



Lee County **Community Resource Guide:**

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

Lee County Sheriff's Office

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

Phone: (239) 258-3450

Website: www.sherifflee.org/juvenile-assessment-center/

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✦ **Abiding Love Lutheran Church**

3205 Chiquita Boulevard South
Cape Coral, FL 33914

Phone: (239) 984-1441

Website: <http://www.abidinglove.net>

Provides a food pantry for homeless and needy families.

✦ **The Able Trust Youth Programs**

Phone: (850) 224-4493

Website: www.abletrust.org

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

✦ **Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)**

P.O. Box 60401
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 939-2553 (Admin.)

24-Hour Helpline: (239) 939-3112

(800) 500-1119 (Domestic Violence)

(888) 956-RAPE (Sexual Assault & Human Trafficking)

Website: www.actabuse.com

Provides assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through shelter, advocacy, counseling, support groups, education on teen dating violence, information and referrals.

✦ **Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District**

2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Ages: 16+

Phone: (239) 939-6310 (Adult Education)

Phone: (239) 939-6300 (Career and Technical Education)

Website: www.leeschools.net

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

✦ **Affordable Home Ownership Foundation, Inc.**

5264 Clayton Court, Suite 1
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 689-4944

Website: ahf.today

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

✦ **AFCAAM/Catholic Charities of Venice, Inc.**

3681 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 461-0233 ext 2401

Website: www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

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

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

Phone: (888) 419-3456

Website: ahca.myflorida.com

ACHA administers the statewide Medicaid program in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families. Its website provides FloridaHealthFinder to search for health care facilities and health care information. See Department of Children and Families and Florida KidCare listings for information about enrolling in Medicaid or other children's health insurance programs.

✦ **Agency for Persons with Disabilities**

2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 221
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 338-1370 or (800) 615-8720

Website: www.apd.myflorida.com

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

✦ **AIDS Healthcare Foundation**

2320 Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 210-9980

Website: www.aidshealth.org

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

✦ **Aim Target Programs, Inc.**

3049 South Cleveland Avenue, Suite 100
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 18 and up

Phone: (239) 939-3363

Website: aimtargetprograms.com

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

✦ **Al-Anon & Al-Ateen**

Phone: (888) 425-2666

Website: www.al-anon.org

Provides support groups for people who have been or are affected by the problem drinking of a relative or friend.

✦ **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Lee County Area Intergroup**

12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 72
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5111 (24 hour hotline)

Website: leecountyaa.org

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

✦ **All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry & Thrift Store**

14640 N. Cleveland Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-7685

Website: <http://allsouls.dioswfl.org>

Partners with Harry Chapin Food Bank and other organizations to offer a world-class outreach program every Wednesday from 9am-10:30am. They offer food, clothing, healthcare, ID assistance, bikes, and hot lunches.

✦ **Alliance for the Arts**

10091 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 939-2787

Website: <http://artinlee.org>

Provides art programs for children ages 8 through high school.

✦ **Alva United Methodist Food Pantry**

21440 Pearl Street
Alva, FL 33920

Phone: (239) 728-2277

Facebook: Alva Methodist Church

Emergency food pantry for Alva residents on Wed. at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as funds and food donations are available.

✦ **American Cancer Society**

Phone: (800) 227-2345

Website: www.cancer.org

Supports cancer research, patient services, early detection, treatment, and education. The ACS CARES mobile app provides people with cancer, their families, and caregivers an easy, free way to access cancer-related information, including speaking with cancer information specialists when you have questions day or night, 365 days a year.

✦ **American Civil Liberties Union of Florida (ACLU)**

4343 W. Flagler St., Suite 400
Miami, FL 33134

Phone: (786) 363-2700

Website: www.aclufl.org

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

✦ **American Diabetes Association**

Phone: (800) 342-2383 (Mon. – Fri.)

Website: www.diabetes.org

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

✦ **American Lung Association of Florida**

Phone: (800) 586-4872

Website: www.lung.org

Works to improve lung health and to prevent lung disease.

✦ **American Red Cross – Florida Gulf Coast Chapter**

7051 Cypress Terrace, Suite 110
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 278-3401

Website: www.redcross.org

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

✦ **AmeriCorps**

Website: www.americorps.org

Ages: 18+

The federal agency for national service and volunteerism. From mentoring students to supporting disaster recovery, helping older adults age with dignity, and tackling other pressing needs, Americorps helps communities across the country.

✦ **Amigos Center (Amigos en Cristo, Inc)**

1560 Matthew Drive, Suite A
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 274-0401

Website: www.amigoscenter.org

Provides services to immigrants including temporary food aid to families in crisis, immigration assistance, translation services, language classes, employment assistance, and social services in Immokalee.

✦ **Ana's Friends / Guardian Ad Litem**

11691 Gateway Blvd, Suite 102
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 245-7787

Website: www.anasfriends.org

Provides support and advocacy for youth who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned in Southwest Florida. Provides support for the emotional, social, and educational needs of children in the child welfare system when no other resources are available, or as funding allows.

✦ **Angel Flight Southeast**

8864 Airport Blvd – Leesburg Airport
Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: (352) 326-0761

Website: www.angelflightse.org

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

✦ **Anger Class Online**

Website: www.angerclassonline.com

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

✦ **Autism Society of Florida**

Website: <http://www.autismfl.org>

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

✦ **The Behavioral Health Center**

12550 New Brittany Blvd., Suite 100
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 343-6050 (Pediatric Services)

Website: www.leehealth.org/our-services/behavioral-health

Offers child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry, medication management, psychological assessments, and individual, family, couples, and group therapy.

✦ **Benefits.gov**

Website: <http://usa.gov>

Provides an online search tool to find government benefits and financial help using the benefit finder tool.

✦ **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast**

8280 College Parkway, #201
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 288-4224

Website: <https://bbbssun.org>

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

✦ **Birth Defects Research for Children, Inc.**

976 Lake Baldwin Lane, Suite 104
Orlando, FL 32814

Phone: (407) 895-0802

Website: www.birthdefects.org

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

✦ **(Division of) Blind Services, Department of Education**

5256 Summerlin Commons Way, #201
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 278-7130

Website: dbs.myflorida.com

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

✦ **Bonita Springs Assistance Office**

25300 Bernwood Drive, Unit 6
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

P.O. Box 16
Bonita Springs, FL 34133

Phone: (239) 992-3034

Email: info@bonitaassistance.org

Website: www.bonitaassistance.org

Provides temporary emergency financial assistance for housing, utilities, prescriptions, and dental care for Bonita Springs residents. Also has a food pantry. Open Mon. – Fri.

✦ **Bonita Springs Lions Club Eye Clinic**

10322 Pennsylvania Avenue
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 498-3937

Website: www.fllec.org

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

✦ **Boy Scouts of America, S.W. Florida Council**

1801 Boy Scout Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-8072

Website: www.swflcouncilbsa.org

Volunteer organization that promotes character development, ethical and moral choices, citizenship, career development, patriotism and self-reliance among youth.

✦ **Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County – Main Office**

P.O. Box 62736
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Ages: 6 – 18

Phone: (239) 334-1886

Website: <http://bgclee.org>

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

✦ **Boys Town National Hotline**

Phone: (800) 217-3700

Website: www.boystown.org

Teens and families can talk to trained counselors for help with suicide prevention, sexual abuse, parenting troubles, anger, physical abuse, school issues, chemical dependency, relationship problems, depression, emotional abuse, runaways, and other issues. Spanish speaking counselors are available. Translation services are available for 140 languages.

✦ **Brain Injury Association of America**

Family Help Line: (800) 444-6443

Website: www.biausa.org

Provides information about traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

✦ **Broadway Community Church – Outreach Food Pantry**

3309 Broadway Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 936-8366

Website: www.broadwaycommunitychurchcog.com

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

✦ **Café of Life**

P.O. Box 367794

Bonita Springs, FL 34136

Phone: (239) 495-9325

Email: info@cafeoflife.org

Website: <http://cafeoflife.org>

Serves a lunch Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am to needy individuals and families in Bonita Springs at Leitner Park, 2724 Nomad Drive. Also distributes groceries, clothing, toiletries, and emergency financial assistance. Monthly storytelling for children includes a new book for them to take home. Provides a weekly medical clinic.

✦ **Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

9981 South HealthPark Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 432-2223

Email: info@candlelightersswfl.org

Website: <http://candlelightersswfl.org>

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

✦ **Cape Coral Art Center**

4533 Coronado Parkway
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 574-0802

Website: www.capecoral.net

Offers classes and summer camps in fine arts and various arts classes for youth.

✦ **Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry**

2691 Pine Island Road
Cape Coral, FL 33909

Phone: (239) 898-2331

Website: www.bootstraphomelessministry.com

Provides services for those who are homeless, income deficient, and food insecure at Messiah Lutheran Church. Hot meals are provided on Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Provides food to go, clothing, and toiletries on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Haircuts are available on the third Monday of the month.

