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Resource and Referral Information

Students In Transition Program

Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Department of Student Services

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Students In Transition Program

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Dear Parent, Guardian or Youth,

This resource packet includes information that will be helpful to you and your family. This packet is being sent to you based on the information that you provided on the *Student Residency Questionnaire/Domicile form*.

The packet includes our pamphlet outlining some information about our program and rights that you may exercise under the *McKinney Vento Act* should you or your child qualify for the Students In Transition Program. Please do not hesitate to call our program if you have any questions or are in need of further information about our program and the rights that you and your child may have.

We wish you the very best and look forward to speaking with you if we may be of further assistance to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Students In Transition Staff

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Every child has a right to free and appropriate public education.

STUDENTS IN TRANSITION

S.I.T.

Department of Student Services

If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, or temporary trailer; on the street; doubled-up with family or friends; or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment, such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.
- Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; a school cannot segregate a student because he or she is homeless.

Frequently Asked Questions

Whom can I contact for help with my child's education?

Every school district has a local liaison. The Students In Transition (SIT) program is available to assist you and your child.

How will the Students In Transition (SIT) Program help my child?

SIT will ensure you have been advised of your child's rights, will assist you in determining which school is best for your child, will set up free lunch for your child, will assist you with securing school supplies for your child if needed, will facilitate the transportation of your child to and from their school of origin, and will provide you with referrals to agencies within the community that may be able to help you and your family.

Should I keep my child in their school of origin or should I move them to the local school?

Consider the following: How old is your child? How much time would your child spend commuting to and from their school of origin? How long do you expect to be in this living arrangement? Do you expect to stay in this area? How attached is your child to their school? Would changing schools be upsetting to your child? Are there safety issues to consider?

What can I do to help my child in school?

Make sure your child goes to school everyday and gets plenty of rest; provide a quiet place for your child to do homework; pay attention to your child's health and take care of problems early on; read to your child everyday, for older children, have them read to you; listen to what your child shares with you and talk about any problems he or she is having; encourage your child to participate in class and school activities.



Parental Involvement

The education of children requires a commitment, a commitment from the larger community, school, parents and students. Don't underestimate the importance of your involvement in your child's education.

Ways that you can get involved:

Contact your child's school for ways you can become more involved in your child's education and decisions made at his/her school.

Contact SIT for a list of Parent Involvement contacts throughout the county.

Take the parent's pledge at: <http://www.projectappleseed.org/pledge.html>



"It takes a village to raise a child"
- African Proverb

"He who opens a school door, closes a prison" - French Poet

"Responsibility for our children's education must begin at home"
- President Obama

For more information please contact the Students In Transition program at:

813-794-4980 352-524-4980 727-774-4980

RESOURCES AND REFERRAL GUIDE

Advocacy

Bay Area Legal Services	New Port Richey 8406 Massachusetts Ave. 727-847-5494 or 1-800-625-2257	Dade City 37718 Meridian Ave. 352-567-9044
Pasco County Homeless Coalition	727-842-8605	
Farm Workers Self Help	37240 Locke Street Dade City, FL 352-567-1432	
United Way of Pasco – Helpline	877-828-8929 – Toll free 727-845-4357 or dial 211	
The Senior Helpline	1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337)	

Birth Certificates

Eastside-Vital Statistics	13941 15th Street Room #212 Dade City, FL. 33525 (352) 521-1450 ext. 360	
Westside-Vital Statistics	10841 Little Road New Port Richey, FL. 34654 727-861-5250 ext. 151	

Counseling/ Crisis Center

Catholic Charities	800-242-9012	
Domestic Violence Outreach Program	8040 Washington Street Port Richey, FL 727-842-9717	
BayCare Behavioral Health www.baycare.org	<p>Emergency Crisis Line 727-849-9988</p> <p>Adult Facility 8002 King Helie Blvd New Port Richey 727-841-4430</p> <p>Children Facility 8132 King Helie Blvd New Port Richey 727-834-3959</p>	<p>Emergency Intake Adults and Children 21808 State Road 54 Lutz 33549 813-428-6100</p> <p>Dade City 14527 7th Street 352-521-1474</p>

