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

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Fort Myers, FL 33901-3603

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## Programs and Services

- ✦ **21<sup>st</sup> Century C.A.R.E.**  
2234 Colonial Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-3756 or 888-850-1622  
Website: <https://21stcenturycare.org>

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

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

Phone: (239) 984-1441  
Website: <https://abiding-love.com>

Provides a food pantry for homeless and needy families.

- ✦ **The Able Trust Youth Programs**  
Phone: (850) 224-4493  
Website: [www.abletrust.org](http://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  
1-800-500-1119 (Domestic Violence)  
1-888-956-RAPE (Sexual Assault & Human Trafficking)  
Website: [www.actabuse.com](http://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](http://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, #1  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 689-4944

Website: [ahf.today](http://ahf.today)

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

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

Phone: (239) 461-0233

Website: [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://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: 1-888-419-3456

Website: [ahca.myflorida.com](http://ahca.myflorida.com)

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

✦ **Agency for Persons with Disabilities**

2295 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 338-1370 or 1-800-615-8720

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

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

✦ **AIDS Healthcare Foundation**

2231 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-2391

Website: [www.aidshealth.org](http://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, #100  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 18 and up

Phone: (239) 939-3363

Website: [aimtargetprograms.com](http://aimtargetprograms.com)

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

✦ **Al-Anon & Al-Ateen**

Website: [www.southfloridaal-anon.org](http://www.southfloridaal-anon.org)

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

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

12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 72  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

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

Website: [leecountyaa.org](http://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: <https://allsouls.dioswfl.org>

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

✦ **Alliance for the Arts**

10091 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 939-2787

Website: <https://artinlee.org>

Provides art programs for children ages 8 through high school.

✦ **Alva United Methodist Food Pantry**

21440 Pearl Street  
P.O. Box 96  
Alva, FL 33920

Phone: (239) 728-2277

Website: <https://alvaumchurch.org>

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

✦ **American Cancer Society**

4575 Via Royale, #110  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 936-1113

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

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

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

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

Phone: (786) 363-2700

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

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

✦ **American Diabetes Association**

Phone: (800) 342-2383 (Mon. – Fri.)

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

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

✦ **American Lung Association of Florida**

P.O. Box 07142  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 908-2680

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

Works to improve lung health and to prevent lung disease.



✦ **American Red Cross – Lee County Chapter**

7051 Cypress Terrace, Suite 110  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 278-3401

Website: [www.redcross.org](http://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 – National Civilian Community Corps**

Website: [www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps) Ages: 18-24

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

✦ **Amigos Center (Amigos en Christo, Inc.)**

7401 Winkler Road (Admin.)  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

1560 Matthew Dr., Suite A  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 437-6727

(239) 274-0401

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

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

✦ **Angel Flight Southeast**

8864 Airport Boulevard  
Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: (352) 326-0761

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

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

✦ **Anger Class Online**

Website: [www.angerclassonline.com](http://www.angerclassonline.com)

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

✦ **Around the Clock Caring**

1140 Ceitus Terrace, #8  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 464-6976

Website: [www.aroundtheclockcaring.com](http://www.aroundtheclockcaring.com)

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

✦ **Autism Society of Florida**

Website: [www.flautism.com](http://www.flautism.com)

A statewide organization that supports individuals with autism, their families, and care givers. 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](http://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: [www.benefits.gov](http://www.benefits.gov)

A website to see if you may be eligible to receive government benefits.

✦ **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                      Email: [staff@birthdefects.org](mailto:staff@birthdefects.org)  
Website: [www.birthdefects.org](http://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](http://dbs.myflorida.com)

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

✦ **Bonita Springs Assistance Office**

25300 Bernwood Drive, Unit 6                      P.O. Box 16  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135                      Bonita Springs, FL 34133

Phone: (239) 992-3034                      Email: [info@bonitaassistance.org](mailto:info@bonitaassistance.org)  
Website: [www.bonitaassistance.org](http://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/Snead Eye Group**

10322 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 498-3937

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

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

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

1801 Boy Scout Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-8072

Website: [www.swflcouncilbsa.org](http://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**

7275 Concourse Drive, Suite 200  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: 6 – 18

Phone: (239) 491-2355

Website: <https://loveleekids.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: 1-800-448-3000

Website: [www.boystown.org](http://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: 1-800-444-6443

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

Provides information about traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

✦ **Broadway Community Church – SWFL Outreach**

3309 Broadway Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 936-8366

Website: [www.broadwaycommunitychurchcog.com](http://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](mailto:info@cafeoflife.org)

Website: <https://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](mailto:info@candlelightersswfl.org)

Website: <https://candlelightersswfl.org>

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

✦ **Cape Coral Arts Studio**

4533 Coronado Parkway  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 574-0802

Website: [www.capecoral.net](http://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](http://www.bootstraphomelessministry.com)

