in their daily routines. Clients are provided hand on experiences such as cooking, baking, cleaning, as well as opportunities to expand on transferable skills..
- **Residential Services**
- The Haven's residential program consists of five single-family style residential homes for adults 18+ with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Located on a lush, 32-acre campus, The Haven assists all residents in every aspect of their daily life as needed. Assistance and education can include social skills, cooking and cleaning, self-care and hygiene, and personal safety skills.
- **Culinary Academy**  
Participants in our program will have the chance to work alongside experienced professionals in a variety of food service settings, such as restaurants, cafes, and catering companies. Through this on-the-job experience, they will learn essential skills such as food preparation, cooking, customer service, table service, and kitchen operations.

4405 DeSoto Road  
Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941- 355-8808**

[www.thehavensrq.org](http://www.thehavensrq.org)

### **NAMI Sarasota and Manatee Counties YANA Drop-in Mental Health Support**

Provides vital day training and support programs for adults with mental illness. Self-help, educational, vocational, socialization, independent living, community resources and support programs are available. Programs enhance the opportunity to improve communication and socialization skills while improving self-esteem and learning necessary skills for transition to self-sufficiency within our community.

Sarasota Hours of Operation: 9am - 3:pm, M-F Venice M-F 9am-3 pm

240 B. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-961-8857**

4130 Woodmere Park Blvd. Suite 9  
Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-993-9880**

<https://namisarasotamanatee.org/drop-in-mental-health-support/>

### **Website fir Disability Information and Resources**

[www.makoa.org](http://www.makoa.org)

## **Independent Living Resources and Programs**

### **Blind**

#### **Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults.**

The mission of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults (HKNC) is to enable each person who is deaf-blind to live and work in his or her community of choice. Authorized by an Act of Congress in 1967, the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults is a national rehabilitation program serving youth and adults who are deaf-blind.

Southeast Region 4

P.O. Box 380

Concord, GA 30206

**Phone: 516-393-7733**

<http://www.helenkeller.org/>

#### **Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center**

Services include:

- Low vision Support Groups and Clubs meet monthly at locations throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties
- Orientation and mobility training
- Transportation
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Self-advocacy training
- Young Adult Program ages 14-22 yrs.
- Adjustment to Vision Loss
- Assistive Technology
- Retail store for adaptive aids and devices

7318 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-359-1404**

<https://lighthouseeducationcenter.org>

### **Lions Club**

Provides eye exams, glasses and surgery and provides financial assistance to the Light house. - assistance to people with blindness. And the Florida Eye Ba

P.O. Box 51207



Sarasota, FL 34232

**Email:** [eclubhouse@lionsclubs.org](mailto:eclubhouse@lionsclubs.org)

[www.e-clubhouse.org/](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/)

### **Venice and Englewood Lions Club**

Vision and Hearing Programs Free eye care and hearing screening for low-income residents of Venice, Englewood, Nokomis, and Laurel. Persons living within set boundaries can receive free vision care after providing proof of financial eligibility and residence. Services offered include vision and hearing screening, eye examinations, glasses, and eye surgery. Blood pressure and blood sugar screening also offered to detect early signs of diabetes. Some help for obtaining hearing aids for qualifying persons. Call for more information. Fees: Free

1289 Jacaranda Blvd.

Venice, FL 34292

Fax: 941- 837-2804

Email: [venicelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:venicelionsclub@gmail.com)

**Phone: 941- 486-6065**

[www.venicelionsclub.com](http://www.venicelionsclub.com)

### **National Association of Blind Veterans**

- To serve as a division of the National Federation of the Blind
- To be a vehicle for collective action by the blind veterans of the nation
- To function as a mechanism through which blind veterans and interested sighted persons can come together to plan and carry out programs to improve the quality of life for blind veterans.
- To achieve the integration of blind veterans into society on a basis of equality with the sighted
- To be a major resource for blind veterans.

4440 Jim Branch Rd.

Kissimmee, Fl 34744-9202

**Phone and Fax: 706-329-7690**

<http://www.nabv.org/>

## **Hearing**

### **Hearing Loss Association of America Sarasota/Manatee Chapter**

HLAS provides Education, Advocacy and Support

Free screenings, Free audiologist consults, Free hearing aid trials/50 Exhibitors

Manatee Technical Institute

6305 East State Route 70

Bradenton FL or

P.O, Box 48643

Sarasota, Fl 34230

**Phone: 646-706-8356 Text Only**

[www.hlas.org](http://www.hlas.org)

**A.G Bell Financial Assistance for Hearing Technology**

Many organizations provide financial assistance for the evaluation and purchase of hearing aids for children. Email [financialaid@agbell.org](mailto:financialaid@agbell.org) for more information. For families of infants and toddlers under the age of 4 who have been diagnosed with a moderately-severe to profound hearing loss who are pursuing a spoken language outcome for their child.

3417 Volta Place NW  
Washington, D.C. 20007

**Phone: 202-337-5220**

[www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)

**Seratoma Club**

Established in 1956, Sertoma Club of Greater Sarasota is part of the Sertoma International service organization, which each year helps millions of children and families worldwide suffering from speech, language, and hearing difficulties. Comprised of business and community leaders from throughout the area, Sertoma Club of Greater Sarasota's primary focus is on helping local children's charities with an emphasis on speech and language needs. The club also provides grants throughout the year for schools and other community organizations that serve children and adults with speech and language needs.

2750 Stickney point Rd. Suite #210  
Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-225-2360 for Sarasota**

<https://srqsarasota.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?sl=1291488947>

**Phone: 941-720-4445 or Bradenton**

<http://bradentonsertoma.org>

**Phone: 941-882-0170 for Venice**

<https://www.venicesertoma.com>

**Starkey Hearing Foundation**

Programs assist hearing impaired adults and children.

- Hearing Angel – Hearing aid assistance for children

6801 Washington Ave. S. Suite 200  
Minneapolis MN 55439

**Phone: 1-866-354-3254**

[www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/](http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/)

**Nonspecific Disorders****Special Day Foundation**

Mission is to enrich the lives of special needs children and adults through nature-based opportunities in recreational social experiences.

115 23 Palmbrush Trl Suite 198  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

**Phone: 941-225-3103**

[www.specialdayfoundation.com](http://www.specialdayfoundation.com)

## **Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

### **Advocacy**

- Applying for disability
- Appeals process
- Discrimination
- Housing information
- Medicaid benefits
- ADA consultations
- Self-advocacy and much more!

### **Information & Referral**

Provides information about disability-related issues to people with disabilities and the general public. Information includes:

- Assistive technology
- Regulations
- Community resources

### **Peer Mentoring**

Provides a variety of support groups and opportunities for people with disabilities to learn from other people with disabilities.

### **Portable Modular Ramps**

SCIL builds wheelchair ramps and installs grab bars offering safety, mobility, and independence.

### **Medical Equipment Loans**

SCIL loans durable medical equipment to people with disabilities.

- Wheelchairs • Walkers • Canes • Reachers • Transfer Benches and much more!

### **Computer Equipment Loan and Repair**

SCIL loans refurbished computers and computer related components to people with disabilities.

### **Independent Living Skills Training -Transition Center**

The SCIL Transition Center helps individuals gain independence by teaching much needed life skills.

3281 17<sup>th</sup> St

Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941-351-9545**

[www.scil4u.org/](http://www.scil4u.org/)

## Sarasota Section F - DIVORCE

### Catholic Divorce Ministry

This peer ministry provides compassion and understanding to those encountering the grief and trauma of separation and divorce, single parent challenges and issues. This ministry also serves as an outreach to separated and divorce Catholics who are not present active participants in the Catholic community. This is a Venice Diocese program.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

1301 Center Rd.

Venice, FL. 34292

**Phone: 815-275-5305 Bob and Chris Smialek facilitators**

### Child Support Enforcement Hotline

For single parents' due support. They will send out a handbook with advice and contact numbers.

**Phone: 1-850-488-5437**

<https://childsupport.floridarevenue.com>

### Citizen's Pre-Filing Family Mediation

This program offers an opportunity to work out a family matter before a case is filed. To be eligible for the program, neither party may have previously filed any family division court case involving the same parties or children. Examples of topics to be mediated are parental responsibility, parenting plans, child support, and distribution of assets or debts.

Sarasota Justice Center

2071 Ringling Blvd.

Suite 614

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-861-7833**

[www.12circuit.state.fl.us](http://www.12circuit.state.fl.us) (click on menu then programs then Mediation Services)

### Divorce Support Groups-Divorce Care

Divorce Care Seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help.

PO Box 1739

Wake Forest, NC 27588

**Phone: 800-489-7778**

<https://www.divorcecare.org/contact>

Locations:

**Bayside Community Church**

Lakewood Ranch  
Bradenton, FL

**941-400-6693**

**Oasis Church**

215 Lorraine Rd,  
Bradenton, FL

**Email on Divorce Care  
site**

The 360 Church

5250 McIntosh Road  
Sarasota, FL

941-924-9876

### **Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Program**

Provides referrals to attorneys who will conduct an initial half hour client consultation for \$25.00. The lawyers are all members in good standing with no pending probable cause complaints and they all carry \$100,000 of professional liability insurance. This program has also established low fee, elderly, aids law and disability law panels for clients in need. The initial half-hour office consultation for these specialty panels is free.

1-800-342-8011

[www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org) (Click on Menu then go to Public then click on Lawyer Referral Service)

### **Florida Courts**

This website has online forms under self-help for family law and resources for self-help centers, legal aid, probate, small claims, guardianship and elders court and legal information.

[www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org)

### **Florida Law Help**

Very informative website that provides information about organizations that provide free legal help to low income and moderate-income individuals along with various booklets and information that can be downloaded. Some of the areas covered are consumer, education, family law, housing, public benefits, domestic violence, disability, employment, health, immigration, life planning and seniors.

[www.floridalawhelp.org](http://www.floridalawhelp.org)

### **Florida Department of Revenue / Child Support Enforcement**

- Establishing paternity.
- Getting support orders, including healthcare coverage for the child.
- Collecting and sending support payments.
- Enforcing support orders.
- Genetic Testing

Services are free. Go to website to fill out application. You can still get child support without relinquishing legal custody.

100 Paramount Drive, Suite 100 Mailing address  
Sarasota, Florida 34232

Phone: 1-850-488-5437

[www.floridarevenue.com](http://www.floridarevenue.com)

**Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.**

Family Advocacy- Child Support, Divorce Injunctions for Protection against Domestic, Dating or Sexual Abuse and Stalking.

112 Manatee Ave. E. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Bradenton, FL 34208

**Phone: 941-746-6151 or 800-230-5920**

1101 Tamiami Trail S, Suite 207 & 215E

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 800-230-5920**

[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)

**Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.**

- Free family law legal services to those in need. Those who meet the income guidelines will be accepted. (*125% of poverty guidelines for those without children and 150% for those with children*) There are special rules governing victims of domestic violence.
- Legal aid also holds free education classes Complete the online application or contact the office. Parties are taught how to represent themselves in a divorce action. This would be for clients capable and willing to proceed with filing for divorce on their own with the guidance and assistance from experienced professional law attorneys. Recent changes to the law now allow low-income clients to file for *indigent status* and have their filing fees waived. Seating is limited and applications should be submitted well in advance.

1900 Main Street Suite 302

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-0038**

749 Shamrock Blvd

Venice, FL 34393.

**Phone: 941-492-4631**

[www.legalaidofmanasota.org](http://www.legalaidofmanasota.org)

**Sarasota Clerk of Circuit Court**

Provides *Dissolution of Marriage* packet to those individuals who have decided to file for divorce and want to represent themselves in court. The cost of filing is dependent on income. Forms are available online.

Clients may apply for Determination of Civil Indigent Status and pay a one-time fee of \$25.00. refers to [www.flcourts](http://www.flcourts) for Family Law and forms information and online.

2000 Main Street Room 102

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-861-7770**

<http://www.sarasotaclerk.com/court-services/family-court/dissolution-of-marriage>

**The Women's Resource Center**

- **Divorce 101 -In-person Workshop**

5sessions on Emotions, Legal, Legal & Children, house & Forensic Accounting and Finances

- **Divorce Support Group**
- **Ask A Banker- free.**  
Start Building Your financial know-How is a 1:1 educational session on topics such as credit score, budging, debt assistance, loans and much more. Presented on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in Sarasota and Manatee. No Fee
- **Ask a Lawyer Program** is held twice a month. This is a ½ hour session with a local attorney to gain information and education about the legal process. Questions are mainly, but not limited to family law. Pre-meeting discussion with a *peer referral counselor* is required. The cost is \$10.00.

340 So. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, Florida.

**Phone: 941-366-1700**

530 US-41 Bypass South#5A.

Venice, Fl 34285

**Phone: 941-485-9724**

<http://www.mywrc.org>

## Sarasota Section G - EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

### Adult Literacy Programs

#### College Scholarships

Website for college scholarships loans and grants.

[www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org)

#### Philanthropic Educational Organization

Non-profit philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women by educating women through scholarships, grants, awards & loans.

- **Loan Fund-** Makes loans to qualified women. An applicant must be recommended by a local chapter & be within 2 years of completing her study. Maximum loan is \$12,000 @ 3% interest and is due 6 years from date of issue.
- **Grants-** Provides grants to women whose education has been interrupted & who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves & their families.
- **Scholar Awards-** Provides merit-based awards for women pursuing a doctoral level degree or engaged in postgraduate study.
- **Star Scholarship-** Provides a \$2500.00 award to High School senior women who wish to pursue a post-secondary education.

*Please refer to website for more information. Local contact is Lisa Murphy @*

[lisette.murphy@ymail.com](mailto:lisette.murphy@ymail.com)

3700 Grand Ave

Des Moines, Iowa

**Phone: 515-255-3153**

[www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)

#### Manasota Score

Non-profit organization dedicated to providing counseling to people starting up new businesses or provide counseling to existing businesses. They also provide free workshops. See website for a list of classes.

2801 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-955-1029**

<https://manasota.score.org>

#### University of the People

A non-profit, tuition free unaccredited online academic institution providing higher learning to qualified students who either have geographic or financial limitations.

Special focus is on assisting students from developing countries. Please check out their website for more details of this program.

[www.uopeople.edu](http://www.uopeople.edu)



## **The Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County**

### **Career Programs**

- Career Center
- Career Closet
- Career Connections Workshops
- Divorce workshop
- Digital Navigator program

### **Scholarship Program**

The **WRCSC's scholarship applications** are available every January and are due by the middle of March. The scholarship awards are presented at a program in May of each year.

340 So. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-1700**

530 US-41 Bypass South#5A.

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-485-9724**

<http://www.mywrc.org>

## **English Lessons**

### **ESOL & Migrant Programs**

The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program in Sarasota County is designed to provide academic, social, cultural, and support services to students who are limited in English proficiency (LEP). The Migrant Program strives to ensure that the educational needs of migrant children are identified and addressed. The Sarasota County School District recognizes the linguistic and cultural diversity of its students and encourages all students to preserve their native cultures while developing an awareness of U.S. culture.

Sarasota County Schools

1960 Landings Blvd.

Sarasota, FL. 34231

**Phone: 941-927-9000**

### **The Literacy Council of Sarasota**

Programs provide Basic English reading and writing and English as a second language.

1750 17<sup>th</sup> St. Bldg. K-3

Sarasota, FL. 34234

**Phone: 941-955-0421**

<http://www.sarasotaliteracy.org>

### **Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County**

Provides tutoring and classes for English as a second language.

Inside Venice Library  
300 Nokomis Ave. South  
Venice, Florida 34285

**Phone: 941-861-1352**

North Port Library  
13800 South Tamiami Trail  
North Port, Florida 34287

**Phone: 941-861-1300**

<https://www.literacychangeslives.org>

### **Sarasota County Technical Institute**

Continuing education offered in a variety of fields including English lessons, GED, and basic education.

4748 Beneva Road  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-924-1365**

[www.suncoast.edu](http://www.suncoast.edu)

## **Homework**

### **Laurel Civic Association, Inc.**

#### **Homework Plus Program**

Homework Assistance Program- students work with staff and volunteers Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm to complete math sheets, reading and writing assignments, and other academic projects.

509 Collins Rd.

Laurel, FL 34275

**Phone: 941-483-3338**

[www.laurelcivic.org](http://www.laurelcivic.org)

### **Salvation Army - Sarasota County - Social Services Center and Corps - Venice After School Program**

Program provides an after-school program with snacks; homework helps and games.:  
Mon-Fri 2:30pm-5:30pm

1051 Albee Farm Road Venice, FL 34285

Mailing Address

PO Box 2792 Sarasota, FL 34230

**Phone: 941-484-6227**

### **Schoolhouse Link**

Programs for Homeless Youth:

- Free school supplies and backpacks
- Free breakfast and lunch for remainder of school year
- Free school uniforms and emergency clothing

- Transportation assistance
- Tutoring at select sites.
- Before and After-school care referrals
- Head Start and VPK information and referrals.
- Case management
- Scholarship information and assistance
- Connection to YMCA services and programs
- Referrals to community health, shelter, and social service providers

4440 Beneva Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 941-923-6100**

[www.sccfl.org](http://www.sccfl.org)

## Student Special Needs

### Exceptional Student Education

The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department provides support and services to students with disabilities (SWD) who are eligible for special education services. Sarasota County Schools serve over 7,000 students with disabilities, ages three through 21, in over 40 schools. A continuum of services is provided in a variety of settings, which include general education classrooms, resource rooms, separate classes, cluster programs, a separate day school, and hospital/homebound. Services for many SWD can be provided at their neighborhood school. Eligible students are provided supports and/or services per their Individual Education Plan (IEP) which is based on each child's unique needs.

1960 Landings Blvd.

Sarasota, Fl. 34231

**Phone: 941-927-9000, ext. 34226   Fax: 941-927-4014**

Heather Wasserman, Executive Director

Heather.Wasserman@sarasotacountyschools.net

[sonia.figaredo-alberts@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:sonia.figaredo-alberts@sarasotacountyschools.net)

## **Sarasota Section H - EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS**

### **Educational Job Training Programs**

#### **AARP- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)**

Provides temporary work experience for people aged 55 and older with limited financial resources. Enrollers are placed in non-profit or public service host agencies 18 hours per week to receive on-the-job training while searching for a permanent job.

73 S Palm Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-366-9039**

<https://gs-humanservices.org/agencies/aarp-foundation-work-search>

#### **Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation**

Eligible Floridians with mental and/or physical handicaps can obtain evaluations, counseling, job placement, training, tools and equipment, and other services needed to qualify for and obtain or keep employment. Service includes:

- Medical and Psychological Assessment
- Vocational Evaluation and Planning
- Career Counseling and Guidance
- Training and Education After High School
- Job-Site Assessment and Accommodations
- Job Placement
- Job Coaching
- On-the-Job Training
- Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology and Devices
- Occupational Expenses
- Time-Limited Medical and/or Psychological Treatment

3660 N. Washington Blvd., Suite 216

Sarasota FL 34224

**Phone: 941-359-5670**

871 Venetia Bay Blvd. Suite 220

Venice, FL. 34285

**Phone: 941-882-7730**

<http://www.rehabworks.org/>

#### **Goodwill Industries-**

Provides jobs and vocational training to people with barriers to employment, including former welfare recipients, single mothers, recent immigrants, high school dropouts and individuals with a history of chronic unemployment, incarceration, or substance abuse. Helps individuals earn a paycheck, build a strong work history, and develop a launching pad for higher-paying jobs outside Goodwill. The program offers participants assessment,

training, access to mentors, and a variety of formal training opportunities.

Programs:

- Job Connection
- Good Partner Coach
- Supported Jobs Plus
- Veteran Services

**Bradenton Corporate Campus**

2705 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. East

Bradenton, FL 34303

**Phone: 941-355-2727**

14879 Tamiami Trail

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-355-2721**

1781 Dr, MLK Jr. Way

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone:**

Veteran Services

8490 Lockwood Ridge Road

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-355-2721**

<https://experiencegoodwill.org>

**Laurel Civic Association, Inc.**

Non-profit focused on community development by providing educational and social activities leading to self-sufficiency for predominantly low-income families and children; supporting the elderly; and collaborating with government and other organizations to bring in needed services. Programs:

- Adult Empowerment- Workforce empowerment- 1:1 training
  - Skills for Work
  - Applications and Resumes
  - Getting the Job
  - Dealing With Stress
  - Managing Your Finances
- Youth Empowerment
  - Homework Assistance Program- students work with staff and volunteers Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm to complete math sheets, reading and writing assignments, and other academic projects.
  - Kid Café- provides a nutritious hot meal for about 50 kids each day after school and over the summer months.
  - STEMS- Pine View High School students volunteer to help kids from 3rd to 8th grade develop a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
  - Vans transport children from schools
- Teen Empowerment- (TEP) is a proactive prevention program designed to reach and engage our teens.

- Summer Camp Life Skills- This one-of-a-kind, seven-week summer life skills camp for teens from 14 to 18 years old allows them to explore career and training opportunities that match their interests and aptitudes. In addition, they learn about finances, health and wellness, safety, and more.

- Financial Literacy- Banking and money management. Teens paid for attending class.
- Career Exploration- Job seeking skills, job interviews, educational and experiential field trips including public service & safety county jobs.
- Life Skills
- Health and Wellness

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Adult Empowerment
- Scholarship program
- Food Assistance

509 Collins Rd.

Laurel, FL 34275

**Phone: 941-483-3338**

[www.laurelcivic.org](http://www.laurelcivic.org)

### **The Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County**

- Career Center for job searches, update resumes, digital job applications
- Employment Coaching- Practice interview skills, prepare resumes and enhance networking techniques.
- Career Connections Workshops - Online
- Entrepreneur Resources

Sarasota

340 S. Tuttle Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941- 366-1700 or 941-256-9721**

Venice

530 US Highway-41 Bypass South 5-A

Venice Florida

**Phone: 941-485-9724**

1926 Manatee Ave. W.

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-747-6797**

<http://www.mywrc.org>

### **Ticket to Work Program - Social Security Administration**

The Ticket to Work Program provides most people receiving Social Security and/or SSI disability benefits (beneficiaries) more choices for receiving **employment** services.

Contact Local Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

3660 Washington Blvd., Suite 216  
Sarasota FL 34224

**Phone: 941-359-5670 or 866-968-7842**

<http://www.rhabworks.org/>  
[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

### **Academy at Glengary**

Academy at Glengary has a mission of recovery through work. Training opportunities are offered in culinary arts, hospitality, phone reception, business, maintenance/janitorial, customer service, accounting/banking, videography, and graphic design. In addition, the Academy offers opportunities for socialization, fun and relaxation on evening, weekend, and holiday events.

It will provide the following vital services to adults living with mental illnesses:

- Education
- Vocational training
- Community integration
- Career placement services

1910 Glengary St  
Sarasota, FL.

**Phone: 941-921-9930**

601 12<sup>th</sup> St. west  
Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-929-2800**

[www.academysrq.org](http://www.academysrq.org).

## **Jobs Programs**

### **CareerEdge Funders**

CareerEdge partners with other workforce intermediaries and educational institutions to bridge gaps in training programs in order to be more tightly attuned to the needs of the region's employers.

Grants are available for training and support programs combined with hands-on technical support by CareerEdge staff to help employers advance their incumbent workers into higher skill/wage positions and expedite the creation of entry-level jobs.

**The Bidges to Careers** includes Soft Skills Training and Employability training. The program is funded through grants.

**Internship Grants** are available and offers students supplemental income while they are enrolled in higher education institutions or if they have recently graduated. In addition, the program provides financial incentives for local employers to utilize interns in high demand industries in order to meet their workforce needs.

CareerEdge has multiple college and community partners and focuses on:

- Healthcare
- Insurance
- Manufacturing
- Skilled Trades

- Automotive
- Internships
- On the Job training

The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce

1945 Fruitville Rd.

Sarasota, FL. 34236

**Phone: 941-556-4038**

[www.careeredgefunders.org](http://www.careeredgefunders.org)

### **Career Source Suncoast**

**One-Stop Career Center** is dedicated to helping our area's employers and people looking for employment. Career Source Suncoast is the local workforce board and focuses on the employment needs of Manatee and Sarasota counties. They have Career Centers in Bradenton, Sarasota and Palmetto, which are designed to assist with job search, resume, referrals to employers and career planning. Individuals may choose to work independently on the computer in our resource room or choose to meet one – on – one with a Certified Employment Resource Specialist. Their career centers offer the following to job seekers.

- Computers, Internet, Fax, Telephone and Copier
- E Learning Courses
- Job Listings, Online Job Search and Job Referrals
- Resume-building Tools
- Salary and Labor Market Information
- Skills, Aptitude, and Interest Assessments

Programs:

- Reemployment Assistance
- Veterans
- On-the-Job-Training
- Young Adult services
- Welfare Transition Program
- SNAP
- Ticket To Work
- THRIVE
- HOPE

Locations:

#### **Sarasota**

3660 N. Washington Blvd

Sarasota, FL 34234

#### **Suncoast Technical College**

4748 S Beneva Rd

Sarasota, Fl 34233

**Phone: 941-927-5286**

#### **Palmetto**

600 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W

Palmetto fl 34221



**Phone: 941-358-4200**

**Bradenton**

**Manatee Technical College**

6305 State Road

Bradenton, FL 34203

**Phone: 941-751-7900**

**State College of Florida**

5840 26<sup>th</sup> St. W.

Bradenton, FL 34207

**Phone: 941-752-5000**

<https://careersourcesuncoast.com>

**Lutheran Services- Refugees Employment and Self-Sufficiency**

This program assists eligible refugees/entrants in the process of gaining economic independence and achieving self-sufficiency by means of a comprehensive case management approach to services.

- Employment Preparation Sessions: evaluating work skills of those we serve and helping them prepare for job interviews.
- Intensive Placement Services: leading clients through job search activities so that they obtain related work skills until they are employed.
- Job Retention and Support Services: providing counseling and guidance to those served so that they keep their jobs and succeed in the workplace,

5104 Lockwood Ridge Rd Refugee Suite 303

Sarasota, FL. 34234

**Phone: 941-203-4947**

**Phone: 813-875-1408**

**Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota**

Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Sarasota, Florida, dedicated to mitigating homelessness affecting military veterans, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families from encountering a domestic crisis. Our mission is to provide resources for education, mental health, employment, and housing opportunities to empower individuals for the achievement of economic independence and stability.

In addition, Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota provides military housing support services geared to accommodate veterans, service members, and military families.

**Employment**

We have a professional network that aids individuals seeking employment through career and education planning, internships, On-the-Job Training (OJT), employment opportunities, networking partnerships with Manasota Goodwill, Suncoast Workforce and CareerOne Stop which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Employment and Training Administration.

**Correctional Re-Entry Services**

Through partnerships with Manasota Goodwill, Suncoast Workforce and CareerOne Stop, we provide resources to help individuals transition back into society after being incarcerated. These resources include various assistances with obtaining personal

identification, career and education planning, job training, and assistance with seeking employment opportunities.

4123 N. Tamiami Trail Suite 202

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-867-1974** Ms. Tracy Fordham, Vice President & Treasurer

<https://www.prioritiesfirstofmanasota.org/>

### **Reemployment Assistance Center - Unemployment Compensation**

Eligibility for unemployment compensation is based on three factors: having worked in qualifying employment prior to the loss of employment: loss of employment not through fault of the applicant: and actively looking for work.

**Phone: 1-833-352-7759 or 800-204-2418**

[www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org)

### **Florida Workers Compensation**

The Division of Workers' Compensation, Employee Assistance Office (EAO), helps prevent and resolve disputes between injured workers, employers, and carriers. If the insurance carrier does not provide benefits to which you believe you are entitled, you may call EAO's toll-free hotline at **1-800-342-1741**. EAO specialists are knowledgeable about the workers' compensation system. They will be able to address your concerns and attempt to prevent or resolve disputes. EAO has offices throughout the state that you can call or visit. You can find EAO statewide locations at [www.MyFloridaCFO.com/Division/WC/Employee/eao\\_offices.htm](http://www.MyFloridaCFO.com/Division/WC/Employee/eao_offices.htm). Trained specialists can answer questions about workers compensation.

200 East Gaines Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Phone: 800-342-1741**

### **Companies that hire Ex-Felons websites**

- [www.Jobs2careers.com](http://www.Jobs2careers.com)
- <https://www.ncesc.com/companies-that-hire-felons/>
- <https://www.honestjobs.com>
- <https://www.jailtojob.com/companies-hire-felons.html>
- <https://helpforfelons.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Companies-That-Hire-Felons-List.pdf>

### **Local Job Help for Felons**

- **Goodwill Industries**

#### **Bradenton Corporate Campus**

2705 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. East

Bradenton, FL 34303

**Phone: 941-355-2727**

14879 Tamiami Trail

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-355-2721**

1781 Dr, MLK Jr. Way

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-359-0327**

Veteran Services  
8490 lockwood Ridge Road  
Sarasota. FL34243

**Phone: 941-355-2721**

<https://experiencegoodwill.org>

### **Project 180**

Project 180 seeks to break this cycle by providing workforce education and financial literacy classes for inmates plus an annual reentry lecture series for the general public. Our current goal is to open a long-term, 24/7 residential program for reentering men who wish to turn their lives around. Project 180 seeks to build community, not prisons.

- Residential Program features job training and employment academic education and a clean and sober living environment. All candidates for the residential program referred from the Drug Treatment Court.

P.O. Box 25684  
Sarastota, FL. 34277

**Phone: 941-677-2281**

[www.project180reentry.org/](http://www.project180reentry.org/)

## Sarasota Section I - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### Cash

#### **Access Florida- Florida Department of Children and Families- TCA**

Informative website where you can prescreen yourself to see if you qualify for food stamps, Medicaid, and temporary cash assistance. If you are eligible, you can fill out the application online or call to see where to find the convenient Community Access locations in your area.

**Temporary Cash Assistance-** TCA helps with cash to pay for rent, housing, food, clothing, medical payments, and utilities for families with at least one child in the home. Eligibility - Families that have little cash on hand may qualify. It depends on citizenship, age, and income. We also consider your resources, assets, and other factors.

Sarasota One Stop Service Center-Administrative Office

1864 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 850-300-4323**

[www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida)

**Local community partner agencies help the Department of Children and Families provide access to public assistance services. You may apply for Food Stamps, Cash or Medicaid.**

Partner Name	Customers Served	Address	Zip Code	City	Telephone
All Faiths Food Bank	General Public	8171 Blaikie Ct.	34240	Sarasota	941-379-6333
Careersource Suncoast - Sarasota	General Public	3660 N. Washington Blvd.	34234	Sarasota	941-358-4200
Inn at Sarasota Bay Club	Current clients	1303 N. Tamiami Trail	34236	Sarasota	941-953-6949
Senior Friendship Centers Sarasota	General Public	1888 Brother Geenen Way	34236	Sarasota	941-955-2122

### Financial Assistance for Patients with Cancer and other Medical Diagnosis

#### **Cancer Care**

Limited assistance is available to eligible individuals for treatment-related costs such as transportation, home care and childcare. CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation can help with co-pays for chemotherapy and targeted treatment drugs.

CancerCare services are delivered via telephone or electronically due to public health concerns.

**Phone: 866-552-6729**

<https://www.cancercare.org/copayfoundation>

**Cancer Resource Network**

**Mission:** To share community resources to help individuals find services that will aid them in their personal cancer journey. Website has many resources and lists support groups for cancer patients by type, location, and time.

- Support for Children and families
- Financial Assistance
- Support Groups
- Wellness Resources
- Transportation Help
- Member List

[www.cancerresourcenetwork.org](http://www.cancerresourcenetwork.org)

**Englewood Area Cancer Foundation**

Provides transportation when needed and expenses for travel and lodging to cancer treatment.

P.O. Box 318

Englewood, FL 34295

**Phone: 941-270-3149**

<https://eacf.kindful.com>

**Florida Cancer Specialist Patient Support Program**

*Providing non-medical, financial assistance to adults undergoing cancer treatment in Florida to allow them to focus on fighting cancer. Income Eligibility under 200% FPL*

A cancer diagnosis can change everything. For some, it may mean the added stress of financial hardship. Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was created to help patients who need financial assistance while undergoing treatment. The Foundation allows those fighting battling cancer to concentrate on recovery rather than their overdue rent, mortgage, electric, or water bill. Up to \$2,000.00 per calendar year.

**Main office**

5985 Silver Falls Run Suite 210

Bradenton, FL 34211

**Phone: 941-677-7181**

<https://fcsf.org>

**PAN Foundation**

The PAN Foundation offers over 60 disease-specific assistance programs to help patients pay for their out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles, co-pays and coinsurance, travel expenses and health insurance premiums. Click on the names of the funds to see which funds are currently accepting applications, what type of assistance is available and whether you are eligible for a grant based on your type of health insurance coverage and household income.

**Phone: 866-316-7263**

[www.panfoundation.org](http://www.panfoundation.org)

**Patient Advocate Foundation- Solving Insurance and Healthcare Access Problems**

- **Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR)** currently assists insured patients who are financially and medically qualified and are being treated for breast, lung, lymphoma and cutaneous t-cell lymphoma, prostate, kidney, colon, pancreatic, head/neck cancers, malignant brain tumor, sarcoma, diabetes, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndrome (and other pre-leukemia diseases), osteoporosis, pain, hepatitis C, rheumatoid arthritis, selected autoimmune disorders and CIA/CIN.
- **Case Management**
  - Insurance Navigation
  - Debt Crisis Assistance
  - Screening and Enrollment in Insurance & Social Programs
  - Disability Enrollment & Appeals Assistance
  - Cost of Living Assistance
  - Identification of Co-Payment & Co-Insurance
  - Assistance and Resolution of Coding & Billing Issues
  - Assistance with Prior Authorizations
- **Access To Care- Direct Services**
  - Preauthorization
  - Coding and Billing
  - Insurance Appeals Process and Expedited Appeals Process
  - Access to Pharmaceutical Agents
  - Access to Medical Devices and Surgical Procedures
  - Expedited application for Social Security Disability, Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIPS, and other social programs
- **Job Retention**
  - Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) qualifications
  - Disability accommodations
  - Communication with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- **Disease Specific Programs**
- **National Financial Resource Directory**
- **Medicare Resources**
- **Patient Guides**

421 Butler Farm Rd.

Hampton, VA 23666

**Phone: 1-800-532-5274**

[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

**Patient Resource**

This website has a list of financial resources with the website and phone numbers for patients with cancer for financial assistance and pharmaceutical assistance. Includes equipment, living expenses, insurance premiums. Legal assistance, tec.

[www.patientresource.com](http://www.patientresource.com)

**Partners in Care (formerly 21st Century C.A.R.E)** offers financial help for cancer patients with many of the unexpected out-of-pocket costs encountered while undergoing cancer treatment by providing funding of expenses such as transportation,

accommodations, medical supplies, and groceries. The application process is handled efficiently by our professional staff, so patients receive the assistance they need without delay. Apply online. \$300 max per yr.

2234 Colonial Blvd  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

**Phone: 239-936-3756**

**<https://yourpartnersincare.org>**

### **The Team Tony Cancer Foundation**

Provides resources and monetary support to help alleviate the financial burden of a cancer diagnosis. These items include but are not limited to transportation and travel expenses to/from treatment and out of pocket expenses associated with medications, testing, or direct patient care. To qualify, you must be participating in their Teammate program. Financial Assistance up to \$2,000.00 per year.

3562 S Osprey Ave. Suite C  
Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-227-4404**

**<https://teamtony.org>**

## **Rent and Utilities**

### **Caritas**

Caritas is a cooperative effort of several churches in downtown Sarasota in providing emergency assistance. Provides temporary, emergency help to people in acute financial need such as temporary shelter for the homeless, assistance with utilities help with rent or mortgage payments in crisis situations, and food items from the Caritas Pantry at the First Baptist Church. Service is not available by phone. Must visit the agency during business hours. Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 11:00am, M-F. Walk-in to receive a voucher for food.

1645 Fruitville Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-366--5620**

**<https://www.stmartha.org/caritas/>**

### **Catholic Charities**

One-time financial assistance is available to individuals or families experiencing a crisis. This can be for prescription assistance, past due rent, mortgage, utilities, or other critical need. Applicant must meet income guidelines.

5055 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-355-4680**

5900 Pan American Boulevard, Suite 203  
North Port, Fl. 34287

**Phone: 941-455-4680**

**[www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)**

### **Center of Hope-Homeless Outreach**

Access Center to sign up for Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness services.  
Helps with application for food stamps, bus passes and clothing, toiletries. Also provides financial assistance for rent, utilities health care referrals, legal ID, Dress for Success etc.  
Hours of Operation: Tues., Wed., and Thurs 8am-11am.

2395 Shamrock Ave.

Venice, Fl. 34293

**Phone: 941-412-9044**

<https://centerofhopechurch.org/ministries/social-services/>

### **Charlotte County Human Services Fastrack**

Charlotte County Human Services online application for assistance.

This is the most inclusive resource list for Charlotte County. Page explains Assistance available.

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/human-services/>

Help Paying Bills:

Step 1 has information about documents needed.

Step 2 has the Fastrack Application in blue that client can click and fill in application online.

Step 3 Waivers that need signatures for programs.

### **Community Coalition on Homelessness- Turning Point**

#### **Transitional Development Program-Rent and Utility Assistance**

Helps people with budgeting and assists with payments for 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent, security deposit and utilities as funding allows. If eligible, you will be assigned a case manager. You will need to provide residency in *Manatee County* for at least 30 days.

701 17<sup>th</sup> Ave West

Bradenton, Florida 34205

**Phone: 941-747-1509**

[www.tpmanatee.org](http://www.tpmanatee.org)

### **FPL's Special Assistance Programs**

<https://www.fpl.com/save/pdf/financial-assistance.pdf>

- **FPL Care to Share- Salvation Army**

Helps customers in need avoid losing their energy service.

Funds come from voluntary contributions from FPL customers, shareholders, and employees as well as corporate contributions from FPL.

One hundred percent of the funds collected are administered by our local nonprofit and government agency partners.

Provides assistance with FPL bill once in a 12-month period per household.

For more information, [FPL.com/caretoshare](http://FPL.com/caretoshare) or call the customer service number on your energy bill.

### **Emergency Financial Assistance Office**

- **FPL Assist**



Offers payment assistance to eligible residential customers through our vast network of social-service organizations located throughout our service area.

We can help refer you to an agency that will be able to determine whether you're eligible for federal financial assistance and also provide the funding.

For more information, visit **FPL.com/help** or call the customer service number on your energy bill.

- **AWARE** - (Always Watching for At-Risk Elders)

A special service that offers an extra layer of protection to those who are elderly or alone. FPL's specially trained field employees act as an invaluable set of "eyes and ears" to identify elders showing signs of being at-risk.