Hospice	New Port Richey 6807 Rowan Road 442 Grand Blvd	727-848-7160 727-849-2629
	Hudson 12029 Majestic Blvd. #1 12107 Majestic Blvd.	727-863-9522 727-863-7971
	Dade City 37826 Sky Ridge Circle	813-780-1235
Operation PAR-Adolescent Intervention Center	7720 Washington Street Port Richey	727-816-1640
Pasco Kids First- Intervention, protection & investigation of sexual abuse of children	727-845-8080	
Sunrise Domestic Sexual Violence Center	Administration	352-521-3358
	District Hotline	888-668-7273
	Outreach	352-567-1681
	Local Hotline	352-521-3120
Kinship Care Warmline	800-640-6444	
Youth and Family Alternatives	East	352-523-5020
	West	727-835-4166

Crisis Hotline

Alcoholics Anonymous	813-933-9123	
AlAnon-Alateen	888-425-2666	
Poison Control	800-222-1222	
Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Administration	352-521-3358
	Hotline	888-668-7273
Runaway Project	800-(RUNAWAY) (786-2929)	
Florida Parent Hotline	888-413-2645	
S.A.V.E. (Sexual Assault Victims Examinations) *Information Only	Hudson	727-834-3236
Runaway Hotline	800-786-2929	
Narcotics Anonymous	727-842-2433	
Child Abuse Hotline	800-962-2873	
RAINN (Rape & Incest)	1-800-656-HOPE (4673)	

Daycare/Childcare

P.L.A.C.E.	813-794-2298 727-774-2298 352-524-2298	
The Early Learning Coalition * Assistance with childcare.	www.phelc.org/contact 15000 US Hwy 301 Dade City Courtside Commons 7334 Little Road - Suite 102 New Port Richey, FL	352-834-0052 727-569-1004

Dental

Give Kids A Smile *Dental work for children 17 and under.	727-816-3281	
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Disability Assistance and Advocacy

Bethany Family Apartments/Catholic Charities	13326 Lee Street Apt #1 Dade City	352-523-6958
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of Florida * Variety of services for the hard of hearing, their families and the community.	8610 Galen Wilson Blvd Port Richey, Fl. 34668	727-853-1010
Sertoma * Services/assistance with obtaining devices to assist with hearing needs	727-834-5479	
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	800-615-8720	
Lighthouse For the Visually Impaired & Blind	8610 Galen Wilson Blvd Port Richey	727-815-0303
Kinship Services Network of Pasco * Program Intended to provide support to relative caregivers by helping families access necessary services, expanding family support systems, and reducing stress to promote family stability.	727-785-2762	

Disaster Relief

American Red Cross/Pasco County	727-848-8354	
Emergency Management 24 HR	Dade City Direct Land O' Lakes	352-521-4274 727-847-8137 813-996-7341

Employment/Education

Adult ESOL	727-774-1879 352-524-2206 813-794-2206 (Director of Adult Ed)
Career Central - Job searching assistance - computers available for use in job search.	4400 Grand Blvd. New Port Richey 727-484-3400
	7361 Forest Oaks Blvd. Spring Hill 352-200-3020
	6038 Gall Blvd. Zephyrhills 813-377-1300
Able Body * Matches workers to businesses for temporary employment.	Labor Locations: 4521 Panorama Ave. Holiday FL. 34690 727-934-2018
	13132 U.S. HWY 19 N. Hudson, FL. 34667 727-863-9498
Connections Job Development * FREE career counseling, resume assistance, skill building and job leads.	5841 Main Street New Port Richey 727-849-4724
GED Information	352-524-9033 813-794-9033 813-774-1719 727-774-1735
Goodwill Industries - Job training * Job training and skills	888-279-1988 www.goodwill-suncoast.org
Head Start/ Early Head Start	352-524-2730 813-794-2730 727-774-2730
Job Corps Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training.	Gainesville 352-377-2555 www.gainesville.jobcorps.gov
	Homestead 305-257-4800 www.homestead.jobcorps.gov
	Jacksonville 904-360-8200
	St. Petersburg 727-551-2900 www.pinellascounty.jobcorps.gov
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Early Child Developmental Services

<p>FDLRS</p> <p>* Assists in the evaluation and securing of appropriate education or other needed services to all children and youth, birth through 21 years of age who have or are at risk of developing special or unique needs.</p>	<p>352-524-2630 727-774-2630 813-794-2630</p>
<p>Early Steps Medical Services</p> <p>* Early intervention services to infants and toddlers (birth to thirty-six months) with significant developmental delays or a condition that places them at risk of developmental delay.</p>	<p>800-374-4334</p>

