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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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## Programs and Services

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

Phone: (239) 936-3756  
Website: [www.21stcenturycare.org](http://www.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.

- ✦ **AARP Grandparent Information Center**  
Phone: 1-888-687-2277  
Website: [www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/](http://www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/)

Information and referral for grandparents raising grandchildren.

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

Phone: (239) 945-2122  
Website: [www.abiding-love.com](http://www.abiding-love.com)

Provides a food pantry for homeless and needy families.

- ✦ **Able Trust Youth Programs**  
Phone: (888) 838-2253  
Website: [www.abletrust.org/youth/](http://www.abletrust.org/youth/)

Works to reduce dropout rate of youths 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                      24-Hour Hotline: (239) 939-3112  
Website: [www.actabuse.com](http://www.actabuse.com)

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### ***Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT) (cont.)***

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

- ✦ **Acceleration Middle School**  
3348 Edgewood Avenue, Bldg. D  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 400-1818  
Website: [www.amscharter.org](http://www.amscharter.org)

A free, public charter school that provides a flexible schedule tailored to individual learning styles. Assists students who have fallen behind in catching up to grade level.

- ✦ **Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District**  
2855 Colonial Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33966 Ages: 16+

Phone: (239) 939-6310  
Website: <http://ace.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.

- ✦ **African Caribbean American Center (AFCAAM)/St. Peter Claver Catholic Mission**  
3681 Michigan Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 461-0234  
Website: [www.afcaam.com/](http://www.afcaam.com/)

Provides education, youth mentoring groups, GED preparation, tutoring, computers, afterschool reading program, thrift store, and food donations.

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

2295 Victoria Avenue, Room 309  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 335-1300

Website: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/>

ACHA administers the statewide Medicaid program in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families. Local area offices are able to assist with questions about what services Medicaid covers, who provides Medicaid services, information and referral, and resolving billing disputes. 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  
P.O. Box 60085  
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 338-1370

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.

◆ **Aim Target Programs, Inc.**

3677 Central Avenue, Suite H  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 18 and up

Phone: (239) 939-3363

Website: <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 – Lee County Area Intergroup**

12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 72  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5111 (24 hours)

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

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

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

14640 N. Cleveland Avenue  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-7685

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

North Fort Myers residents with a limited income may receive 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: [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org)

Provides art programs for children ages 8 through high school.

✦ **Alva United Methodist Food Pantry**

21440 Pearl Street  
Alva, FL 33920

Phone: (239) 728-2277

Emergency food pantry for Alva residents as funds 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 who 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)**

4500 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 340  
Miami, FL 33137

Phone: (786) 363-2700

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

3645 Bonita Beach Road SW  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Phone: (239) 908-2680

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

Works to improve lung health and to prevent lung disease.

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

7051 Cypress Terrace, Suite 110  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 278-3401

Website: [www.redcross.org/fl/naples](http://www.redcross.org/fl/naples)

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 Florida State Parks**

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

Ages: 17+

Phone: (850) 544-3596

Website: <http://floridastateparks.org/getinvolved/ameri corps.cfm>

Provides a work experience for youth age 17 and older within state parks of Florida. Participants commit to 11 months/1700 hours of service for which they receive a monthly living allowance. Upon completion of services 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.

✦ **AmeriCorps – National Civilian Community Corps**

Ages: 18 - 24

Website: [www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri corps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri corps)

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.

- ✦ **AMI kids Southwest Florida – formerly SWFL Marine Institute**  
1190 Main Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Phone: (239) 765-9696

Website: <http://amikidsswflorida.org>

A day treatment program for adolescents. Youth are referred to the program through the juvenile justice system or school district.

- ✦ **Amigos Center (Amigos en Christo, Inc.)**  
25999 Old 41 Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
- 7401 Winkler Road (Admin.)  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 992-4348

(239) 437-6727

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.

- ✦ **Angel Flight Southeast**  
8864 Airport Boulevard  
Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: 1-800-352-4256 or (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.

- ✦ **Autism Society of Florida**  
Website: [www.autismfl.com](http://www.autismfl.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 Boulevard, Suite 200  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-1114

Website: [www.leememorial.org/caring/ops/services.asp](http://www.leememorial.org/caring/ops/services.asp)

Offers child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry, medication management, psychological assessments, and individual, family, couples, and group therapy. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and private pay. Also offers a partial hospitalization program. Free case management is offered for those without insurance.

- ✦ **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**  
7275 Concourse Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 288-4224

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

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

- ✦ **Birth Defect 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**  
2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 207  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 278-7130

Website: <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, Suite 6  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

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. Open Mon. – Fri.

✦ **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, citizenship, career development, patriotism and self-reliance among boys and young men.

✦ **Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County**

7275 Councourse Drive, Suite 200  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: 6 - 18

Phone: (239) 334-1886

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

Provides positive youth development programs and services including education, character development, arts, and recreation.

***Program Locations:***

Lehigh Acres Club, 235 Joel Blvd, Lehigh Acres

Pueblo Bonito Club, 26120 Pueblo Bonito Blvd., Bonita Springs

Renaissance Club, 1633 Joust Street, Fort Myers

Shady Oaks Club, 3280 Marion Street, Fort Myers

Suncoast Site, 1856 Suncoast Lane, North Fort Myers

East Lee County High Extension, 715 Thomas Sherwin Ave., Lehigh Acres

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✦ **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 Florida**

Family Help Line: 1-800-992-3442

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

Provides information about traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and assists in connecting families to a Family Support Specialist. A list of local TBI support groups is available from their web site.

✦ **The Bridge Youth Center**

1735 Jackson Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 12 -18

Phone: (239) 274-3437

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

Provides a safe, drop-in afterschool youth center during the school year. Summer programs are also available. Call for schedule.

✦ **Broadway Community Church – SWFL Outreach**

3309 Broadway Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 936-8366

Website: [www.broadwaycommunitychurchog.com](http://www.broadwaycommunitychurchog.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: [www.cafeoflife.org](http://www.cafeoflife.org)

Serves a lunch Monday through Friday to needy individuals and families in Bonita Springs on the East side of Old 41, between Reynolds and Childers. Also distribute groceries and clothing.

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

9981 S. HealthPark Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 432-2223

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

Website: [www.candlelightersswfl.org](http://www.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 musical theater for youth.

✦ **Cape Coral Assembly of God**

717 Skyline Boulevard  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (2239) 574-5690

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

The **Jeff Henry Food Pantry** is open Monday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

✦ **Cape Coral Caring Center**

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

Phone: (239) 945-1927

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

Provides emergency food and one-time financial assistance to needy families in Cape Coral.

✦ **Cape Coral Housing Development Corporation**

824 SE 47th Street, Unit 1 & 2  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 471-0922

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

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

Provides child care 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.

Also see *Cape Coral Youth Center*.

✦ **Cape Coral Police Department**

1100 Cultural Park Boulevard  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-3223

Website: <http://capecops.com>

The *“Do the Right Thing”* program recognizes youth that have made positive choices at a monthly awards ceremony. (Phone: 242-3342)

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### ***Cape Coral Police Department (cont.)***

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 Youth Center/William “Bill” Austen Youth Center**  
315 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Ages: 3 - 18  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 242-3950

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

Activities include video games, air hockey, big-screen TV, aerobics, dance, arts, crafts, computers, sports, baby-sitting courses, teen dances and more.

- ✦ **C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention Resource Center**  
8695 College Parkway, Suite 2428  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 425-3468 (*Note: this is not a suicide hotline*)

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

Educates and supports members of the community on suicide prevention.

