

Community Resource Guide

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Using the Community Resource Directory

Welcome to the Community Resource Directory! This directory is provided as a courtesy by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry. The agencies and organizations listed in this guide cover at least one of the following five counties: Alachua, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Putnam counties. In many cases they cover additional counties as well. Each entry in the directory contains all available information on a particular agency or organization listed in the following format:

Category

Name of Service Provider

Service: Information about the services offered

Eligibility: Qualifying criteria for persons to receive services

Phone #: Contact information to reach the agency by phone

Address: Physical location

Mailing: Mailing address (if different from physical location)

Hours: Business hours of operation

Website: Internet address

Counties served: Alachua (A), Bradford (B), Dixie (D), Gilchrist (G), Levy (L), Putnam (P), and Union (U)

The How to... Guide

How to Replace a Lost or Stolen Birth Certificate

To obtain a Florida birth certificate, contact your local health department's Vital Statistics office (see listing under "Medical Assistance- County Health Departments"). Typically, certificates cost less if you order them from the county in which you were born, but any Florida health department can order a certificate from any other county or provide you with the necessary contact information. To obtain out-of-state birth certificates, call (800) 255-2414. For a list of agencies that might be able to help pay for the cost of the document, please see the "Financial Assistance" heading in this directory.

How to Replace a Lost or Stolen Social Security Card

To obtain a replacement social security card, stop by the local Social Security Administration office and complete an application (see listing under "Social Security" for information on your local office). The card is free, but you will need to bring either an original or certified copy (no photocopies) of some form of identification. For more information, call (800) 772-1213 or look online at www.ssa.gov.

How to Obtain or Replace a Photo I.D.

You can acquire a State of Florida photo identification card at your local Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles office (see listing under "Photo Identification" for information on your local office). The cost for an original or replacement I.D. card is \$25.00, and you will need to bring two forms of identification. A new driver's license is \$48.00; a replacement is \$25.00. If the license was stolen, however, and you file a police report and bring a copy of the report to the office the fee will be waived. Contact your local office or go to www.gathergoget.com to find out what documentation is required to obtain or replace a photo I.D. or driver's license. For a list of agencies that might be able to help with costs, please see the "Financial Assistance" heading in this guide.

How to Apply for Public Assistance (Food Stamps, Medicaid, and TCA) and Unemployment Benefits

To receive public assistance funds such as food stamps, Temporary Cash Assistance, or Medicaid, you may apply online at www.myflorida.com/accessflorida or by calling the ACCESS hotline at (866) 762-2237. Please see the "Financial Assistance" section below or call the hotline for additional information on local county offices. To apply for unemployment benefits go to <https://www2.myflorida.com/fluid/>.

How to Register to Vote

To register to vote in Florida, you must be at least 18 years old and a state resident. You do *not* need to have a permanent address-- if you are currently without shelter, you will be registered within the "downtown" district, or your county's equivalent. You *do* need to specify a location where your voter registration card can be mailed to or picked up, and you must be able to provide some form of identification. For further information, go to <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/gen-faq.shtml> or contact your local Supervisor of Elections office (see listing under "Voter Registration"). Registration closes on the 29th day prior to an upcoming election and does not re-open until after the election.

How to Obtain Police Clearance to Enter a Shelter

Prior to gaining entry into a local emergency or cold-night shelter in Gainesville, you will need to present police clearance to shelter staff. This is not a background check-- rather, it checks to make sure you have no outstanding warrants on your record. To get this clearance, go to the Gainesville Police Department headquarters at 721 NW 6th Street and ask for assistance at the front desk. You *must* have a photo I.D. to get this clearance.

Information and Referral Services

Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc.

Service: Provides comprehensive information and referrals regarding services, statistics, and resources related to homelessness
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 378-0460
Address: 703 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Mailing: P.O. Box 5494, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Call for more information
Website: www.alachuahomeless.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Dome of Resources

Service: Food bank, bathing, laundry, notary services, religious guidance, apply for ACCESS services (food stamps, temporary cash assistance, Medicaid)
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (352) 284-9657, (352) 575-1516
Address: 934 SE 7th Ave, Gainesville, FL
Hours: M-F 10:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: A

Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5, resource and referral program assists parents in finding child care providers and funding child care services, offers health and developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops. Subsidized child-care based on sliding fee scale available at 150% of poverty or below.
Eligibility: Resource and referral program is free to everyone, parents of children ages birth-5 yrs are eligible for services or income subsidized childcare
Phone #: (352) 375-4110
Address: 4424 NW 13th St, Bldg A, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.elcalachua.org
Counties served: A

United Way 211 for North Central Florida

Service: Provides detailed information regarding various services offered throughout Alachua and surrounding counties (i.e., basic needs, affordable housing, Medicaid providers, substance abuse counseling, support groups, etc.)
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: 2-1-1 or (352) 332-INFO (4636)
Address: 6031 NW 1st Place, Gainesville, FL 32607-2025
Hours: 24/7 (helpline)
Website: www.hfuw.org
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U

United Way of Putnam County, Inc.

Service: Provides detailed information regarding services offered in Putnam County (i.e., basic needs, affordable housing, Medicaid providers, substance abuse counseling, support groups, etc.)
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: 2-1-1 or (386) 328-8992
Mailing: PO Box 981, Palatka, FL 32178
Hours: 24/7 (helpline)
Counties served: P

Affordable Housing

Alachua County Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size and background check
Phone #: (352) 372-2549

Address: 703 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.acha-fl.com/>
Counties served: A

Community Development Department

Service: Provides down payment and closing cost assistance, low-interest and deferred loans for home repairs and pre-homeownership counseling
Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income individuals and families
Phone #: (904) 966-6382
Address: 925-E N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: B

Gainesville Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size and background check
Phone #: (352) 334-4000
Address: 1900 SE 4th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 7:30am-6:00pm
Counties served: A (Gainesville only)

Habitat for Humanity

Service: Works in partnership with low-income families to build low-cost housing
Eligibility: Must presently be living in substandard housing and meet income requirements

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 378-4663
Address: 2317 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.alachuahabitat.org

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 325-5862
Address: 1605 Westover Dr, Palatka FL 32177
Mailing: PO Box 2433, Palatka, FL 32178
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.putnamhabitat.org

Levy/Gilchrist County Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size and background check
Phone #: (352) 486-5420; toll-free regional (800) 664-5197
Address: 611 S Pine St, Bronson, FL 32621
Mailing: PO Box 38, Bronson, FL 32621
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-6:00pm
Counties served: G/L

Neighborhood Housing and Development Corporation

Service: Provides lending for home purchases and/or repairs, housing developments, credit and financial counseling, homebuyers' education classes, offers a rental program for homes below the market rate, and provides foreclosure intervention counseling.
Eligibility: First-time homebuyers, or those who have not purchased a home in three years. Counseling is available to everyone.
Phone #: (352) 380-9119
Address: 633 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
Website: <http://www.gnhdc.org>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P/U

Palatka Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients

Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size and background check
Phone #: (386) 329-0132
Address: 400 N 15th St, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-6:30pm.
Counties served: P

State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)

Service: Down Payment Assistance in buying an existing home needing repairs, buying an existing home that does not need repairs, buying a new home (must be less than 1 year old). Provides financial assistance towards down payments, closing costs and housing rehabilitation assistance in the form of zero-interest second mortgages. Service is provided on a first-come first-serve basis. All guidelines are subject to change based on funding availability.

Eligibility: Must meet income requirements under guidelines; must not have owned a home during the previous three years; a single parent, displaced homemaker, or you have been displaced from a home due to divorce; must complete a Homebuyer Training Course; All eligibility requirements are subject to change based on funding availability.

Phone #: (352) 374-5249
Address: 10 SW 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.alachuacounty.us
Counties served: A

USDA Rural Development

Service: Provides financing for adequate, modest, decent, safe and sanitary housing through purchase or improvement, also refinances certain housing debts in rural areas

Eligibility: Must meet program requirements for income, family size, ability to repay loan and current credit standing

Phone #: (352) 732-7534
Address: 4440 NW 25th Pl, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Counties served: A/G/L/M/P

Automotive Services

The Dignity Project (Closed Indefinitely)

Service: Provides a limited number of refurbished automobiles and auto repairs (no major repair work) each year free of charge to eligible Alachua and Bradford County residents who qualify through FloridaWorks!, the area Workforce Board.

Eligibility: Needy families must apply to and register with FloridaWorks!/One Stop Career Center in Alachua (4800 SW 13th Street, Gainesville) or Bradford County (819 S. Walnut St., Bradford Square Shopping Center); be working full-time; have legal custody of a child(ren) under the age of 18 living in the household; have a current drivers' license and clean driving record; and be able to provide proof of current auto insurance at the time of vehicle award.

Phone #: (352) 792-2584
Address: 1125 SE 4th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.dignityproject.com
Counties served: A/B

Burial and Cremation Services

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Service: Indigent Burial/Cremation services are available to eligible low income persons who have expired in Alachua County. Cremation services preferred

Eligibility: Call for more information
Phone #: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>
Counties served: A

**Child and Parenting Services:
Adoption, Reporting Abuse, and Parenting Support and Education**

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville: Choose Life

Service: Fully licensed adoption agency offering home studies, post placement reports, and adoption counseling. Counseling and support for teens and women facing unplanned pregnancies.
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A

Child Abuse Prevention Project- Nurturing Program

Service: Provides voluntary, free in-home parent education, supporting services and case management to families at risk for child abuse and neglect
Eligibility: Families with children at low-risk for court involvement but at high-risk by community standards
Phone #: (352) 334-1330
Address: UF Department of Pediatrics, 1701 SW 16th Ave, Bldg A, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.capp.peds.ufl.edu
Counties served: A/L

Children's Home Society of Florida

Service: Provides adoption services, in-home family support services and parenting skills, and family visitation center supervision
Eligibility: Call for more information
Phone #: (352) 334-0955
Address: 605 NE 1st St, Suite C, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.chsfl.org
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U

Department of Children and Families- Abuse Hotline

Service: Call to report suspected or confirmed child abuse incidents which will be investigated by local county agencies
Eligibility: Anyone can report
Phone #: (800) 96-ABUSE (962-2873)
Address: 2729 Fort Knox Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32302-6261 (hotline call center location only)
Hours: 24/7
Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5, resource and referral program assists parents in finding child care providers and funding child care services, offers health and developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops
Eligibility: Resource and referral program is free to everyone, parents of children ages birth-5 yrs are eligible for services
Phone #: (352) 375-4110
Address: 4424 NW 13th St, Bldg A, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Th 8:00am-6:00pm
Website: www.elcalachua.org
Counties served: A

Episcopal Children's Services

Service: Provides aftercare, daycare, referrals, parental resources, literacy, and other educational programs
Eligibility: Based on household income, head of household must be working or in school
Website: <http://www.ecs4kids.org/>

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-1543
Address: 1080 N Pine Street, Starke, FL 32091

Hours: M-F 8am-5pm (walk-in hours M-Th 9am-11am or call for an appointment)

Putnam County

Phone #: 386) 329-4878

Address: 400 Highway 19 N, Suite #33, Palatka, FL 32177

Hours: M-Th 8am-5pm, F 7am-5pm

Family Source of Florida Parent Helpline

Service: Offers immediate assistance to stressed and overwhelmed parents/caregivers regarding parental responsibilities or specific behaviors of children, provides support to survivors of child abuse or incest, and provides support for parents about their child's behavior

Eligibility: Parents, adult survivors of abuse

Phone #: (800) FLA-LOVE (800-352-5683)

Hours: M-Sun 7am-11pm

Website: www.211bigbend.org

Counties served: All counties

Healthy Families

Service: Provides a voluntary home visitation program to facilitate positive relationships between parents and children, to promote healthy child development and to provide links to other support services

Eligibility: Services may begin pre-natally and end when children are between 3-5 yrs

Phone #: (352) 392-4066

Address: 5009 NW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Counties served: A/B/U

Healthy Start of North Central Florida, Inc.

