



# Charlotte County Community Resource Guide

Linking Youth and Families  
to Community Resources

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This guide is not intended to be exhaustive of the programs available in Charlotte County. If you know of a youth program that should be included, please contact us at the address below. The programs listed are provided for information purposes only and inclusion here does not represent an endorsement of the program by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners or the Department of Human Services, Family Services Division. While every effort has been made to include accurate information, programs change from time to time. Parents are advised to contact programs to ensure information is current. Please note that there is a fee for services for many of the programs listed. Parents should inquire about any costs when considering a program for their child or family.

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**2-1-1 Charlotte is an easy-to-dial number to connect with health & human services information as well as community and government agency contact numbers. For information on programs and services not provided in this resource guide, please call 211. Cell phone, TTY users and Charlotte County residents in Englewood, call (941) 205-2161.**

## Programs and Services

### ✦ **AARP Grandparent Information Center**

Phone: 1-800-424-3410

Website: [www.aarp.org/grandparents/](http://www.aarp.org/grandparents/)

Information and referral for grandparents raising grandchildren.

### ✦ **ACLU of Florida**

Phone: (786) 363-2700

(305) 576-1106

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

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

### ✦ **Advocacy Center For Persons With Disabilities**

Phone: (800) 342-0823 Toll Free: Tallahassee

(800) 346-4127 TTD

(850) 488-8640 Fax

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

Provides information, protection and advocacy services and is mandated to ensure and expand the legal rights of individuals with disabilities.

### ✦ **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Phone: (941) 426-7723 24/7 Hotline – Call for nearest location

(941) 426-7655 North Port

(941) 951-6810 24/7 Sarasota

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

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



✦ **Al-Anon & Al-Ateen**

Phone: (888) 425-2666

Website: [www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org)

Provides mutual support and fellowship for people who have been or are affected by a friend or family member with a drinking problem. Member anonymity is maintained.

✦ **American Cancer Society**

992 Tamiami Trail, C-2  
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Phone: (941) 627-3000 Option 2 – Ext. 110

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

An organization that fights cancer through research, education, advocacy and patient services.

✦ **AmeriCorps – Florida State Parks**

District 4 AmeriCorps – Oscar Scherer State Park  
1843 S. Tamiami Trail  
Osprey, FL 34229

Phone: (941) 483-5948

Website: [www.floridastateparks.org/ameriCorps/App.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/ameriCorps/App.cfm)

Provides a work experience for youth age 18 or older within the state parks of Florida. Participants commit to 11 months / 1700 hours of service for which they receive a stipend. Upon completion of service they are eligible for a monetary award for college or vocational school tuition or repayment of student loans. January / February start dates each year.

✦ **Annette Fiedler Counseling**

3432 Depew Ave.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 255-0616

Provides substance abuse counseling program for qualified persons.

✦ **ARC/Florida**

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

Email: [arcoflorida@comcast.net](mailto:arcoflorida@comcast.net)

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

National Advocacy Agency Provides Services to reduce the incidence and limit the consequences of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities through education, awareness, research, advocacy and support of families, friends, and community.

✦ **Autism Society of America**

Phone: (800) 328-8476 Toll Free Hotline  
(301) 657-0881 National Headquarters  
(941) 380-4676 Maureen Morris (**Outreach Chair for Autism Speaks**)

Website: [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)

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

✦ **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida**

1441 Tamiami Trail #357  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 625 – 6164

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

Provides volunteer mentors, family support and youth development programs for at-risk children.

✦ **Birth Defect Research for Children Inc.**

Phone: (407) 566-8304

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

Provides services to parents and professionals caring for children with disabilities.

- ✦ **Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte County, Inc.**  
21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 10  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 235-2472  
Website: [www.bgcofcc.org](http://www.bgcofcc.org)

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

- ✦ **Bread of Life Ministries**  
6454 Scott Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 575-4440

A homeless shelter. Provides services to the indigent.

- ✦ **Bridges Counseling and Educational Services**  
992 Tamiami Trail, Suite B  
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Phone: (941) 889-7800  
(941) 889-7796 Fax  
Email: [www.Bridges4u.com](http://www.Bridges4u.com)

- ✦ **Candlelighters of SW FL, Inc.**

Phone: (800) 738-3588 Toll Free  
(239) 432-2223  
(239) 432-1032 Fax  
Email: [info@candlelightersswfl.org](mailto:info@candlelightersswfl.org)  
URL: [www.candlelightersswfl.org](http://www.candlelightersswfl.org)

Assistance provided for families who have children diagnosed with cancer or blood-related disease.

- ✦ **Center for Abuse & Rape Emergencies, Inc.**  
Punta Gorda, Florida

Phone: (941) 627-6000  
Website: [www.carefl.org](http://www.carefl.org)

Provides counseling, shelter and advocacy to victims of abuse and/or rape and other violent crimes.

