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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: 941-423-1921 for therapy and supervised visits and other info

www.cpcarasota.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

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 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 (HIPPIY) 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.

- **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, FL34236

Phone: 941-250-0124

And

1201 6th Ave, W Suite 100
Bradenton, Fl 34205

Affordable Counseling -D.A.I.P.

4506 26th 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 6th 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

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

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 (email)
<https://ncea.acl.gov>

National Adult Protective Services Association

1-202-370-6292

www.napsa-now.org

National Library of Medicine

MedlinePlus: Elder Abuse

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 17th Street F

Sarasota, Fl. 34234

Phone: 941-227-1012

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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1051 Manatee Ave. W

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

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

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.

Phone: 866-532-5274

- **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

Phone: 800-532-5274

- **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**

- **Financial Aid Assistance**

Phone: 855-824-824-7941 Online access 24/7

- **Medicare Resources**

- **Patient Guides**

421 Butler Farm Rd.

Hampton, VA 23666

Phone: 1-800-532-5274

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

Suncoast Center for Independent Living

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

3281 17th St,
Sarasota, FL 34235

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

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

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

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-Look for the Stars
- Early education career pathway
- Volunteer Opportunities

1750 17th St. Building L

Sarasota, FL 34234

Phone: 941-954-4830

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 10th Street

Sarasota, FL

Phone: 941-364-8845

1051 Albee Farm Rd

Venice, FL 34285

Phone: 941-484-6227

<https://sarasota.salvationarmyflorida.org>

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.
- Advanced Learning Cent

7333 International Pl
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

Phone: 941-907-3443

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

<https://bgcsdc.org/>

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.sarasotacountyschools.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 17th 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-8th 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

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 [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

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

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

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

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 17th St. Building A

Sarasota FL 34234

Phone: 941-373-7070

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
 - After school Academic Program and 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:

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 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.

- **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

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

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.sarasotacountysschools.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

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

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

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.

Also **Help for our Heroes** -Military and First Responders and their caregivers with Respite Care, childcare, employment, Behavioral/physical health services and advocacy.

350 Braden Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34243

Phone: 941-355-7637

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 17th St.

Sarasota, FL 34234

Phone: 850-300-4323

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

www.jfcs-cares.org

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 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

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

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

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. 2nd 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

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 2nd. 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 2nd and 4th 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 15th St E

Bradenton, FL 34203

Phone: 941-355-7082

Sarasota ReStore

2095 17th Street

Sarasota, FL 34234

Phone: 941-487-5512

South Sarasota ReStore

1400 Ogden Rd.

Venice, FL 34285

Phone: 941-493-0529

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

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 2nd 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

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

Salvation Army Thrift Shop

Low cost used furniture and household goods.

2280 17th 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 15th ST. E

Sarasota, FL. 34243

Phone: 941-899-5854

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

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

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

- **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/

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

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 17th Street, Building I-2

Sarasota, Florida 34234

Phone: 941-953-5988

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 17th 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

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.

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/

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

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 51st 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 17th 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

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

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 30th 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)

Phone: 941-861-1234

On Demand 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.
- Available in downtown Sarasota/Lido key./Long Boat Key, Venice/ Englewood Area and North Port Area

Phone: 941-300-1553

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 **861-1018** Individuals must have proof Medicare or Food Stamps to qualify. Fee is \$25 for 30 days.

Phone: 941-777-6000

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: **861-1018**

Phone: 941-861-1234 Main Number

BREEZE (formerly Sarasota County Area Transit)

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 1st 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

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/

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/

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

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

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

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

Phone: 941- 486-6065

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

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 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

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/

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

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 17th St

Sarasota, FL 34235

Phone: 941-351-9545

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 (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

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 (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

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

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

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.

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

112 Manatee Ave. E. 2nd floor

Bradenton, FL. 34208

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

250 Tamiami Trail S, Suite 201-D

Venice, FL 34285

Phone: 800-230-5920

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.

1101 6th Ave.W

Sarasota, Florida, 34236

Phone: 941-366-0038

749 Shamrock Blvd

Venice, Fl 34393.