Provides services for those who are homeless, income deficient, and food insecure at Messiah Lutheran Church. Hot meals are provided on Mondays from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Provides food to go, clothing, 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**

4645 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 945-1927

Website: [capecoralcaringcenter.org](http://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 Housing Development Corporation**

609 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 471-0922

Website: [capecoralaaffordablehousing.com](http://capecoralaaffordablehousing.com)

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

✦ **Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Youth Programs**

P.O. Box 150027  
Cape Coral, FL 33915

Phone: (239) 573-3128

Also see **Cape Coral Youth Center**

Website: [www.capecoral.net](http://www.capecoral.net)

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. Rent-a-Teen Program provides a resource listing teens looking to find work. Offers many other classes and events for youth.

✦ **Cape Coral Police Department**

1100 Cultural Park Boulevard  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-3223

Website: [www.capecops.com](http://www.capecops.com)

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

**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](http://www.capecoraltech.edu)

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

- ✦ **Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center**  
315 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Ages: 3 - 18

Phone: (239) 242-3950  
Website: [www.capecoral.net](http://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](http://careersourcesouthwestflorida.com)

(239) 673-8591

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.

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

Phone: (239) 334-4007  
Website: <https://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

**Elizabeth Kay Galeana Center** - Immigration Services, food pantry, positive youth development, benefits applications, infant/toddler supplies, case management.

4235 Michigan Avenue Link  
Fort Myers, FL 33916  
Phone: (239) 337-4193



***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: 1-800-333-4530 (in Florida only)

Website: [card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu](http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu)

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

✦ **Center for Progress and Excellence**

11940 Fairway Lakes Drive, Suite 4  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Phone: (239) 689-8490

Mobile Crisis Line: (844) 395-4432

Website: <https://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.

✦ **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Phone: 1-800-232-4636

Website: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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

✦ **Centerstone**

4350 Fowler Street, Unit 22  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 11-21

Phone: (239) 208-390

Website: <https://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.

✦ **CHADD of Lee County, #613**

(Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)

14851 David Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 940-2578

Email: [chaddofleecounty@yahoo.com](mailto:chaddofleecounty@yahoo.com)

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

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

✦ **Challenger Baseball**

4385 Cortina Circle, #130

Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 898-8677

Email: [woodenbat22@hotmail.com](mailto:woodenbat22@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.woodenbatclassic.com/challengerbb.html](http://www.woodenbatclassic.com/challengerbb.html)

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

✦ **Child Abuse Hotline**

Phone: 1-800-96-ABUSE or 1-800-962-2873

Website: [www.myflfamilies.com](http://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: 1-800-424-2246

Website: [www.childcareaware.org](http://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](mailto:info@ccswfl.org)

Website: [www.ccsfwl.org](http://www.ccsfwl.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.leeschools.net](http://www.leeschools.net)

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.cac-swfl.org)

**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.

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

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

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

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

### ✦ **Children's Home Society**

1940 Maravilla Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-0222

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

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

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

### ✦ **Children's Medical Services (CMS)**

9800 South Health Park Circle, Suite 405  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: prenatal – 20

Phone: (239) 433-6723

Website: [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov)

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

✦ **Children's Network of Southwest Florida**

2232 Altamont Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 226-1524

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

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

✦ **Children's Rights Council**

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

Email: [info@crckids.org](mailto: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.

✦ **CityGate Ministries**

1735 Jackson Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-7747

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

A ministry to the homeless provides breakfast, hot showers, washes two days change of clothes on Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

✦ **City of Palms Charter High School**

2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 205  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 561-6611

Email: [info@cityofpalmscharter.com](mailto:info@cityofpalmscharter.com)

Website: <https://copchs.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.

✦ **Clearpoint**

Phone: 1-800-750-2227

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

Provides free counseling by phone and online on budgeting, credit, debt management, bankruptcy, housing, and student debt. Provides educational programs online on budgeting, debt management, foreclosure prevention, and buying a home.

✦ **Come As You Are Ministries**

2550 South Cleveland Avenue

Fort Myers, FL

Hot meals are provided on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 5:00 pm at Lion's Park (north of Lee Memorial Hospital).

✦ **Community Cooperative**

3429 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

P.O. Box 2143

Fort Myers, FL 33902 -3429

Phone: (239) 332-7687

Website: [www.communitycooperative.com](http://www.communitycooperative.com)

Provides a soup kitchen for homeless and needy families. The Choice Market provides needy families in Lee County a choice of emergency food items up to one time per quarter a year. Offers a Montessori preschool, life coaching, financial literacy classes, crisis intervention and case management for families at risk of becoming homeless, social services for chronic homelessness, and health and wellness programs. Provides food distribution and targeted case management at the Cape Coral United Way House and the Dunbar United Way House.

