

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Abuse Registry (Hotline)

800.962.2873

Florida hotline determines if the information presented complies with the mandates in law and assists all callers with information and referral to enhance the safety and well being of children and vulnerable adults. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Have a Heart do your Part- Toiletry Drive

772.519.1700

This is an annual drive that collects toiletry products from local schools. The supplies are made available to local resource rooms throughout the district.

Tutoring Program

772.298.2920 x 298

This program pairs mentors with school children during school hours in St. Lucie and Indian River Counties. The program is funded through the local Children's Services Councils and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Treasure Coast.

Hope's Closet

772.925.3074

Children served by the GAL program can be eligible for three free clothing outfits. *See Guardians for New Futures for vouchers. Contact the child's GAL if you see a child who needs clothes.*

Humane Thrift Shop

772.286.6909

Based on availability, this thrift shop can provide clothing and other items for children in need. Contact Terry Piccolo. *Contact the child's GAL if you see a child who needs clothes.*

211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

211

211 is a service that provides information and referrals to local organizations and programs to people in need. It also provides telephone counseling.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (District 15)**772.468.4080**

This agency works in partnership with local communities to ensure the safety, well-being and self-sufficiency for persons with developmental disabilities throughout Florida.

Children's Medical Services**772.467.6000**

This is a program for children ages 0-21 with special health care needs. Referrals may come through physicians, health care professionals and parents. This service provides primary, secondary and tertiary care with special support services.

Care Net Pregnancy Services**772.871.2211****OR** in Indian River County**772.569.7939**

Care Net offers free pregnancy tests, pregnancy options and STD screening. They also offer maternity clothing, baby clothes and baby furnishings.

FDLRS- Florida Diagnostic/Learning Resources Systems**800.358.8525**

This service provides screening for preschoolers with vision, hearing and speech problems.

Growing Together Inc**561.882.2424**

This program offers long-term substance abuse and behavior disorder services for adolescents ages 14-18. An outpatient program is provided for children through adults. An alternative school is on the premises. There are Master's level clinicians. The program emphasizes working with the entire family.

Helping People Succeed, Inc.**772.221.4050**

Helping People Succeed provides programs such as infant massage, baby steps and music and movement classes. They also provide behavioral services programs, employment services and Healthy Families.

Life Works Parenting Tools**888.466.9886**

Life Works provides parenting education, including divorce resolution for families in crisis.

MISS Project (Mothers, Infants, Striving for Success)**772.781.4063**

MISS provides transitional housing for homeless women with children on the Treasure Coast. Women must be between the ages of 18-30 and have dependent children.

Angel Food Ministries**772.220.0602**

Angel Food Ministries provide families with approximately \$65 of nutritious food for just \$30. There are no restrictions or conditions. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com or call Abundant Ministries at the phone number listed.

Florida's Parent Support Helpline**800.352.5683**

The Parent Helpline is a statewide, toll-free telephone crisis hotline that offers immediate assistance to parents and other primary caregivers in Florida who are feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or who have specific questions or needs about their children, or their behavior. The Helpline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; closed on state holidays.

Child Care Aware**800.424.2246**

A nonprofit initiative committed to helping parents find the best information on locating quality child care and child care resources in their community by connecting parents with local agencies best equipped to serve their needs.

www.childcareaware.org

CHADD**800.786.2929**

A national nonprofit organization providing education advocacy and support for individuals with ADD/ADHD. www.chadd.org

Family Network on Disabilities**800.825.5736**

Provides family-driven support, education, information and advocacy. Available 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**800.500.1119**

Links callers to the nearest domestic violence center and provides translation assistance when needed. Maintains a resource library of books, periodicals, videos, and other resources regarding domestic violence issues. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

www.fcadv.org

RESOURCES BY COUNTY

MARTIN COUNTY

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County, Inc

772.283.8373

This organization provides one on one mentoring to children 5-17 years of age.

Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Inc

772.545.0054

This program provides educational, cultural, leadership, recreational and athletic activities to youth when they are not in school. It offers a variety of activities, sports, arts, crafts, homework help, field trips, etc.

Children's Emergency Resources

772.223.0979

This is a program for low Income children from 0-20 years of age. The income criteria is 200% of poverty level in most cases. Children's Emergency Resources provides payment of direct services to children whose parents are unable to provide medicine, eye exams and glasses, hearing tests, aids, prostheses and orthopedic braces or other medically needed items.

Christians Reaching Out to Society-Indiantown Outreach Center

772.597.2950

This program provides a food pantry to income-eligible individuals and families in Martin County. A clothing store is also available where people can get used clothing for infants to adults. Clients must demonstrate a need and fill out an application.

Community Coach

772.283.1814

Community Coach provides public transportation for riders of all ages. The fare is fixed at \$1.00. Discount passes are available. Three days notification is required, and rider demographics are needed.