- ✦ **Catholic Charities of Lee County**  
4235 Michigan Link Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-4007

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

Provides social services for those in need to promote self-sufficiency. Services include assessments, counseling, tutoring, summer youth programs, financial assistance, job placement, education, translation services, and immigration/refugee assistance.

*Locations:*

***African Caribbean American Center*** – see separate listing

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***Catholic Charities of Lee County (cont.)***

***Catholic Charities, Bonita Springs***

26820 Old 41 Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
Phone: (239) 390-2928

***Elizabeth Kay Galeana Center/Immigration Services/Food Pantry/Positive Youth Development***

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

***Immigration Services/Clare House/Haitian Center/Human Trafficking Program***

5597 Sunrise Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  
Phone: (239) 334-2234  
Phone: (239) 738-8722 (Human Trafficking Program)

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

Phone: 1-800-333-4530 (in Florida)  
Website: <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.

✦ **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.

✦ **CHADD of Lee County, #613**

(Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)  
14851 David Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 940-2578      Email: [chadofleecounty@yahoo.com](mailto:chadofleecounty@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.chadd.net](http://www.chadd.net)

Provides information and support to parents of children with attention deficits, adults with attention deficits, educators and other interested professionals. Meeting schedule is online at [www.chadd.net/template.cfm?affid=613&p=about](http://www.chadd.net/template.cfm?affid=613&p=about).

- ✦ **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.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/)

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: <http://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  
Website: [www.ccswfl.org](http://www.ccswfl.org)

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

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- ✦ **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: <http://fdlrs.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 Office, Department of Revenue**  
2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 112  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: 1-800-622-KIDS (5437)  
Website: <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/childsupport/>

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.

**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 a 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 therapeutic behavioral overly services for children.

The **Bridges** program provides case management services for families with children who are experiencing housing instability.

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/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/](http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/)

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 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.

✦ **Christ United Methodist Church of Lehigh Acres**

1430 Homestead Road North  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 369-1433

Email: [admin@christumclehigh.org](mailto:admin@christumclehigh.org)

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

**Oasis Community Food Pantry** distributes groceries and clothing. Must be a resident of Lehigh Acres. Families may come twice a month. Call (941) 237-0047 for times.

✦ **City of Palms Charter High School** (formerly Life Skills Academy)

2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 201  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 561-6611

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

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

An alternative educational program for students ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of school or are at risk of dropping out. The program accommodates students who are experiencing difficulties with the routine of traditional public school by using computer based instruction.

✦ **Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI)**

3429 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
P.O. Box 2143  
Fort Myers, FL 33902 -3429

Phone: (239) 332-7687

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

Provides a soup kitchen for homeless and needy families, emergency groceries, and a Montessori preschool. Homeless Services provides crisis intervention and case management for families at risk of becoming homeless. 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: [www.communitypregnancyclinic.com](http://www.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

Ages: 13 - 17

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-5535 ext. 100

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

A residential substance abuse treatment center for adolescents which includes family counseling. 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.

✦ **Coronado High School/Accelerated Learning Solutions (ALS)**

3057 Cleveland Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-9140

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

A non-traditional school which uses 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.

✦ **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/home/main/homepage.asp](http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/main/homepage.asp)

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 533-2840)

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

✦ **CredAbility – formerly Consumer Credit Counseling**

Phone: 1-800-251-2227

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

Provides free counseling 24/7 by phone and online on budgeting and credit and debt management. Provides education programs online on budgeting and debt management, foreclosure prevention, and a homebuyers workshop.

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

Phone: 1-800-843-5678

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

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

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✦ **DJB Technical Academy**

13830 Jetport Commerce Parkway, Suite 6  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

**Phone: (239) 476-9100**

Email: [mail@djbtechnicalacademy.org](mailto:mail@djbtechnicalacademy.org)

Website: [www.djbtechnicalacademy.org](http://www.djbtechnicalacademy.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 Service and Hard of Hearing Center of Southwest Florida**

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

Phone: (239) 461-0334 or TTY (239) 461-0438

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

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

8695 College Parkway, Suite 1250  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 540-1155

Website: [www.deltafamilycounseling.com](http://www.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**

2295 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 338-1211 or (877) 595-0384

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

State agency which administers a variety of social services.

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***Department of Children and Families (cont.)***

***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.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida). (Phone: 866-762-2237)

✦ **Department of Juvenile Justice**

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)

***Probation Office Locations:***

***Phone***

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers

278-7202

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)

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

5583 Lee Street, #4  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone: (239) 288-6209

Website: [www.destinydiaperbank.com](http://www.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**

6314 Corporate Court, Suite B  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 690-5200

Central Referral Unit: 1-800-338-3838

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 a combination of a mental illness and a developmental disability.

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

2728 Centerview Drive, Suite 102  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Phone: 1-800-342-0823

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: [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.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: [www.elcofswfl.org](http://www.elcofswfl.org)

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

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

1650 Medical Lane, Suite 1  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 277-9817

Website: <http://fl.easterseals.com>

Provides case management and advocacy for individuals with special needs and their families. Provides workshops for parents of school aged children with Individual Education Plans (IEP's).

Also see *Lily Academy* under separate listing.

✦ **Edge of Southwest Florida**

2974 Lincoln Blvd., Suite 27  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Ages: 10-16

Phone: (239) 878-6591

Website: [www.facebook.com/EDGEofNaples](http://www.facebook.com/EDGEofNaples)

A youth leadership organization that utilizes mentoring, community service, and team building to help empower youth.

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

7275 Concourse Drive, Suite 400  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 275-4838

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

✦ **Faith-Based Groups Website**

Website: <http://faithgroups.leegov.com>

Website lists services provided by local faith-based organizations including food, clothing, counseling, education, child care, and recovery groups.

✦ **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. Call for schedule.

- ✦ **Family Court Services**  
Lee County Justice Center  
1700 Monroe Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-2247

Website: [www.ca.cjis20.org/home/main/fcs.asp](http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/main/fcs.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**  
2256 Heitman Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 278-3600

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

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

- ✦ **Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.**  
2196 Main Street, Suite K  
Dunedin, FL 34698

Phone: 1-800-825-5736

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

- ✦ **First Baptist Church/Elevation Ministries**  
1735 Jackson Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-7747

Provides showers, clean clothes, and toiletries for homeless men and women on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

✦ **First Candle**

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

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

✦ **Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

Phone: 1-800-500-1119

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 Council on Compulsive Gambling**

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

Website: [www.gamblinghelp.org](http://www.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 Directory of Early Childhood Services**

Phone: 1-800-654-4440

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

Provides information and referral for children with disabilities or special healthcare needs.

✦ **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 Kinship Center**

USF School of Social Work  
4202 East Fowler Avenue, MGY 132  
Tampa, FL 33620

Phone: 1-800-640-6444

Email: [kinfo@flkin.org](mailto:kinfo@flkin.org)

Website: <http://kinshipcenter.cbcs.usf.edu/default/index.cfm>

Provides emotional support, information, and referral for relative caregivers throughout Florida. Their website lists local support groups.

The ***Kinship Care Warmline*** at 1-800-640-6444 provides "a listening ear," information, and referral for relative caregivers between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

✦ **Florida MENTOR**

13420 Parker Commons Boulevard, Suite 106  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 466-2000

Provides a therapeutic foster care program and outpatient therapy services for children and adolescents with difficulties with depression, anxiety, grief and loss, Post-Traumatic Stress, Conduct Disorder, ADD/ADHD, family issues, oppositional defiant, behavior problems, sexual abuse, and attachment issues. Accepts Medicaid and some insurances. Adjusted fees for those without insurance.