✦ **Community Pregnancy Clinic**

The Terraces, 8660 College Parkway, Suite 200

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 689-1543

Website: <https://communitypregnancyclinic.com>

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

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

Ages: 13 – 17

Phone: (941) 639-5535 ext. 100

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

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

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

Phone: (239) 337-4140

Website: [www.firstassemblycornerstone.com](http://www.firstassemblycornerstone.com)

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

- ✦ **Court Administration, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**  
Lee County Justice Center  
1700 Monroe Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-9197

Website: [www.ca.cjis20.org](http://www.ca.cjis20.org)

Provides case management and operational support to the courts. Administrates 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. (Phone 533-7103)

**Juvenile Arbitration** also is a court diversion program for arrested youth which utilizes community volunteers to hear the case and impose sanctions. (Phone: 533-7103) (Address: 1039 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Place, #361, Cape Coral, FL 33990)

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

Phone: 1-800-843-5678

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

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](http://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: [dhhc.life](http://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**

3723A Del Prado Boulevard

Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 540-1155

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

State agency which administers a variety of social services.

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

**ACCESS** sites are located at partner agencies throughout the community to apply for public assistance. For ACCESS locations go to [www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/map.shtml](http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/map.shtml).

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

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

Phone: (239) 338-2493

Website: [www.djj.state.fl.us](http://www.djj.state.fl.us)

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

**Probation Office Locations:**

	<b>Phone</b>
2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers	338-2493
6296 Corporate Court, Bldg. A, Suite 101, Fort Myers	433-6710
Boca Bay Building, 4720 SE 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste 101, Cape Coral	541-4884

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

✦ **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance**

Phone: 1-800-826-3632

Website: [dbsalliance.org](http://dbsalliance.org)

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

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

3677 Central Avenue, Building 5

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 910-8198

Website: <https://destinydiaperbank.com>

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

✦ **Devereux Florida/Dual Diagnosis Center**

Central Referral Unit: 1-800-338-3738

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

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

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

2473 Care Drive, Suite 200

Tallahassee, FL 32308

Phone: 1-800-342-0823 or 1-800-345-4127 (TDD)

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

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

✦ **(The International) Dyslexia Association**

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

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

✦ **Easter Seals Florida, Gulf Coast Region**

8793 Tamiami Trail East, #111  
Naples, FL 34113

Phone: (239) 403-0366

Website: [www.easterseals.com/florida](http://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**

6430 Plantation Park Court, #200  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

2721 Del Prado Blvd. S., #200  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 223-2751

Website: <https://elitedna.us>

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: <https://epilepsy-services.org>

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

✦ **Family Care Council**

Phone: 1-800-470-8101

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

Promotes the welfare, dignity and achievement of full potential of developmentally disabled individuals and preserving the family's ability to function as a unit. Local meetings are held once a month. 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/home/lee/leefcs.asp](http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/lee/leefcs.asp)

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

✦ **Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida**

P.O. Box 1357

Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: 1-844-342-7935

Website: <https://fhcswf.org>

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

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

2196 Main Street, Suite L

Dunedin, FL 34698

Phone: 1-800-825-5736

Website: <https://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: <https://finischool.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 Cleveland Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-9140

***Island Park High School***

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

Phone: (239) 204-5965

***North Nicholas High School***

428 SW Pine Island Road  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239)242-4230

✦ **First Candle**

Phone: 1-800-221-7437 (toll free)

Website: <https://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-B Periwinkle Way  
Sanibel, FL 33957

Phone: (239) 472-4775

Email: [info@fishofsancap.org](mailto:info@fishofsancap.org)

Website: [www.fishofsancap.org](http://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**

5272 Summerlin Commons Way, #601  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 297-7099

Website: <https://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 Domestic Violence**

Phone: 1-800-500-1119 or 1-800-621-4202 (TDD)

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

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

✦ **Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking**

Phone: (727) 442-3064

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

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

✦ **Florida Conservation Corps**

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

Ages: 17+

Phone: (352) 204-4527

Website: <https://www.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 H.S. 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](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us)

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

✦ **Florida Equal Justice Center**

3210 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 102  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 277-7060

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

✦ **Florida Housing Search**

Phone: 1-877-428-8844

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

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

✦ **Florida KidCare**

Phone: 1-888-540-5437

Website: [www.floridakidcare.org](http://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 MENTOR**

7680 Cambridge Manor Place, Suite 200  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 466-2000

Website: [www.fl-mentor.com](http://www.fl-mentor.com)

Provides residential and hourly support services for adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and medically complex needs.

