



## Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry

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*...working **together** to end homelessness in our community...*

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We will be publishing periodic updates to this guide, **but we need your help.** Please notify us if you become aware of information in this guide that needs to be updated, and please let us know of any resources, especially in the outlying counties, that are not listed in this guide. We want this resource to be as accurate and comprehensive as possible. We can be contacted by e-mail at [achomeless@yahoo.com](mailto:achomeless@yahoo.com), or by phone at 352-378-0460.

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# 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 & Hungry. The agencies and organizations listed in this guide cover a seven-county area, including Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam, and Union counties. Each entry in the directory is listed in the following format:

### **Name of Service Provider**

Service: Information about the services offered by the listed agency/organization

Eligibility: Describes qualifying criteria for persons to receive services

Phone #: Contact information is listed to reach the agency by phone

Address: The physical location or mailing address of the organization is given

Hours: Business hours of operation are listed

Counties served: Describes the counties which the organization serves or counties in which residents are eligible to access services [Alachua (A), Bradford (B), Dixie (D), Gilchrist (G), Levy (L), Putnam (P), and Union (U)]

Website: Internet address is given to access information online (if applicable)

## 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. The card is free, but you will need to bring either an original or certified copy (no photocopies) of some form of identification, such as a U.S. passport, driver's license, employee I.D. card, school I.D. card, marriage or divorce record, health insurance card (not Medicare), military I.D. card, adoption record, or life insurance policy form. A form of identification with a photograph is preferred, but the office will generally accept a non-photo document if there is enough identifying information (i.e., name, age, date of birth, parents' names). For more information, or to locate your local Social Security Administration office, call (800)772-1213 or look online at <http://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 Division of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles office (see "Photo Identification" for information on the Alachua County office, or check your local government [blue] pages in the phone book for outlying counties). The cost for an original I.D. card is \$3.00, and you will need to bring two forms of identification; a replacement card is \$10.00. A new driver's license is \$20.00; a replacement is \$10.00. If the license was stolen, however, and you file a police report, bring a copy of the report to the office, and the fee will be waived. You will need to bring one primary document, such as an original or certified birth certificate, U.S. passport, or Certificate of Naturalization, and one secondary document, such as a social security card, school record, baptism certificate, life insurance policy document, marriage certificate, or voter registration card. 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, or TCA)***

To receive public assistance funds such as food stamps, Temporary Cash Assistance, or Medicaid, you may

apply at the Department of Children & Families Economic Self-Sufficiency office at 1000 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bldg. J, Gainesville, FL 32601. You can also apply online at [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida) or by calling the ACCESS (Automated Community Connection to Economic Self-Sufficiency) hotline at (866)762-2237. Please see the “Financial Assistance” section in this guide for contact information for outlying counties.

### ***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. Your local Supervisor of Elections office can assist you (see “Voter Registration” heading for more information about local office locations). Registration closes on the 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street and ask for assistance at the front desk. You *must* have a photo I.D. to get this clearance.

### ***How to Apply for Alachua County Social Services***

The Alachua County Department of Community Support Services offers a number of social services to those who earn 150% or less of poverty-level income. These services include health care assistance, medical referrals and prescriptions, and assistance with rent and utilities. To sign up for these services, make an appointment by calling (352)264-6700 between Monday and Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm. The office is located at 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Gainesville. You must present the following documents when applying for services:

- Social Security Cards for household members
- Proof of identity (driver’s license, photo I.D.)
- Proof of residency (rent receipt, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification)
- If born outside of the United States, proof of legal residency
- Proof of gross income for all household members for past 60 days
- Proof of current assets (bank/credit union statements, CDs, retirement funds, cash value of life insurance, stocks, bonds, trust funds, non-homestead property, etc.)
- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help
- Status of any other assistance you have applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Victim Of Crimes)
- Status of any pending legal action
- Shelter statement/Lease
- Utility bill

“Alachua Cares” program for uninsured/unemployed persons requires a physician statement or the applicant must be working 35 hours/week. Certification expires after 90 days and provides access to family practice physicians and generic prescriptions.

For rent & utility assistance, applicants (no students) must have an income 150% below the federal poverty. The program is designed to **prevent** foreclosures, evictions, and utility disconnections. Applicants must prove a recent crisis that has led to loss of income.

The CHOICES program is for persons between 18-64 years old who are U.S. citizens and are 200% below the federal poverty level. Applicants must prove their residency and income and have had to be working at least 25 hours/week for the previous 30 days with no access to health insurance.

Indigent burial services are available, but cannot be prearranged.

## **Information & Referral Services**

### **Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc.**

Service: Provides comprehensive information & referral regarding services, statistics, and resources related to homelessness

Eligibility: Everyone can call for information

Phone #: (352)378-0460

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5494, Gainesville, FL 32627-5494

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

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

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

### **Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County**

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5 yrs, Resource & Referral program assists parents in finding child care providers & funding child care services, offers health & developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops

Eligibility: Resource & Referral program is free to ALL parents; children ages birth – 5 yrs are eligible for services

Phone #: (352)374-0946

Address: 4424 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (general information), Resource & Referral information available

M-F 7:30am-5:00pm

Counties served: A

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

### **Elder Helpline of Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging**

Service: Provides information & referrals to link callers to local resources regarding issues on aging & 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 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 222, Gainesville, FL 32608

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (answering service receives after-hours calls)

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

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

### **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 #: To get or give help call 2-1-1, or (352) 332-INFO (4636)

Address: 6031 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Gainesville, FL 32607-2025

Hours: Helpline-- 24 hours/7 days

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

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

**United Way of Putnam County, Inc.**

Service: Provides detailed information regarding various services offered throughout Putnam County(i.e., basic needs, affordable housing, Medicaid providers, substance abuse counseling, support groups, etc.)

Eligibility: Everyone

Phone #: 2-1-1 (direct helpline; from landlines only), (386)328-8992 (from any phone)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 981, Palatka, FL 32178

Hours: Helpline-- 24 hours/7 days

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, & background check

Phone #: (352)372-2549

Address: 703 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

Counties served: A

Website: <http://fdt.net/~acha/>

**Community Development Department**

Service: Provides down payment & closing cost assistance, low-interest & deferred loans for home repairs, & pre-homeownership counseling

Eligibility: Low- & moderate-income individuals & families

Phone #: (904)966-6382

Address: 945-E N Temple Avenue, 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, & background check

Phone #: (352)334-4000

Address: 1900 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: M-Th 8:00am-4:00pm

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 & meet income requirements

***Alachua County***

Phone #: (352)378-4663

Address: 2317 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32608

Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm

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

***Putnam County***

Phone #: (386)325-5862

Address: 1605 Westover Drive, Palatka FL 32177; P.O. Box 2433, Palatka, FL 32178

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

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

**Gilchrist/Levy County Housing Authority**

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients

Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size, & background check

Phone #: (352)486-5420; regional (800)664-5197  
Address: P.O. Box 38, Bronson, FL 32621  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: G/L

**Neighborhood Housing & Development Corporation**

Service: Provides lending for home purchases and/or repairs, housing developments, credit & financial counseling, homebuyers' education classes, Financial Fitness course, & property inspection services  
Eligibility: Those earning at least \$16,000 a year & are first-time homebuyers, or those for whom three years have passed since a home has been purchased  
Phone #: (352)380-9119  
Address: 633 NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://nfs.nw.org/report/>

**Palatka Housing Authority**

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients  
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size, & background check  
Phone #: (386)329-0132  
Address: 400 N 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Palatka, FL 32177  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: P

**State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)**

Service: Provides up to \$25,000 for down payments, closing costs, & housing rehabilitation assistance in the form of zero-interest second mortgages  
Eligibility: Must meet income requirements under guidelines; must not have owned a home during the previous three years or are a single parent or displaced homemaker; must complete a Homebuyer Training Course  
Phone #: (352)374-5249  
Address: 10 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://growth-management.alachua.fl.us/housing/ship.php>

**USDA Rural Development**

Service: Provides financing for adequate, modest, decent, safe, & 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, & current credit standing  
Phone #: (352)732-9840 (USDA Marion County office; serves other counties in north central Florida)  
Address: 2303 NE Jacksonville Road, Room 300, Ocala, FL 34470  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm  
Counties served: A/D/G/L