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

Phone: (850) 922-43243

Website: [www.floridanetwork.org](http://www.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: [www.fpea.com](http://www.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 Parental Information and Resource Center – USF**

Website: [www.floridapartnership.usf.edu](http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu)

Provides both parents and educators with training, resources, and information to connect and strengthen parental involvement in their child's education to enhance student achievement.

✦ **Florida Rural Legal Services**

3210 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 101  
P.O. Box 219  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 334-4554

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

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



✦ **Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**

P.O. Box 2000  
Boys Ranch, FL 32064

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

Phone: 1-800-765-2697 (Family Case Manager for Lee County)

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

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

✦ **Florida Southwestern State College Dental Hygiene Clinic**

8099 College Parkway  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 985-8334

Website: [www.fsw.edu](http://www.fsw.edu)

Students learning to be dental hygienists provide dental cleaning and x-rays at reduced fees.

✦ **Florida Virtual School**

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

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

✦ **Florida Vision Quest**

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

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

✦ **Florida Youth Challenge Academy**

5629 State Road 16 West  
Building 3800  
Starke, FL 32091

Ages: 16 – 18

Phone: (904) 290-1205 (Admissions)

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

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### ***Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy (cont.)***

A 17½ month quasi-military training and mentoring program. Assists high school dropouts, expellees and at-risk youth to develop life skills, complete education goals, and develop employment potential.

#### ✦ **Florida's Adoption Information Center**

4203 Southpoint Boulevard  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Phone: 1-800-936-ADOPT (In Florida)  
1-904-353-0679 (Outside of Florida)

Website: <http://adoptflorida.com/index.htm>

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

#### ✦ **Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center**

3500 Fowler Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 481-6262

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

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

#### ✦ **Fort Myers Housing Authority**

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 Boys and Girls Club.

#### ✦ **Fort Myers Institute of Technology** (formerly High Tech Central)

3800 Michigan Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-4544

Website: [www.fortmyerstech.edu](http://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 have completed one year of high school.

✦ **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 321-7688 for information.

***Young LEO's Mentoring*** provides one to one mentoring relationships with teens and law enforcement to encourage a better understanding about the need for cooperation between the police and the community. For Fort Myers youth ages 12 to 17. Call 321-7700 for information.

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

1820 Hendry St, P.O. Drawer 2217  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 321-7553

Website: [www.cityftmyers.com/Recreation.aspx](http://www.cityftmyers.com/Recreation.aspx)

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 Rescue Mission**

6900 Mission Lane  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-7365

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

Provides a faith-based homeless shelter for men, a shelter for homeless women with children, a soup kitchen, and homeless outreach.

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

410 Santa Barbara Boulevard  
P.O. Box 15007  
Cape Coral, FL 33915

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.

✦ **Gabriel House**

16520 South Tamiami Trail #138251  
Fort Myers, Florida 33908

Ages: 0 – 6

Phone: (239) 489-2663

Website: <http://gabrielhouse.org>

A Christian based home for abandoned, displaced, under privileged, and medically needy children.

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

12651 Girl Scout Lane  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Ages: 5 -17

Other: girls

Phone: (239) 561-1800

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

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

✦ **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) 343-5000

Email: [children@leememorial.org](mailto:children@leememorial.org)

Website: [www.leememorial.org/childrenhospital](http://www.leememorial.org/childrenhospital)

A comprehensive child health care facility. Offers Safe Sitter classes for ages 11 to 13 (fees, call 343-5101).

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

4940 Bayline Drive  
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Phone: (239) 995-2106

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. (Phone 995-2106, extension 227)

**Four Wheels to Work** – Assists low income individuals who are employed and in need of transportation to obtain a vehicle at a low cost. The program is located at the Goodwill Auto Sales & Donation Center, 3333 Fowler Street, Fort Myers. (Phone: 274-3191)

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***Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. (cont.)***

***Job-Link Family Resource Center*** – Located at 4162 Palm Beach Blvd. in Ft. Myers, the center co-locates several social service agencies. Services include job and skills training, food stamps, English language classes, family literacy, mental health information, credit counseling, and money management. (Phone: 693-9304)

The ***L.I.F.E. Academy*** is a charter school for students with intellectual disabilities ages 11 to 22 entering grades 6-12. Located at 5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers. (Phone: 334-4434; Website: [www.goodwilllifeacademy.org](http://www.goodwilllifeacademy.org))

- ✦ **Grace Community Center**  
4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 574-7161

Thrift store, GED classes, parenting classes, afterschool programs, Celebrate Recovery, free health screenings, and food bank. Call for hours.

- ✦ **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)

***“Celebrate Recovery: Healing Hurts, Habits, and Hang-ups,”*** a church service to assist those in recovery and in resolving family issues, is offered on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Separate services are available for youth and adults.

- ✦ **G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenting)**  
P.O. Box 249  
Estero, FL 33929

Phone: (239) 415-9780 or (239) 433-0780

Provides outreach, assistance, workshops, and support meetings for grandparents raising their grandchildren. Provides financial resources, clothing, and food on a limited basis.

- ✦ **Guardian Ad Litem**  
2075 West First Street, Suite 300  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-5437  
Website: [www.guardianadlitem.org](http://www.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: <http://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**  
3760 Fowler Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-7007  
Website: <http://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.) Provides opportunities for volunteer community service.

- ✦ **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: <http://earlychildhood.leeschools.net/>

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

- ✦ **Health Insurance Marketplace**

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

Florida residents may use this website to apply for health insurance coverage, compare plans, and enroll beginning October 1, 2013.

- ✦ **Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida**

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

Phone: (239) 433-6700

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

Provides health-related information and data.

**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/Lee Memorial Health System**

2070 Carrell Road, Suite B  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: up to age 3

Phone: (239) 418-2900

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

Provides home nurse visitation and care coordination to high-risk pregnant moms and babies. Serves young children who are at risk of poor health outcomes.



✦ **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) 425-6924 (for services)

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

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

✦ **The Heights Center**

15570 Hagie Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 482-7706

Website: <http://heightsfouhdatio.org/center>

Provides educational opportunities to the Harlem Heights community including classes in literacy, GED, and computer, employment training, medical screenings, visual and performing arts, violence prevention, afterschool program, sports, scouts, and family strengthening activities.

✦ **High Tech North/Cape Coral Institute of Technology**

360 Santa Barbara Boulevard North  
Cape Coral, FL 33993

Phone: (239) 574-4440

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

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

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

2915 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 200  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 768-2013

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

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: [http://studentservices.leeschools.net/Home\\_Ed/welcome.htm](http://studentservices.leeschools.net/Home_Ed/welcome.htm)

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) Ages: 5 and up  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

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

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

<b>Other Locations:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral 33909	574-4888
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936	363-2040
27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135	444-1100

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, and home health care for the elderly.

**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.

- ✦ **IMPACT for Developmental Education, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 51319, 1650 Medical Lane #4,  
Ft. Myers, FL 33994

Phone: (239) 334-6160

Ages: 0 – 5

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

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

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

17592 Rockefeller Circle  
Fort Myers, FL 33967

Phone: (239) 267-3510

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

Provides a food pantry, emergency financial assistance and minor home repair. Co-locates other social service agencies on-site. Serves only residents of San Carlos Park and Estero.

✦ **Island Coast Aids Network (I CAN)**

2231 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-2391

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

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

✦ **Job Corps**

Ages: 16 – 24

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. Call for information at (239) 278-7140 or go online to <http://jobcorps.dol.gov/centers/fl.htm>.