Phone: 941-492-4631

1201 6th Ave W Suite

Bradenton, Fl 34205

Phone: 941-747-138

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 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**
5 sessions 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 3rd 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

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 @

lissette.murphy@ymail.com

3700 Grand Ave

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-255-3153

www.peointernational.org

Manasota Score

Non-profit organization dedicated to providing counseling to people starting up new businesses or provide counseling to existing businesses. s..Virtual Only. Request Mentor online.

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

The Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County

Career Programs

- Career Coaching & Workshops
- 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 Literacy Council of Sarasota

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

1750 17th 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.

The Literacy Center

6919 Outreach Way

North Port, FL34287

Phone: 941-429-3717

<https://www.literacychangeslives.org>

Sarasota County Technical Institute

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

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

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

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 option 3

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

2340 Colson Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34234

Phone: 941-923-6100

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

Email: Michelle.vaokov@sarasotacounty.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 51st 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. FL34243

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

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

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 12th St. west
Bradenton, FL 34205

Phone: 941-929-2800

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

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 8th 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 26th St. W.

Bradenton, FL34207

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 1st of Manasota

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 1st 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

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. 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
- <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**

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2705 51st 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/

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 17th Street

Sarasota, Florida

Phone: 850-300-4323

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

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

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.

Phone: 866-532-5274

- **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

Phone: 800-532-5274

- **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**

- **Financial Aid Assistance**

Phone:855-824-824-7941 Onlineaccess24/7

- **Medicare Resources**

- **Patient Guides**

421 Butler Farm Rd.

Hampton, VA 23666

Phone: 1-800-532-5274

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

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. The Medical Assistance Program specifically excludes support that may be available through alternative sources. These items include but are not limited to Utilities, Medical insurance premiums and Mortgages/Rent.

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

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 1st 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 17th Ave West

Bradenton, Florida 34205

Phone: 941-747-1509

www.tpmanatee.org

EPIC Community Center

Empowering People in Christ is a center of resources for those in need.

Hors

M-Th 9am-3pm

- Activities and Educational Programs Supporting Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Well-being

- Trail Life® Boys aged 5-17
- American Heritage Girls® aged 5-17
- Mental Health Services
- Trauma Support
- Substance Abuse Support
- Veterans Case Management
- Homeless Services and Support
- Human Services Support and Referrals
- American Red Cross Disaster Recovery Facility

655 N. Indiana Ave.

Englewood, FL 34223

Phone: 941-460-6022

<https://epiccommunitycenter.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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.fpl.com/aware).

Phone: 941- 556-0234 Main Number

1701 South Tuttle Avenue,
Sarasota, FL 34239

Phone-941-556-0234

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
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/doea/eheap.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

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 75th St. West
Bradenton, Florida
Phone: 941-794-1328
- **St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Manatee County)**
3100 26th 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

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

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

- **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: 1-888-452-7841

Childcare Assistance

Phone: 1- 866- 357-3239

www.careconnectusa.org

EECU- Protect Your Home From Foreclose.

Phone: 1-800-538-3328

<https://www.myeecu.org/home/news-resources/protect-your-home-from-foreclosure>

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 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	Mobile Service
Assurance Wireless*	888-898-4888	Mobile Service
Access Wireless	866-594-3644	Mobile Service
RHEMAFI, LLC*	863-940-0899	Home Service
Frontier Communications	800-921-8101	Home Service
Omnipoint Technology Inc.*	844-764-6800	Home Service

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>

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

Websites for Financial Assistance

www.findhelp.org

http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/sarasota_county_assistance_pro.html

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 17th Street

Sarasota, Florida

Phone: 850-300-4323

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
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

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.

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

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

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

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

<https://211suncoastcares.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

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/

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

<https://www.patientsafetyaction.org>

Children

Center Place Health

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- **Laboratory**
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- **Pediatrics**

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North Port, FL 34287
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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
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- **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
- **Tracy Green is a community health work who works with seniors –**
Phone: 941-529-0500 ext 5307 – tracy.green@centerplacehealth.org

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/

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 17th 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

Dental

Can Community Health

Can Community Health Clinic be 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>

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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 7th 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

State College of Florida's Dental Hygiene Clinic

Free Dental Services for Veterans

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 26th 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 17th Ave West

Bradenton, Florida

Phone: 941-567-6156

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 17th Street Build I-2

Sarasota FL 342364

Phone: 941-953-5988

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

- **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 1st 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

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

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 risk 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

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/

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

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

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 and click **Search Clinics**. Click on state or put in zip code with mileage.

