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Charlotte County Community Resource Guide

Linking Youth and Families
to Community Resources



This guide is not intended to be exhaustive of the programs available in Charlotte County. If you know of a 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 Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners or the Department of Human Services, Family Services Division. While every effort has been made to include accurate information, programs change from time to time. Parents are advised to contact programs directly to ensure that 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.

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Website: www.charlottecountyfl.gov



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Charlotte **211** is an easy to dial number that connects you with community information/activities, agencies, organizations, health, human services & public safety for every day needs, and in times of crisis.

Trained specialists listen to callers describe their needs and provide them with the appropriate resources for assistance. Charlotte 211 is made possible in Charlotte County by a partnership between Charlotte County Charlotte 211 and the Center for Abuse & Rape Emergencies, Inc.

**When you have questions
24 hours 7 days a week, everyday!**

Dial 211

TTY users and Charlotte County residents in Englewood, dial (941) 205-2161.



2-1-1 Website: <http://charlotte211.net>



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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

❖ 4-H Youth Development

Phone: (941) 764-4345

Website: [Http://Charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu/4H](http://Charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu/4H)

4-H Youth Development provides young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

❖ AARP Grandparent Information Center

Phone: 1-(877)-333-5885 English

Phone: 1-(888)-971-2013 Spanish

Website: www.aarp.org/grandparents/

AARP Grandparent Information Center provides information and referral for grandparents raising grandchildren.

❖ ACLU of Florida

Phone: (786) 363-2700

Website: www.aclufl.org

ACLU of Florida Protect the civil liberties/civil rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, the principles contained in the Bill of Rights.

❖ Alcoholics Anonymous

Phone: (941) 426-7723

24/7 Hotline Call for nearest location

(941) 426-7655

North Port, Arcadia, Englewood, Venice,

Nokomis, Boca Grande, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Ogden, and Grove City

Phone: (941) 951-6810

24/7 Sarasota

Website: www.aalifeline.org

Alcoholics Anonymous provides fellowship for men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

❖ Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Phone: (888) 425-2666

Website: www.al-anon.alateen.org

Al-Anon & Al-Ateen provides mutual support and fellowship for people who have been or are affected by a friend or family member with a drinking problem. Member anonymity is maintained.

❖ **American Cancer Society**

4575 Via Royale Suite 110
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 936-1113
(800) 227-2345

Website: www.cancer.org

American Cancer Society is an organization that fights cancer through research, education, advocacy and patient services.

❖ **American Red Cross**

866 Tamiami Trail, Ste 8
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 629-4345

Website: www.flwestcoastredcross.org

American Red Cross assists at times of natural and man-made disasters. American Red Cross teaches First Aid, CPR, lifeguard, babysitting and caregiving courses. American Red Cross is a leader in research and testing to protect the safety of the blood supply. Unwavering commitment to members of the U.S. military, veterans and their families

❖ **AMIKids Crossroads**

45991 Bermont Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Phone: (941) 575-5790

Website: www.supportcrossroads.org

AMIKids Crossroads offers residential program services to teen boys who struggle with fitting into the foster care system and society in general.

❖ **ARC / Florida**

Phone: (800) 226-1155 Toll Free Call for local groups
(850) 921-0460 (Main Headquarters)
(850) 921-0418 Fax

Email: info@arcflorida.org

Website: www.arcflorida.org

National Advocacy Agency to reduce the incidence and limit the consequences of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities through education, awareness, research, advocacy and support of families, friends, and community. Eligibility; adult intellectual and developmental disabilities (no children)

❖ **Autism Society of America**

Maureen Morris

Phone: (800) 328-8476 Toll Free Hotline

Website: www.autism-society.org

Autism Society of America society offers support groups, quarterly newsletter, help in fund raising efforts, and assistance in securing information for families touched by autism.

❖ **Autism Speaks / Autism Response Team**

Phone: 1-888 AUTISM2 (288-4762)

Phone: 1-888-772-9050 En Espanol

Website: www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/autism-response-team

Email: familyservices@autismspeaks.org

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

22107 Elmira Blvd.

Port Charlotte, FL. 33952

Phone: (941) 764-5812

Website: www.bbbssun.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast provides volunteer mentors, family support and youth development programs for at-risk children.

❖ **Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte County, Inc.**

Administrative offices
21450 Gibraltar Drive Suite 10
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 235-2472

Website: www.bgcofcc.org

Provides positive youth development programs and services that include; education, character development, arts and recreation.

❖ **Candlelighters of SW FL, Inc.**

Phone: (239) 432-2223

Fax: (239) 432-1032

Email: info@candlelightersswfl.org

Website: www.candlelightersswfl.org

Candlelighters of SW FL, Inc. provides assistance provided for families who have children diagnosed with cancer or blood-related diseases

❖ **Career Source South West Florida**

1032 Tamiami Trail, Unit 9
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Phone: (941) 235-5900

Website: www.careersourcesouthwestflorida.com

Career Source provides a service that will help out-of-school youth, dislocated workers, and displaced homemakers. This service is for anyone that needs assistance to find work or to obtain job training.

❖ **Center for Abuse & Rape Emergencies, Inc.**

Phone: (941) 627-6000

Website: www.carefl.org

CARE provides counseling, shelter and advocacy to victims of abuse and or rape and other violent crimes.

❖ **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

Phone: (800) 232-4636
TTY (888) 232-6348

Website: www.cdc.gov

Center for Disease Control and Prevention protects health and safety of all Americans by providing information on disease and related topics.