Service: Provides childbirth and parenting education, nutritional guidance and education, breastfeeding support and education, smoking cessation support, care coordination and access to prenatal and child healthcare

Eligibility: Women who are pregnant or have a child who is 3 yrs old or younger; child must be at risk for poor health; referrals are accepted from hospitals or other service providers, or clients can initiate services themselves

Phone #: (352) 313-6500 (regional office that covers all 7 counties)

(352) 334-7940 (Healthy Start in Alachua County)

Address: 1785 NW 80th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606 (Well Florida Council regional office)

224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641 (Alachua County Health Department)

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.wellflorida.org, www.healthystartflorida.com

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Partnership for Strong Families

Service: Provides adoption services, foster care supervision, family preservation services, and case management

Eligibility: Families must be referred by Department of Children and Families

Phone #: (352) 244-1500

Address: 515 N Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.pfsf.org

Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

Women, Infants and Children Project (WIC) of North Central Florida

Service: Provides nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, health care referrals, and food vouchers

Eligibility: Pregnant women and the legal guardians of children under 5 years old must meet specific income guidelines

Phone #: (352) 392-4493 ext.1 (in Alachua County), (800) 4WI-CKID (outside of Alachua County); must call to schedule an appointment to determine eligibility

Address: 5009 NW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32605 (Administrative office - NOT a pick-up center)

Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm, closed the 4th Tuesday of each month and half the day every 2nd Tuesday of each month

Website: www.wic.ufl.edu

Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U

Clothing, Furniture, and Household Items

Alachua County Humane Society Thrift Store

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing, pet supplies, furniture, and household items.
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: 352-373-9522
Address: 2029 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M 10:00am-5:00pm, T-Sat 10:00pm-5:30pm
Website: <http://www.alachuahumane.org/home/>
Counties served: A

Catholic Charities, Inc.

Service: Provides free clothing to those in need
Eligibility: Needy individuals and families
Phone #: (386) 328-2333
Address: 1000 Husson Ave, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:30pm
Website: www.ccbstaug.org
Counties Served: P

Christians Concerned for the Community

Service: Redistributes household furniture and appliances, medical supplies (i.e. walkers, wheelchairs) as available on a case-by-base basis. Also assists with one-time major house and yard cleaning projects. Builds wheelchair ramps and installs grab bars
Eligibility: Those in need, particularly those in immediate transition from homelessness or in crisis. Also assists those on their own for the first time or those coming out of domestic violence situations.
Phone #: (352) 371-1768
Address: 1903 NW 35th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M, T, Th 10:00am-4:00pm (by appointment only)
Director will schedule on-site house calls in Alachua County
Website: www.cccgainesville.org
Counties served: A

First United Methodist Church of Interlachen Thrift Shop

Service: Provides low-cost clothing and other items
Eligibility: Everyone; free with referral letter from pastor or Red Cross
Phone #: (386) 684-6511
Address: 200 E Boylston St, Interlachen, FL 32148
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: Provides vouchers for clothing at GCM thrift stores
Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families, including elderly, disabled, working poor, and those receiving public assistance. Must have photo I.D., Social Security card, and proof of income
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Th 9:00am-2:30 pm, must call Th to schedule appointment.
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Goodwill Industries of North Florida

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing, furniture and household items. Seniors save 10% on Mondays.
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 376-9041 (SW location)
(352) 378-4449 (NW location)
Address: 3520 SW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
2624 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-7:00pm, Sun 11:00pm-5:00pm
Website: www.goodwilljax.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Harmony Holistic Healing Center

Service: Clothing, hygiene products, blankets, food
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 486-6229
Email: harmonyheals777@aol.com
Address: 10250 NE 110th St, Archer, FL 32618
Hours: T-F 9:00am-3:00pm, BY APPT ONLY
Counties served: A/L

Hospice Attic Thrift Store

Service: Offers low-cost children's and adult's clothing. Accepts vouchers from Dept. of Children and Families, Work Force Initiative, Meridian, Bridge House, and several others for clothing only.
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 378-7484
Address: 300 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Sat, 9am-6pm
Website: www.havenhospice.org/
Counties served: A/L/P

Junior League Thrift Shop

Service: Offers low-cost used clothing and other items. Offers a voucher program with a focus on women and children (see store for details)
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase.
Phone #: (352) 372-1710
Address: 430 N Main St, Suite A, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:30pm
Website: www.gainesvillejrleague.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Lake Area Ministries

Service: Food to families, assistance with medications, counseling, buying school supplies for needy children
Eligibility: Individuals and families in poverty;
Phone #: (352) 473-2846
Address: 330 SE Palmetto Ave, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: Certain districts in A/B/P/C

Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.

Service: Clothes
Eligibility: Anyone in need may request clothing.
Phone #: (352) 514-6417
Address: 3019 NE 20th Way, Box 5, Gainesville, FL 32609
Mailing: PO Box 5163, Gainesville, FL 32627
Hours: By Appointment Only
Counties served: A

Lee Conlee House, Inc. Thrift Store

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing and household items
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items
Phone #: (386) 328-7151
Address: 114 N 19th St, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm, Sat 9:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Service: Clothing closet
Eligibility: Anyone in need can request clothing
Phone #: (352) 378-7322
Address: 2505 NE 8th Ave, Gainesville, FL, 32641
Website: <http://www.mcbscgv.org/home.html>

Counties served: A

Outreach Thrift Shop

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing and other items
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 371-2245
Address: 125 NW 23rd Ave, Suite 5, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 9:30am-6:00pm, Sat 9:30pm-6:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Salvation Army Family Thrift Store

Service: Assists individuals and families in obtaining affordable clothing and furniture
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items; voucher applications are available at the Salvation Army Social Services department at 639 E University Ave, Gainesville
Phone #: (352) 373-7597
Address: 55 NW 23rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-6:00pm
Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com
Counties served: A

St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. John's

Service: Assistance with rent and utilities and provides food, clothing, household items and furniture. Will pick-up and deliver furniture.
Eligibility: Needy individuals and families in West Putnam (call for an appointment)
Phone #: (386) 684-2797
Address: 111 N Francis St, Interlachen, FL 32148
Hours: T, Th-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: P

Tot Spot Thrift Store

Service: Provides low-cost used adult and children's clothing and other items
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items
Phone #: (352) 393-2826
Address: 710 N Main St, Gainesville, FL 32607
Hours: T-F 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm
Counties served: A

Tri-County Outreach Thrift Shop

Service: Provides clothing for free to the homeless or low-income persons
Eligibility: Very needy or homeless persons or people transitioning from prison who are living in the tri-county area (Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy Counties)
Phone #: (352) 493-2310
Address: 708 N Main St, Chiefland, FL 32626
Hours: M-Th 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: G/L/D

Computer Services

The Dignity Project (Closed Indefinitely)

Service: Provides a limited number of refurbished computers each year to eligible Alachua County residents, only. Nominal application fee applies. Computer repair requests must be evaluated and are performed for a fee.
Eligibility: Needy/disabled individuals and economically disadvantaged households may apply (1 award per household). Application must be completed and accompanied by a referral/recommendation from a participating agency caseworker.
Phone #: (352) 792-2584
Address: 1125 SE 4th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.dignityproject.com
Counties served: A

Counseling: Crisis and Transitional

See also: Legal Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Intervention Services, and Victims' Services

Alachua County Crisis Center

Service: Provides counseling via phone, face-to-face crisis intervention, follow-up counseling care, support groups, and community education
Eligibility: Anyone suicidal, in crisis, or simply needing to talk- services are free
Phone #: (352) 264-6789 (local crisis hotline)
(800) SUICIDE (784-2433; National Suicide Hotline)
(800) SUICIDA (784-2432; Spanish para ayuda)
(800) 273-TALK (8255; National Suicide Prevention Lifeline)
(352) 264-6557 (local rumor control hotline)
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: Hotline-24 hours/7 days; Main Office-M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/crisis/
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Catholic Charities, Inc.

Service: Provides counseling during difficult transitional phases, including adolescence, marriage, divorce, and bereavement/loss
Eligibility: Anyone experiencing transition; fees based on sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 372-0294 x18
Address: 1717 NE 9th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services, Inc.- Family Action Program

Service: Provides free, non-residential, short-term counseling for troubled youth ages 6-17 yrs and their families
Eligibility: Youth must be runaway, truant, ungovernable, or homeless
Phone #: (352) 244-0628 (Gainesville), (386) 385-0405 (Putnam County)
Address: 3615 SW 13th St, Suite 4, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: Can call 24/7; services offered M-Th 9:00am-8:00pm, F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.cdsfi.org
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P

Dome of Resources

Service: Religious Guidance
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (352) 284-9657, (352) 575-1516
Address: 934 SE 7th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 10:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: A

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.- Crisis Stabilization Unit

Service: Provides crisis and mental health counseling and acute care services
Eligibility: Anyone detained due to Baker Act (behavior that is suicidal, homicidal, psychotic, or unsafe in nature) or experiencing crisis; fees are income-based, Medicaid and Medicare are accepted
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 (in Gainesville), (800) 330-5615 (for offices in outlying counties)
Address: 4300 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm for clinic, 24/7 for hotline (800-330-5615)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Dental Services

See also: Medical Services- County Health Departments (Health departments typically provide some dental services or can make referrals)

ACORN Clinic, Inc. - Dental Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost cleanings and exams for adults and children, also extractions, fillings, crowns, partial/complete dentures and outreach education to children
Eligibility: Medicaid, Medicare Blue Cross Blue Shield, Low-income or uninsured individuals and families; fees are based on a sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 485-2772
Address: 23320 N State Rd 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-4:00pm; night clinics usually on Tuesday evenings, call for times
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B/L

Gainesville Community Ministry Dental Clinic

Service: Provides teeth cleanings, extractions and fillings at minimal cost. One time \$5 registration fee (reviewed every two years), \$3 per each procedure performed, 15 dollar cap per visit
Eligibility: Uninsured Alachua County residents with no income
Phone #: (352) 548-4806
Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Sat 9:00am-2:45pm (hours vary greatly depending on doctor availability, call for date of next screening)
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Santa Fe Community College Dental Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost dental cleanings (\$20), x-rays (included with first cleaning) and fluoride treatments; half-cost services to Medicaid and Medicare recipients
Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families
Phone #: (352) 395-5655
Address: 3000 NW 83rd St, Bldg W, Room 71, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F vary throughout term (call for updates)
Counties served: All counties

UF and Shands Dental Clinic

Service: Reduced-cost general dental services performed by dental school students (approximately 50%-75% discount from average private practice prices- extractions \$135), walk-in emergency clinic
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals must be complete phone interview before being accepted. The screening number is (352) 273 9097
Phone #: (352) 273-6701
Address: 1600 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32610
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment - some appointments start at 7:00am)
Website: <http://www.dental.ufl.edu/patients/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF and Shands Eastside Community Practice- Dental Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost pediatric general dentistry services, including cleanings and fillings to children 12 and under
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals and families (Medicaid, MEDIPASS, MCNA, or CMS)
Phone #: (352) 273-7643
Address: 410 NE Waldo Rd, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF and Shands Family Medicine- Equal Access Clinic

Service: Provides emergency referrals to UF dental clinic for free extractions
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals and families
Phone #: (352) 392-6771
Address: 625 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:00pm (First Come, First Served)
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