✦ **Cape Coral Caring Center**

1420 SE 47th Street
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 945-1927

Website: capecoralcaringcenter.org

Provides emergency food to needy families in Cape Coral. Provides one-time financial assistance for paying electric bill (when funds are available). Open Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to noon. A valid ID is required. They have opened the Caring Café at SalusCare at 1105 Cultural Park Blvd. in Cape Coral on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to noon. Breakfast items are provided.

✦ **Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Youth Services Division**

315 SW 2nd Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 242-3950

Also see ***Cape Coral Youth Center***

Website: <http://www.capecoral.gov>

Provides childcare and afterschool/recreational opportunities for elementary and middle school age youth residing in Cape Coral. Full day programs are available on most school holidays. Offers many other classes and events for youth.

✦ **Cape Coral Police Department**

1100 Cultural Park Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-3223

Website: www.capecops.com

The ***"Do the Right Thing"*** program recognizes youth that have made positive choices at a monthly awards ceremony. (Phone: 239-242-3342) Application is online. A scholarship program is available for high school seniors.

PAL (Police Athletic League) assists deserving youth with tuition and fees to enroll in the community's various youth programs.

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

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

✦ **Cape Coral Technical College**

360 Santa Barbara Boulevard North
Cape Coral, FL 33993

Phone: (239) 574-4440

Website: www.capecoraltech.edu

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

- ✦ **Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center**
315 S.W. 2nd Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33991
Ages: 3 - 18

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

Provides afterschool programs, special events, and camps.

- ✦ **CareerSource Southwest Florida**
6800 Shoppes at Plantation Dr., #170
Fort Myers, FL 33912
1020 Cultural Park Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33990

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

Services include a resource room with free access to computers, phone, and fax, job search assistance, job opportunities, vocational rehabilitation, unemployment compensation, educational opportunities to upgrade job skills, family assistance, welfare transition services, and specialists to assist with those who have barriers to employment.

Destination Careers Youth Program provides assistance to young adults ages 14-24 to complete high school or GED, attain job skills, and connect to jobs. Eligibility is based on youth having barriers to employment and barriers to educational achievement. Call (239) 931-8200 ext 1221 for more information.

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

Phone: (239) 334-4007
Website: <http://catholiccharitiesdov.org>

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

Locations:

AFCAAM – see separate listing

Bonita Springs Center – Positive youth development, DUI and substance abuse treatment programs in Spanish, human trafficking victims assistance, food pantry, benefits applications.

28360 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
Phone: (239) 390-2928

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Catholic Charities of Lee County/Diocese of Venice, Inc. (cont.)

Clare House Center – *Assists the Haitian community, case management, afterschool tutoring, summer youth programs, immigration, refugee services, anti-human trafficking assistance program.*

5597 Sunrise Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 334-2234

✦ **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) at USF**

Phone: (800) 333-4530 (in Florida only)

Website: card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu

Provides support, instruction, and coaching with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities.

✦ **Center for Independent Living of Gulf Coast**

7011 Cypress Terrace, Suite 103

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 260-4575 or (855) 260-4575

Website: <http://cilgulfcoastflorida.org>

Offers assistance to people with disabilities in fulfilling their goals of independence and self-sufficiency. Programs are available to assist with employment, youth services, affordable and accessible housing, and technology. Also offers referral services, advocacy, independent living skills training, peer support and transition services.

✦ **Center for Progress and Excellence**

1500 Colonial Blvd Suite 233

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 689-8490

Mobile Crisis Line: (844) 395-4432

Website: <http://progressandexcellence.com>

Provides outpatient substance abuse treatment. A mobile crisis intervention team is available to respond to a crisis 24 hours a day in Southwest Florida. Provides mental health and substance abuse services to youth in the juvenile justice system including assessments, individual counseling, group counseling, and drug testing.

✦ **Centerstone**

4350 Fowler Street, Suite 15
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 11-21

Phone: (239) 208-6390

Initial Appointment: (877) 467-3123

Website: <http://centerstone.org/>

A Children's Community Action Team (CAT) provides families with support for children with multiple and complex needs that include a mental health diagnosis or co-occurring substance abuse diagnosis. Counseling services are offered in individual, group and/or family therapy settings. Substance abuse treatment options include outpatient intervention services, intensive outpatient programs, support groups, medication-assisted treatment, inpatient detox services, and residential treatment programs.

✦ **CHADD National**

(Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)
4221 Forbes Blvd, Suite 270
Lanham, MD 20706

Phone: (301) 306-7070

Website: www.chadd.org

Provides information and support to parents of children and adults with attention deficits, educators, and other interested professionals.

✦ **Challenger Baseball Inc – Tri-County**

Phone: (239) 292-7857

Email: rbarron1@comcast.net

Website: www.tricountychallengerbaseball.com

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

✦ **Child Abuse Hotline**

Phone: (800) 96-ABUSE or (800) 962-2873

Website: www.myflfamilies.com

Receives reports of child abuse and neglect. Provides information and referrals to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Florida law requires certain professionals that know or have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected to report this information to the Department of Children and Families.

- ✦ **Child Care Aware**
Phone: (703) 341-4100 Email: info@childcareaware.org
Website: www.childcareaware.org

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

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

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

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

- ✦ **Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)** Ages: birth – 5
2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 337-8199 or 337-8363
Website: www.islandcoast.fdlrs.org

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

- ✦ **Child Support Enforcement, Florida Department of Revenue**
3745 Broadway Avenue, 2nd Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Website: <http://floridarevenue.com>

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

- ✦ **Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.**
3830 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 939-2808
Website: www.cac-swfl.org

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Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (cont.)

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

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

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

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

✦ **Children's Home Society**

5100 Tice Street
Fort Myers, FL 3390

Phone: (239) 334-0222

Website: www.chsfl.org

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

The ***Healthy Families*** program provides home visitation for expecting parents and parents of newborns to promote positive parent-child relationships and optimize the health and development of children.

- ✦ **Children's Medical Services (CMS)**
9800 South Health Park Circle, Suite 405 Ages: prenatal – 20
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 433-6723 or (866) 799-5321
Website: www.sunshinehealth.com

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

- ✦ **Children's Network of Southwest Florida**
2232 Altamont Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 226-1524
Website: www.childnetswfl.org

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

- ✦ **Children's Rights Council**
Website: www.crckids.org Email: info@crckids.org

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

- ✦ **City of Palms Charter High School**
2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 205
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 561-6611 Email: info@cityofpalmscharter.com

An alternative education program for students ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of school or are at risk of dropping out. It accommodates students who are experiencing difficulties with the routine of traditional public school by using computer-based instruction. Classes are offered year round. Students may enroll at any time of the year.

✦ **Come As You Are Ministries**

2550 South Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL

Facebook: [Come as you are Ministries](#)

Distributes donations of food, clothing, toiletries, and related items to local ministries to help meet the needs of the community.

✦ **Community Cooperative**

3429 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-7687

Website: www.communitycooperative.com

Provides services for homeless and needy families throughout the community. Services include a Community Café, which is open 10:30am-12:00pm Monday-Friday. The Community Market Food Pantry provides a once-per-month opportunity for needy families to choose their own food rather than a pre-filled box of items (must show ID). Provides additional food distribution services through the Healthy School Pantry program, Meals on Wheels and various Mobile Food Pantries. Offers life coaching, financial literacy classes, crisis intervention and case management for families at risk of becoming homeless, social services for chronic homelessness, and health and wellness programs, in cooperation with United Way Houses.

✦ **Community Pregnancy Clinic**

The Terraces, 8660 College Parkway, Suite 200
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 758-0662

Website: <http://communitypregnancyclinic.com>

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

✦ **Cornerstone Church SWFL**

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

Phone: (239) 337-4140

Website: www.cornerstonechurchswfl.com

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

✦ **Counseling of Southwest Florida**

12811 Kenwood Lane, Suite 203
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 775-0039

Website: www.counselingswfl.com

Provides court-ordered mental health therapy and addiction services. Includes counseling services for substance abuse, anger management, domestic violence, mental health, and DUI assessments.

✦ **Court Administration, 20th Judicial Circuit**

Lee County Justice Center
1700 Monroe Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Justice Center Annex (Public Entrance)
2075 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-9197

Website: www.ca.cjis20.org

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

Teen Court is an alternative to traditional court for first time juvenile offenders that have committed misdemeanor crimes. Youth from the community serve as volunteer attorneys and jury members to impose sanctions. (Address: 1039 SE 9th Place, #361, Cape Coral, FL 33990) (Phone 239-533-7101)

Juvenile Arbitration is a court diversion program for arrested youth which utilizes community volunteers to hear the case and impose sanctions. (Address: 1039 SE 9th Place, #361, Cape Coral, FL 33990) (Phone 239-533-7101)

✦ **Cyber Tip Line/Child Pornography Tip Line**

Phone: (800) 843-5678

Website: <http://www.missingkids.org>

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

✦ **DJB Technical Academy**

60 Bell Boulevard North
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 476-9100

Website: beasleytec.org

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

✦ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center of Southwest Florida**

1860 Boy Scout Road, Suite B208
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 461-0334 or (239) 247-5821 (VP for the deaf)

Website: www.dhhc.life

Provides interpreting services for deaf and hard of hearing, information and referral, assistive devices, community education, job assistance, advocacy, and sign language classes.