❖ **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities**

Phone: (813) 974-2532
(800) 333-4530 Toll Free for Florida only
(239) 590-7769 Fort Myers

Email: card-usf@usf.edu

Website: www.card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities provides support and assistance for people with autism and related disabilities.

❖ **Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Inc.**

1700 Education Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-8300
(941) 575-0222 24 Hour Crisis Line
(941) 347-6444 Recovery Center

Toll Free: (877) 703-5267

Website: www.CBHCfl.org

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Inc. provides mental health services.

❖ **Charlotte County Community Services**

2300 El Jobean Rd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 625-7529

Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/CommunityServices

Charlotte County Community Services provides recreational activities through parks, libraries, sports complex, historical center and recreational centers including intersession and summer camps

❖ **Charlotte County Computer Group Corporation**

2280 Aaron Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-4175, ext. 244

Website: www.cccgc.net

Charlotte County Computer Group Corporation promotes computer literacy and education in Charlotte County.

❖ **Charlotte County Court Administration, 20th Judicial Court**

350 E. Marion Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

PROGRAMS:

- **Charlotte County Court Mediation Programs:**
- **Juvenile Arbitration Program/Teen Court Program**
- **Domestic Violence/Family Mediation**

Phone: (941) 637-2281

Website: <http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/charlotte/charhome.asp>

❖ **Charlotte County Clerk Of Circuit Court**

350 E. Marion Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

18500 Murdock Circle (Admin)
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

General Information: (941) 505-4716

Website: www.co.charlotte.fl.us/Default.aspx

Charlotte County Clerk of Circuit Court provides various recording services and handles probate and support payments. Charlotte County Clerk of Circuit Court offers public information, court records, tax collection information and fee index.

❖ **Charlotte County Fire & EMS**

26571 Airport Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

PROGRAM:

- **Child Safety Seat Program**

Phone: (941) 833-5600

Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/fire/

Charlotte County Fire & EMS provides fire and emergency medical services in Charlotte County.

❖ **Charlotte County Health Department**

1100 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

PROGRAMS:

- **Communicable Disease Control & Epidemiology**
- **WIC Nutrition Program**

- **Birth certificates if birth occurred in state of Florida**
- **Death certificates if death occurred in Charlotte County**

Phone: (941) 624-7200

Website: www.charlottechd.com

Charlotte County Health Department provides preliminary medical care and services to include Family Planning, Immunizations, STD testing and HIV. Services are on a sliding scale by income.

❖ **Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition Inc.**

17940 Toledo Blade Blvd., Unit A
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 764-9700

Website: www.charlottecountyhealthystart.com

Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition Inc. provides care coordination for pregnant moms and babies to improve birth and health outcomes.

❖ **Charlotte County Homeless Coalition, Inc.**

Hot Meals Program (breakfast and dinner)
1476 Kenesaw Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Mailing address: P.O. BOX 380157, Murdock, FL 33938-0157

Phone: (941) 627-4313

Website: www.cchomelesscoalition.org

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition, Inc. provides Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Homeless Prevention, Food Pantry, and Hot Meals

❖ **Charlotte County Human Services Department**

Vicki Carpenter, Director of Human Services Department
1050 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

PROGRAMS:

- **Charlotte County 211**
- **Senior Services**
- **Veterans Services**
- **Housing Services**
- **Family Services Neighborhood**
- **Accountability Board (NAB)/Civil Citation**

Charlotte County 211

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Dial 211 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Hotline
Cell phone, TTY users and Charlotte County residents in Englewood,
Faezeh Andrews, PH.D Information and Referral Supervisor
Phone: 941-205-2161.

Email: faezeh.andrews@charlottecountyfl.gov

Website: www.Charlotte211.net

Senior Services

National Family Caregiver Program:

Eligibility is 55 years or older caring for minor children absent the parents.

Program may assist with summer camp or day care.

60 years and older that are caring for a frail elder.

Alzheimer's disease Initiative:

Eligibility is 18 years or older suffering from a dementing illness. Program may assist with caregiver relief and/or incontinent supplies.

Case Management Services: Available to help with multi-generational families connecting with community support.

Veteran's Services

Veteran's Services provide services and support to County citizens who are veterans of military service, their families, dependents and/or survivors and like persons residing in our County. Assisting veterans and their dependents in the presentation, proof and establishment of all claims, privileges, rights and other veteran benefits, which they may have under federal, state or local laws. Other benefits include assistance in placement into the veterans' nursing home, cemeteries, counseling, and programs for homeless veterans, as well as presentations to our community partners.

Phone: (941) 764-5579

Englewood Office (941) 681-3716

Fax: (941) 833-6565

Terry.Keene@charlottecountyfl.gov

David.Donohew@charlottecountyfl.gov

David.Rockow@charlottecountyfl.gov

Housing Division

Housing Division is responsible for oversight of the enforcement of federal and state fair housing laws. Housing Division/Human Services administers funds available for affordable housing initiatives. Housing efforts are accomplished by developing partnerships with local lenders, nonprofit organizations and affordable housing developers. The division serves as Charlotte County's housing liaison with the State of Florida and other state and federal housing advocates.

Programs currently include: **State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP)**

Family Services

The Family Service division provides temporary assistance to income-eligible individuals living in Charlotte County. Services include utility assistance and case management to assist families in achieving self-sufficiency.

To foster positive and quality community collaborations developing family support programs and services readily available to all families, resulting in an improved quality of life for all Charlotte County helping families and their children.

Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB) Program

NAB currently receives referrals from the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Civil Citation program via the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. It represents a community based decision process aimed at repairing the harm

committed against victims and neighborhoods by youth offenders. This process takes a restorative justice approach. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please call one of the numbers provided.