We Care Physician Referral Network- Oral Health Program

Service: Provides general dentistry services, oral surgery, endodontics, periodontics, laboratory work (patients must pay fees) and x-rays;

no crowns
Eligibility: Low-income Alachua County residents without access to medical insurance; Must be referred by a participating clinic or physician
Phone #: (352) 334-7926
Address: 224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm; No walk-ins
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/wecare.htm>
Counties served: A

Disability Benefits (SSI/SSDI)

Goodwill Job Junction

Service: Education for beneficiaries and their stakeholders about SSI/SSDI benefits and work incentives, comprehensive analysis presenting options for the beneficiaries' consideration, information and referral to other community resources, benefits counseling, advocacy, and individualized support planning.
Eligibility: SSI or SSDI beneficiaries aged 14-retirement-age who are working, seeking employment, or who have questions about work incentives or work related issues with their benefits.
Phone #: (352) 335-1311; toll-free (877) 346-3349
Address: 3520 SW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 (by appointment only.)
Counties served: A/B/G

Social Security Administration

Service: Administers federal Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI) to blind or disabled persons with low income, also administers Social Security Disability Insurance to disabled workers and their dependents during periods when they are unable to work
Eligibility: Must meet federal requirements of disability (disability must inhibit employment for at least one year to qualify)
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 375-4178 (local office), (800) 772-1213 (Federal office)
Address: 1610 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 325 1134 (local office), (800) 772-1213 (Federal office)
Address: 400 N State Rd, Suite 53, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 8:30am-3:30pm
Counties served: P/U

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Assistance with SSI/SSDI claims. Provides free civil legal services to low-income, eligible clients
Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients.
Phone #: (352) 372-0519
Address: 901 NW 8th Ave, Suite D-5, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.trls.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Disabled Services

Agency for Persons with Disabilities- Tacachale

Service: Provides a progressive living community in which the developmentally disabled (persons with spina bifida, autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and Prader-Willis Syndrome) are offered living assistance and various services and opportunities
Eligibility: Disabled must apply before eligibility is determined (can apply over the phone). Application for services can be made at any time by completing the Application for Services form available online and sending to the APD area office
Phone #: (352) 955-6061, toll-free (888) 665-4955
Address: 1621 NE Waldo Rd, Bldg 1, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.apd.myflorida.com

Counties served: A/B/D/G/P/U

Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida

Service: Provides information and referral services, bus passes, advocacy, peer support, sign language interpreting, independent living skills program, various education programs, employment services, medical equipment loans and wheelchair ramps

Eligibility: Those who are physically and/or mentally disabled, as diagnosed by a physician

Phone #: (352) 378-7474, (800) 265-5724

Address: 222 SW 36th Terr, Gainesville, FL 32607

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

Website: www.cilncf.org

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Christians Concerned for the Community

Service: Provides ramps, grab bars and other equipment for disabled persons. Also assists with one-time major house and yard cleaning projects

Eligibility: Disabled persons in need of assistance

Phone #: (352) 371-1768

Address: 1903 NW 35th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M, T, Th 10:00am-4:00pm (by appointment only)

Director makes on-site house calls in Alachua County

Website: www.cccgainesville.org

Counties served: A

Florida Division of Blind Services

Service: Assists visually impaired (bilateral conditions) or legally blind persons in achieving success in employment and daily life activities; services offered include vocation rehabilitation, job-seeking programs and independent living program

Eligibility: Must be experiencing hardship in daily life and/or employment due to visual problems; must be uninsured

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

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 955-2075, toll free (800) 443-0908

Address: 417 SW 8th St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Counties served: A/B/G/L/U

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 254-3800, toll free (800) 443-0908

Address: 1185 Dunn Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Florida Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Service: Helps people with disabilities obtain or maintain employment

Eligibility: Applicants are screened for physical and/or mental disabilities; must be interested in finding or regaining employment

Phone #: (352) 955-3200

Address: 2610 NW 43rd St, Suite 1A, Gainesville, FL 32606

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.rehabworks.org

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: Free physical therapy clinic

Eligibility: Anyone without insurance, first come first served

Phone #: (352) 372-8162

Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Th 6pm-8pm

Website: <http://www.betterday.org/>

Counties served: A

Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital)

Service: Provides medical care, vocational rehabilitation, nursing home facility, and other assistance to armed services veterans

Eligibility: Must be a veteran and meet specific eligibility guidelines
Phone #: (352) 376-1611
Address: 1601 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: www.va.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Disaster Assistance

Alachua County Office of Emergency Management- Response and Recovery Unit

Service: Provides large-scale disaster preparedness for hurricanes and other natural disasters, disasters caused by humans, and technological hazards
Eligibility: Alachua County residents
Phone #: (352) 264-6500
Address: 1100 SE 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm (on call 24/7 through 911 call center)
Website: www.alachuacounty.us/em
Counties served: A

North Central Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross

Service: Provides free food, clothing, and shelter
Eligibility: Disaster victims in need
Phone #: (352) 376-4669
Address: 1724 NE 2nd St, Gainesville, FL 32609
264 NE Hernando Ave (Hwy 90), Lake City, FL 32055
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (Gainesville); M, W, F 9:00am-5:00pm (Lake City)
Website: www.redcrossncfc.org
Counties served: A/G/L

Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross

Service: Provides free food, clothing, and shelter
Eligibility: Disaster victims in need
Phone #: (904) 358-8091
Address: 751 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32204
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: <http://www.nefloridaredcross.org>
Counties served: B/P

Domestic Violence Services

See also: Victims' Services

Another Way, Inc.

Service: Provides emergency shelter, outreach services, transitional housing, children's services, legal advocacy, and community education
Eligibility: Every victim of domestic or sexual violence in need of assistance
Phone #: (800) 500-1119
Mailing: P.O. Box 1028, Lake City, FL 32056
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office), 24/7 (help hotline)
Website: www.anotherwayinc.net
Counties served: G/L

Diversified Program Services, Inc./Praxis Network, Inc.

Service: Offers batterers' intervention and anger management classes for perpetrators, also other adult intervention counseling services
Eligibility: Court-ordered in Judicial Circuits 7 or 8
Phone #: (352) 332-9960, (800) 230-1880
Address: 7003 NW 11th Pl, Suite 6, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.gminc.net
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Lee Conlee House, Inc.

Service: Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, outreach court advocacy, support groups, intervention programs, and children's services
Eligibility: Victims of domestic violence or sexual assault
Phone #: (386) 325-3141 (hotline), toll-free (800) 500-1119, TTY available
Mailing: P.O. Box 2558, Palatka, FL 32178
Hours: 24/7 (help hotline)
Website: www.leeconleehouse.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Peaceful Paths Domestic Violence Network

Service: Provides emergency and transitional shelter, support groups, advocacy, children's programs and batterers' intervention programs
Eligibility: Everyone who needs assistance with a domestic violence situation and/or needs a safe, confidential place to stay
Phone #: (352) 377-5690 (office), (352) 377-8255 (local help hotline), (800) 393-SAFE (hotline that will refer callers to nearest agency)
Address: 2100 NW 53rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32653
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office), 24/7 (help hotline)
Website: www.peacefulpaths.org
Counties served: A/B/U

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Provides assistance for individuals seeking civil injunctions for protection against domestic violence. Also assists victims of repeat, sexual or dating violence if they have been referred from either Peaceful Paths or Another Way
Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients.
Phone #: (352) 372-0519
Address: 901 NW 8th Ave, Suite D-5, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.trls.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

University of Florida Levin College of Law- Source Program

Service: Provides free legal and social services
Eligibility: Victims of domestic violence who meet specific income requirements
Phone #: (352) 273-0805
Mailing: PO Box 117626, Gainesville, FL 32611
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/hawkins/ipvac/index.shtml>
Counties served: A

Education Services: Child and Adult

Alachua County Adult Education Program

Service: Provides GED classes and tests, adult high school, adult basic education, literacy training, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Division of Blind services classes and Association for Retarded Citizens classes
Eligibility: Must be living in Alachua County and age 16 yrs+
Phone #: (352) 955-7632
Address: 620 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.sbac.edu
Counties served: A

Alachua County Public Schools- Fearnside Family Services Center

Service: Provides Head Start (increases school readiness in very young children who have special needs or are from economically disadvantaged families; federally-funded),
Eligibility: All programs are based on income and family size. Eligibility for participation at the Center is determined by active enrollment in one of the specific programs incorporated into the Family Service Center including WIC (pregnant women living in Alachua County and their children up to 5 yrs old),
Phone #: (352) 955-6875
Address: 3600 NE 15th St, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.sbac.edu/~famsvcs
Counties served: A

Alachua County Public Schools Children at Promise (Homeless Education Program)

Service: Facilitates enrollment and provides educational support for homeless children in Alachua County
Eligibility: Call for eligibility
Phone #: (352) 955-7671 ext. 274
Address: 1817 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: Call for hours

Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5, resource and referral program assists parents in finding child care providers and funding child care services, offers health and developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops
Eligibility: Resource and referral program is free to ALL parents; children ages birth-5 yrs for other services
Phone #: (352) 375-4110
Address: 4424 NW 13th St, Bldg A, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Th 8:00am – 6:00pm
Website: www.elcalachua.org
Counties served: A

K-12 Public Schools (listed by county)

Service: Provides education at public schools
Eligibility: All school-aged children living in the corresponding County

School Board of Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 955-7300
Address: 620 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-5:00pm; F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: www.sbac.edu

School Board of Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 966-6800
Address: 501 W Washington St, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.mybradford.us

School Board of Gilchrist County

Phone #: (352) 463-3200
Address: 310 NW 11th Ave, Trenton, FL 32693
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Website: <http://www.gilchristschools.org/>

School Board of Levy County

Phone #: (352) 486-5231
Address: 480 Marshburn Dr, Bronson, FL 32621
PO Box: 129 Bronson, FL 32621
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.levy.k12.fl.us

School Board of Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-0510
Address: 200 S 7th St, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.putnamschools.org

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: GED preparation classes and voucher for the test
Eligibility: Everyone can attend classes, must actively attend classes in order to receive voucher for free test

Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M, T 9am-11am
Website: <http://www.betterday.org/>
Counties served: A

Gainesville Job Corps Center

Service: Offers GED and charter high school classes and residential and non-residential vocational training facilities for young adults
Eligibility: Persons ages 16-24 yrs old, must meet certain requirements
Phone #: (352) 377-2555, (800) 733-JOBS (5627)
Address: 5301 NE 40th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://atlantaregion.jobcorps.gov/jcCenters/gainesvilleJCC.html>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Reichert House Youth Academy

Service: Empowers program participants to set and achieve individual goals by providing educational opportunities, life skills, vocational training, and structured support services
Eligibility: Young men ages 11-18
Phone #: (352) 334-2320
Address: 1704 SE 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: School Year: M-F 8am-7pm; Summer: M-Th 9am-4pm, F 9am-12pm
Website: <http://www.reicherthouse.org/index.htm>
Counties served: A

Santa Fe Community College

Service: Provides various non-credit community education courses, also offers Associate's of Arts or Science degrees
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 395-5193 (community education), (352) 395-7322 (admissions)
Address: 3000 NW 83rd St, Bldg V17, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
Website: www.sfcc.edu
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

University of Florida

Service: Provides post-secondary, higher education
Eligibility: Must be high school graduate; admittance based on acceptance of application
Phone #: (352) 392-1365 (Office of Admissions) (352) 392-0186 (University Relations)
Mailing: P.O. Box 114000, Gainesville, FL 32611 (201 Criser Hall)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.ufl.edu
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Elder Services

Altrusa House of Gainesville

Service: Provides adult day health care, socialization, safety, full rehabilitation (physical, speech and occupational therapy), personal care assistance and caregiver education; nurse on staff full-time to assist with medications and health management
Eligibility: Must be at least 18 yrs old and frail, disabled, elderly, or at-risk
Phone #: (352) 377-7708
Address: 2002 NW 36th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 6:30am-5:30pm
Website: www.fl.easterseals.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: Respite and friendly visitor program (3-4 hours/wk), friendly reassurance calls for safety checks, friendship, medication or appointment reminders
Eligibility: The elderly or frail

Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Department of Children and Families- Abuse Hotline

Service: Call to report suspected or confirmed abuse/neglect/exploitation of an elderly or disabled individual which will be investigated by local county agencies
Eligibility: Anyone can report
Phone #: (800) 96-ABUSE (962-2873)
Address: 2729 Fort Knox Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32302 (hotline call center location only)
Hours: 24/7
Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Elder Helpline of Elder Options

Service: Provides information and referrals to link callers to local resources regarding issues on aging and aging services providers
Eligibility: Everyone can call for information; services are targeted for 60 yrs+ population
Phone #: (800) 262-2243 (direct helpline), (352) 378-6649 (agency)
Address: 5700 SW 34th St, Suite 222, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (answering service receives after-hours calls)
Website: www.agingresources.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc.

