



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## CHARLOTTE

### BASIC NEEDS

Community Resource	Service(s) Provided	Contact Information
<b>FOOD/GROCERIES</b>		
Community Resource Center	Monthly Food Distribution	941.276.1240 <a href="mailto:communityresourcecenter@msn.com">communityresourcecenter@msn.com</a> (Email)
First Baptist Church of Punta Gorda	Food Pantry	941.639.3857 <a href="http://www.fbcpuntagorda.org">www.fbcpuntagorda.org</a>
Harry Chapin Food Bank	Food Bank	239.334.7007 <a href="http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org">www.harrychapinfoodbank.org</a>
Remnant Seed Ministries	Food Pantry	941.625.3490 <a href="http://remnantseed.net">http://remnantseed.net</a>
Salvation Army	Food	941.629.3170 <a href="http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org">www.salvationarmyflorida.org</a>
SHARE Florida Food Network	Discounted Groceries as a Benefit of Community Involvement	800.536.3379 <a href="http://www.shareflorida.org">www.shareflorida.org</a>
<b>CLOTHING CLOSET</b>		
For the Love of Kids, Inc.	Diapers, Wipes and Clothes for Children	941.626.4345
Heart of Mercy, Port Charlotte	Clothes and Household Items for Those In Need	941.763.2244 <a href="http://www.hmercy.com">www.hmercy.com</a>
Palm Tabernacle Ministries	Social Services for Charlotte County Residents	941.255.0014 <a href="http://www.palmtab.com">www.palmtab.com</a>
<b>SHELTER/HOUSING</b>		
Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (C.A.R.E.)	Safe Haven Emergency Shelter & 24 Hour Crisis Intervention Hotline	941.627.6000 or 941.475.6465 <a href="http://www.carefl.org">www.carefl.org</a>
Goodwill	'Home Buyer's Club' - Workshops and Credit Counseling; 'Good Homes' Program - Affordable Housing for Purchase; and 'Beneva Oaks Apts' Affordable Living For People with Low Income	<a href="http://www.goodwillindustries.org">www.goodwillindustries.org</a>

Grand Court of North Port	Affordable Apartments – Not a Subsidized Housing Option.	941.426.6554 <a href="mailto:northport@calexgroup.com">northport@calexgroup.com</a> (Email)
Habitat for Humanity	Provides affordable homes for those who qualify	863.494.4118 <a href="http://www.habitat.org">www.habitat.org</a>
Housing Search	List of Available Housing with Individualized Search Criteria	<a href="http://www.floridahousingsearch.org">www.floridahousingsearch.org</a>
Mission Unity, Inc.	Transitional Living Facility for Single Adults Who Are Homeless Due to Substance Abuse	941.624.3748 <a href="http://www.missionunity.org">www.missionunity.org</a>

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
(INCLUDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE/COUNSELING PROGRAMS)

(S) Services Available In Spanish; (\$) Cost; (Ø) No Cost

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>ANGER MANAGEMENT</b>		
Anger Class Online	Completely Online Anger Management Course	949.715.2694 <a href="http://www.angerclassonline.com">www.angerclassonline.com</a>
<b>COUNSELING</b>		
Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc. (CARE)	Shelter and Counseling for Abuse and Rape Victims	941.627.6000
<b>DETOXIFICATION</b>		
Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. (SWFAS)	Services to Those Trying to Get Off Drugs and Alcohol and for Their Families	239.332.6937 <a href="http://www.swfas.org">www.swfas.org</a>
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>		
Charlotte Behavioral Health Care Inc.	Mental Health Services	941.639.8300 <a href="http://www.ccmhs.org">www.ccmhs.org</a>
Charlotte County Family Services Center	Mental Health Counseling and Referrals	941.235.0668 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyfl.com">www.charlottecountyfl.com</a>
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	Mental Health Outpatient Support for Children, Adolescents, Adults, Seniors and Their Families (\$)	941.764.7641 <a href="http://www.coastalbh.org">www.coastalbh.org</a>
Eckerd Youth Alternative, Inc.	Services Provided for Youth Ages 10-17 with Emotional and Behavioral Problems	800.914.3937 <a href="http://www.eckerd.org">www.eckerd.org</a> <a href="http://www.eckerdacademy.org">www.eckerdacademy.org</a>
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	Education, Advocacy and Support Groups for People with Mental Illness and for their Loved Ones (Ø)	941.268.8033 <a href="http://www.namicharlottecountyfl.org">www.namicharlottecountyfl.org</a>
<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUPS</b>		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Support for Men and Women Recovering from Alcoholism (Ø)	941.426.7723 24hr Hotline – Call for Nearest Location