**Union County Housing Authority**

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients  
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size, & background check  
Phone #: (386)496-2047  
Address: 715 W Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (closed for client intake on Wednesdays)  
Counties served: U  
Website: [www.unioncountyhousing.com](http://www.unioncountyhousing.com)

## **Automotive Services**

### **The Dignity Project**

Service: Provides low-cost automobile maintenance & repair (no major engine or transmission repairs), free, refurbished automobiles when available, refurbished computers

Eligibility: Needy individuals & families can apply; must be referred by FloridaWorks/One-Stop Career Center in Alachua or Bradford County, be working full-time, & have children under 18 yrs living at home to qualify for a free automobile or computer

Phone #: (352)371-6792

Address: 1125 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

Counties served: A/B

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

## **Burial/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 .

Eligibility:

Proof of identity (driver's license, photo I.D.);

Proof of residency (Lease or Shelter Statement, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification or award notice, letter from provider agency);

Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Residency;

Proof of gross income/assets for all household members for past 60 days -- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help;

Status of any other assistance applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Victim Of Crimes);

Status of any pending legal action

Phone#: (352) 264-6750

Address: 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

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

Counties: A

Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>

## **Child Abuse, Adoption Services, & Parenting Support and Education**

### **Child Abuse Prevention Project – Nurturing Program**

Service: Provides voluntary, free in-home parent education, supporting services, & case management to families at risk for child abuse & 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 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32608

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

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

Website: [www.capp.peds.ufl.edu](http://www.capp.peds.ufl.edu)

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

Service: Provides adoption services, in-home family support services & parenting skills, and family visitation center supervision

Eligibility: Must be referred by Department of Children & Families (adjudicated dependent)

Phone #: (352)334-0955

Address: 605 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org)

**Department of Children & 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 hours/7 days  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse)

**Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County**

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5 yrs, Resource & Referral program assists parents in finding child care providers & funding child care services, offers health & developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops  
Eligibility: Resource & Referral program is free to ALL parents; children ages birth – 5 yrs are eligible for services  
Phone #: (352)375-4110  
Address: 4424 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-F 7:30am-5:00pm (general information), Resource & Referral information available M-F 7:30am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.elcalachua.org](http://www.elcalachua.org)

**Family Source of Florida Parent Helpline**

Service: Offers immediate assistance to stressed & overwhelmed parents/caregivers regarding parental responsibilities or specific behaviors of children, provides support to survivors of child abuse or incest  
Eligibility: Parents, adult survivors of abuse  
Phone #: (800) FLA-LOVE  
Address: 345 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301  
Hours: 24 hours/7 days  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

**Healthy Families**

Service: Provides a voluntary home visitation program to facilitate positive relationships between parents & children, to promote healthy child development, & to provide links to other support services  
Eligibility: Services may begin pre-natally & end when children are between 3-5 yrs  
Phone #: (352)392-4491  
Address: 5009 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32605  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: A/D/G/L/P  
Website: [www.healthyfamiliesfla.org](http://www.healthyfamiliesfla.org)

**Healthy Start of North Central Florida, Inc.**

Service: Provides childbirth & parenting education, nutritional guidance & education, breastfeeding support & education, smoking cessation support, care coordination, & 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 80<sup>th</sup> Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606 (regional office), 224 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641 (at the Alachua County Health Department)

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

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

Website: [www.healthystartflorida.com](http://www.healthystartflorida.com), [www.wellflorida.org](http://www.wellflorida.org)

**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 & Families

Phone #: (352)244-1500

Address: 515 N Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

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

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

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

Service: Provides nutritional education & counseling, breastfeeding support, health care referrals, & food and food vouchers (including baby formula, juice, items from local farmers' markets),

Eligibility: Pregnant women & the legal guardians of children under 5 yrs, must meet specific income guidelines

Phone #: (352)392-4493 ext. 231 (in Alachua County), (800)4WI-CKID (outside of Alachua County); must call to schedule an appointment to determine eligibility

Address: 5009 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32605 (Administrative office-- NOT a pick-up center)

Hours: M-Th 7:30am-5:30pm, F 8:30am-4:00pm, closed the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month

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

Website: [www.wic.ufl.edu](http://www.wic.ufl.edu)

## **Child & Adult Education Services**

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

Service: Facilitates enrollment, and provides educational support for homeless children in Alachua County.

Eligibility:

Phone #: (352) 955-7671 ext. 274

Fax: (352) 955-7129

Address: 1817 E. University Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours:

**Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County**

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5 yrs, Resource & Referral program assists parents in finding child care providers & funding child care services, offers health & developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops

Eligibility: Resource & Referral program is free to ALL parents; children ages birth – 5 yrs are eligible for services

Phone #: (352)375-4110

Address: 4424 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-F 7:30am-5:00pm (general information), Resource & Referral information available

M-F 7:30am-5:00pm

Counties served: A

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

**K-12 Public Schools (Listed by county):**

**School Board of Alachua County**

Service: Provides education at public schools  
Eligibility: All school-aged children in Alachua County  
Phone #: (352)955-7300  
Address: 620 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu)

**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), Voluntary Pre-K (increases school readiness in children from economically disadvantaged families; state-funded), & School Readiness programs  
Eligibility: Head Start-- pregnant women living in Alachua County & their children up to 5 yrs old; Voluntary Pre-K & School Readiness-- 3 - 4-yr-old children; all programs are based on income & family size  
Phone #: (352)955-6875  
Address: 3600 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.sbac.edu/~famsvcs](http://www.sbac.edu/~famsvcs)

**Bradford County School District**

Service: Provides education at public schools  
Eligibility: All school-aged children in Bradford County  
Phone #: (904)966-6800  
Address: 501 W Washington Street, Starke, FL 32091  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: B  
Website: [www.mybradford.us](http://www.mybradford.us)

**Dixie County School District**

Service: Provides education at public schools  
Eligibility: All school-aged children in Dixie County  
Phone #: (352)498-6131  
Address: 16077 SE Highway 19, #2, Cross City, FL 32628  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: D  
Website: [www.dixie.k12.fl.us/](http://www.dixie.k12.fl.us/)

**Gilchrist County School District**

Service: Provides education at public schools  
Eligibility: All school-aged children in Gilchrist County  
Phone #: (352)463-3200, (800)884-9131  
Address: 310 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Trenton, FL 32693  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: G  
Website: [www.gilchristschools.org](http://www.gilchristschools.org)

**School Board of Levy County**

Service: Provides education at public schools

Eligibility: All school-aged children in Levy County  
Phone #: (352)486-5231  
Address: 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, FL 32621  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Website: [www.levy.k12.fl.us](http://www.levy.k12.fl.us)

**Putnam County School District**

Service: Provides education at public schools  
Eligibility: All school-aged children in Putnam County  
Phone #: (386)329-0510  
Address: 200 S 7th Street, Palatka, FL 32177  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: P  
Website: [www.putnamschools.org](http://www.putnamschools.org)

**Union County School District**

Service: Provides education at public schools  
Eligibility: All school-aged children in Union County  
Phone #: (386)496-2045  
Address: 55 SW 6th Street, Lake Butler , FL 32054  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: U  
Website: [www.union.k12.fl.us](http://www.union.k12.fl.us)

**Alachua County Adult Education Program**

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

**Gainesville Job Corps Center**

Service: Offers GED & charter high school classes and residential & 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 40<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (residential facility operates 24 hours/7 days)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://atlantaregion.jobcorps.gov/jcCenters/gainesvilleJCC.html>

**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)395-5444 (admissions)  
Address: 3000 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bldg. #V17, Gainesville, FL 32606  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.sfcc.edu](http://www.sfcc.edu)

**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)  
Address: P.O. Box 114000, Gainesville, FL 32611 (201 Criser Hall)  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)

## **Clothing, Furniture, & Household Items**

### **Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville**

Service: Provides donated clothing  
Eligibility: Very needy, indigent families  
Phone #: (352)372-0294  
Address: 1717 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm, F 9:00am-12:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U  
Website: [www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org)

### **Catholic Charities - Putnam County Office**

Service: Provides donated clothing  
Eligibility: Needy families  
Phone #: (386)328-2333  
Address: 1000 Husson Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177  
Hours: M,W 9:30am-1:30pm  
Counties served: P

### **Christians Concerned for the Community**

Service: Provides household furnishings case-by-case, and medical supplies (i.e. walkers, wheelchairs) as available  
Eligibility: Needy families, particularly those in immediate transition from homelessness  
Phone #: (352)371-1768  
Address: 1903 NW 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm; director will schedule on-site house calls in Alachua County  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.cccgainesville.org](http://www.cccgainesville.org)

### **First United Methodist Church of Interlachen Thrift Shop**

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

### **Gainesville Community Ministry**

Service: Provides vouchers for clothing & household items for local thrift stores  
Eligibility: Low-income individuals & families, including elderly, disabled, working poor, and those receiving public assistance. Must have photo I.D. and Social Security Card.  
Phone #: (352)372-8162  
Address: 238 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-2:45pm; must call Th to schedule appointment  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.betterday.org](http://www.betterday.org)

**Goodwill Industries of North Florida**

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing, furniture, & household items

Eligibility: Everyone

Phone #: (352)376-9041

Address: 3520 SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32608

Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-7:00pm, Sun 12:00pm-5:00pm

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

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

**Hospice Attic Thrift Store**

Service: Offers low-cost children's and adults' clothing, Accepts vouchers from Department of Children and Families.