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

Website: <https://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: <https://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 Youth Challenge Academy**

5629 State Road 16 West  
Building 3800  
Starke, FL 32091

Ages: 16 – 18

Email: [admissions@flyca.info](mailto:admissions@flyca.info)

Phone: 1-866-276-9304

Website: [www.floridayouthchallengeacademy.org](http://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: 1-800-96-ADOPT (In FL)      1-904-353-0679 (Outside of FL)

Website: [www.adoptflorida.com](http://www.adoptflorida.com)

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

✦ **Florida's Early Steps Directory**

Website: [www.cms-kids.com/families/early\\_steps\\_directory/index.html](http://www.cms-kids.com/families/early_steps_directory/index.html)

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: <https://fmcoc.com>

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

✦ **Fort Myers Police Department**

2210 Widman Way  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 321-7700

Website: [www.fmpolice.com](http://www.fmpolice.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1820 Hendry Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 321-7530

Website: <https://cityftmyers.com/1216/Parks-Recreation>

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

✦ **Fort Myers Technical College**

3800 Michigan Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-4544

Website: <https://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, be classified as at least a junior, have a good attendance record, and have a satisfactory discipline record.

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

410 Santa Barbara Boulevard  
P.O. Box 150027  
Cape Coral, FL 33915-0027

Phone: (239) 574-0574

Website: [www.capecoral.net](http://www.capecoral.net)

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

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

4780 Cattlemen Road  
Sarasota, FL 34233

Ages: 5 -17  
Other: girls

Phone: 1-800-232-4475

Website: [www.gsgcf.org](http://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: <https://gladiolusfoodpantry.org>

Families in need may choose food as they would in a grocery store. Open Wednesday 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

✦ **Gladiolus Learning and Development Center**

10320 Gladiolus Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: 4 weeks - 12

Phone: (239) 481-2100

Website: [www.gladkids.net](http://www.gladkids.net)

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

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

9981 S. HealthPark Drive  
Ft. Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 343-5437

Website: [www.leehealth.org/childrens-health/index.asp](http://www.leehealth.org/childrens-health/index.asp)

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) 666-7690

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

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

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

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

**TOPS (Teen Outreach Program)** is a weekly program for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12 grades guided by a nine-month curriculum that helps reduce the risk of problem behaviors and promotes healthy choices.

✦ **Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus**

13 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Place  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-7161

Website: [www.egracechurch.com](http://www.egracechurch.com)

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

✦ **Grow-Within: The Center for Personal Discovery**

10251 Metro Parkway, #121  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 939-4769

Website: <https://grow-within.com>

Provides "Intentional Parenting" and other personal growth classes.

✦ **Guardian Ad Litem**

1700 Monroe Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-5437

Website: <https://guardianadlitem.org>

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

✦ **Habitat for Humanity**

1288 North Tamiami Trail  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 652-0434

Website: [www.habitat4humanity.org/](http://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.

✦ **Harbor Counseling & Lighthouse Addiction Services**

2804 Del Prado Boulevard, #104  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 540-8011

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

✦ **Harry Chapin Food Bank 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](http://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.

✦ **HEADS**

3049 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 290  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (813) 754-5555

Website: [www.headsusa.com](http://www.headsusa.com)

Provides behavioral health therapy for youth struggling with behavioral and social issues or who have involvement in the juvenile justice system. Also provides a therapeutic foster care program.

✦ **Health Insurance Marketplace**

Website: [www.healthcare.gov](http://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](http://www.hpcswf.com)

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

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

✦ **Healthy Kids**

Phone: 1-888-540-5437

Ages: 5 – 18

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

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

✦ **Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

1921 Jefferson Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: up to age 3

Phone: (239) 425-6920 (administration)  
(239) 225-7734 (Lee County)

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: <https://heightsfoundation.org/>

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



✦ **Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County (HORC)**

4040 Palm Beach Blvd., Suite C  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 768-2013

Website: [www.lowincomehousing.us](http://www.lowincomehousing.us)

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

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

2855 Colonial Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 337-8259

Website: [www.leeschools.net](http://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**

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

Ages: 5 and up

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

Website: <https://hopehcs.org>

**Other Locations:**

2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral 33909

1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

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

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

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

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

4224 Renaissance Preserve Way  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 344-3220

Website: [www.hacfm.org](http://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 33994

120 Del Prado Blvd. South  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 334-6160

(239) 242-6355

Website: <http://impactforkids.org>

Ages: 0 – 5

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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://www.jewishfederationlcc.org/)

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

✦ **Job Corps**

Ages: 16 – 24

Phone: 1-800-733-5627

Website: [www.jobcorps.gov](http://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.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-swflor/](http://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-swflor/)

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

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

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

Phone: (239) 258-3450

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

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

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## ***Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC) (cont.)***

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

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

### ✦ **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

Website: [www.jdrf.org](http://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

**"J-DAP"** provides intensive case management, monitoring, and behavioral interventions for arrested youth who are at risk for reoffending. Youth are referred to the program by the court system.