✦ **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida**

9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 302  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 225-2590

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: (239) 258-3450

Website: [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.

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)

✦ **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

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

Supporting diabetes research and provides education about diabetes.

✦ **Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program (JDAP)**

*Bay Area Youth Services*

2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 103B  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 939-3238

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

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

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

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

✦ **LARC, Inc.**  
2570 Hanson Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-6285  
Website: [www.larccleecounty.org](http://www.larccleecounty.org)

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

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

✦ **Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP) at New Directions**  
3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 2  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-2526  
Website: <http://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  
P.O. Box 1387  
Fort Myers, FL 33902-1387

Phone: (239) 334-0047  
Website: <http://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**  
P.O. Box 2469  
Ft. Myers, FL 33902

**Juvenile/Delinquency Division**  
P.O. Box 9347  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 533-5000  
Website: [www.leeclerk.org](http://www.leeclerk.org)

(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.

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

***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**

P.O. Box 61688  
Fort Myers, FL 33906-1688

Phone: (239) 931-9317  
Website: [www.drugfreeswfl.org](http://www.drugfreeswfl.org)

Substance abuse prevention programs for parents and youth.

✦ **Lee County Department of Human Services**

2440 Thompson Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-7900  
Website: <http://dhs.lee-county.com>

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### ***Lee County Department of Human Services (cont.)***

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: <http://dhs.leegov.com/AccountabilityBoards/Pages/default.aspx>)

#### ✦ **Lee County Extension**

3406 Palm Beach Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 533-4327

Website: <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/index.shtml>

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

#### ✦ **Lee County 4-H**

c/o Lee County Extension Service  
3406 Palm Beach Blvd.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33916-3736

Ages: 5 - 18

Phone: (239) 533-4327

Website: <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/4H/4HAbout.shtml>

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.lee-county.com](http://www.lee-county.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: [www.lee-county.com/healthdept](http://www.lee-county.com/healthdept)

Works to assure the health and safety of all county residents and visitors.

***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.

***Services***

***Phone:***

WIC	(239) 344-2000
Women's Health/Family Planning	(239) 461-6100
STD	(239) 461-6100
Immunizations	(239) 332-9601
Tuberculosis	(239) 332-9529
Birth & Death Certificates	(239) 332-9572

***Clinic Locations:***

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

***Services Available:***

*(WIC)*

Michigan Clinic  
3920 Michigan Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

*(WIC, Women's Health/Family Planning, STD, Immunizations, Tuberculosis)*

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

### ***Clinic Locations:***

Pondella Clinic  
83 Pondella Road  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

### ***Services Available:***

*(WIC, Women's Health/Family Planning,  
STD, Birth & Death Certificates)*

San Carlos Park  
18070 Tamiami Trail, Suite 10  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

*(WIC)*

### ✦ **Lee County Homeless Coalition**

1500 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 221  
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 a pocket guide to emergency assistance including emergency housing, food pantries, emergency financial assistance, etc.

### ✦ **Lee County Housing Authority**

14170 Warner Circle  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-6688

Website: <http://leecountyha.org>

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

### ✦ **Lee County Legal Aid Society**

2211 Widman Way, Suite 600  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-6118

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

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: [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net)

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> , 26876 Pine Avenue, 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 NE, North Fort Myers	533-4320
<i>Northwest Regional</i> , 519 Chiquita Blvd. N., Cape Coral	533-4700
<i>Pine Island</i> , 10700 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> , 519 Chiquita Blvd. N., Cape Coral (moving soon)	533-4780
<i>Talking Books</i> , 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers (open Fall 2013)	533-4780
<i>Victor Yingst</i> , 3406 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers	533-4327

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

Phone: (239) LEE-PARK (533-7275)      Email: [LeeParks@leegove.com](mailto:LeeParks@leegove.com)  
 Website: [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org)

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 (call 432-2159). Check their website for additional programs, community parks, afterschool programs, and seasonal pools.

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## ***Lee County Parks & Recreation (cont.)***

### **Program Locations:**

### **Phone:**

<i>Alva Community Center, 21471 North River Rd</i>	728-2882
<i>Boca Grande Community Center, 131 First St W</i>	(941) 964-2564
<i>Buckingham Community Center, 4940 Buckingham Rd.</i>	369-1521
<i>Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd</i>	498-0415
<i>Karl Drews Community Center, 18412 Lee Rd, Ft Myers</i>	267-2181
<i>Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Ft Myers</i>	533-7580
<i>Lehigh Community Pool, 1400 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street</i>	369-8277
<i>Matlacha Community Center, 4577 NW Pine Island Road</i>	283-4110
<i>North Fort Myers Community Park, 2021 N Tamiami Trail</i>	652-4512
<i>North Fort Myers Community Pool, 5170 Orange Grove Blvd.</i>	652-4520
<i>Olga Community Center, 2325 S Olga Drive</i>	728-2882
<i>Pine Island Community Pool, 5675 Sesame Drive</i>	282-2220
<i>San Carlos Community Pool, 8208 Sanibel Blvd.</i>	267-6002
<i>Schandler Hall Community Center, 419 Royal Palm Pk Rd, Tice</i>	229-0619
<i>Veterans Park Recreation Center, 55 Homestead Rd S, Lehigh</i>	369-1521
<i>Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Rd, Ft Myers</i>	432-2154

### ✦ **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 477-1400 for information and to request services.

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

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 477-1400.

*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

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

***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 477-1400 for the schedule and for more information.

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

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

✦ **Lee Tran (Lee County Transit)**

6035 Landing View Road  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 533-8726 (LEE-TRAN)

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

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: <http://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 appointment.

✦ **Liberty Youth Ranch**

Ages: 4 - 17

24900 Liberty Youth Ranch Way  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

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

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

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

✦ **Lifeline Assistance Program**

Website: [www.psc.state.fl.us/utilities/telecomm/lifeline/](http://www.psc.state.fl.us/utilities/telecomm/lifeline/)

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

Other: Must pass drug test,  
no active felony charges

Phone: (239) 242-7238

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

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.

✦ **Lighthouse of SWFL**

35 W. Mariana Avenue  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-7797

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

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

✦ **Lily Academy/Easter Seals**

2438 Second Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-9328

Private K-12 school for students with autism.

✦ **Literacy Council Gulf Coast**

26820 Old 41  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Ages: 18+

Phone: (239) 676-5202

**Other Locations:**

7275 Concourse Drive, #300, Fort Myers, FL 33908

201 Plaza Dr., Suite 3, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

4162 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33916

**Phone:**

415-3621

368-1002

693-9304 ext.

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### ***Literacy Council Gulf Coast (cont.)***

Volunteer agency that provides literacy services to adults 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. See web site for office hours.

#### ✦ **Lutheran Services of Florida**

3634 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 run away, truant, homeless, and ungovernable youth and their families. Call 278-5400 for intake.

A Lutheran Services counselor also provides individual and family counseling for non-arrested youth at the Juvenile Assessment Center. Call 278-5400 for an intake.

***Adolescent Outpatient Substance Abuse Program*** at 3615 Central Avenue in Fort Myers offers a 12-week treatment program for youth ages 12-17 and family members. Call 275-1126.

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*** provides temporary shelter for troubled, runaway, or homeless youth (ages 10-17). (Phone: 278-1030)

#### ***Lutheran Services of Florida (cont.)***

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.