✦ **Center for Independent Living of SW Florida**

4300 Kings Highway, Unit 402  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (888) 343-6991

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

Helps people with disabilities achieve and maintain their independence.

✦ **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

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

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

U.S. agency that protects health and safety of all Americans, information on disease and related topics.

✦ **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities**

Phone: (813) 974-2532  
(800) 333-4530 Toll Free for Florida only  
(239) 590-7771 Fort Myers

Email: [card-usf@fmhi.usf.edu](mailto:card-usf@fmhi.usf.edu)

Website: <http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu>

Provides support and assistance for people with autism and related disabilities.

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

1700 Education Avenue  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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

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

Provides mental health services.

✦ **Charlotte County Computer Group Corporation**

2280 Aaron Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

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

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

Promotes computer literacy and education in Charlotte County.

✦ **Charlotte County Court Administration**

350 E. Marion Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

PROGRAMS:

- ***Charlotte County Court Mediation Programs***
- ***Juvenile Arbitration Program***
- ***Domestic Violence/Spouse Abuse***

Phone: (941) 637-2199

Website: [www.co.charlotte.fl.com](http://www.co.charlotte.fl.com)

Clerk of Courts office provides various recording services and handles probate and support payments.

✦ **Charlotte County Family Services Center**

21450 Gibraltar Drive  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 235-0668

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

Provides family support services including after school programs, parenting classes, adult and family literacy, volunteer recruitment and placement, neighborhood revitalization, social services, juvenile diversion and reentry, mental health counseling and referrals.

✦ **Charlotte County Family YMCA**

1777 Tamiami Trail, Suite 501  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 629-0909

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

Provides affordable child care that meets the fundamental needs for growth and development common to all children.

✦ **Charlotte County Fire & EMS**

26571 Airport Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

PROGRAM:

- ***Child Safety Seat Program***

Phone: (941) 833-5600

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

Provides fire and emergency medical services in Charlotte County.

✦ **Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity**

1750 Manzana Avenue  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-3162

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

Builds houses for homeownership for low to very low income families.

✦ **Charlotte County Health Department**

1100 Loveland Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

PROGRAMS:

- ***Communicable Disease Control & Epidemiology***

- ***WIC Nutrition Program***

- ***Health Dept. Clinic in Englewood:***

- ***Health Dept. Clinic in Port Charlotte***

- ***Health Dept. Clinic in Punta Gorda***

Phone: (941) 624-7200

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

Provides preliminary medical care and services for free or according to sliding scale by income.

- ✦ **Charlotte County Health Plus Community Action Inc.**  
3082 Tamiami Trail  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-4343

Provides services to the indigents and homebound seniors in Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.

- ✦ **Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition Inc.**  
17940 Toledo Blade Blvd., Unit A  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
Phone: (941) 764-9700  
Website: [www.charlottecountyhealthystart.com](http://www.charlottecountyhealthystart.com)

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

- ✦ **Charlotte County Homeless Coalition, Inc.**  
**Lighthouse Meals/ Soup Kitchen**  
1476 Kenesaw Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 627-4313

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

Provides services for almost homeless and homeless people. Also offers pregnancy and parenting youth support.

- ✦ **Charlotte County Human Services Department**  
512 East Grace Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 833-6500

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

Provides temporary assistance for eligible Charlotte County residents in the areas of electric, water, food, medical or crisis stabilization.

- ✦ **Charlotte County Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources**  
2300 El Jobean Road  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 625-7529  
Website: [www.charlottecountyfl.com](http://www.charlottecountyfl.com)

Provides recreational activities through parks, libraries, sports complex, historical center and recreational centers throughout Charlotte County.

- ✦ **Charlotte County Public Schools**  
1445 Education Way  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 255-0808  
Website: [www.ccps.k12.fl.us](http://www.ccps.k12.fl.us)

***Adult & Community Education***

*1441 Tamiami Trail, Ste 365, Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
Phone: (941) 255-7555*

***Charlotte County Early Head Start Program***

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

***Charlotte County Even Start***

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

***Charlotte County Head Start***

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

***Child Diagnostic & Learning Resources System***

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

***Children & Families First***

*3131 Lakeview Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
Phone: (941) 255-7480*

***Charlotte Technical Center***



18300 Cochran Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
Phone: (941) 255-7500

**Encore! Job Readiness Workshops**

18300 Toledo Blade Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
Phone: (941) 255-7500

**Exceptional Student Education**

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

**Family Literary Program @ Baker Head Start Center**

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

**Nurturing Dads Initiative @ Family Services Center**

21450 Gibraltar Drive, Ste #4, Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Phone: (941) 764-7070

✦ **Charlotte County Sheriff's Office**

7474 Utilities Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Phone: (941) 639-2101

Website: [www.ccsso.org/divisionsandfacilities/district3.cfm](http://www.ccsso.org/divisionsandfacilities/district3.cfm)

PROGRAMS:

- **Crime Prevention**
- **Finger Printing Program**
- **Fresh Start**
- **Victim's Assistance Program**

Provides prevention programs targeting at-risk youth and first-time offenders. Program exposes youth to conditions associated with living incarcerated. Also provides safety education promoting safe practices and crime prevention.