FPL employees help identify and refer at-risk elders (and others) to various social-service organizations that can provide the help they need. For more information, visit

**FPL.com/aware.**

**Phone: 941- 556-0234 Main Number**

1701 South Tuttle Avenue,  
Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone-941-364-5557**

1051 Albee Farm Road  
Venice, Florida, 34285

**Phone: 941-484-6227**

14600 S. Tamiami Trail  
North Port, Florida 34287

**Phone: 941-240-5108**

- **Medically Essential Service**

If you have special medical equipment at home Our Medically Essential Service can help you or someone you love who is dependent on electric-powered medical equipment. This service provides extra services, like pre-notifications before a major hurricane. However, it does not guarantee service nor provide an exemption from paying electric bills.

Services

When appropriate, this service can help you with:

- Referrals to social-service agencies that provide financial assistance.
  - Special notices before electrical service are disconnected for non-payment.
- Special notices before and after a hurricane

Your Responsibility

If you're eligible for this service, you may be provided extra time to secure funds or make other arrangements to help ensure your electricity-dependent medical needs are met. However, this does not guarantee uninterrupted service nor provide an exemption from paying electric bills.

You will still be responsible for backup equipment and power supply in the event of power outages.

Who is Eligible?

Any residential customer whose electric service is medically essential is eligible to join if that medical condition has been certified by a physician licensed to practice in the state of Florida.

Electric service is considered essential if you're dependent on electric-powered equipment as specified by a physician to avoid:

- Loss of life
- Serious medical complications requiring immediate hospitalization.

How to Apply:

**Online application** - You and your physician will be required to provide electronic signatures to complete the application

- **Print application** - Return the completed and signed form to FPL at the address below or you can fax it to 305-552-4955 or email it to [FPL-MESP@FPL.COM](mailto:FPL-MESP@FPL.COM)

**FPL**

**Attention Medically Essential Service program CSF/GO**

**PO Box 029100**

**Miami, FL 33102-9100**

Request a Medically Essential Service application form.

Provide a physician's certificate form » Re-apply each year with a new, completed physician form.

<https://www.fpl.com/support/medically-essential-service.html>

### **Federal Energy Assistance Programs**

- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) page I-10**

The LIHEAP provides federal money to nonprofit agencies and local governments so they can assist low-income families with their energy bills.

Funding is distributed by local community agencies that have the ability to make a payment directly to FPL on the customer's behalf.

There are household income guidelines and other criteria that need to be met to qualify for assistance.

For more information, contact the agency in your local area to help determine if you're eligible. Financial assistance to eligible applicants to meet their home energy.

needs. This fund can be accessed through

the Salvation Army.

**Emergency Financial Assistance Office Phone: 941- 556-0234**

1701 South Tuttle Avenue,

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone-941-364-5557**

1051 Albee Farm Road

Venice, Florida, 34285

**Phone: 941-484-6227**

14600 S. Tamiami Trail

North Port, Florida 34287

**Phone: 941-240-5108**

- **Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP) at Senior Friendship Centers**

Provides elderly homeowners with financial assistance towards heating (electric) and utility bills in arrears. The program also funds the purchase of portable heaters & fans & repairs to heating and A/C units. Eligible applicants must be at least *60 years of age or older and have an annual income that does not exceed 150% of the national poverty guidelines.*

Senior Friendship Center

1888 Brother Geenen Way  
Sarasota, FL. 34236  
2350 Scenic Drive  
Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-584-0065 Ola Medrzucki**

**Phone: 1 -800-963-5337 for Florida**

<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/docae/cheap.php>

### **Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program occasionally provides non-disaster related living assistance.

- When funding is available, it can be used to pay one month's energy bill.
- Qualification and eligibility requirements may vary by county. For the full list of agency names and phone numbers in your community, go to the FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program website.

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/emergency-food-and-shelter-program>

### **Jewish Family and Children's Service**

Offers financial assistance with rent, utilities, food etc.... **for program participants in Building Strong Families and OMAP (veterans).** Participates as an agency for *Season of Sharing Funds*. Also offers financial assistance for those in the *Jewish Community*.

2688 Fruitville Road  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-2224**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

### **SVdP**

#### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Volunteers assist clients with utility bills, gas and food vouchers, educational and transportation assistance at multiple Catholic Churches in Sarasota and Manatee Counties  
Participating local Churches:

- **St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (Manatee County)**  
2850 75<sup>th</sup> St. West  
Bradenton, Florida  
**Phone: 941-794-1328**
- **St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Manatee County)**  
3100 26<sup>th</sup> St. West  
Bradenton, Florida  
**Phone: 941-941-755-4188**
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**  
833 Magellan Drive  
Sarasota, Florida 34243  
**Phone: 941-567-4827**
- **Church of the Incarnation (Hyde Park to Proctor Road)**  
2901 Bee Ridge Road

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-921-6631**

- **St. Michael the Archangel & St. Thomas More Catholic Conference (Siesta Key to Osprey)**

2506 Gulf Gate Drive

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-447-8950**

- **Epiphany Cathedral / Our Lady of Lourdes (Nokomis to Venice)**

1301 Center Rd. Venice, Florida 34292

**Phone: 941-493-2027**

- **San Pedro Catholic Church (North Port)**

14380 Tamiami Trail

North Port, Florida

**Phone: 941-426-3894**

- **St. Maximillian Kolbe (Port Charlotte)**

Administrative office

1441 Spear Street

Port Charlotte, FL. 33948

**Phone: 941-743-6877**

Services are for Port Charlotte residents only and are provided at the food pantry located at:

17783 Toledo Blade

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

**Phone: 941-258-3398**

- **St. Charles Borromeo (Port Charlotte)**

25200 Airport Rd.

Punta Gorda, FL. 33950

**Phone: 941-575-0767**

- **San Antonio (Port Charlotte)**

24445 Rampart Blvd.

Port Charlotte, FL 33980

**Phone: 941-235-1254**

### **Salvation Army**

- Provides emergency financial assistance to those in need for utilities, rents, or mortgages.

### **Emergency Financial Assistance Office**

1701 South Tuttle Avenue,

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941- 364-8845**

1051 Albee Farm Road

Venice, Florida, 34285

**Phone: 941-484-6227**

14600 S. Tamiami Trail

North Port, Florida 34287

**Phone: 941-240-5108**

<https://sarasota.salvationarmyflorida.org/sarasota/contact-us>

### **Season of Sharing- Community Foundation of Sarasota**

**The Season of Sharing Fund** was established as an emergency fund for the *working poor* to help those in financial need and to prevent homelessness. You must be employed or receiving SSI Disability to access these funds.

The goal of Season of Sharing is to provide one-time emergency financial assistance to families in Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto and Charlotte Counties. Funds may be used for:

Rental assistance or mortgage payment, not including security deposits.

Utility payments are available only for households not eligible for LIHEAP, EHEAP or Car Repairs associated with finding employment, seniors with reoccurring medical appointments, or parents transporting children to/from school. Vehicle maintenance is not included.

If the client is in the database as a recipient of SOS assistance any time after 02/01/2022 thru current, no additional assistance will be provided.

The maximum amount of one-time assistance is \$2,000 per household. Households should not be seeking Season of Sharing funding once in lifetime.

Any agency that serves clients in need through caseworkers or social workers may access Season of Sharing funds by completing a funding request and submitting it to a fiscal agency.

Also, the following local agencies disburse funds on an emergency basis.

- **Catholic Charities for Sarasota**  
**Phone: 941-355-4680**
- **Catholic Charities for De Soto County**  
**Phone: 863-494-1068**
- **Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services**  
**Phone: 941-365-4545**
- **Jewish Family and Children's Service**  
**Phone: 941-366-2224**
- **Senior Friendship Centers**  
**Phone: 941-955-2122**
- **Step Up Suncoast Agency**  
**Phone: 941-827-2887 Ext.7901**
- **North Port Division of Social Services**  
**Phone: 941-429-3700**
- **Salvation Army Sarasota Chapter**  
**Phone: 941-364-8845 ext. 3104**
- **Turning Points**  
**Phone: 941-747-1509**
- **United Way of Charlotte County**  
**Phone: 941-627-3539**

[www.cfsarasota.org](http://www.cfsarasota.org)

**When All Else Fails, Inc.**

The mission is to provide resources and aid to individuals in South Sarasota County and West Charlotte County to help them achieve self-sufficiency on a one-by-one basis.

**Services:**

**Food And Nutrition**

Food justice is an important part of community justice. We take donations from local businesses and use them to fight hunger. Help us connect with donors and with people in need.

**Connect, Impact, Outreach**

Many families in our community are struggling with housing insecurities. this is caused by the never-ending increase to rent prices. We are helping families achieve housing and financial stability through resources and aid.

**Housing And Stabilization**

We mobilize our team of volunteers to make a real difference. We work to help the agencies providing services connect with the people who need them.

8902 Tropicair Blvd.

North Port, Florida 34287

**Phone: 941-218-0303**

**Benefits Check Up**

Developed and maintained by The National Council on Aging

Informative website for individuals 55 or older with limited income and resources where you can be screened to see if you qualify for any of the federal, state, local & private programs that help pay for Rx drugs, utility bills, meals, health care, housing, and other needs.

[www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)

**Caption Call**

Caption Call is a provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. federal government established a fund to give individuals with hearing loss access to captioned telephone service at no cost. This captioning service is funded using surcharges on all telephone bills. If you've paid a phone bill, you've already contributed.

**Phone: 877-557-2227**

<https://sorenson.com/captioned-calls/captioncall/>

**Care Connect USA**

- **Child-Support Enforcement Hotline**

For custodial parent's due support, experts can offer advice, direction, and local resources.

**Phone: 850-488-5437**

- **Debt Relief Hotline**

For families struggling with credit card debt (over \$10,000). Counselors will **discuss** options available. Connects to local government agencies, non-profit outreach centers and privately funded help centers.

**Phone: 1-888-790-1337**

[www.careconnectusa.org](http://www.careconnectusa.org)

- **Free Bankruptcy Advice**

Call for a free conversation to discuss whether debt relief under bankruptcy makes sense.

**Phone: 1-888-734-2585**

- **National Mortgage Relief Hotline**

Provides information about programs to avoid foreclosure. Free service

**Phone: 888-770-7312**

- **Tax Relief Hotline**

This agency works directly with the IRS and state agencies for taxpayers who owe over \$10,000 in back taxes. Services include offers in compromise, payment plans, innocent spouse relief, garnishment relief, and reduction of amounts owed. Free consultation

**Phone: 888-452-7841**

**Childcare Assistance**

**Phone: 866-357-3239**

[www.careconnectusa.org](http://www.careconnectusa.org)

**Money Management Consumer Credit Counseling of Southwest Florida**

Non-profit Credit Counseling Agency providing a variety of services including bankruptcy pre-filing counseling, bankruptcy debtor education, debt management plan, foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgage, housing pre-purchase, budget credit counseling & education. Informative website offers free educational.

**Phone: 1-866-260-5996**

<https://www.moneymanagement.org/>

**Lifeline Assistance -Free / Low Cost Cell Phone Service Providers**

**Affordable Connectivity Program – Free Internet Services closed 04/24**

The federal government offers eligible customers up to \$9.25 off your phone or internet service.

If your mobile phone or Internet is free, use it at least **once every 30 days** to keep the benefit. To rectify

**Phone: 855-359-4299**

You may qualify if you participate in Medicaid, food, SSI, public housing, or you are at 150% of poverty guidelines. Recertification will be required. Applications can be downloaded online at the following web sites.

<https://www.lifelinesupport.org>

**Phone: 800-234-9473**

Local Providers

[Safelink Wireless\\*](#)

[800-723-3546](tel:800-723-3546)

**Mobile Service**

[Assurance Wireless\\*](#)

[888-898-4888](#)

**Mobile Service**

<u><a href="#">Access Wireless</a></u>	<u><a href="#">866-594-3644</a></u>	<b>Mobile Service</b>
RHEMAFI, LLC*	863-940-0899	<b>Home Service</b>
Frontier Communications	800-921-8101	<b>Home Service</b>
Omnipoint Technology Inc.*	844-764-6800	<b>Home Service</b>

### **Government Assistance for Affordable Phones: Options**

Lifeline Government Benefit for Phones

Lifeline: <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/>

ACP qualifying government assistance programs:

- [Lifeline](#)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps and WIC
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Housing Assistance, including:
  - Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8 Vouchers)
  - Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/Section 202/ Section 811
  - Public Housing
  - Affordable Housing Programs for American Indians, Alaska Natives or Native Hawaiians
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit



- Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, including at U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision schools
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year
- Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on Qualifying Tribal lands:
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
  - Tribal TANF
  - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
  - Tribal Head Start (income based)

### **TruConnect- Free Phone Service in Florida**

If you qualify for Lifeline and ACP, and you live in Florida, you are eligible for a free Android smartphone from [TruConnect](#) and [free monthly phone service](#).

<https://www.truconnect.com/plans>

Cintex Wireless- Discounted phone plans

### **Free Plans**

- Free High-Speed Data
- Unlimited Talk
- Free Unlimited Text

**Phone: 1-855-655-3097**

<https://cintexwireless.com>

Qlink

Free cell phone service

<https://qlinkwireless.com/>

### **United Way 2-1-1**

Information for Utility Service Payment Assistance-Electric-Gas-Water

### **United Way of South County**

Phone 211 for financial assistance for agencies providing financial assistance. If client is unable to obtain assistance and have exhausted all resources, then clients may contact United Way of South County. Financial assistance is based on care by case basis for residents of Venice, Englewood, North Port, Laurel, Nokomis, and Osprey.

4242 S. Tamiami Trail

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-484-4811**

### **Unclaimed/Indigent Cremation Program-Fund Burial**

The Unclaimed/Indigent Cremation program is a state mandated program for individuals that die within the confines of Sarasota County and remained unclaimed by the legally authorized representative.

This program is governed under [Florida Statute 406.52](#) and Department Policy.

For more information on any of these services, contact Anna Day

**Phone: 941-861-2566 contact Anna Day or [aday@scgov.net](mailto:aday@scgov.net).**

### **Fema Funeral Costs**

**FEMA to Help Pay Funeral Costs for COVID-19-related Deaths Applications begin April 12, 2021 until Sept. 30, 2025**

In early April, FEMA will begin providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020, for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic. The policy was finalized today, and FEMA is now moving rapidly to implement this funeral assistance program nationwide.

To be eligible for COVID-19 funeral assistance, the policy states:

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020, for a death attributed to COVID-19.
- If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. FEMA will also consider documentation from other individuals not listed as the applicant and co-applicant who may have incurred funeral expenses as part of the registration for the deceased individual.
- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.
- The COVID-19-related death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.
- This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.
- Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.

**Contact:**

**844-684-6333 TTY 800-462-7585**

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time

**Websites for Financial Assistance**

[www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org)

[http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/sarasota\\_county\\_assistance\\_pro.html](http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/sarasota_county_assistance_pro.html)

[www.capitalgoodfund.org](http://www.capitalgoodfund.org) 866-584-3651

## Sarasota Section J - FOOD/NUTRITION PROGRAMS

\*\*\*\* For pantries serving the community also call 2-1-1.

<http://www.navigateresources.net/211CommunityResources/>

### Access Florida- Florida Department of Children and Families-Food Stamps

Informative website where you can prescreen yourself to see if you qualify for food stamps, Medicaid, and temporary cash assistance. If you are eligible, you can fill out the application online or call to see where to find the convenient Community Access locations in your area.

Sarasota One Stop Service Center-Administrative Office

1864 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 850-300-4323 or 877-595-0384 Kim Kutch**

[www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida)

Local community partner agencies help the Department of Children and Families provide access to public assistance services. You may apply for Food Stamps, Cash or Medicaid.

Partner Name	Customers Served	Address	Zip Code	City	Telephone
All Faiths Food Bank	General Public	8171 Blaikie Ct.	34240	Sarasota	941-379-6333
City Of North Port - Division Of Social Services	General Public	6919 Outreach Way	34287	North Port	941-429-3700
Family Promise Of South Sarasota County	General Public	850 Cockrill Street	34293	Venice	941-497-9881
Goodwill Manasota Job Connection	General Public	1781 Dr. Mlk Jr. Way	34234	Sarasota	941-359-0520
J & M Support Coordination LLC	General Public	385 Interstate Blvd	34240	Sarasota	941-809-3134
Sarasota Housing Authority	General Public	1912 Orange Ave	34236	Sarasota	941-361-6210
The Center Of Hope	General Public	2455 Shamrock	34293	Venice	941-412-9044
Villa San Marcos	General Public	1030 Albee Farm Rd	34285	Venice	941-488-8622

<https://access-web.dcf.state.fl.us/CPSLookup/search.aspx>

### All Faiths Food Bank

Collect and distribute food to partner agencies, distribution sites and brings food directly to clients in the highest need neighborhoods.

8171 Blaikie Court  
Sarasota FL 34232

**Phone: 941-379-6333**

<https://allfaithsfoodbank.org> Click on Find Food and then view schedule for North Sarasota County and South Sarasota County

### **Bethesda House**

Day Center founded by the Diocese of Venice to respond to the physical, social, and spiritual needs of HIV infected and affected persons. Services include food pantry, hot meals, individual pastoral counseling, laundry facilities, AIDS information library, case management and assistance in obtaining benefits.

1670 Fourth Street  
Sarasota FL 34236

**Phone: 941 366-1886**

### **Caritas**

Caritas is a cooperative effort of several churches in downtown Sarasota in providing emergency assistance. The Caritas Food Pantry is located in the First Baptist Church on Main Street (*pantry window located on Adelia Avenue*) and is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to Noon.

1661 Main St.

Sarasota, FL. 34236

**Phone: 941-366--5620**

[www.stmartha.org/Caritas](http://www.stmartha.org/Caritas)

### **Lasagna Love**

Lasagna Love is a global nonprofit and grassroots movement that aims to positively impact communities by connecting neighbors with neighbors through homemade meal delivery. Our mission is simple: feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. One meal per month.

Click Request and complete application for meal.

[www.lasagnalove.org](http://www.lasagnalove.org).

### **Meals on Wheels - Community Mobile Meals of Sarasota**

Home delivered meals to Sarasota residents who are unable to shop or prepare meals due to illness, disability, or infirmity caused by age or recent hospitalization. (\$6.00 donation per meal is requested)

421 Lime Ave. North

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-6693**

<https://mealsonwheelsofsarasota.org>

### **Resurrection House, Inc.**

Resurrection House is a faith-based day shelter dedicated to ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of homeless people in Sarasota County. Facilities and

services range from clean restrooms, food, clothing, showers and laundry services to in-house counseling, veteran services, free legal services on Tuesday and free health clinic. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

507 Kumquat Ct.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-365-3759**

[www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org](http://www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org)

### **Salvation Army Program**

**Food Pantry- Mon and Thurs 1200om-2:00pm**

1701 S Tuttle Ave

Sarasota, Fl 34239

**Phone: 941-364-8846**

**Food Pantry Mon and Tues 10am-12pm Thurs. 1pm-3pm**

1051 Albee Farm Road

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-484-6227**

### **Trinity Presbyterian Church - Community Assistance Ministry**

Program provides a food pantry open to the community, can include fresh produce as well as canned and frozen food.

4365 State Road 776

Venice, FL 34293 |

**Phone: 941-492-6384**

<https://trinitypc.org/ministries>

### **Sarasota County School District**

Even though meals at school are free for all students this year but families need to complete a Free & Reduced Meal application to ensure continued funding to classrooms.

*Food Service Program* operates its year-round including summers, that provides nutritionally balanced meals to eligible children 18 years of age and younger. The program is offered at various schools and other facilities. Check website for locations and times.

**Phone: 941-486-2199**

[www.sarasotacountyschools.net](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net)

### **Senior Friendship Centers**

Home delivered frozen meals (up to 7) are delivered weekly Also provides low-cost group lunches to individuals 60 years or older. (Donation of \$3.00 for meal)

1888 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 866-413-5337 to determine eligibility for delivered meals**

**941-955-2122 for Friendship dining**

[www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org)

### **University of Florida - Sarasota County Extension Family Nutrition Program**

Provides information and materials on nutrition, food safety, food preparation, effective management of food resources and other topics encouraging healthy living to Sarasota County residents on a limited budget, either individually or in a group setting.

6700 Clark Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34241

**Phone: 941-861-9900**

**<https://bmp.ifas.ufl.edu/contact-us/>**

### **United Way 2-1-1**

Find the help you need. Call 2-1-1. Comprehensive information and referral to services to any community member or agency in Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto Counties and other counties and states through a network of referrals and resources. Call anytime, 24/7.

Hours of Operation: 24/7 Fees: Free Bi-lingual. *It is most important that we **always** give this as a resource to our clients who are in need. It is important that they get into their database at United Way, so they become eligible for certain services. (Example:*

*Referrals to some area food banks must come from 211)*

1940 Traylor Blvd,

Orlando, FL 32804,

**Phone: 2-1-1**

**[www.navigatorresources.net/](http://www.navigatorresources.net/)**

### **Women's Infants and Children (WIC)**

Provides a free nutrition program to pregnant and postpartum women with infants and children birth to 5 years old. Program provides healthy food, nutrition education, counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health care.

2200 Ringling Blvd. Room 167

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-861-2929**

6919 Outreach Way

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-861-3370**

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

## **Sarasota Section K - HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**

**Web sites to check Doctor, Dentists and Therapists reviews and ratings:**

[www.healthgrades.com/](http://www.healthgrades.com/)

[www.psychologytoday.com](http://www.psychologytoday.com)

### **Patient Safety Action Network**

**PSAN** is a coalition of individuals and organizations consisting of patients who have been medically harmed, their loved ones, and concerned patient safety advocates.

Resources Include:

- Know Your Rights as a Patient
- Know Your Doctor
- Fact sheets and checklists on an array of topics from what to ask your doctor to how to best prepare yourself for surgery.
- How Safe is Your Hospital, Nursing Home, Dialysis Center?
- The FDA Safety Information, Adverse Event Reporting, FDA Recalls and 12 Questions to Ask Your Doctor.
- Resources by State
- See how much information your state publishes about infections and safety issues in its hospitals.
- Research and Investigative Reports
- Investigations reveal the truth about medical harm. Learn more to protect yourself and those you love.
- The Patients' List of Top Patient Safety Advocacy Opportunities

Email: [info@patientsafetyaction.org](mailto:info@patientsafetyaction.org)

<https://www.patientsafetyaction.org>

### **Children**

#### **Center Place Health**

Center Place Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing high-quality, low-cost health care to thousands of people at five locations in Sarasota County.

**Services are available for all, regardless of ability to pay.** Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans are accepted, and an income-based formula to offer reduced rates for those who qualify. Everyone is expected to pay something, but no one is turned away.

- **Medical Services**
- **Dental Services**
- **On Site Mental Health / Substance Abuse Services (Behavioral Health Care) in partnership Sarasota County Government.**
- **Pharmacy**

- **Laboratory**
- **OB-GYN**
- **Pediatrics**

**Locations:**

- **Women and Children's Health Center**  
1750 17th Street  
(at the Glasser Schoenbaum  
Human Services Center)  
Building E, Sarasota, FL 34234
- **Ringling Health Center**  
200 Ringling Boulevard  
Sarasota, FL 34237
- **North Port Health Center**  
6950 Outreach Way  
North Port, FL 34287
- **Sarasota Adult Clinic**  
1900 Brother Geenen Way  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-529-0200 Main Number**

- **Linda Martinez works with patients coming out of the hospital –**  
**Phone: 941-529-0100 ext 2108 –**[linda.martinez@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:linda.martinez@centerplacehealth.org)
- **Tara Wilcox works with primarily with kids, especially those in foster care**  
**Phone: 941-529-0100 ext 1101 –** [tara.wilcox@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:tara.wilcox@centerplacehealth.org)
- **Liz Rosado is a community health worker, speaks Spanish, and works primarily with moms and babies, but helps families too. –**  
**Phone: 941-529-0200 ext 1335 –** [Elizabeth.rosado@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:Elizabeth.rosado@centerplacehealth.org)
- **Tracy Green is a community health work who works with seniors –**  
**Phone: 941-529-0500 ext 5307 –**[tracy.green@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:tracy.green@centerplacehealth.org)

[www.centerplacehealth.org](http://www.centerplacehealth.org).

**Children's Medical Services**

Offers programs for eligible children with special needs. Also provides a variety of other services for children, adolescents & young adults who have on-going physical or behavioral conditions, those who have been abused or neglected, parenting information and early intervention. Newborn screenings. Work with expectant mothers.

[www.cms-kids.com/](http://www.cms-kids.com/)

**Gulf Central Early Steps**

Provides free early intervention services for families of children with disabilities or developmental delay, ages birth to 36 months in Charlotte, DeSoto, Highland, Hardee, Manatee and Sarasota counties.

4630 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota FL 34235

**Phone: 941-487-5400 Toll Free: 866-510-5594**

<https://hpcswf.com/early-steps-program>



**Sahib Shriners**

There are 19 orthopedic Shriners Hospitals and four Shriners Burns Institutes throughout North America, all dedicated to providing expert, specialized medical care to children under 18, free of charge. Sahib Shriners in Sarasota sponsors local children for orthopedic treatment and provides transportation to The Tampa Shriners Hospital for Children for family-centered, state-of-the-art medical care. Hours of Operation: 8:00am - 3:00pm, M-F (office) Bi-lingual

600 N. Beneva Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-366-4449**

[www.sahibshrine.org](http://www.sahibshrine.org)

## Dental

### Can Community Health

Can Community Health Clinic is a private, not-for-profit organization giving help and hope for people with HIV Disease through medical and dental care and case management.

1231 N. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-0134**

<https://www.cancommunityhealth.org>

### Center Place Health

Center Place Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing high-quality, low-cost health care to thousands of people at five locations in Sarasota County.

**Services are available for all, regardless of ability to pay.** Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans are accepted, and an income-based formula to offer reduced rates for those who qualify. Everyone is expected to pay something, but no one is turned away.

- **Dental Services**

**Locations:**

- **Women and Children's Health Center**

1750 17th Street

(at the Glasser Schoenbaum  
Human Services Center)

Building E, Sarasota, FL 34234

- **Ringling Health Center**

200 Ringling Boulevard

Sarasota, FL 34237

- **North Port Health Center**

6950 Outreach Way

North Port, FL 34287

- **Sarasota Adult Clinic**

1900 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-529-0200**

[www.centerplacehealth.org](http://www.centerplacehealth.org).

### Genesis Health Services, Inc.

Dental care for uninsured and underinsured people who cannot afford dental services.

Provides comprehensive dental services include extractions, fillings, oral surgery, crowns, partials, dentures,

SDS ceramic implants, bridges, root canals and deep cleaning. Hours of Operation: 8am-Noon, M, W & F by appointment only Bi-lingual (Sliding Scale)

2700 S. Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-486-8500 for Dental Services**

707 7<sup>th</sup> St. W.

Palmetto FL 34221

**Phone: 941-417-0067**

<https://www.genesishealthagency.org/dental>

### **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Dentistry**

Comprehensive Dental care is provided by students under trained supervision. This includes cleanings, periodontal treatments, crowns, root canal therapy, extractions, dental restorations, and full and partial dentures and implant therapy

4800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.

Bradenton, FL

**Phone: 941-405-1600**

[www.lecom.edu](http://www.lecom.edu)

### **State College of Florida's Dental Hygiene Clinic**

New patients are accepted for oral exams, teeth cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, and sealants.. Services for ages 6yrs. and up . all patients under 18 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. No insurance is required. Care is provided by graduate dental hygienists for their clinical experience under the supervision of instructors and dentists. Minimum fee is \$40.00.

State College of Florida Dental Hygiene Clinic

5840 26<sup>th</sup> St. West Building #2

Bradenton, FL

**Phone: 941-752-5353**

<https://www.scf.edu/explore/dental-hygiene-clinic/>

### **Turning Points - Free Medical and Dental Clinic**

Medical and Dental clinic open Monday and Tues 8:00am-12n –Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Now you can see a dentist at the Turning Points Dental Clinic for most of your dental care needs if you meet eligibility guidelines of residency and income. Our Dental Clinic has volunteer dentists, hygienists, and assistants working every weekday to meet the critical need of access to dental care.

You also may be eligible for Project Smiles – Our dentures program funded by Manatee County Community Development Block Grant

701 17<sup>th</sup> Ave West

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-567-6156**

[www.tpmanatee.org/](http://www.tpmanatee.org/)

## Health Insurance

### Health Insurance

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act . The marketplace is a new way to find quality health coverage. With one Marketplace application, you can learn if you can get lower costs based upon your income, compare your coverage options side-by-side, and enroll. When you use the Health Insurance Marketplace, you'll fill out an application and see all the health plans available in your area. You'll provide some information about your household size and income to find out if you can [get lower costs on your monthly premiums](#) for private insurance plans. You'll learn if you qualify for [lower out-of-pocket costs](#).

The Marketplace will also tell you if you qualify for free or low-cost coverage available through [Medicaid](#) or the [Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#).

One can enroll online or mail or in-person.

Open enrollment starts October 1. **Plans and prices will be available then.**

**Phone: 800-318-2596, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

### The HealthWell Foundation

The HealthWell Foundation is a leading independent non-profit dedicated to improving access to health care for America's underinsured. When health insurance is not enough, we fill the gap by assisting with copays, premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses.

We provide financial assistance to help with:

- Prescription copays
- Health insurance premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance
- Pediatric treatment costs
- Travel costs
- Behavioral health services

HealthWell disease funds have a household income limit of either 400% or 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). To verify the FPL level of a [disease fund](#), please check the Household Income Limit on the specific disease fund page.

P.O. Box 489

Buckeystown, MD 21717

**Phone: 800-675-8416-67**

<https://www.healthwellfoundation.org>

## Medical Services

### **American Cancer Society -South Sarasota County Unit**

**No offices in Sarasota or Manatee Counties. Contact the 9\* number for services.**

**Phone: 800-227-2345**

### **Can Community Health**

#### **Comprehensive Care Center of Sarasota – HIV patients only**

Comprehensive Care Clinic is a private, not-for-profit organization giving help and hope for people with HIV Disease through medical and dental care, mental health counseling and case management services in a single, confidential setting. Provides a continuum of medical, social and education services essential to the health and well-being of those infected with HIV disease. Enhances public awareness and prevention of HIV.

1231 N. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-0134**

14243 Tamiami Trl.

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-888-2144**

6010 Pointe West Blvd.

Bradenton, FL 34209

**Phone: 941-746-2711**

<https://www.cancommunityhealth.org>

### **Ear Research Foundation**

Offers free community seminars on the Ear, Nose and Throat. Sliding scale ear treatment including hearing aids and implants for those who cannot afford them. is available to individuals with no health insurance who qualify financially.

1901 Floyd Street Suite A

Sarasota, Florida 34239

**Phone: 941-365-0367**

<https://www.earrf.org> Click on Community Care then click on clinic.

### **Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc**

Provides medical, prescription, psychological, educational, vocational services, and case management to individuals with seizure disorders who do not have insurance.

1750 17<sup>th</sup> Street Build I-2

Sarasota FL 342364

**Phone: 941-953-5988**

[www.epilepsy-services.org](http://www.epilepsy-services.org)

### **Eye Care Programs**

- **Eye Care America**

If you lack health insurance, you may be eligible for a free eye exam.

**Phone: 1-877-887-6327**

<http://www.pvfla.org/financial-aid-for-eye-care/>

- **New Eyes for the Needy**

Provides eligible participants with vouchers for new prescription eyeglasses.

**Phone: 1-973-376-4903**

<http://www.new-eyes.org/>

- **Mission Cataract USA Program- Florida Center for Sight**

Open to low income, uninsured people of all ages. Those eligible will receive free. cataract surgery. This program is offered once a year.

Center for Sight Foundation

1360 E. Venice Ave.

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-493-2020 for application information**

[www.cfsfoundation.org/apply](http://www.cfsfoundation.org/apply)

- **Lions Club Sight Committee**

Eye exams and, if needed, eyeglasses. Where surgery or further treatment is indicated, referrals are made and assistance in obtaining help from the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, D.B.S., and other agencies. Also offer hearing aids for the hearing impaired and guiding dogs for the blind. Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at noon at Sahib Shrine 600 N. Beneva Rd. Sarasota

P.O. Box 51207

Sarasota, FL 34132

**Phone: 941-953-2658**

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/sarasota/>

- **Venice and Englewood Lions Club**

Vision and Hearing Programs Free eye care and hearing screening for low-income residents of Venice, Englewood, Nokomis, and Laurel. Persons living within set boundaries can receive free vision care after providing proof of financial eligibility and residence. Services offered include vision and hearing screening, eye examinations, glasses, and eye surgery. Blood pressure and blood sugar screening also offered to detect early signs of diabetes. Some help for obtaining hearing aids for qualifying persons. Call for more information. Fees: Free

1289 Jacaranda Blvd.

Venice, FL 34292

**Phone: 941- 486-6065**

[www.venicelionsclub.com](http://www.venicelionsclub.com)

## **Dollars for Mammograms**

Dollars For Mammograms Inc. is a no-cost mammogram program for area women who are year-round residents, uninsured or under-insured. South County residents of Venice, North Port, and Englewood residents are eligible.

P.O. Box 366

Englewood, FL, 34295

**Phone: 941-474-2674**

[www.dollarsformammograms.org](http://www.dollarsformammograms.org)

*If uninsured women have mammogram done at a site not enrolled in the FBCCEDP and have abnormal findings, they will not be eligible for the Medicaid program for breast and cervical cancer.*

### **Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

This is a CDC funded program provides the following.

- Breast cancer and cervical cancer screening exams (clinical breast exams, mammograms, and Pap tests) to approximately 5% of the at need population as funding allows.
- Diagnostic funds are reserved for women screened through the program.
- Care coordination to all clients with abnormal exams
- Women screened through the program and diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer are referred to the Florida Medicaid Program for eligibility determination.

Paid breast cancer and cervical cancer treatment through Medicaid for eligible women screened through the program as funding allows.

Financial eligibility is for 200% FPL for all clients. Mammogram screenings are for ages 50-64.

Must contact Manatee County Health Dept. for applications for program for Sarasota, Desoto, Lee, Glades, Hendry, Collier, Charlotte, and Manatee Counties.

2200 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-861-2676 for an**

**Phone: 941-861-2928 Regional Coordinator**

**Phone: 941-861-2721**

[www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org)

[https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/breast-cervical-cancer-prevention/\\_documents/2025FBCCEnglishEnrollmentpacketforClientsWebsites.pdf](https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/breast-cervical-cancer-prevention/_documents/2025FBCCEnglishEnrollmentpacketforClientsWebsites.pdf)

### **Medically Needy Program (Share of Cost)**

This program can help pay for Medicaid covered services for individuals who have income or assets that exceed the limits for regular Medicaid. A certain amount of medical bills must be incurred each month before Medicaid is approved. You need to provide proof of your medical expenses to an *Access Florida* office.

**Phone: 1-866-762-2237 or 800-305-4150 for Medicare Recipient services Medically Needy Program (Share of Cost)**

<https://healthfla.org/>

### **Medicare**

Medicare is a federal medical insurance program that helps to pay the medical bills of persons at least 65 years of age, who have permanent kidney failure, or who receive Social Security payments based upon age or disability. Medicare insurance is available based upon disability in cases in which the disability has lasted for 24 months. Apply for benefits online or visit your local Social Security Office:

Social Security

2001 Siesta Drive Suite 301  
Sarasota, Florida 34239

**Phone: 1-800-772-1213**

[www.ssa.gov/](http://www.ssa.gov/)

[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

### **Neuro Challenge**

Neuro Challenge provides Support Groups, Therapeutic and education programs for persons with Parkinson's Disease and their caregiver. Programs are in person and virtual by phone or video chat.

Administrative Office

722 Apex Rd Suite A

Sarasota, FL 34240

Sarasota Community office

5880 Rand Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34238

**Phone: 941-926-6413**

[www.neurochallenge.org](http://www.neurochallenge.org)

### **Roskamp Neurology Clinic**

Specializes in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, providing superior diagnostic and clinical services to dementia patients and their caregivers.

The center hosts a fully functioning memory clinic that provides complimentary memory screening to individuals over the age of 60. Process involves a questionnaire followed by a short test of your memory conducted at the center.

Also specializes in following neurological disorders:

- Multiple Sclerosis
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Parkinson's
- Headaches
- Gulf War Illness

2040 Whitfield Ave.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-256-8019 for clinic**

<https://www.roskampclinic.org/>

### **Sarasota County Medical Society - Physician Referral Service**

Physician referral service to physicians of various specialties throughout Sarasota County. All referrals are made to physicians who are members of the Sarasota County Medical Society.

8437 Tuttle Ave. Suite 137

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-966-3134**

[www.sarasotacms.com](http://www.sarasotacms.com)



### **Sarasota Memorial Hospital**

Sarasota Memorial Health Care System is an 839-bed hospital with ER, outpatient and urgent care centers, home health services, short-term and long-term skilled services, laboratory, and imaging services. Financial Assist is available to eligible Sarasota County residents.

1700 S. Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941- 917-9000**

<https://www.smh.com>

### **Sarasota Memorial Hospital Memory Disorder Clinic**

Designated by the State of Florida as one of the 15 Alzheimer's Disease Initiative memory clinics across the State of Florida. A team including a geriatrician, neurologist, and neuropsychologist provides expert diagnostic services as well as support & education for caregivers. Also provides seminars, support groups & free memory screening.

1515 S. Osprey Ave., Suite A-1

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-917-7197**

<https://www.smh.com>

### **Sarasota County Health Department**

#### **Clinical and Nutrition Services**

- Dental Sealant Program
- Pharmacy
- WIC nutrition program
- Patient Privacy Policy
- Family Planning
- Disease Control-STD, HIV, Syphilis and Tuberculosis
- Immunizations
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Pharmacy- free or reduced cost
  - Diabetes  
The pharmacy provides insulin to diabetics who are at 100% or below Federal Poverty Guidelines.
  - Epilepsy  
Certain epilepsy medicines are available to patients at 110% or less of Federal Poverty Guidelines.
  - HIV/AIDS  
Assistance is available to patients with HIV/AIDS, whether they are being seen at our clinics. Prescriptions can be filled for Medicaid, Ryan White clients, and Florida ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) clients.
- Medical Examinations for Immigrants.

2200 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota, FL. 34237

**Phone: 941-861-2900 941-861-2814 for appointments**

<https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition->

[services/specialty-services/index.html](https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/services/specialty-services/index.html)

**Sarasota County Health Department - Needle Disposal Program**

This free program is for Sarasota County residents who are being treated for insulin-dependent diabetes, hepatitis, arthritis, cancer, and other health conditions that require daily use of needles to inject prescription medications. Phone for locations. Hours of Operation: 8am-6pm (M-Th); 9am-1pm (F); 8am-1pm (Sa) Fees: Free

Sarasota County Health Department

1001 Sarasota Center Blvd.

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-861-6133 for locations**

<https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-health/biomedical-waste/index.html>

## **Free\Low-Cost Clinics**

Locate free clinics and low-cost health clinics by going to [needymeds.org](http://needymeds.org) and click **Search Clinics**. Click on state or put in zip code with mileage.