Phone: (941) 833-6518
Email: Michael.Adams@charlottecountyfl.gov
1050 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

❖ **Family Services Center**

Phone: (941) 235-0668
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.gov/services/familyservices/pages/familyservicescenter.aspx

Family Services Center provides rental space for non-profit organizations that offer family support services including after school programs, children's advocacy, children's health and development programs, senior employment services, adults with disabilities services, assistance with hearing impaired persons, and social services.

Occupied offices at the Family Services Center Building:

Boys and Girls Club	(941) 979-8379
Positive youth development programs	
Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest FL	(239) 939-2808
Child-friendly center for child victims of abuse	
Comprehensive Housing Resources	(941) 624-0911
Consumer services including financial literacy, foreclosure programs, Hardest Hit Fund and National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling	
Experience Works	(941) 743-0500
Improves lives of older workers through training, community svc, employment	
Family Literacy Center	(941) 255-1431
Math, reading, language classes, English as a Second Language (all levels)	
Florida Center for Early Childhood, Healthy Families	(941) 629-6477
Equips parents with knowledge/skills to create a stable home environment	

Guardian Ad Litem (941) 613-3233
 Assigns volunteers to represent abused, neglected or abandoned children during court proceedings

Hearing Impaired Persons (941) 743-8347
 Offers information, referral, educational seminars, interpreter services

New Visions – Adults with Disabilities (941) 627-1010
 Day program helping the mentally challenged to develop life skills

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic (941) 766-9570
 (Clinic located at 21297 Olean Blvd – Unit B)

❖ **Charlotte County Public Schools**

(District Office Location)
 1445 Education Way
 Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 255-0808

Website: www.ccps.k12.fl.us

Adult & Community Education

1441 Tamiami Trail, Ste 365,
 Port Charlotte, FL 33948
 Phone: (941) 255-7430

Baker Center

311 E. Charlotte Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
 Phone: (941) 575-5470

PROGRAMS:

- **Early Head Start (9 weeks to 3 years old)**
- **Head Start (4 years old)**
- **Adult GED**

Charlotte Technical Center

18150 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
 Phone: (941) 255-7500

Exceptional Student Education

1445 Education Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
 Phone: (941) 255-0808

Families First

Meadow Park Elementary School
3131 Lakeview Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Phone: (941) 255-7480

Lemon Bay High School
2201 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224
Phone: (941) 475-4961

❖ Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

7474 Utilities Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Phone: (941) 639-2101
Website: www.ccsso.org

PROGRAMS:

- **Crime Prevention**
- **Finger Printing Program**
- **Fresh Start:** Targets at risk youth and first time offenders by exposing youth to conditions associated with living incarcerated.
- **Victim's Assistance Program:** Safety and education promoting safe practices and crime prevention.

❖ Charlotte County Library System

2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 613-3160
Administration Phone: (941) 235.5000
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com

Charlotte County Library System provides youth and family activities and resources. Official events calendar listed on library web page.

❖ Charlotte County Transit

25490 Airport Road
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Phone: (941) 575-4000

Phone: (941) 681-3796 (Englewood)

Website: <http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/services/transportation/Pages/default.aspx>

Charlotte County Transit provides public transportation services to all residents and visitors of Charlotte County for a small fee. Charlotte County Transit works on an advanced reservation basis.

❖ **Child and Elder or Vulnerable Adult Abuse Hotline**

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

Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/

Child and Elder or Vulnerable Adult Abuse Hotline receives reports of abuse and neglect. Child and Elder or Vulnerable Adult Abuse Hotline provides information and referrals to enhance the safety and well-being 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 Support Enforcement Customer Service Line**

Phone: (800) 622-KIDS or (800) 622-5437

Website: www.myflorida.com/dor/childsupport

1649 Tamiami Trail, Suite 1-A
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Child Support Enforcement Customer Service Line assists in locating missing parents, determining paternity, establishing medical and financial support orders, and enforcing support.

❖ **Child Welfare Information Gateway**

Phone: (800) 394-3366

Toll Free (703) 934-3740

Email: info@childwelfare.gov

Website: www.childwelfare.gov

Child Welfare Information Gateway promotes safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families by connecting them to resources that will address the needs of the children and families in the community.

❖ **Children's Advocacy Center of SW Florida**

Phone: (239) 939-2808

Fax: (239) 939-4794

Website: www.cac-swfl.org

Child-friendly center for children who are victims of abuse that allows for prompt access to appropriate services.

❖ **Children's Home Society of Florida**

Phone: (239) 334-0222

Email: info@chsfl.org

Website: www.chsfl.org

Programs focused on prevention and intervention of child abuse and neglect.

❖ **Children's Network of SW Florida**

Phone: (239) 226-1524

Fax: (239) 226-1115

Email: info@cnsfwl.org

Website: www.childnetswfl.org

Coalition that works with the community in building and maintaining a child protective system that promotes safety and stability.

❖ **Children's Wish Foundation International, Inc.**

Phone: (800) 323-9474 Toll Free

Website: www.childrenswish.org

Children's Wish Foundation International, Inc. fulfills the favorite wish of a life threatening ill child under 18. All arrangements made and expenses covered by the foundation. Ex: airline tickets, rental cars, expense money and parental salary lost, as a result of taking time off from work while wish is fulfilled.

❖ **Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**

1451 10th Street
Sarasota, FL 34236

Phone: (941) 552-1950

24 hour Crisis Stabilization Unit: (941) 364-9355

❖ **Community Presbyterian Church, Preschool**

425 Sunset Drive
Englewood, FL 34223

Phone: (941) 474-5555

Website: www.compresbyterianpreschool@hotmail.com

Community Presbyterian Church, Preschool provides workshops for pre-school children.