✦ **Charlotte County Library System**

2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 613-3160

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

Provides youth and family activities and resources. Also provides homework help for teens and events calendar on library web page.

✦ **Charlotte Harbor Diabetes Center**

4369 Tamiami Trail  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (888) 342-2383

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

The Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all affected by diabetes.

✦ **Child Abuse Hotline**

Phone: 1-800-96-ABUSE or 1-800-962-2873

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

Receives reports of child abuse and neglect. Provides information and referrals to enhance the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. Florida law requires certain professionals that know or have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected to report this information to the Department of Children and Families.

✦ **Child Protection Education of America Inc.**

Phone: (866) 872-2445 (866) USA-CHL- Toll Free  
(813) 626-3001  
(813) 626-7511

Website: <http://www.find.missing-children.org/>

Coordinating agency serving missing children, their parents and law enforcement. Assists families in efforts to find missing children.

✦ **Child Support Enforcement Office, Department of Revenue**

Phone: 1-800-622-KIDS or 1-800-622-5437

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

Assists in locating missing parents, determining paternity, establishing medical and financial support orders, and enforcing

support.

✦ **Child Welfare Information Gateway**

Phone: (800) 394-3366 Toll Free  
(703) 385-5685  
(703) 385-3206 Fax  
Email: [info@childwelfare.gov](mailto:info@childwelfare.gov)  
Website: [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov)

Promotes safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families by connecting them to resources that will address the needs of the children and families in the community.

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

Phone: (239) 939-2808  
(239) 939-4794 Fax  
Website: <http://www.cac-swfl.org/>

Child-friendly center for child victims of abuse, prompt access to appropriate services.

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

Phone: (800) 940-0102 Toll Free  
(239) 334-0222 24/7 Emergency Pager  
Email: [info@chsfl.org](mailto:info@chsfl.org)  
Website: [www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org)

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

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

Phone: (239) 226-1524  
(239) 226-1115 Fax  
Email: [info@childnetswfl.org](mailto:info@childnetswfl.org)

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

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

✦ **Children's Rights Council of Florida**

Phone: (800) 787-5437 Toll Free

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

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

National non-profit organization based in Washington, DC that works to assure children meaningful and continuing contact with both their parents and extended family regardless of the parents' marital status.

✦ **Children's Wish Foundation International, Inc**

Phone: (800) 323-9474 Toll Free

Email: [wish@childrenswish.org](mailto:wish@childrenswish.org)

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

The purpose of the foundation is to fulfill the favorite wish of a terminally ill child. All arrangements are made and expenses covered by the foundation. Ex: airline tickets, rental cars, expense money and parental salary lost, as a result of taking time off from work while wish is fulfilled.

✦ **Community Presbyterian Church**

405 South McCall Road  
Englewood, FL 34223

Phone: (941) 474-9579

Provides workshop for pre-school children.

✦ **Community Resource Center**

Phone: (941)276-1240 24/7

(941) 639-3189 Fax

Email: [crc5400@yahoo.com](mailto:crc5400@yahoo.com)

Provides monthly food distribution for all in need. Days and hours vary, call for information.

✦ **Cultural Center of Charlotte County**

2280 Aaron Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-4175

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

Offers various activities, interactive opportunities and classes to the residents of Charlotte County.

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

19500 Cochran Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 613-2000

Website: [www.myflorida.com/cf\\_web](http://www.myflorida.com/cf_web)

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

✦ **Dial-A-Ride**

25490 Airport Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 575-4000

Provides transportation services at low cost to residents of Charlotte County.

✦ **Drug Free Charlotte County**

1445 Education Way, Room 250  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 255-0808, Ext. 3205

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

A Coalition dedicated to eliminating substance abuse in Charlotte County.

- ✦ **Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland**  
3028 Caring Way, Suite #4  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 255-1650  
Website: [www.elcfh.org](http://www.elcfh.org)

Assist parents in locating a legally operating childcare program, financial assistance for childcare (called Scholarship Child Care), and technical assistance to childcare providers.

- ✦ **Easter Seals Florida Inc**

Phone: (800) 221-6827 National Toll Free  
URL: [www.fl.easterseals.com](http://www.fl.easterseals.com)

Provides services to children/adults with disabilities or other special needs and support to families.

- ✦ **Eckerd Youth Alternative, Inc**

Phone: (800) 914-3937 Toll Free- Program Admissions  
(800) 554-4357 Toll Free- Headquarters

Services provided for boys and girls 10-17 with emotional and/or behavioral problems Therapy is conducted in an outdoor setting.