[www.needymeds.org/](http://www.needymeds.org/)

## **HRSA –Find a Health Center**

Database of free and low cost medical and dental care for USA. Type in location and distance in miles

<https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov> .

## **Center Place Health**

Center Place Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing high-quality, low-cost health care to thousands of people at five locations in Sarasota County.

**Services are available for all, regardless of ability to pay.** Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans are accepted , and an income-based formula to offer reduced rates for those who qualify. Everyone is expected to pay something, but no one is turned away.

- **Medical Services**
- **Dental Services**
- **On Site Mental Health / Substance Abuse Services (Behavioral Health Care) in partnership Sarasota County Government.**
- **Pharmacy**
- **Laboratory**
- **OB-GYN**
- **Pediatrics**

## **Locations:**

- **Women and Children’s Health Center**  
1750 17th Street  
(at the Glasser Schoenbaum  
Human Services Center)  
Building E, Sarasota, FL 34234
- **Ringling Health Center**  
200 Ringling Boulevard  
Sarasota, FL 34237
- **North Port Health Center**  
6950 Outreach Way  
North Port, FL 34287
- **Sarasota Adult Clinic**  
1900 Brother Geenen Way  
Sarasota, FL 34237  
**Phone: 941-529-0200 Main Number**
- **Linda Martinez works with patients coming out of the hospital –**  
**Phone: 941-529-0100 ext 2108 –**[linda.martinez@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:linda.martinez@centerplacehealth.org)

- Tara Wilcox works with primarily with kids, especially those in foster care  
**Phone: 941-529-0100 ext 1101** – [tara.wilcox@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:tara.wilcox@centerplacehealth.org)
- Liz Rosado is a community health worker, speaks Spanish, and works primarily with moms and babies, but helps families too. –  
**Phone: 941-529-0200 ext 1335** – [Elizabeth.rosado@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:Elizabeth.rosado@centerplacehealth.org)
- Tracy Green is a community health work who works with seniors –  
**Phone: 941-529-0500 ext 5307** – [tracy.green@centerplacehealth.org](mailto:tracy.green@centerplacehealth.org)

[www.centerplacehealth.org](http://www.centerplacehealth.org).

### **Genesis Health Services, Inc.**

Medical services at Genesis Healthcare provide the following: Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Orthopedic Medicine, Gynecology, Mammograms, Physicals, HIV Testing, Laboratory and X-Rays New Services: (Fees-sliding scale).

707 7<sup>th</sup> Street W.

Palmetto, FL 34221

**Phone: 941-957-1970**

[www.genesishealthagency.org](http://www.genesishealthagency.org)

### **Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services**

Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services has a free walk-in clinic. To qualify patients should have a valid ID, be uninsured and have income less than 300% Federal Poverty Level. Clinic is **Wednesday** 5:30pm-8:30pm. Free diagnostic testing including blood tests and radiology is available.

Main office Nokomis

2502 Tamiami Trail North

Nokomis, FL 34275

**Phone: 941-445-5687**

[www.goodsamrx.org](http://www.goodsamrx.org)

### **Manatee County Rural Health Services**

MCR operates 28 healthcare centers and 13 pharmacies, providing a wide range of services including family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, behavioral health, vision, dental, podiatry, cardiology, general surgery and many other medical services. Our mission is to provide all patients including the underserved and uninsured access to quality primary care and preventative health education regardless of race, sex, disability, or economic status.

101 Riverfront Blvd. Ste 100

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-776-4000**

#### **Sarasota County Locations:**

- MCR Fruitville  
**Phone: 941-867-0127**
- South County Medical Center  
**Phone: 941-460-1341**

#### **Manatee County Locations:**

- Bradenton Family Medical Center

- **Phone: 941-753-7843**
  - **Cortez OB/GYN and Pediatrics**
  - **Phone: 941-909-7007**
  - **Dr. George VanBuren Children & Family Healthcare Center**
  - **Phone: 941-748-4602**
  - **East Manatee Health and Wellness Center**
  - **Phone: 941-708-8700**
  - **Edgar H. Price Children and Family Healthcare Center**
  - **Phone: 941-776-4050**
  - **Lawton Chiles Children and Family Healthcare Center**
  - **Phone: 941-708-7618**
  - **Manatee Pediatrics**
  - **Phone: 941-748-4602**
  - **Myakka Family Healthcare Center**
  - **North Manatee Family Healthcare Center**
  - **Phone: 941-721-2020**
  - **Palmetto Foot & Ankle**
  - **Phone: 941-729-3856**
  - **River Landings OB/GYN**
  - **Phone: 941-316-8200**
  - **Riverside Medical Center**
  - **Phone: 941-405-1170**
  - **Riverview Foot and Ankle**
  - **Phone: 941-741-3338**
  - **South Manatee Pediatrics**
  - **Phone: 941-210-7942**
  - **Southeast Family Healthcare Center**
  - **Phone: 941-751-8100**
  - **Southwest Health Center**
  - **Phone: 941-708-8503**
  - **West Manatee Health Center**
  - **Phone: 941-714-7150**
  - **Whole Child Pediatrics**
  - **Phone: 941-366-2273**
- <https://mcr.health>**

**North Port Health Center- Center Place Health, Inc.**

Provides non-emergency medical care to eligible clients from infancy to age 50. This may include immunizations, family planning, dental services, sick-care, physicals, health information and laboratory tests and referrals to a specialist. Pediatrician and Pediatric Dentist on staff. Other services include WIC, KidCare OB/GYN services including contraceptives, and diagnosis, treatment and counseling for HIV/AIDS and STDs.

6950 Outreach Way  
North Port FL 34287

**Phone: 941- 529-0200**

[www.centerplacehealth.org](http://www.centerplacehealth.org)

### **Sarasota County Health Department Mobile Medical Unit**

Health In Motion is a mobile medical unit bringing vital health and medical services to underserved areas of Sarasota County. A clerk and registered nurse provide outreach to communities lacking access to health/medical services. Volunteer physicians and nurses also assist with providing services.

**Phone: 941--861-2873**

<https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/health-in-motion/index.html>

Calendar

[https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/health-in-motion/\\_documents/07-2022-him-calendar.pdf](https://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/health-in-motion/_documents/07-2022-him-calendar.pdf)

### **Sarasota Memorial Hospital Community Medical Clinic**

Accepts referrals for low-income patients living in Sarasota County who are uninsured or underinsured. Patients are seen at their primary care provider and referred to CMC for specialty care. These referrals come from the Sarasota County Health Department, Center Place Health, North County Health Center, and Genesis Health Services.

Hours of Operation: By referral only Fees: Free for income-eligible Bi-lingual

The Community Medical Clinic offers a variety of specialty clinics that include:

- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Ear, nose, and throat (ENT)
- Gastroenterology (GI)
- Gynecology
- Heart Failure Center
- Infectious Disease
- Interventional Radiology
- Memory Clinic
- Neurology
- Nutritional services
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics (non-surgical)
- Podiatry
- Radiation Oncology
- Rehabilitation
- Sleep studies
- Surgery (limited)
- Urology
- Vascular evaluations
- Wound Care

1851 Arlington Street Suite 208  
Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-917-2566**

<https://www.smh.com/communityspecialtyclinic>

### **Sarasota VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic-Bay Pines**

Outpatient medical services for eligible veterans.

5682 Bee Ridge Road, Suite 100

Sarasota, Florida 34231

**Phone: 941-371-3349**

<https://www.va.gov/bay-pines-health-care/locations/sarasota-va-clinic/>

### **Turning Points - Free Medical and Dental Clinic**

Medical and Dental clinic open Monday –Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

The Eye Clinic now offers optometry and ophthalmology services and is another extension of the many specialty services that are offered at the One Stop Clinic.

The clinic offers primary care services to qualified Manatee County residents every weekday, along with limited on-site blood tests and Hepatitis C treatment. These specialty services are also offered: audiology, cardiology, dermatology, ENT, gastroenterology, gynecology, nephrology, pharmacy, podiatry, and pulmonology.

701 17<sup>th</sup> Ave West

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-567-6156**

<http://tpmanatee.org/>

### **Universal Crescent Clinic**

UCC is a free medical clinic to serve people without health insurance. The clinic doors are open to everyone regardless of their gender, race, religion, and ability to pay.

Universal Crescent Clinic offers free quality primary and some specialty care services to all those who do not have medical insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or whose income falls below 200% of the poverty level as set by the State of Florida.

Hours of operation Saturday 10am-2pm

1920 Northgate Blvd. Suite A-7

Sarasota FL 34234

**Phone: 941-751-0171**

<http://ucclinic.org/>

<http://ucclinic.org/contactus.php>

### **On The Spot Aid, Inc**

On The Spot Aid, Inc is a street medicine outreach, providing assessments, treatments, education, and provision of basic first aid supplies in public places where the homeless can be found. Serving Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte. Englewood and North Port Florida. Recuperative Care. Center bridges the gap between hospitals and homelessness. We provide both hospital diversion and post-hospitalization sheltered recuperative rest, nutritious meals, transportation to follow up medical care and fulfillment of nonnarcotic medications. This vital program will reduce hospitalizations and the necessity for re-admission.

There is a gap in the system for homeless persons who are too sick to be on the streets but aren't critically ill enough to warrant inpatient hospitalization. "Medical respite care is acute and post-acute care for persons experiencing homelessness who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury on the streets but are not ill enough to be in a hospital. Unlike "respite" for caregivers, "medical respite" is a short-term residential care that allows individuals experiencing homelessness the opportunity to rest in a safe environment while accessing medical care and other supportive services." (National Healthcare for the Homeless Council)

According to Florida State Statutes, hospitals are not permitted to discharge patients to 'homeless'. We believe that our area hospitals are doing their best to adhere to this law, but the challenge remains clear. To date, we have coordinated with hospitals and other agencies to provide clients hotel rooms for needed recovery time. This is a better alternative to sleeping outdoors, but not a practical long-term solution - financially or logistically.

Old Englewood Road

Englewood, FL

Mailing Address :

12161 Mercado Dr.,

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-499-4664**

<https://onthespotaid.com>

## **Medications - Free and Low Cost**

### **Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services.**

Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services has a free walk-in clinic. To qualify patients should have a valid ID, be uninsured and have income less than 200% Federal Poverty Level. Pharmacy Dispensary is available to patients on Tuesday from 9:30am-1:00pm. Patient Prescription Assistance Program Hours -Mon. 12pm-4pm, Tues. 9:30am- 2pm, Wed. 9am-1pm, and Friday 9am-1pm. Pharmacy dispenses free selected generic medications.

Main office Nokomis

2502 Tamiami Trail North

Nokomis, FL 34275

**Phone: 941-445-5687**

[www.goodsamrx.org/](http://www.goodsamrx.org/)

### **FREE MEDICATIONS WEBSITES**

- [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)
- [www.needymeds.org/](http://www.needymeds.org/)
- [www.rxassist.org/](http://www.rxassist.org/)
- [www.rxhope.com/](http://www.rxhope.com/)
- [www.pparx.org/](http://www.pparx.org/)
- Individual Pharmaceutical website



## **Methods to find medications:**

- Brand Name
- Generic Name
- Pharmaceutical Company
- Specific Diseases or Conditions

## ***Government Programs***

- State sponsored programs.
- Medicaid sites
- SHIP sites (Senior Health Insurance Network) Also called SHINE.

## **Low-Cost Medications: Websites**

- <http://www.rxoutreach.org/>
- <http://www.xubex.com/>
- [www.goodrx.com/](http://www.goodrx.com/)
- <http://www.medtipster.com/>
- [www.floridadiscountdrugcard.com](http://www.floridadiscountdrugcard.com)
- [www.blinkhealth.com](http://www.blinkhealth.com)
- [www.singlecare\](http://www.singlecare.com)
- <https://www.markcubancostplusdrugcompany.com>

## **Medicare Prescription Savings**

You may find it necessary to get help paying for prescriptions even after enrolling in Medicare drug coverage (Part D). For example, you may reach the annual spending limit and enter what is called the coverage gap. Here are 6 tips to consider if you think you might need to get help with the costs of prescription drug coverage.

### **1. Consider switching to generics or other lower-cost drugs.**

There may be generic or less-expensive brand-name drugs that would work just as well as the ones you're taking now. Talk to your doctor to find out if these are an option for you. You might also be able to lower prescription costs by using mail-order pharmacies.

### **2. Choose a Medicare drug plan that offers additional coverage during the gap.**

There are plans that offer additional coverage during the Medicare drug coverage gap, like for generic drugs. However, plans with additional gap coverage to help pay for prescriptions may charge a higher monthly premium.

Check with the drug plan first to see if your drugs would be covered during the gap. [Find health & drug plans.](#)

### **3. Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs.**

Some pharmaceutical companies offer programs to help pay for medications for people enrolled in Medicare drug coverage (Part D). Find out whether there's a [Pharmaceutical Assistance Program](#) that can lower prescription costs for the drugs you take.

### **4. State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs.**

Many states and the U.S. Virgin Islands offer help paying for prescriptions, drug plan premiums and/or other drug costs. Find out if your state has a [State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program](#).

**5. Apply for Extra Help.**

Medicare and Social Security have a program called Extra Help—a way for people with limited income and resources to get help with prescription costs.

**6. Explore national and community-based charitable programs like these that help pay for medications:**

- [National Patient Advocate Foundation](#)
- [National Organization for Rare Disorders](#)
- [Benefits checkup](#)

[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

**Important Information for free and low-cost medications applications and instructions:**

• *Adults over 18 yrs. old who are not a dependent on anyone else's tax returns can be a family of one, if no one else is responsible for their debts.*

• *To avoid adding other household members' income the indigent individual must either pay rent or receive a loan from family friends rather than family/friend supporting the individual for application for state government programs and free and low-cost medication programs.*

• Request Forms (4506T) for non-filing Individuals can be obtained from the IRS website. Income tax returns are required for drug company applications. Check number item #7 for non-filing.

• Request for Copy of tax returns for tax filers without a copy of tax returns (4506T) can be obtained from the IRS website.

• Drug companies must have proof of income for individuals. If the individual is relying on family for food, shelter, and necessities the following methods can be used for proof of income. The information must be on official letterhead stationery:

Drug companies will accept the following format as proof of income for individuals with no means of support.

**Medical Equipment Loans**

**Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

SCIL loans durable medical equipment to people with disabilities.

• Wheelchairs • Walkers • Canes • Reachers • Transfer Benches and much more!

3281 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941-351-9545**

[www.scil4u.org/](http://www.scil4u.org/)

## **Discounted Diabetic Supplies**

### **Accu-Check**

Coupon to save on Accu-Check products through the pharmacy. Go to want to save on Accu-Chek products through the pharmacy. Click on get your coupon.

### **Simply Start**

Simply bundle all this for \$49.99!1

- Accu-Chek Guide Me meter
- 100 Accu-Chek Guide test strips
- 102-count Accu-Chek FastClix lancets  
or 100-count Accu-Chek Softclix lancets

Get everything you need to start testing your blood sugar.

Starting at \$49.99. Terms and exclusions apply.<sup>1</sup>

- Accu-Chek Guide Me meter (includes Accu-Chek Softclix lancing device)
- 100 Accu-Chek Guide test strips
- 102 Accu-Chek FastClix lancets or 100 Accu-Chek Softclix lancets

### **Simply Refill**

Save on refills starting at \$19.99 for 50-ct.

Accu-Chek Guide test strips. And just \$10 more for each additional 50-ct. test strips.

**Lancets now included in the Accu-Chek Prescription Discount program.**

Just \$12.50 for 102-count Accu-Chek FastClix lancets or 100-count Accu-Chek Softclix lancets.

Up to 600 test strips for \$129.99. Unlimited lancets.

Prescription required. Visit [accu-chek.com/save](http://accu-chek.com/save) for full program details. Exclusions apply.

Sign up online for coupon.

Roache Diagnostics Corporation

9115 Hague Road

Indianapolis, IN 46250

**Phone: 800-858-8072**

<https://www.accu-chek.com/microsites/prescription-discount-program>

## **Insulin Syringes**

### **The BD Insulin Syringe Assist Program**

BD Medical – Diabetes Care offers a patient assistance program for people who use BD Ultra-Fine™ Insulin Syringes. You may qualify if you cannot pay for insulin syringes because your income is low and you do not have health insurance. You must meet financial and other program-specific criteria to be eligible for assistance. People who receive Medicare or Medicaid benefits do not qualify for this program. If you qualify, you can receive BD Ultra-Fine™ Insulin Syringes for a small co-pay.

The BD Insulin Syringe Assist Program

1 Becton Drive

Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

**Phone: 888.232.2737**

**Xubex Discounted Diabetic Supplies**

<https://www.xubex.com>

**Phone: 866-699-8239**

**Rx Outreach Diabetic Supplies**

Rx Outreach

PO Box 66536

St. Louis MO 63166-6536

**Phone: 800-769-3880**

**Website for all Diabetes Programs & Supplies**

[https://www.helpingpatients.org/prescription\\_assistance\\_programs/diabetes\\_programs\\_supplies](https://www.helpingpatients.org/prescription_assistance_programs/diabetes_programs_supplies)

**SHINE**

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders State health insurance assistance program for elder Floridians. Provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers, and family members. Helps elders understand and receive the health insurance coverage they need through Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Assistance, Long-Term Care Planning & Insurance, and other health care issues.

Senior Friendship Centers

1888 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 1-800-963-5337 for multiple sites in Sarasota**

[www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org)

## Home Care and Caregiver Resources

### **Cleaning for a Reason**

Cleaning service for women currently undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. Service provides *free* housecleaning 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. Just have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Apply online.

[www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org)

### **Easter Seals of Southwest Florida**

Offers the highest quality of care and services to children, youth, and adults with special needs so that they can enjoy access, opportunities, and increased life choices. Provides respite care and in-home services to individuals with special needs and the families who care for them. Helping children and adults with a variety of special needs, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and developmental delays. Also above services for veterans and first responders -Help for Our Heroes program

350 Braden Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-355-7637**

[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

### **Jewish Family and Children's Service**

This is a federally funded program that targets the needs of caregivers in Sarasota who are caring for a partner with Alzheimer's Disease or Alzheimer's Related Dementia. The goal of the program is to provide knowledge and support to caregivers and their families to reduce caregiver stress, increase coping skills to manage daily challenges and provide ongoing support through connections to local resources. The program supports caregivers through implementation of an evidence-based intervention program that offers individual and family counseling sessions; ongoing follow up contacts; wraparound services and reassurance telephone calls.

2688 Fruitville Rd.

Sarasota, FL. 34237

**Phone: 941-961-0016**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

### **Senior Friendship Centers- Caregiver Resource Center**

Educational programs, compassionate support, and access to a wealth of information of special interest to anyone caring for a loved one are available at this "one stop single point of entry" for caregivers.

1888 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, FL 34236


**Phone: 941-955-2122**

<http://friendshipcenters.org>

## Adult Day Care

Name	Street Address	City	Phone Number
<u>ACTIVAGE SARASOTA</u>	3801 BEE RIDGE RD STE 5	SARASOTA	(863) 845-4871
<u>ALL SMILES SENIOR &amp; ADULT DAY CARE CENTER LLC</u>	1072 E VENICE AVE	VENICE	(941) 882-3059
<u>MEALS ON WHEELS PLUS ADULT DAY CENTER</u>	10920 EAST STATE RD 70	LAKEWOOD RANCH	(941) 748-3001
<u>SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTERS, INC</u>	2350 SCENIC DRIVE	VENICE	(941) 584-0044
<u>SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTERS, INC</u>	1820 BROTHER GEENEN WAY	SARASOTA	(941) 955-2122
<u>STRATUM LIFE</u>	303 13TH AVE E	BRADENTON	(941) 248-1550
<u>TOWN SQUARE BRADENTON AT UNIVERSITY PARKWAY</u>	8450 LOCKWOOD RIDGE ROAD	SARASOTA	(941) 277-5048
<u>TOWN SQUARE SARASOTA</u>	3882 CENTRAL SARASOTA PKWY	SARASOTA	(941) 336-5061

## Pediatric Extended Care Center

Name	Street Address	City	State	Phone Number
<u>BANYAN PEDIATRIC CARE CENTERS</u> <u>- SARASOTA, LLC - 29960164</u> 	3251 17TH ST UNIT 200	SARASOTA	FL	(941) 758-4745

### Adult Family Care Home

Name	Street Address	City	Phone Number
<u>ALLEN, DARLEEN MARIE</u>	208 42ND AVE E UNIT A	BRADENTO N	(941) 773- 9366
<u>ANGLES, LUIS M</u>	5413 HAYDEN BLVD	SARASOTA	(941) 378- 4317
<u>CARLEY, JOHN &amp; SHIRLEY</u>	3105 CANAL RD	PALMETTO	(941) 722- 1082
<u>CHERRY, NADINE</u>	2565 PARMA ST	SARASOTA	(941) 926- 2897

## Home Health, Hospice and Nursing Homes

### CARES

Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services (CARES) is Florida's federally mandated pre-admission screening program for nursing home applicants. All PASRR screenings are the responsibility of KEPRO, the vendor contracted by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for these activities.

[https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide\\_mc/smmc\\_ltc.shtml](https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide_mc/smmc_ltc.shtml)

[www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)

### Medicare Home Health Compare

Medicare provides reviews on doctors and other health professionals, nursing homes, hospitals, home health services and dialysis facilities. Medicare also helps find health, and drug plans and medical equipment and supplies.

<http://www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare/search.html>

[www.floridahealthfinder.gov](http://www.floridahealthfinder.gov).

ACHA Website provides easy access to information on hospitals, nursing homes, home health, residential facilities, etc.

<https://quality.healthfinder.fl.gov/Facility-Provider/>

### Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care

Hospice House is one of the largest not-for-profit hospices in the U.S. home-based palliative care is the basic premise of the program, involving the support of physicians, registered nurses, social service counselors, certified nursing assistants and volunteers all following a prescribed plan of care. Tidewell's services are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Specialized Services

- Advanced Cardiac Care Program
- COPD Program
- Veterans Care
- Certified Jewish Hospice
- Complementary Services
- Grief Support
- Blue Butterfly Children's Grief
- Advance Care Planning

5955 Rand Blvd.

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-552-7500**

<https://tidewellhospice.org/palliative-care/>



## Nursing Home Reviews

### To Find a Quality Nursing Home to Fit Individual Needs

[www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)

Medicare provides reviews on doctors and other health professionals, nursing homes, hospitals, home health services and dialysis facilities. Medicare also helps find health, and drug plans and medical equipment and supplies.

**(Go to Find Care Providers. Click on nursing homes. Type either zip code or city and state in Required Search entry box. Review ratings, especially overall rating within desirable distance.)**

<https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/?guidedSearch=NursingHome>

### Eldercare Locator

**Phone: 1-800-677-1116 (toll-free)**

<https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx>

### Florida Health Finder

ACHA Website provides easy access to information on hospitals, nursing homes, home health, residential facilities, etc.

<https://quality.healthfinder.fl.gov>

## State And Community Medical In-Home Care Programs

### Home Care and Community Care Services:

#### Area Agency on Aging

#### Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

- Adult Day Care
- Personal Care
- Case Management
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Congregate Meals
- Nutrition Education
- Transportation
- Caregiver Training, Support and Respite
- Housekeeping
- Home Health Aid
- Legal Assistance
- Shopping Assistance

These services are funded through Federal and state grants. These include the Older Medicaid Waiver Program, Americans Act, National Family Caregiver Support Program, Community Care for the Elderly, Home Care for the Elderly, and Alzheimer's Disease Initiative programs.

<https://aaaswfl.org/services/home-community-care/>

### Community Care for the Elderly

#### Description:

The Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program provides community-based services organized in a continuum of care to help functionally impaired elders live in the least restrictive yet most cost-effective environment suitable to their needs.

#### Services or Activities:

Eligible clients may receive a wide range of goods and services, including: adult day care, adult day health care, case management, case aide, chore, companionship, consumable medical supplies, counseling, escort, emergency alert response, emergency home repair, home-delivered meals, home health aide, homemaker, home nursing, information and referral, legal assistance, material aid, medical therapeutic services, personal care, respite, shopping assistance, transportation, and other community-based services.

#### Administration:

The Department administers the program through contracts with Area Agencies on Aging, which subcontract with Community Care for the Elderly lead agencies. Service delivery is provided by 52 lead agencies and their subcontractors.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals must be age 60 or older and functionally impaired, as determined by an initial comprehensive assessment and annual reassessments. As directed by 1998 revisions to Section 430.205(5), Florida Statutes, primary consideration for services is given to elderly persons referred to Adult Protective Services (APS) and determined by APS to be victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation who are in need of immediate services to prevent further harm.

For more information about CCE in your area, contact your local Aging Resource Center or call the Elder Helpline at (1-800-963-5337)

**Home Care for the Elderly****Description:**

The Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) program supports care for Floridians aged 60 and older in family-type living arrangements within private homes, as an alternative to institutional or nursing home care. A basic subsidy is provided for support and maintenance of the elder, including some medical costs. A special subsidy may also be provided for services and/or supplies.

**Services or Activities:**

A basic subsidy averaging \$160 per month is provided for all program participants. Special subsidies are authorized for some consumers and can be used for: incontinence supplies, medications, medical supplies, wheelchairs, assistive devices, ramps and home accessibility modifications, nutritional supplements, home health aide, home nursing, and other services to help maintain the individual at home. Formal case management is provided when needed.

**Administration:**

The Department is responsible for planning, monitoring, training, and technical assistance for the program. Unit rate contracts are established by Area Agencies on Aging for local administration of the program within each Planning and Service Area. Services include more than 150,000 subsidy checks issued annually.

**Eligibility:**

Individuals must be age 60 or older, have income less than the Institutional Care Program (ICP) standard, meet the ICP asset limitation, be at risk of nursing home placement, and have an approved adult caregiver living with them who is willing and able to provide care or help arrange for care.

For more information about HCE in your area, contact your local Aging Resource Center or call the **Elder Helpline at (1-800-963-5337).**

**Alzheimer's Disease Initiative****Description:**

Florida's Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) provides services to meet the changing needs of individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease and similar memory disorders.

ADI respite care is available for caregivers of adults aged 18 and older who have been diagnosed as having probable Alzheimer's disease or other related memory disorders where mental changes appear and interfere with the activities of daily living.

Caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's disease or related memory disorders can receive training and other ADI support services in addition to respite care.

ADI respite services include in-home, adult day care, emergency, and extended care (up to 30 days) for caregivers who serve patients with memory disorders. In addition to respite services, the ADI provides for support services that include:

- Case management
- Specialized medical equipment and supplies
- Caregiver counseling and support groups
- Caregiver training

These services are provided through the 11 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's). For eligibility requirements and how to receive these services, you can contact your local Area Agency on Aging by calling the **Elder Helpline at 1-800-96-Elder (1-800-963-5337)**

### **Respite for Elders Living in Everyday Families (RELIEF)**

#### **Description:**

RELIEF Program offers in-home respite that is an expansion of respite currently available through other programs, including evening and weekend respite. The purpose of this service is to increase the ability of a family unit to continue to care for a homebound elderly individual by providing in-home respite beyond the basic provisions of current public programs.

#### **Description**

The RELIEF Program offers family members and loved ones providing constant care for a frail elder and those stricken with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders a much-needed break. Respite care can increase a caregiver's ability to attend to a homebound elder without becoming ill themselves. Whether it's shopping, a walk in the park or a night out, you deserve and need time to yourself, free of guilt and free of charge.

**Call Elder Helpline at 1-800-96-Elder (1-800-963-5337)**

### **Medicaid Waiver Programs**

#### **From Agency for Health Care Administration**

Home and Community-Based Services Waivers programs are the federally approved Medicaid programs authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Section 1915(c) that provide services in the home for persons who would otherwise require institutional care in a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility.

2727 Mahan Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Phone: 888-419-3456**

[http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs\\_waivers/index.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs_waivers/index.shtml)

<https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/Waiver-Descript-Factsheet/FL-Waiver-Factsheet.html>

### **FL Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting (0867.R01.00)**

Provides residential habilitation, respite, support coordination, adult dental services,

occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, skilled nursing, specialized medical equipment and supplies, specialized mental health counseling, speech therapy, transportation, behavior analysis services, behavior assistant services, dietitian services, environmental accessibility adaptations, life skills development, personal emergency response system, personal supports, private duty nursing, residential nursing, special medical home care, supported living coaching for individuals w/autism, IID, DD ages 3 - no max age

**FL Familial Dysautonomia Waiver (40205.R02.00)**

Provides respite, support coordination, adult dental, durable medical equipment, behavioral services, consumable medical supplies, non-residential support services for medically fragile individuals ages 3 - 64 years.

**FL Model Waiver**

Provides respite, assistive technology and service evaluation, environmental accessibility adaptations, transition case management, for medically fragile individuals ages 0 – 20.

**FL Long-Term Care Managed Care (0962.R01.00)**

Provides adult day health, case management, homemaker, respite, attendant care, intermittent/skilled nursing, medical equipment and supplies, OT, personal care, PT, respiratory therapy, speech therapy, transportation, adult companion, assisted living, behavior management, caregiving training, home accessibility adaptations, home delivered meals, medication administration, medication management, nutritional assessment and risk reduction, PERS, structured family caregiving for aged individuals 65 – no max age, physical disabilities 18-64

**FL Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)**

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program provides a comprehensive range of medical and home and community-based services for individuals aged 65 and older who would otherwise qualify for placement in a nursing home.’

**Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)** Program offers a self-directed service delivery model for personal assistance services as a state plan option.

This program enables beneficiaries to pay legally liable relatives directly for personal assistance services identified in the service plan and budget.

Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

**Phone: 855-4FL-PACE**

**<https://flpace.org/contact-us/>**

## **Veterinary Services**

### **Animal Clinic of the Humane Society of Sarasota County- Not currently accepting appointments- Check back or subscribe to email newsletters.**

From teeth cleanings to diagnostic tests to surgery, the Animal Clinic of the Humane Society of Sarasota County offers veterinary care for all your pet's needs at an affordable price. Our goal is to provide the community with an affordable option for excellent veterinary care. The Animal Clinic is a full-service facility, is open to the public, and there are no income requirements. Phone for an appointment. Also provides food and supplies.

2331 15<sup>th</sup> St

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-364-3605**

<https://www.hssc.org/clinic/animal-clinic-of-hssc>

### **Suncoast Humane Society Preventive Health Care Clinic**

The Suncoast Humane Society Preventive Health Care Clinic offers affordable services to the public by appointment. Also has a food pantry. Visit the center to fill out an application for assistance to receive dog or cat food on a monthly basis until you are able to do so on your own.

6781 San Casa Drive

Englewood, FL 34224

**Phone: 941-474-7884**

<https://humane.org/our-preventive-health-care-clinic/>

## **Sarasota Section L - HOMELESS SERVICES AND RESOURCES**

### **HUD definition of Homeless:**

#### **Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless**

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

1. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; **or**
2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, and local government programs); **or**
3. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

#### **Homeless Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness**

An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

1. Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance.
2. No subsequent residence has been identified; *and*
3. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

#### **Homeless Category 3: Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes**

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with Category 3 children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

1. Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes.
2. Have not had a lease, ownership interest in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application.
3. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and
4. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers.

#### **Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence**

Any individual or family who:

1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence.
2. Has no other residence; and
3. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

**\*\*\* Most HUD programs will only serve the first and the fourth definition (category 1 and 4)**

**Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness is the Intake Portal for homeless families in crisis in Sarasota County and Manatee County.** Access Point Locations & Hours to receive a Oneby1 Coordinated Entry Intake.

<b>Access Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assessment Hours</b>
<b>Center of Hope of South County</b>	<b>2395 Shamrock Ave. Venice, FL 34293 (941) 412-9044</b>	<b>Tuesday through Friday 8am-11am</b>
<b>City of North Port Social Services Center</b>	<b>6919 Outreach Way North Port, FL 34287 (941) 429-3700</b>	<b>Monday through Thursday Call to Schedule appointment</b>
<b>Family Promise of South Sarasota County (Families Only)</b>	<b>850 Cockrill Street Venice, FL 34285 (941) 497-9881</b>	<b>Monday -Friday 10am-2pm</b>
<b>Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast (Veterans only)</b>	<b>2688 Fruitville Road Sarasota, FL 34237 (941) 366-2224</b>	<b>Monday through Thursday Call to Schedule appointment</b>
<b>Outreach Access Point Sarasota/Manatee</b>	<b>Call for Scheduling. (941) 260-3405</b>	<b>Monday through Friday 8:30am-3pm</b>
<b>Sarasota County Family Homeless Hotline</b>	<b>Sarasota County Family Homeless Call for Scheduling. (941) 203-6454</b>	<b>Monday through Friday 8:30am-5pm</b>
<b>The Salvation Army- Manatee Area</b>	<b>1204 14<sup>th</sup> Street West Bradenton, FL 34202 (941) 748-5110</b>	<b>Tuesday through Thursday 9am-3pm Saturday &amp; Sunday 1pm-3pm * Ring bell at Main Door</b>
<b>The Salvation Army- Sarasota Area</b>	<b>1400 10th Street Sarasota, FL 34236 (941) 954-4673</b>	<b>Monday through Friday Call to Schedule appointment</b>
<b>Turning Points</b>	<b>701 17th Avenue West Bradenton, FL 34205 (941) 747-1509</b>	<b>Monday through Friday 8:30am-5pm</b>

The Suncoast Partnership administers the Community Service Information System (CSIS) is a case management database which helps providers document services and outcomes and prevents duplication of services.



All homeless individuals and families must register at an Access Point for services. The Access Point staff will place a person who is homeless on our "by name" list for rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and other important services.

1750 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, FL. 34234

**Phone: 941-955-8987**

<https://www.suncoastpartnership.org/>

**Ben Petro**

Program Specialist

[ben@suncoastpartnership.org](mailto:ben@suncoastpartnership.org)

**Devon Jarrett**

Sarasota Family Diversion Specialist

**Phone: 941-203-6454**

[devon@suncoastpartnership.org](mailto:devon@suncoastpartnership.org)

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Community System Coordinator Manatee County

[marsha@suncoastpartnership.org](mailto:marsha@suncoastpartnership.org)

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Diversion and Early Intervention Specialist

**Phone: 941-260-3405**

[scott@suncoastpartnership.org](mailto:scott@suncoastpartnership.org)

**Family Haven** is an emergency shelter and operates like an emergency room for families in crisis. Harvest House operates North County Family Haven. Catholic Charities operates South County Family Haven and is located in North Port Family Services Center.

**Phone: 941-955-8987 Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00-pm.**

**Continuums of Care and Local Providers of Service**

Continuums of Care (CoC) are organizations composed of representatives of nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, etc.

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/homelessness/local-providers.shtml>

**Refer callers from Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties to the following portal intakes**

**Lee County 239-533-7996**

**Collier County 239-263- 9363 and**

**Charlotte County 941-626-0220.**

**Sarasota and Manatee Counties Continuum of Care is Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (see Above)**

**Charlotte County Continuum of Care is Gulf Coast Partnership**

<https://gulfcoastpartnership.org>

**Phone: 941-626-0220**

**Financial assistance**

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/human-services/>

**Housing**

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/human-services/housing.shtml>

**Lee County Continuum of Care**

**Phone: 239-533-7996**

<https://www.leegov.com/dhs/coc>

<https://www.leegov.com/dhs/assistance/homeless>

<https://www.leegov.com/dhs/assistance/financial>

**Hillsborough Continuum of Care is Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative**

**Phone: 813-223-6115**

<https://www.thhi.org>

**Homeless Outreach Team**

**Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Homeless Outreach Team (Hot)**

The Homeless Outreach Team has several ways of assisting people in need, which includes conducting outreach, case management, a voucher program, Homeward Bound Program the Homeless Outreach Team program at the Salvation Army, and partnership with local outside agencies.

- Jail Services
  - Addiction Services
  - Employment Services
  - Re-entry Navigator
- HOT beds at Salvation Army
  - 30 days stay.
  - 25 beds- -separate from emergency overnight shelter.
  - 3 meals daily
  - Laundry
  - Case Management
  - Small storage space for belongings while in shelter
  - Pet cats and dogs are placed in shelter by Animal Services
- SHIFTS Program
  - 20 beds- 4 houses 2 in North Port-1 female and 1 male, 2 houses in Sarasota-1female and 1 male
  - 90 days stay.
  - Food provided and cooked by residents.

- Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Evaluation
- Assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) based on assessment and level of need.
- Transportation services to meet individual service plan goals.
- Referral and monitoring of primary healthcare, dental, and behavioral health.
- Assistance applying for benefits, especially through the SOAR process.
- Case Management by CASL and Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness

The team is comprised of two deputies and three civilian case managers.

Deputy Lynn Brown. .... **941-961-5333**  
 Deputy Brian Olree..... **941-306-7917**  
 Case Manager Leah Hayes ..... **941-549-9435**  
 Case Manager Shelley Williams..... **941-504-5509**  
 Case Manager Dawn Reif ..... **941-706-8264**

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Locations

*Sheriff's Headquarters*

6010 Cattle Ridge Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34232 941-861-5800

*Sheriff's North Office*

2071 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34237

**Available M-F 8:00am-6:00pm**

**\*\*\*Email is method of contact for fast response <[HOT@sarasotasheriff.org](mailto:HOT@sarasotasheriff.org)>**

### **Sarasota Police Department Homeless Outreach Team**

The team consists of four officers and one sergeant. Law Enforcement works in partnership with the City of Sarasota, which includes a coordinator and two case managers.

Services:

- Educate, Encourage and Enforcement- links homeless to local services.
- Outreach
- Case Management
- Free night at Salvation Army
- Partnership with local agencies
- Homeward Bound- Bus ticket home if supportive housing is available.
- Voucher Program with City of Sarasota Housing Authority

2099 Adams Lane

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-263-6302 Coordinator of Homelessness Response DeDe Jones**

**Phone for Case Managers 941-374-2404 or 941-387-5744**

### **North Port Police Department Homeless Outreach Team**

There are police officers and a case manager, who provides the following services:

Street Outreach

Diversion

Agency Resources

Access Point assessment

**Phone: 941-429-7300 ext. 7429 Case manager Jasmine Waltz**

### **Venice Police Department Community Outreach Team**

Connects with emergency shelters, Coordinated Entry Access program enrollment and housing resources. Also connects homeless with social services including mental health, substance abuse and veteran assistance programs.