Eligibility: Anyone

Phone #: (352) 373-3392

Address: 300 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville

Hours: M-Sat, 9am – 6pm

Counties Served: A

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

**Junior League Thrift Shop**

Service: Offers low-cost used clothing & other items

Eligibility: Everyone can purchase; free with agency referral

Phone #: (352)372-1710

Address: 430 N Main Street, #A, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:30pm

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

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

**Lake Area Ministries**

Service: Provides vouchers/referrals to acquire clothing

Eligibility: Individuals & families in poverty; must prove residence with Clay Electric bill

Phone #: (352)473-2846

Address: 330 SE Palmetto Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm

Counties served: A/B/P

**Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.**

Service: Clothes closet and food pantry; Transitional housing, emergency shelter, case management and a variety of 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)336-0200

Address: 3019 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Way, Box 5 , Gainesville , FL 32609 / Mail: P.O. Box 5163 , Gainesville , FL 32627

Hours: By Appointment Only

Counties served: A

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

**Lee Conlee House, Inc. Thrift Store**

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing & household items

Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items

Phone #: (386)325-4447

Address: 124 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177

Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm, Sat 10:00am-5:00pm

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

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

**Outreach Thrift Shop**

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing & other items  
Eligibility: Everyone  
Phone #: (352)371-2245  
Address: 125 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 5, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-Sat 9:30am-6:00pm, Sun 1:30pm-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

**Peaceful Paths Thrift Shop**

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing & other household items  
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase; those in need can receive vouchers from Peaceful Paths Outreach Office  
Phone #: (352)379-3133  
Address: 2131 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: W-F 9:00am-6:00pm, Sat 9:00am-2:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.peacefulpaths.org](http://www.peacefulpaths.org)

**St. Vincent De Paul Society of St Monica's**

Service: Provides used clothing  
Eligibility: Needy individuals & families  
Phone #: (386)684-2797  
Address: 111 N Francis Street, Interlachen, FL 32148  
Hours: T, Th-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

**The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store**

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing, furniture, & other household items  
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items; voucher applications are available at the Salvation Army Social Services department  
Phone #: (352) 373-7597  
Address: 55 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:45pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.salvationarmygainesville.com](http://www.salvationarmygainesville.com)

**Tri-County Outreach Thrift Shop**

Service: Provides clothing for \$1 or less per item, or free to the homeless  
Eligibility: Very needy persons living in the tri-county area (Dixie, Gilchrist, & Levy Counties) or homeless persons  
Phone #: (352)493-2310  
Address: 708 N Main Street, Chiefland, FL 32626  
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm  
Counties served: D/G/L

**United Christian Services of Dixie County**

Service: Provides free used clothing  
Eligibility: Low-income individuals & families and elderly persons, must prove residency in Dixie County  
Phone #: (352)498-5702  
Address: 251 Cedar Street, Cross City, FL 32628  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:30pm, Th 5:00pm-8:00pm  
Counties served: D

## **Crisis & Transitional Counseling**

**See also: Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Intervention Services, & 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 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: 24 hours/7 days

Counties served: A

Website: [www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/crisis/](http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/crisis/)

### **CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Family Action Program**

Service: Provides free, non-residential, short-term counseling for troubled youth ages 6-17 yrs & their families

Eligibility: Youth must be runaway, truant, ungovernable, or homeless

Phone #: (352)334-3800 ext. 3813 (central FL), (386)312-2220 (Putnam County)

Address: 1300 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Can call 24 hours/7 days; services offered M-Th 9:00am-8:00pm, F 9:00am-5:00pm

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

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

### **Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville**

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; contact Steve Henneka, LCSW

Address: 1717 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm, F 9:00am-12:00pm (call to schedule an appointment during these hours)

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

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

### **Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. - Crisis Stabilization Unit**

Service: Provides crisis counseling & 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 & Medicare are accepted

Phone #: (352)374-5600 (in Gainesville), (800) 330-5615 (for offices in outlying counties)

Address: 4300 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32608

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (local number), 24 hours/7days (800 #)

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

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

## **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 & children, also extractions, fillings, crowns,

partial/ complete dentures, & outreach education to children  
Eligibility: Low-income, insured or uninsured individuals & families; fees are based on a sliding scale  
Phone #: (352)485-2772  
Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622  
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.acornclinic.org](http://www.acornclinic.org)

**Gainesville Community Ministry Dental Clinic**

Service: Provides teeth cleanings, extractions, & fillings at minimal cost (one-time \$10 registration fee, \$2 per each procedure performed)  
Eligibility: Uninsured Alachua County residents with no income  
Phone #: (352)372-8162  
Address: 238 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-2:30pm (call to schedule an appointment)  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.betterday.org](http://www.betterday.org)

**Santa Fe Community College Dental Clinic**

Service: Provides low-cost dental cleanings (\$20), x-rays (included with first cleaning), & fluoride treatments; half-cost services to Medicaid & Medicare recipients  
Eligibility: Low-income individuals & families  
Phone #: (352)395-5655  
Address: 3000 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bldg W, Room 71, Gainesville, FL 32606  
Hours: M-F vary throughout term (call for updates)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

**UF&Shands Dental Clinic**

Service: Reduced-cost general dental services performed by dental school students (approximately 50% discount from average private practice prices - extractions \$110) s , walk-in emergency clinic;  
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals must be screened before accepted  
Phone #: (352)273-6701  
Address: 1600 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32610  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment - some appointments start at 7:00am)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.ufl.edu/patients/studentdentalclinic.asp](http://www.ufl.edu/patients/studentdentalclinic.asp)

**UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice - Dental Clinic**

Service: Provides low-cost general dentistry services, including cleanings and fillings, also crowns, bridges, partials, & dentures  
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured (Medicaid accepted) individuals & families  
Phone #: (352)265-7025  
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml](http://www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml)

**UF&Shands Family Medicine - Equal Access Clinic**

Service: Provides emergency referrals to UF dental clinic for free services  
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals & families  
Phone #: (352)392-6771  
Address: 625 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>

### **We Care Physician Referral Network - Oral Health Program**

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

Eligibility: Low-income Alachua County residents without access to medical insurance; self-referrals are accepted

Phone #: (352)334-7926

Address: 224 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)

Counties served: A

Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/wecare.htm>

## **Disability Insurance (Social Security) & Services for the Disabled**

### **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, & Prader-Willi Syndrome) are offered living assistance and various services & opportunities

Eligibility: Disabled must apply before eligibility is determined (can apply over the phone)

Phone #: (352)955-6061, (352)955-5332, (888)665-4955

Address: 1621 N Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32609

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

Counties served: A

Website: [www.apd.myflorida.com](http://www.apd.myflorida.com)

### **Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida**

Service: Provides information & referral services, advocacy, peer support, independent living skills program, various education programs, employment services, medical equipment loans, & 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 36<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32607

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

Counties served: A/B/G

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

### **Christians Concerned for the Community**

Service: Provides ramps and other equipment for disabled persons

Eligibility: Disabled persons in need of assistance

Phone #: (352)371-1768

Address: 1903 NW 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm; director makes on-site house calls in Alachua County