- ✦ **Epilepsy Services of SW Florida**

Phone: (941) 953-5988  
(941) 366-5890 Fax  
Email: [manager@seizuredisorders.org](mailto:manager@seizuredisorders.org)

Provides Direct Services as well as important education and prevention programs to those with Epilepsy, their families, and the general public.

- ✦ **Englewood Four Square Church "Blessing Shop"**  
180 Langsner  
Englewood, FL 34223

Phone: (941) 475-7161

Provides food, clothing and necessities to person in need.

✦ **Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.**

700 East Dearborn Street  
Englewood, FL 34295

Phone: (941) 474-5864

(941) 460-2791 Fax

Website: <http://englewoodhelpinghand.org>

Provides emergency aid with food and payments for rent, utilities on a ONE time basis when referrals to government programs are not available.

✦ **Englewood Meals on Wheels**

400 Loma Linda  
Englewood, FL 34223

Phone: (941) 474-4445

Volunteers prepare and deliver hot, well-balanced meals to homebound residents.

✦ **Family Law Self Help Program**

Phone: (941) 637-2399

(941) 833-3064

Website: [www.ca.cjis20.org](http://www.ca.cjis20.org)

Assists individuals who are representing themselves in family law matters (pro se).

✦ **Family Health Centers of SW Florida**

Phone: (866) 355-2348 Toll Free-Port Charlotte Office

Multi-specialty primary health care provider. Offers comprehensive primary/preventive health care in the specialties of family practice, pediatrics & dental care.

✦ **Family Network on Disabilities of Florida Inc**

Phone: (800) 825-5736 toll Free  
Email: [fnd.@fndfl.org](mailto:fnd.@fndfl.org)  
Website: [www.fndfl.org](http://www.fndfl.org)

Provides information, resources and advocacy training for individuals with disabilities and/or parents of children w/disabilities.

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

Phone: (305) 335-9077  
(305) 259-0084  
(305) 234-4156  
(305) 823-9984  
Email: [info@ffermiami.org](mailto:info@ffermiami.org)  
Website: <http://ffermiami.org>

Assistance provided to fathers in family court.

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

459 Gill Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-3857  
(941) 639-0045 Fax  
Website: [www.fbcpuntagorda.org](http://www.fbcpuntagorda.org)

Provides utility and water bill assistance for the very needy. Food pantry available.

✦ **FISH of Englewood**

Phone: (941) 475-4494

Provides transportation for anyone unable to drive locally to doctor's appointments, stores, banks, etc.



✦ **Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services**

Phone: (800) 654-4440

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

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

✦ **Florida KidCare**

Phone: (888) 540-5437 (toll free)

(877) 316-8748 TTY

(941) 235-0159 Charlotte County hotline

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

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

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

Phone: (850) 922-4324

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

A non profit statewide association that represents several agencies which serve homeless, runaway and troubled youth ages ten and older and their families. Provides many support tools online for parents who are struggling with their children's behavior.

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

Phone: (877) 275-3732

(321) 872-6620

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

Offers support to families who home school to promote the highest quality home education programs. Provides information for families considering home schooling and contacts for local support groups.

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

350 E. Marion Ave., Ste. A1017 & A1018

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 505-9007

(800) 476-8937

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

✦ **Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches**

P.O. Box 2000  
Boys Ranch, FL 32064

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

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

Provides a week-long summer camp for youth ages 10-18. Provides residential programs for at-risk youth ages 8-18. Call the above phone number to determine eligibility. Applications must be approved by the local sheriff.

✦ **Florida Virtual School**

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

Provides a statewide, internet-based public school that offers an online curriculum for middle and high school students.

✦ **Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy**

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

Phone: (904) 682-4032  
(866) 276-9304

Email: [flyca-all@ng.army.mil](mailto:flyca-all@ng.army.mil)

Website: [www.ngycp.org/state/fl/](http://www.ngycp.org/state/fl/)

A 17 ½ month quasi-military training and mentoring program. Assists high school dropouts, expellees and at-risk youth to develop life skills, complete education goals, and develop employment potential.

✦ **For the Love of Kids, Inc.**

Phone: (941) 626-4345

Provides children with diapers, wipes, clothes, food, etc.

✦ **Girls and Boys Town National Hotline**

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

Email: [hotline@girlsandboystown.org](mailto:hotline@girlsandboystown.org)

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

Short-term Crisis Intervention Hotline for Children and families but will serve all ages and situations. Offers referrals to anyone with problems, anytime.

✦ **Good Samaritans of Charlotte County, Inc.**

1105 Taylor Road, Unit M,  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-3335  
(941) 639-3353 Fax

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

Provides emergency assistance to Charlotte County families/individuals in financial need by offering food and financial assistance with utilities, prescription medications.