Venice Police Department

1575 E. Venice Ave.

Venice, FL 34292

Kasey Ledford, Case Manager

**Phone: 941-960-0430**

[Kledford@venicefl.gov](mailto:Kledford@venicefl.gov)

SGT. Sean Hammett\

**Phone: 941-650-6502**

[Shammett@venicefl.gov](mailto:Shammett@venicefl.gov)

**Homeward Bound Programs - Free bus fare to relocate homeless to their home state. Stipulation for receiving services - Clients must have relative or friend vouch they will provide housing to individual.**

- **Salvation Army- contact Bryan Overly**  
1400 10th Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
**Phone: 941-954-4673**  
<http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/sarasota>
- **Sarasota City Police Department Homeless Outreach Team- See Above**  
2099 Adams Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34237  
**Phone: 941-374-2404 or 941-387-5744 for Case Managers**

### **Emergency Homeless Shelters for Adults**

**\\*\*\*\*\*No Overnight Emergency Shelters for Adults in Sarasota County**

### **Sarasota Salvation Army -Transitional Housing**

The Salvation Army has several collaborative partners within the community to assist clients. The goal is to assist them to move past the immediate crisis stage that brought them to The Salvation Army to the goal of self-sufficiency and ultimately to successful independent living. Initially the client's needs are identified by the case managers. They first establish a plan of action to stabilize the situation, seek solutions for immediate needs and then establish long-term goals.

- **Transitional Housing**

As the Salvation Army continue our housing-focused services at the Center of Hope, we now offer transitional shelter services for those men and women who are wanting to move from homelessness to housing.

These services are free - we no longer charge the \$10/night for emergency overnight shelter.

Participants no longer have to check-in for the evening and out early the next morning. They are assigned a bed, locker, provided three meals per day and other services as they work on their plan to housing.

- **Pathway of Hope**

The Family Resident Services provides 12 furnished apartments for low-cost housing. Families pay no more than 30% of their income for the apartment and water, electric and laundry are free of charge. Pathway of Hope teaches skills to lead to self-sufficiency.

- **Anti-Human Trafficking**

Comprehensive Case Management which includes food, Clothing, shelter, and transportation. Also, legal aid, medical and dental care, employment Assistance, Substance abuse treatment, social service benefits and childcare.

- **HOT Team**

The Sarasota Police Department and Sarasota County Sheriff Department Homeless Outreach Teams provides an open bed if client is willing to participate in programs or look for employment.

- **Disaster Relief**

1400 10th Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-954-4673**

<http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/sarasota>

### **Harvest House -New Heights for Young Adults- Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing**

This supportive housing program is specifically designed for 16- to 24-year-old young adults who experiencing homeless. The young adults live in a shared, dorm-like setting along with other program participants.

Harvest House  
209 N. Lime Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941- 953-3154**

<https://harvesthousecenters.org/our-services/young-adult-services/>

### **Emergency Homeless Shelters for Families**

#### **Charlotte County Safe House Emergency Shelter**

The Safe House Emergency Shelter is a 52-bed general population shelter with a focus on families. This is the only shelter available in Charlotte County. Safe, supervised, and dry, the shelter allows clients to stay up to 30 days. In addition to serving the single male and female population, it is the goal of the Safe House Shelter to keep families intact. 22 beds for Veterans.

1476 Kenesaw St.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

**Phone: 941-627-4313**

**<https://www.cchomelesscoalition.org>**

### **Family Haven**

Family Haven is an emergency shelter and operates like an emergency room for families in crisis. Harvest House operates North County Family Haven. Catholic Charities operates South County Family Haven and is located in North Port Family Services Center. **The Emergency Shelter** program offers dignified dorm-style units at no cost for families who have no safe place to sleep. Families can stay up to 30 days. After basic needs are met, next steps are taken to find sustainable housing.

**(All clients must be referred by Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness)**

**Phone: 941-203-6454 Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00-pm.**

**After hours phone Catholic Charities Family Haven shelter directly 941-356-2442 or 2-1-1. North County residents Harvest House after hours shelter phone is 1-844-723-3777**

### **Family Promise of Sarasota Inc.**

Agency matches homeless families with host churches for food and shelter while also providing job, housing, and childcare counseling. Must have at least one child, no felonies, and no mental illness. Maximum stay is 90 days. The center provides a “*Day Center*” which provides job and financial counseling. Volunteers help with driving duties.

8499 Tamiami Trail PMB 267

Sarasota, Florida 34238

**Phone: 941-952-1800 Sarasota**

**<https://www.familypromisesarasota-manatee.org>**

### **Family Promise of South Sarasota County**

Family Promise provides temporary shelter for homeless families, meals and comprehensive services provided by professional staff and several church congregations. Phone interview for and then appointment for intake is scheduled. No criminal, domestic violence, substance abuse or mental health problems can be active.

850 Cockrill Street

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-497-9881 Shannon Nordquist is contact person**

**<https://familypromisessc.org>**

## **Homeless Day Shelter Centers**

### **Remnant Cafe**

Remnant Church supports a homeless outreach ministry called the “Remnant Cafe” that’s open four days a week for people to get coffee, food, showers, assistance with job searches, a mailing address, help with applications and forms and respite from the streets. The Remnant Cafe relies on community partners including other church families to support the cafe by financially giving to the ministry, serving at the cafe, or donating clothing and food. Hours of operation M, W & F 10:30am-4pm Sat. 12:30pm-4pm

2895 Ashton Road  
Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-677-7232 Tammy Burns, Director**  
[www.remnantchurchsarasota.com](http://www.remnantchurchsarasota.com)

### **Resurrection House**

A faith-based day resource center for homeless people providing showers, laundry, restrooms, local bus transportation for job and housing search, local telephone calls. Receives client mail, assists in obtaining permanent picture ID's and birth certificates, emergency clothing, haircuts, AA meetings, VA counseling, legal aid, and medical doctor is on duty three days a week..

507 Kumquat Court  
Sarasota FL 34236

**Phone: 941-365-3759**  
[www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org](http://www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org)

### **Youth Drop-In Center- Harvest House**

The Youth Center is North Sarasota's first and only drop-in center offering a safe place for homeless and at-risk youth. Visitors can shower, do laundry, charge devices, have a snack, escape bad weather, relax, and hang out, meet other youth, receive counseling, and attend support groups, workshops, and classes covering a variety of topics.

2331 Mango Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: : 941- 953-3154**  
<https://harvesthousecenters.org/our-services/young-adult-services/>

## **Special Needs Shelters and Day Centers**

### **Bethesda House**

Day Center founded by the Diocese of Venice to respond to the physical, social, and spiritual needs of HIV infected and affected persons. Services include food pantry, individual pastoral counseling, laundry facilities, AIDS information library, case management and assistance in obtaining benefits.

Supportive services to persons with AIDS/HIV positive, their families and caregivers. Food Pantry available at designated hours

1670 Fourth Street  
Sarasota FL 34236

**Phone: 941-366-1886**  
<http://catholiccharitiesdov.org/>

### **Community Assisted and Supported Living CASL-SHIFTS**

SHIFTS is a unique partnership between the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Sarasota County, and CASL that provides transitional supportive housing to individuals relocating from homelessness.

Homeless individuals who are in need of relocation are offered the opportunity to participate in the SHIFTS program. For 90 days, SHIFTS provides 24/7 housing with available intake, triage, and assessment services. Program participants do not have an open criminal charge and do not meet BAKER or MARCHMAN ACT criteria.

The program's goal is to achieve housing sustainability by linking the individuals with case management, medical, psychiatric, and substance abuse services along with other community-based resources. If applicable, the clients are required to attend daily recovery meetings. Additionally, program participants attend mental health drop-in centers, groups, and are linked with volunteer opportunities, if not employed.

SHIFTS clients receive:

- Assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) based on assessment and level of need.
- Transportation services to meet individual service plan goals.
- Referral and monitoring of primary healthcare, dental, and behavioral health.
- Assistance applying for benefits, especially through the SOAR process.

5104 N Lockwood ridge Rd. Suite #307

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-225-2373**

[www.caslinc.org](http://www.caslinc.org)

### **One More Child-Azinger Family Compassion Center**

One More Child is faith-based has Nine locations in Florida and has a location in Palmetto and serves Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

Families

- Food, clothing and household items, diaper wipes, free tax return services, after school programs and spiritual mentors.

Foster Care training

Single Moms:

- Safe housing in safe secure locations
- Mentors
- Assist with education and career advancement.
- Budgeting, cooking, and other life skills

Survivors of sex trafficking:

- Safe housing with trauma counseling

3478 Bouwer Court

Palmetto, FL 34221

**Phone 863-687-687-8811**

Contact Emily Petrilli at [emily.petrilli@onemorechild.org](mailto:emily.petrilli@onemorechild.org)

<https://onemorechild.org/about-us/staff/>



**SPARCC - Safe Place and Rape Crisis, Inc.**

SPARCC is a private, not-for-profit agency that provides services to victims of domestic violence and rape in Sarasota County and DeSoto County. Services include a 24-hour Hotline for crisis intervention, a secretly located shelter home for battered women and their minor children, professional, individual and group counseling, advocacy, case management, information and referral, transportation, and an award-winning children's program for children who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence. Outreach offices in Sarasota, Venice, and Arcadia. Hours of Operation: Hotline - 24/7; Office - 8:30am - 5:00pm, M-F Fees:

2139 Main Street

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: Hotline 941-365-1976 Administration: 941-365-0208**

[www.sparcc.net](http://www.sparcc.net)

**Sarasota Youth Shelter**

Youth Shelter: short-term residential/non-residential for abused, neglected, homeless, ungovernable, runaway boys/girls (10-17). Respite for families in crisis. 20 beds are available.

2841 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota FL 34237

**Phone: 941-955-5596**

<https://sccfl.org/youthshelter>

**Cold Weather Shelters****Manatee County**

- Salvation Army - 1204 14th Street West, Bradenton

**Sarasota County:**

- 100 Church, 1425 Tamiami Trail, North Port
- Salvation Army 1400 10<sup>th</sup> St. , Sarasota

**Pet Shelters and food for pets of the homeless**

<https://petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/find-locations/>

6801 283rd Street East

Myakka City, Florida 34251

To inquire about foster care for your pet, please email: [info@dontesden.org](mailto:info@dontesden.org)

[www.dontesden.org](http://www.dontesden.org)

**Humane Society of Sarasota County**

2331 15<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-955-4131**

Sarasota Sheriff HOT arranges shelter for animals of homeless individuals in the HOT programs.

**Cat Depot**

2542 17<sup>th</sup> St  
Sarasota, FL 34234  
**Phone: 941-366-2404**

## **Community and Government Agencies**

### **Caritas**

The program is a joint effort of five downtown churches: First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Church of the Redeemer, St. Martha Catholic Church and First United Methodist Church.

The Center is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m

Provides clothing, food, medication and emergency financial assistance for rent, gas vouchers and bus passes, etc. Food Pantry 9-11am

1645 Fruitville Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-366-5620**

<http://www.stmartha.org/caritas.htm>

### **Goodwill Industries–Community Connection**

Community residents can access information and referrals for employment, food, housing, clothing, veteran services, financial needs, medical services, academic services, counseling services, technology services and other Services.

1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Way

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-359-0327**

<https://experiencegoodwill.org>

### **Jewish Family and Children's Service**

- **Building Strong Families**

Provides educational, preventive, and counseling services to help individuals and families to successfully confront life's challenges and facing homelessness.

- **OMAP**

JFCS supports veterans and their families who reside on the Suncoast who are confronting life's challenges. We offer case management, financial and employment assistance to low-income veterans and their families who are literally homeless or who are about to become homeless to enable them to obtain or maintain stable, permanent housing. Assists Veterans facing homelessness.

2688 Fruitville Rd.

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-366-2224**

[www.jfcs-cares.org/](http://www.jfcs-cares.org/)

### **Second Chance – Last Opportunity**

Serving low-income families, at-risk teens, teen mothers, and the homeless through a variety of training programs, street outreach and direct assistance.

- Life Management Skills Training Program is a comprehensive 6-week program. Included in the training are communication skills, parenting skills, anger management, relationship issues, employment skills, behavioral issues, child or adolescence depression, divorce, family conflicts, emotional disturbances, impulse control disorders and mood disorders.
- Emergency food, clothing and hygiene supplies, formulas and diapers
- Pieces of Me – Empowerment Program
- Mental Health Counseling
- The Sisters Circle Project- social and behavioral skills
- Sewing classes
- Out of the Box- Youth Program- coping and communication skills 12-18 yrs. old
- Reading is
- Fun/

**Main Office**

1933 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Sarasota, Florida

**Education, Counseling & Training Center**

14 S. Lime Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-360-8660**

**<https://secondchancelastopportunity.org>**

## **Sarasota Section M - HOTLINE PHONE NUMBERS**

### **Crisis Hotlines**

#### **Abuse Hotline**

This is a 24-hour hotline to report abuse neglect or abandonment of a child or vulnerable adult. All calls are investigated. You do not need to identify yourself.

**Phone: 1-800-962-2873**

<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline>

#### **Baker Act (*The Florida Mental Health Act of 1971*)**

This act is a means of providing individuals, who may be harmful to themselves or to others with emergency services and temporary detention for mental health evaluation and treatment when required. Examinations may last up to 72 hours. This can be done on a *voluntary or involuntary basis*. An “*ex-parte*” form needs to be completed at the Clerk’s Office. For help completing the necessary paperwork contact

#### **Access Center**

1451 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 24 hr. crisis : 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837**

Sarasota’s public receiving facility is:

#### **Cornell Behavioral Health**

1650 South Osprey Ave

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-917-7760**

[www.dcf.state.fl.us](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us)

#### **Domestic Violence Legal Hotline**

##### **Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

Maintains availability of spaces at Florida domestic violence shelters

FCADV subcontracts with Florida Legal Services to operate the Domestic Violence Legal Hotline. Victims who reside in Florida can receive free legal advice and referral information on resources and services for victims of domestic violence.

**Phone: 1-800-500-1119**

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/abuse/domestic-violence>

#### **Domestic Violence Hotline (National)**

Hotline advocates are available for victims and anyone calling on their behalf to provide crisis intervention, safety planning, information, and referrals to agencies in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Assistance is available in English and Spanish with access to more than 170 languages through interpreter services.

**Phone: 1-800-799-7233**

[www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

#### **National Dating Abuse Hotline**

Dating abuse is a pattern of destructive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner. While we define dating violence as a pattern, that doesn't mean the first instance of abuse is not dating violence. It just recognizes that dating violence usually involves a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time.

**Phone: 1-866-331-9474**

[www.loveisrespect.org/](http://www.loveisrespect.org/)

#### **National Center on Elder Abuse Hotline**

Report elder abuse if you have suspicions that an adult is being mistreated, neglected, or exploited.

**Phone: 1-855-500-3537**

[www.ncea.aoa.gov/](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/)

#### **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

**Phone: 9-8-8**

#### **Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network**

The National Sexual Assault Online Hotline is a free, confidential, secure service that provides live help over the RAINN website.

**Phone: 1-800-656-4673**

[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

#### **Veterans Services Helpline**

**Phone: 1-844-698-2311**

#### **Veterans Homeless Hotline**

**Phone: 1-877-424-3838**

### **Hotlines For Information**

#### **Children Services**

#### **Center for Homeless Education Helpline**

Local State Coordinator

**Phone: 1-800-308-2145**

<https://nche.ed.gov/resources/>

#### **Childcare Aware Subsidy Hotline**

When daycare costs are too high, the National Association of Childcare Resources will help callers find payment assistance programs. Also includes general advice and other resources.

**Phone: 1-800-424-2246**

[www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org)

#### **Child Support Enforcement Hotline**

This is for single parents' due support. They will send out a handbook with advice and contact numbers.

**Phone: 1-850-488-5437**

**www.fl.smartchildsupport.com**

## **Financial Assistance**

### **Debt Relief Hotline**

Hotline is for families struggling with credit card debt (over \$10,000). Counselors will discuss options available. Connects to local government agencies, non-profit outreach centers and privately funded help centers.

**Phone: 1-888-790-1337**

**www.careconnectusa.org**

### **Emergency Home Assistance Program (EHEAP)Energy**

Provides elderly homeowners with financial assistance towards heating and utility bills and repairs. The program also funds the purchase of portable heaters & fans & repairs to heating and A/C units. Eligible applicants must be at least 60 years of age or older and have an annual income that does not exceed 150% of the national poverty guidelines. Local office is currently at the Senior Friendship Centers.

Senior Friendship Center

1888 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, FL 34246

**Phone: 941-556-3206 Sarasota 941-584-0065 Venice**

<https://cheap.org>

[www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org)

### **Identity Theft Hotline**

**Phone:1-877-438-4338**

### **Mortgage Payment Assistance Hotline**

**Phone: 1-888-995-HOPE (4673)**

**www.995hope.org**

### **Student Loan Relief Hotline**

This agency helps students consolidate loans. Candidates must have over \$10,000 in student loan debt and be less than 150 days past due.

**Phone: 1-888-856-2668**

## **Legal**

### **Legal Hotline (Pro Bono Legal Services)**

Provides resources for civil and legal services, loan modification and veteran assistance.

**Phone: 1-800-625-2257**

<https://legalaidthofmanasota.org>

## **National Center for Victims of Crime Helpline**

**Phone: 1-855-484-2846**

<http://victimconnect.org>

### **Senior Citizens Fraud Hotline**

US Senate Special Committee on aging has a hotline staffed by committee investigators for such issues as investment scams, identity theft, sweepstakes & lottery schemes. Hrs. 9am-5pm.

**Phone: 1-855-303-9470**

[www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline](http://www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline)

### **Senior Legal Helpline**

Provides free legal advice & brief services by telephone to Florida residents aged 60 and older, regardless of income, for civil (not criminal) legal problems.

**Phone: 1-888-895-7873**

<https://law.elderaffairs.org/legal-services/florida-senior-legal-helpline/>

### **Mental Health**

#### **Support for Individuals with Mental Illness**

Informative website where you can share your story, find help, and learn the facts about mental illness.

**Phone: 9-8-8 In-Crisis Support**

[www.bringchange2mind.org](http://www.bringchange2mind.org)

### **Substance Abuse**

#### **Al-Anon**

Al-Anon is a support group of relatives and friends of alcoholics.

24-hour Addiction Referral Network:

**Phone: 1-888-425-2666**

#### **Alcohol-Drug Treatment Referrals – National**

**Phone: 1-800-662-4357**

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>

#### **Narcotics Anonymous -24-hour helpline**

**Phone: 941-257-5055**

[www.suncoastna.org](http://www.suncoastna.org)

## **Sarasota Section N - HOUSING PROGRAMS**

### **Eviction**

#### **Supportive Housing Initiative, Eviction Lifeline & Diversion, or SHIELD.**

Once in contact with tenants, the United Way Legal team can assess if tenants appear to have a legal angle to pursue against landlords.

If all else fails, SHIELD can direct people to emergency shelters or partner organizations like Family Promise of South Sarasota County. The agency also has access to mental health counselors in the building and can refer residents to CareerSource for job help. There are also Civil and Family attorneys available in addition to Eviction.

United Way of South Sarasota County  
4242 South Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-484-4811 ext. 102 David Miller**

#### **Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.**

The Florida Legal Aid (FLA) Eviction Prevention Project is a HUD initiative. It provides crucial legal aid services to vulnerable residents across the state to protect them from eviction.

The Project will provide:

- Education and outreach to tenants at imminent risk of eviction;
- Access to improved technology to help prevent future barriers to renting;
- Assistance to tenants to avoid or reduce the negative impacts of a potential eviction, such as referrals to other service providers like Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) administrators, as well as comprehensive legal services in other areas;
- Collaboration with courts, judges, and other parties to create and promote eviction diversion programs; and
- Legal representation in relation to legal filings and court proceedings, including negotiation, mediation, or arbitration, and the provision of limited representation and counsel and advice, as well as assistance filing fair housing complaints related to eviction.

If you are facing an eviction notice and need help, apply for GLS services [online here](#). We serve residents in Pinellas, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

112 Manatee Ave. E. FL2  
Bradenton, FL. 34208

**Phone: 941-746-6151**



1101 Tamiami Trail S, Suite 101  
Venice, FL 34285  
**Phone: 800-230-5920**  
[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)

## Home Sharing Programs

### CoAbode

CoAbode's mission is to provide online support and services that connect women raising children alone. Through this connection, single parent women families pool their finances and resources to improve their living conditions for themselves and their children by sharing a home.  
[www.coabode.org](http://www.coabode.org)

### Homes Websites:

Local rental agencies  
[www.realator.com](http://www.realator.com)  
[www/zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com)  
in address of property and search for owner.

\*\*\* To Check ownership of Home Before signing a lease, do a property search house to verify the ownership of the property using the website [www. https://www.sc-pa.com/propertysearch](https://www.sc-pa.com/propertysearch) and put Single Family Houses Search Websites

## Apartment Websites

**Findhelp.org** is an excellent resource directory in which you can make a referral for a client.

Socialserve offers a call center that assists people with housing location and listing services across the United States. Socialserve also assists displaced households in finding new housing.

Example below.

- Put in client's zip code and select the need.
- First Click on housing and then **help find housing**.
- Select the program **Housing Call Center by Socialserve** (This is same website as [floridahousingsearch.org](http://floridahousingsearch.org))
- Click on **contact** and fill in form for client to make referral.
- **Phone number is 877-428-8844**

### Informative websites to search for housing in Sarasota County:

[www.affordablehousingonline.com](http://www.affordablehousingonline.com)  
[www.FloridaHousingSearch.org](http://www.FloridaHousingSearch.org) is the best site. The same information is at <http://www.socialserve.com/index.html>  
**Phone: 877-428-8844**

[www.ForRent.com](http://www.ForRent.com)

**Phone: 888-539-1150**

[www.rentals.com](http://www.rentals.com)

**Phone: 888-501-7368**

[www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com)

**Phone: 866-432-7368**

<http://www.apartmenthomeliving.com>

### **Apartment reviews**

<http://www.apartmentratings.com>

### **Affordable Housing websites**

A free place to list and find affordable housing in Florida. Informative website of all of Sarasota's low-income housing. Also has information on rental assistance available.

<http://www.lowincomehousing.us/FL/sarasota.html>

<http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/index.cfm>

<http://sarasotahousing.org/>

**Website for Section 8-** Housing is <https://hellosection8.com>

### **Additional Low-Income Housing**

#### **Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup>**

[Housing Trust Group](#) (HTG), a leading multifamily developer, in partnership with AM Affordable Housing, a non-profit founded by NBA Hall of Famer and Miami Heat legend Alonzo Mourning, proudly announces the completion of Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup>, a \$37.4 million affordable housing community for seniors.

Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup> is now open and accepting applications from income-qualifying residents who earn at or below 22%, 30%, and 60% of the local AMI, with rents for one- and two-bedroom units ranging from \$322 to \$1,316 per month, well below the local average of \$1,639 per month for a one-bedroom apartment ([RentCafe](#))

2244 9<sup>th</sup> Street West

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-538-5950**

[www.astoriahtgm.com](http://www.astoriahtgm.com),

#### **The Suncoast Housing Collaborative**

Portal for 21 agencies to provide housing.

The Suncoast Housing Collaborative (SHC) is a partnership between support service providers, property owners, and community members in Sarasota and Manatee counties dedicated to ensuring that permanent and accessible housing is available to all our neighbors.

The SHC connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness to private market units that offer flexible screening criteria in exchange for benefits designed to mitigate risk for the property owner

1750 17th Street C-1  
Attn: The SHC  
Sarasota, FL 34234  
**Phone: 941-955-8987**

### **Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota Programs**

Priorities 1st of Manasota, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Sarasota, Florida, dedicated to mitigating homelessness affecting military veterans, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families from encountering a domestic crisis. Our mission is to provide resources for education, mental health, employment, and housing opportunities to empower individuals for the achievement of economic independence and stability.

In addition, Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota provides military housing support services geared to accommodate veterans, service members, and military families.

### **Rental Housing Assistance Referral Program**

Clients are required to meet with the housing director at Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota for apartment assistance and agency referral for moving expenses. In partnership with Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (***Suncoast Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC)***) The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, and United Way 2-1-1, We offer housing programs designed to help individuals with their affordable housings needs, either rental or homeownership.

**Assist with locating, and securing affordable decent, safe, and stable housing for specific groups.**

- Military Veterans
- Convicted Felons
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Low-Income Individuals and Families

### **Affordable Housing Initiative**

We provide resources and insight for those seeking homeownership. Our network includes 1st Time Homebuyers Loans and Programs and assistance for low-income and moderate-income homebuyers.

### **Transitional Housing**

We assist community members in transitioning back into society with resources such as the Community based Military Veterans Assistance Program and Ex-offender Residential Re-Entry.

### **Referral Assistance`**

We have an extensive network of referred providers for State of Florida Identification, rent/mortgage and utility assistance, clothing, childcare, food, and healthcare services.

### **SNAP (FOOD STAMPS)**

We provide Application Assistance: to aid individuals in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto Counties who would like to enroll for SNAP benefits.

### **Employment**

We have a professional network that aids individuals seeking employment through career and education planning, internships, On-the-Job Training (OJT), employment opportunities, networking partnerships with Manasota Goodwill, Suncoast Workforce

and CareerOne Stop which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Employment and Training Administration.

### **Correctional Re-Entry Services**

Through partnerships with Manasota Goodwill, Suncoast Workforce and CareerOne Stop, we provide resources to help individuals transition back into society after being incarcerated. These resources include various assistances with obtaining personal identification, career and education planning, job training, and assistance with seeking employment opportunities.

### ***RIDE NOW! CAR DONATIONS***

Priorities 1st of Manasota, Inc., will donate cars to qualified low to moderate income households. We donate autos to people who need a vehicle for work e.g., single moms, veterans, individuals and the unemployed who have no money or credit depending on available inventory. Any free used car, truck or work vehicle will be donated for the purpose of employment

Priorities 1st of Manasota, Inc., accepts donated land, homes, cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, boats, RVs, farm equipment and construction equipment. Vehicles will be resold, donated to needy families or individuals, or recycled to raise funds to support the charity's mission of building safe and affordable homes for families and individuals in need. Your generous donation will be used to improve family stability.

4123 N. Tamiami Trail Suite 202

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-867-1974 Ms. Tracy Fordham, Vice President & Treasurer**

<https://www.prioritiesfirstofmanasota.org/>

### **Affordable Rental Housing- Sarasota Housing Funding Corporation**

Sarasota Housing Funding Corporation has partnered with the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County governments to develop and/or acquire 67 affordable apartments and homes in Sarasota that are owned and managed by Sarasota Housing Funding Corporation and leased to low and very-low-income families.

- 12 single -family homes in Sarasota County.
- King Stone Townhomes which are available in 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments at 1720 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota, FL 34234- **not accepting applications**
- Diamond Oak Apartments available in 2-bedroom apartments at 251 Tuttle, Sarasota, FL 34236- **not accepting applications.**
- Flint River Apartments rental rates are \$1400 per month. Apply in writing to Sarasota Housing Funding Corporation.

269 S. Osprey Avenue, Suite 100

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-361-6210 Ext. 250**

Email LaDonna Lucas, Assistant Property Manager at

[llucas@sarasotahousing.org](mailto:llucas@sarasotahousing.org)

<https://sarasotahousing501c3.org/affordable-rental-housing/>

### **Faith Based Housing**

Faith based assisted living communities include Christian, Catholic and Jewish senior living facilities that offer assisted living services to people who want to continue following their religion and to be surrounded by like-minded people who also feel that religion is an important part of their daily lives. For those seniors who practiced their religion throughout their lives, finding an assisted living home that supports their spiritual life can be of high priority. Whether you are looking for a Christian faith based retirement community, a Catholic retirement home or a Jewish senior living facility, we are happy to assist you with finding a faith-based assisted living nearby where you will feel right at home. Search for a faith based assisted living by city, state, zip code or even by county.

**Phone: 877-659-8659**

<https://www.faithbasedassistedliving.org/>

### **NDC Asset Management**

Asset Management manages low-income and senior housing in multiple areas/

- **DeSoto County**

- **Casa San Juan Bosco I and II**

Farmworker housing in Arcadia

**Phone: 863-884-2123**

- **Cyndy's Place**

Single family and individual housing in Arcadia

**Phone: 863-884- 2123**

- St. John Paul II villas for seniors in Arcadia

**Phone: 863-993-0549**

- **Charlotte County**

- **Marian Manor** Individual and family Housing

**Phone: 941-391-5669**

- **Sarasota County**

- **Armarylis Park** Individual and family Housing

**Phone: 941-284-6814**

- **Lofts on Lemon** Individual and family housing for disabled, HUD families and Hometown Heroes-teachers- defined as one family member being employed in Sarasota by police or fire personnel, childcare worker or personnel, health care personnel, city, or a service workers.

**Phone: 941 960-7768**

- **Saint Dominic Manor** Individual and Family housing

**Phone: 941-391-5669**

- **Saint Monica** Individual and family housing

**Phone: 941-391-5669**

### **SPM Property Management**

<https://spm.net/services/>

Park Place Villas

1BR! BA

2BR 1-2 BA  
3900 S. Lockwood Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
**Phone: 941-921-2149**

Bella Sol Apartments  
1 BR AB1  
1BR 1BA  
1200 Signal Pointe Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34237  
**Phone: 941-953-2266**

Casa Santa Marta I & II  
78 and 52 apartments for 62+  
1576 8th Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
**Phone: 941-366-4448**

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78 and 52 apartments for 62+  
1576 8th Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
**Phone: 941-366-4448**

Ridge Manor Apartments  
3211 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
**Phone: 941-921-2149**

Villa San Marcos  
1BR-1BA  
1030 Albee Farm Road  
Venice, FL 34285  
**Phone: 941-483-1960**

Holy Cross Manor I  
1BR 1BA SENIOR  
510 26th Street West  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
**Phone: 941-729-2063**

**Holy Cross Manor II**  
540 26th Street West  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
**Phone: 941-729-2111**

### **One Stop Housing**

One Stop Housing provides a diversity affordable rental unit- apartment, duplexes, houses, townhomes, and villas. Website brochure provides pictures of rentals and contact information. Pet friendly rentals are available.

8440 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-586-4947**

<https://onestophousing.com/sarasota-affordable-apartments>

### **Veterans House**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. offers a transitional residence for a needy veteran and his or her family to reside while they work to achieve self-sufficiency.

5055 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, Fl. 34234

**Phone: 941-355-4680**

## **Homeownership Programs**

### **Catholic Charities – Manatee County (Housing &Foreclosure Program)**

HUD certified program offering pre and post purchase counseling, credit and budget counseling, and foreclosure prevention. A *first-time homebuyer's class* is also offered at no cost to the participants. Participants may be eligible for assistance in the SHIP Program which offers a loan up to \$35,000 for a down payment. Home purchase price cannot exceed \$160,000 and must be located in Manatee County.

1219 16<sup>th</sup> St. W.

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-714-7829**

[www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/)

### **Rooted Communities- formerly community Solutions 360**

Rooted Communities offers housing, health and safety programs designed to help individuals with their affordable housings needs, either rental or homeownership. We provide information about health issues and safety programs designed to create an environment for better housing, better health, and better safety.

**Housing programs** include pre– and post-purchase homeownership counseling, homebuyer education, rental counseling, mortgage default and delinquency counseling, fair housing and predatory lending awareness with guidance and support on an individual basis or group setting.

**Mortgage Default and Delinquency** counseling is provided for those customers who are behind in making their monthly mortgage payment. Counseling includes a review of their credit report, review of a budget, assistance in contacting lenders, writing hardship letters, providing information on the various loan modification plans and document preparation.

**How does this work?** Working with a housing case manager provides a comprehensive assessment of your current situation. This assessment will include information regarding your housing, financial and employment history.

Any issues concerning your credit worthiness will be discussed and an action plan will be outlined. Rooted Communities will be your partner and guide you in the right direction!

**How much will this cost?** The only cost to customers is a \$45 fee for a tri-merged credit report. Any counseling or education is free.

8466 Lockwood Ridge Road #157

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-809-2231** Laura Carter, Director

<https://rootedcommunities.org>

### **Care Connect**

Connects to local government agencies-non-profit outreach centers and privately funded help centers.

Financial assistance hotlines for families including debt relief help, mortgage relief, bankruptcy advise.

**Phone: 800-291-1068**

<http://careconnectusa.org>

### **Clear Point Consumer Credit Counseling of Southwest Florida**

Non-profit Credit Counseling Agency providing a variety of services including bankruptcy pre-filing counseling, bankruptcy debtor education, debt management plan, foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgage, housing pre-purchase, budget credit counseling & education. Informative website offers free educational On-Demand Course Videos and live Webinars.

4100 W Kennedy Blvd Ste 130

Tampa, FL 33609

**Phone: 1-800-750-2227**

[www.clearpoint.org](http://www.clearpoint.org)

### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

Offers a program to assist veterans who are facing foreclosure on their homes through counseling and special financing arrangements. Information about the home loan guaranty program can be obtained at their website. Also, VA has an interest rate reduction refinance loan program.

4801 Swift Rd. Ste #A

Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-927-8285**

<https://www.veteransunited.com/valoans/getting-a-va-loan-after-a-foreclosure/>

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Sarasota County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a better community, one house at a time. Offers the dream of home ownership to those who would otherwise not be able to afford a home of their own. The new homeowners help build the house alongside many dedicated volunteers in the community. Habitat sells the house to the homeowner at cost and finances the mortgage at zero interest.

The Critical Home Repair Program is designed to serve income-eligible homeowners



who are in need of repairs to remove health and safety issues: remove barriers for disabilities and enable seniors to age in-place/

1757 North East Ave.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-365-0700**

[www.habitatsrq.org](http://www.habitatsrq.org)

### **Hope Village of Manatee**

Help To Home Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) which owns Hope Village of Manatee, a proposed 53-unit housing community for low-income families with children

Hope Village of Manatee is a supportive temporary housing program to help families with minor children who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. It is “supportive” housing because we support our clients by mentoring, monitoring, and providing case management for every family so they can escape the threat of homelessness.

Stable housing at below-market rent for up to two years. An individual “Program Agreement” for each client that includes wrap-around services including mentoring, monitoring and case management primarily using existing agency services.

Help to Home, Inc

By Appointment Only

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-587-5678 call or text**

**Info@HelpToHome.org**

<https://www.helptohome.org/>

### **Homes for Heroes**

The Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program makes homeownership affordable for eligible community workforce.

- Eligible full-time workforce, employed by a Florida-based employer can receive lower than market interest rates on an FHA, VA, RD, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac first mortgage, reduced upfront fees, no origination points or discount points and down payment and closing cost assistance.
- Borrowers can receive up to 5% of the first mortgage loan amount (maximum of \$35,000) in down payment and closing cost assistance.
- Down payment and closing cost assistance is available in the form of a 0%, non-amortizing, 30-year deferred second mortgage. This second mortgage becomes due and payable, in full, upon sale of the property, refinancing of the first mortgage, transfer of deed or if the homeowner no longer occupies the property as his/her primary residence. The Florida Hometown Heroes loan is not forgivable.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation

227N Bronough St. Suite 5000

Tallahassee, FL 32301

**Phone: 850-488-4197**

<https://www.floridahousing.org/live-local-act/hometown-heroes-program>

**Homeowners Preservation Foundation**

Informative website providing free counseling services to maximize the preservation of home ownership while minimizing foreclosures.

**Phone: 1-888-995-HOPE (4673)**

[www.995hope.org](http://www.995hope.org)

**Operation Homefront for Veterans**

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and families.

Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

731 Peachtree St. N.E. Suite A

Atlanta, GA 30308

**Phone: Toll Free: 800-722-6098 or 877-264-3968**

<http://www.operationhomefront.org/howwehelp>

**Home Repairs and Disaster Recovery****Curry Cares**

Curry Cares! is a program created by Roofing by Curry to provide families that have fallen on hard times the new roof they need. We were inspired to create Curry Cares! after many years of partnering with No Roof Left Behind. We have been blessed and we wish to bless others in our community!

We accept nominations for a free roof twice every year, from Winter to Spring and then Summer to Fall. Nomination dates and updates are announced here and on our Facebook page, follow us to stay up to date!

241 Interstate Ct,

Sarasota, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-662-4525**

<https://currycares.com>

**Disaster Relief Case Management for Hurricanes Helene and Milton**

Case management is available for residents of Sarasota County. The Long Term Recovery is located at the United Way South Sarasota County office.

The agency also has access to mental health counselors in the building and can refer residents to CareerSource for job help. There are also Civil, Family and Evict/Landlord dispute attorneys available.

United Way of South Sarasota County

4242 South Tamiami Trail

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-484-4811 ext. 107 Hilda Sutton**

### **Resilient SRQ Home Recovery Program**

Housing Recovery Program survey for homeowners affected by hurricanes Ian, Debby, Helene and Milton. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$201.5 million to Sarasota County Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), known as Resilient SRQ, to aid the long-term recovery from Hurricane Ian for low-to-moderate income individuals. An additional \$210 million was allocated for 2024 hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton

Housing- This program has \$55 million allocated to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing for residents affected by the disaster. Funds will be available for rehabilitation, reconstruction, or reimbursement for homes damaged during Hurricane Ian. If your home sustained damaged from Hurricane Ian, you may be eligible for assistance.

### **The interest survey closed on July 07, 2025.**

- Housing rehabilitation and repair.
- Housing reimbursement for disaster-related repairs.
- New single- and multi-family affordable housing construction.
- Home buyouts.
- Homeownership assistance.

### **Infrastructure**

- Improvements, reconstruction, and repair of public-serving facilities on public and private properties, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - o Roads, bridges, railroads, transit, and evacuation corridors.
  - o Aviation, ports, and navigational channels.
  - o Water, sewer, stormwater and drinking water infrastructure.
  - o Energy production and generation, electricity transmission and broadband.
- Green infrastructure and activities, which include downspout disconnection, rainwater harvesting, rain gardens, planter boxes, bioswales, permeable pavements, green streets and alleys, green parking, green roofs, urban tree canopy and land conservation.
- Non-federal matches for other federal grant-in-aid programs, such as FEMA's Public Assistance Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities.

### **Economic Revitalization**

- Loans and grants to businesses.
- Job training programs.
- Improvements to commercial and retail districts.
- Financing of efforts that attract / retain workers in devastated communities.

### **Mitigation**

- Any activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

301 N. Cattlemen Rd.

Suite 200

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-861-5309**

<https://www.resilientsrq.net/housing-recovery>

### **FEMA- Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

The original authorizing legislation (PL 100-77) specifically calls for "sensitivity to the transition from temporary shelter to permanent homes and attention to the specialized needs of homeless individuals with mental and physical disabilities and illness and to facilitate access for homeless individuals to other sources of services and benefits."