❖ **Cultural Center of Charlotte County**

2280 Aaron Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-4175

Website: www.theculturalcenter.com

Cultural Center of Charlotte County offers various activities, interactive opportunities and classes to the residents of Charlotte County.

❖ **Department of Children & Families, Charlotte County**

14806 Tamiami Trail
North Port, FL 34287

Phone: 866-762-2237

Website: www.myflorida.com/cf_web

DCF provides multiple services and assistance to individuals and families in need. Public guardian referrals

❖ **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

Phone: (239) 992-3840

(941) 907-0811 Local # for Charlotte County Residents

Website: www.jdrf.org

Primary goal is to raise money for diabetes research and provide support for people affected by the disease, especially families and children

❖ **Diabetes Centers**

Website: www.diabetes.org

Phone: (941) 342-2383

Charlotte Harbor Diabetes Center

Janick Professional Group
4369 Tamiami Trail,
Port Charlotte, FL 33980
Phone: (941) 629-3366 Ext 201

Millennium Diabetes Education Program
19531 Cochran Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Phone: 941-255-3535

Living Smart Diabetes Self-Management Program
21216 Olean Boulevard, Suite 5-7
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Phone: (941) 624-4800
Fax: (941) 206-0048

These Centers mission is to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all affected by diabetes.

❖ **Disability Rights Florida**

Phone: (800) 342-0823 Toll Free: Tallahassee
Fax: (850) 488-8640
TDD: (800) 346-4127
Website: www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

Disability Rights Florida provides information, protection and advocacy services and is mandated to ensure and expand the legal rights of individuals with disabilities

❖ **Drug Free Charlotte County**

1445 Education Way
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 255-0808, Ext. 3205
Website: www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org

Drug Free Charlotte County, a Coalition dedicated to eliminating substance abuse in Charlotte County.

❖ **Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland**

2886 Tamiami Trail, Suite 1

Port Charlotte, Florida 33952

Phone: (941) 255-1650

Fax: (941) 255-5856

Website: www.elcfh.org

Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland assists parents in locating a legally operating childcare program, financial assistance for childcare (called Scholarship Child Care), and technical assistance to childcare providers.

❖ **Easter Seals Florida Inc**

Phone: (407) 306-9766

Phone: (407) 629-7881 (Fund Raising)

Website: www.fl.easterseals.com

Children and adults with disabilities and special needs find services designed to meet their individual needs. Families are active members of any therapy program, and are offered the support families that need assistance to childcare providers.

❖ **Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.**

700 East Dearborn Street

Englewood, FL 34295

Phone: (941) 474-5864

Fax: (941) 460-2791

Website: <http://englewoodhelpinghand.org>

Englewood Helping Hand, Inc. provides emergency aid with food and payments for rent, utilities on a ONE time basis when referrals to government programs are not available. Englewood Residents Only.

❖ **Epilepsy Services of SW Florida**

Phone: (239) 275-4838 (Fort Myers) serves Charlotte County

Website: www.epilepsy-services.org

Epilepsy Services of SW Florida provides direct services as well as important education and prevention programs to those with Epilepsy, their families, and the general public.

❖ **Family Health Centers of SW Florida**

(Port Charlotte Medical, & Dental Office)

4300 Kings Hwy, Ste. 500
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: 1(866) 355-2348
Both: (239) 344-2306
Dental: (239) 344-2337
Website: www.fhcswf.org/locations.swf

Family Health Centers of SW Florida is a multi-specialty primary health care provider. Family Health Centers of SW Florida offers comprehensive primary and preventive health care in the specialties of family practice, pediatrics and dental care.

❖ **Family Law Self Help Program**

Charlotte County Justice Center
350 East Marion Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 637-2281
(941) 833-3064
Website: www.ca.cjis20.org

Family Law Self Help Program assists individuals who are representing themselves in family law matters (pro se).

❖ **Family Network on Disabilities of Florida Inc.**

Phone: (800) 825-5736 Toll Free
Phone: (727) 523-1130
FAX: (727) 523-8687
Website: www.fndusa.org

❖ **Fathers for Equal Rights National Organization Inc**

Phone: (24 Hour Hotline) (305) 335-9077
Website: www.fathersforequalrights-miami.org

Fathers for Equal Rights National Organization Inc , assists fathers in preparing for court. Experts in Family Law, Domestic Relations, Child Custody, Court System and child psychology, child development, etc.

❖ **FeverWise, Inc.**

P.O. Box 510397

Punta Gorda, FL 33951

Phone: (941) 505 WISE (9473)

Website: www.FeverWise.org

Provides basic health & nutrition classes, including American Heart Association CPR, BLS & First-Aid, free of charge to our vulnerable and at-risk populations. We provide both low-cost and no-cost health and American Heart Association classes for the general public. Classes cover subjects relating to good health: Basic health & nutrition (Health-Nut), effective hand-washing practices, importance of breastfeeding, regular medical and dental check-ups, immunizations, dental hygiene, and basic skills to handle minor ailments at home.

❖ **First Baptist Church of Punta Gorda – “Horn of Plenty”**

459 Gill Street

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-3857

Fax: (941) 639-0045

Website: www.fbcpuntagorda.org

First Baptist Church of Punta Gorda provides utility and water bill assistance for the very needy. The Horn of Plenty (food pantry, clothing) is located on the south end of our two-story educational building and is open on Tuesday from 9:00am - Noon. (Takes Donations)

❖ **F.I.S.H of Englewood**

Phone: (941) 475-4494

Provides transportation for anyone unable to drive locally to doctor's appointments, stores, banks, etc. (local Englewood area residents and Venice).