✦ **Grande Court of North Port**

Phone: (941) 426-6554  
(941) 426-6728 Fax

Email: [northport@calexgroup.com](mailto:northport@calexgroup.com)

Website: <http://grandecourtorthport.com>

Affordable housing (apts). This is not subsidized housing option. Eligible renters must make gross monthly income of at least 2X the monthly rent. Section 8 from Sarasota County may also apply.

- ✦ **Guardian Ad Litem**  
21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 5  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 627-0643

Assigns volunteers to represent abused, neglected and abandoned children in court proceedings.

- ✦ **Hampton Point Apartments**  
2511 Luther Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Phone: (941) 979-1001

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

Provides rental units for low to moderate income families in an “access gated” community.

- ✦ **Health Planning Council of SW Florida Inc**

Phone: (239) 433-6700

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

Provides temporary housing assistance for persons with AIDS, including rental, utilities and transitional housing for HIV/AIDS positive individuals

- ✦ **Healthy Families of Charlotte County**  
21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 9  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 629 – 6477

Provides in-home parenting programs, family support services and parenting classes aimed at preventing child abuse.

✦ **Hearing Impaired Persons of Charlotte County**

25250 Sandhill Boulevard  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Phone: (941) 743-8347

Provides services to individuals who cope with hearing or speech loss by offering information, referral, educational seminars, interpreter services and advocacy.

✦ **Heart of Mercy Ministry**

Port Charlotte, Florida

Phone: (941) 763-2244

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

Provides free food, clothes and some household items for anyone in need.

✦ **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

Phone: (239) 992-3840 Local # for Charlotte County Residents  
(941) 929-0621  
(941) 929-0602

Email: [kmaloney@jdrf.org](mailto:kmaloney@jdrf.org)

URL: [www.jdrf.org/swflorida](http://www.jdrf.org/swflorida)

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

✦ **Lions Club of Englewood**

Phone: (941) 698-7508

(941) 474-3932 Englewood

Regional chapter that provides vision, hearing and other services to the community

✦ **Lions Club of Port Charlotte**

Phone: (941) 235-9740 John Mann  
Email: [jjohnniejam@comcast.net](mailto:jjohnniejam@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.portcharlottefl.lionwap.org](http://www.portcharlottefl.lionwap.org)

Provides hearing and vision services to persons with need.

✦ **Lions Club of Punta Gorda**

Phone: (941) 637-9979  
Email: [biljeanr@embarqmail.com](mailto:biljeanr@embarqmail.com)  
Website: [www.puntagordafl.lionwap.org](http://www.puntagordafl.lionwap.org)

Provides multiple services to the Punta Gorda community.

✦ **Learning Disabilities Association of Florida**

Website: [www.lda-fl.org](http://www.lda-fl.org)

Make referrals to local chapters in order to help parents of young adults with learning disabilities.

✦ **MADD of SW Florida**

Phone: (800) 438-6233 National Office  
(877) 623-3435 24 hr. Victim Services Help Line  
Email: [maddswfl@aol.com](mailto:maddswfl@aol.com)  
Website: <http://madd.org>

The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is to stop drunk driving and support victims and prevent underage drinking.

✦ **Make a Wish Foundation**

Phone: (800) 722-9474  
(800) 691-2881  
Email: [jennifer.misiewicz@suncoastwish.org](mailto:jennifer.misiewicz@suncoastwish.org)  
Website: [www.wishcentralfl.wish.org](http://www.wishcentralfl.wish.org)

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

✦ **Missing Children Information Clearinghouse**

Phone: 1-888-FL-MISSING (356-4774)

Website: [www.3.fdle.state.fl.us/MCICSearch/](http://www.3.fdle.state.fl.us/MCICSearch/)

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) operates a state clearinghouse that provides a centralized file to collect, store and disseminate information on missing children.

✦ **Mission Unity, Inc.**

3512 Depew Circle  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 624-3748 Housing  
(941) 286-2861 Drug assessment and treatment center

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

A transitional living facility for single adults who are homeless due to substance abuse. Also provides low cost outpatient drug and alcohol assessments and counseling.

✦ **Murdock Circle Apartments**

17800 Murdock Circle  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 627-3900

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

Provides affordable housing for low-income families.

✦ **NAB (Neighborhood Accountability Board) Program**

21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 1  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 623-3149

(941) 286-7085

(941) 235-0159

Email: [Denan.Abbott@charlottefl.com](mailto:Denan.Abbott@charlottefl.com)

[Betzy.Toro@charlottefl.com](mailto:Betzy.Toro@charlottefl.com)

A juvenile diversion program that utilizes volunteer community

members as well as victims to create restorative-based case plans for juvenile offenders.

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

Phone: 1-866-389-1344

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

Support groups are offered for those recovering from drug addiction.