***Tip: Use Control + F to search for key terms and program names when accessing the electronic version of this resource guide.***

✦ **M. C. Library Education Center Corporation**

2801 Michigan Avenue  
P.O. Box 1533  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 288-5349

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

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

Offers free services to low income families and individuals including a library, food/clothing/household goods bank, afterschool program, academic support, day care, computer training, GED assistance, social services, health services, and housing assistance.

✦ **MADD of Southwest Florida (Mother's Against Drunk Driving)**

12601 Metro Parkway, #3  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 791-7560

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

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

✦ **Make a Wish Foundation, Southern Florida Chapter**

West Coast Field Office  
3635 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 3  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Ages: 2 ½ - 18

Phone: 239-992-9474

E-mail: [naples@sfla.wish.org](mailto:naples@sfla.wish.org)

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/)

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### ***March of Dimes – Southwest Coast Division (cont.)***

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**

3131 East Riverside Drive  
Fort Myers, FL

Website: [www.mcgregor.net/need-help/benevolence](http://www.mcgregor.net/need-help/benevolence)

Provides groceries to individuals and families on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

✦ **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.

✦ **Missionary Directional Mission Church of God**

2837 Cleveland Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-0122      Email: [missionarychurchofgod@gmail.com](mailto:missionarychurchofgod@gmail.com)

Provides faith-based self development programs for at-risk youth and teens.

✦ **Mount Hermon Christian School**

2856 Douglas Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-8075

Provides day school (K-12), recreational activities, and tutoring.

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

7275 Concourse Drive, Suite 300  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 337-9024

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

Website: <http://namilee.org>

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

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

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

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

Support groups are offered for those recovering from drug addiction.

✦ **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 Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities**

Phone: 1-800-695-0285

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

Provides information on disabilities and related topics with a focus on babies through young adults.

✦ **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

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

Website: [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.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: 1-888-818-7662

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: [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.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.

✦ **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline**

Phone: 1-866-331-9474

Website: [www.loveisrespect.org/about-national-dating-abuse-helpline](http://www.loveisrespect.org/about-national-dating-abuse-helpline)

A 24-hour phone and internet support service for teens and young adults involved in dating abuse relationships as well as for concerned friends, parents, or other supportive persons in their lives.

✦ **Nations Association Charities**

4625 Palm Beach Boulevard

Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 332-7575

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

Provides emergency food and financial assistance, prescription drug and clothing assistance, and job training. Summer program for inner city youth. Provides mentoring, tutoring and summer youth camp.

✦ **NCEC Pediatric Dental Center**

7007 Lely Cultural Parkway

Ages: birth - 21

Naples, FL34113

Phone: (239) 775-3052

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

Located on the campus of Edison Community College in Naples, the 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).

✦ **The New Church of Southwest Florida**

10811 Sunset Plaza Circle, #401

Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 481-5535

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

Provides emergency assistance of food and clothing to needy families.

The ***Kids Vision and Intervention Program*** (Kids V.I.P.) provides family intervention, mentors, and advocates for youth at risk. The after school program provides tutoring and homework assistance.

✦ **New Life Dream Centers**

2150 Collier Avenue, H  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 274-8881

Website: <http://newlifedreamcenters.com>

A Christian based, 18-month residential substance abuse and addictions programs for men and women.

✦ **North Nicholas High School/Accelerated Learning Solutions (ALS)**

428 S.W. Pine Island Road  
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 242-4230

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

A non-traditional school which uses 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.

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

Phone: 1-800-226-6667

Website: <http://myfloridalegal.com>

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.**

18011 S. Tamiami Trail, #16-106  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Ages: 13 - 18  
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 267-4663

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

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

Residential home for pregnant teens and post-partum mothers and their babies. Through the *Mentored Living Program* residents are provided with education, life skills, parenting classes, physical and mental health care.

✦ **PACE Center for Girls**

3800 Evans Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 12 - 18  
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 425-2366

Website: [www.pacecenter.org/centers/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/centers/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.

✦ **Parenting & Divorce**

Website: <http://pcdclasses.educationprograms.com/>

Fulfills the court mandated parent education course required of all divorcing parents in Florida. Classes are available online, by mail, or within the community. Class schedules are available on their website.

✦ **Parents of Bipolar Children, Lee County Florida, Inc.**

Phone: (239) 313-5664

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

A support group for parents of children with bipolar disorder. Meets weekly, both in Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

✦ **Partnership for Prescription Assistance**

Phone: 1-888-477-2669 (toll free)

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

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

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

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

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 Resource Center**

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

Phone: (239) 275-5180

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

Provides an afterschool program on school days and all day on teacher inservice 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 open the second Tuesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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

8595 College Parkway, Suite 250  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 481-9999

Website: [www.plannedparenthood.org/ppswcf](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/ppswcf)

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: <http://dhs.leegov.com/>

A prescription discount card is available to anyone in Lee County. Discounts average 20%. Available at county libraries, Lee County Human 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/index.php](http://www.coast2coastrx.com/index.php). Cannot use with insurance.

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

Phone: (239) 656-2590

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**

P.O. Drawer 1980  
1700 Monroe Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33902-1980

P.O. Box 151327  
1039 S.E. 9<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 201  
Cape Coral, FL 33915-1327

Phone: (239) 533-2911

(239) 533-7051

Website: [www.pd.cjis20.org/Lee.htm](http://www.pd.cjis20.org/Lee.htm)

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

Phone: (239) 334-2797

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

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### ***Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida (cont.)***

Provides positive youth development activities, homework assistance, tutoring, life skills, character development, performing arts, martial arts, a young men's drill team, summer camp, social services, and community development. Primarily serves the 33901, 33905, and 33916 zip codes.

✦ **Royal Palm Christian Counseling**

1705 Colonial Boulevard, D2  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Ages: All

Phone: (239) 939-0707

Website: <http://rpmcounseling.org>

Provides Christian and Bible 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.

✦ **Safe Harbor Therapeutic Services**

3900 Broadway Ave., Suite B-8  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 537-3135

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

Child and adolescent services include individual and group counseling, assessment and psychological testing. Areas of focus include trauma, sexual, physical, and emotional abuse victims, conflicts with siblings and parents, adolescent criminal behaviors, anger management, sexual acting out, self harm, risk taking behaviors, and parenting issues. Fee for services.

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✦ **Safe Haven for Newborns**

Phone: 1-877-767-2229

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

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

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard

Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 694-3985

Website: <http://stvincentftmyers.org>

Provides a food pantry for families in need on Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

✦ **Saint Vincent DePaul Society**

2263 Lafayette Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-9225

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

Provides emergency assistance to Lee County residents in need, such as help with utility bills, prescriptions, clothing, furniture, etc., limited to one time a year. Call for the schedule of the food pantry program.

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

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✦ **SalusCare**

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

Phone: (239) 332-6937

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, prevention programming 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:**

**Phone**

<i>Cape Coral Campus</i> , 1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral	772-1211
<i>Colonial Campus</i> , 10140 Deer Run Farms Rd., Fort Myers	275-3222
<i>Ortiz Campus</i> , 2789 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers	275-3222
<i>Vince Smith Campus</i> , 2450 Prince Street, Fort Myers	338-2306

YOUTH SERVICES:

The **Access Center** provides mental health assessments for first-time, non-emergency patients. Walk in from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday – Friday for an assessment at the Colonial Campus.

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

The **Community Action Team (CAT)** offers a community behavioral health and co-occurring treatment solution for parents and caregivers of seriously emotionally disturbed children as an alternative to residential treatment or psychiatric hospitalization.

The **Crisis Stabilization Unit** provides secure, inpatient psychiatric stabilization for youth who require the highest level of care and are at risk of harming themselves or others.