✦ **Delta Family Counseling**

2029 Clifford Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 540-1155

Website: deltafamilycounseling.com

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

✦ **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

2295 Victoria Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Website: www.myflfamilies.com/

State agency which administers a variety of social services.

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

ACCESS sites are located at partner agencies throughout the community to apply for public assistance. For ACCESS locations go to www.myflfamilies.com/services/public-assistance.

✦ **Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)**

2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 195 (Administrative Offices)
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 338-2493

Website: www.djj.state.fl.us

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

Probation Office and Community Intervention Program:

2117 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Fort Myers Phone: 338-2650

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

✦ **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance**

Phone: (312) 642-0049

Website: dbsalliance.org

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

✦ **Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, Florida**

Central Referral Unit: (800) 338-3738

Website: www.devereux.org

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

- ✦ **Disability Rights Florida** (formerly Advocacy Center)
2473 Care Drive, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Phone: (800) 342-0823 or (800) 345-4127 (TDD)

Website: www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

A non-profit organization that educates, supports, and advocate with people who have disabilities, their families, and circles of support.

- ✦ **(The International) Dyslexia Association**
Website: <http://dyslexiaida.org>

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

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

Phone: (239) 935-6100

Website: <http://elcofswfl.org>

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

- ✦ **Easter Seals Florida, Southwest Florida**
8793 Tamiami Trail East, #111
Naples, FL 34113

Phone: (239) 403-0366

Website: www.easterseals.com/florida

Provides advocacy and a variety of services for individuals with autism and other special needs and their families.

✦ **Elite DNA Therapy Services**

4310 Metro Pkwy, Suite 205
Fort Myers, FL 33916

418 SW 47th Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33914

2913 Lee Blvd
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

9401 Corkscrew Palms Cir, 3rd floor
Estero, FL 33928

Phone: (239) 690-6906

Website: www.elitedna.com

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

✦ **Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

4040 Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite D
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 275-4838

Website: <http://epilepsy-services.org>

Provides medical services, consultation, clinical assistance in accessing medication, education program, and summer youth camp. Sliding fees.

✦ **Family Care Council**

Phone: (800) 470-8101

Website: www.fccflorida.org

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

✦ **Family Court Services**

Lee County Justice Center
1700 Monroe Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-2735

Website: www.ca.cjis20.org/programs/family-court-services

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

✦ **Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida**

P.O. Box 1357
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (844) 342-7935

Website: www.fhcswf.org

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

✦ **Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.**

311 S Missouri Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33756

Phone: (727) 523-1130

Website: www.fndusa.org

A statewide network of individuals with disabilities or special needs and their families that promotes full access to family-driven support, education, information, resources and advocacy. See Parent Education Network Project (PEN) at <http://fndusa.org/contact-us/programs/pen/> for local network.

✦ **Finish School**

Website: <http://finishschool.com>

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

Locations:

Coronado High School

3057 S Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-9140

Island Park High School

16520 S Tamiami Trail, Unit 190
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 204-5965

North Nicholas High School

428 SW Pine Island Road
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 242-4230

**First Candle**

Phone: (800) 221-7437 (toll free)

Website: <http://firstcandle.org>

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

**F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva**

2430 Periwinkle Way

Sanibel, FL 33957

Phone: (239) 472-4775

Website: www.fishofsancap.org

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

**Florida Art Therapy Services**

5280 Summerlin Commons Way, #804

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 297-7099

Website: <http://floridaarttherapyservices.com>

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

**Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking**

Phone: (727) 442-3064

Website: www.stophumantrafficking.org

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

✦ **Florida Conservation Corps**

Department of Environmental Protection
4801 Camp Ranch Rd
Gainesville, FL 32641

Ages: 17+

Phone: (352) 204-4527

Website: <http://floridastateparks.org/flcc>

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

✦ **Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling**

Phone: 1-888-236-4848 (888-ADMIT-IT)

Website: <https://gamblinghelp.org>

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

✦ **Florida Department of Law Enforcement**

Fort Myers Regional Operations Center
4700 Terminal Drive, Suite 1
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 278-7170

Website: www.fdle.state.fl.us

In addition to many other law enforcement functions, provides a sex offender search to find offenders that live near your home or school. The website also provides information on how one can get criminal records sealed and expunged.

✦ **Florida Housing Search**

Phone: 1-877-428-8844

Website: www.floridahousingsearch.org

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

✦ **Florida KidCare / Healthy Kids**

Phone: (888) 540-5437

Website: www.floridakidcare.org

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

✦ **Florida Network of Youth and Family Services**

Website: <http://floridanetwork.org>

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

✦ **Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)**

Website: <http://fpea.com>

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

✦ **Florida Partnership to End Domestic Violence**

Phone: (800) 500-1119 or (800) 621-4202 (TDD)

Website: www.fpedv.org

A 24-hour, toll-free domestic violence hotline that links callers to the nearest domestic violence center. Provides translation services, legal assistance and assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence.

✦ **Florida Rural Legal Services**

6611 Orion Drive #201

Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 334-4554 or (800) 277-7680

Website: www.frls.org

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

✦ **Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**

P.O. Box 2000
Boys Ranch, FL 32064

Ages: 10 – 18 (summer camp)
8 – 18 (residential program)

Phone: (800) 765-3797

Website: www.youthranches.org

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

✦ **Florida Virtual School**

Website: www.flvs.net

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

✦ **Florida's Vision Quest – Center for Sight**

1537 Brantley Rd
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 766-7104

Website: www.centerforsight.net/floridas-vision-quest/

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

✦ **Florida Youth Challenge Academy**

5629 State Road 16 West
Building 3800
Starke, FL 32091

Ages: 16 – 18

Email: admissions@flyca.info

Phone: (904) 414-3922

Website: www.floridayouthchallengeacademy.org

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

✦ **Florida's Adoption Information Center**

4203 Southpoint Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Phone: (800) 96-ADOPT (In FL)

Website: www.adoptflorida.com

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

✦ **Florida's Early Steps Program**

4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A06
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1707

Phone: (800) 218-0001 (Directory)

Website: www.cms-kids.com

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

✦ **Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center**

3500 Fowler Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 481-6262

Website: <http://fmcoc.net>

Includes ministries for adults, children and teens. Provides food and clothes closet to individuals and families on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

✦ **Fort Myers Police Department Youth Programs**

2210 Widman Way
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 321-7700

Website: www.fmpolice.com

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

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

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Fort Myers Police Department Youth Programs (cont)...

The ***Police Explorer Post #55*** provides youth ages 14-20 with an opportunity to experience daily operations of the police department by riding along with police officers on the road. Explorers assist police officers with various tasks and at community events.

Pathways to Policing Cadet Program allows potential members for law enforcement careers with the police department to gain appreciation, knowledge, and an understanding of law enforcement service.

✦ **(City of) Fort Myers Parks and Recreation Division**

1820 Hendry Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 321-7530

Website: www.fortmyers.gov

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

✦ **Fort Myers Technical College**

3800 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-4544

Website: www.fortmyerstech.edu

A post secondary career and technical education center. Offers career training and GED preparation. Students must be at least 16 years old. High school students must be enrolled as a student in a Florida public secondary school, must be classified as at least a junior, have a good attendance record, and have a satisfactory discipline record.

✦ **Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center**

410 Santa Barbara Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 574-0574

Email: ccpks@capecoral.gov

Website: www.capecoral.gov

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

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

4780 Cattlemen Road
Sarasota, FL 34233

Ages: 5 -17
Other: girls

Phone: (800) 232-4475

Website: www.gsgcf.org

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

✦ **Gladiolus Food Pantry**

10511 Gladiolus Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 437-3122

Website: <http://gladiolusfoodpantry.org>

Families in need may choose food as they would in a grocery store.
Open Wednesday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

✦ **Gladiolus Learning and Development Center (GLAD Kids)**

8950 Gladiolus Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: 4 weeks - 12

Phone: (239) 482-7706

Website: www.heightsfoundation.org

Provides an enriched educational program with an emphasis on literacy for children of working parents in the Harlem Heights community. Includes afterschool and summer programs.

✦ **The Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida**

9981 S. HealthPark Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 343-5437

Website: www.leehealth.org/locations

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

✦ **Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

5100 Tice Street
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 995-2106

Website: www.goodwillswfl.org

Assists those with employment challenges to find jobs, keep a job, and advance in a career. Community Resource Centers are located throughout the community and locations are listed on the website.