### ✦ **Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program**

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

### ✦ **Laces of Love**

1976 Bethany Place  
Naples, FL 34109

Phone: (239) 591-1172

Website: <https://lacesoflove.org>

Email: [info@lacesoflove.org](mailto: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@larccleecounty.org](mailto:info@larccleecounty.org)

Website: <https://larccleecounty.org>

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

✦ **Lee Adolescent Mothers Program (LAMP)**

3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 2  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-2526

Website: <https://lamp.leeschools.net>

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

✦ **Lee County Bar Association**

2077 First Street, Suite 207  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
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Mail: P.O. Box 1387  
Fort Myers, FL 33902-1387

Phone: (239) 334-0047

Website: [www.leebar.org](http://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.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-5000

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

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## **Lee County Clerk of Courts (cont.)**

### ***Juvenile/Delinquency Division***

P.O. Box 9347  
Fort Myers FL 33902

Phone: (239) 533-1400

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

### ***Program Locations:***

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

#### *First Floor: Criminal and Traffic Services*

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

#### *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. 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Cape Coral

#### *Second Floor: Traffic Services and Payments, Official Records, Probate, Civil*

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

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

3763 Evans Avenue, #202  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 931-9317

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

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

✦ **Lee County Extension**  
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**  
c/o Lee County Extension Service Ages: 5 - 18  
3410 Palm Beach Boulevard  
Ft. Myers, FL 33916-3736

Phone: (239) 533-4327  
Website: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/lee/4h-youth-development/>

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

✦ **Lee County Government**  
2115 Second Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-2111  
Website: [www.leegov.com](http://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.

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

**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:**

**Services Available:**

Bonita Springs Clinic  
28420 Bonita Crossings Blvd., A-1 (WIC)  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 344-2000

Lehigh Clinic (WIC)  
5624 8<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 106  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone: (239) 344-2000

Michigan Clinic (WIC, STD, HIV/AIDS,  
3920 Michigan Avenue Immunizations, Tuberculosis)  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-9501

Pondella Clinic (WIC, STD, HIV/AIDS)  
83 Pondella Road  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 461-6100

✦ **Lee County Homeless Coalition**

1500 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 235  
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Phone: (239) 322-6600

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

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

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



✦ **Lee County Housing Authority**

14170 Warner Circle  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-6688

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

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](http://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](http://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](http://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: <https://www.leegov.com/library>

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

<b><u>Other Library Locations:</u></b>	<b><u>Phone:</u></b>
<i>Bonita Springs</i> , 10560 Reynolds St., Bonita Springs	533-4860
<i>Cape Coral</i> , 921 S.W. 39 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
<i>Talking Books</i> , 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers	533-4780
<i>Victor Yingst</i> , 2115 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Myers	479-4636

✦ **Lee County Parks & Recreation**  
3410 Palm Beach Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 533-7275  
Website: [www.leegov.com/parks](http://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](http://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 258-3280 for information and to request services.

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

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

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

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

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

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## **Lee County Sheriff's Office (cont.)**

**School Resource Officers (SRO's)** are assigned to middle and high schools in 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](http://www.leeschools.net).

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

The **Sheriff's Youth Activities League (SYAL)** provides various youth athletic programs and activities in Lee County with focus on the Lehigh Acres community. (See <https://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](http://www.leegov.com/leetran)

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

### ✦ **Lee Virtual Instruction Program**

2855 Colonial Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 337-8178  
Website: <https://lvip.leeschools.net>

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

✦ **Lehigh Community Services**

201 Plaza Drive, Suite 3  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 369-5818

Website: <http://lehighcommunityservices.com>

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

✦ **Liberty Youth Ranch**

24900 Liberty Youth Ranch Way  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Ages: 4 – 17

Mail: P.O. Box 366206  
Bonita Springs, FL 34136

Phone: (239) 597-7070 or 1-866-FL-YOUTH (toll free)

Website: [libertyyouthranch.org](http://libertyyouthranch.org)

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

✦ **(Florida) Lifeline Assistance Program**

Phone: 1-800-540-7039

Website: [www.floridaopc.gov/Pages/Lifeline.aspx](http://www.floridaopc.gov/Pages/Lifeline.aspx)

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**

907 S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Ages: 15 – 22

Phone: (239) 242-7238

Email: [helpline4teens@mindspring.com](mailto:helpline4teens@mindspring.com)

Helpline: (239) 772-4673 (available 24/7)

Website: [www.lifelinefamilycenter.org](http://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 Counseling Services**

6237 Presidential Court, Suite 110  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 478-6817

Website: [www.lifescapecounselingservices.com](http://www.lifescapecounselingservices.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](http://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.