**Day Treatment** offers structured programming and treatment in the daytime to youth ages 13 to 17 years old that are in need of more intensive services than outpatient services.

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.

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***Outpatient Psychiatry Services*** include psychiatric evaluations and medication management services.

***Outpatient Therapy Services*** offers voluntary therapy and counseling, in both individual and group settings, for youth ages 3-17 with a mental health or substance abuse diagnosis.

***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.

The ***Substance Abuse Diversion Program*** is an outpatient treatment program that serves as an alternative to court for youth who are arrested for a substance abuse related crime.

***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.

### PREVENTION SERVICES:

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

***Family Intervention Specialists*** provide awareness, education and support to families referred by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) with substance abuse issues.

The ***Great Body Shop*** is a comprehensive substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, and health curriculum provided in schools serving kindergarten through middle school students.

The ***Health and Wellness Program*** works to prevent substance abuse through education and promotion of healthy living strategies.

The ***Phoenix Curriculum***, a gang prevention program, is implemented in various schools.

***Project SUCCESS*** (Schools Using Coordinated Efforts to Strengthen Students) works to prevent and reduce substance use and abuse among high risk, multi-problem adolescents attending alternative schools.

- ✦ **The Salvation Army**  
10291 McGregor Blvd., PO Box 60087  
Fort Myers, FL 33906-6087

Phone: (239) 278-1551

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

***Service Locations:***

***Bonita Springs Service Unit***

25221 Bernwood Drive, Suite 2

Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 948-5200

***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.

***Sally's Café***

2476 Edison Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Opens each evening to serve "Meals with Compassion" to anyone in need of a nutritious meal.

- ✦ **Sandcastles**

Phone: (239) 693-8893

Ages: 6 - 17

A group-style class that assists youth in coping with separation or divorce of their parents. Fulfills the court mandated education course for minor children of divorcing parents. Information on courses available in Lee County is at: [www.educationprograms.com/sandcastles/lee.html](http://www.educationprograms.com/sandcastles/lee.html).

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✦ **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*** (see website for departments not listed)

<b><i>Departments:</i></b>	<b><i>Phone:</i></b>
Adult and Career 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
Student Assignment – Cape Coral	242-2059
Student Assignment – Fort Myers	337-8247
Student Assignment – Lehigh Acres	337-8347
Student Services	337-8181
Student Welfare and Attendance	337-8261

For the Transportation Department, go to <http://transportation.leeschools.net/zones.htm> for a list of transportation zones and the schools within each zone.

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

5775 Osceola Trail  
Naples, FL 34109

Phone: (239) 377-0131

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

✦ **Shriners Hospital for Children - Tampa**

Phone: 1-800-237-5055 (patient referral/eligibility information)  
Website: [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)

Provides specialized medical care for children with a focus on orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

✦ **Social Security Administration**

3650 Colonial Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

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

Website: [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.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 (Hope House)**

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

Phone: (239) 334-3739

A residential shelter for teens in the dependency system, placed there by the Department of Children and Families.

✦ **South County Family YMCA**

701 S. Center Road  
Venice, FL 34285

Phone: (941) 492-9622

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

***Program Locations:***

27200 Kent Road, Bonita Springs  
1360 Royal Palm Square Blvd., Fort Myers  
235 Joel Boulevard, Lehigh Acres

***Phone:***

(239) 221-7560  
(239) 275-9622  
(239) 275-9622

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

✦ **Southwest Florida Children's Home**

4551 Camino Real Way                      Ages: 6 – 18 for residential program  
Fort Myers, FL 33912                      Ages: 0 – 18 for foster care

Phone: (239) 275-7151

Website: [www.royalpalmbaptist.com/188109](http://www.royalpalmbaptist.com/188109)

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.

✦ **Southwest Florida Safety Council**

1714 Evans Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 332-3008

Website: [www.safedrivingsschool.com/index.htm](http://www.safedrivingsschool.com/index.htm)

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.

✦ **Southwest Florida Works**

4150 Ford Street Extension  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

1020 Cultural Park Blvd., Bldg. 2  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 931-8200

Phone: (239) 673-8591

Website: <http://swflworks.org>

Services include job placement, job search assistance, job opportunities, vocational rehabilitation, unemployment compensation, family assistance, and welfare transition services.

✦ **Special Equestrians**

5121 Staley Road, 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**

Phone: (239) 267-2181

Email: [dbarilla@leegov.com](mailto:dbarilla@leegov.com)

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

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



- ✦ **STARS Complex**  
2980 Edison Avenue  
P.O. Box 2217  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 332-6671  
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 Florida school 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. Students qualifying for the free or reduced lunch program are generally income eligible for this program. This is a Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program which is funded through tax credit donations from corporations.

- ✦ **Student Assignment Centers / School District of Lee County**

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

Provides information on the school district's student assignment process (school choice) and registers students to attend Lee County public schools.

**Registration Locations:**

Cape Coral Office, 370 Santa Barbara Blvd. N.  
Fort Myers Office, 2855 Colonial Blvd  
Lehigh Acres Office, 1262 Wings Way, Suite 207

**Phone:**

242-2059  
337-8247  
337-8347

- ✦ **Sunrise Community of Southwest Florida**  
810 S.E. 10<sup>th</sup> Court  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 283-1333                      Email: [capecoral@sunrisegroup.org](mailto:capecoral@sunrisegroup.org)  
Website: [www.sunrisegroup.org](http://www.sunrisegroup.org)

Provides support services for people with developmental disabilities including behavior analysis/assessment, vocational training, supported employment, learning projects, social events, and respite care.

✦ **Sylvan Learning Center**

12741 World Plaza Lane  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-1130

Website: <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/centers/tutoring-fortmyers/index.cfm>

Provides learning skills assessment, individualized learning program, and tutoring.

✦ **Take Stock in Children**

2266 Second Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-0433

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

Provides mentoring and support to low income and at risk middle school and high school students. Students apply for the program in 6<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and upon selection, sign a contract promising to remain crime and drug free, maintain good grades and behavior, and meet with an assigned mentor on a regular basis through high school graduation. Upon graduation, students receive a 4 year college tuition scholarship.

✦ **Talking Books Library at Northwest Regional Library**

519 Chiquita Boulevard North  
Cape Coral, FL 33993

*as of Fall 2013:* 1651 Lee Street

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-4780

(239) 533-4780

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

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 International**

P.O. Box 60802  
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Website: [www.teenchallenge.cc](http://www.teenchallenge.cc)

**Locations:**

Men's Home, 5646 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fort Myers 33907

Women's Home, 5424 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Fort Myers 33907

**Phone:**

275-1974

939-7705

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### ***Teen Challenge International (cont.)***

A Christian organization that provides substance abuse treatment programs throughout Florida. *(Note: They have youth treatment programs located outside of Lee County.)*

#### ✦ **TMC Productions**

5651 Halifax Avenue, Suite 1  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 939-4769

Website: [www.tmc4.com](http://www.tmc4.com)

Provides “Redirecting Children’s Behavior” parenting skills course and other personal growth courses.

#### ✦ **Together Rx Access**

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

A prescription assistance program for individuals and families without prescription drug coverage that helps save on prescription products.

#### ✦ **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**

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.