#### **Funded Organizations**

Contact Name	Organization	Address	City/ State/ Zip	Telephone
Christina Russi	The Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services	1750 17th Street, Building J1	Sarasota, 34234	941-365-4545
<b>Funded LROs' Details</b>				
<b>Catholic Charities, Inc. (Diocese of Venice) [Eduardo Gloria]</b> 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FLORIDA 34285, 941-355-4680 <a href="#">Award Amount: \$ 22,045.00</a>				
<b>Family Promise of South Sarasota County, Inc. [Jennifer Fagenbaum]</b> 850 Cockrill Street, Venice, FLORIDA 34285, 941-497-9881 <a href="#">Award Amount: \$ 9,879.00</a>				
<b>Jewish Family &amp; Children's Service of the Suncoast [Helene Lotman]</b> 2688 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34237, 941-366-2982 <a href="#">Award Amount: \$ 9,879.00</a>				
<b>The Safe Children Coalition, Inc., Inc. [Jennifer Powers]</b> 1500 Independence Boulevard, Suite 210, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34234, 941-371-4799 <a href="#">Award Amount: \$ 12,166.00</a>				
<b>Salvation Army, The [Michele Matthews]</b> Post Office Box 2792, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34230, 941-364-8845 <a href="#">Award Amount: \$ 46,170.00</a>				
<b>Senior Friendship Centers, Inc. [Cathy Liagre]</b> 1888 Brother Geenen Way, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34236, 941-584-0033 <a href="#">Award Amount: \$ 9,879.00</a>				
<b>The Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center [Charlene Altenhain]</b> 1750 17th Street, Building J-1, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34234, 941-867-4387				

### **Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development**

#### **Home Repair Programs**

The Home Repair Program is an interest free loan program to help income eligible families make necessary repairs and improvements to their homes. The loan is in the form of a mortgage on the home and the amount available is based on equity in the home.

#### **Essential Repairs Program**

If there is not sufficient equity in the home, up to \$20,000.00 can be loaned for repairs to essential systems such as Electrical, Plumbing, Roof, and/or Heating and Air Conditioning.

**Barrier Removal Program** is a grant and forgivable loan program designed to remove the barriers in homes to allow income eligible disabled and elderly residents live independently. The first \$3,000 in assistance is a grant that does not need to be repaid. Improvements costing between \$3,000 and \$15,000 are a loan that is forgiven at a rate of \$3,000 a year as long as the property is not sold, transferred, leased and the homeowner continues to live in the home. There are no monthly payments or interest on the forgiven. **Housing Rehabilitation Program- (Home Repair )** is an interest free loan program that helps income eligible families make necessary repairs and improvements to their homes. The homeowner determines the repairs that will be made to the home and selects their own contractor. The maximum amount that a homeowner may borrow is \$60,000 and there are no monthly payments. Instead, the homeowner repays the loan when the home is sold, transferred, no longer occupied by the borrower, or 30 years, whichever occurs first. The maximum value of a home that can receive assistance is \$272, 195.

111 South Orange Ave

Sarasota, Florida

**941-263-6312 or 941-263-6423**

<https://www.sarasotafl.gov/government/office-of-housing-and-community-development/home-repair-programs>

### **SVdP Disaster Services**

- Deploys Regional Rapid Response Teams
- Supports Disaster Recovery Centers known as Parish Recovery Assistance Centers (P-RACs)
- Represents DSC at local Multi Agency Resource Centers
- Provides Disaster Case Management to Impacted Families
- Contracts for State and Private DCM Training
- Assists with Long Term Recovery Efforts
- Furnishes Homes Through the House in the Box® Program
- Established in Long Term Economic Recovery Program

**Email** DR4673IAN@svdpdisaster.org

**Phone: 941-799-6779 941-416-6779 cellphone**

<https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/about-us>

### **Special Needs / Assisted Living**

#### **Senior Housing- Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Housing Trust Group** (HTG), a leading multifamily developer, in partnership with AM Affordable Housing, a non-profit founded by NBA Hall of Famer and Miami Heat legend Alonzo Mourning, proudly announces the completion of Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup>, a \$37.4 million affordable housing community for seniors.

Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup> is now open and accepting applications from income-qualifying residents who earn at or below 22%, 30%, and 60% of the local AMI, with rents for one- and two-bedroom units ranging from \$322 to \$1,316 per month, well below the local average of \$1,639 per month for a one-bedroom apartment ([RentCafe](#))

2244 9<sup>th</sup> Street West

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-538-5950**

[www.astoriahtgm.com](http://www.astoriahtgm.com),

**Casa San Jose (In association with Catholic Charities and Bethesda House)**

Residential facility offering HIV/Aids services from Bethesda House along with assisted living to *male individuals* who are at risk of becoming homeless. The male residents work to obtain optimal living standards.

1670 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-1866**

[www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

**Casa Santa Marta**

HUD subsidized housing sponsored by St. Martha's Parrish. 78 units.

Rent is 30% of adjusted gross income.

1576 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-4448**

**Casa Santa Marta II**

HUD subsidized- Section 8 housing. 52 apartments. Rent is 30% of adjusted gross income. Residents must be over 62 years of age. All units are one bedroom.

800 North Lemon Avenue

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-365-7913**

**Community Assisted and Supported Living CASL**

It is CASL's mission to provide safe, affordable, and supportive housing for adults with disabilities and to expand housing options for working families to reduce homelessness. CASL works in 11 counties including Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties.

- CASL provides Case Management and Life Skills
- Housing
  - Neighborhood Housing- Permanent supportive housing, for those experiencing homelessness due to a mental health diagnosis or an intellectual or developmental disability.
  - Independence House - Independence House is the first phase of Independence Place, a special planned community to provide safe and supportive housing options for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) located in Seminole, Florida.
  - Blue Sky & CASL Partnership - Affordable and permanent supportive housing, apartment-style living. CASL case management services located on-site.

- Renaissance Manor - An Assisted Living Facility (ALF) with a limited mental health license specializing in adults with a mental health / personality disorder.
- Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment
- Rent Assistance- Through subsidy funding CASL can help those households who are at 80% of the median income or below. CASL seeks to help those who are disabled, low-income families, the elderly, and veterans.
- Food Security
- Transition Program  
The 90-day program connects formerly incarcerated individuals with hands on case management services from CASL to ensure participants are attending essential mental health and substance use treatment services as well as receiving medical care and employment placement services CASL dedicated 4 housing units with personalized case management life.
- SHIFTS Program-Sheriff's Housing Initiative Facilitating Transient Services (SHIFTS) is a 90-day program to achieve housing sustainability for homeless adults with a serious mental illness.

2911 Fruitville, Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-225-2373 OR 941-822-7354 Contact is Jarrisa for Sarasota County**

<https://caslinc.org>

### **Second Heart Homes**

Not just a house, but a home. Second Heart Homes is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing permanent housing to those with mental illness who have experienced or are at-risk of homelessness. SHH's goal is to provide long-term solutions that revive dignity and enhance quality of life through self-sufficiency. 7 properties across Sarasota and Manatee counties that serve 43 individuals. We serve single adults experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

P.O. Box 3886

Sarasota, FL - 34230

**Phone: 941- 577-6572**

[www.secondhearthomes.org](http://www.secondhearthomes.org)

### **Volunteers of America**

Supported Housing Program & Living Centers

#### **811 PROGRAM**

The 811 program provides supportive housing for adults with severe and persistent mental health diagnoses. Participants are required to work and/or volunteer and remain stable. There is no set time frame but individuals are expected to work toward finding permanent housing.

The three documents we need to determine if a person can be screened/is eligible are:

1. A psychiatric evaluation (also known as a biopsychosocial assessment) that has been completed in the last year from a mental health provider.
2. Verification of disability (see attached)
3. Referral Form (see attached)

Once we receive these documents (which can be returned by fax or email) The Executive Director can let the team review and look at possibly scheduling a screening. Some key things we look for in participants are:

- 1) They have a severe and persistent disability and are and remain actively in treatment
2. They have at least 6 months of sobriety
3. They have an income (there is a program fee is 30% of gross income).
- 4) They are able to independently care for themselves (cook, clean, dress, bathe, self-administer medications etc.)

If accepted into the program, participants receive case management services and a stable environment to thrive while they search for permanent housing. There is no set time limit, but once accepted participants do need to look for permanent housing and sign a lease for one year. Please note: Units are NOT furnished.

#### **VETERAN'S VILLAGE PROGRAM:**

Veteran's Village is a 6-18month program for male and female Veterans. To qualify, the individual must be a Veteran, must be eligible for GPD (I can verify both), must have at least 1 day of active duty, must have honorable or other than honorable discharge. You must also:

1. Get an Access Point (AKA VI-SPDAT) completed by going to Turning Point or Salvation Army
2. Get registered locally with the VA (can be completed by going to the outpatient clinic)

If accepted into the program, participants receive case management services. Once an individual is determined eligible for Veteran's Village, The Executive Director will set him/her up for a screening with myself and the Program Supervisor. Please note: Units ARE furnished

It is important to note that because each of these programs receives Federal Funding, there are rules specific to each program.

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-209-1573**

#### **Loveland Center, Inc.**

Loveland Center helps adults with developmental disabilities live their lives to the fullest. A Residential Group Home offers independence supported living and respite programs. There are 3 apartment building with 42 units. The Nancy Detert Residences at Loveland Village consist of 3 apartment buildings with 42 units that provide an affordable, safe, and supportive option for independent living for adults with I/DD and their supports. Some residents live in their own 1-bedroom apartment or share a 2-bedroom unit with a friend. Residents also have the option share the costs of renting with more roommates and/or with a 24-hour in-home support of their choosing. Currently, the Detert Residences provide income-based housing to 64 adults with I/DD and 30 caregivers. The units are all leased, and a waiting list has developed.

157 S. Havana Rd.

Venice, FL 34292

**Phone: 941-493-0016 or 941-202-3400 for Nancy Detert Residences**

[www.lovelandcenter.org](http://www.lovelandcenter.org)



### **Sarasota Housing Authority**

This program is for those low-income residents living in the housing projects.

#### **Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) Project Based Voucher List**

- **Diamond Oaks Apartment**

215 Tuttle  
Sarasota, FL. 34234

- **Janie's Garden**

2350 Central Ave.  
Sarasota, FL. 34334

**Phone: 941-365-3400**

- **King Stone Townhomes**

1720 MLK Jr. Way  
Sarasota, FL. 34234

**HCV** - The tenant-based Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, also known as Section 8, assists families with their rent while they reside in privately owned properties in the community.

269 S. Osprey Ave, Suite 100  
Sarasota, Florida 34236-4936

**Phone: 941-361-6210 Fax: 941-366-4661**

[www.sarasotahousing.org](http://www.sarasotahousing.org)

\*\*\*Additional Section 8 Housing at [www.hellosection8.com](http://www.hellosection8.com)

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Resources include HUD counseling organizations.

**Phone: 1-800-955-2232 or 202-708-1112**

[www.hud.gov/](http://www.hud.gov/)

### **Veterans**

#### **The Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA Supported Housing**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA Supported Housing Program provides permanent housing and ongoing case management treatment services for homeless Veterans who require these supports to live independently. HUD has allocated over 20,000 "Housing Choice" Section 8 vouchers to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) throughout the country for eligible homeless Veterans. This program allows Veterans and their families to live in Veteran-selected apartment units. The vouchers are portable, allowing Veterans to live in communities where VA case management services can be provided. This program provides for our most vulnerable Veterans, and is especially helpful to Veterans with families, women Veterans, recently returning Veterans and Veterans with disabilities. Bay Pines VAHC Sarasota Primary Care Clinic

Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 877-424-3838**

[https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash\\_eligibility.asp](https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash_eligibility.asp) .Type name in search box

## Temporary / Transitional Living Programs

### Catholic Charities - Our Mother's House

Our Mother's House is a non-profit, non-denominational residential housing program, providing single mothers and their children (1 or 2 under 3yrs. old) a safe and secure environment in which to achieve self-sufficiency through education, vocational training, and personal growth. Priority is given to mothers that are currently homeless or in another shelter. Applications are accepted without regard to race, ethnicity, or religion. Rent is \$300.00 per month.

207 Harbor Dr. N

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-485-6264**

[www.ourmothershousedov.org](http://www.ourmothershousedov.org)

### Transitional Housing

#### Home Again Family Program for homeless families, mostly single mothers.

The Home Again program is designed for the most vulnerable families with multiple barriers to sustainability. Housing, case management, and life-enrichment classes and activities are provided as a package for every Home Again family. Stay up to 24 months. Families pay no more than 30% of their income for rent and services.

Harvest House

209 Lime Street

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-953-3154 #2 Fax: 941-954-2349**

<https://harvesthousecenters.org/our-services/family-services/>

#### Freedom Residential Recovery for Men and Women

- Freedom is a highly progressive, structured program that focuses primarily on skill mastery. Our hope is that our clients master the skills to thrive in their personal health and wholeness and be contributors to their families and communities. 6–9-month program and weekly fee is \$200 for women and \$240 for men. There are currently 115 beds in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Program applications are online.
- Graduate Housing- Freedom and VETS graduates can benefit from continued supportive housing during their next steps in recovery. For some, this is necessary step before finding sustainable housing. Other graduate housing residents will never be able to live on their own due to age or pre-existing conditions.
- Sober Living - Eligible participants are graduate of the Freedom program. Tenants accepted to this program sign a lease at an affordable rate that includes rent, utilities, and access to the Harvest Food Pantry. They also maintain access to the supportive services of the Freedom program, including the life-skills classes, support groups, and our loving community.

Harvest House

209 Lime Street

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-953-3154 #2 Fax: 941-954-2349**

<http://harvesthousecenters.org/programs/>

### **Harvest House -New Heights for Young Adults**

This supportive housing program is specifically designed for 16- to 24-year-old young adults who experiencing homeless. The young adults live in a shared, dorm-like setting along with other program participants. Application is online.

Harvest House

209 N. Lime Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941- 315-0847 Jaohnna**

<http://harvesthousecenters.org/programs/>

### **Purpose House**

Purpose House is dedicated to providing the finest Faith Based, Male and Female Residential Recovery Homes in Southwest Florida. They are available at affordable rates. A Recovery Residence is a living environment that can be any type of dwelling, but most commonly is a single-family residence with shared bedrooms. Purpose House is a certified level 2 provider. This setting proves to be the most affordable; length of stay varies and is open-ended. At level 2 some degree of 'programming' is offered in-house and often in collaboration with outside service providers such as outpatient programs. Support groups may be offered in-house.

1235 Tuttle Street

P.O. Box 5838

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-552-8096**

### **SOLVE Maternity Homes**

#### **Manasota SOLVE Maternity Homes and EVOLVE Program**

The doors at SOLVE House are open to young pregnant women who find themselves in a difficult situation and in need of housing. SOLVE offers a structured program which equips young pregnant women as they prepare for the future. Classes are provided in childbirth preparation, parenting, nutrition, adoption options, financial planning, counseling, case management, sewing and educational development. SOLVE strives to promote and protect the health and well-being of the women and babies it serves. Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 5:00pm, office; 24/7, residences Fees: Free Bi-lingual. There are two locations in Bradenton, one in Sarasota and one in Englewood. Phone administrative office for all locations

#### **Evolve Program at Manasota Solve**

Provides extended housing and support for mother and child for an additional 1-2 years. Available to qualifying Solve graduates enrolled in an accredited education program.

1335 Manatee Ave. West

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-748-0094**

<http://solvehomes.org/>

**Selah Freedom**

The Residential Program is a holistic approach to restoration. Survivors, who have had everything stolen from them, get the stability and rest they need to dream again! They can accomplish goals they never knew were possible to tackle - things like getting their GED, driver's license, and learning to swim!

Selah Freedom provides a three-phase Residential Program to survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation, with two safe houses in the Southwest Florida area. First, survivors enter the Rest Phase, which allows them to reflect and decide if they are prepared to move forward with stepping into the new life Selah Freedom offers.

The second phase is the Restore Phase, where women receive a personalized education plan, medical aid, trauma therapy, job placement, case management, and restorative services. They also have the opportunity to build healthy and safe relationships that will follow them into their final stage of the program.

The final stage is the Relaunch Phase, in which survivors receive individualized planning and assistance with living independently, career goals, and continued support.

P.O. Box 21415

Sarasota, FL 34276

1800 2nd St. Ste 880

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 1-888-837-3363**

<http://www.selahfreedom.com>

**PATHWAY OF HOPE-Salvation Army**

A long-term transitional housing program with supportive services for homeless families. Intact and single-parent homeless families with children, for parents who have lost jobs and don't have enough money saved to pay bills while searching for employment. Or families facing eviction, but poor credit history prevent them from finding replacement housing. Applicants do not have to be working presently but must be able to look and secure a full-time job. They also must be drug and alcohol free and be homeless or going to be homeless with children. Stay up to 1 yr. There are 12 furnished apartments and families pay no more than 30% of their income.

1400 Tenth Street

Sarasota, FL 34230

**Phone: 941-954-4673 or 941-364-8845**

<http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/sarasota/>

**United Way 2-1-1**

Find the help you need. Call 2-1-1. Comprehensive information and referral to services to any community member or agency in Sarasota Call anytime, 24/7. Hours of Operation:

24/7 Fees: Free and Bi-lingual

1940 Traylor Blvd,

Orlando, FL 32804,

**Phone: 2-1-1**

<http://www.navigateresources.net/211CommunityResources/>

## **Sarasota Section O - IMMIGRATION AND HISPANIC SERVICES**

### **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services**

**Phone: 1-800-375-5283 for Information**

**Phone: 1-800-870-3676 for Forms**

### **Catholic Charities Immigration Services- Not in Sarasota or Manatee Counties**

Catholic Charities Immigration Services are provided by DOJ certified counselors. Counselors are bilingual in English and Spanish. DOJ certified counselors help clients with application preparation, support documentation, and referral services. Immigration Services include assistance in reuniting separated families, permanent residency adjustment, work authorization, consular processing, and United States citizenship.

211 South 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Immokalee, FL 34142

**Phone: 239-657-6242**

4235 Michigan Avenue Link

Fort Myers, FL 33916

**Phone: 239-334-4007 ext. 2401**

1210 East Oak Street

Arcadia, FL 34266

**Phone: 239-334-4007 ext. 2401**

<https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/services/immigration-services/>

### **Gulf Coast JFCS Refugee Services**

Gulf Coast JFCS is helping uplift lives by welcoming and newcomers of all faiths and ethnicities on their first steps on their paths to safety and stability across the State of Florida.

Programs include:

- Florida Center for Survivors of Torture
- Integrated Refugee Services
- Refugee Assistance Fund
- Refugee Career Pathways Program
- Refugee Employment Match Grant Program
- Refugee Micro-Enterprise Development
- Refugee Preferred Communities
- Refugee Resettlement & Placement

14041 Icot Blvd.

Clearwater, FL 33760

**Phone: 727-479-1800**

Sylvia Acevedo Senior Director, Refugee & Employment Services

**Phone: 727-580-9790**

Email: [Sylvia.Acevedo@gcjfcs.org](mailto:Sylvia.Acevedo@gcjfcs.org)

<https://gulfcoastjewishfamilyandcommunityservices.org/refugee-services/>

### Florida Legal Services

- **Immigrant & Migrant Rights** Project- serves farmworkers and immigrant families Florida, including immigrant children separated from their families.
- Florida legal Services
- P.O. Box 533986
- Orlando, FL 32852
- **Phone: 407-801-4350 Toll-free Disaster line 888-780-0443**

<https://www.floridalegal.org>

### Gulfcoast

#### Legal Services

(GLS) is the only legal aid program that provides free legal assistance in immigration cases for eligible low-income individuals residing in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties. GLS may handle the following types of cases for eligible immigrants:

**Domestic-violence related cases:** An abused spouse or child of a legal permanent resident or a United States citizen may be able to self-petition for legal status in the United States under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) without his or her abuser's assistance.

**Removal of Conditional Residence:** A conditional lawful permanent resident whose spouse is abusive and will not cooperate in removing the conditional status may be able to ask for a waiver of their cooperation.

**U Visas:** An immigrant who has suffered substantial abuse as the result of having been a victim of certain criminal activity and has been helpful in the investigation or prosecution of that crime may be eligible for a U visa. U visa status allows victims of domestic violence who cannot self-petition under VAWA because they are not married to their abuser, or their **abuser is not a legal permanent resident or United States citizen, to obtain legal status.**

**T Visas:** Victims of trafficking in persons may be able to petition for a form of legal status in the United States called a T visa.

1112 Manatee Ave. E.

Bradenton, FL 34208

**Phone: 941-746-6151 or 800-230-5920**

2350 Scenic Drive

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 800-230-5920**

<https://gulfcoastlegal.org>

### Latinas of WRC

Serves the growing diversity of Latinas in our community through resources, education, support, and community outreach. Assisting Latinas in empowering themselves, and creating leaders by developing a network of support and community

WRC of Manatee- Mondays 6:00-8:00p.m. No Cost.

1926 Manatee Ave

West Bradenton, FL

**Phone: 941-747-6797**

[www.mywrc.org](http://www.mywrc.org)

### **Literacy Council of Sarasota**

For adults. Free one on one tutoring to learn the English language.

Classes include reading, writing and comprehension skills.

1750 17<sup>th</sup> Street K-3

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-955-0421**

<https://www.sarasotaliteracy.org>

### **Lutheran Services**

- **Refugee Resettlement Services**
- **Refugees Employment and Self-Sufficiency**

This program assists eligible refugees/entrants in the process of gaining economic independence and achieving self-sufficiency by means of a comprehensive case management approach to services.

- Case Management
- Employment
- Adult and vocational education assessing current skills and potential in the workplace.
- Legal services
- Youth services
- Mentoring
- Childcare services
- Translation and English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring
- Referrals to medical professionals and other service providers
- Cultural orientation
- Mentoring services
- Connections with local churches and community groups
- Housing assistance

5104 Lockwood Ridge Rd Refugee suite 301 and 307

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-203-4947**

3627 W. Waters Ave.

Tampa, FL. 33614

**Phone: 813-875-1408**

<https://www.lsfnet.org/refugees-and-immigrants/refugee-support/#resettlement>

### **Medical Exams for Immigration Sarasota Passport Health**

When applying for a Visa, Green Card, United States Citizenship or change of status, an immigration medical exam is required to be completed through an authorized Civil Surgeon. Through the medical exam process, the Civil Surgeon qualifies the applicant as admissible or inadmissible to the United States.

2195 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-362-0304**

[www.passporthealthusa.com](http://www.passporthealthusa.com)

### **Refugee Health Florida Department of Health**

Most Refugee Resettlement Program participants received an overseas medical examination prior to coming to the U.S. Once here, refugees\* are offered a health assessment to be completed within eight months from their date of arrival at no charge to them, including the vaccinations needed for adjustment of immigration status.

Refugees with identified health conditions are referred to primary care physicians and specialists.

Refugee Health Case Managers are currently located in Duval, Hillsborough, and Orange counties. To learn more about their services, contact the Refugee Health Case Manager in your county.

2195 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 850-901-6521**

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health/refugee-health/services.html>

### **St. Jude's Church – Blessed Carlos Manuel Hispanic American Center**

Spiritual guidance, social services and referrals for Hispanics, Latinos and all who ask for help, according to individual needs. Programs include weekly food distribution on Wed and Sat.).

3930 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-955-3934**

<https://www.stjudechurchsarasota.com>

### **Ukraine Refugee Resources:**

- **Gulf Coast JFCS Refugee Services**  
(See above)
- Host Ukraine refugees' websites
  - [www.Ukrainetakeshelter.com/](http://www.Ukrainetakeshelter.com/)
- Donations websites and phone numbers
  - Jewish Federation of Fl. Suncoast 941-727-530-3223
  - [www.Coafoundation.com/](http://www.Coafoundation.com/)
  - Epiphany Ukraine Catholic Church 727-576-1001



## **Nine Non-Governmental Organizations Work With, And Are Funded By, The Department Of State and HHS To Resettle Refugees**

The U.S. refugee resettlement program involves a number of processes, some overseas and others on the domestic front.

Inside the United States, nine non-governmental organizations work with, and are funded by, the Department of State to resettle refugees. These religious or community-based organizations referred to as [voluntary agencies](#) (or volags) help resettled refugees with the following: reception upon arrival; support with housing, food, and clothing; community orientation; English lessons, enrollment in various benefits and welfare programs; referral to social service providers (including health care, employment), etc.

### **Church World Service (CWS)**

<https://cwsglobal.org>

Government grants (contributions): \$186,438,735 (**84.6%**)

### **Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)**

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org>

EMM receives very little money from the church-wide budget, instead receiving **99.5** percent of its funding from the federal government. \$55 Milion in 2023

### **Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC)**

<https://www.ecdcus.org>

Government Grants (Contributions): \$66,392,090 (**92 percent**)

### **Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)**

<https://www.hias.org>

Government Grants (Contributions): \$69,085,014 (**51 percent**)

### **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**

<https://www.rescue.org>

Government grants (contributions): \$990,171,000 (**67percent**)

### **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS)**

Government grants (contributions): \$221,476,051 (**96 percent**)

### **U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)**

<https://www.refugees.org>

Government Grants: \$283,885,942 (**96 percent**)

### **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/index.cfm>

Government contracts and grants revenue: \$117,202,900 (**90 percent**)

2.4 Billion 2021-2025 and Catholic Charites received 1.7 billion

**World Relief Corporation (WR)**

<https://worldrelief.org/about/>

Government Grants: \$126,026,563 (77 percent)

**SANCTUARY STATES**

**CALIFORNIA**

**COLORADO**

**CONNECTICUT**

**ILLINOIS**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**NORTH DAKOTA**

**NEW JERSEY**

**NEW YORK**

**OREGON**

**RHODE ISLAND**

**VERMONT**

**WASHINGTON**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

## **Sarasota Section P - INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**AARP Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Vita)** free tax assistance program and  
**United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Vita) Free Tax Assistance Program**  
6 sites with locations in Sarasota, Laurel, Venice, North Port, Englewood, and Arcadia.  
Incomes must be under \$66,000.00 per year.

United Way of Sarasota County, Inc.  
1800 2nd St Ste 102,  
Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-366-2686 for locations and hours**

[https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations.html](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html)

<https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/what-we-do/income/free-tax-help/>

### **Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.**

Free legal information and representation regarding taxes is available for low-income residents of Sarasota County. Services include substantiating income tax credits/deductions, assistance with audits, help with IRS liens, responding to letters from IRS, tax court representation and additional help with other tax problems.

Phone for appointment.

112 Manatee Ave. E. FL2

Bradenton, FL. 34208

**Phone: 941-746-6151**

1101 Tamiami Trail S, Suite 101

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 800-230-5920**

[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)

### **Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Assistance Center**

IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers are your source for personal tax help when you believe your tax issue cannot be handled online or by phone and you want face-to-face assistance. If you need to resolve a tax problem, have questions about how the tax law applies to your individual tax return, or you're more comfortable talking with someone face-to-face, visit your local Taxpayer Assistance Center where you can spread out your records and talk with an IRS representative across the counter. No appointment is necessary - just walk in. Hours of Operation: 8:30am - 4:30pm, M-F Bi-lingual  
5971 Cattleridge Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-378-6448**

[www.irs.gov/](http://www.irs.gov/)

**United Way - Worldwide – My Free Taxes Partnership**

**TAX SERVICES (FREE TAX PREPARATION (WEBSITE - ONLINE TOOL))**

*Program provides a free online tool for simple state and federal tax preparation and filing assistance for the current tax year (does not support previous years' tax returns).*

*Program requires individuals who are filing state and federal tax returns ...*

**Phone: 866-698-9435**

[myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com)

## Sarasota Section Q - LEGAL AID PROGRAMS

### Attorney Reviews:

- **Avvo**

Attorney reviews and disciplinary records for lawyers in every state, free legal answers, and forms and legal services for a fixed fee.

[www.Avvo.com](http://www.Avvo.com)

- **Lawyers.com**

Attorney reviews, information, and free legal answers

[www.Lawyers.com](http://www.Lawyers.com)

### All Areas of the Law- Informative Website

This award-winning website provides free legal information in all areas of the law. It also provides lawyer profiles and a community to help you make the best legal decisions. The website also provides a link to “*do it yourself legal documents*”.

[www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com)

### Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.

Pro Bono legal services are provided for qualified low-income residents and nonprofit agencies in the Tampa Bay area including Sarasota County. Areas of Service include Domestic Violence, Housing, Consumer, Senior Advocacy, Family law, Public Benefits, Housing, Tax Assistance, Disaster Relief, etc.

#### Excellent Self-Help Resources

**Phone: Helpline 800-625-2257**

**Florida Disaster Legal aid Helpline: 833-514-2940**

**Veterans Legal Helpline: 866-486-6161**

**Senior Legal Helpline: 888-895-7873**

<https://www.bals.org>

### Cenacle Legal Services

Cenacle is a non-profit partnership of local attorneys and the Catholic Diocese of Venice.

Pro Bono legal services are provided for the clients, who do not qualify for free Legal Aid. Attorneys affiliated with Cenacle Legal Services will take on cases in the areas of housing, elderly affairs, minor children, public benefits, and consumer right for residents in the underserved cities of Venice, North Port, & Englewood in south Sarasota County.

237 Nassau Street (Epiphany Cathedral)

Venice, FL

**Phone: 941-244-0308 Evelyn Moya, Executive Director**

### Citizen Dispute Settlement Program and Pre-Filing Mediation

Provides individuals the opportunity to resolve disputes in a neutral and confidential setting *before a court case is filed*. Participants can avoid court costs, attorney’s fees and

time lost from work by participating in mediation rather than litigation. If the parties reach an agreement in mediation, the mediator can reduce the agreement to memorandum for signing. There is *no cost* to the parties for this service.

- **Citizen Dispute Settlement Program**

This free program helps resolve issues *before a case is filed* such as auto sales, condo, consumer complaints, contracts, debts, employer/employee, repairs, landlord/tenant, neighborhood disputes, property damage, etc....

- **Pre-Filing Family Mediation Program**

This program offers an opportunity to work out a *family matter before a case is filed*. To be eligible for the program, neither party may have previously filed any family division court case involving the same parties or children. Examples of topics to be mediated are parental responsibility, parenting plans, child support, and distribution of assets or debts. 2071 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-861-7833**

4004 South Tamiami Trail

Venice, Florida 34293

**Phone: 941-861-7800**

<https://www.jud12.flcourts.org/ProgramsServices.aspx> (click on programs and services)

### **Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service**

The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service and local bar association lawyer referral services are designed to make it easy for consumer to contact a lawyer. Fee is \$25 for 30 minutes initial half-hour consultation.

**Phone: 1-800-342-8011**

[www.floridabar.org/](http://www.floridabar.org/) Go to menu then public and click on Lawyer Referral Service

### **Florida Courts**

This website has online forms under self- help for family law and resources for self-help centers, legal aid, probate, small claims, guardianship and elders court and legal information. Select Self-Help

[www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org)

### **Florida Law Help**

Very informative website that provides information about organizations that provide free legal help to low income and moderate-income individuals along with various booklets and information that can be downloaded. Some of the areas covered are consumer, education, family law, housing, public benefits, domestic violence, disability, employment, health, immigration, life planning and seniors.

<http://floridalawhelp.org>

### **Florida Legal Services**

- **Eviction Prevention**-Florida Legal Services is part of the Florida Legal Aid (FLA) Eviction Prevention Project, a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development initiative that provides crucial legal aid services to vulnerable residents across the state to protect them from evictions.

- **Immigrant & Migrant Rights Project**- serves farmworkers and immigrant families Florida, including immigrant children separated from their families.
- **Florida Institutional Legal Services (FILS) Project** is dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights of indigent people in state custody by providing high quality legal services.
- **Domestic Violence**- advocacy for survivors of domestic violence or other crimes in non-intimate partner relationships, and human trafficking
- **Fair and Affordable Housing** project works statewide to preserve affordable housing, support the creation of new affordable housing.
- **Economic Opportunity Project** strengthens the economic opportunities of low-income and disenfranchised Floridians.
- **Children's Advocacy Project** is dedicated to ensuring that all Florida's children receive the opportunities, supports, and services they need to lead safe, healthy, and productive lives.
- **Connecting Kids to Coverage**- The FLS Connecting Kids to Coverage Project provides families and pregnant women with assistance applying for health care coverage through Florida's KidCare and family-related Medicaid programs.

Florida legal Services

P.O. Box 533986

Orlando, FL 32852

**Phone: 407-801-4350 Toll-free Eviction Prevention 1-888-780-0443 Domestic Violence Legal Helpline 850-385-0611**

<https://www.floridalegal.org>

### **Florida Senior Legal Helpline**

The Senior Legal Helpline provides free legal advice and brief services by telephone to eligible Florida residents aged 60 and older, for civil (not criminal) legal problems.

**Phone: 1-888-895-7873**

[http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/legal\\_services.php](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/legal_services.php)

### **Florida Free Legal Answers**

Free, 24/7 legal advice available over your computer, phone, or tablet.

It sounds unbelievable, but there are already 500 licensed attorneys waiting to answer your questions.

The Florida Bar and the American Bar Association have partnered to create a free online legal clinic where licensed attorneys volunteer their time to provide emailed responses to citizens' civil legal questions.

Topics may include family law matters such as divorce, child support, adoption, and name change, as well as domestic violence, bankruptcy, consumer issues, education, employment, housing, workers' compensation, wills, and estate planning.

<https://florida.freelegalanswers.org>

### **Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.**

Services include:

- Senior Services
- Family & Domestic Violence
- Financial Stability
- Housing
- Immigration
- Human Trafficking
- Ex-offenders re-Entering Society.
- LGBT Individuals
- Tax, SSI Disability & Consumer matters

Client eligibility is clearly defined in each of GLS's grants. Most specify that our clients must earn under 250% of the federal poverty level. Some specify even lower levels (200% FPL or below) except for agency VOCA funding which provides services for all victims of crime, regardless of income and funding for clients aged 60+.

112 Manatee Ave. E. FL2

Bradenton, FL. 34208

**Phone: 941-746-6151**

1101 Tamiami Trail S, Suite 101

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 800-230-5920**

[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)

#### **Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.- Taxes (Grant) LITC**

Free legal information and representation regarding taxes is available for low-income residents of Sarasota County. Services include substantiating income tax credits/deductions, assistance with audits, help with IRS liens, responding to letters from IRS, tax court representation and additional help with other tax problems.

Phone for appointment at taxpayer clinic

112 Manatee Ave. E. FL2

Bradenton, FL. 34208

**Phone: 941-746-6151**

[www.gulfcoastlegal.org](http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org)

#### **Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.**

*Case Restrictions:* No contingency fee/personal injury. 150% of federal poverty guidelines for family law and 150% for all other matters.

Services include.

**Landlord/Tenant issues**

**Consumer Issues**

**Divorce Clinic**

**Domestic Violence**

**Veterans**

**Seniors**

**Guardianship**

**Housing**

**Medical Legal Partnership**



**Nonprofit Assistance****Wills & Advance Directives**

1900 Main St 302

Sarasota FL 34236-5927

**Phone: 941-366-0038 Fax: 941-364-8855**

749 Shamrock Blvd.

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-492-4631**

[www.legalaidofmanasota.org](http://www.legalaidofmanasota.org)

**Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program**

Provides crisis intervention counseling and follow up assistance to primary and secondary victims of crime as well as to witnesses of crime. Services are free and do not require a police report; services include crisis intervention, emotional support, homicide bereavement support, assistance through legal and judicial processes, and information and referrals. There is no emergency funding available through this office. The office of the Attorney General Bureau of Victim Compensation provides the **Victim Compensation Program**. Services are also available for other crisis situations such as traffic accidents and suicide survivors. Critical Incident Stress Debriefings are also available.

6010 Cattleman Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-861-4942**

[https://www.sarasotasheriff.org/programs\\_and\\_services/victim\\_assistance/index.php](https://www.sarasotasheriff.org/programs_and_services/victim_assistance/index.php)

**Seniors vs. Crime**

Program to help seniors who have been a victimized or otherwise taken advantage of by businesses or service providers. Civil matters only. There is no charge for these services. Local office is at the *Senior Friendship Centers*.

**Phone: 941- 954-5566 or 800-203-3099**

[www.seniorsvscrime.com](http://www.seniorsvscrime.com)

**Victim's Advocate Program –Sarasota Police Dept.**

The Victim Advocate Program (VAP) is a crucial resource to victims of crime, witnesses to crime, and those experiencing crisis and trauma in the City of Sarasota. It is a vital link to the community showing law enforcement's support to crime victims and those affected by crisis by providing critical assistance and resources in times of tragedy.

Services:

- On-scene crisis intervention
- Follow up crisis intervention sessions
- Emotional support
- Exploration of options
- Practical assistance
- Assistance throughout the criminal justice system
- Assistance with applying for injunctions for protection

- Accompaniment to medical, judicial, and legal proceedings (as related to the criminal case)
- Assistance in applying for victim compensation
- Providing transportation (when available) to legal and judicial appointments (related to the criminal case)
- Assistance in retrieving property
- Providing general information and referrals.

Victim Advocate Program

2099 Adams Lane

Sarasota, Florida 34237

**Phone: 941-263-6773 and 941-316-1199**

### **The Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County**

- Ask-A-Lawyer is individual consultation with an attorney for 30 minutes. Appointments made only after Peer Referral Advisor contact.

**Sarasota**

340 South Tuttle Avenue

Sarasota, Florida 34237

**Phone: 941-366-1700**

**Venice**

530 US Highway-41 Bypass South 5-A

Venice Florida

**Phone: 941-485-9724**

1926 Manatee Ave. W.

Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-747-6797**

<http://www.mywrc.org>

### **Websites for free legal advice and information:**

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<https://florida.freelegalanswers.org> **Website is locked Copy and paste the name of the site floridafreelegalanswers.org in search box.**

### **You can find free legal information and resources at:**

- [FloridaLawHelp.org](http://FloridaLawHelp.org) - Florida's free legal information website and **directory of all legal aid offices** throughout the state. Areas of law include Family Law, Domestic Violence, Immigration, Housing, Public Benefits, Seniors, Consumer, Community Education, and Education.
- [Free Family Law Forms](#) - Supreme Court of Florida approved Family Law Forms.

- [Florida Bar's Consumer Pamphlets and Videos](#) - The Florida Bar provides information to the public on certain general areas of law as well as specific issues.
- [Self Help Centers Near You](#) - Access to information regarding local self-help programs throughout the state.
- [Legal Assistance and Information for Elders](#) - Access to legal assistance information, elder abuse, and exploitation.
- [Landlord Tenant Forms](#) - Access to forms and residential leases.

## **Sarasota Section R - MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING PROGRAMS**

### **Baker Act (*The Florida Mental Health Act of 1971*)**

This act is a means of providing individuals, who may be harmful to themselves or to others with emergency services and temporary detention for mental health evaluation and treatment when required. Examinations may last up to 72 hours. This can be done on a *voluntary or involuntary basis*. An “*ex-parte*” form needs to be completed at the Clerk’s Office.