Service: Provides advocacy and services to maximize independent living: case management, respite care, light housework and errand running, blind services, adult day health care, Meals on Wheels, personal care, transportation and emergency energy/utility bill assistance
Eligibility: Alachua County residents age 60 yrs+
Phone #: (352) 265-9040
Address: 4026 NW 22nd Dr, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: A

Florida Department of Elder Affairs- Community Care for the Elderly

Service: Provides case management, home health aide services, counseling, medical therapeutic care and adult day health care
Eligibility: Persons aged 60 yrs+ who are frail and/or unable to perform tasks essential to independent living
Phone #: (850) 414-2000 (state headquarters delegates services to local agencies-- call for more info)
Address: 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Suwannee River Economic Council- Gilchrist County Senior Center

Service: Home-making, outreach, telephone reassurance, congregate meals, nutrition education, home-delivered meals, respite, health support, transportation services
Eligibility: Needy seniors 60 yrs+; must receive a home visit to confirm if certain criteria are met in order to qualify
Phone#: (352) 463-1895 (call to set up appointment for home visit)
Address: 1107 NE Main St, Trenton, FL 32693
Mailing: PO Box 509, Trenton, FL 32693
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: G

Employment Services and Job Skills Training

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville: Step Forward

Service: Interviews to assess family situation, explore community resources and develop plan for self-sufficiency. Referrals to community agencies, assistance with budgeting, family plan development, GED exam fee assistance

Eligibility: Needy persons
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

The Dignity Project (Closed Indefinitely)

Service: Offers auto repair internship program for at risk, high school age youth currently enrolled in school.
Eligibility: Needy teens who are seeking skilled employment
Phone #: (352) 792-2584
Address: 1125 SE 4th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.dignityproject.com
Counties served: A/B

Displaced Homemaker Program- Santa Fe Community College

Services: Provides life management skills, basic computer skills, group support, career exploration, financial management training and GED classes (all training is free of charge)
Eligibility: 35+ yrs old, has worked primarily inside the home providing unpaid household services for family, is currently unemployed or underemployed and having difficulties securing adequate employment, and has been dependent on either another's income who is no longer in the household (through divorce, disability, death, etc.) or on public assistance, must have own transportation to classes
Phone #: (352) 395-5047
Address: 3000 NW 83rd St, Bldg I-040, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: www.sfcollege.edu/displacedhomemakers/
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

FloridaWorks/One-Stop Career Center

Service: Provides career counseling, workshops/assessments, resume and interview assistance, job leads, funding for job training, support services and phones, computers, and supplies for jobseekers; services are free of charge
Eligibility: Every Alachua and Bradford county resident looking for employment
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-5:00pm, F 8:00am-3:00pm
Website: www.floridaworksonline.com

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 955-2245
Address: 4800 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Phone #: (352) 372-2549 ext 34
Address: 703 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-8092
Address: 819 S Walnut St, Starke, FL 32091

Gainesville Community Ministry- Jobs for Life

Service: Assists participants in gaining employment through counseling and character development. Call for availability and times
Eligibility: Must be serious about completing the program
Phone #: (352) 372-8162, (352) 214-1520
Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Call for more information
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Gainesville Job Corps Center

Service: Provides residential and non-residential vocational training facilities for young adults, also GED and charter high school classes
Eligibility: Persons ages 16-24 yrs old, must meet certain requirements
Phone #: (352) 377-2555, (800) 733-JOBS (5627)
Address: 5301 NE 40th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (residential facility operates 24 hours/7 days)
Website: gainesville.jobcorps.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Goodwill Job Junction

Service: Assists with job leads, hosts career fairs, provides phones for job searches, helps write resumes and provides skills training and advice
Eligibility: Open to anyone seeking assistance finding employment
Phone #: (352) 335-1311, toll free (877) 346-3349
Address: 3520 SW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32604
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G

WorkSource Career Center- Palatka

Service: Provides career counseling, workshops and assessments, resume and interview assistance, job leads, support services, and phones, computers and supplies for job seekers. Services are free of charge.
Eligibility: All county residents looking for employment
Phone: (386) 329-3724, toll free (888) 702-4396
Address: 400 State Rd 19 N (Palatka Mall), Suite 33, Palatka, FL
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.worksourcefl.com
Counties served: P

Eviction/Foreclosure Prevention

See also: Financial Assistance (Public Assistance, Rent and Utility Assistance, and Other)

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Service: Housing Assistance Program provides short term financial assistance and makes payments to vendors only for rent, mortgage and utility services. This program is designed to prevent foreclosures, evictions, and utility disconnections.
Eligibility: Call for more information
Phone#: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/debts/css/socialservices/pages/socialservices.aspx>
Counties served: A

Neighborhood Housing and Development Corporation

Service: Provides lending for home purchases and/or repairs, housing developments, credit and financial counseling, homebuyers' education classes, offers a rental program for homes below the market rate, and provides foreclosure intervention counseling.
Eligibility: First-time homebuyers, or those who have not purchased a home in three years. Counseling is available to everyone.
Phone #: (352) 380-9119
Address: 633 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
Website: <http://www.gnhdc.org>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P/U

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Provides free civil legal assistance for qualified individuals in defense of eviction or foreclosure proceedings
Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients. Persons who are struggling with both homelessness and disability in Alachua County may schedule an appointment for an initial interview over the phone
Phone #: (352) 372-0519
Address: 901 NW 8th Ave, Suite D-5, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.trls.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Family Planning/Birth Control and Women's Health

See also: Medical Services- County Health Departments (Health departments can typically provide these services or make referrals)

ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic

Service: Gynecological services; Women's Breast Health Education Outreach Program
Eligibility: Uninsured, low-income individuals and families who are unable to pay for medical expenses; fees are based on a sliding scale. Low income women ages 50-64 can receive free breast cancer screenings with office visit. Primarily for Alachua County residents
Phone #: (352) 485-1133
Address: 23320 N State Rd 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M, W, Th 8:30am-5:00pm; T 8:30 – 8pm
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B/L

Alachua County Health Department

Service: Provides contraceptives and family planning services, STD screenings for males and females
Eligibility: Clients must meet financial guidelines; fees based on sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 334-7900
Address: 224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Mailing: PO Box 1327, Gainesville, FL 32602
Hours: M-F 7:30am-7:00pm
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

All Women's Health Center

Service: Provides low-cost birth control and other family planning, HIV/STD screenings, counseling, pregnancy testing, gynecological care, and abortion services
Eligibility: Insured or uninsured women
Phone #: (352) 378-9191, toll free (800) 869-0440
Address: 1135 NW 23rd Ave, Suite N, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat 8:30am-12:30pm
Website: www.floridaabortion.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

MomCare

Service: Focuses on prenatal care management to improve birth and infant health outcomes, links expectant mothers to programs like Healthy Start
Eligibility: Must be a pregnant woman on Medicaid
Phone #: (352) 334-8810
Address: 224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641 (at the Alachua County Health Department)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/momcare.htm>
Counties served: A/G/L/P

Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, Inc.

Service: Provides contraceptives and family planning services, gynecological services, pregnancy testing, referrals for prenatal care and STD screenings. Accept vouchers from Helping Hands and for victims of domestic and sexual assault.
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 377-0881
Address: 914 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M, W-F 9am-5pm, Tue 11am-7pm
Website: www.ppnfc.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF and Shands Eastside Community Practice

Service: Provides contraceptives and other medical services
Eligibility: Some insurance is accepted; Medicaid is accepted; unemployed, uninsured patients meet with social worker for referral for sponsorship or for CHOICES
Phone #: (352) 265-7020

Address: 410 NE Waldo Rd, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00-12:00; 1:00 -5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Women's Resource Clinic

Service: Information/counseling on unplanned pregnancies, ultrasounds, free pregnancy testing, and post-abortion counseling
Eligibility: Pregnant women
Phone #: (352) 377-4947
Address: 912 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Th 10:00am-4:30pm, F 10:00am-2:00pm
Website: www.yourwrc.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Financial Assistance (Public Assistance, Rent and Utility Assistance, and Other)

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Service: Provides assistance with rent and mortgage to prevent evictions and foreclosure and to prevent homelessness; provides assistance with utility payments to prevent service interruption
Eligibility: Must be a resident of Alachua County and meet income guidelines
Phone #: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>
Counties served: A

Catholic Charities, Inc.

Service: Provides emergency assistance with rent and utilities payments once in a lifetime

Gainesville

Eligibility: Very needy, indigent families; once in a lifetime
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A

High Springs

Eligibility: Every 2 ½ years.
Phone: (386) 454-1000
Address: 15 SE 1st Ave, High Springs, FL 32643
Mailing: PO Box 1354, High Springs, FL 32655
Hours: M-F 8:30am-12:00pm
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A

Putnam County

Eligibility: Needy families with dependent children, indigent elderly individuals (particularly those with special needs); must show social security cards, proof of income and bill due; must not have received this service within the preceding 12 months
Phone #: (386) 328-2333
Address: 1000 Husson Ave, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M,W 9:30am-11:30pm

Central Florida Community Action Agency

Service: Provides case management, direct assistance and referrals for basic needs, including rent, energy payments, transportation, nutrition and more
Eligibility: Needy families at or below 125% federal poverty level (income requirements depend on specific assistance)
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm (call 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month to schedule an appointment)
Website: www.cfcaa.org

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 378-5892

Address: 2606 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 493-1732

Address: 215 SW 5th St, Chiefland, FL 32626

Department of Children and Families- Economic Self-Sufficiency

Service: Determine Eligibility for Public Assistance programs

Eligibility: Must meet eligibility requirements; can apply online at website below or at office

Phone #: (866) 762-2237 (accessible statewide, will transfer to appropriate location)

Website: www.myflorida.com/accessflorida

Counties served: All Florida counties

Alachua County

Address: 1000 NE 16th Ave, Bldg. J, Gainesville, FL 32601

Bradford County

Address: 1250 Andrews Circle, Starke, FL 32091

Gilchrist and Levy County

Address: 124 N Main St, Chiefland, FL 32626

Putnam County

Address: 600 College Rd, Palatka, FL 32177

ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc.

Service: Emergency energy/utility bill assistance

Eligibility: Alachua County residents age 60 yrs+

Phone #: (352) 265-9040

Address: 4026 NW 22nd Dr, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.shands.org/public/programs/eldercare/default.asp

Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: Provides security deposit assistance for units within Gainesville city limits and electricity shut-off assistance (GRU only)

Eligibility: Needy families must meet low-income criteria and have photo I.D. and Social Security card.