		<a href="http://www.aasrq.org">www.aasrq.org</a>
Al-Anon & Al-Teen	Support for Families of Alcoholics	888.425.2666 <a href="http://www.al-anon.alateen.org">www.al-anon.alateen.org</a>
Narcotics Anonymous	Support for Men and Women Recovering from Narcotics Addiction	866.389.1344 <a href="http://www.nagulfcoastfla.org">www.nagulfcoastfla.org</a>
Nar-Anon	Support for Families of Narcotics Abusers	<a href="http://nar-anon.org/florida.htm">http://nar-anon.org/florida.htm</a>

**CHILD CARE / AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

\* Financial Aid/Scholarships Available

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>CHILD CARE</b>		
ChildCareAware	Child Care Resources for Parents	<a href="http://www.childcareaware.org">www.childcareaware.org</a>
Charlotte County Family YMCA	Affordable Child Care	941.629.0909 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyyymca.com">www.charlottecountyyymca.com</a>
Community Presbyterian Church	Workshop for Pre-School Children	941.474.9579
Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland	Voluntary Pre-K and Resource for Parents Seeking Child Care and Financial Assistance with Child Care (Ø)	941.255.1650 <a href="http://www.elcfh.org">www.elcfh.org</a>
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>		
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Charlotte County	Provides Volunteer Mentors, Family Support and Youth Development Programs	941.625.6164 <a href="http://www.bbbsofcc.org">www.bbbsofcc.org</a>
*Boys and Girls Club of Charlotte County	After School Programs for Boys and Girls Between Ages 6 and 18 Including Tutoring (\$)	941.235.2472 <a href="http://www.bgcofcc.org">www.bgcofcc.org</a>
Charlotte County Family Services Center	After School Programs	941.235.0668 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyfl.com">www.charlottecountyfl.com</a>
Charlotte County Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources	Provides Activities Through Parks, Libraries, Rec Centers, and Historical Centers	941.625.7529 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyfl.com">www.charlottecountyfl.com</a>
<b>SUMMER CAMP</b>		
Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches	Week-Long Summer Camp for Youth Ages 10-18 and Program for At-Risk Youth Ages 8-18	941.776.1777 <a href="http://www.youthranches.org">www.youthranches.org</a>
<b>SPECIALTY</b>		
Florida Youth Challenge Academy	17 ½ Month Quasi-Military Training and Mentoring Program for High-School Drop-Outs, Expellees and At-Risk Youth	904.682.4032 866.276.9304 <a href="http://www.ngycp.org/state/fl">www.ngycp.org/state/fl</a>

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

\* Financial Aid/Scholarships Available; (Ø) No Cost

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>ACTIVITIES/CARE</b>		
Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities (S)	Information, Protection and Advocacy Services	800.342.0823 866.478.0640 TTD <a href="http://www.advocacycenter.org">www.advocacycenter.org</a>
Autism Society of America	Support Groups for Families Touched by Autism	800.328.8476 Hotline <a href="http://www.autism-society.org">www.autism-society.org</a>
Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc.	Services to Parents and Professionals Caring for Children with Disabilities	407.895.0802 <a href="http://www.birthdefects.org">www.birthdefects.org</a>
Center for Independent Living of SW Florida Inc.	Programs for People with Disabilities and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Advocacy; Employment/Job Coaching (Ø)	239.277.1447 Voice 239.277.3964 TDD 888.343.6991 <a href="http://www.cilfl.org">www.cilfl.org</a>
Easter Seals of SW Florida	Children's Therapy Services & Family Support	800.807.7899 <a href="http://swfl.easterseals.com">http://swfl.easterseals.com</a>
Florida School for the Deaf and Blind	Provides Free Residential Public School (Ø)	904.827.2221 <a href="http://www.fldb.k12.fl.us">www.fldb.k12.fl.us</a>
*Foundation for Dreams, Dreams Oaks Camp	Day and Overnight Camp Program for Children Ages 7-17 with Special Needs	<a href="http://www.foundationfordreams.org">www.foundationfordreams.org</a>
Hearing Impaired Persons of Charlotte County	Services for Hearing Impaired Including Interpreter Services and Advocacy (Ø)	941.743.8347 <a href="http://www.hearingimpairedpersons.com">www.hearingimpairedpersons.com</a>
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>		
Community Haven Occupational Training Program (S)	Employment Training for Adults with Disabilities (Ø)	941.355.8808 <a href="http://www.chachaven.com">www.chachaven.com</a>
Goodwill	Various Forms of Employment and Employment Assistance/Training	941.625.1664 <a href="http://www.goodwillindustries.org">www.goodwillindustries.org</a>
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Center for Independent Living of SW Florida	Helps People With Disabilities Achieve and Maintain Their Independence	888.343.6991 <a href="http://www.cilfl.org">www.cilfl.org</a>
<b>MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES</b>		
Med-Zone, Inc.	Medical Equipment and Supplies to Residents of Charlotte County who have Medicaid/Medicare Assignments	941.764.9566 <a href="http://www.medzoneinc.com">www.medzoneinc.com</a>