✦ **Grace Church**

Cape Coral Campus	Fort Myers Central	Fort Myers Shores
13 SE 21 st Place	2415 Grand Ave	14036 Matanzas Dr
Cape Coral, FL 33990	Fort Myers 33901	Fort Myers 33905

Phone: (239) 574-7161 (Cape location)

Website: www.egracechurch.com/cr

"Celebrate Recovery" is a biblically-based 12-step recovery ministry. Also provides a ministry to assist people after incarceration.

✦ **Guardian Ad Litem**

1700 Monroe Street, 6th Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-5437

Website: <http://guardianadlitem.org>

Assigns volunteers to represent abused, neglected and abandoned children in court proceedings.

✦ **Habitat for Humanity**

12751 New Brittany Blvd, Suite 100
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 652-0434

Website: www.habitat4humanity.org/

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

✦ **Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida**

3760 Fowler Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-7007

Website: <https://harrychapinfoodbank.org/>

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

✦ **Head Start/Early Head Start/Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten/Lee County Public Schools Early Childhood Learning Services**

3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 4 (administrative offices)
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-2512

Website: www.leeschools.net

Provides programs for families with pre-school children to enhance school readiness. Both center based programs and home-based programs are available.

✦ **Health Connect America – Miami Regional Office**

10631 Southwest 88th Street, Suite 155
Kendall, FL 33176

Phone: (786) 735-2020

Website: www.healthconnectamerica.com

Provides mental and behavioral health services to children, families, and adults. Also provides a therapeutic foster care program.

✦ **Health Insurance Marketplace**

Website: www.healthcare.gov

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

✦ **Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida**

8961 Daniels Center Drive, Suite 401
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 433-6700

Website: www.hpcswf.com

Provides health-related information and data. Works to improve

citizen's access to health care and reduce disparities in health status.

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

✦ **Healthy Start Southwest Florida**

1921 Jefferson Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: up to age 3

Phone: (239) 425-6920 (administration)
(800) 883-1959 (customer service)

Website: <http://healthystartbaby.org/>

Assists at-risk pregnant mothers and families with young children to access health care and other services to improve health outcomes.

✦ **The Heights Center/The Heights Foundation**

15570 Hagie Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 482-7706

Website: <http://heightsfoundation.org/>

Provides classes in literacy, GED, computer, employment training, medical screenings, performing arts, violence prevention, afterschool program, sports, scouts, and family strengthening activities.

✦ **Hope Florida**

Phone: 833-GET-HOPE (833-438-4673)

Serves as a connection point for community collaboration between the public and private sector, faith-based communities, and nonprofits. Assists Floridians in achieving prosperity and economic self-sufficiency.

✦ **Home School Education Program/School District of Lee County**

2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 337-8259

Website: www.leeschools.net

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

✦ **Hope HealthCare Services (Hope Hospice)**

9470 Healthpark Circle (Main Office)
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: 5 and up

Phone: (239) 482-4673 or 1-800-835-1673

Website: <http://hopehcs.org>

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

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

Rainbow Trails Camp is provided for children ages 6-16 who have lost a loved one. (hopehcs.org/rainbowtrailscamp)

✦ **Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers**

4224 Renaissance Preserve Way
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 344-3220

Website: www.hacfm.org

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

✦ **IMPACT for Developmental Education, Inc.**

1650 Medical Lane #4
Ft. Myers, FL 33907

701 Mohawk Pkwy
Cape Coral, FL 33914

Phone: (239) 334-6160

(239) 542-2280

Website: <http://impactswfl.org>

Provides a continuum of early intervention services and education programs to families of children with developmental delays or special needs including autism spectrum disorders and behavioral issues. An inclusive preschool is available for children ages 2 to 5.

✦ **Interfaith Charities of South Lee, Inc.**

17592 Rockefeller Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33967

Phone: (239) 267-3510

Website: www.icslee.org

Provides a food pantry, emergency financial assistance, income tax

preparation, and minor home repair. Co-locates other social service agencies on-site. Serves only residents of San Carlos Park and Estero.

✦ **Into the Jordan Ministries**

2701 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 160
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 18 – 40

Phone: (239) 308-0434

Email: info@intothejordan.org

Website: <http://intothejordan.org>

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

✦ **Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties**

9701 Commerce Center Court
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 481-4449

Website: www.jewishfederationlcc.org/

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

✦ **Job Corps**

Ages: 16 – 24

Phone: (800) 733-5627

Website: www.jobcorps.gov

A comprehensive residential education and job training program for economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth. Must be a U.S. citizen, have parent's permission (if a minor), be drug free, a high school dropout or in need of further vocational training/education, and free of face-to-face court or institutional supervision while in the program. Programs are located throughout the state.

✦ **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida**

13241 University Drive, #102
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 225-2590

Website: www.southwestflorida.ja.org

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

✦ **Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC)**

2107 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33901-3603

Phone: (239) 258-3450

Website: <http://www.sheriffleefl.org/juvenile-assessment-center/>

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

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

✦ **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

Website: www.jdrf.org

Supports diabetes research and provides education about diabetes.

✦ **Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program/Bay Area Youth Services**

4100 Center Point Drive, #101
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 936-8666

Website: www.bayskids.org

"JDAP" provides intensive case management, monitoring, and behavioral interventions for arrested youth who are at risk for reoffending. Programs typically last two to four months. Youth are referred to the program by the court system.

✦ **Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program**

An educational program to teach children about the dangers of fire and fire safety. Children may be referred by law enforcement or parents. Contact the fire district where the youth resides.

✦ **Laces of Love Charitable Foundation**

2077 J and C Blvd
Naples, FL 34109

Phone: (239) 591-1172

Website: <http://lacesoflove.org>

Email: info@lacesoflove.org

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

Accepts referrals through guidance counselors, school nurses, and non-profit organizations that serve needy children.

✦ **LARC, Inc.**

2570 Hanson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-6285

Email: info@larcleecounty.org

Website: <http://larcleecounty.org>

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

✦ **Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP)**

3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 2
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-2526

Website: www.lamp.leeschools.net

Allows pregnant teenagers to continue their high school education during their pregnancy. Students may continue in the program after the birth of their child with the assistance of on-site daycare.

✦ **Lee County IFAS Extension / Lee County 4-H**

3410 Palm Beach Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 533-7500

Website: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/lee/>

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

Lee County 4-H provides youth development opportunities through traditional 4-H clubs, school enrichment, and special interest programs. Ages 5 – 18. Call 533-4327 for more information.

✦ **Lee County Bar Association**

2077 First Street, Suite 207
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Mail: PO Box 1387

Fort Myers, FL 33902-1387

Phone: (239) 334-0047

Website: www.leebar.org

Sponsors free legal clinics on important topics of local interest. Provides

a lawyer referral service. Youth programs include Moot Court and annual Mock Trial competitions.

✦ **Lee County Clerk of Courts**

1700 Monroe Street / 2075 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-5000

Website: www.leeclerk.org

Juvenile/Delinquency Division

P.O. Box 9347
Fort Myers FL 33902

Phone: (239) 533-5000, option 6

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

Program Locations:

Lee County Justice Center, 2075 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Fort Myers

First Floor: Criminal and Traffic Services

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

Second Floor: Civil, Jury Assembly, and Clerk Administration

Includes all processes dealing with Circuit Civil Court and County Civil Court, family law, probate, small claims, appeal cases, foreclosure cases, child support payments, and jury duty.

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

Second Floor: Traffic Services & Payments, Official Records, Civil

Check the website for the specific services offered at this location as it is not a full service site.

✦ **Lee County Coalition for a Drug Free Southwest Florida**

PO Box 61688
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 560-1929

Email: info@drugfreeswfl.org

Website: www.drugfreelee.org

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

✦ **Lee County Government**

2115 Second Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-2111

Website: www.leegov.com

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

✦ **Lee County Health Department**

3920 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-9501

Website: <http://lee.floridahealth.gov>

Works to assure the health and safety of all county residents and visitors. Includes immunizations, women's health, family planning, nutrition, pregnancy testing, smoking cessation, environmental health, and infectious disease monitoring.

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

Clinic Locations:

Bonita Springs Clinic

28420 Bonita Crossings Blvd., A-1
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 344-2000

Lehigh Clinic

5220 Lee Blvd, Building 8
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone: (239) 344-2000

Services Available:

(WIC)

(WIC)

Michigan Clinic
3920 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

(WIC, STD, HIV/AIDS,
Immunizations, Tuberculosis)

Phone: (239) 332-9501

Pondella Clinic
83 Pondella Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

(WIC, STD, HIV/AIDS)

Phone: (239) 461-6100

- ✦ **Lee County Homeless Coalition**
1500 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 235
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Phone: (239) 322-6600

Email: leehomeless@gmail.com

Website: www.leehomeless.org/

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

- ✦ **Lee County Housing Authority**
14170 Warner Circle
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-6688

Website: <http://leecountyha.org/>

Offers public housing, housing vouchers, and family self-sufficiency program.