Phone #: (352) 372-8162

Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-Th 9:00 am -2:30 pm (general office hours); call on the 2nd Monday of the month for housing deposit assistance; call any Monday (except holidays) for utility assistance

Website: www.betterday.org

Counties served: A

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Service: Assistance obtaining birth certificates for the purpose of securing non-driving photo IDs, assistance with photo IDs and limited assistance with obtaining prescription medications

Eligibility: Homeless and working poor

Phone #: (352) 372-4721

Address: 100 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: T, Th 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Website: www.holytrinitygmv.org

Counties served: A

HPRP- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (Ends in 2011)

Service: Provides rent and utility assistance for eligible applicants

Eligibility: Case managers will assess eligibility over the phone. When calling, ask about the HPRP program.

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 372-2549

Address: Alachua County Housing Authority, 703 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-7776

Address: Communities in Schools, 707 McMahon St, Starke, FL 32091

Levy/Gilchrist County

Phone #: (352) 486-5420; toll-free regional (800) 664-5197

Address: Levy/Gilchrist/Suwannee County Housing Authority, 611 South Pine St, Bronson, FL 32621

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 328-2333

Address: Catholic Charities, 1000 Husson Ave, Palatka, FL 32177

Salvation Army

Service: Provides utility payment assistance for past due accounts subject to immediate disconnection once per 12 month period.

Eligibility: Needy families and individuals; for Gainesville Regional Utilities: with a family member at least sixty (60) years of age, be diagnosed with a physical illness which requires electricity to operate a breathing machine, nebulizer or other type of medical equipment or meet the requirements of the SHARE Program contract; for Clay Utilities and FL Power and Light: must meet requirements for the SHARE program contract, must prove crisis situation and prove the ability to pay the next month's bill

Phone #: (352) 376-1743 (call for an appointment)

Address: 639 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Clients must call on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. to apply

Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com

Counties served: A

St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. John's

Service: Provides emergency financial assistance with rent and energy bills

Eligibility: Indigent, needy families

Phone #: (386) 684-2797

Address: 111 N Francis St, Interlachen, FL 32148

Hours: T, Th-S 10:00am-3:00pm

Counties served: P

Suwannee River Economic Council

Service: Provides funds for utility payments and home repairs

Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation, proof of ownership or rental agreement and copies of current utilities bill

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Counties served: B/G/L/P

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-6696

Address: 1210 Andrews Cir, Starke, FL 32091

Gilchrist County

Phone #: (352) 463-1895

Address: 1107 N Main St, Trenton, FL 32693

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 528-2125

Address: 521 NW 1st Ave, Williston, FL 32696

Phone #: (352) 490-7055

Address: 305 SW 1st St, Chiefland, FL 32626

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-8963

Address: 600 College Rd, Palatka, FL 32177

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Provides free legal assistance to qualified individuals with regard to denial of eligibility, overpayment notices, or termination of public benefits, including SSI/SSDI, VA disability or compensation, Medicaid, food stamps, TANF, and unemployment compensation

Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients. Persons who are struggling with both homelessness and disability in Alachua County may schedule an appointment for an initial interview over the phone

Phone #: (352) 372-0519

Address: 901 NW 8th Ave, Suite D-5, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

Website: www.trls.org

Counties served: A/B/G/L

Food- Groceries

Bradford Ecumenical Ministries

Service: Food pantry

Eligibility: Anyone in need

Phone #: (904) 964-3984

Address: 321 W Andrews St, Starke, FL 32091

Hours: M-Th 1pm-4pm

Counties served: B

Bread of the Mighty Food Bank

Service: Serves non-profit food distributors

Eligibility: Incorporated non-profits - social services, shelters, retirement homes, assisted living facilities

Phone#: (352) 336-0839

Address: 325 NW 10th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 8:00am-2:00pm for agencies, 8:00am-4:00pm for donations

Website: www.breadofthemighty.org

Counties served: A/G/L

Catholic Charities, Inc.

Service: Food pantry; **FAITHH**: Mobile food outreach program that serves the 6 counties with food on a monthly basis; **BackRoads**: Rural food program brings food and companionship to those who are housebound due to illness and cannot get to the FAITHH distribution locations.

Eligibility: Needy families and individuals. Interested parties, call for more information.

Gainesville

Phone #: (352) 372-0294

Address: 1717 NE 9th St, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)

Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org

Counties served: A/B/G/L

High Springs

Phone: (386) 454-1000

Address: 15 SE 1st Ave, High Springs, FL 32655

Mailing: PO Box 1354, High Springs, FL 32655

Hours: M-F 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm

Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org

Counties served: A/G

Cedar Key United Methodist Church

Service: Food pantry

Eligibility: Needy families meeting low income requirements

Phone #: (352) 543-9360

Address: State Road 24 and 4th St, Cedar Key, FL 32625

Hours: Th 3:00pm-4:30pm

Counties served: L

Compassion Outreach Ministries

Service: Food pantry

Eligibility: Anyone in Need

Phone #: (352) 373-1888

Address: 320 SE 43rd St, Gainesville, FL 32641

Website: <http://www.compassionateoutreach.org/>

Counties Served: A

Dome of Resources

Service: Food pantry, organized at Mt. Olive Church ME

Eligibility: Any needy persons

Phone #: (352) 378-9051

Address: Mt. Olive Church ME, 721 SE 8th St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Sat 10:00am-3:00pm

Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry- Food Pantry

Service: Food pantry

Eligibility: Needy families and individuals, including the elderly, disabled, those on public assistance and the working poor

Phone #: (352) 372-8162

Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-Th 9:00am -2:45 pm

Website: www.betterday.org

Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry- Angel Food Ministries

Service: Monthly low-cost groceries, accepts food stamps, cash, debit and most credit cards

Eligibility: Anyone

Phone #: (352) 372-8125

Address: 818 W University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-Sat 11am-7pm

Website: www.betterday.org

Counties served: A

Gainesville Harvest

Service: Provides agencies and community groups with food for distribution

Eligibility: Agencies, food kitchens and needy individuals and families with an agency referral

Phone #: (352) 378-3663

Email: graummyp2003@yahoo.com

Address: 3910 NW 6th St, #2, Gainesville, FL 32609

Mailing: 7257 NW 4th Blvd, PMB #114, Gainesville, FL 32607

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.gainesvilleharvest.com

Counties served: A/B/G/L

Harmony Holistic Healing Center

Service: Provides monthly discounted food

Eligibility: Anyone

Phone #: (352) 486-6229

Email: harmonyheals777@aol.com

Address: 10691 NE 109th St, Archer, FL 32618

Hours: T-F 9:00am-3:00pm, Sat 9:00am-12:00pm

Counties served: A/L

Lake Area Ministries

Service: Food pantry

Eligibility: Individuals and families in poverty; must prove residence with Clay Electric bill and have photo I.D. and social security card

Phone #: (352) 473-2846
Address: 330 SE Palmetto Ave, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: Certain districts in A/B/P

Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.

Service: Clothes closet and food pantry
Eligibility: Anyone in need
Phone #: (352) 514-6417
Address: 3019 NE 20th Way, Box 5, Gainesville, FL 32609
Mail: PO Box 5163, Gainesville, FL 32627
Hours: By Appointment Only
Counties served: A

Lisa Jones House

Services: Bread and clothing, meals at lunchtime, and furniture
Eligibility: People in need
Phone #: (352) 371-2487
Email: lisajoneshouse@doveworld.org
Address: 5805 NW 37th St (off NW 53rd Ave at Mile Run), Gainesville, FL 32653
Hours: T-F 9am-4pm, Fri and Sun after church services, Sat 7:00am-1:00pm
Website: www.doveworld.org
Counties served: A

Salvation Army

Service: Food Pantry
Eligibility: Any needy people. Bag of food once/6 months, will assist up to 3 times.
Phone#: (352) 376-1743 ext. 308
Address: 639 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am-2:00pm
Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com
Counties served: A

SHARE Florida Food Network

Service: Provides a community food savings program (monthly food baskets are \$18).
Eligibility: Open to the public with no income requirements. SHARE encourages that some volunteer work or act of kindness is done in exchange.
Contact: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 101 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL (352) 372-4721
St Michaels Episcopal Church, 4315 NW 23rd Ave, Gainesville, FL (352) 376-1771
First United Methodist Church, 6701 SE 219th Terr, Hawthorne, FL (352) 481-3155

Main Office

Phone #: (800) 536-3379 (call for regional locations)
Address: 1405 E 2nd Ave, Tampa, FL 33605
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.shareflorida.org
Counties served: A/L/M

Starke Church of God by Faith

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Anyone in need
Phone #: (904) 964-9396
Address: 730 Old Lawtey Rd, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: Every other Thurs 10:00am-11:30am
Counties served: B

St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. John's

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Needy individuals and families
Phone #: (386) 684-2797

Address: 111 N Francis St, Interlachen, FL 32148
Hours: T, Th, F 10:00am-3:00pm
Counties served: P

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Monica's

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (386) 325-9777
Address: 114 S 4th St Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: T, Th 10am-1pm (can receive food every other week)
Counties served: P

Suwannee River Economic Council

Service: Provides USDA food commodities every other month, including items such as butter, pork, flour, cornmeal and green beans
Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation and copies of current utilities bill to show residency
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: B/G/L/P

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-6696
Address: 1210 Andrews Cir, Starke, FL 32091

Gilchrist County

Phone #: (352) 463-1895
Address: 1107 N Main St, Trenton, FL 32693

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 528-2125
Address: 521 NW 1st Ave, Williston, FL 32696
Phone #: (352) 490-7055
Address: 305 SW 1st St, Chiefland, FL 32626

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-8963
Address: 600 College Rd, Palatka, FL 32177

Tri-County Outreach Food Pantry

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Very needy or homeless persons
Phone #: (352) 493-2310
Address: 708 N Main St, Chiefland, FL 32626
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: D/G/L

True Vine Ministries

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Anyone in need
Phone #: (904) 964-9264
Address: 422 N Saint Clair St, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: Every other Thurs 4:00pm-5:30pm
Counties served: B

Waccasassa Fire Department

Service: Senior citizen food pantry
Eligibility: Any needy Gilchrist County resident
Phone #: (352) 463-2710
Address: 112 NE 1st Ave, Trenton, FL 32693
Counties Served: G

Women, Infants and Children Project (WIC) of North Central Florida

Service: Food vouchers
Eligibility: Pregnant women and legal guardians of children under 5 years old, must meet specific income guidelines
Phone #: (352) 392-4493 ext.1 (in Alachua County), (800) 494-2543 (outside of Alachua County); must call to schedule an appointment to determine eligibility
Address: 5009 NW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32605 (Administrative office - NOT a pick-up center) (call or visit website for other locations)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm, closed the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month
Website: www.wic.ufl.edu
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U

Food- Meals

Alachua County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (Summer Only)

Service: Free breakfast and lunch (Summer Only)
Eligibility: All children ages 0-18
Phone #: (352) 955-7539
Address: Varied, call for details
Website: <http://district.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/alachuacps>
Counties served: A

Bread of Life

Service: Daily lunches
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (386) 328-0213
Address: 320 N 5th St, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: Daily from 11:30am-12:30pm, 365 days/yr
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Fire of God Ministries

Service: Provides food and fellowship
Mon 7:00pm, dinner and church service at the Downtown Community Plaza (SE 2nd and University Ave)
Tues 7:00pm, dinner and church service at SW 20th Ave and in Southern Pines neighborhood
Fri 10:30pm, breakfast and bible study at 1414 NE 23rd Ave, Bldg. G
Sat 7:00pm, dinner and church service at 1414 NE 23rd Ave, Bldg. G
Transportation from Salvation Army and St. Francis House to and from meals (call for details)
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 375-0200
Address: 1414 NE 23rd Ave, Bldg G, Gainesville, FL 32609
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Food Not Bombs