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> .

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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 7th Street W.

Palmetto, FL 34221

Phone: 941-957-1970

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

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

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

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 17th 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/

FREE MEDICATIONS WEBSITES

- www.benefitscheckup.org
- www.needymeds.org/
- www.rxassist.org/
- www.rxhope.com/
- 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.medtipster.com/>
- www.floridadiscountdrugcard.com
- 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

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 17th St.

Sarasota, FL 34235

Phone: 941-351-9545

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.¹

- 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 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

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

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

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

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

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 & 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	LAKESWOOD 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 - 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	BRADENTON	(941) 773- 9366
<u>ANGLES, LUIS M</u>	5413 HAYDEN BLVD	SARASOTA	(941) 378- 4317
<u>CARLEY, JOHN & 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

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.

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

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

<https://www.medicare.gov/Medicare-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 15th 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.

Access Point	Location	Assessment Hours
City of North Port Social Services Center	6919 Outreach Way North Port, FL 34287 (941) 429-3700	Monday through Thursday Call to Schedule appointment
Family Promise of South Sarasota County (Families Only)	850 Cockrill Street Venice, FL 34285 (941) 497-9881	Monday -Friday 10am-2pm
Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast (Veterans only)	2688 Fruitville Road Sarasota, FL 34237 (941) 366-2224	Monday through Thursday Call to Schedule appointment
Outreach Access Point Sarasota/Manatee	Call for Scheduling. (941) 318-7940	Monday through Friday 8:30am-3pm
Sarasota County Family Shelter Hotline	Call for Scheduling. (941) 203-6454	Monday through Friday 8:30am-5pm
The Salvation Army- Manatee Area	1204 14 th Street West Bradenton, FL 34202 (941) 748-5110	Tuesday through Thursday 9am-3pm Saturday & Sunday 1pm-3pm * Ring bell at Main Door
The Salvation Army- Sarasota Area	1400 10th Street Sarasota, FL 34236 (941) 954-4673	Monday through Friday Call to Schedule appointment
Turning Points	701 17th Avenue West Bradenton, FL 34205 (941) 747-1509	Monday through Friday 8:30am-5pm

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 17th Street
Sarasota, FL. 34234

Phone: 941-955-8987

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

Ben Petro
Program Specialist
ben@suncoastpartnership.org

Devon Jarrett
Sarasota Family Diversion Specialist
Phone: 941-203-6454
devon@suncoastpartnership.org

Marsha Herriford
Community System Coordinator Manatee County
marsha@suncoastpartnership.org

Scott Habeck
Diversion and Early Intervention Specialist
Phone: 941-260-3405
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.stml>

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-1 female 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.

Phone 941-861-1707

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Locations

Sheriff's Headquarters

6010 Cattlebridge 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>**

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:941-451-9010

Kledford@venicefl.gov

Officer Cortney Chaco

Phone: 941-882-7583

cchaco@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.

- **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>

Emergency Homeless Shelters for Families

Charlotte CARE Center

Emergency Shelter provides a safe, supervised, low barrier shelter for up to 30-days. On any given day, 10-15 children and their families call the Emergency Shelter home. Our philosophy is to quickly move newly homeless clients from Emergency Shelter back into permanent housing through intensive case management. The number one service we provide is stability and keeping families intact.

With a “housing first” approach, those enrolled in the CARE Center are assessed and placed with counselors who work together on specialized housing plans with the goal of permanent and stable housing.

1476 Kenesaw St.

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: 941-627-4313

<https://www.svdpsp.org/programs/homeless-services/charlotte-care-center/>

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

<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

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

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

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

<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

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 6th 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:

- Salvation Army 1400 10th St. , Sarasota
- Remnant Church 2895 Ashtin Road

Pet Shelters and food for pets of the homeless

<https://petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/find-locations/>

6801 283rd Street East
Myakka City, Florida 34251

Phone: 941- 219-3739

To inquire about foster care for your pet, please email: info@dontesden.org
www.dontesden.org

Humane Society of Sarasota County

2331 15th 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 17th 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/

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 10th Street

Sarasota, Florida

Phone: 24 hr. crisis : 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

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

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/

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/

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

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

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://eheap.org>

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://legallaidofmanasota.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

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

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

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

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

Homes Websites:

Local rental agencies

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)
- **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

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

Phone: 888-658-7368

www.rentals.com

Phone: 844-759-7732

<http://www.apartmenthomeliving.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>

<https://resources.hud.gov>

<http://sarasotahousing.org/>

Website for Section 8- Housing is <https://hellosection8.com>

Additional Low-Income Housing

Astoria on 9th

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 9th, a \$37.4 million affordable housing community for seniors.