- ✦ **Lee County Human and Veterans Services**
2440 Thompson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-7930

Website: www.leegov.com/dhs

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

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

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

✦ **Lee County Legal Aid Society**

2400 First Street, #214
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-6118
Website: www.leecountylegalaid.org

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

✦ **Lee County Library System**

2345 Union St. (Administration)
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-4800
Website: <http://www.leegov.com/library>

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

Other Library Locations:

	<u>Phone:</u>
<i>Bonita Springs</i> , 10560 Reynolds St., Bonita Springs	533-4860
<i>Cape Coral</i> , 921 S.W. 39 th Terrace, Cape Coral	533-4500
<i>Captiva Memorial</i> , 11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva	533-4890
<i>Dunbar – Jupiter Hammon</i> , 3095 Blount St., Fort Myers	533-4150
<i>East County Regional</i> , 881 Gunnery Rd., Lehigh Acres	533-4200
<i>Fort Myers Regional</i> , 2450 First St., Fort Myers	533-4600
<i>Johann Fust</i> , 1040 W. 10 th St., Boca Grande	(941) 964-2488
<i>Lakes Regional</i> , 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers	533-4000
<i>North Fort Myers</i> , 2001 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers	533-4320
<i>Northwest Regional</i> , 519 Chiquita Blvd. N., Cape Coral	533-4700
<i>Pine Island</i> , 10701 Russell Road NW, Bokeelia	533-4350
<i>Riverdale</i> , 2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers	533-4370
<i>South County Regional</i> , 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero	533-4400

✦ **Lee County Parks & Recreation**

3410 Palm Beach Blvd.

Phone: (239) 533-7275

Website: www.leegov.com/parks

Provides recreation and positive youth development programs at numerous sites throughout unincorporated Lee County including summer camps, after-school recreation, sports, aquatics, teen and special needs activities. Also has volunteer opportunities for teens. Check their website for programs and locations.

✦ **Lee County Sheriff's Office**

14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway

Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 477-1000

Website: www.sheriffleefl.org

The Lee County Sheriff's Office youth programs work in partnership with the community to provide positive and preventive programs to the youth and families in Lee County.

Crime Prevention Programs and Services offers a wide variety of free presentations to prevent crime and enhance safety in the community. Examples of presentations and programs geared to youth and families include alcohol and drug awareness, bicycle and pedestrian safety, child fingerprinting, child safety, computer/cyber safety, children home alone, stranger danger, and gun safety. Call 239-477-1278 for information and to request services.

The **"Do the Right Thing"** program recognizes and rewards youth (grades K-12) that have made positive choices. School Resource Officers, teachers and other members of the community may nominate the students. Winners are recognized at a monthly awards ceremony during the school year. (See <http://leesyal.org>.)

The Sheriff's Office **Explorer Post 18** provides youth ages 14-20 with an opportunity to experience daily operations of the sheriff's office by assisting deputies with various tasks and attending community events with fellow members. The program instills responsibility, leadership, teamwork and initiative. For information contact your Lee County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer or call 239-258-3200.

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

Prescription Drug Drop Off Sites – Proper disposal of prescription medications can help prevent substance abuse in the community. Citizens who wish to properly dispose of unused medications may anonymously drop off prescription medications at drop boxes during regular business hours (8:00am-4:30pm) at the following LCSO locations:

1st Precinct: 121 Pondella Road, North Fort Myers, 33903 (477-1810)
2nd Precinct: 1301 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, 33936 (477-1820)
3rd Precinct: 15650 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers, 33908 (477-1830)
4th Precinct: 8350 Hospital Dr #114, Bonita Springs (477-1840)
Forensics: 10070 Intercom Dr, Fort Myers; call (239) 258-3003

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

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

The **Sheriff's Youth Activities League (SYAL)** provides various youth athletic programs and activities in Lee County with focus on the Lehigh Acres community. (See <http://leesyal.org>.)

✦ **Lee Tran (Lee County Transit)**

3401 Metro Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33901

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

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

✦ **Lee Virtual School**

2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 337-8178

Website: <http://lvs.leeschools.net>

Provides virtual school opportunities for kindergarten through grade 12.
(Lee residents only.)

✦ **Lehigh Community Services**

201 Plaza Drive, Suite 3
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 369-5818

Website: <http://lehighcommunityservices.com>

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

✦ **Liberty Youth Ranch**

P.O. Box 366206
Bonita Springs, FL 34136

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

Phone: (239) 597-7070

Website: libertyyouthranch.org

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

✦ **(Florida) Lifeline Assistance Program**

Phone: (800) 234-9473

Website: www.psc.state.fl.us/lifeline-assistance-program

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

✦ **Lifeline Family Center (Thrive)**

907 S.E. 5th Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Ages: 15 – 22

Phone: (239) 242-7238

Email: lifeline4moms2B@lifelinefamily.org

Website: www.lifelinefamilycenter.org

A Christian residential program for pregnant teens. Provides parenting skills training, counseling, education, GED preparation, and job training. Participants must pass a drug test and have no active felony charges.

✦ **Lifescape Integrative Therapy**

6315 Presidential Court, Suite 110
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: see website for individual therapist information

Website: www.lifescapeintegrativetherapy.com

Provides counseling/psychotherapy for adolescents including for anxiety, depression, stress management, eating disorders, social skills, career counseling, LGBTQ support, and addiction recovery. Accepts private pay and limited insurance.

✦ **Lighthouse of SWFL**

35 W. Mariana Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-7797

Website: <http://lighthouseswfl.org>

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

✦ **Literacy Council Gulf Coast**

26820 Old 41 (Main Campus)
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Mail: P.O. Box 2703
Bonita Springs, FL 34133

Phone: (239) 676-5202

Website: www.literacygulfcoast.org

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

✦ **Lutheran Services of Florida**

3615 Central Avenue, Suite 4
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 10 - 17

Other: **Youth cannot be under the supervision of DJJ or DCF**

Phone: (239) 278-1140

Website: www.lsfnet.org

Youth and Family Services provides crisis counseling for youth and

their families. Services are available for runaway, truant, homeless, and ungovernable youth and their families. A counselor also provides individual and family counseling for non-arrested youth at the Juvenile Assessment Center. Call 278-5400 for an intake.

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

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

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

SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) works with children ages 6 to 11 who are engaging in aggressive, negative behavior and/or have come into disciplinary contact with authority figures at school or in the community. It utilizes gender based groups to help children learn how to manage their emotions. (Phone: 322-8366)

- ✦ **MADD of Southwest Florida (Mother's Against Drunk Driving)**
13650 Fiddlesticks Blvd, Suite 202-144
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 791-7560

Website: www.madd.org/southwest-florida

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

- ✦ **Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, Inc.**
Southwest Florida Regional Office
3655 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 3
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Website: <http://wish.org/sfla>

The foundation grants the wish of any child who is between the ages of 2 ½ -18 and diagnosed by a physician as having a life-threatening medical condition. Children may be referred by the child's physician, parents or legal guardians, social worker or other healthcare professional or themselves.

✦ **March of Dimes – Western Coastal Division**

6314 Corporate Court, Suite 140
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 433-3463
Website: www.marchofdimes.org

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

✦ **McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry**

3341 Fowler Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 936-1754
Website: www.mcgregor.net/food-pantry/

Provides groceries to individuals and families on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. (Subject to change around the holidays.)

✦ **Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse-Florida**

Phone: (888) 356-4774 Email: MEPIC@fdle.state.fl.us
Website: www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch

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

✦ **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)**

8191 College Parkway, #201
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 337-9024 Crisis Line: (844) 395-4432
Website: <http://namilee.org> Email: info@namilee.org

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

✦ **Nar-Anon Family Groups/Nar-Ateen**

Phone: (888) 947-8885 (help line)

Website: <http://naranonfl.org>

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

✦ **Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Gulf Coast Area**

Phone: (866) 389-1344 (24-hour help line)

Website: nagulfcoastfla.org

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

✦ **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**

Phone: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678 (24-hour Hotline)

Website: www.missingkids.com

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

✦ **National Child Traumatic Stress Network**

Website: www.nctsn.org

Youth that have had multiple exposures to violence or victimization are at higher risk for mental health problems, health problems, behavioral problems, school problems, substance abuse, and delinquent behaviors. Systems which address these youth problems are at a disadvantage if they are not trauma-informed. This website provides information and resources for professionals, survivors of childhood trauma and their families, and the general public on child traumatic stress.

✦ **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

Phone: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Website: www.thehotline.org

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

✦ **National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.**

Phone: (513) 721-5683

Website: www.pomc.org

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

✦ **National Parent & Youth Helpline**

Phone: 1-855 4A PARENT 1-855-427-2736

Website: www.nationalparentyouthhelpline.org

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

✦ **National Runaway Safeline**

Phone: 1-800-RUNAWAY or 1-800-786-2929 (24-hour Hotline)

Website: www.1800RUNAWAY.org

Provides crisis intervention for runaway teens, or those at-risk, and their families. Provides information and referral. Teens may leave messages to their parents to reopen communication. Conducts conference calls between teens and parents/guardians/social service agencies to resolve issues. Assists in arranging free transportation home for runaways through assistance from Greyhound Lines, Inc.