✦ **NATHHAN**

Phone: (800) 266-9837 Toll Free

(208) 267-6246

Email: [nathanews@aol.com](mailto:nathanews@aol.com)

URL: [www.nathhan.com/](http://www.nathhan.com/)

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

✦ **National Alliance on Mental Illness**

Phone: (800) 950-6264 Toll Free

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

Assists individuals with mental illness, their families and the community. Provides peer-to-peer counseling and support groups.

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

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

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

Offers information and referral for situations involving missing children and child exploitation.

✦ **National CHADD Organization**

Phone: (800) 233-4050 Toll Free

(239) 940-2578 (Local chapter)

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



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

✦ **National Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities**

Phone: (800) 695-0285 Voice and TTY  
Email: [nichcy@aed.org](mailto:nichcy@aed.org)  
Website: [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

National information center provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues. Anyone can use services-families, educators, administrators, journalists, students. Special focus is children and youth, (birth to 22).

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

Phone: (888) 818-7662 Toll Free (National)  
Website: [www.pomc.com](http://www.pomc.com)

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

✦ **National Resource Center for Child Traumatic Stress**

Phone: (919) 682-1552  
Website: [www.nctsnct.org](http://www.nctsnct.org)

The center provides relevant, practice information and resources to professionals and the public, including survivors of childhood trauma, their families, and communities.

✦ **National Runaway Switchboard**

Phone: (800) 786-2929 hotline  
(800) 621-0394 TDD  
Email: [info@1800runaway.org](mailto:info@1800runaway.org)  
Website: [www.1800runaway.org](http://www.1800runaway.org)

Offers crisis intervention information and referral, message services between the youth and parent and mediated conference calls. Administers Greyhound's Home Free Program for youth between

the ages of 12-20. One-way tickets may be issued for youth who wish to return to parents or legal guardians.

✦ **New Creation Ministries**

2321 Sophia Lane  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Phone: (941) 627-4141

Provides Christian counseling services.

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

650 Mary Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-3034

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

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

Provides recreational facilities in cooperation with Charlotte County Parks & Recreation Department. Recreational facilities and programs for youth aged 4 to 18. Computer room, children's reading room, library, recreation room, and basketball courts available. Also provides educational, career/college readiness and counseling services.

✦ **Oasis Youth Shelter**

3634 Central Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 278-1030

Youth Hotline: 1-800-329-8336

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

Provides temporary shelter for troubled, runaway or homeless youth ages 10 – 17.

✦ **Palm Tabernacle Ministries**

390 Flamingo Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33954

Phone: (941) 255-5544

Fax: (941) 764-1288

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

Provides pre-school and social services for Charlotte County residents.

✦ **Parent Help Line / The Family Source of Florida**

Phone: 1-800-352-5683 or 1-800-FLA-LOVE

Provides a toll-free telephone line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Family Source staff and specially trained volunteers help parents explore the options available to help them solve their problems and to give them referrals for ongoing assistance. All calls are confidential.

✦ **Peace Lutheran Church**

21500 Gibraltar Drive  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-4969

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

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

Provides human services to the community.

✦ **Pfizer Helpful Answers**

Phone: (866) 706-2400 Toll Free

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

Programs to help people without prescription coverage save or qualify on Pfizer medicines.

✦ **Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America**

Phone: (888) 477-2669 Toll Free

Email: [EHubbard@phrma.org](mailto:EHubbard@phrma.org)

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

Interactive website designed to help patients find assistance programs for free medicine.

- ✦ **Pines at Punta Gorda**  
 1200 Slash Pine Circle  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 637-1932

Provides affordable housing for low-income families.
- ✦ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida**  
 8595 College Parkway, Suite 250  
 Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 481-9999  
 Website: [www.ppswcf.org](http://www.ppswcf.org)

Gynecological exams, bladder/urinary tract infections, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing / treatment, and counseling. Services available to Charlotte County residents.
- ✦ **Poison Information Center (Florida) – Tampa General Hospital**  
 Phone: 1-800-222-1222  
 Website: [www.poisoncentertampa.org/](http://www.poisoncentertampa.org/)

Provides expert advice in poisonings 24-hours a day including information on poisonings from bites, stings, household products, chemicals, food poisoning, plants, medicines and substance abuse.
- ✦ **Police Athletic League (PAL) Program**  
 21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 8  
 Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 235-4751 (Port Charlotte)  
 (941) 473-3500 (Englewood)

Offers at-risk youth ages 10 – 17 the opportunity to participate in youth development, sports and homework assistance. The program is led by the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office and is aimed at creating a positive relationship between the youth and law enforcement.
- ✦ **Port Charlotte Girl Scouts**  
 165 McGuire Avenue  
 Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-2220

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

Programs offered to girls ages 5 to 17 years old. Promotes strong attitudes and values.