Service: Vegan and vegetarian meals
Eligibility: Everyone
Address: Downtown Community Plaza (SE 2nd and University Ave)
Email: gvillefnb@riseup.net
Hours: Serving 7:30 on Wed and 3pm on Sat; preparing food the hour prior
Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: Sunday dinner and church service
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Sun 7pm
Website: <http://www.betterday.org/>
Counties served: A

Holy Trinity Episcopal

Service: Friday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast

Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 372-4721
Address: 100 NE 1st St, Gainesville 32601
Hours: Fri 6pm, Sun 7am
Website: www.holytrinitygmv.org
Counties served: A

Lisa Jones House

Service: Saturday 7:00am-1:00pm and Sunday Meals after morning service
Eligibility: People in need
Phone #: (352) 371-2487
Email: lisajoneshouse@doveworld.org
Address: 5805 NW 37th St (off NW 53rd Ave at Mile Run), Gainesville, FL 32653
Website: www.doveworld.org
Counties served: A

Restaurant EBT/Food Stamps Service

Service: Six month pilot program that allows participants to use their EBT card to purchase hot meals at participating restaurants. Must register with the Office on Homelessness at address and time listed below
Eligibility: Homeless individuals or families receiving Food Stamps
Phone #: (352) 371-2487
Address: 703 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: T 8am-4pm
Counties served: A

Salvation Army

Service: Mon-Fri 4:00pm-5:00pm, Dinners
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (352) 376-1743
Address: 639 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Website: www.salvationarmyflorida.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Showers of Blessing

Service: Weekly transportation to lunch meal
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 375-3589
Address: St. Francis House pickup- 413 South Main St; Church location- 2615 SE 15th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: Thursday noon
Website: <http://www.showersofblessings.org/>
Counties served: A

Sister Hazel

Service: Dinner W, F and Sun
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone: (352) 378-9496
Address: W University Ave and 6th St (Florida Office Supply parking lot)
Hours: W, F 7:00am-8:00 pm, also Sunday at St. Francis House 2:00pm
Counties served: A

South Putnam Christian Service Center

Service: Assists with food, clothing, and bill paying (when available)
Eligibility: Anyone in need
Phone: (386) 698-1944
Address: 219 N Summit St, Crescent City, FL 32112
Hours: Tue and Thurs 10:00am-3:00pm
Counties served: P

St. Francis House

Service: Daily lunches, 10:30am-12:50pm

Eligibility: Needy persons- ****130 person limit***
Phone #: (352) 378-9079
Address: 413 S Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Website: www.stfranchousegenv.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

St. Vincent de Paul Society's Home Van- Mobile Food Distribution

Service: Meals and sometimes other needs (sheets, clothing, etc.)
Eligibility: Homeless People
Phone #: (352) 372-4825
Address: Downtown Community Plaza (SE 2nd and University Ave) and other locations
Hours: Tue at 7pm and Thurs at 5:30pm
Counties served: A

University Homeless Council

Service: Friday 6:00pm, Dinner
Eligibility: Anyone
Email: ufhomelesscouncil@gmail.com
Address: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL
Counties served: A

Warriors for Christ

Service: Sunday 4:00pm, dinner at Downtown Community Plaza (SE 2nd and University Ave)
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 246-6623
Mailing: 102 NE 10th Ave, Suite 14, Gainesville FL 32601

HIV Testing Services

Alachua County Health Department

Service: Provides anonymous HIV testing
Eligibility: Open to the public; optional \$20 donation; must call to schedule an appointment
Phone #: (352) 334-7960
Address: 224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 9:00am-3:00pm
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Alachua County Office of Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center

Service: Provides free, confidential HIV testing
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 264-6760, (866) 252-5439
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: 24/7
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/vicserv/>
Counties served: A

Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, Inc.

Service: Provides confidential HIV testing
Eligibility: Open to the public; optional \$20 donation
Phone #: (352) 377-0881
Address: 914 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9am-5pm; Th 9am-7pm
Website: www.ppnfc.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF and Shands Family Medicine- Equal Access Clinic

Service: Provides anonymous HIV counseling and testing
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured persons

Phone #: (352) 392-6771
Address: 625 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:00pm (First Come, First Served)
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Infant Necessities

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: Provides diapers, infant formula and food (limited supply)
Eligibility: Needy families
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Christians Concerned for the Community

Service: Provides baby furniture and other household items. Also assists with one-time major house and yard cleaning projects.
Eligibility: Needy families
Phone #: (352) 371-1768
Address: 1903 NW 35th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M, T, Th 10:00am-4:00pm (by appointment only)
Director will schedule on-site house calls in Alachua County
Website: www.cccgainesville.org
Counties served: A

Salvation Army Family Thrift Store

Service: Provides low-cost infant clothing
Eligibility: Needy families may qualify for clothing vouchers, vouchers given once/ 6 months.
Voucher applications are available at the Salvation Army Social Services department at 639 E University Ave, Gainesville
Phone #: (352) 373-7597
Address: 55 NW 23rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-6:00pm
Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Tot Spot Thrift Store

Service: Provides low-cost used children's clothing
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items
Phone #: (352) 393-2826
Address: 710 N Main St, Gainesville, FL 32607
Hours: T-F 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm
Counties served: A

Women's Resource Center

Service: Provides maternity and infant clothing and other baby items. Offers referrals for Gainesville Community Ministries.
Eligibility: Pregnant women
Phone #: (352) 377-4947
Address: 912 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 10:00am-4:30pm
*Summer Hours: M 10:00am-3:00pm, Th 12:00pm-4:00pm
Website: www.yourwrc.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Law Enforcement Services

See also: *How to Obtain Police Clearance to Enter a Shelter in the beginning of the directory*

Gainesville Police Department

Service: Temporary warrant clearances for those needing shelter and call response for emergencies.
Eligibility: Any person
Phone #: In emergency call 911, other calls (352) 955-1818 or (352) 334 2452 (for information inquiries)
Address: 721 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32602
Website: www.gainesvillepd.org
Counties served: A

Legal Services

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida

Service: Provides services specific to domestic violence such as assistance for filing for injunctions for protection, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, and visitation. Also provides information about receiving public assistance.
Phone #: 386-328-8072 or Toll Free 1-866-886-1799
Address: 216 S 6th St, Palatka, FL 32177
Website: <http://clsmf.org/index.html>
Counties served: P

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Provides free civil and legal (not criminal) assistance and representation for persons in state custody.
Eligibility: Must currently be incarcerated in the state of Florida in jail, prison, or mental health facility
Phone #: (352) 375-2494
Address: 12921 SW 1st Rd, Suite 107, #346, Newberry, FL 32669
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Provides free civil legal assistance for qualified individuals in a wide range of areas, including issues related to eligibility or denial of public benefits (SSI, VA benefits, Medicaid, food stamps, unemployment compensation), defense of eviction or foreclosure proceedings, domestic violence civil injunctions, consumer problems, and family law matters
Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients. Persons who are struggling with both homelessness and disability in Alachua County may schedule an appointment for an initial interview over the phone
Phone #: (352) 372-0519
Address: 901 NW 8th Ave, Suite D-5, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.trls.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

United States Equal Opportunity Employment Commission

Service: Provides assistance for persons who have experienced discrimination in the workplace
Eligibility: Open to everyone who has experienced employment discrimination
Phone #: (800) 669-4000, (202) 663-4900
Address: US EEOC, 1801 L St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20507
Hours: 24/7 for recorded answers to frequently asked questions; representatives are available M-F 8:30am-5:30pm
Website: www.eeoc.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Medical Services- County Health Departments

County public health departments offer a variety of medical and other services which are generally available to all county residents. Listed below is the main contact information for each of the county public health departments in the five counties covered in this directory. General business hours are M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

Alachua County Health Department

Phone #: (352) 334-7900
Address: 224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

Bradford County Health Department

Phone #: (904) 964-7732 (for WIC, call (904) 964-3547)
Address: 1801 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm (call for appointment)

Gilchrist County Health Department

Phone #: (352) 463-3120
Address: 119 NE 1st St, Trenton, FL 32693
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

Levy County Health Department

Phone #: (352) 486-5300
Address: 66 W Main St, Bronson, FL 32621
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm (call for appointment)

Putnam County Health Department

Phone #: (386) 326-3200
Address: 2801 Kennedy St, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm (walk-in 8am-11pm)

Medical Services- General Practitioners/Family Practice

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Services: **Alachua Cares** provides access to primary care and prescription assistance to eligible low income residents who are uninsured and unemployed.

CHOICES Health Services provides affordable health services including primary care, prescription assistance and dental care to eligible persons who are:

- 18-64 years old
- U.S. Citizen/Permanent Legal Residency
- Alachua County Resident
- 200% below the federal poverty level.
- Working at least 25 hours/week

Eligibility: Call for more information
Phone#: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>
Counties served: A

Alachua County Health Department

Service: Primary care services for adults and children
Eligibility: Clients must meet financial guidelines; fees based on sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 334-7900
Address: 224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost primary and preventive medical care, including pediatrics
Eligibility: Medicaid, Medicare, Blue Cross and Blue Shield or uninsured low-income individuals and families who are unable to pay for medical expenses; fees are based on a sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 485-1133
Address: 23320 N State Rd 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm; night clinics usually on Tuesday evenings, call for times
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B

Children's Medical Services

Service: Provides a health plan for children with special health care needs; nurse case managers assist in coordinating care
Eligibility: Children up to age 21 yrs with special health care needs; costs based on family's income
Phone #: (352) 334-1400
Address: 1701 SW 16th Ave, Bldg B, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Family Medical and Dental Center

Service: Family medical and dental center provides low-cost healthcare to families based on their income.
Eligibility: All families
Phone: (352) 473-6595
Address: 100 Commercial Dr, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Counties served: B

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: Free medical advice/referral clinic and physical therapy clinic
Eligibility: Anyone without insurance, first come first served
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: T 5pm-6:30pm (medical advice and referral clinic)
Th 6pm-8pm (physical therapy clinic)
Website: <http://www.betterday.org/>
Counties served: A

Helping Hands Clinic

Service: Provides free, basic medical services to deal with acute and chronic health problems, psychiatric, acupuncture and chiropractics, support and referrals, personal hygiene items. Also beginning a new program for women's health screening, education and referrals for mammograms and pelvic exams.
Eligibility: Homeless individuals
Phone #: (352) 372-8523 ext. 17
Address: First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M 5:00pm-7:00pm, basic services
Psychiatric services 2nd and 4th Monday 5:00pm-7:00pm; 1st and 3rd Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm
Women's health screening and education every Thurs 3:00pm-7:00pm
Website: <http://hhcg.org/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital)

Service: Provides full-range medical services
Eligibility: Must be a veteran of the armed forces
Phone #: (352) 376-1611
Address: 1601 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: <http://www.northflorida.va.gov/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF and Shands Eastside Community Practice

Service: Provides general family health care
Eligibility: Some insurance is accepted; Medicaid is accepted; unemployed, uninsured patients meet with social worker for referral for sponsorship
Phone #: (352) 265-7020
Address: 410 NE Waldo Rd, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-12:00pm; 1:00pm-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF and Shands Family Medicine- Equal Access Clinic

Service: Provides free, full-range primary and follow-up medical care

Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals and families
Phone #: (352) 392-6771
Address: 625 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:00pm (First Come, First Served)
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

We Care Physician Referral Network- Primary Care and Specialty Care

Service: Provides free general and specialty medical care to those who qualify
Eligibility: Low-income, indigent Alachua County residents without access to medical insurance
Phone #: (352) 334-7926
Address: 224 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/wecare.htm>
Counties served: A

Mental Health Services

See also: Crisis and Transitional Counseling and Victims' Services

ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic

Service: Offers counseling services. Call to see if openings are available for new clients
Eligibility: Insured or uninsured low-income individuals and families who are unable to pay for medical expenses, fees are based on a sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 485-1133
Address: 23320 N State Rd 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M, W, Th 8:30am-5:00pm; Clinics also available Tuesday evenings, call for times
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B/L

Diversified Program Services, Inc./Praxis Network, Inc.