❖ **Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)**

Mr. Jeff Smith, Suncoast Region Manager

2295 Victoria Avenue (P.O. Box 60085)

Fort Myers FL 33906

Phone: 1-800-615-8720

Fax: 239-338-1355

Website: apdcares.org

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) serves individuals with developmental disabilities as defined in Florida Statutes, Chapter 393. This includes individuals who have Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, autism, intellectual disabilities, Prader-Willi syndrome, and very young children who are at high risk for having a developmental disability.
Counties Served: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee

❖ **Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services**

Phone: (800) 654-4440

Website: www.centraldirectory.org/

Provides information and referral for children with disabilities or special healthcare needs or who are at risk for developmental delays.

❖ **Florida KidCare**

Phone: (888) 540-5437 (Toll Free)

TTY (877) 316-8748

Website: www.floridakidcare.org

Florida KidCare offers affordable, low cost health insurance for uninsured children in Florida.

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

24 Hour Toll Free 800.RUNAWAY (1.800-786-2929) National Runaway Hotline

Phone: (850) 922-4324

Website: www.floridanetwork.org

www.1800runaway.org National Runaway Hotline

Florida Network of Youth and Family Services is a non-profit statewide association that representing several agencies which serve homeless, runaway and troubled youth ages 10 and older and their families. Provides many support tools online for parents who are struggling with their children's behavior.

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

Phone: (877) 275-3732

Fax: (321) 872-6620

Website: www.fpea.com

FPEA serves thousands of homeschooling families in Florida, delivering a wealth of support, guidance and information to both new and longtime home educators.

❖ **Florida Rural Legal Services – Charlotte County Office**

410 Taylor Street, Suite #106
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Phone: (941) 505-9007
(800) 476-8937

Website: www.frls.org

Free legal representation is provided to those below poverty level in matters related to elder law, housing, labor and employment, education, civil rights, family security/public benefits, family law.

❖ **Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches**

P.O. Box 2000
Boys Ranch, FL 32064

Phone: (941) 776-1777 (local)
Toll free (800) 765-3797
(Ranch) (386) 842-5501

Website: www.youthranches.org/

Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches provides a week-long summer camp for youth ages 10-18. Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches provides residential programs for at-risk youth ages 8-18. Call to determine eligibility. Applications must be approved by the local sheriff.

❖ **Florida Virtual School**

Suite 200
2145 Metrocenter Blvd
Orlando, FL 32835

Toll Free: (800) 374-1430
Phone: (407) 513-3587
Fax: (407) 513-3480

Website: www.flvs.net/

Florida Virtual School provides a statewide, internet-based public school that offers an online curriculum for middle and high school students.

❖ **Florida Youth Challenge Academy**

5629 State Road 16 West, Bldg. 3800
Starke, FL 32091

Phone: (904) 682-4000

Fax: (904) 682-3990

Email: office@floridayouthchallengeacademy.org

Website: www.floridayouthchallengeacademy.org

Florida Youth Challenge Academy a 17 ½ month quasi-military training and mentoring program. Youth must be 16 but no more than 18 years old; a high school drop-out, expellee, dis enrollee, a citizen or legal resident of the United States and a resident of the State of Florida. This program helps develop life skills, complete education goals, and develop employment potential.

❖ **Girls and Boys Town National Hotline**

Phone: (800) 448-3000 Toll Free Hotline
(800) 842-1488 Toll Free Business Line
(800) 448-1838 Toll Free TTD

Email: hotline@girlsandboystown.org

Website: www.girlsandboystown.org

Short-term Crisis Intervention Hotline for Children and families but will serve all ages and situations. Girls and Boys Town National Hotline will take offers and referrals to anyone with problems, anytime. Also, provides suicide prevention.

❖ **Good Will**

2325 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 255-3884

Program helps youth with disabilities prepare for life and/or high school. Employment soft-skills and job skills are taught. Computers/fax machines available for job hunting and/or writing resumes
Angela Hemstreet: Prog. Coord: Florida High School/High Tech

Email: angelahemstreet@goodwilswfl.org

Sabrenia Morgan: Job link coordinator.

Email: sabreniamorgan@goodwilswfl.org

Program directed for those in need of a job.

❖ **Guardian Ad Litem**

21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 5
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 613-3233

Website: www.GuardianAdLitem.org

Guardian Ad Litem assigns volunteers to represent abused, neglected and abandoned children in court proceedings.

❖ **Gulf Harbor Treatment Center**

3512 Depew Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 286-2861

Website: www.gulpharbortreatment.org

Mission Unity, Inc. is a drug assessment and treatment center. Mission Unity, Inc. is a transitional living facility for single adults who are homeless due to substance abuse. Mission Unity, Inc. provides low cost outpatient drug and alcohol assessments and counseling.

❖ **Habitat for Humanity**

1750 Manzana Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-3162

Website: www.charlottecountyhfh.org

Habitat for Humanity builds houses for homeownership for low to very low income families.

❖ **Hampton Point Apartments**

2511 Luther Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Phone: (941) 979-1001

Website: www.hamptonpointapthomes.com

Hampton Point Apartments provides rental units for low to moderate income families in an access gated community.