✦ **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

Phone: 988

Website: <http://988lifeline.org>

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

✦ **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline/LoveIsRespect.org**

Phone: 1-866-331-9474

Website: www.loveisrespect.org

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

✦ **NCEF Pediatric Dental Center**

7505 Grand Lely Drive, Bldg.L
Naples, FL 34113

Ages: birth - 21

Phone: (239) 920-4523

Website: <http://ufhealth.org/locations/>

Provides comprehensive dental care to children in Southwest Florida. It is staffed by University of Florida College of Dentistry faculty and residents. In addition to providing routine dental care, it is able to provide advanced dental care and specialty services including sedation and hospital based dentistry. Accepts some private insurance as well as Medicaid and Healthy Kids-CompDent. For patients without insurance, a sliding fee scale is available (with proof of income).

✦ **Northern Palms Charter High School**

13251 North Cleveland Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-9987

Website: npchs.com

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

✦ **Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victims Services**

Phone: (800) 226-6667

Website: <http://myfloridalegal.com/crime-victims-services>

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

✦ **Office of the State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit**

1700 Monroe Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-1000

Website: www.ca.cjis20.org

Prosecutes criminal cases on behalf of the state. Advocates for the rights of victims.

✦ **On-Line Gamers Anonymous (OLGA)**

Website: www.olganon.org

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

✦ **Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

2666 Swamp Cabbage Court
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 12 – 21
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 267-4663

Website: www.ourmothershome.org

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

✦ **PACE Center for Girls**

3800 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 12 – 18
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 425-2366

Website: www.pacecenter.org/locations/florida/lee

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

✦ **Palm Acres Charter High School**

507 Sunshine Boulevard
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone: (239) 333-3300

Website: www.palmacrescharter.com

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

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

✦ **Pine Manor Improvement Association / Community Center**

5547 10th Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Mail: P.O. Box 61464
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 275-5180

Website: www.pmiafm.org

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

✦ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida**

6418 Commerce Park
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 481-9999

Website: www.plannedparenthood.org

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

✦ **(Florida) Poison Information Center – Tampa General Hospital**

Phone: 1-800-222-1222

Website: www.poisoncentertampa.org

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

✦ **Prescription Discount Card**

Website: www.leegov.com/dhs

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

✦ **Project Dentist's Care of S.W. Florida / Lee County Dental Society**

Phone: (239) 561-1949

Website: <http://leecountydentalsociety.com/local-dental-programs/>

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

✦ **Public Defender's Office, 20th Judicial Circuit (Pre-Trial Services)**

2075 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-9197

Website: <http://www.ca.cjis20.org/Programs/pretrial>

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

✦ **Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida/"The Q"**

3210 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Mail: P.O. Drawer 1290
Fort Myers, FL 33916 Fort Myers, FL 33902-1290

Phone: (239) 334-2797

Website: qualitylifecenter.org

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

✦ **(The) Right Service / 21st Century C.A.R.E.**

2234 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-3756

Website: <http://rightservicefl.org>

Provides financial assistance for expenses related to active cancer treatments, such as transportation, follow-up visits, childcare, medical supplies, and temporary housing.

✦ **Royal Palm Christian Counseling**

75 Evergreen Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Ages: All

Phone: (239) 939-0707

Website: <https://rpmcounseling.org>

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

✦ **Rx Assist**

Website: www.rxassist.org

A searchable website that provides information about free and low cost medicine programs.

✦ **(A) Safe Haven for Newborns**

Phone: 1-877-767-2229

Website: <https://asafehavenfornewborns.com>

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

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

✦ **St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries**

4711 Palm Beach Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33905

P.O. Box 50754
Fort Myers, FL 33994

Phone: (239) 693-4711

Website: www.smdpoutreach.org

The Café offers a free meal Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A food pantry is open on Friday from 10:00 am to noon. A training center offers instruction in English as a second language, sewing, computer skills, food preparation, literacy, and basic construction skills. Showers are available Monday through Friday. School homework help is available Mon. – Thurs. 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. (Days and times are subject to change.)

✦ **Saint Vincent DePaul Catholic Church / Our Lady's Cupboard Food Pantry**

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 694-3985

Website: <http://stvincentftmyers.org/ministries/>

Provides a food pantry for families in need.

✦ **Saint Vincent DePaul Society**

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

✦ **SalusCare**

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

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

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

Other Program Locations:

<i>Cape Coral Campus</i> , 1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral	275-3222
<i>Colonial Campus</i> , 10140 Deer Run Farms Rd., Fort Myers	275-4242
<i>Transitional Living Campus</i> , 2516 Grand Ave, Fort Myers	338-2977
<i>Vince Smith Campus</i> , 2450 Prince Street, Fort Myers	338-2306

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Care Connection provides mental health and substance abuse assessments for first-time, non-emergency patients. Complete the online referral or Care Connection forms, or call (239) 275-3222.

Outpatient Therapy services are available for children ages 3 to 17 that are experiencing problems related to substance use or other behavioral health-related issues at the Evans and Cape Coral Campuses, or by telehealth depending on insurance.

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

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Residential Treatment at the Vince Smith Campus offers structured programming and substance abuse treatment to youth ages 13 to 17 years old that are in need of more intensive services than outpatient services. The program provides a 24-hour supervised, structured setting with intensive treatment programming, family counseling, and an academic program provided through the School District of Lee County.

Therapeutic Behavioral On-Site Services (TBOS) is a voluntary service that provides mental health services to children and their families in the home or in the community. It includes individual and family therapy plus behavioral skills training with services lasting around three to six months.

✦ **The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties**

10291 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 278-1551

Website: <http://fortmyers.salvationarmyflorida.org>

Outreach centers provide emergency food on a limited basis, limited emergency assistance with utility bills, crisis management and referral. Some are open limited hours. Call the location for further details.

Service Locations:

Bonita Springs Service Center

26820 Old U.S. 41 Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Phone: (239) 948-5200

LaBelle Service Center

133 N. Bridge St
LaBelle, FL 33935
Phone: (863) 674-1441

Lehigh Acres Service Center

25 Homestead Road, Unit 42-A
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Phone: (239) 491-6071

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Center of Hope Social Services Center

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

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

✦ **(City of) Sanibel Recreation Department**

3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Phone: (239) 472-0345

Website: <http://secure.rec1.com/FL/sanibel-fl/catalog>

Offers recreational facilities and activities for Sanibel residents. Includes youth fun days, teen game room, afterschool activities, and youth camps during school breaks.

✦ **School District of Lee County**

2855 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 334-1102

Website: <http://leeschools.net>

Frequently Called Departments

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Adult and Career Education
Early Childhood Learning Services
Exceptional Student Education
Health Services
Home School Education
Lee Virtual School
Psychological and Social Work Services
School Counseling and Mental Health Services
Student Enrollment
Transportation Department

Phone:

939-6310
332-2512
337-8104
337-8245
337-8259
337-8178
337-8522
337-8132
334-1102
334-0211

✦ **Shriners Children's Hospital - Florida**

Phone: (888) 811-6289

Website: www.shrinerschildrens.org

A network of hospitals that provide specialized medical care for children with a focus on orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate, and other complex surgical needs.

✦ **Social Security Administration**

4220 Executive Circle, Suite 25

Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (800) 772-1213

Website: www.ssa.gov

Government agency providing retirement, disability, survivor benefits, and supplemental security income for the aged, disabled, and survivors.

✦ **Source of Light and Hope Development Center**

2666 Lime Street

Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-7519

Website: <http://solhdc.org>

Provides STD, HIV, and pregnancy testing. Offers mental health and substance abuse services. Operates a residential shelter for teens in the dependency system, placed there by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

✦ **Southwest Florida Children's Home/Florida Baptist Children's Homes**

4551 Camino Real Way

Fort Myers, FL 33966

Ages: 6 – 18 for residential program

Ages: 0 – 18 for foster care

Phone: (239) 275-7151

Website: www.fbchomes.org

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

✦ **Southwest Florida Safety Council**

1714 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 332-3008

Website: <http://swflsc.com/>

Offers live and online traffic schools. Provides Drug Alcohol Traffic Education (DATE/TLSAE) course, which is a prerequisite for getting one's first drivers license. Learner's permit test is available online.

✦ **Special Equestrians**

5121 Staley Road
Fort Myers, FL 33905

P.O. Box 61528
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 226-1221

Email: spequestrians@gmail.com

Website: www.specialequestrians.net

A horseback riding program which provides therapeutic riding to mentally and physically challenged children and adults. Fee for services; scholarships available.

✦ **Special Olympics – West Coast Region**

Special Olympics Florida – Area 7
27200 Riverview Center Blvd #107
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Phone: (239) 470-2241 or (941) 545-4601

Website: <http://specialolympicsflorida.org/westcoast>

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

✦ **STARS Complex**

2980 Edison Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 321-7545

Website: www.fortmyers.gov/1401/STARS

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

✦ **Step Up for Students**

Phone: (877) 735-7837

Website: www.stepupforstudents.org

Provides scholarships for low-income children to attend a private school or for transportation costs to attend an out of district public school that may better suit their individual needs.