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

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.html](http://www.unitedwaylee.org/211.html) 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>Dunbar, 3429 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	332-7687
<i>East Ft. Myers, 4040 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	313-7719
<i>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, 5465 NW Pine Island Road, Bokelia</i>	898-6071
<i>Pine Manor, 5547 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fort Myers</i>	275-5180
<i>Sanibel, 1630 Periwinkle Way, Suite B, Sanibel</i>	472-4775
<i>Suncoast Community Center, 2241 Case Lane, N. Ft. Myers</i>	731-9838

**United Way Clinics:**

<i>Cape Coral, 1435 SE 11th Terrace, Suite C</i>	424-2757
<i>Dunbar, 3511 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers</i>	343-4910
<i>North Fort Myers, 13279 N. Cleveland Ave., N. Ft. Myers</i>	652-4111

✦ **Verity Pregnancy and Medical Resource Center**

8890 Salrose Lane, Suite 240  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 433-1929

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

✦ **Visuality**

1400 Colonial Blvd., Suite 204  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

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

A center for LGBTQ teens that provides a safe, welcoming environment where youth can engage in social activities, educational programs, and peer support groups, plus special events and outings.

✦ **Vocational Rehabilitation (Division of), Department of Education**

5264 Summerlin Commons Way, Ste 404      1031 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Place, Ste 1  
Fort Myers, FL 33907      Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 278-7150

(239) 772-6968

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)

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**

2075 West First Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-1435

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

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

Provides support and advocacy for youth in foster care 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.

✦ **Volunteer Match**

Website: [www.volunteermatch.org/search](http://www.volunteermatch.org/search)

A searchable data base of volunteer opportunities that can be searched by zip code.

✦ **We Care / Faith Presbyterian Church**

4544 Coronado Parkway  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 542-2858

Provides food to needy families in Cape Coral.

✦ **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 details.

✦ **Young Life Lee County**

5264 Clayton Court #5  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5908

Website: <http://sites.younglife.org/sites/LeeCountyYL/default.aspx>

Provides positive youth development activities through weekly meetings, outings and seasonal camping. Clubs are available at most high schools. Check website for locations.

✦ **Youth Connections**

4150 Ford Street Extension  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Ages: 16 - 21

Phone: (239) 931-8200 ext. 11198 or 11140

Provides career coaching and assistance to young adults, ages 16-21, to complete high school or GED, attain job skills, and connect to jobs. Eligibility based on youth having barriers to employment.

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## **Credit Counseling**

CredAbility  
Job-Link Family Resource Center – see Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida

## **Crisis Prevention & Intervention**

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)  
Youth Hotline – see Lutheran Services of Florida  
National Runaway Safeline  
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
SalusCare Crisis - Emergency Services

## **Dating Violence**

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)  
Teen Dating Violence Hotline

## **Deaf/Hearing Impaired**

Deaf Services Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.

## **Dental Services or Assistance**

Bonita Springs Assistance Office  
Edison State College Dental Clinic  
Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida  
NCEF Pediatric Dental Center  
Project Dentist's Care of S.W. Florida, Inc.

## **Development – Infant**

Birth Defects Research for Children, Inc.  
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)  
Children's Medical Services (CMS)  
Developmental Disabilities Program, Department of Children and Families  
Early Steps/Early Intervention – see Health Planning Council  
Head Start/Early Head Start  
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System  
IMPACT for Developmental Education  
March of Dimes

## **Developmental Screening**

Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)  
March of Dimes

## **Diabetes**

American Diabetes Association

## **Diapers**

Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida/Destiny Diaper Bank

## **Disabilities**

Able Trust Youth Programs  
Blind Services (Division of), Department of Education  
Brain Injury Association of Florida  
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)  
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,  
CHADD of Lee County, #613  
Challenger Baseball  
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)  
Children's Medical Services (CMS)  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Developmental Disabilities Program, Department of Children and Families  
Devereux Florida  
Disability Rights Florida  
Early Steps/Early Intervention – see Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida  
Easter Seals Florida, Gulf Coast Region  
Family Care Council  
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.  
Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services  
Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center  
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc./Florida High School – High Tech, L.I.F.E Academy  
IMPACT for Developmental Education  
LARC  
Lily Academy  
Special Equestrians

Special Olympics

## **Divorce**

Children's Rights Council  
Family Court Services  
Parenting & Divorce  
Sandcastles

## **Domestic Violence**

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

## **Dropout Prevention**

Able Trust Youth Programs  
Acceleration Middle School  
Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District  
City of Palms Charter School  
DJB Technical Academy  
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy  
Youth Connections

## **Drug Use, see Substance Abuse**

## **Early Childhood Services**

Child Care of Southwest Florida  
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)  
Children's Medical Services (CMS)  
Head Start  
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System  
Lee County Pre-Kindergarten Head Start Early Learning Program

## **Emergency Services**

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)  
American Red Cross  
Poison Information Center (Florida) - Tampa General Hospital  
SalusCare – Emergency Services

## **Employability Skills Training**

Agency for Workforce Innovation (WIA)  
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Heights Center  
Job-Link Family Resource Center – see Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida  
Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida  
Lee County Department of Human Services  
Southwest Florida Works  
Youth Connections

## **Employment Services**

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Southwest Florida Works

## **English as a Second Language**

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District  
Amigos Center

## **Epilepsy**

Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.

## **Failure in School, see School Failure**

## **Faith-Based Services**

Abiding Love Lutheran Church  
African Caribbean American Center  
All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry  
Amigos Center  
The Bridge Youth Center  
Broadway Community Church  
Café of Life  
Cape Coral Assembly of God  
Catholic Hispanic Social Services - See Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities  
Celebrate Recovery - See Grace United Methodist Church of Cape Coral  
Christ United Methodist Church of Lehigh Acres – Our Daily Food Pantry  
Christian Financial Counseling  
Cornerstone Ministries  
Faith-Based Groups Website  
First Baptist Church  
Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center  
Fort Myers Rescue Mission  
Gabriel House  
Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus  
Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities  
Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee  
McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry  
Missionary Directional Mission Church of God  
Mount Hermon Christian School  
New Life Assembly Pantry  
New Life Centers  
Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Saint Vincent DePaul Church  
Saint Vincent DePaul Society  
Salvation Army  
Southwest Florida Children's Home  
Teen Challenge International  
We Care/Faith Presbyterian Church  
Young Life Program  
Youth Outreach

## **Family Counseling**

The Behavioral Health Center  
Children's Community Action Treatment Team (CAT) – see SalusCare  
Delta Family Counseling  
Lutheran Services of Florida  
SalusCare

## **Family Planning**

Lee County Health Department  
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

## **Financial Assistance (Emergency)**

Benefits.gov  
Bonita Springs Assistance Center  
Cape Caring Center  
Economic Self-Sufficiency Services – see Department of Children & Families  
Interfaith Charities of South Lee County  
Lee County Department of Human Services  
Lehigh Community Services  
Saint Vincent DePaul Society

## **Financial Management**

CredAbility  
Lee County Extension

## **Firesetting**

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program

## **Food Assistance**

Abiding Love Lutheran Church  
African Caribbean American Center  
All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry  
Angel Food Ministries  
Bonita Springs Assistance Center  
Broadway Community Church  
Cape Coral Assembly of God  
Cape Coral Caring Center  
Café of Life  
Christ United Methodist Church of Lehigh Acres – Oasis Food Pantry  
Community Cooperative Ministries - Soup Kitchen  
Cornerstone Ministries  
Department of Children & Families (food stamps)  
Faith-Based Groups Website  
Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center  
Interfaith Charities of South Lee County  
Lee County Homeless Coalition  
Lehigh Community Services  
M. C. Library Education Center Corporation  
McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry  
Saint Vincent DePaul Church  
Saint Vincent DePaul Society  
Salvation Army