❖ **Health Planning Council of SW Florida Inc.**

Phone: (239) 433-6700

Website: www.hpcswf.com

Health Planning Council of SW Florida Inc. provides temporary housing assistance including rent, utilities and transitional housing for HIV/AIDS positive individuals

❖ **Healthy Families of Charlotte County**

21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 9

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 629-6477

Healthy Families of Charlotte County provides in-home parenting programs, family support services and parenting classes aimed at preventing child abuse.

❖ **Hearing Impaired Persons of Charlotte County**

21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 8

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 743-8347

Hearing Impaired Persons of Charlotte County provides services to individuals who cope with hearing or speech loss by offering information, referral, educational seminars, interpreter services and advocacy.

❖ **Heart Of Mercy Ministry**

Port Charlotte, Florida

Please call for location: Phone: (941) 763-2244

Website: www.heartofmercyoutreach.com

Heart Of Mercy Ministry provides free food, clothes and some household items for anyone in need. By appointment

❖ **Learning Disabilities Association of Florida**

Phone: (561) 247-0221

Website: www.lda-florida.org

Advocacy Organization that supports parents of children that have learning disabilities and special needs K-12

❖ **Life Port Church and Palm Christian Academy**

390 Flamingo Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33954

Phone: (941) 255-5544 Fax: (941) 764-1288

Website: www.lifeportchurch.net

Email: lifeportchurch@gmail.com

Life Port Church and Palm Christian Academy provides pre-school and social services for North Port, Charlotte County residents. Food and clothing.

❖ **Make a Wish Foundation**

Phone: (800) 722-9474 National
(941) 952-9474 Sarasota

Email: Rebecca.Blitz@suncoastwish.org

Website: www.cnfl.wish.org

Wishes granted to children with life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

❖ **Meals On Wheels**

(Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda)
3082 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

(Englewood)
400 Loma Linda
Englewood, FL 34223

Phone: (941) 625-4343

Phone: (941) 474-4445

Website: www.mealsonwheelscc.net

Volunteers prepare and deliver hot, well-balanced meals to the homebound seniors and disabled.

❖ **Missing Persons and Offender Registration, Florida**

Phone: 888-FL MISSING (356-4774)

Email: DinahJohnson@fdle.state.fl.us

Website: www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch

The central repository of information regarding missing endangered persons in Florida. MPOR assists law enforcement agencies and Florida's citizens in finding missing persons by providing analytical services and engaging the public in the search to include the Florida AMBER Plan and Florida Silver Alert Plan.

❖ **Murdock Circle Apartments**

17800 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (855) 879-5139

Website: www.mymurdockcircle.com

Murdock Circle Apartments provides affordable housing for low-income families.

❖ **Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Peace River Area**

Phone: (800) 381-7371

Website: www.na Gulfcoastfla.org

Support groups offered for those recovering from drug addiction.

❖ **NATHHAN**

Phone: (800) 266-9837 Toll Free
(208) 267-6246

Email: info@ChasK.org

Website: www.ChasK.org

NATHHAN equips parents to raise their children with special needs or disabilities confidently through home schooling.

Also: CHASK: Works as a matching agency for birth moms, to families that can raise special needs children, if they are not able to. Encourages moms that there is help and hope if they want to raise the child on their own.

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

Phone: (800) 950-6264 National Toll Free 10am to 6pm EST
(850) 671-4445 Florida
(941) 877-1411 Charlotte

Website: www.namiflorida.org

Website: www.namicharlottecountyfl.org

Email Address: info@namiflorida.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) assists individuals with mental illness, their families and the community. Provides peer-to-peer counseling and support groups.

❖ **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**

Phone: (800) 843-5678 (1800THELOST) Toll Free 24 hour Hotline

Website: www.missingkids.com

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers information reports and referral for situations involving missing children and child exploitation.

❖ **National CHADD Organization**

Phone: (800) 233-4050 Toll Free

Website: www.chadd.org

Website: www.help4adhd.org

National CHADD Organization provides support and information for adults and parents of children that are Attention Deficit or Hyperactive, as well as professionals in the community. Teachers earn in-service credit.

❖ **National Child Traumatic Stress Network**

Phone: (919) 682-1552

Website: www.nctsnet.org

National Resource Center provides information and resources to professionals and the public, including survivors of childhood trauma, their families, and communities.

❖ **National Parents of Murdered Children Inc.**

Phone: (888) 818-7662 Toll Free (National)

Website: www.pomc.org

Email: natlpomc@pomc.org

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

❖ **National Runaway Switchboard**

Phone: (800) 786-2929 hotline

TDD (800) 621-0394

Email: info@1800runaway.org

Website: www.1800runaway.org

Crisis intervention information and referral, message services between the youth and parent and mediated conference calls. National Runaway Switchboard administers Greyhound's Home Free Program for youth between the ages of 12-20. One-way tickets may be issued for youth who wish to return to parents or legal guardians.

❖ **New Operation Cooper Street, Inc.**

650 Mary Street

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-3034

Email: cooperstreet@hotmail.com

Website: www.cooperstreetcenter.org

New Operation Cooper Street, Inc. provides recreational facilities in cooperation with Community Services. Recreational facilities and programs for youth aged 4 to 18 including computer room, children's reading room, and library, recreation room, and basketball courts. Also provides educational, career/college readiness and counseling services.

❖ **Oasis Youth Shelter**

3634 Central Ave. Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 278-1030

Youth Hotline: 800-329-8336

Website: www.lsfnet.org

Oasis Youth Shelter is a temporary shelter for troubled, runaway or homeless youth ages 10 – 17.

❖ **Partnership for Prescription Assistance Phone**

Phone: (888-4ppanow)

(888-477-2669)

Website: www.pparx.org

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need through the program that is right for them. Many will get their medications free or nearly free.