## DISASTER RELATED ASSISTANCE

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
American Red Cross Charlotte	Fire and Disaster Related Assistance	941.629.4345 office <a href="http://www.southwestflorida.redcross.org">www.southwestflorida.redcross.org</a>
Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)	Housing and Other Disaster Related Assistance	<a href="http://www.fema.gov">www.fema.gov</a>
Lutheran Services of Florida	Lutheran Disaster Response Offers Assistance for Survivors of Tornadoes, Floods, Fire and Hurricanes	800.631.3522 <a href="http://www.ldr.org">www.ldr.org</a>
Salvation Army	Disaster Assistance, Car Repair, A/C and Water Heater Repairs	941.629.3170 <a href="http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org">www.salvationarmyflorida.org</a>

## EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

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<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Agency for Workforce Innovation	Federally-funded Agency for Economically Disadvantaged or Dislocated Workers	941.235.5900 <a href="http://www.floridajobs.org">www.floridajobs.org</a> <a href="http://www.careerservices.org">www.careerservices.org</a>
Encore! Job Readiness Program at Baker Head Start Center	Job Preparation Courses	941.255.7500
Goodwill	Various opportunities for Employment and Employment Assistance	941.625.1664 <a href="http://www.goodwillindustries.org">www.goodwillindustries.org</a>
Henkels & McCoy Youth Connections Charlotte County	Helps Youth Ages 16-21 Become Self-Reliant and Obtain Employment	941.235.5900 x. 13225 <a href="http://www.henkels.com">www.henkels.com</a>
JobFocus	Job Listing for Sarasota County	<a href="http://www.jobfocus.com">www.jobfocus.com</a>
<b>COMPUTER TRAINING</b>		
Charlotte County Computer Group Corporation	Promotes Computer Literacy and Education	941.625.4175 x.244 <a href="http://www.cccgc.net">www.cccgc.net</a>

## ENGLISH CLASSES / LITERACY PROGRAMS

\* Financial Aid/Scholarships Available; (Ø) No Cost

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Family Literacy Program at Baker Head Start Center	English and Literacy Classes	941.575.5470
Goodwill	ESOL	941.355.2721 <a href="http://www.goodwillindustries.org">www.goodwillindustries.org</a>

## FAMILY SERVICES

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<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>PARENTING CLASSES</b>		
Charlotte County Family Services Center	Parenting Classes	
Family Partnership Center (S)	Parenting Education, Support Groups and Parent-Child Play Groups (Ø)	941.756.3007 <a href="http://www.familypartnership.org">www.familypartnership.org</a>
Healthy Families of Charlotte County	IN-HOME Parenting Programs, Family Support Services and Parenting Classes Aimed at Preventing Child Abuse (Ø)	941.629.6477
Nurturing Dads Initiative at Family Services Center	Parenting Courses for Fathers	941.764.7070
<b>FAMILY COUNSELING</b>		
Charlotte County Family Services Center	Family and Individual Counseling	941.235.0668 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyfl.com">www.charlottecountyfl.com</a>
Children's Advocacy Center of SW Florida	Sexual Abuse Treatment Program and Counseling for Child Victims or Children Who Have Witnessed Violence or Trauma	239.939.2808 <a href="http://www.cac-swfl.org">www.cac-swfl.org</a>
New Creation Ministries	Christian Counseling Services	941.627.4141
<b>SPECIALTY SERVICES</b>		
AARP Grandparent Information Center	Information and Referral Service for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	800.424.3410 <a href="http://www.aarp.org/grandparents/">www.aarp.org/grandparents/</a>