Counties served: A

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

### **Florida Division of Blind Services**

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

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

Phone #: (352)955-2075

Address: 417 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U (covered by District 4 office— info listed above; services offered in

Putnam County are covered under different district headquarters)

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

**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

Hours at all locations: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

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

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

***Alachua County***

Phone #: (352)955-3200

Address: 2610 NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 1A, Gainesville, FL 32606

***Bradford County***

Phone #: (904)964-8092

Address: 819 S Walnut Street, Starke, FL 32091

Hours: business hours above, except F 8:00am-3:00pm

***Dixie/Gilchrist/Union/Columbia Counties***

Phone #: (386)754-1675

Address: 1389 US Highway 90 West, Suite 100, Lake City, FL 32055

***Dixie County Satellite Office***

Phone #: (352)542-3373

Address: 25815 SE Highway 19, Old Town, FL 32680

***Putnam County***

Phone #: (386)329-3765

Address: 400 Highway 19 North, Suite 51, Palatka, FL 32177 (in the Palatka Mall)

**Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital)**

Service: Provides medical care, vocational rehabilitation, nursing home facility, and other assistance to armed services veterans with service-related disabilities

Eligibility: Must be a veteran and meet specific eligibility guidelines

Phone #: (352)376-1611

Address: 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608

Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

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

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

**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)

Phone #: (352)375-4178 (local office), (800)772-1213 (Federal office)

Address: 1610 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm

Counties served: A/B/D/G/L at the above location; also an office in Palatka for Putnam & Union Counties

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

**Disaster Assistance**

**Alachua County Office of Emergency Management - Response & Recovery Unit**

Service: Provides large-scale disaster preparedness for hurricanes and other natural disasters, disasters caused by humans, & technological hazards

Eligibility: Alachua County residents (potential disaster victims)  
Phone #: (352)264-6500  
Address: 1100 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/fr/em/](http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/fr/em/)

**North Central Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross**

Service: Provides free food, clothing, & shelter to disaster victims  
Eligibility: Disaster victims in need  
Phone #: (352)376-4669  
Address: 1724 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm (can leave a message 24 hours/7 days)  
Counties served: A/D/G/L  
Website: <http://alachua.redcross.org>

**Domestic Violence Services**

**Another Way, Inc.**

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

**Diversified Program Services, Inc.**

Service: Offers batterers' intervention & 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: 908 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite D, Gainesville, FL 32605  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P  
Website: [www.qminc.net](http://www.qminc.net)

**Lee Conlee House, Inc.**

Service: Provides emergency shelter, support groups, intervention programs, & children's services for domestic violence victims  
Eligibility: Everyone affected by domestic violence  
Phone #: (386)325-3141 (office), (800)326-0919 (helpline)  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 2558, Palatka, FL 32178-2558  
Hours: 24 hours/7 days (helpline)  
Counties served: P  
Website: [www.leeconlee.org](http://www.leeconlee.org)

**Peaceful Paths Domestic Violence Network**

Service: Provides emergency & transitional shelter, support groups, advocacy, children's programs, & batterers' intervention programs those affected by domestic violence  
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 helpline), (800)393-SAFE (hotline that will refer

callers to nearest agency)  
Address: 2100 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32653  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:30pm (office), 24 hours/days (helpline/hotline)  
Counties: A/B/P/U  
Website: [www.peacefulpaths.org](http://www.peacefulpaths.org)

## **Elder Services**

### **Altrusa House of Gainesville**

Service: Provides adult day health care, socialization, safety, full rehabilitation (physical, speech, & occupational therapy), personal care assistance, & caregiver education  
Eligibility: Must be at least 18 yrs old & frail, disabled, elderly, or at-risk  
Phone #: (352)377-7708  
Address: 2002 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605  
Hours: M-F 7:30am-5:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.altrusahouse.org](http://www.altrusahouse.org)

### **Department of Children & Families - Abuse Hotline**

Service: Call to report suspected or confirmed cases of elderly abuse, 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 hours/7 days  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse)

### **ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc.**

Service: Provides advocacy and other home-based & community-based services to maximize independent living, including case management, respite care, blind services, adult day health care, Meals on Wheels, personal care, transportation, & legal services  
Eligibility: Alachua County residents age 60 yrs+  
Phone #: (352)265-9040  
Address: 4026 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Drive, Gainesville, FL 32605  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.shands.org/public/programs/eldercare/default.asp](http://www.shands.org/public/programs/eldercare/default.asp)

### **Elder Helpline of Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging**

Service: Provides information & referrals to link callers to local resources regarding issues on aging & 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 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 222, Gainesville, FL 32608  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (answering service receives after-hours calls)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.mfaaa.org](http://www.mfaaa.org)

### **Florida Department of Elder Affairs - Community Care for the Elderly**

Service: Provides case management, home health aide services, counseling, medical therapeutic care, & adult day health care  
Eligibility: Persons age 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  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/english/cce.html>

## **Employment Services & Job Skills Training**

### **The Dignity Project**

Service: Provides job skills training programs  
Eligibility: Needy adults who are seeking skilled employment  
Phone #: (352)371-6792  
Address: 1125 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B  
Website: [www.dignityproject.com](http://www.dignityproject.com)

### **Displaced Homemaker Program: Focus on the Future – Santa Fe Community College**

Services: Provides life management skills, employability skills, basic computer skills, group support, career exploration, financial management training, & GED classes (all training is free of charge)  
Eligibility: Must meet the following criteria-- 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  
Phone #: (352)395-5047  
Address: 3000 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bldg M-143, Gainesville, FL 32606  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U (client must have transportation to attend classes)  
Website: <http://admin.sfcc.edu/~DispHome/index.htm>

### **FloridaWorks/One-Stop Career Center - Gainesville**

Service: Provides career counseling, workshops/assessments, resume & interview assistance, job leads, funding for job training, support services, & phones, computers, and supplies for jobseekers; services are free of charge  
Eligibility: Every county resident looking for employment  
Phone #: (352)955-2245  
Address: 4800 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32608  
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-5:00pm, F 8:00am-3:00pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.floridaworksonline.com](http://www.floridaworksonline.com)

### **FloridaWorks/One-Stop Career Center - Starke**

Service: Provides career counseling, workshops/assessments, resume & interview assistance, job leads, funding for job training, support services, & phones, computers, and supplies for jobseekers; services are free of charge  
Eligibility: Every county resident looking for employment  
Phone #: (904)964-8092  
Address: 819 S Walnut Street, Starke, FL 32091  
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-5p, F 8:00am-3:00pm  
Counties served: B  
Website: [www.floridaworksonline.com](http://www.floridaworksonline.com)

### **Gainesville Job Corps Center**

Service: Provides residential & non-residential vocational training facilities for young adults, also GED & 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 40<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (residential facility operates 24 hours/7 days)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://atlantaregion.jobcorps.gov/jcCenters/gainesvilleJCC.html>

### **Goodwill Job Junction - Gainesville**

Service: Assists with job leads, hosts career fairs, provides phones for job searches, helps write resumes, & provides skills training and advice  
Eligibility: Open to anyone seeking assistance finding employment  
Phone #: (352)335-1311, (877)346-3349  
Address: 3520 SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32604  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U  
Website: [www.goodwilljax.org/jobj.html](http://www.goodwilljax.org/jobj.html)

## **Eviction/Foreclosure Prevention**

### **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:

Proof of identity (driver's license, photo I.D.);

Proof of residency (Lease or Shelter Statement, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification or award notice, letter from provider agency);

Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Residency;

Proof of gross income/assets for all household members for past 60 days -- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help;

Status of any other assistance you have applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Victim Of Crimes);

Status of any pending legal action

Phone#: (352) 264-6750

Address: 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

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

Counties: A

Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>

## **Eyeglasses & Vision Care**

### **Alachua County Social Services**

Service: Provides vision exams & eyeglasses at low-cost

Eligibility: Must be an Alachua County resident & meet financial guidelines

Phone #: (352)264-6750

Address: 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

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

Counties: A

Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>

### **Gainesville Community Ministry Vision Clinic**

Service: Provides eye exams & reconditioned eyeglasses free of charge

Eligibility: Uninsured Alachua County residents with no income

Phone #: (352)372-8162  
Address: 238 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-2:30pm (call to schedule an appointment)  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.betterday.org](http://www.betterday.org)