✦ **Lucy's Love and Light Ministries/Living Word Ministries**

2900 North Tamiami Trail  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-7701

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

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

✦ **Lutheran Services of Florida**

3615 Central Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 10 - 17

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

Phone: (239) 278-1030

Website: [www.lsfnet.org](http://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. Call 278-5400 for intake. 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)**

13130 Westlinks Terrace, Suite 8  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Phone: (239) 791-7560

Website: [www.madd.org/southwest-florida](http://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.**

West Coast Field Office  
3655 Bonita Beach Road SW, Suite 3  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Ages: 2 ½ - 18

Phone: 239-992-9474  
Website: <http://sfla.wish.org>

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

✦ **March of Dimes – Southwest Coast Division**

6314 Corporate Court, Suite 140  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 433-3463  
Website: [www.marchofdimes.com/](http://www.marchofdimes.com/)

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

✦ **McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry**

3341 Fowler Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

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

Provides groceries to individuals and families on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 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: 1-888-356-4774                      Email: [MEPIC@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:MEPIC@fdle.state.fl.us)  
Website: [www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch)

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



✦ **NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)**

8191 College Parkway, #205  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 337-9024

Email: [namilee@nami.org](mailto:namilee@nami.org)

Website: <https://namilee.org>

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

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

Phone: 1-888-947-8885 (help line)

Website: <https://naranonfl.org>

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

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

Phone: 1-866-389-1344 (24-hour help line)

Website: [nagulfcoastfla.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.com](http://www.pomc.com)

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

✦ **National Parent Helpline**

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

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

Operated by Parents Anonymous ([www.parentsanonymous.org](http://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](http://www.1800RUNAWAY.org)

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

✦ **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

Phone: 800-273-TALK (8255)

Website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

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

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

Phone: 1-866-331-9474

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

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

✦ **Nations Association Charities**

3903 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-7575

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

Provides mentoring, tutoring, and summer youth camp.

✦ **NCEF Pediatric Dental Center**

7505 Grand Lely Drive, Bldg.1  
Naples, FL 34113

Ages: birth - 21

Phone: (239) 920-4523

Website: <https://ufhealth.org/ncef-naples-pediatric-dental-center>

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

✦ **Northern Palms Charter High School**

13251 North Cleveland Avenue  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-9987

Website: [npchs.com](http://npchs.com)

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

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

Phone: 1-800-226-6667

Website: <https://myfloridalegal.com/victims>

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, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**

2000 Main Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-1000

Website: [www.sao.cjis20.org](http://www.sao.cjis20.org)

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

✦ **On-Line Gamers Anonymous (OLGA)**

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

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

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

7438 Carrier Road  
Fort Myers, FL 33967

Ages: 12 – 21  
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 267-4663

Website: [www.ourmothershome.com](http://www.ourmothershome.com)

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

✦ **PACE Center for Girls**

3800 Evans Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 12 – 18

Other: girls

Phone: (239) 425-2366

Website: [www.pacecenter.org/locations/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/locations/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 N  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone: (239) 330-3300

Website: [www.palmarescharter.com](http://www.palmarescharter.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.

✦ **Partnership for Prescription Assistance**

Website: [www.aafp.org/about/initiatives/prescription-assistance.html](http://www.aafp.org/about/initiatives/prescription-assistance.html)

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

✦ **Peace By Piece Learning Center**

6714 Winkler Road  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Ages: 5 - 14

Phone: (239) 245-8301

Website: <https://pxpinc.net>

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

✦ **Pine Manor Community Center**

5447 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

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

Phone: (239) 275-5180

Website: [www.pmiafm.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.coast2coastrx.com). Cannot use with insurance.

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

Phone: (239) 561-1949

Website: [http://leecountydental.com/dental\\_programs.htm](http://leecountydental.com/dental_programs.htm)

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

✦ **Public Defender's Office, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**

2000 Main Street, 3rd Floor  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Mail: P.O. Drawer 1980  
Fort Myers, FL 33901-1980

Phone: (239) 533-2911

Website: <http://www.pd.cjis20.org/>

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

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

3210 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Mail: P.O. Drawer 1290  
Fort Myers, FL 33902-1290

Phone: (239) 334-2797

Website: [qualitylifecenter.org](http://qualitylifecenter.org)

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

✦ **Royal Palm Christian Counseling**

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](http://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](http://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](http://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, 1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral</i>	275-3222
<i>Colonial Campus, 10140 Deer Run Farms Rd., Fort Myers</i>	275-3222
<i>Lehigh Acres Campus, 2825 Lee Blvd., Lehigh Acres</i>	275-3222
<i>Ortiz Campus, 2789 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers</i>	275-3222
<i>Vince Smith Campus, 2450 Prince Street, Fort Myers</i>	338-2306

YOUTH SERVICES:

**Care Connection** provides mental health and substance abuse assessments for first-time, non-emergency patients. Walk in from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday – Friday, for an assessment at the Cape Coral, Colonial, or Ortiz Campuses.

**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, Ortiz, Lehigh Acres, and Cape Coral Campuses.

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

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

**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.

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## ***SalusCare (cont.)***

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

***Outpatient Psychiatry Services*** include psychiatric evaluations and medication management services. Call 275-3222 for an appointment.