❖ **Pfizer Helpful Answers**

Phone: (866) 706-2400 Toll Free

Website: www.pfizerrxpath.com

Pfizer Helpful Answers, programs to help people with or without prescription coverage save or qualify on Pfizer medicines.

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

8595 College Parkway, Suite 250

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 481-9999 (Fort Myers)

(941) 365-4060 (Sarasota)

Website: www.ppswcf.org

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida offer services available to Charlotte County residents including gynecological exams, bladder/urinary tract infections, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing / treatment, and counseling.

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

Phone: 1-800-222-1222

TDD/TTY 813-844-7042,

813-844-7403)

Website: www.poisoncentertampa.org/

Poison Information Center 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.

❖ **Pregnancy Careline Center, Inc.**

1685 Tamiami Trail, Unit 4

Murdock Medical Park

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 625-5576

Website: www.pregnancycareline.com

www.facebook.com/pregnancycareline

Pregnancy support resource center. Earn while you learn program available which is a curriculum divided into subjects like Pregnancy, Parenting, Toddlers and Fatherhood

❖ **Project Linus (held at New Day Christian Church)**

20212 Peachland Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33983

Phone: (941) 625-4947

Website: www.projectlinus.org

You can make blankets and donate it to your local Project Linus chapter. They will take your blanket to a facility where it will be given to a deserving child, including area hospitals, organizations for neo-natal and terminally ill children.

❖ **Punta Gorda Housing Authority**

340 Gulf Breeze Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-4344

FAX: (941) 639-1753

Website: www.puntagordaha.org

Punta Gorda Housing Authority provides the only Public Housing available in Charlotte County. Section 8 Voucher Program for Charlotte County is located here.

❖ **Punta Gorda Police & Fire/EMS**

1410 Tamiami Trail
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone (941) 639-4111

Website: www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us

Away From Home Program: www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_awayhome.html

Do The Right Thing: www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_dtrt.html

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_dare.html

GREAT (Gang Resistance Education & Training)

❖ **Rodeheaver Boy's Ranch Inc.**

Phone: (386) 328-1281

Email: rodeheaverboys@gmail.com

Website: www.rbr.org/

Rodeheaver Boy's Ranch Inc. is a working residential ranch for boys with behavioral problems. "It is better to build boys than to mend men."

❖ **Saluscare**

3763 Evans Ave.

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 332-6937

Emergency (239) 275-4242 or 911

Website: www.saluscareflorida.org

Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. (SWFAS) provides services to those trying to get off drugs or alcohol and their families. SWFAS offers a full continuum of care for adolescents and adults.

❖ **Salvation Army**

2120 Loveland Blvd.

Phone: (941) 629-3170 ext: 406

Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 629-5950

Website: www.salvationarmyflorida.org/portcharlotte

Salvation Army Youth Program provides social services, food pantry, disaster assistance and spiritual counseling. There is possible emergency assistance for electric and rent.

Youth program on Tuesday nights from 5-8 p.m. Music and various activities for youth to participate in.

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❖ **Senior Choices (Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida)**

15201 N. Cleveland Ave, Suite 1100
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Phone: (866) 413-5337
Website: www.aaaswfl.org

To help aging adults achieve greater independence through awareness of resources and access to qualified service providers.

❖ **Seven Palms Apartments**

1200 Slash Pine Circle
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 637-1932
Website: www.7palmsapartments.com

Seven Palms Apartments provides affordable housing for low-income families. First come First Serve, no wait list.

❖ **Seventh Day Adventist Church/ Community Services**

2036 Loveland Boulevard	1555 Taylor Rd
Port Charlotte, FL 33980	Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 629-0398	Phone: (941) 505-1658
Website: www.adventistsatportcharlotte.org	
Website: www.puntagordasda.org	
Email: pcsdacs@gmail.com	

Seventh Day Adventist Church/ Community Services provides food, clothing and financial assistance for families facing an emergency. Thrift store, vegetarian, food store.

❖ **Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa**

Phone: (800) 237-5055 Toll Free patient referral line
(813) 972-2250

Website: www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa provides specialized care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate.

❖ **SIDS Alliance, Florida**

Phone: 800-SIDSFLA (800-743-7352)

Fax: 407-444-5208

Email: sidsfla@yahoo.com

Caring people, sharing strength, love and concern about SIDS and establishes a reliable, continuous source of assistance to parents who lose a child suddenly and unexpectedly. Also, sponsors educational campaigns to promote and support research into cause and possible prevention of SIDS through fund raising and public education.

❖ **SIDS First Candle**

9 Newport Drive

Forest Hill MD 21050

Phone: (800) 221-7437 (Grief Support 24/7)

Phone: (443) 640-1049

Fax: (443)-640-1031

Website: www.firstcandle.org

Email: info@firstcandle.org

SIDS First Candle is dedicated to safe pregnancies and survival of babies through the first years of life. Current priorities are to eliminate Stillbirth, SIDS and other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths with programs of research, education and advocacy. Also provides compassionate grief support to all those affected by the death of a baby.

❖ **Social Security Administration**

Phone: (800) 772-1213

Toll Free (800) 325-0778 TTY

Website: www.ssa.gov

Administers Federal Social Security Programs: Disability, Survivor Benefits, Medicare and SSI, Medicaid, etc.

❖ **Southwest Florida Safety Council**

1714 Evans Ave.

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 332-3008

(800) 437-3008 Toll Free

Website: www.safedrivingschool.com/index.htm

Southwest Florida Safety Council offers in-person and online traffic schools. Southwest Florida Safety Council provides Drug Alcohol Traffic Education (D.A.T.E.) course, which is a pre-requisite for getting one's first driver's license.

