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Highlands County Quick Guide To Community Resources

This guide lists community resources by most frequently requested services. **Programs funded by United Way are in bold.** For more information, call **United Way of Central Florida's Information & Referral at 863.648.1515 or 800.881.UWAY (8929) TTY 863.648.1545.**

ABUSE: ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Alcoholics Anonymous 465-2742
Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
Florida Center for Addictions 452-3858
Narcotics Anonymous 863-683-0630
Tri-County Human Services 452-0106

ABUSE: CHILD & SPOUSE

FL Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873
Children's Advocacy Center 402-6845
Guardian Ad Litem Program 402-6622
Peace River Center Domestic Violence Shelter - Men, Women & Families (Safe House) 386-1167

ADOPTION

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
Children's Home Society 382-0007
Devereux 863-298-4400

AIDS AWARENESS

Highlands Co. Pub. Health .386-6040/465-2252
Nat'l Prevention Info Network 800-458-5231
TDD 800-243-7012
Tri-County Women's Unit (863)533-5860

CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICES

Dept. of Children & Families 866-762-2237
FL Healthy Kids Program & Kidcare 800-367-3253
USF Early Intervention Program 452-3855

CLINIC-MULTI SERVICE

Care-A-Van (941)766-4190
Central Florida Health Care 452-3000
Highlands Co. Public Health 386-6040 /465-2252
Highlands Stay Well Clinic .382-1234

COUNSELING SERVICES: FAMILY/ INDIVIDUAL/GROUP/MARRIAGE/GRIEF

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
Bereaved Parents of USA 471-3802/382-4495
Bethany Center (Good Shepherd) 800-464-3994
Children's Home Society 382-0007
Epilepsy Svcs of W Central FL (863) 686-5880
FL Diagnostic & Learning Resource (863)531-0444
ext. 228 or 800-316-7057, ext. 228
Highlands Co. School Bd 452-4300/471-5555
Marge Brewster Center 385-5179
Tri-County Human Services 452-0106
Youth & Family Alternatives (863)499-2430

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Marge Brewster Center 385-5179
Peace River Center - Crisis Mental Health 800-627-5906
Rape Crisis Hotline 877-688-5077
We Care Hotline 800-486-2358

DAY CARE-CHILDREN

Child Development Center 452-1069
RCMA 386-6131
Early Learning Coalition 314-9213

DISABILITY SERVICES

Advcy for Persons w/Disabilities 800-342-0823
Avon Park Cluster .452-5141
Central Fla Deaf Services (863)686-1221x239
TDD.....(863)688-9394

Central Fla Speech & Hearing (863)686-3189
Deaf Service Center of Polk Co (863)701-0544
Dept. of Children & Families .382-2141
Fla. Div. of Blind Services 800-500-6412
Easter Seals SW Fla 800-807-7899
Epilepsy Svcs of W Central FL (863)686-5880
Ridge Area ARC, In. 452-1295

USF Child Developmt Ctr/Part H (863)701-1233
Heartland Horses & Handicapped 202-0307/655-0553
Special Stars - Sports Training & Recreational Services 452-6607

DISASTER RELIEF

American Red Cross 386-4440

ELDERLY SERVICES

Adult Services 382-2141
Elder Help Line 382-2134
Meals on Wheels 402-1818
Medicare Customer Service 800-333-7586
Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, Inc. 382-2134
West Central FL Agency on Aging 800-336-2226

EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
Christian Women's Job Corp 453-2022
Conversational English Class 453-2022
Heartland Workforce 385-3672
Heartland Clothes Closet 385-3672
Job Corps 800-416-0371
Experience Works (Seniors) 385-3672
Veterans Rep - Employment 863-385-3672
Vocational Rehabilitation 386-6077
Welfare Transition Program. 385-3672
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 385-3672

FINANCIAL COUNSELING

Consumer Credit Counseling 1-800-720-9537

HEALTH SERVICES/EDUCATION

American Cancer Society 382-2828
American Red Cross 386-4440
Central Fla Speech & Hearing (863)686-3189
Children's Services Council 402-6626