✦ **Pregnancy Crisis Careline, Inc.**

1685 Tamiami Trail, Unit 4  
Murdock Medical Park  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 625-5576

Provides medical care for those unable to afford health care during pregnancy.

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

20212 Peachland Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33983

Phone: (941) 625-4947

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

Provides blankets to area hospitals and organization for neo-natal and terminally ill children.

✦ **Punta Gorda Housing Authority**

340 Gulf Breeze Avenue  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639-4344

Website: <http://puntagordaha.org>

Provides the only Public Housing available in Charlotte County. Also has the Section 8 Voucher Program for Charlotte County.

✦ **Reentry Board of Charlotte County**

21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 1  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 235-0159

Provides transitional planning for youth returning to the community from commitment programs.

- ✦ **Remnant Seed Ministries**  
21202 Olean Boulevard, #B-1  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-3490

Provides food from its food pantry to those in need.

- ✦ **Riley Chase Apartments**  
1015 Riley Chase Drive  
North Port, FL 34289

Phone: (941) 429-9799

Email: [rileychase@wrhrealty.com](mailto:rileychase@wrhrealty.com)

Provides affordable housing for persons of all ages.

- ✦ **Rodeheaver Boy's Ranch Inc. Since 1950**

Phone: (386) 328-1281

Email: [rodeheaverboys@aol.com](mailto:rodeheaverboys@aol.com)

Working residential ranch for boys with behavioral problems.

- ✦ **Sacred Heart- St. Vincent de Paul**  
25200 Airport Rd  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: 941-575-0767

Website: [http://sacredheartfl.org/poor\\_stvin.html](http://sacredheartfl.org/poor_stvin.html)

Offers food pantry, clothing, furniture and household items, limited assistance with rent and utilities.

- ✦ **Salvation Army**  
2120 Loveland Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 629-3170

(941) 629-5950

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

Provides emergency social services, food pantry, disaster assistance and spiritual counseling.

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

24445 Rampart Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 624-3799

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

Offers food pantry and emergency financial assistance with rent and utilities.

✦ **SEDNET / Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network**

5775 Osceola Trail  
Naples, FL 34109

Phone: (239) 377-0131

(239) 337-0084

Website:

[www.yourcharlotteschools.com/employees/ESE/sednet.htm](http://www.yourcharlotteschools.com/employees/ESE/sednet.htm)

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

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

2036 Loveland Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 629-0398

A wheelchair accessible facility that provides food, clothing and financial assistance in a given emergency.

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

1555 Taylor Rd.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 505-1658 Community services

(941) 575-2146 Church

Provides non-perishable food to the needy.

✦ **Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa**

Phone: (800) 237-5055 Toll Free patient referral line  
(813) 972-2250  
Website: [www.shrinershq.org/hospitals](http://www.shrinershq.org/hospitals)

Provides specialized care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate.

✦ **SIDS Alliance**

Phone: (800) 221-7437 Toll Free  
Website: [www.firstcandle.org](http://www.firstcandle.org)

Voluntary health organization dedicated to support families that experience an infant death, public education and medical research.

✦ **Social Security Administration**

Phone: (800) 772-1213 Toll Free  
(800) 325-0778 TTY  
Website: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

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

✦ **South County Family Health Center**

Phone: (941) 861-2900 Main number  
(941) 861-3343 Dental clinic  
Website: [www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org)

Provides emergency dental services and dentures to residents of Charlotte County that are on Medicaid. All other services are for Sarasota Residents.

✦ **Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. (SWFAS)**

3763 Evans Ave. 1105 Cultural Park Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901 Cape Coral, FL 33990



Phone: (239) 332-6937  
Website: [www.swfas.org](http://www.swfas.org)

Phone: (239) 772-1211

Provides services to those trying to get off drugs or alcohol and their families. Offers a full continuum of care for adolescents and adults.

✦ **Southwest Florida Safety Council**

1714 Evans Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 332-3008  
(800) 437-3008 Toll Free

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

Offers live and online traffic schools. Provides Drug Alcohol Traffic Education (D.A.T.E.) course, which is a pre-requisite for getting one's first drivers license.

✦ **Southwest Florida Works**

1032 Tamiami Trail, Unit 9  
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Phone: (941) 235-5900

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

Provides services that will help out-of-school youth, dislocated workers, displaced homemakers, and anyone else who needs assistance to find work or to obtain job training.

✦ **Special Olympics Charlotte County**

172 Baldwin Court  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 624-4055

Website: [www.soflcharlotte.org](http://www.soflcharlotte.org) or [www.sofl.org](http://www.sofl.org)

Provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities who wish to participate.

✦ **Special Training and Rehabilitation of Charlotte County**

Phone: (941) 629-5655  
Email: [starbl@embarqmail.com](mailto:starbl@embarqmail.com)

Rehabilitation services provided for developmentally disabled people and provide a way for integrating into the local community.