Financial Assistance

<p>Access Florida (DCF)</p> <p>* Apply for Medicaid, Food Stamps and Temporary Cash Assistance</p>	<p>866-762-2237 www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/</p>
<p>EFAHP</p> <p>Provides a one-time payment of up to \$400 to families who are without shelter or face the loss of shelter because of non-payment of rent or mortgage.</p> <p>* Applications accepted at certain times during the year. Please call for more information.</p>	<p>877-891-6445 www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/homelessness/</p>
<p>Mid-Florida Community Services</p> <p>* Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other services for low-income families.</p>	<p>14446 7th St. Dade City 352-567-0533</p> <p>8620 Galen Wilson Blvd. New Port Richey 727-845-7350</p>
<p>Pasco County Human Services SHIP Program</p> <p>*Housing and utility assistance – Homeless prevention and re-housing program.</p>	<p>8620 Galen Wilson Blvd. New Port Richey 727-834-3297</p> <p>13853 15th Street Dade City 352-521-5173</p>
<p>Consumer Credit Counseling</p>	<p>800-741-7040</p>
<p>Salvation Army</p> <p>*Housing and utility assistance *Emergency lodging *Food pantry *By appointment only</p>	<p>1445 7th St. Dade City 352-521-3126</p>

Faith Based and Private Organizations assisting with basic needs

In order to receive food some of the food banks below require a photo ID, proof of residency and/or social security cards for each person requesting food. If needed request a written referral from SIT staff to assist you in obtaining food.

Dade City		
First Baptist Church * Mon & Wed- 10am-12pm * Bring photo ID * Family may request food three times per year	37511 Church Avenue	352-567-3265
Love One Another – ministry of The First Baptist Church of Dade City & Dade City Youth Council * Prepared Meals – Sundays 1:30pm – 3:30pm * Clothing * Sit down meal	Community Services Nutrition Center Building 13853 15th Street	
Daystar – assistance office (multiple needs) Mon.-Fri. * 9am – 12:00 PM * Social security card required or photo ID * Clothing and household items	15512 HWY 301	352-523-0844
Holiday		
Joining Hands Community Mission	3214 US Highway 19	727-937-3268
St. Vincent De Paul- Food Pantry * Mon, Wed, & Fri 10am-1pm * Photo ID required	4843 Mile Stretch Rd. Holiday 34691	727-869-3132
Hudson		
Hicks Road Baptist Church – Project Life * Tues – Thurs – 10am – 1pm * No ID required	12219 Hicks Road Pantry behind church on Parkwood	727-863-5959
1 st Baptist Church of Hudson	7009 Hudson Ave. Hudson, 34667	727-862-5291
1 st United Methodist Church of Hudson	13123 US 19 Hudson, FL. 34667	727-868-6178
Praise Assembly	17920 Meridian Hudson, FL. 34667	727-863-8989
St. Vincent De Paul- St. Michaels- Food Pantry * Mon, Tues, & Fri 9am-11: 30am, 1:00pm-3: 30pm * Thurs. 1:00pm-3: 30pm	8014 SR 52 Hudson 34667	727-819-5170

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Closed Wed. * Photo ID required 	
<p>COR Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Assistance with apply for food stamps, Medicaid, Social Security * Food bank * Clothing closet 	<p>14121 Water Tower Drive Hudson 34667</p> <p style="text-align: right;">727-255-2353</p>

Land O'Lakes

<p>Our Lady of the Rosary (Pantry)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am – 11:30 am & Sat 9:30am-Noon * Photo ID required * Home visit required if financial assistance is requested 	<p>2348 Collier Parkway</p> <p style="text-align: right;">813-949-6094</p>
<p>Christian Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tues-Sat- 10am-2pm(Pantry) * Office Hrs-Tues- Fri-9am-4pm, Sat 10-2pm * Closed Sun & Mon * Photo ID & mail showing Lutz/LOL address * Clothing/household items may be available 	<p>5514 Land O' Lakes Blvd.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">813-995-0088</p>
<p>B.I.K.E.R.S.C.A.P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Non-profit organization that refurbishes computers and then donates them to children in the community. 	<p>Download application @ www.bikerscap.org Mail to P.O. Box 2744 Land O' Lakes, FL 34639</p>