Service: Offers various adult intervention counseling services, including batterers' intervention and anger management
Eligibility: Court-ordered in Judicial Circuits 7 or 8
Phone #: (352) 332-9960, (800) 230-1880
Address: 7003 NW 11th Pl, Suite 6, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Helping Hands Clinic

Services: Psychiatric care
Eligibility: All homeless persons
Phone: (352) 372-8523 ext. 17
Address: First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: 2nd and 4th Monday 5:00pm-7:00pm; 1st and 3rd Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm
Website: <http://hhcg.org/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Service: Provides various counseling services, including acute and extended care, addiction services, and children's services based on client's ability to pay. Medicare and Medicaid accepted.
Eligibility: Everyone who needs assistance with any mental health challenge
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 (in Gainesville), (800) 330-5615 (for offices in outlying counties)
Address: 4300 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M, Th, F 8:00am-5:00pm, T, W 8:00am-5:00pm (local number), 24/7 (800 number)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

UF and Shands Eastside Community Practice

Service: Provides mental health counseling for established patients
Eligibility: Must be an established patient

Phone #: (352) 265-7020
Address: 410 NE Waldo Rd, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-12:00; 1:00pm-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Photo Identification Cards

See also: *How to Obtain or Replace a Photo I.D. in the beginning of the directory*

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (by county)

Service: Provides photo identification cards and driving tests to obtain a driver's license
Eligibility: Everyone can receive a photo identification card for a fee
Website: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/offices/>

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 955-2111
Address: 5830 NW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32653
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 966-6235
Address: 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 468-5172
Address: 355 S Court St, Bronson, FL 32621 (see website listed above for additional locations)
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-3735
Address: 152 US Highway 17 S, East Palatka, FL 32131 (see website listed above for additional locations)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Shelter Services

See also: Domestic Violence Services

GENERAL SHELTER:

The Caring Center

Service: Free shelter for men (no charge for up to 3 days), one meal a day and assistance with jobs. Police background check required.
Shelter for women is not on premises; call the Caring Center for more information.
Eligibility: Men in need.
Phone #: (386) 328-1088
Address: 11th and Main St, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: 24/7
Counties served: P

Helping Hands for Jesus Outreach Ministries

Service: Christian teaching center, meals
Eligibility: Primarily for homeless male veterans but will help any needy
Phone #: (352) 463-7563
Address: 17210 NW Hwy 19
Hours: Everyday 7am-7pm
Counties served: G/L

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Service: Provides shelter, care, meals and case management for homeless children and families
Eligibility: Homeless families with children
Phone #: (352) 378-2030
Mailing: PO Box 880, Gainesville, FL 32602, various service sites
Website: www.ihngvl.org
Counties served: A/B/L/P

Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.

Service: Transitional housing, emergency shelter, case management and other support services provided to homeless families enrolled in the Self-Sufficiency Program.
Eligibility: Anyone in need may request clothing and food. Housing applicants must be referred by local social service agencies. Priority is given to homeless families with children, but individuals may apply if vacancy exists.
Phone #: (352) 514-6417
Address: 3019 NE 20th Way, Box 5, Gainesville, FL 32609
Mailing: PO Box 5163, Gainesville, FL 32627
Hours: By Appointment Only
Counties served: A

St. Francis House

Service: Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing, as well as a variety of support services
Eligibility: Everyone who is homeless and hungry; families and women with children are given priority; must be single and work 20 hours/week for permanent supportive housing
Phone #: (352) 378-9079
Address: 413 S Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Business hours are M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Sat and Sun 8:00am-3:00pm; living facilities operate 24/7
Website: www.stfranchishousegvl.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Salvation Army- Red Shield Lodge

Service: Provides temporary shelter for homeless adult men and assistance in overcoming crises
Eligibility: Single adult males with police clearance, photo I.D. and social security card. No drug addictions, no psychotropic medications and no mental health issues.
Phone #: (352) 376-1743
Address: 639 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Men must check in by 6:00pm and leave the property by 6:00am, Check-in 1:00pm on Sundays
Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

YOUTH SHELTERS:

CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services, Inc.- Interface Youth Shelter

Service: Provides temporary shelter for runaway youth; provides crisis stabilization, case-planning and counseling services
Eligibility: Youth must be between 10-17 yrs old
Phone #: (352) 244-0628 (Gainesville), (386) 385-0405 (Palatka), (386)-487-0190 (Lake City), (800) 854-5377 (Help hotline)
Address: 3615 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608 (main office, not shelter)
Hours: 24/7
Website: www.cdsfl.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

SHELTERS FOR PREGNANT OR PARENTING MOTHERS:

Arbor House, Inc.

Service: Provides transitional housing, education and support services for adult women and their children in a faith-based environment
Eligibility: Pregnant or parenting adult women
Phone #: (352) 371-2229
Mailing: PO Box 12363, Gainesville, FL 32604-0363
Hours: M-F 8am-6pm
Website: www.arborhouse.org
Counties served: A

Pleasant Place, Inc.

Service: Provides housing for teenage mothers while they continue their education either in high school or GED classes; when the mothers turn 18 yrs old, transitional assistance is provided
Eligibility: Pregnant or parenting teenage mothers with a referral from a social service organization
Phone #: (352) 373-6993
Address: 732 NW 4th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: 24/7
Website: www.pleasantplace.net
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

VETERAN'S SHELTERS:

HUD-VASH

Service: Housing choice vouchers with supported case management
Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and must be homeless, call for additional requirements and information
Phone #: (352) 548-1800
Address: 1604 SE 3rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

VETSPACE

Service: Provides transitional housing and permanent supportive housing along with support services to veterans. Does not provide emergency shelter.
Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and must be homeless
Phone #: (352) 334-4000
Address: 1900 SE 4th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Website: www.vetspace.org
Counties served: A

VOA

Service: 34 bed transitional housing; Assistance with employment, case management and partner with the VA to provide medical and mental health services. Two year window for moving individuals from homelessness to self-sufficiency
Eligibility: Homeless Veterans
Phone #: (352) 377-9440
Email: dfleming@voa-fla.org
Address: 1301 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Counties served: A

SHELTERS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL:

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.- HOPE Program

Service: Provides six beds for transitional housing and support services for the mentally ill homeless
Eligibility: Must be homeless with a diagnosed mental disorder
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 ext. 8912
Address: 4300 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608 (Main office)
Hours: M, Th, F 8:00am-5:00pm, T, W 8:00am-5:00pm (local number), 24/7 (800 number)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A

WOMEN'S SHELTER:

Chrysalis Community, Inc.

Service: A transitional community housing program for single women recovering from drug addiction and prostitution. Face-to-face counseling, follow-up, outreach, support services and referrals
Eligibility: Homeless, single women recovering from drug addiction or prostitution
Phone #: (352) 514-6792
Mailing: PO Box 12455, Gainesville, FL 32604
Hours: Call to schedule interviews and face-to-face appointments.
Website: chrysaliscomm.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Joy in the Morning

Service: Provides eight beds for unwed mothers of all ages. Also assists battered women.
Eligibility: Homeless, single mothers
Phone #: (386) 325-6410
Mailing: 411 Laurel St, Palatka, FL 32178
Hours: Call to schedule interviews and face-to-face appointments.
Counties served: P

Social Security

See also: *How to Replace a Lost or Stolen Social Security Card* in the beginning of this directory

Social Security Administration

Service: Administers federal Social Security cards and funds
Eligibility: Must meet federal requirements
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 375-4178 (local office), (800) 772-1213 (Federal office)
Address: 1610 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 325 1134 (local office), (800) 772-1213 (Federal office)
Address: 400 N State Rd, Suite 53, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 8:30am-3:30pm
Counties served: P/U

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Alcoholics Anonymous- North Central Florida Intergroup Office

Service: Provides group meetings to facilitate recovery for alcoholics
Eligibility: Any person seeking support to recover from alcoholism
Phone #: (352) 372-8091 (Help hotline)
Address: 2632 NW 43rd St, Suite A-111, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 2:00pm-5:00pm, Sat 11:00am-2:00pm, Help hotline 24/7
Website: www.northcentralflaa.org
Counties served: A

CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services, Inc.- Outpatient Services

Service: Programs include substance abuse counseling on an individual, family and group basis for adults; Drug-free Community Support Program provides family-focused counseling for youth with alcohol, tobacco, and/or drug-related problems; Children's Substance Abuse Program provides youth substance abuse counseling in Putnam County; Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) provides substance abuse and mental health assessments for at-risk youth or youth with drug offenses in Putnam County. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) counseling and case management services are available.
Eligibility: Adults must have court referrals; youth- see above; some services are administered with sliding-scale fees
Phone #: (352) 224-0628 (Gainesville), (386) 328-7771 (Putnam County)
Address: 3615 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Mailing: 1218 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Office opens M-F 9:00am; call for hours services are offered
Website: www.cdsfl.org
Counties served: A/P

Diversified Program Services, Inc./Praxis Network, Inc.

Service: Offers various adult intervention counseling services, including substance abuse addiction
Eligibility: Court-ordered in Judicial Circuits 7 or 8
Phone #: (352) 332-9960
Address: 7003 NW 11th Pl, Suite 6, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.- Sid Martin Bridge House and CARE Program

Service: Group and individual counseling that addresses substance abuse, mental health and parenting.
Eligibility: Mothers/pregnant women who are addicted to drugs/alcohol; must qualify for Medicaid or be eligible for TANF
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 ext. 8224 or (800) 330-5615
Address: 4300 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm (Call for hours of general intake)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.- Sid Martin Bridge House and MIST Program

Service: Mother's Intensive Support Treatment offers rehabilitation and counseling services for mother's who are working towards having a drug-free baby
Eligibility: Call for details
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 ext. 8258 or (800) 330-5615
Address: 4300 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm (Call for hours of general intake)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.- Sid Martin Bridge House and STAR Program

Service: Provides a detoxification unit and substance abuse counseling to promote drug recovery for addicted individuals; STAR program offers intensive outpatient care (12-20 hrs/wk)
Eligibility: Addicted adults seeking assistance; fees are based on income
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 or (800) 330-5615
Address: 4300 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm (Call for hours of general intake)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Metamorphosis Substance Abuse Treatment Program

Service: Provides a long-term, community-based, residential treatment services for adult chronic and acute substance abusers; no fees assessed until the client is employed, then 50% of net income goes to reimbursement until graduation
Eligibility: Adults 18 yrs+ older with substance abuse issues will be screened, no one convicted of violent or sexual crimes will be admitted
Phone #: 1-866-395-1680
Address: 4201 SW 21st Pl, Gainesville, FL 32607
Hours: Facility operates 24/7
Website: <http://www.usnodrugs.com/Florida/Gainesville/Metamorphosis>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Narcotics Anonymous

Service: Call center provides dates, times and locations for group meetings to facilitate recovery for persons with drug addiction. For immediate assistance, connects those in need to a recovering addict mentor.
Eligibility: Any person seeking support to recover from drug addiction
Phone #: (352) 376-8008 (call center)
Mailing: PO Box 12151, Gainesville, FL 32604
Hours: Call center operates 24/7; Meetings held daily at various locations, call for info
Website: <http://uncoastna.org>
Counties served: A/B/G

Veterans Affairs Ambulatory Detoxification Program

Service: Provides a supervised 5-day outpatient program focused on recovering from substance abuse and withdrawal symptoms; must first be medically stabilized before entering program
Eligibility: Honorably discharged veterans with substance abuse issues and no serious medical conditions; must first register at main VA Hospital
Phone #: (352) 271-5263
Address: 2002 NW 13th St, Suite 180, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Transportation Services

Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida

Service: Provides three year RTS bus passes to disabled individuals
Eligibility: Those who are physically and/or mentally disabled, as diagnosed by a physician
Phone #: (352) 378-7474, (800) 265-5724
Address: 222 SW 36th Terr, Gainesville, FL 32607
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.cilncf.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

FloridaWorks/One-Stop Career Center

Hours: M-Th 8:00am-5:00pm, F 8:00am-3:00pm
Website: www.floridaworksonline.com

Alachua County

Service: Provides yearly RTS bus passes
Eligibility: Must be resident of Alachua County, must receive food stamps, and must be enrolled in FloridaWorks program
Phone #: (352) 955-2245
Address: 4800 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

Bradford County

Service: Provides transportation to and from job interviews
Eligibility: All Bradford County residents
Phone #: (904) 964-8092
Address: 819 S Walnut St, Starke, FL 32091

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Service: Provides one RTS bus pass every 90 days
Eligibility: Homeless and working poor
Phone #: (352) 372-4721
Address: 100 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: T, Th 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Website: www.holytrinitygmv.org
Counties served: A

MV Transportation- Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Service: Provides monthly RTS bus passes for 3 dollars
Eligibility: Low income Gainesville residents; must have an ID with a Gainesville address and proof of income
Phone #: (352) 375-2784
Address: 3713 SW 42nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32608 (Next to Alley Katz Bowling)
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
Counties served: A

St. Francis House

Service: Provides RTS bus passes for job interviews and medical appointments between Wednesday and Sundays
Eligibility: Needy persons
Phone #: (352) 378-9079
Address: 413 S Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-2:00pm
Website: www.stfranchishousegmv.org
Counties served: A (Regional Transit System passes only)

Suwannee River Economic Council

Service: Provides transportation to medical appointments and meal sites
Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons without transportation with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation and copies of current utilities bill to prove residency; meal site transportation for seniors 60 yrs+
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Counties served: B/G/L/P

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-6696
Address: 1210 Andrews Cir, Starke, FL 32091

Gilchrist County

Phone #: (352) 463-1895
Address: 1107 N Main St, Trenton, FL 32693

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 528-2125
Address: 521 NW 1st Ave, Williston, FL 32696
Phone #: (352) 490-7055
Address: 305 SW 1st St, Chiefland, FL 32626

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-8963
Address: 600 College Rd, Palatka, FL 32177

Veterans' Services

Alachua County Veterans' Services

Service: Assists veterans in obtaining their DD 214 or disability
Eligibility: All veterans, call for details
Phone #: (352) 264-6740
Address: 2811 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/Veterans/Pages/VeteransServices.aspx>
Counties served: A

Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

Service: Provide outreach and referral services, case management, treatment planning, residential treatment for substance abuse/mental illness, transitional housing, and follow-up services.
Eligibility: All Veterans who meet eligibility requirements; call for more details.
Phone #: (800) 324-8387 ext. 7461
Address #: 1601 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608
Counties served: Referral point for all North Florida and South Georgia

HUD-VASH

Service: Housing choice vouchers with supported case management
Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and must be homeless, call for additional requirements and information
Phone #: (352) 548-1800
Address: 1604 SE 3rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital)

Service: Provides medical care, vocational rehabilitation, nursing home facility, and other assistance to armed services veterans
Eligibility: Must be a veteran and meet specific eligibility guidelines
Phone #: (352) 376-1611
Address: 1601 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: www.va.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

VETSPACE

Service: Provides transitional housing and permanent supportive housing along with support and referral services necessary to facilitate and maintain independent residential and employment/financial stability. Does not offer emergency shelter.
Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and must be homeless
Phone #: (352) 244-5106

E-mail: c_wedgwood@yahoo.com

Website: www.vetspace.org

Counties served: A

VOA

Service: 34 bed transitional housing; Assistance with employment, case management and partner with the VA to provide medical and mental health services. Two year window for moving individuals from homelessness to self-sufficiency

Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and must be homeless

Phone#: (352) 377-9440

Email: dfleming@voa-fla.org

Address: 1301 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Counties served: A

Veterinary Services

Alachua County Animal Services

Service: Handles lost and abandoned animals. Offers pet adoptions.

Phone: (352) 264-6870

Address: 3400 NE 53rd Ave, Gainesville, Florida 32609

Hours: T-Sat 9:30am-5:30pm

Website: http://www.animalshelter.org/shelters/Alachua_County_Animal_Services_rld894_rS_pC.html

Counties served: A

Alachua County Humane Society- Pet Meals Program for Meals on Wheels

Service: Distributes pet food to individuals who are on the Meals on Wheels program and can not afford to feed their pets any longer.

Eligibility: Must be in the Meals on Wheels program. Maximum of 10 sterile animals supported and proof of financial need is required. ACHS may deliver to families with transportation issues.

Phone: (352) 373-5855

Address: 2029 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:30pm, Sun 1:00pm-5:30pm

Website: <http://www.alachuahumane.org>

Counties served: A

Alachua County Humane Society- Gallenkamp Low Cost Spay/Neuter

Service: Low cost spay/neuter for those in need. \$40 vouchers for cats and \$60/\$65 vouchers for dogs

Eligibility: Alachua County residents in need

Phone: (352) 373-5855

Address: 2029 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:30pm, Sun 1:00pm-5:30pm

Website: <http://www.alachuahumane.org>

Counties served: A

Operation Catnip

Service: Free spay and neuter services for stray and feral cats; pets of homeless persons qualify.

Eligibility: Stray and feral cats in Alachua county

Phone #: (352) 380-0940

Mailing: PO Box 141023, Gainesville, FL 32614-1023

Hours: Monthly clinic offered, usually the 2nd Sunday of the month. Call to confirm.

Website: <http://www.nmhp.net/OperationCatNip/tabid/147/Default.aspx>

Counties served: A

Pit Nip at West End Animal Hospital

Service: Free spay and neutering for pit bulls and pit bull mixes. Call to make an appointment. Must look predominantly like a pit bull. Rabies shot required.

Eligibility: Alachua County residents

Phone #: (352) 472-7626

Address: 15318 W Newberry Rd, Newberry, FL 32669

Hours: M 7:00am-8:00pm, T-F 7:00am-6:00pm, Sat 9:00am-1:00pm (Sat hours for appointments only)

Website: <http://westendanimal.com/>

Counties served: A

St. Francis House Animal Clinic

Service: Free pet care services: food, shots, spay/neuter, flea control, heartworm, etc.
Eligibility: Registered homeless individuals with pets
Phone #: (352) 378-9079
Address: 413 S Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: 2nd Monday of each month 10am-12pm
Counties served: A

Victims' Services

Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center

Service: Provides free comprehensive services, including immediate outreach, face-to-face and telephone counseling, support groups, transportation and accompaniment to legal proceedings, advocacy and community education, and confidential HIV testing
Eligibility: Any Alachua County resident who has been the victim of a crime, or family members of crime victims
Phone #: (352) 264-6760, (866) 252-5439
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: 24/7
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/VictimServices/Pages/VictimServices.aspx>
Counties served: A

Putnam County Violence Intervention and Prevention Program

Service: Assists victims with crisis intervention, legal support, referrals and advocacy.
Eligibility: Any Putnam County resident who has been the victim of domestic abuse and child victims of physical and sexual abuse.
Phone #: (386) 326-3200, (800) 326-0919
Address: 2801 Kennedy St, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: 24/7
Counties served: P

Sheriff's Office Victim Advocates (by county)

Service: Twenty-four hour first response, emotional support, information and referral and follow-up assistance to victims of crimes; Criminal justice support/advocacy; Other follow-up assistance
Eligibility: Child victims of physical abuse; child victims of sexual abuse; adult victims of sexual battery; domestic violence victims; homicide survivors; DUI/DWI victims; other violent crime victims

Alachua County

Phone #: In emergency dial 911, other calls (352) 384-3317
Address: 2621 Hawthorne Rd, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: Emergency 24/7, non-emergency M-F 7:30am-4:30 pm
Website: http://www.alachuasheriff.org/victim_services/

Bradford County

Phone #: In emergency dial 911, other calls (904) 966-2276
Address: 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: Emergency 24/7, non-emergency M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.bradfordsheriff.org/contact.htm>

Gilchrist County

Phone #: In emergency dial 911, other calls (352) 463-3181 ext. 5530
Address: 9239 South US Highway 129, Trenton, FL 32693
Hours: Emergency 24/7, non-emergency M-F 8am-5pm
Website: <http://www.gilcso.org/advocate.shtml>

Levy County

Phone #: In emergency dial 911, other calls (352) 486-5111, ext. 278 or 352
Address: 9150 NE 80th Ave, Bronson, FL, 32621
Hours: Emergency 24/7, non-emergency M-F 7:30am-4:00 pm

Putnam County

Phone #: In emergency dial 911, other calls (386) 329-0481; (386) 326-2833; (386) 325-3141 (after hours)

Address: 130 Orié Griffin Blvd, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: Emergency 24/7, non-emergency M-F 7:30am-4:30 pm
Website: <http://pcso.us/victim-services>

State Attorney's Victim's Services Office (by county)

Service: Assists victims involved in the criminal prosecution of their offenders by providing transportation, counseling services, and emotional support.
Eligibility: All victims of a crime in that county.

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 374-3670
Address: 120 W University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm and F 8:30am-4:00 pm
Website: <http://sawwww.co.alachua.fl.us/Default.htm>

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 966-6208
Address: 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm and F 8:30am-4:00pm
Website: <http://sawwww.co.alachua.fl.us/Default.htm>

Gilchrist County

Phone #: (352) 463-3406
Address: 112 S Main St, Suite 218, Trenton, Florida 32693
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm and F 8:30am-4:00pm
Website: <http://sawwww.co.alachua.fl.us/Default.htm>

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 486-5140
Address: 353 S Court St, Bronson, Florida 32621
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm and F 8:30am-4:00pm
Website: <http://sawwww.co.alachua.fl.us/Default.htm>

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-0259
Address: 410 Saint Johns Ave, Room 109, Palatka, FL 32178
Hours: M-F 8am-4:30pm
Website: <http://www.sao7.com/>

Vision Care and Eyeglasses

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Service: Provides vision exams and eyeglasses at low-cost
Eligibility: Must be an Alachua County resident and meet financial guidelines
Phone #: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.alachuacounty.us
Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry Vision Clinic

Service: Provides eye exams and reconditioned eyeglasses free of charge.
A Vision Clinic is offered about 4 times a year and is open to anyone. Call for information.
Eligibility: Uninsured Alachua County residents with no income/working poor
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Th 9:00am-2:30pm (main office), Screenings held on Saturdays, call for date of next screening
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Helping Hands Clinic

Service: Provides referrals for eye exams and eyeglasses
Eligibility: Homeless
Phone: (352) 372-8523 ext. 17
Address: First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Mon 5:00pm–7:00 pm, Women's Clinic Thurs 3:00pm-7:00pm
Website: <http://hhcg.org/>

Voter Registration

See also: *How to Register to Vote* in the beginning of this directory

Alachua County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (352) 374-5252
Address: 111 SE 1st Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

Bradford County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (904) 966-6266
Address: 945 N Temple Ave, Suite C, Starke, FL 32091
Mailing: PO Box 58, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Gilchrist County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (352) 463-3194
Address: 112 S Main St, Room 128, Trenton, FL 32693
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

Levy County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (352) 486-5163
Address: 421 S Court St, Bronson, FL 32621
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Putnam County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (386) 329-0224
Address: 2509 Crill Ave, Suite 900, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

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