Sarasota’s public receiving facilities are:

#### **Lightshare Access Center**

1451 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837**

#### **Cornell Behavioral Health**

1650 South Osprey Ave

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-917-7760**

[www.dcf.state.fl.us](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us)

### **Children**

#### **Cornell Behavioral Health Pavilion**

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Hours of Operation: 24/7 Insurance Accepted:

1625 S. Osprey Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-917-7760**

[www.smh.com](http://www.smh.com)

#### **Beyond the Spectrum**

A non-profit therapeutic clinic and education center for children with autism in Sarasota, FL that services all surrounding counties. Education center is for children in grades K-12 Social Skills groups ages 4- adults.

- **Early Learning Center**

Our Early Learning Center is for children ages 5-12 with special needs like autism, ADHD, and other related diagnoses.

- **The Peabody Academy**

The Peabody Academy is an academic program designed utilizing the Florida ACDESS Standards for children diagnosed with Asperger's, High Functioning Autism, Emotional Handicap, ADD, ADHD, and anxiety disorders.

- **Advanced Learning Center**

The ALC serves exceptional students ages 12-22 through individualized education and vocational/life skills outings in the community. Students in this area receive a unique offering of core academics and life skills lessons during their school days.

- **H.I.V.E.**

A new initiative developed by Beyond the Spectrum, the H.I.V.E. serves young adults 18 and over with intellectual and developmental disabilities by teaching them important self-care and employment skills. This group takes weekly community outings to local businesses for job training and recreation with their Vocational Coordinators!

- **Early Care & Aftercare Program**

Our early care program runs from 7:30 am - 8:30 am and our aftercare program runs from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

- **ABA Clinic**

Applied Behavior Analysis is the study of behavior and how it changes in various environments. The goal of ABA Therapy is to produce and promote improvement in human behavior.

- ABA methods address any socially significant behavior, including:
  - functional life skills (ex. tying a shoe, brushing teeth)
  - communication skills (ex. making requests, explaining how you feel)
  - social skills (ex. properly greeting others, appropriate play)
- ABA methods also help teach new skills and information.
  - maintain healthy behaviors.
  - generalize or transfer behavior from one situation or response to another.
  - reduce interfering behaviors.

7333 International Pl  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

**Phone: 941- 907-3443**

[www.beyondthespectrum.org/](http://www.beyondthespectrum.org/)

### **Camelot Community Care**

Camelot Community Care serves children and families experiencing abuse, neglect, behavioral health, and substance abuse issues. The mission is enabling children and families to realize their fullest potential by stopping the cycle of abuse and neglect in families in our community. Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessments

- In-Home Counseling
- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment
- Treatment Foster Care

5569 Broadcast Ct.  
Sarasota, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-254-4900 x 34002**

<https://www.camelotcommunitycare.org/sarasota>

### **Child Protection Center, Therapy Programs**

### **Sexual Abuse Treatment Program**

Within CPC's Therapy Programs the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program provides specialized therapy to children who have experienced sexual or physical abuse.

**Kid Kindness Program** Provides highly specialized counseling services to youth in our community who have displayed sexual misconduct in an effort to stem the tide of children abusing children.

Both of these programs are provided free of charge to the client, as well as non-offending caregivers and siblings.

### **Hanna's Hope**

Hanna's Hope focuses on bringing mental health support to adult survivors of child abuse.

Hours of Operation: 8:00am - 5:00pm, M-F

720 S. Orange Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-365-1277 EXT. 110**

[www.cpcsarasota.org](http://www.cpcsarasota.org)

### **Florida Center for Early Childhood**

- **Starfish Academy** is the Florida Center's nationally accredited early childhood education program and serves children aged six weeks to five years and operates as an inclusion therapy model.
- **Developmental Therapies Program** provides early intervention assistance to children birth to 10 years, or through fifth grade.
- **Early Childhood Mental Health Services** provide diagnostic and therapeutic assistance to children, from birth to age 10.
- **Healthy Families - Home Visiting Program** for expectant parents and parents of newborns.
- **Early Childhood Court** is a specialized court model designed to address the needs of infants and young children under the age of three. The purpose is:
  - Change the experience and outcomes of young children in the welfare system.
  - Heal trauma and repair the parent-child relationship.
  - Expedite a permanent home for the child.
  - Break the intergenerational cycle of abuse, neglect, and violence.
- **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic Clinic** provides assessments and interventions for ages 0-8 to diagnose alcohol-related disorders in children due to alcohol use during pregnancy. Nationally accredited preschool classrooms. Pre-school offers a part-time program, and extended school day to meet needs of working parents.
- **School-Based Mental Health** provides mental health counseling services to students in 18 Sarasota County elementary schools.
- **Early Childhood Training** provides seminar and onsite training and online training for educators, parents, and caregivers.

4620 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, FL 34235

**Phone: 941-371-8820 ext. 1000**

[www.thefloridacenter.org](http://www.thefloridacenter.org)

### **Florida Department of Children and Families**

- **Project C.O.P.E. Caring for Our People in Emergencies**

The lasting impact of hurricane Ian on Floridians has led to feelings of anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. Project C.O.P.E is here to help you cope so you never lose hope.

Our providers offer group counseling, family counseling, and counseling for individuals at no cost.

Lightshare Wellness serves Sarasota and Manatee counties contact Charlene Gardner

**Phone: 941-732-6837**

- **Hope Florida - A Pathway to Prosperity: Uniting communities through Hope Navigators** to guide Floridians on an individualized path to prosperity, economic self-sufficiency, and hope.

**Phone: 850-300-HOPE (4673)**

- **Community Action Treatment (CAT) Teams** strive to help children and young adults with behavioral health concerns to recover at home safely. These teams also assist families in building and maintaining a support system within their community. CAT is a safe and effective alternative to out-of-home treatment or residential care for children with serious behavioral health conditions. Centerstone of Florida serves Sarasota and manatee counties.

**Phone: 941-782-4272**

- **The Children's Mental Health Program** is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is youth-guided and family-driven to produce individualized, evidence-based, culturally, and linguistically competent outcomes that improve the lives of children and their families.

- **Mobile Response Teams (MRTs)** are meant to provide 24/7 emergency behavioral health care to anyone in the state of Florida. These teams are prepared to meet anyone having a severe emotional or behavioral health crisis in their home, school, or wherever they are. The goals of MRTs are to reduce trauma, prevent unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations and criminal justice involvement through de-escalation, appropriate crisis intervention, and connecting people to resources in their communities.

Lightshare Wellness serves Sarasota and Manatee counties.

**Phone: : 941-732-6837**

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services>

### **40 Carrots Family Center**

A comprehensive parenting center, a community outreach and parenting programs and education program. Child and Family Therapy is available with licensed therapist.

Nationally accredited preschool for children up to age 5

1500 South Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-365-7716**

**Child and Family Therapy**

1350 Cattleman Road

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-960-2565**

[www.fortycarrots.org](http://www.fortycarrots.org)

**Insight Counseling**

- SOAR (Sexual Offense & Abuse Rehabilitation Program)

Program offers individual, family and group counseling for children.

Manatee County residents between the ages of 6-17 and Sarasota County residents between the ages of 13-17 who have engaged in sexual misconduct or sexually abusive behaviors..

1750 17<sup>th</sup> Street Building H

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-755-4782**

[www.insightcounselingservices.org](http://www.insightcounselingservices.org)

**JFCS of the Suncoast****Counseling:**

- Counseling for ages 6+
  - Adolescent Diversion & Assistance Program
  - School Based Programs

1753 Ringling Boulevard

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941- 366-2224**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

**Crisis Intervention – Mobile Response Teams and Crisis Intervention Assessment****• Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery Response Team**

The Behavioral Health Mobile Response Team is a 24/7/365 Immediate Crisis Intervention Unit for youths, adults and families who are experiencing a mental health or substance-use crisis. It works through our Access Center to dispatch help to home, healthcare facilities, doctors' offices, schools or anywhere else in the community where the individual is in immediate need of behavioral health support. Mobile response is available to all residents of Sarasota County. Clinicians will respond via telehealth or in person to do assessments and will provide a 72-hour follow up. The goal is to divert people in crisis away from emergency departments, to lessen trauma and to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations.

Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance are accepted for BHRT services.

**• Lightshare Crisis Support Services:24-hour Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)**

Crisis Stabilization Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergency services to individuals 18 and older who are experiencing a severe emotional or psychiatric crisis. Staff are health care professionals trained in risk assessment and crisis



intervention evaluations.

- The Kreisman Center CSU is the designated Public Baker Act receiving facility for adults in Sarasota. Individuals are screened and evaluated and can refer themselves or be referred by law enforcement officers, family members, local hospital emergency rooms, physicians, mental health professionals and other social services agencies if they present an imminent risk of “serious bodily harm” to themselves and/or others as a result of a mental health disorder and/or substance use.
- The Kreisman Crisis Stabilization Unit has 37 beds in two units. Our clients come from all walks of life. On-site and follow-up services include helping clients gain access to post-discharge services; these services include connections to mental health and medical treatment as well as social, educational, and housing services.

Lightshare of Sarasota, Inc

Kreisman Campus for Integrated Health Care

1451 10th St.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-364-9355 for CSU and 941-732-6837 for Access Center**

<https://lightsharewellness.org>

### **Centerstone Hospital**

- **Crisis and Urgent Care**
  - Mobile Crisis Response- works with law enforcement.
  - Outpatient
  - **Telephone Crisis Line 941-782-4617**
- **Centerstone Walk-In Center** provides immediate crisis intervention assessment and referral, and short-term counseling services for individuals who are experiencing personal or family crisis and trauma. The Center also supports emergency Mobile Response Crisis Intervention Services, which is on-call 24-hours per day, seven days per week, to respond to law enforcement and other community professionals anywhere in the county to provide intervention and crisis stabilization services. There is no charge for the first visit!

2020 26th Avenue East

Bradenton, FL 34208

**Phone: 941-782-4600**

[www.centerstone.org](http://www.centerstone.org)

### **Inpatient MH**

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1625 S. Osprey Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
**Phone: 941-917-7760**  
[www.smh.com](http://www.smh.com)

**Centerstone Hospital  
Addiction Recovery**

- Addiction Prevention
- Detox
- Inpatient Hospital and Facilities
- Intensive Outpatient
- Intervention Services
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Support Groups
- **Counseling**
- **Crisis and Urgent Care**
  - Mobile Crisis Response
  - Outpatient
  - Telephone Crisis Line
- **Forensic Evaluation**
- **Inpatient Services**
  - Psychiatric Treatment
  - Stepdown Treatment
- **Military Services**
  - counseling
  - therapeutic retreats
  - couples and family counseling
  - housing assistance
  - employment counseling
  - online support groups, classes, and workshops
- **Psychiatric Care**

2020 26th Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34208  
**Phone: 941-782-4600**  
[www.centerstone.org](http://www.centerstone.org)

**Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery and Addiction Recovery Services  
Behavioral Health Access Services**

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On site and follow-up services include helping clients gain access to post-discharge services; these services include connections to mental health and medical treatment as well as social, educational, and housing services.

Kreisman Campus for Integrated Health Care

1451 10th St.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-364-9355 or 941-732-6837 for CSU and for Access Center**

<https://lightsharewellness.org>

### **Serenity House**

Department of Behavioral Health and Wellness at Doctor’s Hospital has a multidisciplinary team of professional for treatment of Anxiety, Depression, Bipolar Disorder and Psychosis. It is the only inpatient, voluntary, acute care behavioral health program in the Sarasota area dedicated to seniors. It serves people who are 50 years old and older who need acute mental health treatment in a safe, compassionate, and tranquil environment.

5741 Bee Ridge Rd.

Sarasota, Fl 34233

**Phone: 941-342-4462**

**<https://www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/locations/sarasota-doctors-hospital/specialties/mental-health-and-wellness>**

### **Suncoast Behavioral Health Center**

Suncoast Behavioral Health Center’s medically supervised inpatient adolescent program provides psychiatric evaluation and treatment for children (5-12) and adolescents (13-17) who need 24-hour care.

Suncoast Behavioral Health System

4480 51st Street West

Bradenton, FL 34210

**Phone: 941-251-5000**

**<https://suncoastbhc.com>**

### **Palm Shores Behavioral Health Center**

Palm Shores Behavioral Health Center offers care for adolescents including behavioral, emotional, and psychiatric interventions as well as Manatee County School Board supported education. Our treatment philosophy is based on trauma-informed care principles and offers distinct progressive phases of care.

Palm Shores Behavioral Health Center offers intensive residential psychiatric treatment for adolescents, ages 11 – 17. Treatment includes behavioral, emotional, and psychiatric interventions as well as education.

1324 37th Ave East

Bradenton, FL 34208

**Phone: 941-792-2222**

<https://palmshoresbhc.com>

## **Residential-MH**

### **Community Assisted and Supported Living CASL**

It is CASL's mission to provide safe, affordable, and supportive housing for adults with disabilities and to expand housing options for working families to reduce homelessness. CASL works in 11 counties including Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties.

- CASL provides Case Management and Life Skills
- Housing
  - Neighborhood Housing- Permanent supportive housing, for those experiencing homelessness due to a mental health diagnosis or an intellectual or developmental disability.
  - Independence House - Independence House is the first phase of Independence Place, a special planned community to provide safe and supportive housing options for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) located in Seminole, Florida.
  - Blue Sky & CASL Partnership - Affordable and permanent supportive housing, apartment-style living. CASL case management services located on-site.
  - Renaissance Manor - An Assisted Living Facility (ALF) with a limited mental health license specializing in adults with a mental health / personality disorder.
- Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment
- Rent Assistance- Through subsidy funding CASL can help those households who are at 80% of the median income or below. CASL seeks to help those who are disabled, low-income families, the elderly, and veterans.
- Food Security
- Transition Program

The 90-day program connects formerly incarcerated individuals from Sarasota County jail with hands on case management services from CASL to ensure participants are attending essential mental health and substance use treatment services as well as receiving medical care and employment placement services CASL dedicated 5 housing units with personalized case management life.

- **SHIFTS Program**-Sheriff's Housing Initiative Facilitating Transient Services (SHIFTS) is a 90-day program to achieve housing sustainability for homeless adults.

2911 Fruitville, Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-225-2373 OR 941-822-7354 Contact is Jarrisa for Sarasota County**

<https://caslinc.org>

### **Second Heart Homes**

Not just a house, but a home. Second Heart Homes is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing permanent housing to those with mental illness who have experienced or are at-risk of homelessness. SHH's goal is to provide long-term solutions that revive dignity and enhance quality of life through self-sufficiency. 11 properties across Sarasota and Manatee counties that serve 68 individuals. We serve single adults experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

P.O. Box 3886

Sarasota, FL - 34230

**Phone: 941- 577-6572 941-201-9353 Executive Director**

[www.secondhearthomes.org](http://www.secondhearthomes.org)

### **Volunteers of America**

Supported Housing Program & Living Centers

Our 3 Living Center programs provide income eligible housing and behavioral healthcare services in quiet, residential communities that are located on bus routes and convenient to employment opportunities. Each property enjoys its own community room with planned, group activities. Other amenities include personal mailboxes, laundry facilities, and a pet friendly atmosphere. Housing Services for Veterans, Seniors, Individuals with disabilities, and Low-Income families and individuals.

4010 20th St W – Main office

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-213-0173**

### **Outpatient Services-MH**

#### **Academy at Glengary**

The Academy at Glengary is a NAMI Community Sponsor that has much to offer those with mental illness in Sarasota County. Like Vincent House in Pinellas County, The Academy at Glengary has a mission of recovery through work. It will provide the following vital services to adults living with mental illnesses:

- Education
- Vocational Training
- Community Integration
- Career Placement Services

1910 Glengary St

Sarasota, FL.

**Phone: 941-921-9930**

601 12<sup>th</sup> St. West

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-929-2800**

[www.academysrq.org](http://www.academysrq.org)

### **Alliance Counseling Services**

Alliance Counseling Services, Inc. provides counseling and psycho-educational services to meet the emotional, relational, pastoral, and spiritual needs of individuals, couples, families, faith communities, and seeks to serve our Suncoast communities. Zoom or phone are available. Christian Based.

3659 Bahia Vista St.

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-922-4573**

[www.alliancecounselingservices.org](http://www.alliancecounselingservices.org)

### **Camelot Community Care**

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- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessments
- In-Home Counseling
- Treatment Foster Care

5569 Broadcast Ct.

Sarasota, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-254-4900 x 34002**

### **Catholic Charities Family Counseling**

The Catholic Charities agency operates 21 sites throughout southwest Florida. Services are offered regardless of race, creed, or color. Family, individual, couples and group counseling. Accepts most 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurances. Others offered on a sliding scale.

5055 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-355-4680 ext. 311**

[www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org)

### **Center Place Health**

Provides Behavioral Health Care Services for patients. Children and adults include mental health and substance abuse services in partnership with Sarasota County Government

Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center

1750 17<sup>th</sup> Street Building N

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-520-0200**

**Certified Batterer's Intervention Programs- ( 12th Judicial Circuit Court)**

**A Better Man Project**

1680 Fruitville Rd. Suite 305

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-250-0124**

**And**

1201 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, W Suite 100

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Affordable Counseling -D.A.I.P.**

4506 26<sup>th</sup> St. W

Bradenton, FL 34207

**Phone: 941-756-6042**

**And**

3205 South Gate Circle

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-756-6042**

**And**

333S. Tamiami Trail Suite 205

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-756-6042**

**Dr. Kimberly Wilcox, PhD, CTP**

2215 Rio De Janerio Ave.

Punta Gorda, FL 33983

**Phone: 941-740-0026**

**Behavioral Management Services, Inc.**

**Phone: 941-954-1105**

**Fisher Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc.**

3653 Cortez Rd., Suite 110 C

Wildwood Professional Park

Bradenton, FL 34210

**Phone: 941-758-2529**

**And**

677 North Washington Blvd. Suite 73

Sarasota, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-758-2529**

**Proyecto un Hombre Mejor**

1201 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. West suite 100

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 323-802-3353**

**And**

1680 Fruitville Road Suite 305

Sarasota, FL 342

**Tonine Gaberino, LCC**

6908 Beneva Road

Sarasota, FL, 34238

**Phone: 941-400-3677**

**Tri-County Counseling**

5400 South Biscayne Drive Unit B

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-876-3060**

**Centerstone**

Centerstone believes that mental, emotional, life adjustment, and addictions disorders are treatable, and that recovery is possible for everyone. The following treatment services:

- **The Centerstone Access Center** provides assessment and screening services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for both voluntary and involuntary clients.
- **The Centerstone Outpatient** services includes counseling, case management and medication management.
- **Centerstone Walk-In Center** provides immediate crisis intervention assessment and referral, and short-term counseling services for individuals who are experiencing personal or family crisis and trauma. The Center also supports emergency Mobile Response Crisis Intervention Services, which is on-call 24-hours per day, seven days per week, to respond to law enforcement and other community professionals anywhere in the county to provide intervention and crisis stabilization services. There is no charge for the first visit!

**Outpatient services at**

202026<sup>th</sup> Ave. East

Bradenton, FL 34208

381 and 383 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. West

Bradenton, FL 34205

5218 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Circle East

Bradenton, FL 34208

379<sup>th</sup> Ave. West

Bradenton, FL 34205

4010 Sawyer Road

Sarasota, FL 34233

1910 Robinhood Street

Sarasota, FL 34231

2905 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-782-4150**

[www.centerstoneflorida.org/](http://www.centerstoneflorida.org/)

**CAN Community Health – HIV, Hepatitis C, and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

Comprehensive Care Clinic is a private, not-for-profit organization giving help and hope for people with HIV Hepatitis C and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases through medical and dental care, mental health counseling and case management services in a single, confidential setting. Provides a continuum of medical, social and education services essential to the health and well-being of those infected with HIV disease. Enhances public awareness and prevention of HIV, Education and Advocacy.



Medicaid, Medicare, and Most Major Insurances accepted.

1231 N. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-0134**

14243 Tamiami Trail

North Port, FK 34287

**Phone: 941-888-2144**

6010-point West Blvd.

Bradenton, Fl 34209

**Phone: 941-746-2711**

408 7<sup>th</sup> Street West

Palmetto, FL 34221

**Phone: 941-417-2328**

[www.cancommunityhealth.org](http://www.cancommunityhealth.org)

### **Cornell Behavioral Health**

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Hours of Operation: 24/7 Insurance Accepted:

1625 S. Osprey Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-917-7760**

[www.smh.com](http://www.smh.com)

### **Comprehensive MedPsych**

Comprehensive MedPsych Systems, a nationally-recognized and private counseling center, offers a wide range of mental and behavioral health services delivered by compassionate professionals. These all-inclusive services include:

- Anxiety Treatment and Counseling
- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS): Proven Treatment for Long-Term Depression
- Medication Management
- Marriage Counseling, Couples Counseling, and Family Counseling
- Experienced Child and Teen Counseling
- Counseling for Adults and Seniors
- Bipolar Treatment
- Anger management
- Psychological Testing
- LGBT / Gender Identity Support
- PTSD Evaluation and Treatment
- ADHD Evaluation and Treatment
- Autism Spectrum Evaluations
- Pain Evaluation and Clinical Treatment

- Neuropsychological Evaluation
- And Other Mental Health Care Services

**Address:** 1090 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone:** 941-363-0878

**Address:** 5500 Bee Ridge Road, Suite 202, Sarasota, 34233

**Phone:** 941-499-0463

**Address:** 871 Venetia Bay Blvd #310, Venice, FL 34285-8054

**Phone:** 941-346-6465

<https://www.medpsych.net>

### **Eagle Wings Counseling Center**

Christian based therapists. They accept several types of insurance and also have a retired counselor and an intern who see people on a sliding scale basis. Individual and group therapy cover a variety of topics including a grief group, sex/porn addiction, betrayal trauma, women's and men's groups, teen, and child counseling.

5763 Rosin Way

Sarasota, FL.34233

**Phone:** 941-356-2061 or 941-375-4321

[www.eagleswingscounseling.com](http://www.eagleswingscounseling.com)

### **Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery and Addiction Recovery Services**

**Administrative Services:**

**Behavioral Health Access Services:**

**Kreisman Campus for Integrated Health Care**

1451 10th St.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone; :** 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837

- **Outpatient**

Comprehensive psychiatric evaluations, medication prescription and monitoring are provided by Board Certified Psychiatrists, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) or Psychiatric Physician Assistants.

Individuals are encouraged to participate in adjunct outpatient individual and/or group therapies for optimal treatment outcomes and well-being.

- **Case Management and Care Coordination Services**

- Goal to link with services that prevent them from becoming unstable & requiring a higher need of care. Serves high need/high utilizer individuals.
- Clients who frequent Crisis Unit & Detox
- Available to anyone who has mental health &/or substance use disorder.
- Care Coordinators available 24/7/365

- **Family Intervention Services**

- Designed to assist adults who have DCF involvement or have lost custody of their children. Due to substance abuse. Program length 12-16 weeks.

- **Forensic Case Management**

- A bridge for the legal system & mental health treatment

- Monitoring services to individuals who have been deemed legally incompetent to proceed.
- Linkage to: MH Treatment, Housing and other services that can potentially make the individual competent.
- Competency Restoration Training
- Quarterly visits to clients in state hospitals to monitor.
- Updates on legal cases
- 1x month meeting with case manager.
- **Drug Court**  
Voluntary outpatient alternative to jail for those facing charges associated with drug abuse.
- **Substance Overdose Services**  
Wrap-around services for substance abuse and mental health
- **Medication-Assisted Therapy**  
Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid and alcohol abuse therapy  
1750 17th St., Suite J-2, Sarasota, Fla. 34234  
**Phone: 941-753-1823**  
**Venice Outpatient Office**  
166 Center Road  
Venice, Fla. 34285  
<https://www.fsos.org/treatment-prevention-programs/adult-services/>

## **JFCS of the Suncoast**

### **Counseling:**

- Counseling & Psychotherapy to individuals and families
- Anger Management Counseling
- **Children**
  - Counseling for ages 6+
  - Adolescent Diversion & Assistance Program
  - Camp Mariposa ages 9-17 children of addicted family members
  - JFCS Summer Enrichment program
- **Families:**
  - Building Strong Families Homelessness Prevention Services
  - Ignite (Fatherhood Program)
  - Restoring Empowerment and Choosing Hope- classes
- **Jewish Healing:**
  - Jewish Financial Assistance
  - Holocaust Survivor Assistance
  - Chaplain Services
    - Visitation
    - Bereavement Support Group
    - Prison Ministry
- **Senior Services:**
  - Geriatric Care management
  - Caregiver Support

- Transitions
- **Veteran Services:**
  - Case Management
  - Financial Assistance
  - Homeless Prevention

2688 Fruitville, Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941- 366-2224**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

### **Lutheran Services Florida**

#### ● **Guardianship Services**

The Court may appoint a guardian for an adult who suffers from developmental disability, mental illness, physical injury, Alzheimer's disease, or another age-related dementia. Lutheran Services Florida guardians ensure that clients reside in clean, healthy, safe environments, receive nutritious meals daily and receive appropriate medical care. Case Managers organize clients' financial affairs, ensure bills are paid, monitor insurance issues, apply for benefits, and manage income and assets. Hours of Operation: 8:30am - 5:00pm, M-F

Bi-lingual can be arranged.

5401 Lockwood Ridge Rd. Suite 307

Sarasota, FL. 34234

**Phone: 941- 358-6330**

### **NAMI Sarasota and Manatee Counties YANA Drop-in Mental Health Support**

Provides vital day training and support programs for adults with mental illness. Self-help, educational, vocational, socialization, independent living, community resources and support programs are available. Programs enhance the opportunity to improve communication and socialization skills while improving self-esteem and learning necessary skills for transition to self-sufficiency within our community.

Hours of Operation: 9am - 3:pm, M-F

240 B. Tuttle Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-961-8857**

Beacon House

1680 -C Tamiami Tr. S.

Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-993-9880**

<https://namisarasotamanatee.org/drop-in-mental-health-support/>

### **National Alliance for the Mental Illness Sarasota & Manatee**

Provides emotional support, educational materials, referrals and advocacy through monthly meetings, support groups, a family resource program, family-to- family classes and BTS school program primarily for family/friends affected by mental illness.

2911 Fruitville Rd- Mailing address

. Sarasota FL 34236

**Phone: 941-444-3428 Helpline- 800-950-6264**

[www.namisasarasotamanatee.org](http://www.namisasarasotamanatee.org)

### **Project Rachel / Respect Life**

Trained professional counselors and priests provide one- on-one psychological and spiritual care to those who are suffering because of an abortion. Open to anyone regardless of religion. Fees: Free

1000 Pinebrook Rd.

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-412-5860 Sylvia Jimenez, Coordinator or 888-456-4673**

<https://hopeafterabortion.com>

### **Resilient Retreat**

Resilient Retreat provides free and confidential programs for survivors of abuse, first responders, and helping professionals to heal the impacts of trauma on the mind, body, and spirit. Acting as trauma navigators, Resilient Retreat helps community members impacted by trauma find resources while also receiving support.

3500 Journey Lane

Sarasota, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-343-0039**

<https://www.resilientretreat.org>

### **Resurrection House, Inc.**

Resurrection House is a faith-based day shelter dedicated to ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of homeless people in Sarasota County. Facilities and services range from clean restrooms, food, clothing, showers and laundry services to in-house counseling, legal assistance, bicycles, veteran services, and free health clinic.

Hours of Operation: 8:30am - 4:00pm, M-F 0 Fees: Free Bi-lingual

507 Kumquat Ct.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-365-3759**

[www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org](http://www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org)

### **Rooted Therapies**

Rooted Therapies is a comprehensive behavioral and mental health program committed to ending patterns of dysfunctional and repeat behavior. Our dedicated staff and comprehensive range of treatment modalities is designed to meet the needs of children, adults, and families. Counseling for Couples, Codependency, Abuse, Sexual Assault and Exploitation, EMDR for Trauma, Addiction, Reproductive Loss, and Family Therapy.

Free 15 minute consultation.

2562 Commerce Parkway Unit B

North Port, FL 34289

**Phone: 941-216-1406**

<https://rootedtherapies.org/counseling/>

### **Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast**

As a faith-based accredited ministry, Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast partners with churches in Sarasota and Manatee Counties within the state of Florida. Fee subsidy requests are available for sliding fee scale for financial hardships.

3224 Bee Ridge Road

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-926-2959**

- Church of the Palms  
3224 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34239
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
90 Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34285
- First Baptist Church of Sarasota  
1670 Main Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236
- Pine Shores Presbyterian Church  
6135 Beechwood Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34231
- St. John's Church  
5511 Proctor Road  
Sarasota, FL 34241
- First United Methodist Church  
603 11<sup>th</sup> St. W  
Bradenton, FL 34205
- Harvest United Methodist Church  
14305 Covenant Way  
Bradenton, FL 34202
- Peace Presbyterian Church  
12705 Fl-64 E  
Lakewood Ranch FL 34212
- Lakewood Ranch Office  
7341 Professional Parkway  
Lakewood Ranch, FL
- Palma Sola Presbyterian Church  
6510 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. West  
Bradenton, FL
- Sarasota Christian Church  
2923 Ashton Road  
Sarasota, FL.
- Church of the Redeemer  
222 S. Palm Ave.  
Sarasota, FL

**Sarasota Vet Center**

Serving Combat Veterans and their families. Support groups available through the Vet Center include Spouses of War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, WWII and Korea Veterans, Vietnam PTSD, Women Veterans, GWOT Veterans, Bereavement Counseling, Spouse Support Groups, Anger Management, Substance Abuse Support Groups, Couples Counseling, Male and Female Sex Trauma Counseling (for combat and non-combat veterans) and Stress Management Skills. Hours of Operation: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F.  
4801 Swift Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-927-8285 or 877-927-8387**

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**SPARCC - Safe Place and Rape Crisis Inc.**

A private, not-for-profit agency that provides services to victims of domestic violence and rape in Sarasota County. Services include a 24-hour Hotline for crisis intervention, a secretly located shelter home for battered women and their minor children, professional, individual and group counseling, advocacy, case management, information and referral, transportation, and an award-winning children's program for children who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence. Outreach offices in Sarasota, Venice, and Arcadia.

2139 Main Street

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-365-1976 Helpline   Administration 941-365-0208**

[www.sparcc.net](http://www.sparcc.net)

**Stephen Ministries:**

The Stephen Ministry is a laity-led care ministry. The Stephen Ministers are trained to be compassionate listeners to anyone experiencing special needs. They are not counselors or advisors.

Sarasota:

- Church of the Palms  
3224 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL. 34239  
**Phone: 941-924-1323**
- First Presbyterian Church  
2050 Oak Street  
Sarasota, FL. 34237  
**Phone: 941-955-8119**
- Pine Shores Presbyterian Church  
6135 Beechwood Ave.  
Sarasota, FL. 34231  
**Phone: 941-922-1597**

**Venice:**

- Trinity Presbyterian Church

365 State Road 776  
Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-493-0018**

- Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
90 Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-926-2959**

- Christ Venice Church  
1475 Center Rd.  
Venice, FL. 34292

**Phone: 941-493-7504**

- Peace Presbyterian Church  
12705 Fl-64 E  
Bradenton, Fl 34212

**Phone: 941-753-7778**

First Presbyterian Church of Bradenton  
1402 Manatee Ave. West  
Bradenton, FL 34205

### **Tri-County Counseling & Life Skills Center, Inc.**

Services include Family, Individual, Couples and Crisis Counseling, Substance Abuse, Life Skills, Parenting Skills, and Youth Programs. Pro Bono counseling for PTSD for veterans.

5400 S Biscayne Dr. Suite 2  
North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: for scheduling all appointments 941-876-3060**

<https://www.tri-countycounseling.org>

### **The Women's Resource Center**

- Career Center for job searches, update resumes, digital job applications
- Employment Coaching- Practice interview skills, prepare resumes and enhance networking techniques.
- Counseling

Short-term (9-10 sessions) Individual, couple, and family counseling with licensed mental health counselors. (Sliding fee scale available if needed.) Call for an appointment.

340 S, Tuttle Ave.  
Sarasota, FL. 34237

**Phone: 941-366-1700**

1926 Manatee Ave. West  
Bradenton, Florida

**Phone: 941-747-6797**

The Brickyard  
530 US Highway 41 Bypass S. Suite 5-A  
Venice, FL

**Phone: 941-485-9724**



<http://www.mywrc.org>

## **Online Services for Mental Health**

### **SAMHSA TREATMENT LOCATOR:**

<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>

#### **SAMHSA Treatment Locator:**

- **Enter city or zip code and click on Sort and Filter**
- **Click on mental health facilities (MH)**
- **Click on Services to narrow search with hospital, outpatient, etc.**
- **Click on Geo Restrictions for distance in mile. Click on sort by low to high and the closest listed first. Click on filter/sort.**
- **Click on Facilities icon at right bottom of page.**
- **Click More information on facility for information about services, payment,**

## **Sarasota Section S - PREGNANCY RESOURCE AND PROGRAMS**

### **Community And Government Agencies**

#### **Children First**

Early Head Start and Head Start programs: Birth to Pre-K, and Parenting Classes--a validated approach for working with parents, infants, and children in reducing dysfunction and building healthy, positive interactions.

Providing [parenting support](#) and strategies

- Supporting parental health and links to community services during [pregnancy](#)
- Connecting families to community and federal assistance  
Assisting families in identifying and reaching their goals and dreams, including those related to finances and [economic mobility](#), housing, employment, and education
- Providing a career pathway in early care and education — about 25% of program staff are former Head Start parents!

Family Advocates for each family. There are 15 locations across Sarasota County.

1723nN. Orange Ave.

Sarasota, Fl. 34234

**Phone: 941-953-3877**

6929 Outreach Way

North Port, Fl 34287

**Phone: 941-371-8820**

[www.childrenfirst.net](http://www.childrenfirst.net)

#### **Cyesis Program**

Public school educational program within Sarasota County school system serving pregnant and parenting teens. Childcare provided on-site. Counseling for getting into community health care programs is available.

Riverview High School Foundation

1 Ram Way

Sarasota FL 34231

**Phone: 941-923-1484 ext. 64049**

North Port High School

6400 West price Blvd.

North Port, FL 34291

**Phone 941-423-8558**

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/teen-parent-program>

**First 1000 Days Sarasota County**

This new community-wide initiative, spearheaded by Barancik Foundation, pulls together the resources of 90 community partner organizations to improve access to prenatal, newborn, and early childhood development care for families in our community who need it most.

1000 Days From the third trimester of pregnancy through babies' second birthday, Babies who have healthcare, good nutrition, stable homes, loving relationships and human brains undergo a period of rapid growth. During the first 1,000 days early childhood education start life with a strong foundation for success. of life, children are hardwired in ways that have lifelong consequences. Services include Prenatal Care, Education, Access to Healthcare and Data. Data-informed decision making is key to investing resources wisely and tracking success.

**Phone: 941-917-7421**

[First1000Days@smh.com](mailto:First1000Days@smh.com) for services

<https://www.first1000dayssuncoast.org/who-we-are>

**Lightshare Mothers and Infants Residential Program**

This long-term residential program for substance-abusing pregnant women focuses on recovery as well as teaching parenting, nutrition, and life skills.

- 4-6-month residential substance abuse treatment program for pregnant and postpartum women.
- Infants range in age from 0-6 months.
- State-funded through the Department of Children and Families (no cost to the client).
- Based on a structured daily schedule that includes weekly individual and daily group therapy sessions, parenting classes provided by community partners, referrals for medical care for issues related to pregnancy, daily 12-step meetings, Anger management and MRT classes.

1451 10th St.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: : 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837**

<https://lightsharewellness.org/>

**Florida Center for Child and Family Development**

Provides a "Healthy Families Program" for pregnant women and their families. The goal of the voluntary program is to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote a healthy environment for the child. Home Visiting Program for expectant parents and parents of newborns. Programs begins during pregnancy or within 3 months of birth and can last up to 5 years. The center also provides fetal alcohol diagnostic and intervention clinic and parent education classes. The Starfish Academy is an inclusive preschool program for birth to 5yrs old. Developmental therapies provide speech pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Toddler Development and Behavioral Therapist.

4620 17th Street

Sarasota FL 34235

**Phone: 941-371-8820 ext. 1000**

6929 Outreach Way

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-371-8820 ext. 1900**

[www.thefloridacenter.org](http://www.thefloridacenter.org)

### **Florida Department of Revenue / Child Support Enforcement**

- Establishing paternity.
- Getting support orders, including healthcare coverage for the child.
- Collecting and sending support payments.
- Enforcing support orders.
- Genetic Testing

Services are free. Go to website to fill out application. You can still get child support without relinquishing legal custody.

1991 Main Street Suite 140

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-861-7400 or 1-850-488-5437**

[https://floridarevenue.com/childsupport/parent\\_services/Pages/default.aspx](https://floridarevenue.com/childsupport/parent_services/Pages/default.aspx)

### **Jewish Family and Children's Service**

#### **• Families:**

- Building Strong Families Homelessness Prevention Services
- Ignite (Fatherhood Program)
- Restoring Empowerment and Choosing Hope- classes

2688 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-2224**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

### **Kidcare Florida- Department of Health**

Child health insurance program for children birth to age 18 years of age who are uninsured. Cost is based on income and family size. Most families pay \$15-\$20 a month and some families pay nothing. (Medicaid) You can apply online or by mail.

For additional help, information, or assistance in completing the application process calls.

2200 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 888-540-5437**

[www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org)

### **MomCare**

Health insurance for pregnant women. Provides prenatal and helpful resources.

Income must be under 185%FPL.

2200 Ringling Blvd.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-861-2900 or 941-373-7070 ext. 305 for information**

<https://healthstartsarasota.org/momcare/>

**Postpartum Society of Florida**

Volunteer social and mental health resources for new mothers.

1253 S. Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL

**Email : [sarahpostpartumfl@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpostpartumfl@gmail.com)**

**WIC-** (Women, Infants, and Children) is a federal nutrition program for pregnant women, women with infant children, breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five who meet certain WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) is a federal nutrition program for pregnant women, women with infant children, breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five who meet certain eligibility requirements (including income level). WIC now helps families buy fruits and vegetables, as well as other healthy foods.

2200 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota, FL 34237-6102

**Phone: 941-861-2929**

North Port

**Phone: 941-861-3336**

**Pregnancy Solutions**

Pregnancy Solutions provides free pregnancy testing and limited scan ultrasounds in a caring, confidential environment. Offers accurate literature and information and one-on-one confidential counseling. Earn new maternity items and baby supplies through rewards- based prenatal and parenting classes. Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 5:00pm, M-F Fees: Free Bi-lingual

504 E. Venice Ave.

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941-408-7100**

[www.pregnancysolutions.org](http://www.pregnancysolutions.org)

**Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center**

Provides a variety of services and programs to educate and empower women to make healthy, life affirming choices relating to their childbearing consistent with the sanctity of human life. Services include free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound services, referrals for insurance, confidential peer counseling, education about pregnancy, adoption support and referrals, free maternity clothing, diapers, formula, baby food etc.... The center also provides post abortion counseling, childbirth classes, pre-natal and parenting education, and referrals for housing and future medical assistance. All services are free and confidential.