Astoria on 9th 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 9th Street West

Bradenton, FL 34205

Phone: 941-538-5950

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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 housing 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

Brian Croke, Property Manager bcroke@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: 863-993-2123

- **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: 941 667-4714

- **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:855-812-6251

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

Rooted Communities- formerly community Solutions 360

Rooted Communities offers housing, health and safety programs designed to help individuals with their affordable housing initiative leading to homeownership, as well as our comprehensive counseling program. We empower individuals/families to overcome obstacles/challenges and lead fulfilling lives.

Housing programs As a CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization), Rooted Communities builds and/or rehabilitates affordable housing for first-time homebuyers.

Counseling- Rooted Communities offers one-on-one pre-purchase homeownership counseling, as well as post purchase counseling for homeowners. After completing our application, a HUD Certified Housing Counselor will assess and coach you through your housing needs, budgeting, credit, and overcoming obstacles. Our plan of action will keep you on the road to success. The only charge for our service is \$33.50 for the purchase of a tri-merged credit report.

Education- Rooted Communities provides a monthly 8-hour HUD Approved Homebuyer Education Workshop. This workshop educates and empowers you to make informed decisions on your journey toward home ownership.

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>

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

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: 941-253-0470 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

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

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

Resilient SRQ has multiple programs, one of those being the Housing Recovery Program. This program has a total of \$55 million allocated for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and reimbursement to eligible homeowners impacted by Hurricane Ian.

Infrastructure

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

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."

Contact Name	Title	Organization	Address	City/ State/ Zip	Telephone	Fax
Christina Russi		The Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services	1750 17th Street, Building J1	Sarasota, FLORIDA 34234	941-867-4381	941-365-4462

Funded LROs' Details	
<p>Catholic Charities, Inc. (Diocese of Venice) [Cassandra Cunningham] 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FLORIDA 34285, 941-557-7164 Award Amount: \$ 23,522.00</p>	
<p>Family Promise of South Sarasota County, Inc. [Jennifer Fagenbaum] 850 Cockrill Street, Venice, FLORIDA 34285, 941-497-9881 Award Amount: \$ 10,315.00</p>	
<p>Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast [Rachel Healy] 2688 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34237, 941-366-2982 Award Amount: \$ 10,314.00</p>	
<p>Safe Children Coalition, Inc. [Jennifer Powers] 1500 Independence Boulevard, Suite 210, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34234, 941-371-4799 Award Amount: \$ 13,207.00</p>	
<p>Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center [Jessica Hays, President & CEO] 2139 Main Street, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34237-6023, 941-365-0208 Award Amount: \$ 10,314.00</p>	
<p>Saint Paul Lutheran Church Food Pantry [George Hutfilz] 2256 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34239, 941-955-6479 Award Amount: \$ 2,903.00</p>	
<p>Salvation Army, The [Michele Matthews] Post Office Box 2792, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34230, 941-364-8845 Award Amount: \$ 36,089.00</p>	
<p>Senior Friendship Centers, Inc. [Cathy Liagre] 1888 Brother Geenen Way, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34236, 941-584-0033 Award Amount: \$ 10,314.00</p>	
<p>The Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center [Charlene Altenhain] 1750 17th Street, Building J-1, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34234, 941-867-4387 Award Amount: \$ 2,516.00</p>	
<p>Women's Resource Center [Ashley Brown] 340 South Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FLORIDA 34237, 941-256-9721 Award Amount: \$ 6,289.00</p>	

<https://www.efsp.unitedway.org/efsp/website/websiteContents/index.cfm?template=fundedLROAwardByPhase.cfm>

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

941-263-6423 or 941-951-3640

<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

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. 11 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

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: 727-369-8500

<https://www.voaflorida.org/locations/bradenton-voa-living-center-2/>

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

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

- **Flint River**

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.