New Port Richey/Port Richey

<p>Helping Hands at Calvary Chapel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mon & Fri – 10am-1pm * ID, Social Security card & proof of residency required 	<p>6825 Trouble Creek Road</p> <p style="text-align: right;">727-376-7733</p>
<p>Comm Congregational United Church of Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tues & Thurs 10am-2pm 	<p>6533 Circle Blvd.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">727-849-1943</p>
<p>St. Vincent De Paul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Food programs / Emergency financial assistance <p>Our Lady Queen of Peace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Parish boundaries only * Mon, Thurs, Fri-10am-12pm & Tues- 12pm-2pm. *Cash assistance- bring overdue bills and rental documents *Clothing-vouchers available for thrift store *Closed on Wednesdays 	<p>Thrift store</p> <p style="text-align: right;">727-845-8283</p> <p>5320 Shaw Street</p> <p style="text-align: right;">727-845-4955</p>

Pathway Christian Church * Thurs 9 am-11: 30am, 1-2pm	11820 Nature Trail	727-862-2488
Covenant Christian Church * Proof of residency, Social Security card and photo ID required – waived if referred by SIT (letter) * Tues, Wed & Fri 12pm-2: 30 pm * Some household items/clothing available	6814 Indiana Avenue	727-842-4566
The Volunteer Way * Family may request food one time per month * Mon-Fri-8am -12pm * Hygiene items * Photo ID required	7820 Congress Street New Port Richey	727-815-0433
The Volunteer Way * Hair Cuts * Showers * Marriage and Substance Abuse Counseling * Soup Kitchen Mon & Fri 10am-3pm * Photo ID required	10008 Moon Lake Rd New Port Richey	727-457-2958
Seventh Day Adventist Church * Wednesday- 11am-3pm * Photo ID & social security card for every member * May request every 90 days	6424 Trouble Creek Road	727-848-4567
Salvation Army * Soup kitchen Mon-Fri- 4pm-5pm * Food pantry Mon-Fri- 9am-12pm (appointment required)	8040 Washington Street	727-847-6321
1 ST Baptist Church of NPR * Only serves members	6800 Trouble Creek Road	727-849-4210
Shady Hills		
Shady Hills United Methodist Church * Wed & Sat- 9am-1pm * ID required with address	15925 Greenglen Lane	727-856-2948
Wesley Chapel		
Victorious Life Church, “Lily of the Valley” Ministry *Food pantry-Thursday-12pm-6pm * No documents required Job sourcing 3 rd Thursday of the month	6542 Applewood Dr	813-994-0685

Zephyrhills

<p>HIS Store House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Food is given out twice a month – call for dates * Family may receive food once a month * Driver’s license and / or utility bill with name and address indicated 	<p>35362 S. R. 54 *1 mile east of Morris Bridge Road</p>	<p>813-283-1184</p>
<p>Neighborhood Care Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mon – 9am – 3pm * Wed-Fri - 9am – 12pm * Food given out Mon, Wed & Fri * Clothing given out Mon, Wed & Fri * Zephyrhills residents only- photo ID required * May request furniture and household items 	<p>5140 6th Street</p>	<p>813-780-6822</p>
<p>Agape Baptist Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mon-Sat before 11am 	<p>39735 Chancey Road *1.5 miles east of US 301, next to the county park</p>	<p>813-788-3330</p>
<p>The Samaritan project</p>	<p>34921 Chancey Road</p>	<p>813-810-8670</p>
<p>Fair Haven Baptist Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8am-2pm * Mon-Fri 	<p>34927 Eiland Blvd.</p>	<p>813-782-7115</p>

Government

<p>Courthouse</p>	<p>7530 Little Rd. New Port Richey</p>	<p>727-847-2411</p>
	<p>38053 Live Oaks Dade City</p>	<p>352-521-4542</p>
<p>Social Security Administration</p>	<p>www.ssa.gov</p>	<p>800-772-1213</p>
<p>Victim's Advocate – Sheriffs Dept</p>	<p>800-854-2862</p>	
<p>Social Security – Replacement Cards</p>	<p>1-800-772-1213 / 1-800-325-0778 www.ssa.gov</p>	