1762 Hawthorne Street, Ste 5

Sarasota, Florida 34239

**Phone: 941-421-3952**

<https://sarasotapregnancy.com>

## **Infant Necessities**

### **Angel's Attic**

Provides Children's Clothing, Infant Clothing, and small household appliances, linens, toys and furniture Tues, Thurs and Sat 10am-1pm

1255 Seeds Ave.

Sarasota, FL, 34237

**Phone: 941-413-3363**

### **Baby Basics**

Provides diapers for infants up to 3 years old. Referrals from WIC, JFCS or Healthy Family. Program is for families, who do not receive government assistance.

P.O. Box 15485

Sarasota, FL 34277

**Phone: 941-684-0009**

<https://www.babybasicssarasota.org>

### **Mothers Helping Mothers**

Provides adult and children' clothing, furniture, bedding, car seats, strollers, toys, and maternity clothing etc.... at no cost to the needy families. You may shop every 4 months.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. –5pm. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. Tuesdays, and Fridays. No Saturday's. **Schedule appointment online.**

5933 North Washington Blvd.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-953-7572**

**Email: clientmhmsatasota@gmail.com**

[www.mhmsarasota.com](http://www.mhmsarasota.com)

### **Pregnancy Care Center – Venice**

Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization run by volunteers.

Expectant mothers are provided with a complete layette. Baby car seats, furniture and many other items are loaned on an as- needed basis. Mothers are provided a supply of

diapers and baby clothes every four weeks. All services are free and available to

everyone regardless of race, color, creed, or marital status. Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 1:00pm, M-F Fees: Free

301 Bayshore Drive

Venice FL 34285

**Phone: 941-485-1776**

[www.vapcc.org](http://www.vapcc.org)

## **Maternity Homes**

**Manasota SOLVE Maternity Homes and EVOLVE Program**

The doors at SOLVE House are open to young pregnant women who find themselves in a difficult situation and in need of housing. SOLVE offers a structured program which equips young pregnant women as they prepare for the future. Classes are provided in childbirth preparation, parenting, nutrition, adoption options, financial planning, counseling, case management, sewing and educational development. SOLVE strives to promote and protect the health and well-being of the women and babies it serves. Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 5:00pm, office; 24/7, residences Fees: Free Bi-lingual. There are two locations in Bradenton, one in Sarasota and one in Englewood. Phone administrative office for all locations

**Evolve Program at Manasota Solve**

Provides extended housing and support for mother and child for an additional 1-2 years. Available to qualifying Solve graduates enrolled in an accredited education program.

1335 Manatee Ave. West

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-748-0094**

<http://solvehomes.org/>

**Our Mother's House**

A two year transitional housing for mothers and preschool children who find themselves homeless is available at Our Mother's House, a residential program located in Venice.

Our Mother's House assists mothers with education, job skills, childcare and parenting.

The program is committed to providing homeless mothers and their children a safe and secure environment in which to achieve self-sufficiency through education, vocational training, and personal growth. Serves mothers over 18 yrs. old, with one or two children under 3 yrs. old.

207 North Harbor Drive

Venice, FL 34285

**Phone: 941- 485-6264**

<https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/our-mothers-house>

## **Sarasota Section T - SENIOR CITIZENS RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS**

### **Healthcare**

#### **Alzheimer's Association – Florida Gulf Coast Chapter**

Your source for information, support, referrals, and education. No charge.

- **San Pedro Catholic Church**

14380 Tamiami Trail, North

Port, FL 34287

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 10am

- **Town Square Sarasota**

3882 Central Sarasota Pkwy.,

Sarasota, FL 34238

Contact-Nicole Pryor

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 3pm

- **Frances T. Bourne Library**

4143 Woodmere Park Blvd,

Venice, FL 34293

Contact- Tim Boisseau

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 11:30am

- **Church of the Palms, Church of the Palms, Caregiver's Pathway Ministry**

3224 Bee Ridge Rd.,

Sarasota, FL 34239

Contact- Marti Chartier & Fee Mercer

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1pm

**Phone: 800-272-3900**

[www.alz.org/flgulfcoast](http://www.alz.org/flgulfcoast)

#### **Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral Center**

Referral center with live support chat & free publications that discuss the possible causes and treatments of Alzheimer's. Also provides resources for those caring for Alzheimer's patients. Offers a free subscription to their monthly newsletter. *Sponsored by the National Institute on Aging. Mailing address is:*

Building 31 Room 5C27

31 Center Drive, MSC 2292

Bethesda, MD 20892

**Phone: 1-800-438-4380**

[www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers/](http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers/)

#### **Area Agency on Aging**

**These programs include:**

- **Adult Day Care**
- **Personal Care**
- **Case Management**



- **Home-Delivered Meals**
- **Congregate Meals**
- **Nutrition Education**
- **Transportation**
- **Caregiver Training, Support and Respite**
- **Housekeeping**
- **Home Health Aid**
- **Legal Assistance**
- **Shopping Assistance**
- **The Elder Helpline**
- **Home- and Community-Based Care**
- **SHINE (Medicare counseling)**
- **Health & Wellness Workshops**
- **Elder Abuse Prevention & Education**
- **EHEAP (Emergency Home Energy Assistance)**
- **MIPPA (Medicare savings for low income beneficiaries)**
- **Statewide Medicaid-Managed Long-Term Care**
- **Respite Care**
- **Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services**

These services are funded through Federal and state grants. These include the Older Medicaid Waiver Program, Americans Act, National Family Caregiver Support Program, Community Care for the Elderly, Home Care for the Elderly, and Alzheimer's Disease Initiative programs.

## **Community Care for the Elderly**

### **Description:**

The Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program provides community-based services organized in a continuum of care to help functionally impaired elders live in the least restrictive yet most cost-effective environment suitable to their needs.

### **Services or Activities:**

Eligible clients may receive a wide range of goods and services, including: adult day care, adult day health care, case management, case aide, chore, companionship, consumable medical supplies, counseling, escort, emergency alert response, emergency home repair, home-delivered meals, home health aide, homemaker, home nursing, information and referral, legal assistance, material aid, medical therapeutic services, personal care, respite, shopping assistance, transportation, and other community-based services.

### **Administration:**

The Department administers the program through contracts with Area Agencies on Aging, which subcontract with Community Care for the Elderly lead agencies. Service delivery is provided by 52 lead agencies and their subcontractors.

### **Eligibility:**

Individuals must be age 60 or older and functionally impaired, as determined by an initial comprehensive assessment and annual reassessments. As directed by 1998 revisions to Section 430.205(5), Florida Statutes, primary consideration for services is given to elderly persons referred to Adult Protective Services (APS) and determined by APS to be

victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation who are in need of immediate services to prevent further harm.

For more information about CCE in your area, contact your local Aging Resource Center or call the Elder Helpline at **(1-866-413-5337)**

### **Home Care for the Elderly**

#### **Description:**

The Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) program supports care for Floridians aged 60 and older in family-type living arrangements within private homes, as an alternative to institutional or nursing home care. A basic subsidy is provided for support and maintenance of the elder, including some medical costs. A special subsidy may also be provided for services and/or supplies.

#### **Services or Activities:**

A basic subsidy averaging \$106 per month is provided for all program participants. Special subsidies are authorized for some consumers and can be used for: incontinence supplies, medications, medical supplies, wheelchairs, assistive devices, ramps and home accessibility modifications, nutritional supplements, home health aide, home nursing, and other services to help maintain the individual at home. Formal case management is provided when needed.

#### **Administration:**

The Department is responsible for planning, monitoring, training, and technical assistance for the program. Unit rate contracts are established by Area Agencies on Aging for local administration of the program within each Planning and Service Area. Services include more than 150,000 subsidy checks issued annually.

#### **Eligibility:**

Individuals must be age 60 or older, have income less than the Institutional Care Program (ICP) standard, meet the ICP asset limitation, be at risk of nursing home placement, and have an approved adult caregiver living with them who is willing and able to provide care or help arrange for care.

For more information about HCE in your area, contact your local Aging Resource Center or call the **Elder Helpline at (1-866-413-5337)**

### **Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services**

[Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services](#) gives veterans of all ages the opportunity to receive services from a caregiver of their choosing.

Veterans can only be referred to AAASWFL by [Bay Pines VA Healthcare System](#). The Veterans Administration refers clients who are at risk of institutional placement. AAASWFL then assists the veterans with budget management and finding programs that suit their needs.

### **Alzheimer's Disease Initiative**

#### **Description:**

Florida's Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) provides services to meet the changing needs of individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease and similar memory disorders.

ADI respite care is available for caregivers of adults aged 18 and older who have been diagnosed as having probable Alzheimer's disease or other related memory disorders where mental changes appear and interfere with the activities of daily living. Caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's disease or related memory disorders can receive training and other ADI support services in addition to respite care. ADI respite services include in-home, adult day care, emergency, and extended care (up to 30 days) for caregivers who serve patients with memory disorders. In addition to respite services, the ADI provides for support services that include:

- Case management
- Specialized medical equipment and supplies
- Caregiver counseling and support groups
- Caregiver training

### **Respite for Elders Living in Everyday Families (RELIEF)**

#### **Description:**

RELIEF Program offers in-home respite that is an expansion of respite currently available through other programs, including evening and weekend respite. The purpose of this service is to increase the ability of a family unit to continue to care for a homebound elderly individual by providing in-home respite beyond the basic provisions of current public programs.

#### **Description**

The RELIEF Program offers family members and loved ones providing constant care for a frail elder and those stricken with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders a much-needed break. Respite care can increase a caregiver's ability to attend to a homebound elder without becoming ill themselves. Whether it's shopping, a walk in the park or a night out, you deserve and need time to yourself, free of guilt and free of charge.

#### **Contact Florida Department of Elder Affairs**

### **Medicaid Waiver Programs**

#### **From Agency for Health Care Administration**

Home and Community-Based Services Waivers programs are the federally approved Medicaid programs authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Section 1915(c) that provide services in the home for persons who would otherwise require institutional care in a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility.

2727 Mahan Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Phone: (1-866-413-5337)**

[http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs\\_waivers/index.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs_waivers/index.shtml)

<https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/Waiver-Descript-Factsheet/FL-Waiver-Factsheet.html>

### **Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Program**

The Consumer-Directed Care Plus program offers a self-directed service delivery model for personal assistance services as a state plan option. The 1915(j) Medicaid State Plan Amendment authorizes program enables beneficiaries to pay legally liable relatives directly for personal assistance services identified in the service plan and budget.

**Phone: 1-866-761-7043**

**FL Long-Term Care Managed Care (0962.R01.00)**

Provides adult day health, case management, homemaker, respite, attendant care, intermittent/skilled nursing, medical equipment and supplies, OT, personal care, PT, respiratory therapy, speech therapy, transportation, adult companion, assisted living, behavior management, caregiving training, home accessibility adaptations, home delivered meals, medication administration, medication management, nutritional assessment and risk reduction, PERS, structured family caregiving for aged individuals 65 – no max age, physical disabilities 18-64

Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

2830 Winkler Ave. Ste. 112

Fort Myers, FL 33916

**Phone: : 1-866-413-5337 toll-free or local 239-652-6900**

[www.aaswfl.org](http://www.aaswfl.org)

**Cornell Behavioral Health**

Comprehensive treatment for mental illness for children, adolescents, adults, seniors, and families. Free assessments available

1650 South Osprey Avenue

Sarasota FL 34239

**Phone: 941 917-7760 Toll Free: 800-764-8477**

**Nursing Home Reviews To Find a Quality Nursing Home to Fit Individual Needs**

- Medicare provides reviews on doctors and other health professionals, nursing homes, hospitals, home health services and dialysis facilities. Medicare also helps find health, and drug plans and medical equipment and supplies.

**(Go to Find Care. Click on nursing homes, in location enter zip code, city or state then click on especially overall rating within desirable distance.)**

[www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)

- ACHA Website provides easy access to information on hospitals, nursing homes, home health, residential facilities, etc. Click on Compare and Locate. Go to advanced Search options and select county.

<https://floridahealthfinder.gov>

**Roskamp Neurology Clinic**

- Specializes in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, providing superior diagnostic and clinical services to dementia patients and their caregivers.
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Parkinson's
- Headaches

2040 Whitfield Ave.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-256-8019**

[www.roskampclinic.org/](http://www.roskampclinic.org/)

### **Sarasota Memorial Hospital Memory Disorder Clinic**

Designated by the State of Florida as one of the 15 Alzheimer's Disease Initiative memory clinics across the State of Florida. A team including a geriatrician, neurologist, and neuropsychologist provides expert diagnostic services as well as support & education for caregivers. Also provides seminars, support groups & free memory screening.

1515 S. Osprey Ave., Suite A-1

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-917-7197**

<http://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Memory-Disorders>

### **Social Services**

#### **Senior Housing- Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup>**

[Housing Trust Group](#) (HTG), a leading multifamily developer, in partnership with AM Affordable Housing, a non-profit founded by NBA Hall of Famer and Miami Heat legend Alonzo Mourning, proudly announces the completion of Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup>, a \$37.4 million affordable housing community for seniors.

Astoria on 9<sup>th</sup> is now open and accepting applications from income-qualifying residents who earn at or below 22%, 30%, and 60% of the local AMI, with rents for one- and two-bedroom units ranging from \$322 to \$1,316 per month, well below the local average of \$1,639 per month for a one-bedroom apartment ([RentCafe](#))

2244 9<sup>th</sup> Street West

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-538-5950**

[www.astoriahtgm.com](http://www.astoriahtgm.com),

#### **AARP Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Vita)**

Free Tax Assistance Program for low and middle income below \$55,000 per year. taxpayers over the age of 50, disabled and those with limited English language skills.

**PHONE 2-1-1 FOR**

**Phone: 941-366-2686, Appointment only**

[https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations.html](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html)

<https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/what-we-do/income/free-tax-help/>

#### **Benefits Check Up (*Developed and maintained by The National Council on Aging*)**

Informative website for individuals 55 or older with limited income and resources where you can be screened to see if you qualify for any of the federal, state, local. & private programs that help pay for Rx drugs, utility bills, meals, health care, housing and other needs.

251 18<sup>th</sup> Street South Suite 500

Arlington, VA 22202

**Phone: 202-479-1200**

**BREEZE- (formerly SCAN)**

BREEZE offers transportation throughout Sarasota County. Senior citizens (age 65+), persons on Medicare and Disabled Persons are offered special BREEZE fare discounts.

**Bus passes may be purchased from any Sarasota BREEZE Operations manager, Transit Administration 5303 Pinkney Ave. or the Downtown Transfer Station 150N. Lemon Ave. Sarasota and Robert L. Anderson Administration Center 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.**

**Bus Fares:**

- Single ride \$1.50
  - Discounted Fare \*Single ride 75¢
- Children 5 years old and under:
- Up to two children per adult FREE
  - Additional children 75¢
- 80 Years of Age or Older FREE (excluding Express and Paratransit)
- 30 days pass \$50 and Discounted Pass is \$25
- Staff and Students of the following schools ride free with current student ID:
  - University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
  - Ringling College
  - New College
  - Suncoast Technical College
  - Local government employees (inquire about eligibility)
- OnDemand by Sarasota County:
  - All trips for the OnDemand service areas are \$2.00 for individuals aged 6-79 years old.
  - Those who are 5 and under or 80 and over are free.
  - Discounted Fare is \$1.50.
  - Drivers are unable to make change so exact payment is required if paying in cash.
  - Passes are not accepted for OnDemand.

**Sarasota County Area Transit (BREEZE Plus)**

BREEZE Plus provides Para transit services to individuals who, due to their disability, are not capable of using BREEZE, the local fixed route bus services. Eligible passengers may schedule a trip on BREEZE Plus by calling 861-1234. Individuals must have proof Medicare or Food Stamps to qualify. Fee is \$25 for 30 days.

**BREEZE offers veterans daily transportation (Monday-Friday)** to two out-of-county medical facilities, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in Bay Pines and James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa  
5303 Pinkney Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 941-861-1234**

[www.scgov.net/BREEZE/](http://www.scgov.net/BREEZE/)

**Caregivers Support Group Jewish Family and Children's Service**

Support group for individuals who are caregivers. Services are free.

2688 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-2224 Contact Director of Senior Services**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

**Care Patrol**

Care Patrol provides senior care options based on care needs and quality of life for your loved ones. Our services are available at no cost to you. We assist families in finding \* In Home Support \* Independent Living \* Assisted Living \* Memory Care \* Adult Care Programs.

Julie Miller, CSA, CDP, Owner

**Phone: : Office: 941-584-9122/ Cell: 941-726-9519**

Email: [jmiller@carepatrol.com](mailto:jmiller@carepatrol.com)

<https://carepatrol.com/sarasota>

**Elder Helpline of Southwest Florida**

Provides a single contact point for persons seeking information and answers to questions pertaining to aging issues and the resources, services and opportunities which are available to adults age 60+ in the Southwest Florida area. The Elder Helpline is where seniors can begin to get information. Trained assessors have an extensive database at hand to respond to general enquiries and also connect callers to local community services, government programs and numerous other elder resources.:

2830 Winkler Ave. Ste 112

Ft. Myers, FL 33916

**Phone: 239-652-6900 or 1-866-413-5337 – Southwest Florida Hotline**

**Phone for Florida statewide 850-414-2000 or 800-963-5337**

<http://aaaswfl.org>

**Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP)**

Provides assistance for home energy to qualified low-income households with at least one person *60 years of age or older*. Local office is currently at the Senior Friendship Centers.

**Phone: 1 -800-963-5337 or SFC 941-955-2122 or 941-584-0065**

[http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/docs/eheap\\_providers.pdf](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/docs/eheap_providers.pdf)

**Florida Department of Elder Affairs**

Informative website containing a variety service available to elder residents of Florida. Includes Federal and State resources.

**Phone: 1-850-414-2000 or 800-963-5337 Elder Abuse helpline**

<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us>

**Jewish Family and Children's Service - Senior Programs****Bereavement Services**

The death of a loved one is perhaps the deepest loss human beings experience. JFCS offers bereavement support groups to help individuals receive support and discover ways to cope.

**Caregiver Support and Resources**

JFCS offers support, education, training, and opportunities to meet with others facing common challenges.

**Counseling for Seniors**



Licensed clinical social workers provide mental health support to seniors coping with the challenges of aging offered in JFCS offices and clients' homes.

2688 Fruitville Road.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-2224**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

### **Lutheran Services Florida - Guardianship Services**

The Court may appoint a guardian for an adult who suffers from developmental disability, mental illness, physical injury, Alzheimer's disease, or another age-related dementia. Lutheran Services Florida guardians ensure that clients reside in clean, healthy, safe environments, receive nutritious meals daily and receive appropriate medical care.

Case Managers organize clients' financial affairs, ensure bills are paid, monitor insurance issues, apply for benefits, and manage income and assets.

5104 Lockwood Ridge RD. Suite 307

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-358-6330**

<https://www.lsfnet.org/adults-elderly/guardianship/>

### **Meals on Wheels - Community Mobile Meals of Sarasota**

Home delivered meals to Sarasota residents who are unable to shop or prepare meals due to illness, disability, or infirmity caused by age or recent hospitalization.

421 Lime Ave. North

Sarasota, Florida 34237

**Phone: 941-366-6693**

[www.mealsonwheelsofsarasota.org/](http://www.mealsonwheelsofsarasota.org/)

### **National Alliance for Caregiving**

Informative website offering support to family members who are primary caregivers.

1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW Suite 812

Washington, DC 20036

**Phone: 202-918-1014**

<http://www.caregiving.org/>

### **Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Parkinson Power Hour & Care Partner Connection**

Provides programs for those caring for a loved one with all neurological disorders and disabilities. Caregiver support group meets the second Wednesday of the month from 9:30a.m. -11:00a.m.

5880 Rand Blvd.

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

### **Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development**

Offers a *Barrier Removal Program* to the low-income elderly over 65 and all disabled residents so they can live independently. Qualifying individuals receive a 0% loan up to



\$15,000.00 to improve their home accessibility. The first \$3000.00 is a grant that does not need to be repaid. The remaining loan is forgiven at a rate of \$3000/year as long as the homeowner continues to live in the home.

111 South Orange Ave  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-263-6423**

[www.sarasotagov.org/OHCD](http://www.sarasotagov.org/OHCD)

### **SCAN Directory (Sarasota County Aging Network)**

SCAN produces a directory to help seniors find goods and services they need, monthly meetings that address issues and encourage networking with fellow professionals in the field of aging, and support of community programs that provide valuable services to area seniors. See website for directory. SCAN is a non-profit networking organization comprised of representatives of health, human, and social services organizations and others interested in issues related to aging. The coalition serves as an advocate for issues impacting the older population of Sarasota County.

**Phone: 239-410-5663**

**Email: [SarasotaCountyAgingNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:SarasotaCountyAgingNetwork@gmail.com)**

[www.sarasotacountyagingnetwork.com/](http://www.sarasotacountyagingnetwork.com/)

### **Senior Community Service Employment Program – SCSEP (Experience Works)**

Through this program, seniors benefit from training, counseling, and community service assignments at faith-based and community organizations in their communities, prior to transitioning into the workforce. AARP program is for residents 55 and older.

1750 17th Street Building M  
Sarasota, FL, 34243

**Phone: 941-366-9039**

### **Senior Friendship Centers**

Programs include:

- Adult Day Care Services
- Caregiver Resource Center
- Compeer for good mental health
- Elder Information & Assistance
- Exercise & Fitness
- Friendship at Home Telephone Reassurance and Friendly Visitor and Supportive Intervention for community resources
- Entertainment
- Home Delivered Meals
- Lifelong Learning
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Social Services & Case Management to help seniors to stay in their homes.
- Volunteer opportunities

**Sarasota location**

1888 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-955-2122**

**Venice location**

2350 Scenic Drive

Venice, FL 34293-1510

**Phone: 941-493-3065      941-955-2122 (After hours leave message here)**

[www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org)

**Senior Legal Helpline**

Provides free legal advice & brief services by telephone to Florida residents aged 60 and older, regardless of income, for civil (not criminal) legal problems.

**Phone: 1-888-895-7873**

<https://bals.org/support>

**Seniors vs. Crime**

Program to help seniors who have been a victimized or otherwise taken advantage of by businesses or service providers. There is no charge for these services. Local office is at:

Senior Friendship Centers

1888 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, FL

2350 Scenic Drive

Venice, FL 34283

**Phone: 800-203-3099**

[www.seniorsvscime.com](http://www.seniorsvscime.com)

**SHINE**

**Please contact the Elder Helpline at 866-413-5337 to request SHINE counseling.**

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders State health insurance assistance program for elder Floridians. Provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers, and family members. Helps elders understand and receive the health insurance coverage they need through Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Assistance, Long-Term Care Planning & Insurance, and other health care issues.

Volunteers are available to help through one-on-one counseling over the phone.

Individual appointments are available at locations throughout the county.

15201 North Cleveland Ave. Suite 1100

N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903

**Phone: 800-963-5337 or 239-652-6900 or check website for more information**

[www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org)

**Social Security and Medicare**

*Find out online if you qualify for benefits or visit your local Social Security Office*

**Social Security and Medicare**

- Social security disability insurance (SSDI) pays benefits to you and certain family members if you worked long enough and paid social security taxes. Your adult child

also may qualify for benefits on your earnings record if he or she has a disability that started before age 22.

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources. SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet financial needs. *(67yrs old for people born after 1959)*
- Medicare is a federal medical insurance program that helps to pay the medical bills of persons at least 65 years of age, who have permanent kidney failure, or who receive Social Security payments based upon age or disability. Medicare insurance is available based upon disability in cases in which the disability has lasted for 24 months.

2001 Siesta Drive Suite 301  
Sarasota, Florida 34239

**Phone: 1-800-772-1213**

## **Sarasota Section U - SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS**

### **Marchman Act**

This act is available to you if you feel an individual is a risk to themselves or others because of their addiction. Any one family member or one non-family member may file a petition. A signed copy of the *Petition and Affidavit Seeking Ex Parte Order Requiring Involuntary Assessment and Stabilization* needs to be presented before a judge in the Circuit Court. The family or friends must make arrangements with a treatment facility prior to the filing. Sarasota County's receiving facility is *Lightshare of Sarasota Inc.* There is no filing fee. The facility will assess and stabilize the patient for a period not to exceed 5 days. The facility may file for extension up to 60 days. For more information please contact:

Clerk of Circuit Court  
2000 Main Street  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-861-7400**

Clerk of Court in Venice  
4000 S Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-861-7800**

### **Manatee County Clerk of Court**

Old Courthouse > Probate at end of hall  
1115 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida 34206

**Phone: 941-749-1800**

[www.marchmanactflorida.com](http://www.marchmanactflorida.com)

### **Inpatient -CD**

#### **Cornell Behavioral Health Pavilion**

Cornell Behavioral Health Pavilion provides comprehensive treatment for mental illness and addiction or children, adolescents, adults, seniors, and families. Behavioral Health pavilion offers a [continuum of care](#) – from acute inpatient care to intensive outpatient services Free assessments available.

1650 South Osprey Avenue  
Sarasota FL 34239

**Phone: 941-917-7760 Toll Free: 800 764-8477**

[www.smh.com](http://www.smh.com)

#### **Centerstone Hospital and Outpatient Program**

The Centerstone Hospital provides substance abuse services for adults. Detox, group therapy, individual and family therapy, as well as medication management, are available to facilitate the individual's return to the home. The hospital is a caring and safe place

that provides 24-hour medical monitoring.

2020 26th Avenue East

Bradenton, FL 34208

**Phone: 941-782-4617 or 941-782-4610**

[www.centerstone.org](http://www.centerstone.org)

### **Clean Recovery Centers**

Services include a full spectrum of treatment options from Medical Detox, Residential I, Residential II with Mental Health, Day/Night Treatment (DNT) with Community Housing, Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), Intensive Outpatient (IOP) with Transitional Living for both substances use disorder (SUD) and Mental Health, to Outpatient (OP) Treatment for both substances use disorder (SUD) and Mental Health.

6000 Deacon Place

Sarasota, FL 34238

1409 Settlers Drive,

Nokomis, FL 34275

**Phone: 941-269-3006**

### **Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery and Addiction Recovery Services Administrative Services**

#### **Detox**

Lightshare has a 30-bed medically supervised detoxification unit. With emphasis on good nutrition and vitamins, links to self-help support groups and planning for continuing care, Lightshare guides clients through the physical and emotional crisis of withdrawal. During the average stay of three to 10 days, clients participate in structured, daily activities including educational groups, AA/NA groups and discharge planning. Both voluntary and involuntary admissions are accepted. Involuntary admissions are initiated through the Florida Marchman Act. Lightshare's detoxification unit is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Fees are based on a sliding scale and most insurance is accepted.

4579 Northgate Court

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837**

<https://lightsharewellness.org>

### **Residential - CD**

#### **Abba's Haven**

Abba's Haven of Sarasota, FL provides a structured, safe, and sober living environment for men in early recovery from alcohol or other drug addiction. The transitional housing offers men access to recovery coaching and housing while they are also given the opportunity to practice the principles of Twelve Step living that will strengthen their long-term recovery.

P. O. Box 17064

Sarasota, FL - 34276

**Phone: 941-400-9458**

Email: [info@abbashaven.org](mailto:info@abbashaven.org)  
<https://www.halfwayhousesarasota.com>

### **Awesome Ministry Sober Living**

At Awesome Ministry Sober Living Homes, they offer an in home, faith Base, structured, sober living program for guy's and girls who are struggling with drug and alcohol dependencies. The weekly program fee of \$135.00 covers your housing, electric, water, Lawn Service, Garbage Service, WIFI, Internet and Cable TV. They also provide your toilet paper, cleaning supplies and pretty much everything you need, except your groceries. We're open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

365 Braden Ave.

Sarasota, FL - 34243

**Phone: 941-713-9869**

### **A New Direction Recovery**

A New Direction Recovery provides transitional sober living recovery houses in Sarasota, Bradenton, and St. Petersburg

1277 Whitfield Ave

Sarasota, FL - 34243

**Phone: 941-777-5060**

### **Chrysalis House**

Family-centered treatment at Chrysalis House includes clinical treatment, clinical support, and community support services that addresses substance use, mental health, physical health, and developmental, as well as social, economic, and environmental needs for women and their children. Chrysalis House implements trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive services and treatment milieu.

Residential

The residential treatment programs for women accommodates infants and toddlers up to age two and older children can visit overnight.

1317 28th St West

Bradenton, FL, 34205

**Phone: 941-565-2636**

<https://www.chrysalishouse.org>

### **Community Assisted and Supported Living CASL- SHIFTS**

SHIFTS is a unique partnership between the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Sarasota County, and CASL that provides transitional supportive housing to individuals relocating from homelessness.

Homeless individuals who are in need of relocation are offered the opportunity to participate in the SHIFTS program. For 90 days, SHIFTS provides 24/7 housing with available intake, triage, and assessment services. Program participants do not have an open criminal charge and do not meet BAKER or MARCHMAN ACT criteria.

The program's goal is to achieve housing sustainability by linking the individuals with case management, medical, psychiatric, and substance abuse services along with other community-based resources. If applicable, the clients are required to attend daily recovery meetings. Additionally, program participants attend mental health drop-in centers, groups, and are linked with volunteer opportunities, if not employed.

SHIFTS clients receive:

- Assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) based on assessment and level of need.
- Transportation services to meet individual service plan goals.
- Referral and monitoring of primary healthcare, dental, and behavioral health.
- Assistance applying for benefits, especially through the SOAR process.

5104 N Lockwood ridge Rd. Suite #307

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-225-2373 or 941-822-7354 Contact is Jarrisa for Sarasota County**

[www.casline.org](http://www.casline.org)

### **Grace Recovery House**

Grace Recovery House is a faith based non-profit sober living and recovery residence for men and women seeking freedom from drugs and alcohol. Monthly fee \$541-\$650

11528 Sweetgrass Drive

Bradenton, FL. 34212

**Phone: 941-224-0099**

<https://gracerecoveryhouse.com/>

### **Harvest House Freedom Residential Recovery for Men and Women**

Freedom is a highly progressive, structured program that focuses on rehabilitation of the mind, body, and spirit through skill mastery. Our hope is that our clients master the skills to thrive in their personal health and wholeness, becoming contributors to their families and communities.

Residential Recovery for Men and Women

#### **6-9 Month Program**

**Sarasota and Manatee Counties**

**Weekly fee: \$200 for women, \$240 for men**

Harvest House's Freedom program is also a designated alternative sentencing site for local judicial systems. Prison release services for men are available through partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections.

#### **Graduate Housing**

We find that Freedom Recovery graduates can benefit from continued supportive housing during their next steps in recovery. For some, this is a necessary step before finding sustainable housing. Some graduate housing residents will never be able to live on their own due to age or pre-existing conditions.

## **Sober Living**

### **Eligible participants are graduates of the Freedom program**

Participants accepted to this program sign a program agreement and pay an affordable program fee that includes housing, utilities, and access to the Harvest Food Pantry. They also maintain access to the supportive services of the Freedom Recovery program, including the life-skills classes, support groups, and our loving community.

209 Lime Street

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-953-3154 Fax: 941-954-2349**

<http://harvesthousecenters.org/programs/>

## **Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery and Addiction Recovery Services Administrative Service**

### **Choices**

Choices program is a residential treatment program for male clients with felony convictions that are involved with the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) through either felony probation or community control.

### **CORT**

The Community Offender Rehabilitative Treatment (CORT) is a pilot program, in partnership with Sarasota County Corrections, that provides 40 beds of secure, residential behavioral health treatment for male offenders who are currently incarcerated in Sarasota County Correction

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### **Crossroads**

Crossroads is a 6–18-month residential treatment program for male clients with felony convictions involved with the Florida Department of Corrections, offering structured therapy, parenting classes, 12-step meetings, and two phases of treatment to support reintegration into the community.

### **Mothers & Infants**

This long-term residential program for substance-abusing pregnant women focuses on recovery as well as teaching parenting, nutrition, and life skills.

- 6–12-month residential substance abuse treatment program for pregnant and postpartum women.
- Infants range in age from 0-6 months.
- State-funded through the Department of Children and Families (no cost to the client).
- Based on a structured daily schedule that includes weekly individual and daily group therapy sessions, parenting classes provided by community partners, referrals for medical care for issues related to pregnancy, daily 12-step meetings, Anger management and MRT classes

### **Pathways**

Pathways program is a residential substance abuse and co-occurring capable treatment offering flexible lengths, evidence-based curriculum, and specialized services, providing a structured daily schedule that includes therapy, 12-step meetings, and therapeutic



activities, with immediate bed availability. This residential treatment court-ordered program for men consists of two-month intensive therapeutic components, followed by a four-month employment re-entry phase. Eligibility: clinically appropriate men under the legal supervision of the Department of Corrections. 6–18-month residential treatment program for male clients with felony convictions that are involved with the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) through either felony probation or community control.

### **Seasons**

Seasons is a state-funded, 30–90-day residential program offering co-occurring mental health and substance abuse treatment, incorporating daily therapy, 12-step meetings, evidence-based practices, and recreational activities for males and females.

- 30–90-day residential program for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse conditions that incorporates daily group and weekly individual therapy, daily 12-step meetings, therapeutic activities, and psychiatric visits (as needed) into a structured daily schedule
- Serves males and females.
- State-funded through the Department of Children and Families (no cost to client)
- Clients are responsible for the cost of medications.
- Offers individualized treatment planning through evidence-based practices, such as Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) approaches.
- Exercise area and volleyball court to strengthen the body and have fun during free time, while developing a program of recovery.

### **Royal Palms**

A halfway house/sober housing program that includes four hours of therapeutic services each week and daily involvement with 12-step programs. A halfway house/sober housing program that includes four hours of therapeutic services each week and daily involvement with 12-step programs. Clients are expected to obtain employment or pursue educational/vocational training as they begin their transition back to independent living.

### **Transitions**

A halfway house program that includes 10 hours of therapeutic services each week and daily involvement with 12-step programs. Clients are expected to obtain employment or pursue educational/vocational training as they begin their transition back to independent living. For those who have successfully completed Pathways.

### **VIP-ER**

The Voluntary Interim Placement-Enhanced Recovery (VIP-ER) program provides day treatment to individuals meeting the Salvation Army's homeless criteria. Housing is provided by The Salvation Army, and Lightshare provides substance-abuse treatment. For homeless adults with addiction-related disorders.

4579 Northgate Court  
Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: : 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837**

<https://lightsharewellness.org>

### **Living With Dignity Homes**

These homes provide a pathway from addiction to recovery through a structured program that provides recovering addicts with the tools to face life on life's terms and to ultimately

be a contributing productive member of society. Requirements include mandatory Narcotics Anonymous/Alcoholics Anonymous meeting attendance, employment or actively seeking employment, sign in and out and provide information as to where they are going and when they will return, daily chores and weekly house meetings. Residents are required to pay weekly fee with an admission fee. Scholarships are available from the Fresh Start Fund.

1188 Tahiti Pkwy  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-879-3911**

### **Prodigal Daughters**

Prodigal Daughters Home is a 24-month residential program for women suffering from addiction. Our ladies attend full days of classroom teachings which will include biblical studies, daily living skills, nutrition classes, parenting class and much more. For the program to be successful for women who need recovery there are certain requirements for admission into the Prodigal Daughters program. We will allow school age children and infants to accompany their mother in a journey that encompasses all areas of living that need to be healed. Our hope is to save our children and to break the curse of addiction.

Sarasota, FL 34270

**Phone: 941-351-0652**

[www.prodigaldaughters.net](http://www.prodigaldaughters.net)

### **Purpose House**

Purpose House is dedicated to providing the finest Faith Based, Male and Female Residential Recovery Homes in Southwest Florida. They are available at affordable rates. A Recovery Residence is a living environment that can be any type of dwelling, but most commonly is a single-family residence with shared bedrooms. Purpose House is a certified level 2 provider. This setting proves to be the most affordable; length of stay varies and is open-ended. At level 2 some degree of 'programming' is offered in-house and often in collaboration with outside service providers such as outpatient programs. Support groups may be offered in-house. There are 11 homes.

P.O. Box 5838

Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-586-6370**

[www.purposehouse.com](http://www.purposehouse.com)

### **Sarasota Addiction Recovery Assistance**

Helping women suffering from addiction, through recovery, community living and a healthy lifestyle. We perform random drug and alcohol testing each week. All women must be working a program of recovery during their entire stay at SARA. They must have sponsors, working the 12 steps and attending meetings regularly.

Through our proven 4-Step Cares Program, our clients have effectively completed the program and pursuing drug-free lives allowing them to become the mothers, daughters, and sisters that are now shaping the next generation.

We have now expanded into 5 houses with the capability to serve 37 women at a time.

Admission fee is \$100 a weekly fee is \$175.00.

7151 Tamworth Pkwy

Sarasota, FL 34241

**Phone: 941-315-8076**

### **Salvation Army – VIPER Program**

The Voluntary Interim Placement - Expanded Recovery (VIPER) Program provides a 10-week residential treatment and/or placement for homeless men and women voluntarily seeking treatment. Must be Sarasota County resident for 90 days with FL ID.

- The VIP-ER program, based on an AA 12 Step model, combines the strengths and resources of six local social service agencies.
  - The Salvation Army provides housing, meals, and milieu services.
  - Lightshare of Sarasota provides instructors.
  - Jewish Family and Children’s Service provides case management and counseling.
  - Community Haven provides employment readiness.
  - Center Place Health, Inc provides medical care.
  - Sarasota Technical College provides GED classes.
  - All services are delivered by social-service professionals at the Center of Hope. Extended services “wrap around” clients for one year following program commencement.

**Phone: 941-586-2108**

1400 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Sarasota, FL. 342307

[www.salvationarmyflorida.org](http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org)

## **Outpatient-CD**

### **Bay Pines VA Healthcare System Sarasota VA CBOC**

Treatment includes individual and group therapy, trauma therapy and behavioral modification.

5682 Bee Ridge Road

Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 941-371-3349**

### **CenterPoint Recovery**

Intensive Outpatient Meets 3 days/9 hours per week.

Treatment includes counseling, relapse prevention, cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-related counseling, 12- step and opioid medication.

5632 Bee Ridge Road, Unit 101,

Sarasota, FL 34233

425 Commercial Ct. Suite I

Venice, FL 34292

**Phone: 941-488-4811**

**Centerstone of Florida**

Intensive Outpatient services are for adults who require more intense addiction recovery care than standard outpatient intervention services provide, but who may not need residential treatment or hospitalization. IOP can help treat addiction to drugs or alcohol and typically includes more intense individual and group work (generally 10-15 hours of treatment per week) while still allowing for time at home or work.