✦ **Suncoast Community Center**

2241 Case Lane

North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Phone: (239) 731-9839

Facebook: [Suncoast Community Center](#)

A food pantry is open biweekly on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and biweekly on Saturdays from 9:00 am to noon (bread & produce). Call to confirm days and times. Provides movie nights, a youth archery program, workshops, and special events.

✦ **Sylvan Learning Center**

13720 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy #302

Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 204-3571

Website: <http://sylvanlearning.com/locations/us/fl/fort-myers-tutoring>

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

✦ **Take Stock in Children / The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools Inc.**

2266 Second Street

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Mail: PO Box 1608

Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 337-0433

Website: www.leeschoolfoundation.org

Provides mentoring and support to low income and at risk middle school and high school students. Offers the Take Stock in Children Scholarship. The College and Career Center helps students prepare for post-secondary education, technical training, and for entering the workforce. The Support Our Students Enrichment Program (S.O.S.) is a summer camp for incoming freshmen that offers career enrichment activities and learning opportunities.

✦ **Talking Books Library**

1651 Lee Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-4780

Website: www.leegov.com/library/branches/tb

Provides recorded books and magazines, and Braille materials for individuals who are not able to see regular print or have a physical limitation.

✦ **Teen Challenge – Southeast Region**

15 West 10th Street
Columbus, GA 31901

Phone: (866) 563-0497

Website: <http://teenchallenge.cc>

A Christian organization that provides substance abuse treatment programs throughout Florida. They have both an adult male and adult female program in Lee County. *They have youth treatment programs located outside of Lee County.*

✦ **Thrive Therapy**

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

Phone: (239) 963-4367

Website: www.thrive-therapy.org

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

✦ **The Trevor Project**

Phone: 866 4U TREVOR (1-866-488-7386)

Website: www.thetrevorproject.org

A 24-hour, toll-free, suicide prevention helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. It also provides an online, confidential question and answer forum for non-emergency questions regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.

✦ **Txt 4 Help**

Website: www.nationalsafeplace.org

A project of the National Safe Place program, youth in crisis can text the word **SAFE** and their current location to the number **44357** and they will receive an address of the nearest Safe Place site and contact number for the local youth shelter.

✦ **United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida/Sunrise Community of Southwest Florida**

810 S.E. 10th Court
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-0068

Website: <http://sunrisegroup.org/locations>

Provides diagnosis of developmental disability. Provides case management, adult day training, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, behavioral supports, training in self-care, daily living, and social skills.

✦ **United Way of Lee, Hendry, & Glades Counties**

7273 Concourse Drive, SW
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 433-2000

Website: www.unitedwaylee.org

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

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

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

United Way Resiliency Hub Locations:

Bonita Springs East, 26820 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs

Charleston Park, 2541 Charleston Park Dr, Alva

Clewiston, 1100 South Olympia St, Clewiston

Phone:

676-5202

728-8895

600-6992

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<i>Estero/San Carlos, 18011 S Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers</i>	267-3510
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<i>Dunbar, 3429 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	332-7687
<i>East Ft. Myers, 4040 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	313-7719
<i>Franklin Park, 2323 Ford Street, Fort Myers</i>	
<i>Harlem Heights, 15570 Hagie Dr., Fort Myers</i>	482-7706
<i>LaBelle, 133 North Bridge Street, LaBelle</i>	433-7559
<i>Lehigh Acres, 201 Plaza Drive, Suite 103, Lehigh Acres</i>	369-5818
<i>Moore Haven, 200 Second Street, Moore Haven</i>	(863) 946-0366
<i>Pine Island, 5090 Doug Taylor Circle, St. James City</i>	283-5123
<i>Pine Manor, 5547 10th Avenue, Fort Myers</i>	275-5180
<i>Sanibel, 2422 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel</i>	472-4775
<i>South Fort Myers, 9701 Commerce Center Ct, Fort Myers</i>	481-4449
<i>Tice, 5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers</i>	693-9510

✦ **Verity Pregnancy and Medical Resource Center**

8890 Salrose Lane, Suite 104
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 433-1929

Website: <http://pregnancyfortmyers.com>

Provides information and support for unplanned pregnancies. Provides free pregnancy testing, referrals, peer counseling, childbirth/parenting classes, limited assistance for infant supplies, and post abortion support. Walk-ins welcome during normal business hours.

✦ **(Cape) Vineyard Community Church**

923 SE 47th Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 549-8075

Website: www.capevineyard.com

A free hot meal is served at 5:30 pm on Thursdays. A free bag of groceries is available one time per month from their food pantry. A Lee County resident photo ID is required.

✦ **Visuality Florida**

2506 Second Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Website: <http://visualityswfl.org>

Provides LGBTQ teens a safe, welcoming environment where youth can

engage in social activities, educational programs, and peer support groups, plus special events and outings.

✦ **Vocational Rehabilitation, Florida Department of Education**

5264 Summerlin Commons Way, Suite 404 1031 SE 19th Place, #1
Fort Myers, FL 33907 Cape Coral, FL

Phone: (239) 278-7150 or (239) 772-6983

Website: www.rehabworks.org

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

✦ **Vocational Rehabilitation Ombudsman**

Phone: 1-866-515-3692 Email: ombudsman@vr.fldoe.org

Website: www.rehabworks.org/contact

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

✦ **We Care Food Pantry / Faith Presbyterian Church**

4533 SE 6th Court
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 257-3473

Website: www.fpcf.org/mission-outreach/

Provides basic food items to needy individuals and families in Cape Coral every Friday morning. Applications are available on the website or on the front door of the WE CARE building and are screened for validity of need. Applicants must be Lee County residents. Please call for further details.

✦ **Wings of Shelter International, Inc.**

21301 South Tamiami Trail, Suite 320, PMB 335
Estero, FL 33928

Phone: (239) 340-2980

Website: <http://wingsofshelter.org>

Operates Safe Houses in Southwest Florida for adolescent girls rescued out of domestic sex trafficking. Provides education to others in the community to recognize and intervene in cases of child sex trafficking.

✦ **YMCA of Southwest Florida**

1360 Royal Palm Square Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 275-9622

Website: <http://ymcaswfl.org>

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

Other Locations:

Bonita Springs, 27200 Kent Rd, 34135

Estero Camp, 8791 Corkscrew Rd, 33928

Phone:

(239) 221-7560

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✦ **Young Driver Program**

c/o Lee Health

A class which teaches young drivers about driving responsibly and outcomes of acts of irresponsible driving. Call (239) 343-1617 for schedule.

✦ **Young Life Lee County**

Website: <http://lee.younglife.org>

Provides positive youth development activities through weekly meetings, outings and seasonal camping. Check website for current club locations and further details.

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Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
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Challenger Baseball
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
Children's Medical Services (CMS)
Deaf Service and Hard of Hearing Service Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Devereux Florida
Disability Rights Florida
Early Steps/Early Intervention – see Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida
Easter Seals Florida, Southwest Florida
Family Care Council
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.
Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc./Florida High School – High Tech, L.I.F.E Academy
IMPACT for Developmental Education
LARC
Special Equestrians
Special Olympics
United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida

Divorce

Children's Rights Council
Family Court Services

Domestic Violence

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

Dropout Prevention, see Alternative Schools

Able Trust Youth Programs
Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
Florida Youth Challenge Academy

Drug Use, see Substance Abuse

Early Childhood Services

Child Care of Southwest Florida
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
Children's Medical Services (CMS)
Early Steps – see Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida
Head Start
Healthy Start Southwest Florida

Emergency Services

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
American Red Cross
Center for Progress and Excellence
Poison Information Center (Florida) - Tampa General Hospital
SalusCare – Crisis Stabilization Unit - Emergency Services

Employability Skills Training

CareerSource Southwest Florida
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Heights Center
Job-Link Family Resource Centers – see Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida
Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida
Lee County Human and Veterans Services
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries

Employment Services

CareerSource Southwest Florida
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.