Housing Non-Profit

<p>Catholic Charities/Bethany Family Apartments</p>	<p>13326 Lee Street #1 Dade City</p>	<p>352-523-6958</p>
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Habitat for Humanity	4131 Madison Street New Port Richey	727-859-9038
	Land O' Lakes	813-929-0171
	15000 Citrus Country Dr. Suite 420 Dade City	352-567-1444
Pasco County Housing Authority	727-862-7323 or 352-567-0848	
Florida Housing Search *Search for housing with a variety of search criteria including: cost of rent, deposit, credit checks, acceptance of pets, section 8, etc.	www.floridahousingsearch.org	

Immigration Services

Catholic Charities	1213 16th St N St. Petersburg, FL 33705	727-893-1311
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Medical/Nutrition/Dental

Aids Hotline	800-352-2437	
Children's Medical Services - Dept. of Health	800-336-1612	
Agency for Person's with Disabilities	800-615-8720	
Florida Kid Care	888-540-5437	
Good Samaritan Health Clinic * Bring Medicaid denial letter for care	5334 Aspen St. New Port Richey, FL 34652	727-848-7789
Pasco County Health Dept WIC	4135 Land O Lakes Blvd Land O'Lakes	813-558-5173
	5640 Main Street New Port Richey	727-841-4425
	10841 Little Road New Port Richey	727-861-5250
	11511 Denton Avenue Hudson	727-861-5661
	13941 15th Street Dade City	352-521-1450

	2318 U.S Highway Holiday	727-943-5505
	4717 Airport Road Zephyrhills	813-780-0740
Operation PAR, INC – Methadone clinic	7720 Washington St.	727-816-1200
Pasco Pediatric Foundation * school referral needed	727-845-0323	
Premier Community Health Care * Based on sliding scale	352-518-2000	

Pregnancy Help

Alpha House- Maternity	813-875-2024	
Catholic Charities * Adoption, referral for needs	37733 Meridian Ave Dade City	352-521-1218
Pregnancy Care Center * Assistance with baby items, information	813-780-6885	
All Women's Health Centers	888-878-3304	
S.O.L.V.E. * Driver's license required and a WIC card if possible * Bring paperwork proving on public assistance * Maternity clothes and baby items given, including a car seat 2 weeks before the due date * Mon, Tues & Wed - 10am - 4 pm * Thurs & Fri - 10am - 1pm * 2 months residency in Pasco or Utility bill verifying address	6102 Indiana Avenue	727-848-0203

Recreation

Big Brothers- Big Sisters	888-293-2535	
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Shelters

Pasco

Gulf Coast Community Care - HUDSON * women and women with children, must be willing to seek employment	727-861-4840
R.O.P.E. Center * \$45 a week per person * 3 meals provided a day * Men/women dorm * Children eligible based on space availability	7909 Rhodes Rd. Hudson 34667 727-255-2353
Chancey Road Church * Mon-Thurs- 9am-noon * Men, Women and Children * Must be willing to seek employment * Must leave the shelter at 8:30 am can return at 5:30pm. Shelter van to assist with transportation * Breakfast and dinner provided	34921 Chancey Rd. Zephyrhills 813-810-8670

Domestic Violence Shelters/Pasco

Salvation Army	727-856-6498
Sunrise of Pasco	352-521-3120

Out of County Shelters

<http://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/florida.html>

G.W.H. Runaway and Youth Crisis Shelter	863-595-0220
Beacon House – Men	727-823-5780
Metropolitan Ministries Help with food and shelter	813-209-1044
Salvation Army Multiple Options	1514 North Florida Avenue Tampa 813-221-4440 Sober men and women may stay 5 consecutive nights then \$10 per night charge Lakeland 863-682-8179 Family - picture id and social security card for everyone and marriage license for couples Pinellas 727-821-9123 Men's dorm, women's dorm and family dorm

<p>Jericho Road Ministries *Food Bank *Thrift store</p>	<p>Hernando 352-799-2912 Men only- "press 3" - 2 forms of ID Women only - "press 4" - 2 month or 11 month program -Family shelters 3 night emergency stay</p>
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<p align="center">Out of County Domestic Violence Shelters</p>	
CASA Domestic Violence	727-895-4912
Lighthouse Ministries	863-687-3705
Grace House- Clearwater	727-446-5964
Mary and Martha House	813-641-7027
RCS Domestic Violence (The Haven)	727-442-4128
The Spring of Tampa Bay	813-247-7233
Dawn Center	Hotline- 352-799-0657 Shelter- 352-686-8759 352-683-0110