Elderly/Disabled Multi-Family Program

The Annex 5 story 75 Units

The Towers 11 story 100 units

269 S. Osprey Ave, Suite 100

Sarasota, Florida 34236-4936

Phone: 941-361-6210 Ext. 250 Fax: 941-366-4661

www.sarasotahousing.org

*****Additional Section 8 Housing at 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/

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 .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

<https://catholiccharitiesdov.org/locations>

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/>

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 9th 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

<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

Literacy Council of Sarasota

For adults. Free one on one tutoring to learn the English language.

Classes include reading, writing and comprehension skills.

1750 17th 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

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 17th 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/
- Donations websites and phone numbers
 - Jewish Federation of Fl. Suncoast 941-727-530-3223
 - 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
Incomes must be under \$79,000.00 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://unitedwaysuncoast.org/what-we-do/income/free-tax-help/>

United Way of South County VITA

United Way of South Sarasota County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program
Provides FREE Federal Income Tax Preparation to Individuals and Families with a Yearly
Household Income of up to \$74,000. Tax Preparation is Completed by IRS-Certified Tax
Preparers and is by Appointment Only.

4242 S. Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL 34293

Phone: 941-484-4811 ext. 104 Teri Andrews

6919 Outreach Way
North Port, FL 34287
601 S. Indiana Ave.
Englewood, FL 34223
Colonial Oaks Park Building Room- A
5300 Colonial Oakes Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34232
<https://uwssc.org/vita/>

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.
1111 3rd Ave. W. Suite 100
Bradenton, FL. 34205

Phone: 941-746-6151

1750 17th St. Building C-3
Sarasota, FL 34234

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/

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

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

- **Lawyers.com**

Attorney reviews, information, and free legal answers

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

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 813-232-1343

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

Court Programs-Sarasota County 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.

- **Dependency Mediation**

The Family Mediation Program provides mediators to meet with the parties in juvenile dependency cases and termination of parental rights cases. The mediators, trained and certified by the Florida Supreme Court, are third-party facilitators who help the parties reach mutual and voluntary agreements.

- **County Civil Mediation**

The County Civil Mediation Program provides mediators to meet with disputing parties. The mediators, trained and certified by the Florida Supreme Court, are appointed to a case by the trial court. Mediators are third-party facilitators who help disputing parties reach mutual and voluntary agreements.

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/ Go to menu and submit a request.

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

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 ILne 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

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 Advocacy
- Immigration
- Human Trafficking
- Special Projects

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+.

1111 3rd Ave. W. Suite 100

Bradenton, FL. 34205

Phone: 941-746-6151

250 Tamiami Trail S. Site 201-D

Venice, FL 34285

Phone: 800-230-5920

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

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.

Storm Recovery & Landlord/Tenant issues

Consumer Issues

Divorce Clinic

Domestic Violence

Family Law

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

1201 6th Ave. W. Ste 402

Bradenton, FL 34205

Phone: 941-747-4976

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

Seniors vs. Crime

Program to help seniors who have been 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: 800-203-3099

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:

Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse, Assault, Child Abuse/Neglect, Child Sexual Abuse, Domestic Violence/Family Violence, DUI/DWI Crashes, Elder Abuse/Neglect, Identity Theft, Fraud, or Financial Crime, Kidnapping, Sex Trafficking, Sexual Assault, Stalking/Harassment, Survivors of Homicide Victims, Terrorism and Mass Violence.

Victim Advocate Program

2050 Ringling Blvd.\Sarasota, Florida 34237

Phone: 941-954-7021

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:

- **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. Income limit is 250% FPL.

<https://florida.freelegalanswers.org> Website is locked Copy and paste the name of the site [floridafreelegalanswers.org](https://florida.freelegalanswers.org) in search box.