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

21505 Augusta Avenue  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-9784

Offers food pantry, clothing and limited assistance with rent and utilities.

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

1441 Spear Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 258-3398

Offers food pantry, clothing and limited assistance with rent and utilities

✦ **Suncoast Worship Center**

881 S. River Road  
Englewood, FL 34233

Phone: (941) 474-5045  
Website: [www.suncoastworship.com](http://www.suncoastworship.com)

Provides food pantry and support services.

✦ **Sunshine Ride**

25490 Airport Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 575-4000

Provides transportation services to disadvantaged residents of

Charlotte County.

✦ **Survivors of Incest Anonymous, Inc**

Phone: (410) 893-3322

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

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

✦ **Sylvan Learning Center**

1700 Tamiami Trail, Suite F3  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 743-1080

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

✦ **Teen Challenge International**

5646 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
For Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-1974

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

Various centers throughout Florida helping youth, adults, and families with life-controlling problems including substance abuse.

✦ **TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care**

1144 Veronica Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 627-0848

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

Offers bereavement services for children, teens, adults, and families regardless of whether or not the person who died was a hospice patient.

✦ **Time Out Respite Care, Inc.**

24246 Harborview Road  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Phone: (941) 743-3883

Provides relief to family and caregivers from daily challenges associated with caring for a disabled child or adult. Also provides temporary care for children whose family is in crisis situations.

✦ **Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic/ Pharmacy**

21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 14  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 766-9570 Port Charlotte

Free healthcare clinic for indigent and working poor. Also provides medication assistance to Charlotte County residents.

✦ **Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Pharmacy**

6868 San Casa Drive  
Englewood, FL 34224

Phone: (941) 475-9019

Provides medication assistance to Charlotte County residents.

✦ **Visually Impaired Persons of Charlotte County**

3459 Depew Ave.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625-8501

Provides independent living/rehabilitation classes, referral to the Division of Blind Services, a service chapter for social/business activities, counseling and other needed services.

✦ **VR – Helps**

Phone: 1-800-451-4327  
Website: [www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org)

A Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation help line to assist with information and referral for all disability needs and those challenged in becoming independent.

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

1100 Loveland Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Main WIC Phone: 941-624-7210  
Fax: 941-624-7211

- **Health Dept. Clinic in Englewood:** Mondays & Tuesdays  
6868 San Casa Rd.  
941-681-3750
- **Health Dept. Clinic in Punta Gorda:** Thursdays  
514 Grace St.  
941-833-3511

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

✦ **Woodbury Health Products**

1090-B Technology Avenue  
North Port, FL 34289

Phone: (941) 764-9566  
Website: [www.woodburyhealthproducts.com](http://www.woodburyhealthproducts.com)

Provides medical equipment and supplies to residents of Charlotte County who have Medicaid/ Medicare assignments.

## Web Sites

- **Charlotte County Family Services Center** – <http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.com>
- **Charlotte County Government** – <http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.com>
- **Charlotte County Human Services** – <http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.com>
- **Charlotte County Public Schools Parent Website** – [www.yourcharlotteschools.net/students/parentconnect.cfm](http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/students/parentconnect.cfm)
- **Charlotte County Sheriff's Office** - <http://www.ccsso.org/>
- **Cyber Tip Line** – <http://missingkids.com/cybertip/index.html> (report online crimes against children)
- **Department of Education** – <http://www.fldoe.org>
- **FDLE Florida Sexual Offenders & Predators** - <http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>
- **Florida Children's Campaign** – <http://www.iamforkids.org/> (child advocacy organization)
- **Florida Prepaid College Plan** – <http://www.florida529plans.com>
- **GirlsAllowed.org** – <http://www.girlsallowed.org> (helps girls develop healthy relationships)
- **KidsHealth.org** – <http://www.kidshealth.org/parent> (health, emotions, behavior, development, nutrition, first aid and parenting)
- **KnowGangs.com** – [http://www.knowgangs.com/gang\\_resources/menu.php](http://www.knowgangs.com/gang_resources/menu.php)
- **MyFlorida.com** – <http://www.myflorida.com> (portal to all of Florida state government)
- **National Crime Prevention Council** – <http://www.mcgruff.org> (safety and crime prevention for kids)
- **National Endowment for Financial Education** – <http://www.nefe.org/pages/educational.html> (focuses on increasing financial literacy among high school age youth; may be helpful for parents too)
- **National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center** (for parents) – <http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/parents/index.asp>
- **NetSmartz** – <http://www.netsmartz.org> (interactive educational resource for children and teens on internet safety; resources for parents and teachers)
- **Not My Kid, Inc.** – <http://www.notmykid.org/> (promotes parent awareness about youth behavioral and mental health issues)
- **Parent's Guide to Computer Slang** – [www.noslang.com](http://www.noslang.com)



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