**Helping Hands Clinic**

Service: Provides referrals for eye exams & eyeglasses  
Eligibility: Homeless, indigent, or very needy individuals  
Phone #: (352)376-1743  
Address: First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1<sup>st</sup> St., Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M 5:00pm-7:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website:

**Family Planning/Birth Control & 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: Supplies contraceptives, gynecological services, Women's Breast Health Education Outreach Program  
Eligibility: Insured or uninsured low-income individuals & families who are unable to pay for medical expenses, fees are based on a sliding scale  
Phone #: (352)485-1133  
Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622  
Hours: M, W, Th 8:30am-5:00pm, T 8:30am-8:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/U  
Website: [www.acornclinic.org](http://www.acornclinic.org)

**Alachua County Health Department**

Service: Provides contraceptives & family planning services, STD screenings, & maternity care  
Eligibility: Clients must meet financial guidelines; fees based on sliding scale  
Phone #: (352)334-7900  
Address:  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua)

**All Women's Health Center**

Service: Provides low-cost birth control & other family planning, STD screenings, pregnancy testing, gynecological care, and abortion services  
Eligibility: Insured or uninsured women  
Phone #: (352)378-9191  
Address: 1135 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite N, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat 8:30am-12:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.floridaabortion.com](http://www.floridaabortion.com)

**MomCare**

Service: Focuses on prenatal care management to improve birth & 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 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641 (at the Alachua County Health Department)  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/momcare.htm>

**Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, Inc.**

Service: Provides contraceptives & family planning services, gynecological services, pregnancy testing, referrals for prenatal care, & STD screenings  
Eligibility: Everyone; fees based on sliding scale  
Phone #: (352)377-0881  
Address: 914 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M, W, F 9:00am-5:00pm, T 10:00am-6:00pm, Th 11:00am-7:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.ppnfc.org](http://www.ppnfc.org)

**UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice**

Service: Provides contraceptives & other medical services  
Eligibility: Some insurance is accepted; unemployed, uninsured patients may apply for discount  
Phone #: (352)265-7020  
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside/shtml](http://www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside/shtml)

**Women's Resource Center**

Service: Provides information & counseling on unplanned or unwanted pregnancies, ultrasound, & free pregnancy testing  
Eligibility: Pregnant women  
Phone #: (352)377-4947  
Address: 912 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 10:00am-3:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.yourwrc.org](http://www.yourwrc.org)

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

**Alachua County Social Services**

Service: Provides assistance with rent & mortgage to prevent evictions & foreclosure and to prevent homelessness; provides assistance with utility payment to prevent service interruption  
Eligibility: Must be a resident of Alachua County & meet income guidelines  
Phone #: (352)264-6700  
Address: 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A

**Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville**

Service: Provides emergency assistance with rent & utilities payments  
Eligibility: Very needy, indigent families  
Phone #: (352)372-0294  
Address: 1717 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm, F 9:00am-12:00pm  
Counties served: A/U  
Website: [www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org)

**Catholic Charities - Putnam County Office**

Service: Provides partial or full one-time financial assistance for rent or utilities

Eligibility: Needy families with dependent children, indigent elderly individuals (particularly those with special needs); must show social security cards & bill due; must not have received this service within the preceding 12 months

Phone #: (386)328-2333

Address: 1000 Husson Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177

Hours: M,W 9:30am-1:30pm

Counties served: P

**Central Florida Community Action Agency**

Service: Provides direct assistance & referrals for basic needs, including rent, energy payments, transportation, nutrition, & more

Eligibility: Needy families at or below 125%-150% federal poverty level (income requirements depend on specific assistance)

Phone #: (352)378-5892

Address: 1130 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

Counties served: A/L

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

**Department of Children & Families – Economic Self-Sufficiency**

Service: Provides food stamps, Temporary Cash Assistance, & Medicaid assistance

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

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

Address: 1000 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bldg. J, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

Counties served: A (at address listed above), services available statewide, for locations call toll-free number listed above

Website: [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida)

**Gainesville Community Ministry**

Service: Provides security deposit assistance & electricity shut-off assistance

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

Phone #: (352)372-8162

Address: 238 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 9:00am-2:45pm (general office hours); call on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month for housing deposit assistance; call Mondays for utility assistance

Counties served: A

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

**St. Vincent De Paul Society of St Monica's**

Service: Provides emergency financial assistance with rent & energy bills

Eligibility: Indigent, needy families

Phone #: (386)684-2797

Address: 111 N Francis Street, Interlachen, FL 32148

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

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

**The Salvation Army**

Service: Provides utility payment assistance for past due accounts subject to immediate disconnection

Eligibility: Needy families & individuals; for Gainesville Regional Utilities: one household member must be 60 yrs+, or be diagnosed with a physical disability that requires electricity to operate medical equipment, or meet the requirements of the SHARE program contract, and not have received this service during the preceding 12 months; for Clay Utilities & FL Power & Light: must meet requirements for the SHARE program contract, must prove crisis situation, & prove the ability to pay the next month's bill

Phone #: (352)376-1743  
Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-11:30am, 1:00pm-3:30pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.salvationarmygainesville.com](http://www.salvationarmygainesville.com)

**Suwannee River Economic Council**

Service: Provides funds for utility payments, rent, & home repairs  
Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation, & copies of current utilities bill  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: B/D/G/L/P/U

***Bradford County***

Phone #: (904)964-6696  
Address: 104-4 LM Gaines Blvd., Starke, FL 32091

***Dixie County***

Phone #: (352)498-5018  
Address: 357 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cross City, FL 32628

***Gilchrist County***

Phone #: (352)463-2940  
Address: 129 Wade Street, Trenton, FL 32693

***Levy County***

Phone #: (352)493-6709; (352)528-2125  
Address: 301 SW 1st Street, Chiefland, FL 32626; 516 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Williston, FL 32696

***Putnam County***

Phone #: (386)329-8963  
Address: 312 Highway 19 Plaza, Palatka, FL 32177

***Union County***

Phone #: (386)496-2342  
Address: 855 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lake Butler, FL 32054

**Food; Groceries**

**American Red Cross**

Service: Food voucher for disaster/fire victims  
Eligibility: Disaster victim – proof of residency, damage assessment and I.D.  
Phone#: 376-4669 376-4669  
Hours: 24/7  
Counties: A, C, D, G, H, L, L, S  
Website: no

**Bread of the Mighty Food Bank**

Service: serves non-profit food distributors  
Eligibility: incorporated non-profits - social services, shelters, retirement homes, asst'd living facilities  
Phone#: 336-0839  
Address: 325 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Hours: M-F 9-2 for agencies, 9-4 for donations; Sat 9-noon  
Counties Served: A, D, G, L, Lafayette  
Website: [www.breadofthemighty.org](http://www.breadofthemighty.org)

**Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville**

Service: Food pantry  
Eligibility: Needy families & individuals  
Phone #: (352)372-0294

Address: 1717 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm, F 9:00am-12:00pm  
Counties served: A/B//L  
Website: [www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org)

**Catholic Charities, Inc. of High Springs**

Services: Food Pantry - also clothing and furniture when available  
Eligible: anybody needing emergency food  
Phone: (386) 454-1000  
Address: 15 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, High Springs  
Hours: M-F, 8am-12 and 1-3pm  
Counties: A and G  
Website: [www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org)

**Catholic Charities - Putnam County Office**

Service: Provides food bags  
Eligibility: Needy families & individuals  
Phone #: (386)328-2333  
Address: 1000 Husson Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177  
Hours: M,W 9:30am-1:30pm  
Counties served: P

**Gainesville Community Ministry - Food Pantry**

Service: Food pantry  
Eligibility: Needy families & individuals, including the elderly, disabled, those on public assistance, & the working poor  
Phone #: (352)372-8162  
Address: 238 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-2:45pm  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.betterday.org](http://www.betterday.org)

**Gainesville Harvest**

Service: Provides agencies and community groups with food for distribution  
Eligibility: Agencies/Food Kitchens, and Needy individuals & families with an agency referral  
Phone #: (352)378-3663  
Email: [grammvp2003@yahoo.com](mailto:grammvp2003@yahoo.com)  
Address: 703 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F, 8am-5pm  
Counties served: A, B, G, L, D,  
Website: [www.gainesvilleharvest.com](http://www.gainesvilleharvest.com)