You can find free legal information and resources at:

- 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 10th Street

Sarasota, Florida

Phone: 941-732-6837

Cornell Behavioral Health

1650 South Osprey Ave

Sarasota, Florida

Phone: 941-917-7760

www.dcf.state.fl.us

Children

Cornell Behavioral Health Pavilion

Cornell Behavioral Health is part of Sarasota Memorial Hospital, providing a continuum of care for mental health on the Gulf Coast. Provides inpatient, and outpatient services for adolescents/children, adults, and seniors. Individual and group therapy offered. Meets patient’s needs throughout Sarasota County through reciprocal referral services. A Baker-Act receiving facility.

Hours of Operation: 24/7 Insurance Accepted:

1625 S. Osprey Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34239

Phone: 941-917-7760

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/

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

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 17th Street
Sarasota, FL 34235
Phone: 941-371-8820 ext. 1000
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

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 17th Street Building H

Sarasota, Florida

Phone: 941-755-4782

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

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 941-720-5014**
- **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

Inpatient MH

Cornell Behavioral Health Pavilion

Cornell Behavioral Health at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, provides a continuum of care for mental health on the Gulf Coast. Provides inpatient, and outpatient services for adolescents/children, adults, and seniors. Individual and group therapy offered. Meets patient’s needs throughout Sarasota County through reciprocal referral services. A Baker-

Act receiving facility.
Hours of Operation: 24/7 Insurance Accepted:
1625 S. Osprey Ave.
Sarasota, FL 34239
Phone: 941-917-7760
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
- **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

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Behavioral Health Access Services**

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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.
 - Mariposa Place – a Residential Treatment Facility
 - 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

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:

4. A psychiatric evaluation (also known as a biopsychosocial assessment) that has been completed in the last year from a mental health provider.
5. Verification of disability (see attached)
6. 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
 4. They have at least 6 months of sobriety
 5. 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

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.

Bradenton, FL 34205

4010 20th St W – Main office

Bradenton, FL 34205

Phone: 941-209-1573

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 12th St. West

Bradenton, Fl 34205

Phone: 941-929-2800

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

Camelot Community Care

Camelot Community Care serves children and families experiencing abuse, neglect, behavioral health, and substance abuse issues. We accomplish our mission of enabling children and families to realize their fullest potential by stopping the cycle of abuse and

neglect in families in our community. No child should have to recover from their childhood, and you can join us in keeping our children safe and creating a bright future for our most important resource.

- 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 3rd party insurances. Others offered on a sliding scale.

5055 North Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, Florida

Phone: 941-355-4680 ext. 311

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 17th 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, FL34236

Phone: 941-250-0124

And

1201 6th Ave, W Suite 100
Bradenton, Fl 34205

Affordable Counseling -D.A.I.P.

4506 26th 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 6th 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!

Phone: 941-782-4150

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, FL 34287

Phone: 941-888-2144

6010-point West Blvd.

Bradenton, FL 34209

Phone: 941-746-2711

408 7th Street West

Palmetto, FL 34221

Phone: 803-7939

www.cancommunityhealth.org

Cornell Behavioral Health

Cornell Center is the Department of Behavioral Health at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, providing a continuum of care for mental health on the Gulf Coast. Provides inpatient, and outpatient services for adolescents/children, adults, and seniors. Individual and group therapy offered. Meets patient's needs throughout Sarasota County through reciprocal referral services. A Baker-Act receiving facility.

Hours of Operation: 24/7 Insurance Accepted:

1625 S. Osprey Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34239

Phone: 941-917-7760

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

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
- **Aging Services:**
 - Caregiver Support
 - Community Resources Connections
 - Social Lunches and Engagements
- **Veteran Services:**
 - Case Management
 - Financial Assistance
 - Homeless Prevention

2688 Fruitville, Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34237

Phone: 941- 366-2224 ext 123

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 or 941-313-8869 for information

4130 Woodmere Park Blvd. Suite 9

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: 941-376-9361 Crisis Line- 800-273-8255

www.namisarasotamanatee.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

<https://rhsrq.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 United Methodist Church
603 11th St. W
Bradenton, FL 34205
- Methodist Church
603 11th 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
- United Presbyterian Church
6510 3rd Ave. West
Bradenton, FL34209
- 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

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

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

Venice:

- Trinity Presbyterian Church
365 State Road 776
Venice, FL 34293

Phone: 941-493-0018

- Christ Venice Church
1475 Center Rd.
Venice, FL. 34292

Phone: 941-493-7504

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

800 Gul Coast Blvd,

Venice, FK 34285

Phone; 941-953-3877

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 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 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: : 941-732-6837

<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

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

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

Kidcare Florida- Department of Health

Child health insurance program for children birth to age 18years 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

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://healthystartsarasota.org/momcare/>

Postpartum Society of Florida

Volunteer social and mental health resources for new mothers.