4010 Sawyer Road  
Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 941-782-4150**

**Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery and Addiction Recovery Services  
Administrative Services**

Outpatient Services:

**Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)**

Office based opioid treatment program.

- Individuals with opioid and alcohol use disorders.
- As part of the SOR Grant, physician services are implemented that include medical screening, induction and follow up medication appointments with Suboxone for individuals who present as opiate dependent and meet financial eligibility.

Utilize vivitrol and suboxone in conjunction with counseling services and case management.

**Substance Overdose Services (SOS)**

Provides intensive wrap-around/linkage services which include outpatient substance abuse, mental health treatment, detox, CSU, and MAT or residential.

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Ongoing Recovery Peer and Care Coordination-the program has incidental funds for phones and bus passes. The program consists of two teams: A Care Coordinator and a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist.

Sarasota County residents only, no fees.

Administrative Services:

4579 Northgate Court  
Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: : 941-366-5333 or 941-732-6837**

<https://lightsharewellness.org>

**Jewish Family and Children's Service**

Outpatient substance abuse therapy is provided.

1753 Ringling Blvd.  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-366-2224**

**New Season Treatment Center**

Outpatient drug rehab and detoxification with Methadone and Buprenorphine.

Treatment approaches include anger management and cognitive therapy.

5951 Clark Center Ave. Unit B

Sarasota FL 34238

**Phone: 941-554-4551**

### **Operation Par Inc.**

The Sarasota County MAPS program provides FDA approved medications for opiate addiction including methadone, buprenorphine, and long-acting naltrexone (Vivitrol), Methadone maintenance, counseling and medical services. HIV risk assessment to opiate-addicted clients are also provided.

Through outpatient treatment, Operation PAR also provides therapeutic services that include group counseling and random drug screening to prevent relapse. Effective outpatient treatment requires that you do not need medical detoxification and that you do have a stable living and work/school environment.

6124 South Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-925-6672**

### **Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCoSA)**

Promotes substance abuse free environments through community awareness on local substance abuse issues and resources. Provides technical assistance to agencies, is an advocate for issues and support, and acts as a consultant for prevention and reduction of substance abuse in the workplace. Offers a free project called Project AIM (Alcohol Impairment Measure) for alcohol vendors, which educates them on liability and recognizing impaired drivers and fake identification. Provides a website that includes a comprehensive list of resources in Sarasota County for drug and alcohol prevention and treatment. Serves all of Sarasota County through outreach workers.

Hours of Operation: 8:30am - 5:00pm, M-F

P.O. Box 50815

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-928-4435**

[www.scosa.org](http://www.scosa.org)

### **Sarasota County DUI Court Program**

The program adds elements within the court such as immediate accountability, mandatory counseling, case management, drug and alcohol testing, and community supervision. Statistics from operational DUI Courts show that recidivism decreases substantially after completion.

1751 Mound Street Suite 101

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: Intake- 941-861-8120**

### **Solstice Health and Wellness**

Therapy encompasses the latest cutting-edge treatments effective in treating substance use disorders including medication, counseling, group therapy, primary care, coaching, and other wrap-around services- all under one roof.

1219 South East Ave. Suite 204  
Sarasota, FL 34239

**Phone: 941-330-9797**

**Tri-County Counseling & Life Skills Center, Inc.**

Services include Family, Individual, Couples and Crisis Counseling, Substance Abuse, Life Skills, Parenting Skills, and Youth Programs

674 S. Tamiami Trail

Osprey, FL 34229

12543 Tamiami Trail S

North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: for scheduling all appointments 941-876-3060**

**White Sands**

The Sarasota location for outpatient alcohol rehab treatment remains an excellent option for local residents to attend outpatient treatments. Throughout their time attending alcohol rehab treatment, they will receive personalized therapy based on their unique needs.

Sarasota FL 34234

**Phone: 941-960-7405**

**Online Services for Substance Abuse**

**SAMHSA Treatment Locator:**

<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>

- Enter city or zip code and the distance miles.
- Click on Sort & Filter
- Check S U, M H, SU & MH, Health Care Centers, Buprenorphine Practitioners or Veteran Affairs.
- Click on name of agency.
- Click more information for each agency for payment, insurance or funding accepted and address of agency, services and treatment approached are listed.

## **Sarasota Section V - SUPPORT AND SELF-HELP GROUPS**

### **Children And Family**

#### **Children First -Kinship Care Support Group**

Support group for grandparents raising grandchildren and other relative caregivers.  
Contact for dates- second Tuesday of each month time is 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Dinner and childcare provided.

Contact person Jack Baker  
1723 North Orange Ave  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-953-5507 ext. 1127**

#### **Children First - Nurturing Dads Classes**

Be The Best Dad You Can Be. A validated approach for working with fathers.  
Sarasota class –Wednesdays for 2019 and Mondays for 2020. 6:00pm-8:30pm  
North Port Thurs. 6-8:30 pm  
Childcare and refreshments are provided.

1723 N. Orange Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34234  
6926 Children Way,  
North Port, FL 34287

**Phone: 941-953-5507 ext. 1127**

[www.childrenfirst.net](http://www.childrenfirst.net)

#### **Divorce Support Groups-Divorce Care**

Divorce Care Seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help.

PO Box 1739  
Wake Forest, NC 27588

**Phone: 800-489-7778**

<https://www.divorcecare.org/contact>

#### **Locations:**

<b>Englewood Methodist Church</b>	700 East Dearborn Street Englewood, FL	<b>941-474-5588</b>
<b>Bayside Community Church</b>	8200 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota, FL	<b>941-755-8600</b>
<b>New Life Church</b>	5800 Tamiami Trail S Venice, FL	<b>941-493-0775</b>
<b>The 360 Church</b>	5250 McIntosh Road	<b>941-924-9876</b>

Sarasota, FL

**Woodland Community Church**

9607 E. State Rd.  
Bradenton, FL

**941-753-8588**

**Easter Seals of Southwest Florida**

Offers the highest quality of care and services to children, youth, and adults with special needs so that they can enjoy access, opportunities, and increased life choices. Provides information and support to individuals with special needs and the families who care for them. Helping children and adults with a variety of special needs, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and developmental delays.

Services include:

- Children's Therapy
- Family Support Services
- The Lily School for Child Development
- Employment Services
- Veterans and First Responders
  - Respite Care, childcare, employment and career services, Behavioral/Physical health services and advocacy
- Adult Services
- Easterseals Academy (K-12)

350 Braden Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-355-7637**

[www.easterseals-swfl.org](http://www.easterseals-swfl.org)

**Home School Support Groups**

A Christian Home school Support group serving families in and around Sarasota and Bradenton, Florida. Our desire is to provide educational opportunities for both the homeschool parent and for our children in addition to being a community of support and encouragement.

**Learning and Families**

5317 Fruitville Road, PMB 157

Sarasota, FL 34232

<http://www.learningandfamilies.org>

**Support Homeschool Activities Reaching Everyone (SHARE)**

And organization of over 680 families across Manatee, Sarasota and adjacent counties designed to support educational fieldtrips and socialization of homeschool students and their families. We uphold Christian morals and values. We are open to ALL homeschool families regardless of covering, reason for homeschooling, and religious or political affiliations. Emphasis is on group activities.

2616 27th Ave Dr. W

Bradenton, FL 34205



Contact: Debbie Dykes

**Phone: 941-751-4501**

Email: [Form / Contact Page](#)

<http://www.sharebradenton.homestead.com>

### **The 180 House**

An outreach of Suncoast Youth for Christ

The 180 House is a place where youth can come to connect with their peers, engage in inter-generational relationships, and learn the tools to navigate through the challenges of life. The 180 House uses board-sports and the arts as a common interest to engage and teach youth about the love of Christ. Our mission is to use community volunteers to get involved in the life of local teens and help them grow in their faith.

Some of the activities include.

- Mentoring
- Life coaching
- Skating
- Rock climbing
- Ping-Pong
- Basketball
- Video Games
- Eating tons of snacks

2020 Hawthorne Street

Sarasota FL 34239

328 Miami Ave.

Venice, FL 34285

1901 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. West

Bradenton, FL 34205

General Inquiries: [180Sarasota@SuncoastYFC.org](mailto:180Sarasota@SuncoastYFC.org)

[www.the180house.org](http://www.the180house.org)

### **Healthcare and Disease Diagnosis**

#### **AHEC Gulfcoast South @ Laurel Park. - Smoking Cessation & Tobacco**

Free program to support quitters of smoking are offered in Sarastoa, Venice and North Port. Check local monthly calendar for locations and times.

Fees: Free Bi-lingual

2201 Cantu Court, Suite 220

Sarasota, FL 34232

**Phone: 941-361-6602**

[www.ahectobacco.com](http://www.ahectobacco.com)

#### **Alzheimer's Association**

Provides information, support, referrals, and education to people affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related disease.

6320 Venture Drive,

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202  
1230 Tuttle Ave.  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
7810 Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34293

**Phone: 941-365-8883 1-800-272-3900 for 24/7 helpline**

[www.alz.org/flgulfcoast/](http://www.alz.org/flgulfcoast/)

### **ALS Association – Florida Chapter**

The ALS Association's goal is to provide a wide range of services for people living with ALS, their caregivers, families, and friends as well as professional health care providers throughout the service area.

- Financial Assistance Programs
- Equipment Loan Program
- The Scott a. Mackler, MD, PhD, Assistive Technology Program
- For Children

**Phone: 888-257-1717 ext. 110**

<http://webfl.alsa.org/>

### **American Arthritis Foundation**

The Arthritis Foundation helps conquer everyday battles through life-changing information and resources, access to optimal care, advancements in science and community connections.

**Phone: 800-283-7800**

[www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)

### **American Cancer Society - Building is closed staff is working from home.**

A community based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and services. American Cancer Society provides many free programs and services to cancer patients in the community, including support groups, assistance with transportation to and from treatments, wigs, hats, scarves, and breast prostheses.

Support Groups:

- I Can Cope-Cancer education classes.
- Look Good Feel Better- help with appearance related to treatment side effects.
- Look Good Feel Better for Teens-Cancer
- Man to Man-Prostrate Cancer
- Reach to Recovery-Breast Cancer

**Phone: 800-227-2345**

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

### **Cancer Resource Network**

**Mission:** To share community resources to help individuals find services that will aid them in their personal cancer journey. Website has many resources and lists support

groups for cancer patients by type, location, and time.

- Support for Children and families
- Financial Assistance
- Support Groups
- Wellness Resources
- Transportation Help
- Member List

[www.cancerresourcenetwork.org](http://www.cancerresourcenetwork.org)

### **Florida Council of the Blind**

(FCB), a state-affiliate of the American Council of the Blind (ACB), is a statewide organization of blind people working to make life better through public education, legislative actions, and providing a statewide information and referral service through Project Insight. FCB also provides resources to the Visually Impaired community.

**Phone: 800-267-4448 for information**

**Phone: 941-359-1249 Martin Katzenberger, President**

[www.fcb.org/node/349](http://www.fcb.org/node/349)

### **Gulf Coast Lyme Disease Support Group**

Information on Lyme Disease

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

3975 Fruitville Road<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-923-5277**

<http://www.lymenet.org/SupportGroups/UnitedStates/Florida/Gulf.shtml>

### **Jewish and Children's Service - Caregiver and Respite Services**

Jewish Family and Children's Service offers a weekly caregiver support group. The group provides an opportunity for caregivers to find support for themselves. Respite is provided for the caregivers' loved ones during the meeting at no charge.

2688 Fruitville Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-2224 Ext. 117**

**Caregiver Helpline 941-364-7560**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

### **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

Provides support for families and children dealing with diabetes. Offers books, materials, and some supplies to anyone needing them. Fees: Free Bi-lingual can be arranged

[www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)

### **Lighthouse of Manasota**

The Lighthouse promotes independent living for people with vision loss through education and specialized training. Services are available at the facility and/or in the home environment at no charge. Low vision support groups meet monthly at various locations throughout Sarasota and Manatee counties. Recreational activities are available

according to interests. Low-vision aids are available for purchase at Peepers Low Vision store.

7318 N. Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34243

**Phone: 941-359-1404**

[www.lighthouseofmanasota.org](http://www.lighthouseofmanasota.org)

### **Sarasota Memorial Hospital Support Groups**

The following Support Groups are held at Sarasota Memorial or facilitated by Sarasota Memorial staff members at other local locations. Please call contact numbers for dates, times, and locations.

#### **ALS / MDA CLINIC (pre-registration required)**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Groups**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Aphasia Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **ASAP Pregnancy & Addiction Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Bariatric Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-4753**

#### **Breastfeeding Support Group & Latch Clinics**

**Phone: 941-917-1700**

#### **Breastfeeding – Lactation Loop Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Cancer Grief Support Group Sarasota or Venice**

**Phone: 941-917-7827 or 941-917-7777**

#### **Depression/Bi-Polar Support Groups**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Epilepsy Support Group – Josh Provides**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Gluten Free Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **HIV Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Lyme Disease of Gulf Coast Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Memory Loss Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7197 or 941-917-7777**

#### **Men-to-Men Prostate Cancer Support**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **Multiple Myeloma Network & Education Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7827 or -917-7777**

#### **Myositis Association Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **North Port Oncology Network for Spanish Speaking**

**Phone: 941-917-7827 or 941-917-7777**

**Oncology Caregiver Support – Sarasota or Venice**

**Phone: 941-917-7287 or 941-917-7777**

**Parkinson's Power Hour & Partners Connection**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

**Parkinson's Wellness Club – Sarasota or Venice**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

**Sexual Violence Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

**Smoking Cessation Support Groups**

**Phone: 866-534-7909 or 941-917-7777**

**Spinal Cord Injury Support Group – Able Challengers**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

**Stroke Support & Wellness Group**

**Phone: 941-917-3890 or 941-917-7777**

**Transplant Support Group**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

**Traumatic Brain Injury – TBI Support Group – Suncoast Center for Independent Living**

**Phone: 941-351-9545**

**Woman to Woman Breast Cancer Support Sarasota or Venice**

**Phone: 941-917-7827 or 941-917-7777**

**Well Spouse Foundation**

**Well Spouse Foundation provides** support nationwide for millions of wives, husbands, and partners of the chronically ill and/or disabled.

**Phone: 732-577-8899**

[www.wellspouse.org](http://www.wellspouse.org)

## **Mental Health**

### **Bipolar/Depression Support Group**

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Of Tampa Bay provides Peer to Peer bipolar and depression support group meetings throughout the Tampa Bay area, an educational lecture series, this informative web site, and an award -winning newsletter.

Manatee & Sarasota

#### **Sarasota memorial Hospital**

**Phone: 941-917-7777**

#### **First presbyterian Church of Sarasota**

2050 Oak St.

Sarasota, Fl 34237

**Phone: 727-410-1569**

**<https://dbstapabay.org>**

### **Child Protection Center, Inc. - Sexual Abuse Treatment Program**

A therapeutic program for children and families who are victims of reported and documented sexual abuse. Provides the children and their non-offending parents and caretakers with a support system committed to healing the wounds of sexual abuse.

720 S. Orange Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941- 365-1277**

**[www.cpcsarasota.org](http://www.cpcsarasota.org)**

### **GRIEF- The Compassionate Friends - Sarasota Chapter**

A local chapter of a national non-profit self -help support organization that. offers friendship, hope and understanding to parents, siblings, and friends. following the death of a child of any age

Homewood Suites conference room

3470 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-564-9823**

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group**

Family support and Advocacy

2911 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941- 444-3428**

**[www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org). or <https://namisarasotacounty.org>**

### **Overeaters Anonymous- Manasota Intergroup**

12-step program for overeaters, anorexics, and bulimics. Phone for meeting locations

C/O Tina Selinsky

1540 21<sup>st</sup> St, apt. 36

Bradenton, FL 34208

**Phone: 941-993-9717**

**Resilient Retreat**

Based on the pillars of trauma-informed care, Resilient Retreat provides free and confidential programs for survivors of abuse, first responders, and helping professionals to heal the impacts of trauma on the mind, body, and spirit. Acting as trauma navigators, Resilient Retreat helps community members impacted by trauma find resources while also receiving support.

Resilient Retreat offers workshops.

3500 Journey Lane

Sarasota, FL 34240

**Phone: 941-343-0039**

<https://www.resilientretreat.org/>

**Sarasota Vet Center**

Sarasota Vet Center offers confidential help for Veterans, service members, their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST)

Referrals for Addiction and Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention crisis hotline (988 press 1), and other community resources.

4801 Swift Rd. Suite

Sarasota, FL 34231

**Phone: 941-927-8285**

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**National Resource Directory for Service Members, Veterans, Families and Caregivers**

Click on National Resource Directory and find resources for Benefits & Compensation, Community of Care, Education and Training, Employment, Family & Caregiver Support, Health, Homeless Assistance, Housing, Interagency Care Coordination, Transportation & Travel, and other Services & Resources.

[www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)

**Senior Friendship Centers**

- Telephone Reassurance – Volunteers will call once or twice a week to check on their clients and engage them in conversation.
- Friendly Visitor Program – Volunteers are matched with a senior who requests a friend to come and chat, help with errands, play games, or just enjoy companionship.
- Supportive Intervention Programs – Our Friendship at Home coordinators can help clients with limited mobility access community resources to meet their needs.

1888 Brother Geenen Way

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Phone: 941-955-2122**

[www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org)

**Sex Addicts Anonymous**

As a fellowship of recovering addicts, Sex Addicts Anonymous offers a message of hope to anyone who suffers from sex addiction. Click on meetings for locations.

**Phone: 1-866-424-8777**

[www.sa.org](http://www.sa.org)

**Support for Individuals with Mental Illness**

Informative website where you can share your story, find help, and learn. the facts about mental illness.

**Phone: 988 for Suicide and Crisis hotline**

[www.bringchange2mind.org](http://www.bringchange2mind.org)

**Tidewell Hospice (Empath Community Counseling)**

Grief Education and Support meetings in multiple cities. Check Tidewell Calendar of Events for group locations and times. Also, Survivors of Suicide and children's support groups are available.

5955 Rand Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34238

**Phone: 941-552-7500 or 866-833-3753 Support Center 941-894-1704**

[www.tidewellhospice.org](http://www.tidewellhospice.org)

**Sexual Abuse / Human Trafficking****Insight Counseling Services**

Sexual Offense and Abuse Rehabilitation serves children and adolescents from ages 13 to 17. Family support groups are provided once monthly.

1750 17<sup>th</sup> Street Building H

Sarasota, FL. 34234

**Phone: 941-755-4782**

**More too Life**

More Too Life, Inc. is anti-sexual violence and anti-human trafficking organization that focuses on victim intervention, demand prevention, and identity discovery through mentorship.

1750 17<sup>th</sup> St. Building F

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-227-1012**

**Selah Freedom**

Three different support groups for victims of sexual abuse and sex trafficking

- HOPE focuses on healing from sexual abuse.
- TRUTH focuses breaking the cycle of codependency and stepping out of the victim or over-caring role permanently.



- IDENTITY focuses on examining individual's talents, desires, and passions to find self-discovery and purpose. Personality tests and career placement tests available.

P.O. Box 1801

Sarasota, FL 34230

**Phone: 1-888-373-7888 or 888-8-FREE-ME**

**<https://www.selahfreedom.com/>**

## **Substance Abuse**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous- North County**

12 Step program. Meetings vary by day and time. A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Meetings vary by day and time. Call for information or help. Covers Sarasota County as far south as Osprey and Nokomis. Hours of Operation: 24/7 Fees: Free

1748 Independence Blvd., Suite B-2

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: Helpline 941-951-6810 or 800-839-1686**

[www.aasrq.org](http://www.aasrq.org)

### **Al-Anon and Alateen**

A support group of relatives and friends of alcoholics.

**Phone: 941-749-1750**

[www.al-anon12.org](http://www.al-anon12.org)

### **Coda Women's Group (Co-dependents Anonymous)**

Co-dependency group meets weekly. It is a fellowship of women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. Find meetings on website by clicking on find a meeting.

**Phone: 888-444-2359**

<http://coda.org>

### **Gamblers Anonymous**

A fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem.

"Closed Meeting" = Only those with a gambling problem, or those who think they may have a gambling problem, and have a desire to stop gambling, may attend and participate.

"Open Meeting" = Spouses, family, and friends of the gambler are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. Go to locate a meeting near you on website.

**Phone: 855-222-5542**

[www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org)

### **M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)**

Provides counseling services to victims of DUI and their family members, support, and assistance through the legal system. Educates the community regarding the dangers of drinking and driving.

**Phone: 877-275-6233**

[www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org)

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

24-hour Helpline - the answering service has a list of meetings and can get caller in touch

with an NA member. A 12-step program for those in recovery from addiction to narcotics. South County meetings in Laurel; call for meeting list. Find a meeting by clicking on meetings on website.

P.O. Box 25904

Sarasota FL 34277

**Phone: 941-257-5055**

[www.suncoastna.org](http://www.suncoastna.org)

## Sarasota Section W - TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

### Low-Cost Transportation

#### Charity Cars

Provides donated vehicles to struggling families.

**Phone: 1-800-242-7489**

<http://www.freecharitycars.org> for applicants requesting a car.

<http://www.800charitycars.org> for donation of cars

#### Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Programs

Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Sarasota, Florida, dedicated to mitigating homelessness affecting military veterans, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families from encountering a domestic crisis. Our mission is to provide resources for education, mental health, employment, and housing opportunities to empower individuals for the achievement of economic independence and stability.

In addition, Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota provides military housing support services geared to accommodate veterans, service members, and military families.

We have an extensive network of referred providers for State of Florida Identification, rent/mortgage and utility assistance, clothing, childcare, food, and healthcare services.

#### ***RIDE NOW! CAR DONATIONS***

Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota, Inc., will donate cars to qualified low to moderate income households. We donate autos to people who need a vehicle for work e.g., single moms, veterans, individuals and the unemployed who have no money or credit depending on available inventory. Any free used car, truck or work vehicle will be donated for the purpose of employment

Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> of Manasota, Inc., accepts donated land, homes, cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, boats, RVs, farm equipment and construction equipment. Vehicles will be resold, donated to needy families or individuals, or recycled to raise funds to support the charity's mission of building safe and affordable homes for families and individuals in need. Your generous donation will be used to improve family stability.

4123 N. Tamiami Trail Suite 202

Sarasota, FL 34234

**Phone: 941-867-1974 Ms. Tracy Fordham, Vice President & Treasurer**

<https://www.prioritiesfirstofmanasota.org/>

#### Find a Ride Florida

This site has been developed and is maintained by the University of Florida, Department of Occupational Therapy, and is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation's Elderly Drivers Statewide Safety Resource Centers.

Mission is to provide seniors with access to local medical and non-medical transportation mobility options so they may remain independent within their communities.

<https://findarideflorida.org>

**BREEZE formerly Sarasota County Area Transit**

BREEZE offers transportation throughout Sarasota County. Senior citizens (age 65+), persons on Medicare and Disabled Persons are offered special BREEZE fare discounts. Single-ride tickets and 30-day passes can be purchased at the Downtown Station and Venice Train Depot

**Bus Fares:**

- Single ride \$1.50
  - Discounted Fare \*Single ride 75¢
- Children 5 years old and under:
- Up to two children per adult FREE
  - Additional children 75¢
- 80 Years of Age or Older FREE (excluding Express and Paratransit)
- 30 days pass \$50 and Discounted Pass is \$25
- Staff and Students of the following schools ride free with current student ID:
  - University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
  - Ringling College
  - New College
  - Suncoast Technical College
  - Local government employees (inquire about eligibility)
- OnDemand by Sarasota County:
  - All trips for the OnDemand service areas are \$2.00 for individuals aged 6-79 years old.
  - Those who are 5 and under or 80 and over are free.
  - Discounted Fare is \$1.50.
  - Drivers are unable to make change so exact payment is required if paying in cash.
  - Passes are not accepted for OnDemand.

**Sarasota County Area Transit (BREEZE Plus)**

- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)
- Transportation Disadvantaged1 (TD)
- Veterans Medical Transportation

Riders may be eligible for more than one program.

BREEZE Plus provides Para transit services to individuals who, due to their disability, are not capable of using BREEZE, the local fixed route bus services. Eligible passengers may schedule a trip on BREEZE Plus by calling. Individuals must have proof Medicare or Food Stamps to qualify. Fee is \$3 for one-way trip.

**BREEZE offers veterans daily transportation** (Monday-Friday) to two out-of-county medical facilities, [Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in Bay](#)

[Pines and James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa](#) **Phone: 941-851-1018**

5303 Pinkney Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34233

**Phone: 941-861-5000 On-Demand Phone: 941-300-1533**

[www.scgov.net/BREEZE/](http://www.scgov.net/BREEZE/)

**Senior Transport Services**

Must be a member and annual membership is \$50.00. Rides are charged at a rate of \$2.15 per mile plus a \$2 pickup fee. There is a \$1.25 extra stop fee for any stops made along the way (for example, on the way home from an appointment a rider wants to stop at a convenience store).

- Ride Services
- Car Trade
- Road Scholarships

**Phone: 888-295-2376**

**<https://seniortransport.org/about-us>**

## **Medical Transportation**

### **American Cancer Society Road to Recovery**

This program provides services to and from treatment for people with cancer, who do not have a ride or unable to drive themselves. Patients must be traveling to an appointment required to begin or complete cancer treatment or to an appointment for complementary therapy during cancer treatment. Transportation cannot be provided for follow-up appointments after treatment has been completed. Patients must be ambulatory or able to walk unassisted to and from the vehicle or have an accompanying caregiver to assist.

**Phone: 1-800-227-2345**

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

### **Angel Flight Southeast**

Angel Flight Southeast pilots volunteer to fly patients to life-saving medical appointments who reside in Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Bahamas. Angel Flight Southeast belongs to the [Air Charity Network](#), the world's largest integrated volunteer pilot organization covering the entire United States. Patients, please ask your social worker or physician to call us Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Eastern time at our request hotline.

8864 Airport Blvd.

Leesburg, FL 34788

**Phone: Mission Request Hotline 877-621-7177 or 352-326-0761**

[www.angelflightse.org](http://www.angelflightse.org)

**Florida Medicaid HMO patients should call their HMO to arrange transportation to their medical appointments.**

**Phone client's local church – Some churches provide transportation to medical appointments for parishioners.**

**See BREEZE On Demand services- low-cost transportation and Find a Ride**

## Sarasota Section X - VETERANS SERVICES

### Department of Veterans Affairs

**Veteran Benefits Administration** provides information on life insurance, pensions, fiduciary program, vocational rehabilitation and employment, education, and training, special groups and how to apply for benefits,

[www.benefits.va.gov/benefits](http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits)

### VESO=Veteran Employment Services Office

*VAforVets* initiative helps Veterans and transitioning military service members find meaningful careers. Additionally, Veterans can check out job openings below or visit [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) for additional federal employment opportunities.

[www.vaforvets.va.gov](http://www.vaforvets.va.gov)

### Home Loans

Offers a program to assist veterans who are facing foreclosure on their homes through counseling and special financing arrangements. Information about the home loan guaranty program can be obtained at their website.

**Phone 1-844-698-2311 for questions about all benefits: 1-877-827-3702 after a disaster**

**Phone: 1-877-827-3702 or and St. Petersburg Regional Loan Center 1-800-611-5916**

[www.vamortgagecenter.com](http://www.vamortgagecenter.com)

### Goodwill Industries

Offers an “*American Veterans & their Families Program*” which provides assistance to unemployed veterans returning to help them find permanent jobs in the community.

8490 N Lockwood Ridge Road

Sarasota, FL

**Phone: 941-355-2721 ext. 451**

14879 Tamiami Trail

North Port, Fl. 34334

**Phone: 942: 355-2721 ext. 512**

<https://experiencegoodwill.org>

### Jewish Family and Children’s Service

- *Operation Map (Military Assistance Program)* Provides support to veterans and their families who reside in Sarasota. Topics include housing, case management, obtaining benefits and other financial assistance. Mentoring and support groups also are available.

2688 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-2224 ext. 130**

[www.jfcs-cares.org](http://www.jfcs-cares.org)

### **Make the Connection**

Make the Connection is a resource locator for Veterans and their friends and family. Searches are customized for individual needs. Enter zip code or state and distance to travel and then choose resources for VA Centers, Benefits PTSD Programs. etc.

[www.maketheconnection.net](http://www.maketheconnection.net)

### **Operation Homefront**

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel, and transportation, moving assistance, essential home item, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why we formed Hearts of Valor.

1355f Central Parkway S, Suite 100

San Antonio, TX. 78232

**Phone: Toll Free: 800-722-6098 or 877-264-3968 for financial assistance**

<http://www.operationhomefront.org/howwehelp>

### **Sarasota County Veteran's Services Office**

This office provides Veteran's benefit information and assistance with filing pension applications and claims for the full range of Veterans' programs: medical, health, pension, aid and attendance, education, home loans, disability, and burial.

Sarasota Vet Center provides counseling for male and female combat veterans and rape victims. Group and individual therapy are available.

#### **Sarasota Office**

2200 Ringling Blvd., Suite 125

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Main: 941-861-VETS (8387)**

Fax: 941-362-2768

#### **Venice Office**

4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 139

Venice, FL 34293

**Main: 941-861-3047**

Fax: 941-861-3024

#### **North Port Office**

4970 City Hall Blvd., Room 264

North Port, FL 34286

**Main: 941-429-7214**

Fax: 941-429-7276

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



### **Veterans Administrative Aid and Attendance**

This program benefits veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in bathing, dressing, meal preparation, medication monitoring or other activities of daily living. This benefit is available to individuals who reside in assisted living communities, personal care homes, skilled nursing facilities and those receiving personal in-home care. A veteran may be eligible for up to \$1,881 per /month, surviving spouse up to \$1056/month and a married couple up to \$2,230 per month.

**941-355-2721 ext. 451**

To be eligible, you need to be a war veteran with 90 days of active duty with at least one day during active Wartime. The individual must qualify both medically and financially. Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper *Veterans Application for Pension or Compensation* (Form 21-534 surviving's spouse or Form 21-526 Veteran). You can apply by contacting your local Veterans Administrative Office.

**Phone: 866-584-7191**

[www.veteranaid.org](http://www.veteranaid.org)

### **Veterans Services Crisis Helpline**

**Phone: 988**

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars- financial assistance**

Program provides financial assistance to cover the cost of basic needs for active military and recently discharged veteran households. Financial assistance may be available for:

- Housing expenses (mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance)
- Vehicle expenses (payments, insurance, repairs)
- Utility expenses (utility payments, primary phone),
- Food and clothing expenses
- Child expenses (clothing, diapers, formula, childcare, school supplies)
- Medical expenses (bills, prescriptions, eyeglasses)

Documents required: DD-214

Eligibility: - Households of active-duty military or veterans honorably discharged within 72 months of application

- Hardship must be related to duty (deployment, military pay issue or military illness or injury)

- Funds can only be received once every 18 months and only twice per lifetime

406 West 34th Street

Kansas City, MO 64111

**Phone: 816-756-3390 or 833-839-8387**

[www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds](http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds)

### **Operation Warriors Resolution**

Mission is to transform veterans to health and wellness. To provide innovative, holistic treatments for mental health to veterans and their family members, alleviating PTSD, anxiety, and other mental health related issues at **No Cost**

Services:

- The Cortina Method Brain-based healing doesn't require individuals to relive past trauma and can be done in a short amount of time.
- Tactical Healing 5 Day Retreat and 90 Day Coaching
- Couples Retreat and Counseling
- Spouses and Children Services
- Group Ketamine Assisted Therapy
- Equine Therapy
- Combat Conscious- weekly Yoga classes
- Health and Nutrition

Mailing Address

242 S Washington Blvd. #1130

Sarasota FL 34236

**Phone 941-806-5722**

<https://www.operationwarriorresolution.org/>

Email: [info@operationwarriorresolution.org](mailto:info@operationwarriorresolution.org)

### **Volunteers of America**

#### **Veteran's Village Program:**

Veteran's Village is a 6-18month program for male and female Veterans. To qualify, the individual must be a Veteran, must be eligible for GPD (I can verify both), must have at least 1 day of active duty, must have honorable or other than honorable discharge. You must also:

1. Get an Access Point (AKA VI-SPDAT) completed by going to Turning Point or Salvation Army
2. Get registered locally with the VA (can be completed by going to the outpatient clinic)

If accepted into the program, participants receive case management services. Once an individual is determined eligible for Veteran's Village, The Executive Director will set him/her up for a screening with myself and the Program Supervisor. Please note: Units ARE furnished

It is important to note that because each of these programs receives Federal Funding, there are rules specific to each program.

Bradenton, FL 34205

**Phone: 941-209-1573**

### **Future Veteran Housing**

- The Gulf Coast Community Foundation's Veterans Housing Initiative announced a 2 million project which is a 10-unit complex at 1529 and 1539 25th St. The effort is also being supported by the Home Depot Foundation (11/01/2023)
- The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has voted unanimously to convey a County-owned piece of property to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation to develop the property as affordable housing for veterans. The property, located at 4410 66th Street West, has been used by the County to house some of its Utilities administration. Under the agreement, it will be developed by the Tunnels to Towers Organization with the inclusion of wrap-

around services and other programs for veterans. the level of care that our veterans get in Manatee County will be used as a model for the rest of this state and the rest of this nation,” said Commissioner Jason Bearden. The Tunnel to Towers Foundation has reached an agreement with Manatee County for the donation of 8.7 acres of land in Bradenton, FL. Tunnel to Towers will construct 38 comfort homes centered around an 84-unit apartment complex and comprehensive supportive service center. Anticipated construction begins Q2 of 2024.

## **Sarasota Section Y - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & SOCIAL NETWORKING**

### **Jewish Families and Children's Services**

Volunteer Opportunities include serving meals, facilitating activities for children or seniors, mentoring and tutoring at-risk youth, teaching Life Skills such as budgeting, cooking, resume writing, and how to conduct oneself in an interview, administrative tasks, and numerous project-based, or event opportunities such as our Game of Life Event, Family Fun and Health Day, and Homeless Veterans Stand Down. Please send us an email of inquiry at [info@jfcs-cares.org](mailto:info@jfcs-cares.org) and write "Volunteer" in the subject line.

2688 Fruitville Road

Sarasota, FL 34237

**Phone: 941-366-2224**

<https://jfcs-cares.org/volunteer/>

### **Salvation Army**

Volunteers are needed for after school tutor/mentor and movers for families going into permanent housing. Also need assistance with food pantries, Bible school and after school and teen programs. Many locations in Sarasota and Manatee Counties need volunteers.

1400 10<sup>th</sup> St.

Sarasota, Fl. 34236

**Phone: 941-952-0349**

<https://sarasota.salvationarmyflorida.org>

### **Sarasota Newcomers Club**

Created primarily as a social organization, the Club features a monthly calendar with many enjoyable activities. **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** for women and men, singles, or couples, provide numerous opportunities to meet new people and have fun. Current SIGs include lunch bunches, men's and women's golf, breakfast groups, book clubs, bridge groups, kayaking, singles social, tennis, and the ever-popular monthly TGIF. When one SIG grows to overflowing, another one starts.

Questions about The Club? Email the Membership Chair at [info@snclub.org](mailto:info@snclub.org) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Sarasota Newcomers Club**

**Membership Chairperson**

**P.O. Box 15745**

**Sarasota, FL 34277-1745**

<http://www.sarasotaneewcomers.org>

### **Sarasota County Clubs and Organizations**

Search by name of club and area of interests

<http://www.4sarasota.com/community/clubs.html>

## **Sarasota Area Clubs And Organizations**

<http://www.4sarasota.com/community/clubs.html>

### **Singles on the Go Travel Club**

Singles on the Go Travel Club is open to anyone who travels solo. It is a social club that provides a great way to get to know like-minded travelers and find roommates for upcoming trips. We have approximately 300 members To volunteer,

contact: [singlesonthego@yahoo.com](mailto:singlesonthego@yahoo.com)

Faith Church

1201 N. Beneva Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34232

<https://singlesonthego.wildapricot.org>

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Volunteers assist clients with utility bills, gas and food vouchers, educational and transportation assistance at multiple Catholic Churches in Sarasota and Manatee Counties

Participating local Churches:

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Participating local Churches:

- **St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (Manatee County)**  
2850 75<sup>th</sup> St. West  
Bradenton, Florida  
**Phone: 941-794-1328**
- **St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Manatee County)**  
3100 26<sup>th</sup> St. West  
Bradenton, Florida  
**Phone: 941-941-755-4188**
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**  
833 Magellan Drive  
Sarasota, Florida 34243  
**Phone: 941-567-4827** on Thursdays for same day appointment
- **Church of the Incarnation (Hyde Park to Proctor Road)**  
2901 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, Florida  
**Phone: 941-921-6631**
- **St. Michael the Archangel & St. Thomas More Catholic Conference (Siesta Key to Osprey)**  
2506 Gulf Gate Drive  
Sarasota, Florida  
**Phone: 941-447-8950**
- **Epiphany Cathedral / Our Lady of Lourdes (Nokomis to Venice)**  
1301 Center Rd. Venice, Florida 34292  
**Phone: 941-493-2027**

- **San Pedro Catholic Church (North Port)**  
14380 Tamiami Trail  
North Port, Florida  
**Phone: 941-426-3894**
- **St. Maximillian Kolbe (Port Charlotte)**  
Administrative office  
1441 Spear Street  
Port Charlotte, FL. 33948  
**Phone: 941-743-6877**  
Services are for Port Charlotte residents only and are provided at the food pantry located at:  
17783 Toledo Blade  
North Port, FL 33943  
**Phone: 941-258-3398**
- **St. Charles Borromeo- Sacred Heart Conference of SVdP**  
25200 Airport Rd.  
Punta Gorda, FL. 33950  
**Phone: 941-625-9784**

#### **The Friendship Volunteer Center**

This center needs volunteers as greeters, teachers dance instructors, servers, technology experts musicians office assistance and more.

1888 Brother Geenen Way  
Sarasota, FL. 34236

**Phone: 941-556-3223 or 941-955-2122**

[www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org)

#### **The Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County**

Volunteer opportunities include

- Resource Advisors
- Bankers/Financial Advisors
- Attorneys
- Mental Health Counselors
- Mentors
- Digital Navigators
- Career Coaches
- Career Closet
- Special Projects
- Workshop Facilitators

340 South Tuttle Ave.  
Sarasota, Florida

**Phone: 941-366-1700**

<http://www.mywrc.org>

#### **Volunteer Match**

Virtual opportunities that can be done from anywhere, at any time, and not all virtual opportunities require a computer.

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/index.jsp?r=msa&l=34295>

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