**Lake Area Ministries**

Service: Food pantry  
Eligibility: Individuals & families in poverty; must prove residence with Clay Electric bill and have photo I.D. & social security card  
Phone #: (352)473-2846  
Address: 330 SE Palmetto Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/P

**Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.**

Service: Clothes closet and food pantry; Transitional housing, emergency shelter, case management and a variety of 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)336-0200

Address: 3019 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Way, Box 5 , Gainesville , FL 32609 / Mail: P.O. Box 5163 , Gainesville , FL 32627

Hours: By Appointment Only

Counties served: A

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

### **Lisa Jones House**

Services: Bread and clothing. Also available – Furniture, Appliances, Household items, Car Washing and Detailing

Eligibility: People in need

Phone #: (352) 371-2487

Email: [lisajoneshouse@doveworld.org](mailto:lisajoneshouse@doveworld.org)

Address: 5805 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Street (off NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave at Mile Run)

Hours: Tuesday through Friday 9am-4pm., and Friday and Sunday after church services

Counties Served: A

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

### **The Salvation Army**

Service: Food Pantry

Eligibility: Any needy people

Phone#: 376-1743 ext. 308

Email: [monique@nique1216@aol.com](mailto:monique@nique1216@aol.com)

Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: 8:30 – 2 pm M-F

Counties: A

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

### **SHARE Florida Food Network**

Service: Provides a community food savings program in which 2 hours of volunteer work is exchanged for significant savings on food items (monthly food baskets are \$18)

Eligibility: Open to the public with no income requirements, must be able to volunteer for 2 hours on designated day

#### ***Main Office***

Phone #: (800)536-3379 (call for regional locations)

Address: 1405 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

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

Counties served: A/L are included in the program

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

### **St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Monica's**

Service: Food pantry

Eligibility: Needy individuals & families

Phone #: (386)684-2797

Address: 111 N Francis Street, Interlachen, FL 32148

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

Counties served: P

### **Suwannee River Economic Council**

Service: Provides USDA food commodities every other month, including items such as butter, pork, flour, cornmeal, & green beans

Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation, & copies of current utilities bill to show residency

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

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

***Bradford County***

Phone #: (904)964-6696  
Address: 104-4 LM Gaines Blvd., Starke, FL 32091

***Dixie County***

Phone #: (352)498-5018  
Address: 357 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cross City, FL 32628

***Gilchrist County***

Phone #: (352)463-2940  
Address: 129 Wade Street, Trenton, FL 32693

***Levy County***

Phone #: (352)493-6709; (352)528-2125  
Address: 301 SW 1st Street, Chiefland, FL 32626; 516 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Williston, FL 32696

***Putnam County***

Phone #: (386)329-8963  
Address: 312 Highway 19 Plaza, Palatka, FL 32177

***Union County***

Phone #: (386)496-2342  
Address: 855 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lake Butler, FL 32054

**Tri-County Outreach Food Pantry**

Service: Food pantry  
Eligibility: Very needy persons living in the tri-county area (Dixie, Gilchrist, & Levy Counties) or homeless persons  
Phone #: (352)493-2310  
Address: 708 N Main Street, Chiefland, FL 32626  
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm  
Counties served: D/G/L

**United Christian Services of Dixie County**

Service: Food pantry box every 3 months, 62+ every other month  
Eligibility: Must reside in Dixie County and have photo I.D.; those under age 62 yrs are eligible to receive a box of food once every 3 months, those 62 yrs+ are eligible to receive a box of food once every other month  
Phone #: (352)498-5702  
Address: 264 NE 210<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cross City, FL 32628  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:30pm, T 5:00pm-9:30pm  
Counties served: D

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

Service: Provides food & food vouchers (including baby formula, juice, items from local farmers' markets), nutritional education & counseling, breastfeeding support, health care referrals  
Eligibility: Pregnant women & the legal guardians of children under 5 yrs, must meet specific income guidelines  
Phone #: (352)392-4493 ext. 231 (in Alachua County), (800)4WI-CKID (outside of Alachua County); must call to schedule an appointment to determine eligibility  
Address: 5009 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32605 (Administrative office-- NOT a pick-up center)  
Hours: M-Th 7:30am-5:30pm, F 8:30am-4:00pm, closed the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U  
Website: [www.wic.ufl.edu](http://www.wic.ufl.edu)

**Food; Meals**

**Bread of Life**

Service: Provides daily lunches

Eligibility: Everyone  
Phone #: (386)328-0213  
Address: 320 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Palatka, FL 32177  
Hours: Lunch is served daily from 11:30am-12:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

**Fire of God Ministries**

Service: Provides food & fellowship; dinner & church service every Saturday at 7:00pm at address listed below, also at venue on SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue & in Southern Pines neighborhood (call for these addresses); dinner & church service every Monday at 7:00pm at the Downtown Community Plaza; breakfast & bible study every Friday at 10:30am at address listed below; bus service from the Salvation Army & St. Francis House to & from services is provided (call for details)

Eligibility: Everyone  
Phone #: (352)375-0200  
Address: 1414 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Bldg. G, Gainesville, FL 32609  
Hours: (listed above)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

**Food Not Bombs**

Service: Provides free vegan & vegetarian meals  
Eligibility: Everyone  
Address: Downtown bus transfer station  
Hours: Serving at 3pm on Sat; preparing food 1:00pm-2:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

**Gator Homeless Coalition**

Service: Weekly dinner at Gainesville Downtown Plaza  
Eligibility: Anyone  
Phone #: (352) 215-5602  
Address: SE 2<sup>nd</sup> and University Ave, Gainesville  
Hours: Wed 7pm

**Holy Trinity Episcopal**

Service: Friday Dinner and Sunday Breakfast  
Eligibility: Anyone  
Phone #: (352) 372-4721  
Address: 100 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Gainesville  
Hours: Friday 6pm, Sunday 7am

**Lisa Jones House**

Service: Meals on Saturday and Sunday;  
Eligibility: People in need  
Phone #: (352) 371-2487  
Email: lisajoneshouse@doveworld.org  
Address: 5805 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Street (off NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave at Mile Run)  
Hours: Saturday 10:30am – 12pm; Sunday after morning service  
Counties Served: A  
Website: [www.doveworld.org](http://www.doveworld.org)

**Showers of Blessing**

Service: weekly transportation to lunch meal  
Eligibility: Anyone  
Phone #: (352) 375-3589  
Address: St Francis House pickup – 413 South Main Street; Church location – 2615 SE 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Hours: Thursday noon

**Sister Hazel**

Service: Dinner four nights per week

Eligibility: Anyone

Address: West University Ave at 6<sup>th</sup> St (Florida Office Supply parking lot)

Hours: MWF 8:30 pm, also Sunday at St Francis House

**St. Francis House**

Service: Provides daily lunches

Eligibility: Any needy persons

Phone #: (352)378-9079

Address: 413 S Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Lunch is served from 10:30am-12:50pm daily

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

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

**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 Plaza and other locations

Hours: Tuesday at 7pm and Thursday at 5:30pm

Counties Served: A

**The Salvation Army**

Service: Provides dinners daily

Eligibility: Any needy persons

Phone #: (352)376-1743

Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Dinner is served from 4:00pm-5:00pm daily

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

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

**Warriors for Christ**

Service: Sunday dinner

Eligibility: Anyone

Address: Meal served at Gainesville Downtown Plaza, business address - 102 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

Hours: 4pm

Phone #: (352) 374-8734

**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)334-7900

Address: 224 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

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

Counties served: A

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

**Alachua County Office of Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center**

Service: Provides free comprehensive services, including immediate outreach, face-to-face & telephone counseling, support groups, transportation & accompaniment to legal proceedings, advocacy, & 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 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: 24 hours/7 days

Counties served: A

Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/vicserv/>

**Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, Inc.**

Service: Provides anonymous HIV testing

Eligibility: Open to the public; optional \$20 donation

Phone #: (352)377-0881

Address: 914 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Testing hours are W 9:00am-12:00pm; can call to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are accepted