Access to perinatal support, mental health/healthcare providers, education, and resources to improve overall well-being through advocacy, training, and increased awareness of perinatal mental health.

1253 S. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL

Phone: 800-944-4773

Email : 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

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: clientmhmsarasota@gmail.com

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

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

3rd Wed. 10am

- **Town Square Sarasota**

3882 Central Sarasota Pkwy.,

Sarasota, FL 34238

Contact-Nicole Pryor

2nd Thursday 3pm

- **Frances T. Bourne Library**

4143 Woodmere Park Blvd,

Venice, FL 34293

1st Tuesday 11:30am

- **Church of the Palms, Church of the Palms, Caregiver's Pathway Ministry**

3224 Bee Ridge Rd.,

Sarasota, FL 34239

1st and 3rd Monday 1pm

Phone: 800-272-3900

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/

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)**
<https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/caregiving/community-care-for-the-elderly-cce-program/?highlight=Community%20Care%20for%20the%20Elderly>

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)**

<https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/caregiving/home-care-for-the-elderly-hce-program/?highlight=Home%20Care%20for%20the%20Elderly>

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.

<https://aaaswfl.org/services/other-programs/#respite>

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

<https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/caregiving/respite-for-elders-living-in-everyday-families-relief/?highlight=Respite%20for%20Elders%20Living%20in%20Everyday%20Families%20%28RELIEF%29>

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

<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

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

- 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/

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 9th

[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 9th, a \$37.4 million affordable housing community for seniors.

Astoria on 9th 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 9th Street West

Bradenton, FL 34205

Phone: 941-538-5950

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://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 18th Street South Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22202

Phone: 202-479-1200

www.benefitscheckup.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.

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)

Phone: 941-861-1234

On Demand 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.
- Available in downtown Sarasota/Lido key./Long Boat Key, Venice/ Englewood Area and North Port Area

Phone: 941-300-1553

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 **861-1018** Individuals must have proof Medicare or Food Stamps to qualify. Fee is \$25 for 30 days.

Phone: 941-777-6000

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: 861-1018

Phone: 941-861-1234 Main Number

Care Finders

Care Finders provide professional help and do the work Finding a senior community for you or a loved one with no obligation or charge.

Assisted Living Community

Independent Living Community

Alzheimer's/Memory Care Community

Long-term Care

Skilled Nursing & Rehab (Nursing Home)

In-Home Care

Locations :

4975 Ringwood Meadow Sarasota, FL 34235

1201 6th Ave W, Suite #100 Unit #A636 Bradenton, FL 34205

535 U.S. 41 Bypass N. #2004 Venice, FL 34285

5342 Clark Rd, #1201 Sarasota, FL 34233

Phone: Free Senior Placement & Concierge (941) 666-0266

<https://mycarefinders.com/services/>

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

<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. Ste112

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 941-271-9800 or 941-584-0065

<https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/housing-options/eheap/?highlight=EHEAP>

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 Ext. 192

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/

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 or 941-951-3640

<https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/office-of-housing-and-community-development>

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

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

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/>

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.seniorsvscrime.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

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

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

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

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
<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. Were 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.caslinc.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: \$225 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

<https://harvesthousecenters.org/our-services/addiction-services/>

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.

Royal Palms

A halfway house/sober housing program that includes four hours of therapeutic services each week and daily involvement with 12-step programs. 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.

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

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

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 10th Street

Sarasota, FL. 342307

www.salvationarmyflorida.org

Under One Roof Gateway South

Opening in Oct. 2025

Under One Roof Gateway South, a new shelter and recovery center dedicated to helping women overcome addiction, homelessness and trauma—by providing a safe, healing environment and critical supportive services in one location. The Under One Roof facility has transitional housing for up to 30 families at one time.

407 57th Ave. E.

Bradenton, FL

Phone

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

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.