❖ **St. Vincent de Paul:**

Food pantry, clothing, limited assistance with rent and utilities

❖ **Sacred Heart- St. Vincent de Paul**

25200 Airport Rd

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941)-575-0767

Phone: (941)-575-8544 (Furniture and household items):

Website: www.sacredheartfl.org

❖ **San Antonio Catholic Church- St. Vincent de Paul**

24445 Rampart Boulevard

Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 624-3799

Website: www.sanantoniocatholicchurch.com

❖ **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church- St. Vincent de Paul**

21505 Augusta Avenue

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-9784

❖ **St. Maximillian Kolbe Catholic Church- St. Vincent de Paul**

1441 Spear Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 258-3398

❖ **Survivors of Incest Anonymous, Inc.**

Phone: (410) 893-3322

Website: www.siawso.org

Self-help groups for survivors of child sexual abuse (who are not abusing any child) guided by a set of 12 suggested steps and traditions, slogan and serenity prayer. Survivors of Incest Anonymous, Inc. provides support groups, pen pals, and literature.

❖ **Teen Challenge International**

Girls:

6754 S. Carter Rd

Lakeland, FL 33813

Phone: (863) 647-1944

Boys:

P.O. BOX 690612

Vero Beach, FL 32969

Phone: (772) 978-4164

Website: www.teenchallengeusa.com

Teen Challenge International has various centers throughout Florida helping youth, adults, and families with life-controlling problems including substance abuse.

❖ **The Family Cafe**

Phone: 850-224-4670

FAX: 850-224-4674

Toll Free: 888-309-2233

Website: www.familycafe.net

Email: info@familycafe.net

The Family Café exists to provide individuals with disabilities and their families with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment by serving as a facilitator of communication, a space for dialogue and a source of information.

❖ **Time Out Respite Care, Inc.**

24246 Harborview Road
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 743-3883

Website: www.timeoutrespitcare.org

Time Out Respite Care, Inc. provides much needed relief to families of mentally and physically disabled children and adults, offering the services of trained caregivers to residents of Charlotte County Florida. The program is available 24/7.

❖ **Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic**

21297 Olean Blvd – Unit B Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 766-9570

Website: www.volunteercare.info/home

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic provides no-cost episodic medical services and prescription medication to the uninsured and underserved residents of Charlotte County.

❖ **Visually Impaired Persons of Charlotte County**

3459 Depew Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-8501

Website: www.vipofcc.com

Visually Impaired Persons of Charlotte County provides independent living/rehabilitation classes. Also provides referrals to the Division of Blind Services, a service chapter for social/business activities, counseling and other needed services.

❖ **Vocation Rehabilitation (VR) Division, Florida Dept. of Education**

1620 Tamiami Trail, Suite 103
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 613-0900

Website: www.rehabworks.org

A federal-state program helping people who have physical or mental disabilities get or keep a job. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

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

1100 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33980
(Mon, Tue, Thurs 8-4:30 p.m.) (Wed, Fri 8-12:00 p.m.)

Phone: (941) 624-7210 (Main WIC line)
Fax: (941) 624-7211

Health Dept. Clinic in Englewood (WIC)
6868 San Casa Rd.
Englewood, FL.
Mondays & Tuesdays

Phone: (941) 681-3762

WIC is a federally funded nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children. WIC provides the following at no cost: healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals for health care.

❖ **YMCA**

19333 Quesada Ave
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 629-0909
Website: www.charlottecountyyymca.com

Inclusive organization of men, women and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

❖ **YMCA, Child Care**

22416 Glass Lane
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 629-2220
Website: www.charlottecountyyymca.com

YMCA, Child Care provides affordable child care that meets the fundamental needs for growth and development common to all children.

Web Sites

- **Charlotte County Government** - <http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov>
Charlotte County 211 <http://www.charlotte211.net>
- **Charlotte County Human Services** – <http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov> (Listed under Departments)
- **Charlotte County Public Schools Parent Website** – www.yourcharlotteschools.net/students/parentconnect.cfm
- **Charlotte County Sheriff's Office** - <http://www.ccsso.org/>
- **Cyber Tip Line** – <http://missingkids.com/cybertipline/index.html> (report online crimes against children)
- **Department of Education** – <http://www.fldoe.org>
- **FDLE Florida Sexual Offenders & Predators** - <http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>
- **Florida Children's Campaign** – <http://www.iamforkids.org/> (child advocacy organization)
- **Florida Prepaid College Plan** – <http://www.florida529plans.com>
- **KidsHealth.org** – <http://www.kidshealth.org/parent> (health, emotions, behavior, development, nutrition, first aid and parenting)
- **MyFlorida.com** – <http://www.myflorida.com> (portal to all of Florida state government)
- **National Crime Prevention Council** – <http://www.mcgruff.org> (safety and crime prevention for kids)
- **National Endowment for Financial Education** – <http://www.nefe.org> (focuses on increasing financial literacy among high school age youth; may be helpful for parents too)
- **National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center** (for parents) – <http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/preventing-youth-violence/strategic-planning-toolkit/make-plan>
- **NetSmartz** – <http://www.netsmartz.org> (interactive educational resource for children and teens on internet safety; resources for parents and teachers)
- **Not My Kid, Inc.** – <http://www.notmykid.org/> (promotes parent awareness about youth behavioral and mental health issues)
- **Parent's Guide to Computer Slang** – www.noslang.com
- **Punta Gorda Police Department**- www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police

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