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

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

**UF&Shands Family Medicine - Equal Access Clinic**

Service: Provides anonymous HIV counseling & testing

Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured persons

Phone #: (352)392-6771

Address: 625 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:30pm

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

Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>

## **Infant Necessities**

**Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville**

Service: Provides diapers, infant formula, & food

Eligibility: Needy families

Phone #: (352)372-0294

Address: 1717 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm, F 9:00am-12:00pm

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

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

**Christians Concerned for the Community**

Service: Provides diapers, baby furniture, & other household items

Eligibility: Needy families

Phone #: (352)371-1768

Address: 1903 NW 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm; director will schedule on-site house calls in Alachua County

Counties served: A

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

**The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store**

Service: Provides low-cost infant clothing

Eligibility: Needy families may qualify for clothing vouchers

Phone #: (352)373-7597

Address: 55 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:45pm; 1p-3:30p

Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.salvationarmygainesville.com](http://www.salvationarmygainesville.com)

**Women's Resource Center**

Service: Provides maternity & infant clothing and other baby items  
Eligibility: Pregnant women  
Phone #: (352)377-4947  
Address: 912 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 10:00am-3:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.yourwrc.org](http://www.yourwrc.org)

**Law Enforcement Services**

**Alachua County Sheriff's Victim Advocate Unit**

Service: Twenty-four hour first response, emotional support, information and referral and follow-up assistance to victims of crime that are reported to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office; 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; Other Non-Violent Crime Victims  
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 7:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Counties Served: Alachua  
Website: [www.alachuasheriff.org](http://www.alachuasheriff.org)

**Gainesville Police Department**

Service: temporary warrant clearances for those needing shelter, call response for emergencies, and community crime prevention training.  
Eligibility: Any person  
Phone #: emergencies call 911, other calls (352) 334-2411  
Address: 721 NW 6th St, Gainesville  
Counties Served: Alachua  
Website: [www.gainesvillepd.org](http://www.gainesvillepd.org)

**Legal Services**

**Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc.**

Service: Provides free civil & legal (not criminal) representation for detainees  
Eligibility: Must currently be incarcerated in the state of Florida in jail, prison, or mental health facility  
Phone #: (352)375-2494  
Address: 1010 B NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.prisonet.com](http://www.prisonet.com)

**Three Rivers Legal Services**

Service: Provides low-cost or free legal assistance with matters of consumer rights, housing conflicts, family law (including domestic violence & child custody), public benefits, & will and probate  
Eligibility: Low-income individuals & families with incomes at or below 125% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients

Phone #: (352)372-0519  
Address: 901 NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U  
Website: [www.trls.org](http://www.trls.org)

**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 Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20507  
Hours: 24 hours/7 days for recorded answers to frequently asked questions; representatives are available M-F 8:00am-8:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

**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 seven-county area 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 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

**Bradford County Health Department**

Phone #: (904)964-7732  
Address: 1801 N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091

**Dixie County Health Department**

Phone #: (352)498-1360  
Address: 149 NE 241<sup>st</sup> Street, Cross City, FL 32628

**Gilchrist County Health Department**

Phone #: (352)463-3120  
Address: 119 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Trenton, FL 32693

**Levy County Health Department**

Phone #: (352)486-5300  
Address: 66 West Main Street, Bronson, FL 32621

**Putnam County Health Department**

Phone #: (386)326-3200  
Address: 2801 Kennedy Street, Palatka, FL 32177

**Union County Health Department**

Phone #: (386)496-3211  
Address: 495 East Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054

**Medical Services – General Practitioners/Family Practice**

**Alachua County Department of Social Services**

Eligibility:

Proof of identity (driver's license, photo I.D.);

Proof of residency (Lease or Shelter Statement, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification or award notice, letter from provider agency);

Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Residency;

Proof of gross income/assets for all household members for past 60 days -- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help;

Status of any other assistance you have applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Victim Of Crimes);

Status of any pending legal action

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

Phone#: (352) 264-6750

Address: 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

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

Counties: A

Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>

**ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic**

Service: Provides low-cost primary and preventive medical care, including pediatrics

Eligibility: Insured or uninsured low-income individuals & families who are unable to pay for medical expenses; fees are based on a sliding scale

Phone #: (352)485-1133

Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622

Hours: M, W, Th 8:30am-5:00pm, T 8:30am-8:00pm

Counties served: A/B/U

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

**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 18 yrs with special health care needs; costs based on family's income

Phone #: (352)334-1400

Address: 1701 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bldg. B, Gainesville, FL 32608

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

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

**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 Road, Gainesville, FL 32608

Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

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

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

**UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice**

Service: Provides general family health care  
Eligibility: Some insurance is accepted; unemployed, uninsured patients may apply for discount  
Phone #: (352)265-7020  
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside/shtml](http://www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside/shtml)

**UF&Shands Family Medicine - Equal Access Clinic**

Service: Provides full-range primary & follow-up medical care  
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals & families  
Phone #: (352)392-6771  
Address: 625 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:30pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>

**The Salvation Army - Helping Hands Clinic**

Service: Provides basic medical services to deal with acute & chronic health problems  
Eligibility: Needy individuals  
Phone #: (352)376-1743  
Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M 5:00pm-7:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.salvationarmygainesville.com](http://www.salvationarmygainesville.com)

**We Care Physician Referral Network – Primary Care & 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 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)  
Counties served: A  
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/wecare.htm>

**Mental Health Services**

**See also: Crisis & Transitional Counseling & Victims' Services**

**ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic**

Service: Offers counseling services  
Eligibility: Insured or uninsured low-income individuals & families who are unable to pay for medical expenses, fees are based on a sliding scale  
Phone #: (352)485-1133  
Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622  
Hours: M, W, Th 8:30am-5:00pm, T 8:30am-8:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/U  
Website: [www.acornclinic.org](http://www.acornclinic.org)

**Diversified Program Services, Inc.**

Service: Offers various adult intervention counseling services, including batterers' intervention & anger management  
Eligibility: Court-ordered in Judicial Circuits 7 or 8

Phone #: (352)332-9960, (800)230-1880  
Address: 908 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite D, Gainesville, FL 32605  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P  
Website: [www.qminc.net](http://www.qminc.net)

**Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**

Service: Provides various counseling services, including acute & extended care, addiction services, and children's services based on client's ability to pay  
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 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32608  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (local number), 24 hours/7days (800 #)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/U  
Website: [www.mbhci.org](http://www.mbhci.org)

**The Salvation Army - Helping Hands Clinic**

Service: Provides mental health services  
Eligibility: Indigent or homeless persons in need  
Phone #: (352)376-1743  
Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M 5:00pm-7:00pm (Psychiatry services available every other Monday)  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.salvationarmygainesville.com](http://www.salvationarmygainesville.com)

**UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice**

Service: Provides mental health counseling  
Eligibility: Some insurance is accepted; unemployed, uninsured patients may apply for discount  
Phone #: (352)265-7020  
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U  
Website: [www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside/shtml](http://www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside/shtml)

**Photo Identification Cards**

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

**Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles**

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  
Phone #: (352)955-2111  
Address: 5830 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32653  
Hours: T-F 7:30am-6:00pm  
Counties served: A

**Shelter Services**

**See also: Domestic Violence Services, for victims' shelters**

**General Shelter:**

**Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Service: Provides shelter, care, meals, & case management for homeless children & families

Eligibility: Everyone who needs listed services

Phone #: (352)378-2030

Mailing address: P.O. Box 880, Gainesville, FL 32602-0880, various service sites

Counties served: A

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

**Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.**

Service: Clothes closet and food pantry; Transitional housing, emergency shelter, case management and a variety of 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)336-0200

Address: 3019 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Way, Box 5 , Gainesville , FL 32609 / Mail: P.O. Box 5163 , Gainesville , FL 32627

Hours: By Appointment Only

Counties served: A

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

**St. Francis House**

Service: Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, & permanent supportive housing, as well as a variety of support services

Eligibility: Everyone who is homeless & hungry; families & women with children are given priority; must be single & work 20 hours/week for permanent supportive housing

Phone #: (352)378-9079

Address: 413 S Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Business hours are M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Sat & Sun 8:00am-3:00pm; living facilities operate 24 hours/7 days

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

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

**The 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.

Phone #: (352)376-1743

Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Men must check in by 7:00pm and leave the property by 6:30am (except for Sundays)