## **Foster Care**

Children's Home Society  
Children's Network of Southwest Florida  
Department of Children and Families  
Florida MENTOR  
Gabriel House  
Southwest Florida Children's Home  
Source of Light and Hope

## **GED Preparation**

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District  
African Caribbean American Center  
Grace Church – Cape Coral Campus  
Heights Center  
M. C. Library Education Center Corporation  
Southwest Florida Works

## **Grandparents as Parents**

AARP Grandparent Information Center  
Florida Kinship Center  
G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenting)

## **Grief**

First Candle  
Hope HealthCare Services

## **Gun Safety**

Lee County Sheriff's Office – Crime Prevention Programs

## **Health Services**

American Cancer Society  
American Diabetes Association  
American Lung Association  
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida  
Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services  
Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida  
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System  
Lee County Health Department  
Shriner's Hospital for Children

## **Health Insurance, also see Prescription Assistance**

Health Insurance Marketplace  
Florida KidCare

## **Help Line**

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

## **Hispanic Services**

Catholic Charities

## **Home School**

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

## **Homeless Services, also see Food Assistance, Financial Assistance**

Children's Home Society  
Community Cooperative Ministries  
First Baptist Church/Elevation Ministries  
Fort Myers Rescue Mission  
Lee County Homeless Coalition  
Oasis Youth Shelter - see Lutheran Services  
Salvation Army

## **Housing Assistance**

Cape Coral Housing Development Association  
Fort Myers Housing Authority  
Habitat for Humanity  
Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County (HORC)  
Lee County Department of Human Services  
Lee County Homeless Coalition  
Lee County Housing Authority

## **Human Trafficking**

Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

## **Immigration Services**

Amigos Center  
Catholic Charities  
Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking  
Florida Equal Justice Center

## **Independent Living**

Blind Services (Division of), Department of Education  
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,

## **Information and Referral**

AARP Grandparent Information Center  
Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)  
AI-Anon & AI-Ateen  
American Diabetes Association  
Brain Injury Association of Florida  
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)  
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,  
CHADD of Lee County, #613  
Child Abuse Hotline  
Child Care of Southwest Florida  
Deaf Services Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida  
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Family Court Services  
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.



Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services  
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)  
Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC)  
Lee County Library System  
United Way 211

## **Job Skills Training**

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
DJB Technical Academy  
Heights Center  
LARC  
Lee County Department of Human Services  
Southwest Florida Works  
Youth Connections

## **Juvenile Justice Programs**

AMIkids Southwest Florida  
Bay Area Youth Services – see Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program (JDAP)  
Civil Citation – see Juvenile Assessment Center  
Department of Juvenile Justice  
Juvenile Arbitration – see Court Administration  
Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County  
Juvenile Assessment Center Screening Unit – see Department of Juvenile Justice  
Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program (JDAP)  
Lee County Clerk of Court  
Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) – see Lee County Department of Human Services  
Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NAB) – see Lee County Department of Human Services  
Probation (Juvenile) – see Department of Juvenile Justice  
SalusCare Diversion Program – see SalusCare  
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**

The Trevor Project  
Visuality

## **Literacy Services**

Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District  
African Caribbean American Center  
Cornerstone Ministries

Heights Center  
Job-Link Family Resource Center – see Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida  
Literacy Council Gulf Coast

## **Medicaid**

Agency for Health Care Administration  
Department of Children & Families

## **Medical Services, see Health Services**

## **Mental Health/ Mental Illness**

Florida MENTOR  
NAMI  
Parents of Bipolar Children  
SalusCare

## **Mentoring**

Able Trust Youth Programs  
African Caribbean American Center  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast  
Edge of Southwest Florida  
Take Stock in Children

## **Missing Children**

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

## **Nutrition Education**

Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System  
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida  
Lee County Extension  
Lee County Health Department

## **Parenting Education**

African Caribbean American Center  
Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Children's Home Society  
Lutheran Services of Florida  
"Mom University" – see Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida  
Parenting and Divorce  
Quality Life Center  
SalusCare  
TMC Productions

## **Pregnancy Services – also see Teen Pregnancy**

Children's Home Society  
Community Pregnancy Clinic  
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System  
Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP)  
Lee County Health Department  
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  
Together Rx Access

## **Prescription Medication Disposal**

Cape Coral Police Department  
Lee County Sheriff's Office

## **Recreation Programs**

African Caribbean American Center  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County  
Bridge Youth Center  
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  
Quality Life Center  
South County Family YMCA  
STARS Complex

## **Residential Programs**

Compass Center  
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches  
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy  
Liberty Youth Ranch  
New Life Dream Center  
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**

Acceleration Middle School  
Adult and Career Education/Lee County School District  
CHADD of Lee County, #613  
DJB Technical Academy  
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy  
PACE  
Sylvan Learning Center

## **Scholarships**

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

## **Shelters (Emergency Services)**

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)  
Fort Myers Rescue Mission  
Oasis Youth Shelter - see Lutheran Services  
Salvation Army/Red Shield Lodge  
Source of Light and Hope Development Center  
Txt 4 Help

## **Substance Abuse**

Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment - see Lutheran Services of Florida  
Aim Target Programs, Inc.  
Al-Anon & Al-Ateen  
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup  
Compass Center  
Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus  
Harbor Counseling & Lighthouse Addiction Services  
Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida  
Narcotics Anonymous, Gulf Coast Area  
New Life Dream Centers  
SalusCare  
Teen Challenge International  
Vince Smith Center - see SalusCare

## **Suicide**

C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention Resource Center  
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 Hospice (may be scheduled other than summer)  
Respect for Law Camp - see Fort Myers Police Department  
ROCK Camp – see American Cancer Society  
South County 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  
Celebrate Recovery - See Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus  
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,  
CHADD of Lee County, #613  
Family Care Council of District 8  
Florida Kinship Center  
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)  
G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenthood)  
Hope HealthCare Services  
Narcotics Anonymous  
NAMI  
Parents of Bipolar Children, Lee County, Inc.  
On-Line Gamers Anonymous (OLGA)  
SalusCare  
Visuality

## **Teen Centers**

The Bridge Youth Center  
Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center  
STARS Complex

## **Teen Pregnancy**

Children's Home Society  
Community Pregnancy Clinic  
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System  
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**

Four Wheels to Work – see Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida  
Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee County  
Lee Tran

## **Trauma**

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

## **Truancy**

Lutheran Services of Florida

## **Tutoring**

African Caribbean American Center  
Bridge Youth Center  
Catholic Charities of Lee County  
Sylvan Learning Center

## **Unemployment Services**

Southwest Florida Works

## **Ungovernable Youth**

Florida Network of Youth and Family Services  
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy  
Lutheran Services of Florida  
Safe Harbor Therapeutic Services

## **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  
Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victims Services  
Office of the State Attorney 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Safe Harbor Therapeutic Services

## **Vision, Glasses**

Florida Vision Quest

## **Vocational Education**

Fort Myers Institute of Technology  
High Tech North  
DJB Technical Academy

## **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center  
LARC  
Vocational Rehabilitation (Division of), Department of Education  
Vocational Rehabilitation Ombudsman

## **Volunteering Opportunities for Teens**

American Red Cross  
Harry Chapin Food Bank  
Lee County Department of Human Services – Neighborhood Accountability Boards  
Lee County Parks and Recreation  
Teen Court – see Court Administration  
United Way  
Volunteer Match

## **Wish Fulfillment**

Make a Wish Foundation

## **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

Lee County Health Department

## **Work Experiences**

Americorps - Florida State Parks  
Americorps - National Civilian Community Corps  
Job Corps