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

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

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

10291 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 278-1551

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

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

#### ***Service Locations:***

##### ***Bonita Springs Outreach Center***

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

##### ***Fort Myers Outreach Center***

2476 Edison Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone: (239) 334-3745

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## ***The Salvation Army (cont.)***

### ***Lehigh Acres Outreach Center***

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

### ***Red Shield Lodge***

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

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

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

3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road  
Sanibel, FL 33957

Phone: (239) 472-0345

Website: [www.mysanibel.com/Departments/Recreation2](http://www.mysanibel.com/Departments/Recreation2)

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

### ✦ **School District of Lee County**

2855 Colonial Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 334-1102

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

## ***Frequently Called Departments***

### ***Departments:***

Adult Education	939-6310
Career and Technical Education	939-6300
Early Childhood Learning Services	332-2512
Exceptional Student Education	337-8104
Health Services	337-8245
Intervention Programs	337-8311
Lee Virtual Instruction Program	337-8178
Psychological and Social Work Services	337-8522
School Counseling and Medical Health Services	337-8522

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### ***Phone:***

## ***School District of Lee County (cont.)***

For Student Enrollment, email to [studentenrollment@leeschools.net](mailto:studentenrollment@leeschools.net) or visit the Student Enrollment Office at 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers.

For the Transportation Department, go to [www.leeschools.net/transportation](http://www.leeschools.net/transportation) for a list of transportation zones and the schools within each zone.

### ✦ **SEDNET (Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network)**

Hendry County School District  
25 East Hickpochee Avenue  
Labelle, FL 33935

Phone: (904) 762-5527

Website: [www.sednetfl.info](http://www.sednetfl.info)

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

### ✦ **Shriners Health Care for Children - Florida**

Phone: (813) 972-2250

Website: [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/tampa](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/tampa)

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.

### ✦ **Sinfonia Family Services of Florida**

3820 Colonial Blvd., #200  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 208-9449

Website: <https://sinfoniafamilyservices.com>

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

✦ **Sky Family YMCA**

701 S. Center Road  
Venice, FL 34285

Phone: (941) 492-9622

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

***Program Locations:***

***Bonita Springs***, 27200 Kent Road, 34135

***Fort Myers***, 1360 Royal Palm Square Blvd., 33919

***Phone:***

(239) 221-7560

(239) 275-9622

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

✦ **Social Security Administration**

3650 Colonial Blvd., #101  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: 1-800-772-1213 or (239) 931-0066

Website: [www.ssa.gov](http://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**

3903 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 822-9752

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](http://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 (D.A.T.E.) course, which is a prerequisite for getting one's first drivers license. Learner's permit test is available online.

✦ **Special Equestrians**

5121 Staley Road  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

P.O. Box 61528  
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 226-1221                      Email: [spequestrians@gmail.com](mailto:spequestrians@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.specialequestrians.net](http://www.specialequestrians.net)

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

✦ **Special Olympics – Lee County**

Phone: (754) 264-9158  
Website: <https://specialolympicsflorida.org/lee>

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

✦ **STARS Complex**

2980 Edison Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

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

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

✦ **Step Up for Students**

Phone: 1-877-735-7837  
Website: [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org)

Provides scholarships for low-income 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) 731-9838

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

A food pantry is open biweekly on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and biweekly on Saturdays from 9:00 am to noon (bread & produce). Provides movie nights, a youth archery program, workshops, and special events.

✦ **Sylvan Learning Center**

12460 Brantley Commons Court  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 204-3571

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

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

Phone: (239) 337-0433

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

Provides mentoring and support to low income and at risk middle school and high school students. 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.

✦ **Talking Books Library**

1651 Lee Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-4780

Website: [www.leegov.com/library/branches/tb](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus, GA 31901

Phone: (706) 596-8731

Website: <https://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 **69866** and they will receive an address of the nearest Safe Place site and contact number for the local youth shelter.



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

810 S.E. 10<sup>th</sup> Court  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-0068

Website: <https://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, & Okeechobee Counties**

7273 Concourse Drive, SW  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 433-2000

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

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

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

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

**United Way House Locations:**

	<b><u>Phone:</u></b>
<i>Bonita Springs East, 26820 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs</i>	357-4024
<i>Bonita Springs West, 25300 Bernwood Dr., Bonita Springs</i>	992-3034
<i>Cape Coral, 1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral</i>	242-0401
<i>Charleston Park, 2541 Charleston Park Drive, Alva</i>	728-8895
<i>Dunbar, 3429 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	931-9305
<i>East Ft. Myers, 4040 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	313-7719
<i>Estero/San Carlos, 17592 Rockefeller Cir., Ft. Myers</i>	267-3510
<i>Harlem Heights, 15570 Hagie Dr., Fort Myers</i>	482-7706
<i>Lehigh Acres, 201 Plaza Drive, Suite 103, Lehigh Acres</i>	369-5818
<i>Palm Beach Blvd, 4162 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	693-9510
<i>Pine Island, 5090 Doug Taylor Circle, St. James City</i>	283-5123
<i>Pine Manor, 5547 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fort Myers</i>	275-5180
<i>Sanibel, 2430 Periwinkle Way, Suite B, Sanibel</i>	472-4775

✦ **Verity Pregnancy and Medical Resource Center**

8890 Salrose Lane, Suite 104  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 433-1929

Website: <https://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.