<p align="center">Pasco County Bus Information</p>		
<p>Pasco County Transportation Assistance- Paratransit * Door-to-door advance reservation service is provided throughout the county to those persons unable to access transit service because of disability, environmental barrier, or distance from a route.</p>	West	Registration-727-834-3322 Trip Reservation-727-834-3456
	Central	Registration- 813-235-6073 Trip Registration- 813-235-6059
	Dade City	Registration-352-521-4587 Trip Reservation- 352-521-4300

SHARE SITES

800-536-3379

www.shareflorida.org

* Community based volunteering for savings on food.

Dade City

Calvary Assembly of God - Hwy 98 Bypass & 301
352-567-2038

Holiday

Holiday Community Fellowship - 5144 Sunray Drive
727-944-4773

Community United Methodist Church - 3214 US-19
727-937-3268

Hudson

First United Methodist Church - 13123 US-19
727-868-6178

Faith United Methodist Church - 12128 SR-52
727-862-4712 / 727-856-5000

Land O' Lakes

First United Methodist Church - 6209 Land O' Lakes Blvd
813-996-2447 / 813-995-0088

Port Richey

Regency Park - 10240 Regency Park Blvd.
727-226-2854

Wesley Chapel

Crossroads Community United Methodist Church- 26211 County Line Rd.
813-472-9845

Zephyrhills

First United Methodist Church - 38635 5th Ave.
352-567-1418

Rental Property Information Florida, Pasco County

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<p>Cypress Manor Evergreen Court - LOL Pasco County Housing Authority 352-583-4344</p>	<p>Cypress Groves Apartments 4142 My Lady Ln. - LOL 813-996-4231</p>
<p>Dade City Apts Ltd 315 Willingham Ave. – Dade City 352-521-3595</p>	<p>Orangewood Lakes Apt. 6701 S Osteen Rd - NPR 727-848-1212</p>
<p>Dade City RRH Ltd II Country Side Villas 37305 Countryside – Dade City 352-567-0764</p>	<p>Greenmeadow Apts. 3931 Greenmeadows Dr. Zeph 850-875-3596</p>
<p>Candlewood Apts. 12771 Candlewood Circle – Dade City 352-567-1897</p>	<p>Heritage Villas of 6036 Green Dr. - ZEPH 813-783-2275</p>
<p>Dade Oaks Elderly 37347 Autumn Dr. – Dade City Pasco Co Housing Authority 352-521-3015</p>	<p>Park Place Ltd. 39234 Park Place Cir. - ZEPH 813-783-1239</p>
<p>Oakcrest Apartments II 14940 Willowbrook Dr. – Dade City 352-567-3248</p>	<p>Village Walk Apts. 39216 Village Chase - ZEPH 813-782-1150</p>
<p>Oakcrest Apartments LTD 14940 Willowbrook Dr. – Dade City 352-567-3248</p>	<p>Evergreen Village Apts 38415 Evergreen Village Dr. - ZEPH 813-782-2740</p>
<p>Anclote Villas Apts. 14932 Flowers Dr. - Hudson 727-863-6063</p>	<p>Parkhill Terrace Apts. 6002 Parkhill Dr. - ZEPH 813-782-4679</p>
<p>Sunset Villas Apts. 14710 Dayspring Dr. - Hudson 727-863-6063</p>	<p>Cypress Green Apts. 6036 Green Dr. - ZEPH 813-783-2275</p>
<p>Pasco County Cypress Farms 38727 Patti Lane- Dade City Pasco CO Housing Authority 352-583-4661</p>	<p>Cypress Groves Apartments 4142 My Lady Ln. - LOL 813-996-4231</p>

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO START WORKING ON YOUR FUTURE!!!!



G.E.D. Preparation

If you are a parent, grandparent or guardian of a Pasco County student, you are eligible to receive FREE G.E.D. evaluation and testing through the District School Board of Pasco County.