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Charlotte County Human Services Department	Temporary Assistance for Eligible Charlotte Co. Residence for Electric, Water, Food, Medical or Emergency	<a href="http://www.charlottecountyfl.com">www.charlottecountyfl.com</a>
Consumer Credit Counseling	Counseling for Reducing Debt / Creating a Budget and Foreclosure Assistance	<a href="http://www.ccscfl.com">www.ccscfl.com</a>
Good Samaritans of Charlotte County, Inc.	Financial Assistance with Utilities and Prescription Medication	
Salvation Army	Emergency Funds to Help with Rent/Mortgage, Utilities and Prescription Costs	941.629.3170 <a href="http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org">www.uss.salvationarmy.org</a>

**HEALTH SERVICES**

(\$) Cost

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>DENTAL</b>		
Family Health Centers of SW Florida	Dental Care	866.355.2348 <a href="mailto:bjohns@hcnetwork.org">bjohns@hcnetwork.org</a> (Email)
South County Family Health Center	Emergency Dental Services for Residents of Charlotte County on Medicaid	941.861.3343 <a href="http://www.sarasotahealth.org">www.sarasotahealth.org</a>
St. Vincent de Paul Community Healthcare, Inc.	Dental Care	866.355.2348 <a href="http://www.svdppharmacy.org">www.svdppharmacy.org</a>
<b>GENERAL HEALTH CARE</b>		
Charlotte County Health Department	Provides Preliminary Medical Care and Services for Free or According to Sliding Scale by Income	<a href="http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdCharlotte/">www.doh.state.fl.us/chdCharlotte/</a>
Family Health Centers of SW Florida	Medical Care	866.355.2348 <a href="mailto:bjohns@hcnetwork.org">bjohns@hcnetwork.org</a> (Email)
St. Vincent de Paul Community Healthcare, Inc.	Free Healthcare Clinic for Indigent and Working Poor	941.766.9570 <a href="http://www.svdppharmacy.org">www.svdppharmacy.org</a>
<b>HEARING</b>		
Lions Club of Port Charlotte	Hearing Services	941.625.8501 <a href="http://www.portcharlottefl.lionwap.org">www.portcharlottefl.lionwap.org</a>

Lions Club of Punta Gorda	Hearing Aids	407.859.7174 – Florida Office <a href="http://www.lionsofflorida.org">www.lionsofflorida.org</a>
<b>SPECIALTY</b>		
Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition Inc.	Serves Young Children At Risk of Poor Health (Ø)	941.764.9700 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyhealthystart.com">www.charlottecountyhealthystart.com</a>
Epilepsy Services of SW FL	Prevention, Control and Treatment of Epilepsy	941.953.5988 <a href="http://www.epilepsyfla.org/Florida_Residents.asp">http://www.epilepsyfla.org/Florida_Residents.asp</a>
<b>VISION</b>		
Lions Club of Port Charlotte	Vision Services	941.625.8501 <a href="http://www.portcharlottefl.lionwap.org">www.portcharlottefl.lionwap.org</a>
Lions Club of Punta Gorda	Glasses	407.859.7174 – Florida Office <a href="http://www.lionsofflorida.org">www.lionsofflorida.org</a>

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Citizens Dispute Settlement Program – Lee County Justice Center Complex	Free Court Alternative Mediation Program	<a href="http://www.ca.cjis20.org">www.ca.cjis20.org</a>
Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.	Free Civil Legal Assistance	941.505.9007 <a href="http://www.frls.org">www.frls.org</a>

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**  
(And Drivers Safety Courses)

(\$) Cost; (Ø) No Cost

<b>Community Resource</b>	<b>Service(s) Provided</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Dial-A-Ride	Transportation Services at Low Cost to Residents of Charlotte County	941.575.4000 Option 1 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/HumanServices/Transportation/">www.charlottecountyfl.com/HumanServices/Transportation/</a>
Southwest Florida Safety Council (S)	Live and Online Traffic School. Provides Drug Alcohol Traffic Education (DATE) Course, Required for Getting Driver's License (\$)	239.332.3008 <a href="http://www.safedrivingschool.com/index.htm">www.safedrivingschool.com/index.htm</a>
Sunshine Ride	Transportation Services to Disadvantaged Residents of Charlotte County	941.575.4000 Option 2 <a href="http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/HumanServices/Transportation/">www.charlottecountyfl.com/HumanServices/Transportation/</a>

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