English as a Second Language

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
Amigos Center
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Family Counseling

The Behavioral Health Center
Delta Family Counseling
Elite DNA Therapy Services
Lifescape Integrative Therapy
Lutheran Services of Florida
SalusCare
Thrive Therapy

Family Planning

Lee County Health Department
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

Financial Assistance (Emergency)

Benefits.gov

Bonita Springs Assistance Center
Cape Caring Center
Economic Self-Sufficiency Services – see Department of Children & Families
F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva
Interfaith Charities of South Lee County
Lee County Human and Veterans Services
Lehigh Community Services
Saint Vincent DePaul Society

Firesetting

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program

Food Assistance

Abiding Love Lutheran Church
All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry
Alva United Methodist Food Pantry
Bonita Springs Assistance Center
Broadway Community Church
Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry
Cape Coral Caring Center
Café of Life
Come as You Are Ministries
Community Cooperative
Cornerstone Church SWFL
Department of Children & Families (food stamps)
Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center
Gladiolus Food Pantry
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida
Interfaith Charities of South Lee County
Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Lehigh Community Services
McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries
Saint Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
Salvation Army
Suncoast Community Center
Vineyard Church
We Care Food Pantry / Faith Presbyterian Church

Foster Care

Children's Home Society
Children's Network of Southwest Florida
Department of Children and Families
Southwest Florida Children's Home

GED Preparation

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
Heights Center
CareerSource of Southwest Florida

Grief

Elite DNA Therapy Services
First Candle

Hope HealthCare Services

Gun Safety

Lee County Sheriff's Office – Crime Prevention Programs

Health Services

American Cancer Society
American Diabetes Association
American Lung Association
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida
Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Lee County Health Department
Shriners Health Care for Children

Health Insurance, also see Prescription Assistance

Health Insurance Marketplace
Florida KidCare

Help Line

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup
Boys Town National Hotline
Child Abuse Hotline
Narcotics Anonymous
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Parent & Youth Helpline
National Runaway Safeline
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline
Poison Information Center (Florida) - Tampa General Hospital
SalusCare
The Trevor Project
Txt4Help

Hispanic Services

Catholic Charities

Home School

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

Homeless Services, also see Food Assistance, Financial Assistance

Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry
Children's Home Society
Community Cooperative
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Oasis Youth Shelter - see Lutheran Services
Salvation Army
See Lee County Homeless Coalition website for more homeless services.

Housing Assistance

Affordable Home Ownership Foundation Inc.
Habitat for Humanity
Housing Authority of Fort Myers
Lee County Human and Veterans Services
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Lee County Housing Authority

Human Trafficking

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

Immigration Services

Amigos Center
Catholic Charities
Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Information and Referral

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
American Diabetes Association
Brain Injury Association of Florida
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
CHADD National
Child Abuse Hotline
Child Care of Southwest Florida
Deaf Service and Hard of Hearing Service Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Family Court Services
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
Hope Florida
Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC)
Lee County Library System
United Way 211

Job Skills Training

Cape Coral Technical College
CareerSource of Southwest Florida
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
DJB Technical Academy
Fort Myers Technical College
Heights Center
LARC
Lee County Human and Veterans Services
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries

Juvenile Justice Programs

Bay Area Youth Services – see Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program (JDAP)
Delinquency Citation – see Juvenile Assessment Center
Department of Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Arbitration – see Court Administration
Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County
Juvenile Assessment Center Screening Unit – see Department of Juvenile Justice
Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program (J-DAP)
Lee County Clerk of Court
Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) – see Lee County Human and Veteran's Services
Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NAB) – see Lee County Human and Veteran's Services
Probation (Juvenile) – see Department of Juvenile Justice
Southwest Florida Regional Detention Center - see Department of Juvenile Justice
Teen Court – see Court Administration

Learning Disabilities

CHADD National
Dyslexia Association

Legal Services

American Civil Liberties Union of Florida (ACLU)
Family Court Services
Florida Rural Legal Services
Lee County Bar Association
Lee County Legal Aid Society
Public Defender's Office

LGBTQ

Lifescape Integrative Therapy
The Trevor Project
Visuality Florida

Literacy Services

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
Cornerstone Church SWFL
Heights Center
Job-Link Family Resource Center – see Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida
Literacy Council Gulf Coast
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries

Medicaid

Agency for Health Care Administration
Department of Children & Families

Medical Services, see Health Services

Mental Health/ Mental Illness

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Elite DNA Therapy Services
NAMI
SalusCare

Mentoring

Able Trust Youth Programs
AFCAAM
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast
Take Stock in Children

Missing Children

Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (Florida)
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Nutrition Counseling/Education

Elite DNA Therapy Services
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida
Lee County Health Department

Parenting Education

Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Children's Home Society
Lutheran Services of Florida

Pregnancy Services – also see Teen Pregnancy

Children's Home Society
Community Pregnancy Clinic
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP)
Lee County Health Department
Lifeline Family Center
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
Verity Pregnancy and Medical Resource Center

Prescription Assistance

Bonita Springs Assistance Office
Prescription Discount Card
Rx Assist

Prescription Medication Disposal

Cape Coral Police Department
Fort Myers Police Department
Lee County Sheriff's Office

Recreation Programs

African Caribbean American Center
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County
Cape Coral Parks & Recreation
Cape Coral Police Department Youth Programs
Cape Coral Special Populations Program
Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center
(City of) Fort Myers Recreation Division
Heights Center
Lee County Parks & Recreation
Sheriff's Youth Activities League – see Lee County Sheriff's Office
Quality Life Center
(City of) Sanibel Recreation Department
STARS Complex
YMCA of Southwest Florida

Residential Programs

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy
Liberty Youth Ranch

Southwest Florida Children's Home
Vince Smith Center - see SalusCare

Running Away

Lutheran Services of Florida
Missing Endangered Persons Clearinghouse (Florida)
National Runaway Safeline

School Failure, see Alternative Schools

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District
CHADD National
DJB Technical Academy
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy
PACE
Sylvan Learning Center

Scholarships

Do the Right Thing – see Cape Coral Police Department
Step Up for Students
Take Stock in Children

Sexual Assault

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's)

Lee County Health Department
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
Source of Light and Hope Development Center

Shelters (Emergency Services)

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Oasis Youth Shelter - see Lutheran Services
Center of Hope – see Salvation Army
Txt 4 Help
See Lee County Homeless Coalition website for adult homeless shelters.

Substance Abuse

Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup
Celebrate Recovery – see Grace Church
Harbor Counseling & Lighthouse Addiction Services
Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida
Lifescape Integrative Therapy
Narcotics Anonymous, Gulf Coast Area
SalusCare
Teen Challenge
Vince Smith Center - see SalusCare

Suicide

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Summer Camps

Alliance for the Arts
American Diabetes Association
Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County
Boy Scouts of America, S.W. Florida Council
Cape Coral Art Center
Cape Coral Parks & Recreation
Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
(City of) Fort Myers Recreation Division
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida
Heights Center
Lee County Parks & Recreation
Quality Life Center
Rainbow Trails Camp - see Hope Healthcare Services (may be scheduled other than summer)
(City of) Sanibel Recreation Department
STARS Complex
YMCA of Southwest Florida

Support/Support Groups

21st Century C.A.R.E. / The Right Service
Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup
American Diabetes Association
Celebrate Recovery - See Grace Church
CHADD National
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Family Care Council
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
Hope HealthCare Services
Narcotics Anonymous
NAMI
Nar-Anon Family Groups/Nar-a-teen
On-Line Gamers Anonymous (OLGA)
SalusCare
Visuality Florida

Teen Centers

Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center
(City of) Sanibel Recreation Department
STARS Complex

Teen Pregnancy

Children's Home Society
Community Pregnancy Clinic
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP)
Lee County Health Department
Lifeline Family Center

Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
Safe Haven
Verity Pregnancy and Medical Resource Center

Traffic School/Teen Driver Programs

Southwest Florida Safety Council
Teen Driver Challenge – see Lee County Sheriff's Office
Young Driver Program

Translation Services

Amigos Center
Catholic Charities of Lee County

Transportation

Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee County
Lee Tran

Trauma

Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Truancy

Lutheran Services of Florida

Tutoring, Homework Assistance

African Caribbean American Center
Catholic Charities of Lee County
Quality Life Center
Sylvan Learning Center
St. Martin de Porres Outreach Ministries

Unemployment Services

CareerSource of Southwest Florida

Ungovernable Youth

Florida Network of Youth and Family Services
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy
Lutheran Services of Florida

Victims Services

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Guardian Ad Litem / Anas Friends
Hope Healthcare Services
Into the Jordan Ministries
Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victims Services
Office of the State Attorney 20th Judicial Circuit
Wings of Shelter International, Inc.

Vision, Glasses

Bonita Springs Lions Club Eye Clinic
Florida Vision Quest

Vocational Education

Cape Coral Technical College
DJB Technical Academy
Fort Myers Technical College
Lee County Human and Veterans Services

Vocational Rehabilitation

CareerSource of Southwest Florida
LARC
Vocational Rehabilitation (Division of), Department of Education
Vocational Rehabilitation Ombudsman

Volunteering Opportunities for Teens

American Red Cross
Harry Chapin Food Bank
Lee County Parks and Recreation
Teen Court – see Court Administration
United Way

Wish Fulfillment

Make-A-Wish Southern Florida

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Lee County Health Department

Work Experiences

AmeriCorps - National Civilian Community Corps
Florida Conservation Corps

Note: This resource guide focuses primarily on services for youth and families with children. For a more extensive list of the community's social and health resources, access the United Way's 211 website at www.unitedwaylee.org/211-data-base. Or call them at 211. (Call 239-433-3900 from cell phones.)