✦ **(Cape) Vineyard Community Church**

923 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 549-8075

Website: [www.capevineyard.com](http://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. Twice a month on Friday nights they show a recently released movie and offer free snacks, and games.

✦ **Visuality Florida**

2756 Mcgregor Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

P.O. Box 9835  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 898-6124

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

Website: [www.visualityflorida.org](http://www.visualityflorida.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**

**Office Locations:**

5264 Summerlin Commons Way, Suite 404, Fort Myers

1031 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 1, Cape Coral

201 Plaza Drive, Suite 3, Lehigh Acres

**Phone:**

278-7150

772-6983

332-6922

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

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

✦ **Vocational Rehabilitation Ombudsman**

Phone: 1-866-515-3692

Email: [ombudsman@vr.fldoe.org](mailto:ombudsman@vr.fldoe.org)

Website: [www.rehabworks.org/ombudsman.shtml](http://www.rehabworks.org/ombudsman.shtml)

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

✦ **Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida/Guardian Ad Litem Foundation**

1700 Monroe Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-1435

Email: [program@voicesforkids.org](mailto:program@voicesforkids.org)

Website: <https://voicesforkids.org>

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

✦ **We Care / Faith Presbyterian Church**

4544 Coronado Parkway  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 542-2858

Website: [www.fpcf.org/missions/](http://www.fpcf.org/missions/)

Provides food to needy families in Cape Coral for up to two months. Applications are located on the front door of the WE CARE building. Applications are screened for validity of need.

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

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

Phone: (239) 340-2980

Website: <https://wingsofshelter.com>

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

✦ **Young Driver Program**

c/o Lee Memorial Health Systems

A class which teaches young drivers about driving responsibly and outcomes of acts of irresponsible driving. Call 336-6797 for schedule.

✦ **Young Life Lee County**

5264 Clayton Court #5  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5908

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

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

✦ **Youth Connections**

See CareerSource Southwest Florida

Ages: 14 - 21

Phone: (239) 981-8200 ext. 1221

Website: <https://careersourcesouthwestflorida.com>

(Look for "Youth Education Job Readiness")

Provides assistance to young adults 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.

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Juvenile Assessment Center Screening Unit – see Department of Juvenile Justice  
Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program (J-DAP)  
Lee County Clerk of Court  
Moral Reconciliation 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 of Lee County, #613  
Dyslexia Association

## **Legal Services**

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

## **LGBTQ**

Lifescape Counseling Services  
The Trevor Project  
Visuality Florida

## **Literacy Services**

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District  
Cornerstone Ministries  
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  
Sinfonia Family Services of Florida

## **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 Extension  
Lee County Health Department

## **Parenting Education**

Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Children's Home Society  
Lutheran Services of Florida  
"Mom University" – see Destiny Ministries of Southwest 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  
Partnership for Prescription Assistance  
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  
Sky Family YMCA  
STARS Complex

## **Residential Programs**

Compass Center  
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 of Lee County, #613  
DJB Technical Academy  
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy  
PACE  
Sylvan Learning Center  
Youth Connections – CareerSource Southwest Florida

## **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  
Red Shield Lodge – 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  
Choose Recovery – see Grace Church  
Compass Center  
Harbor Counseling & Lighthouse Addiction Services  
Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida  
Lifescape Counseling Services  
Narcotics Anonymous, Gulf Coast Area  
SalusCare  
Sinfonia Family Services of Florida  
Teen Challenge  
Vince Smith Center - see SalusCare

## **Suicide**

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
The Trevor Project

## **Summer Camps**

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

## **Support/Support Groups**

21<sup>st</sup> Century C.A.R.E.  
Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)  
Aim Target Programs, Inc.  
Al-Anon & Al-Ateen  
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup  
American Diabetes Association  
Choose Recovery - See Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus  
CHADD of Lee County, #613  
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
Family Care Council of District 8  
Florida Kinship Center  
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  
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  
Hope Healthcare Services  
Into the Jordan Ministries  
Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victims Services  
Office of the State Attorney 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Wings of Shelter International, Inc.

## **Vision, Glasses**

Bonita Springs Lions Club Eye Clinic/Snead Eye Group  
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](http://www.unitedwaylee.org/211-data-base).**

**Or call them at 211. (Call 239-433-3900 from cell phones.)**