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

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

**Youth Shelters:**

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

Service: Provides temporary shelter for runaway youth; provides crisis stabilization, case-planning, & counseling services

Eligibility: Youth must be between 10-17 yrs old

Phone #: (352)334-3833 (Gainesville), (386)312-2220 (Palatka), (800)854-5377 (hotline)

Address: 1300 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601 (main office, not shelter)

Hours: Shelter operates 24 hours/7 days

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

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

### **The PRESERVE**

Service: Provides a residential, independent living skills facility for unaccompanied male youth; services include counseling, medical exams, job skills training, & others

Eligibility: Male youth ages 16-18 yrs who are runaways, termed unadoptable, have been denied access to their homes, have been abandoned, or otherwise have no stable place to live; must be classified "low-risk" and be capable of living independently within 2 yrs

Phone #: (352)372-2549

Address: 703 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Shelter operates 24 hours/7 days

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

### **Shelters for Pregnant or Parenting Mothers:**

#### **Arbor House, Inc.**

Service: Provides transitional housing, education, & support services for adult women and their children in a faith-based environment

Eligibility: Pregnant or parenting adult women

Phone #: (352)371-2229

Mailing address: P.O. Box 12363, Gainesville, FL 32604-0363

Counties served: A

Hours: Operates full-time

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

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Operates full-time

Counties served: A

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

### **Veterans' Shelters**

#### **VETSPACE**

Service: Provides transitional housing & permanent supportive housing along with support services to veterans

Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and be at-risk or homeless

Phone # - 352-244-5106.

Counties served: A

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

#### **VOA**

Service: 18 bed transitional housing; Assistance with employment, case management and partner with the VA to provide medical & mental health services. We have two years to move folks from homeless to being able to function on their own.

Eligibility: Homeless Veterans

Phone#: (352) 377-9440

Email: [dfleming@voa-fla.org](mailto:dfleming@voa-fla.org)

Address: 1307 NW 6th St. #7, Gainesville, FL 32601

Counties Served: primarily A

### **Shelters for the Mentally Ill:**

**Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. - HOPE Program**

Service: Provides 6 beds for transitional housing & support services for the mentally ill homeless

Eligibility: Must be homeless with a diagnosed mental disorder

Phone #: (352) 374-5600 ext. 8912

Address: Main office-- 4300 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32608

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

Counties served: A

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

**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 and a history of using her body sexually in exchange for food, housing, or drugs.

Phone: (352) 514-6792

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 12455, Gainesville, FL 32604

Counties served: Alachua

Hours: Call to schedule interviews and face-to-face appointments.

Website: [chrysaliscomm.org](http://chrysaliscomm.org)

**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 & funds

Eligibility: Must meet federal requirements

Phone #: (352)375-4178 (local office), (800)772-1213 (Federal office)

Address: 1610 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm

Counties served: A/B/D/G/L at the above location; also an office in Palatka for Putnam & Union Counties

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

**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

Address: 2632 NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite A-111, Gainesville, FL 32606

Hours: M-F 2:00pm-5:00pm, Sat 11:00am-2:00pm, hotline 24 hours/7 days

Counties served: A

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

**CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Outpatient Services**

Service: Programs include substance abuse counseling on an individual, family, & 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 & mental health assessments for at-risk youth or youth with drug offenses in Putnam County

Eligibility: Adults must have court referrals; youth-- see above; some services are administered with

sliding-scale fees

Phone #: (352)334-3800 (central FL), (386)312-2220 (Putnam County)

Address: 1300 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Office opens M-F 9:00am-- call for hours services are offered

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

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

**Diversified Program Services, 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, (800)230-1880

Address: 908 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite D, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)

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

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

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

Service: Provides a detoxification unit & substance abuse counseling to promote drug recovery for addicted individuals; STAR program provides these services for mothers

Eligibility: Addicted adults seeking assistance; fees are based on income

Phone #: (352)374-5615

Address: 4400 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32608

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

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

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

**Metamorphosis Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

Service: Provides a long-term, community-based, residential treatment services for adult chronic & 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 violent or sexual offenders admitted chronic drug or alcohol abuse problem; no one convicted of violent or sexual offenses will be admitted

Phone #: (352)955-2450

Address: 4201 SW 21<sup>st</sup> Place, Gainesville, FL 32607

Hours: Facility operates 24 hours/7 days

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

Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/courtserv/metamorphosis.aspx>

**Narcotics Anonymous**

Service: Provides group meetings to facilitate recovery for persons with drug addiction

Eligibility: Any person seeking support to recover from drug addiction

Phone #: (352)376-8008

Mailing address: P.O. Box 12151, Gainesville, FL 32604

Hours: Meetings held daily throughout the week at various locations; call for information

Counties served: A

Website: <http://uncoastna.org>

**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 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

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

## **Transportation Services**

### **Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville**

Service: Provides gas vouchers

Eligibility: Needy individuals & families can inquire

Phone #: (352)372-0294

Address: 1717 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm, F 9:00am-12:00pm

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

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

### **Central Florida Community Action Agency**

Service: Assists with transportation to medical facilities, job interviews, & other social service agencies

Eligibility: Low-income, needy individuals and families; must be at or below 125% of federal poverty level, have proper I.D., & show income documentation

Phone #: (352)373-7667

Address: 1130 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm, F: 8:30am-12:00pm

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

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

### **St. Francis House**

Service: Provides bus passes for job interviews and medical appointments

Eligibility: Needy persons

Phone #: (352)378-9079

Address: 413 S Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 10:00am-3:00pm

Counties served: A (Regional Transit System passes only)

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

### **Suwannee River Economic Council**

Service: Provides transportation to medical appointments & meal sites

Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons without transportation with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation, & 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/D/G

#### ***Bradford County***

Phone #: (904)964-6696

Address: 104-4 LM Gaines Blvd., Starke, FL 32091

#### ***Dixie County***

Phone #: (352)498-5018

Address: 357 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cross City, FL 32628

#### ***Gilchrist County***

Phone #: (352)463-2940

Address: 129 Wade Street, Trenton, FL 32693

## **Veterans' Services**

### **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: Veterans with documented military service, and documented discharge other than “dishonorable,” who have no permanent or stable residence, and want services.  
Phone #: (352)379-7461, or (800)324-8387  
Counties Served: All North Florida and South Georgia

**VETSPACE**

Service: Provides transitional housing & permanent supportive housing along with support services to veterans  
Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and be at-risk or homeless  
Phone #: (352)955-3080  
Counties served: A  
Website: [www.vetspace.org](http://www.vetspace.org)

**VOA**

Service: 18 bed transitional housing; Assistance with employment, case management and partner with the VA to provide medical & mental health services. We have two years to move folks from homeless to being able to function on their own.  
Eligibility: Homeless Veterans  
Phone#: (352) 377-9440  
Email: [dfleming@voa-fla.org](mailto:dfleming@voa-fla.org)  
Address: 1307 NW 6th St. #7, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Counties Served: primarily A

**Victims’ Services**

**Alachua County Office of Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center**

Service: Provides free comprehensive services, including immediate outreach, face-to-face & telephone counseling, support groups, transportation & accompaniment to legal proceedings, advocacy, & 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 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641  
Hours: 24 hours/7 days  
Counties served: A  
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/vicserv/>

**University of Florida Center for Sexual Abuse/Assault Recovery Education (CARE)**

Service: Promotes awareness & recovery of sexual and/or physical abuse through individual and group counseling  
Eligibility: Student female and male survivors of abuse and their significant others, partners, & friends  
Phone #: (352)392-1161  
Address: Several clinics around campus  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm  
Counties served: A (UF students only)  
Website: <http://shcc.ufl.edu>

**Voter Registration**

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

**Supervisor of Elections offices:**

**Alachua County**

Phone #: (352)374-5252

Address: 111 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

**Bradford County**

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

**Dixie County**

Phone #: (352)498-1216  
Address: 214 NE 351 Highway, Suite B, Cross City, FL 32628  
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm

**Gilchrist County**

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

**Levy County**

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

**Putnam County**

Phone #: (386)329-0223  
Address: 107 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Palatka, FL 32177  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

**Union County**

Phone #: (386)496-2236  
Address: 55 W Main Street, Room 106, Lake Butler, FL 32054  
Hours: M-F 8:00am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-5:00pm

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