To make an appointment for an evaluation or for information on how you can prepare for and earn your G.E.D., please contact one of these facilitators:

Eastside Facilitators

Moore Mickens Education Center

352-524-9033 or 813-794-9033

Sandy Vogel, Counselor

Westside Facilitators

Marchman Technical Education Center

727-774-1735

Roger Roy, Counselor

Parent Involvement Information

Each of the schools below offers events for families, to support them as they encourage their child's academic success. Call and see what they have to offer you and your family.

Anclote Elementary School

Diane Gwathney

813-794-3216 727-774-3216 352-524-3216

Chasco Elementary School

Jessica Rusha

813-794-1228 727-774-1228 352-524-1228

Connerton Elementary School

Janice Montaldi

813-794-5948 727-774-5948 352-524-5948

Rodney B. Cox Elementary School

Monica Russ

813-794-5169 727-774-5169 352-524-5169

Fox Hollow Elementary School

Marylynn Cultreri

813-794-7622 727-774-7622 352-524-7622

Mary Giella Elementary School

Shirley Picklo

813-794-5829 727-774-5829 352-524-5829

Gulf Highlands Elementary School

Sue Chernack

813-794-7710 727-774-7710 352-524-7710

Gulfside Elementary School

813-794-6014 727-774-6014 352-524-6014

Hudson Elementary School

Mary Whitehead

813-794-4016 727-774-4016 352-524-4016

Lacoochee Elementary School

Andria Heinz

813-794-5612 727-774-5612 352-524-5612

Mitty P. Locke Elementary School

Cookie Lee

813-794-3100 727-774-3100 352-524-3100

James M Marlow Elementary School

813-794-8600 727-774-8600 352-524-8600

Moon Lake Elementary School

Joan Rosalia

813-794-4677 727-774-4677 352-524-4677

North West Elementary School

Edie Ferguson

813-794-4700 727-774-4700 352-524-4700

Pasco Elementary School

Vickie Norris

813-794-5212 727-774-5212 352-524-5212

Richey Elementary School

Kim Stratman

813-794-3507 727-774-3507 352-524-3507

Shady Hills Elementary School

Brooke Park

813-794-4100 727-7874-4100 352-524-4100

Sunray Elementary School

Demetria Wioland

813-794-9133 727-774-9133 352-524-9133

West Zephyrhills Elementary School

Becky Bishop

813-794-6307 727-774-6307 352-524-6307

SAFELINK WIRELESS®

SAFELINK WIRELESS® service is U.S. government supported program for Income eligible households provided by TracFone Wireless, Inc. In order to participate in the SAFELINK WIRELESS® service, persons must meet certain eligibility requirements set by each State where the service is to be provided. These requirements are based on a person's participation in a state or Federal support programs or by meeting the Income Poverty Guidelines as defined by the U.S. Government. SAFELINK WIRELESS® service is limited to **one** person per household.

TracFone Wireless is America's largest and number one prepaid cell phone provider in the U.S. With over 10 million subscribers, TracFone Wireless has been the undisputed leader in prepaid wireless since its founding in 1996. TracFone Wireless is a subsidiary of América Móvil S.A.B. de C.V. ("AMX") (BMV: AMX; NYSE: AMX; NASDAQ: AMOV; LATIBEX: XAMXL). América Móvil is the fourth largest cell phone company in the world and the largest in all of the Americas with more than 153 million cell phone subscribers. América Móvil has been named "Technology Hot 100" company by *Business Week* for the past two years in a row.

TracFone Wireless' formula for success is simple – exclusive focus on prepaid cell phones and service. Unlike most prepaid providers, TracFone Wireless does not require its customers to enter into a service contract. TracFone Wireless customers enjoy the freedom TracFone has to offer – No Bills, No Contracts, No Surprises – you are in control. Prepaid is all TracFone Wireless does and with over 10 million subscribers, TracFone Wireless does it better than anybody else.

TracFone Wireless believes that cell phone ownership is a right and an important tool for individual success in today's world. Everyone should have a cell phone without the need for a contract or a high credit rating. People should have the right to always know what their cell phone service will cost and no one should have to pay more than they want or can afford. TracFone Wireless believes in making the cost to own & maintain a cell phone as low as possible and TracFone Wireless never charges extra fees to activate your service.

TracFone Wireless is glad to lead the movement in the U.S. to make cell phone service available to everyone. TracFone Wireless invests hundreds of millions of dollars every year to reduce the prices of our cell phones and make them affordable for all.