7632 Lockwood Ridge Road

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

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

The 360 Church

5250 McIntosh Road
Sarasota, FL

941-924-9876

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
- K-12 Education
- Adult Enrichment
- Autism & Diagnostic Services
- 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

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.

Mailing:

Learning and Families

Bethel Church\1805 30th Ave. W

Bradenton, FL34205

Phone: 941-961-4114

<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](#)

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

328 Miami Ave.

Venice, FL 34285

1901 30th Ave. West

Bradenton, FL 34205
General Inquiries: 180Sarasota@SuncoastYFC.org
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 Sarasota, 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

Alzheimer's Association

Provides information, support, referrals, and education to people affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related disease.

Phone: 941-365-8883 1-800-272-3900 for 24/7 helpline

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 or 813-637-9000

<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

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

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

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: 941-441-7209

www.fcb.org/node/349

Gulf Coast Lyme Disease Support Group

Information on Lyme Disease

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota^[SEP]

3975 Fruitville Road^[SEP]

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: 941-961-0016

www.jfcs-cares.org

BreakthroughT1D – formerly 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

<https://www.breakthrough1d.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

<https://lighthouseeducationcenter.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

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

Unitarian Universal Congregation of Venice

1971 Pinebrook Road

Venice, FL 34292

Phone: 727-410-1569

<https://dbstampabay.org/services>

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

5600 Peace River Road

North Port, FL 34287

Phone: 941-423-1921

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

YMCA SW Florida 1

1075 S Euclid

Sarasota, FL 34237

Shannan Staub Library Conference Room

4675 Career Ln

North Port, Fl 34289

Phone: 877-969-0010

<https://www.compassionatefriends.org/chapter/sarasota-chapter/>

National Alliance on Mental Illness Support Group

Family support and Advocacy
NAMI Sarasota & Manatee Counties
1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Suite 202
Sarasota, FL 34236

Phone: 941-376-9361

www.nami.org or <https://namisarasotacounty.org>

Overeaters Anonymous- Manasota Intergroup

12-step program for overeaters,. Phone for meeting locations

Phone: 941-343-7181 and 906-322-4495 Sarastoa

<https://www.oamanasota.org>

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

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.

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/sep/web/ebenefits/homepage>

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.
- Senior Friendship Centers provides a welcoming, safe place for older adults through loss/grief and discussion groups offered regularly through the Activity Center. Find out more by viewing our weekly calendar.

1888 Brother Geenen Way
Sarasota, FL 34236

Phone: 941-584-0050

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

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

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

Phone: 941-845-3061 for Grief Care

Phone: 941-893-6610 for Blue Butterfly Family Grief Program

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.

905 ponder Ave. Unit F
Sarasota, FL. 34232

Phone: 941-755-4782

<https://www.insightcounselingservices.org>

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 17th St. Building F

Sarasota, FL 34234

Phone: 941-227-1012

<https://moretoolife.org/>

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

Al-Anon and Alateen

A support group of relatives and friends of alcoholics.

Phone: 941-749-1750

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

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

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

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 1st of 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 1st 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 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/>

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.

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)

Phone: 941-861-1234

On Demand 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.
- Available in downtown Sarasota/Lido key./Long Boat Key, Venice/ Englewood Area and North Port Area

Phone: 941-300-1553

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 **861-1018** Individuals must have proof Medicare or Food Stamps to qualify. Fee is \$25 for 30 days.

Phone: 941-777-6000

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: 861-1018

Phone: 941-861-1234 Main Number

Senior Transport Services

Rides are charged at a rate of \$2 per mile plus a \$5 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

4654 Sate Road 64E#425

Bradenton, FL 34208

Phone: 888-295-2376 or 941-220-5168

<https://www.itnamerica.org/about-us/around-the-way-haven-of-hope/>

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

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

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

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 for additional federal employment opportunities.

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 for St. Petersburg Regional Loan Center

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: 941- 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

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

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

State College of Florida's Dental Hygiene Clinic

Free Dental Services for Veterans

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 26th St. West Building #2

Bradenton, FL

Phone: 941-752-5353

<https://www.scf.edu/explore/dental-hygiene-clinic/>

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

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

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

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 Tunnel 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 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 10th 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.

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Port Charlotte, FL. 33948
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North Port, FL 33943
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