Florida Hospital Diabetes Center 402-0177
 Highlands Co. Public Health 386-6040/465-2252
 Highlands Regional Medical Center 385-6101
 Florida Hospital Heartland 314-4466

Fl Rural Legal Services (Civil Matters Only)
 1-800-277-7680

Florida Baptist Children's Home (863)688-4981
 Healthy Start Program 386-6040 Ext 233
 Highlands Co. Public Health 386-6040/465-2252

HOME HEALTH SERVICES

Best Choice Home Health Care 385-4325
 Gentiva Health Services 382-8855
Good Shepherd Hospice 402-1066
 800 464-3994
 Heartland Home Health Services 385-1400
 Lifeline Home Health 471-3399
 Housecall Home Health Care 386-1099
Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, Inc. 382-2134

MEDICINE/FOOD/FINANCIAL AID

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
American Red Cross (Disaster Only) 386-4440
 Church Service Center 452-6464
 Dept. of Children & Families 866-762-2237
 Highlands County Human Services 402-6626
 MANNA 699-0093
 Meals on Wheels 402-1818
Nu-Hope Elder Care Svcs. 382-2134
 Salvation Army 385-7548
 Samaritan's Touch Care Ctr. 471-1870
 SHARE Tampa Bay 800-536-3379

RUNAWAY'S SHELTER

George Harris Youth Shelter (800)786-8614
 Runaway Shelter 452-6900

TRANSPORTATION

Driver's License 699-3769/386-6053
 ATC Para Transit for Disadvantaged
 (Medicaid) 382-0154
Nu-Hope Elder Care Svcs, Inc. 382-2134
 Tag Office, Sebring 402-6685

HOUSING/CONSTRUCTION/LOW INCOME LOANS

Florida Non-Profit Housing 385-2519
 Habitat for Humanity 453-9695
 Highlands Co. Housing Office 402-6926
 Highlands County Ship Program 402-6648
 Housing Authority, Avon Park 452-4432
 Martin Luther King Terrace 382-1467

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Florida Hospital-Lake Placid 465-3777
 Marge Brewster Center 385-5179
Peace River Crisis Line 800-627-5906

TOLL FREE HELP LINES

Alcohol 24-Hour Helpline 800-252-6465
 Blind Children's Center 800-222-3566
 Braille Library Services 800-226-6075
 Cancer Answers 800-456-7121
 Child Support Enforcement Dept of
 Revenue 800-622-5437
 Elder Helpline 800-262-2243
 FDLE Missing Children 888-356-4774
 Lupus Foundation of America 800-558-0121
 National Accessible Apartment 800-421-1221
 Nat'l Clearinghouse Alcohol/Drug
 TDD 800-487-4889
 The Family Source of Florida 800-352-5683
 Substance Abuse Hotline 800-662-4357

HOUSING/EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Children's Home Society 382-0007
 New Testament Church & Mission 385-0035
 Rape Crisis 386-1169
George Harris Youth Shelter (800)786-8614

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
American Red Cross 386-4440
Avon Park 452-1295
FL Ridge Big Brothers/Big Sisters 402-9001
Boy Scouts, Gulf Ridge Council (813)872-2691
**Florida Environmental Institute - (Last Chance
 Ranch) 699-3785**
Girl Scouts, West Central Florida 800-321-4475
Highlands Co. Family YMCA 382-9622
 Highlands County School Board 471-5555
 Parks and Recreation Department 402-6783
 Ridge Area Arc 452-1295
Salvation Army 385-7548
 South FL Comm. College 453-6661/382-6900

VETERANS SERVICE

Veterans Administration 800-827-1000
 Veterans Service Office 402-6623
 Veterans Rep – Employment 863-385-3672

HOUSING/TRANSITIONAL

Children's Home Society 382-0007
Safe House 386-1167

LEGAL SERVICES

**Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society
 (Divorces Only) 877-530-5663 x403**

PARENTING

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
Children's Home Society 382-0007

YOUTH SERVICES

We Care Hotline 800-486-2358

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