First Methodist Church of Stuart

772.287.6262

This is a faith-based organization providing a food pantry and limited financial assistance.

House of Hope

772.286.4673

House of Hope has locations throughout Martin County. It provides emergency financial assistance to those in need. It also provides a clothes closet with proof of Martin County residency and provides canned and non-perishable food in quantities enough for 4-5 days.

Martin County Health and Human Services-Health Services -Community Services Block Grant

772.288.5641

This program provides one-time emergency financial assistance for rent, electric and water for Martin County residents that meet federal poverty income guidelines.

Christian Community Care Center

772.283.4400

Christian Community Care Center provides free dental ministry for emergencies only.

Salvation Army

772.288.1471

For assistance with utilities, rent, food, or to use the thrift store, contact the social services office Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:30pm. Recipients need identification, proof of income and information on everyone in the household, as well as documentation on why assistance is needed.

Child Safety Seats

772.288.5600

The Martin County Tax Collector's office will provide child safety seats for a small fee or in cases of severe need, free. The staff will also install the seat. Contact the Tax Collector's Office for more information.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

My Aunt's House

863.634.2306

My Aunt's House provides clothing, shoes, school supplies, special items and Christmas gifts to children in low income families and children in foster care.

Dunklin Memorial Church

772.597.2087

This is a Christian-related drug recovery program. It offers counseling for emotional and sexual abuse and substance abuse. There are strong work training programs in forestry, lumber, carpentry and meat cutting. This program is for males only, who must be at least 18 years old with an addiction.

Okeechobee Special Equestrian

863.393.3206

This program offers services specializing in therapy, recreation, sports, education, mental health and hypnotherapy with the use of horses. Contact Mimi Arnold for more detailed information and events.

SAINT LUCIE COUNTY

Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc

772.466.8535

One-on-one mentoring is provided to children ages 5-17 years.

Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County

772.460.9918

This program provides after school activities and life enrichment for youth.

First Stop Center (Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County)

772.785.5850

The First Stop Center provides information about local services, referrals to appropriate services and handouts to help locate services.

This service is also available in Fort Pierce. 772.461.3820

SHIP Housing Assistance Program**772.460.2200 x 228 (Ft. Pierce)****772.871.5264 (Port St. Lucie)**

This program provides partial housing rehabilitation and emergency repairs to income eligible single family residences. The program also provides down payment and closing cost assistance to first time home buyers.

Community Transit**772.464.7433**

Community Transit provides public transportation to residents of St. Lucie County. The fare is \$1.00 each way. Children under 5 ride for free. Call two days in advance to schedule transportation. In Port St. Lucie call 772.879.1287.

Healthy Start Coalition**772.467.2016**

Healthy Start plans, monitors and advocates for the delivery of healthcare for all mothers and infants up to age 3 in St. Lucie County. It also provides Healthy Families, which offers prenatal services to qualifying families.

Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County Inc.**772.467.1936**

This is a non-profit program to provide low cost health insurance for school-aged children. Children enrolled in K-12 grade with no insurance and those enrolled in a Medicaid program are eligible.

PACE Center for Girls, Inc.**772.595.8880**

The PACE Center provides educational alternatives for girls who have had minimal success in the public school system and who are at risk of dropping out, or have had academic challenges.

Project ROCK (Reaching Out to Community Kids)

772.465.4646

This is a program that provides a safe nurturing and spiritual environment for youth who have been suspended from school.

The Holy Place

772.335.4740

The Holy Place provides limited assistance to those in need, such as food, utilities assistance, clothing and assistance with employment.

Mustard Seed Ministries

772.465.6021

This is a ministry that operates a thrift store in Ft. Pierce and assists with overdue utility bills, electric bills and rent. There is also a food pantry from 9am-12pm.

There is also a food pantry in Port St. Lucie from 1:30pm-4:30pm.

772.340.1406

In the Image of Christ

772.461.7788

This organization provides food on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Clothes are provided on Tuesday and Thursday. An STD clinic is open Mondays from 1pm-7pm.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County

772.299.7449

The Boys and Girls Club provides after school activities and life enrichment activities for youth.

Childcare Resources of Indian River Inc

772.567.3202

Childcare Resources contracts with local centers: Learning Nest; Community Preschool; Nanny's of Vero and others. It provides parenting workshops, mental health counseling, resources and referrals.

Homeless Family Center**772.567.2766**

The Center assists homeless families and individuals to obtain housing and self sufficiency.

Our Father's Table**772.562.6268**

Noon meals are served to all. Counseling is offered on Tuesdays from 5pm-7pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society**772.567.6774**

Groceries, gasoline vouchers and financial assistance with utility bills and prescriptions are provided.

Youth Guidance**772.770.5040**

Assistance is offered to children and families in Indian River County including mentoring, summer camp, funding, school supplies and other fun activities throughout the year.