Our Phones

TracFone Wireless has a global relationship with major manufacturers such as Motorola, Nokia, LG and Kyocera. Therefore, TracFone Wireless is able to bring the highest quality phones and features to customers at the best prices. TracFone Wireless offers a range of cell phones from basic models such as the Motorola C139 to the Motorola W376g.

Our Coverage

TracFone Wireless is renowned for offering the best coverage of any cell phone provider. Our signals are carried on the towers of over 30 major carriers around the U.S. To verify your coverage area, service and cell phone availability, please enter your Zip Code at the **Buy Phones** page.

Our Retailers

TracFone Wireless has a very close working relationship with its retail partners. TracFone Wireless are the leading cell phone sold at many of the top retail chains, which means that we are held to a higher standard than other providers in terms of service and delivery. You can find our phones at nearly 70,000 stores around the country, as well as our Airtime Cards.

Contact Information

SafeLink: 1-800-378-1684 TracFone: 1-800-867-7183 Net10: 1-877-836-2368

Mailing Address: TracFone Wireless, Inc. 9700 NW 112th Avenue Miami, FL 33178

For Customer Feedback **CustomerFeedback@tracfone.com**

For Customer Escalations **CustomerEscalations@tracfone.com** Or call us at: 1-800-876-5753

For Corporate Email Communications **CorporateOffice@tracfone.com**

To apply online visit: https://www.safelinkwireless.com/EnrollmentPublic/enroll_lifeline.aspx

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Can I use both the Link-Up and Lifeline programs? Yes, if you do not have phone service in your home, you can apply for both programs. If you already have phone service, you can still apply for Lifeline.

Do most telephone companies offer Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Assistance Programs? Yes. Companies serving the vast majority of Floridians do offer the programs, and this even includes some cellular companies.

Can my Lifeline local service be cut off if I have unpaid long distance bills? No, but your long distance service can be blocked.

I don't have service now because I haven't paid an old phone bill. I also have a low credit rating. Can I still get Lifeline? Yes. The phone company can require you to make payments on the local part of the old bill. If you haven't paid for your long-distance charges, you may need to have your long distance calling blocked.

Do I have to pay a deposit for Lifeline? If you have your long distance service blocked, the phone company cannot make you pay a deposit.

What happens to my Lifeline service when I no longer qualify? You should call your phone company and ask for Transitional Lifeline Assistance. This state program gives 30% off the monthly flat rate for residential basic service. You can get this discount for one year after you no longer qualify for the regular Lifeline program.

Will receiving the Link-Up or Lifeline credits impact my benefits from other programs (for example, food stamps)? No.

Do my assets, such as owning a car, affect my income eligibility for the programs? No.

Are the Link-Up and Lifeline programs just for senior adults? No. Adults of all ages may qualify.



THE LINK-UP FLORIDA AND LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

are state programs approved by the Florida Public Service Commission.

If you have questions, you may call the Florida Public Service Commission's Division of Service, Safety and Consumer Assistance at

1-800-342-3552.

fax your questions to

1-800-511-0809,

or contact the FPSC via the

following e-mail address:

contact@psc.state.fl.us.

Or write to the

Florida Public Service Commission

Division of Service, Safety

and Consumer Assistance

2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

See our Internet home page at

www.floridapsc.com.



LINK-UP

FLORIDA
AND

LIFELINE

ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS

THE LINK-UP FLORIDA AND LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

help make telephone service affordable to low-income customers in our state.

LINK-UP FLORIDA

gives a 50% rebate in the telephone hook-up charge (up to \$30.00).

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE

gives a \$13.50 credit per month on local phone bills. Over a year's time, that is a savings of **\$162.00.**

The Florida Public Service Commission wants all eligible low-income residents to receive these discounts.

YOU NEED TO SIGN UP TO BENEFIT.

If you have further questions please call the PSC at **1-800-342-3552.**

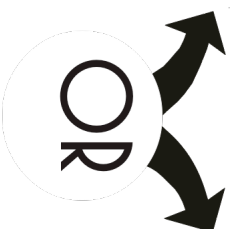


AM I ELIGIBLE?

YES, IF YOU RECEIVE STATE OR FEDERAL HELP FROM:

- ◆ Temporary Cash Assistance
- ◆ Food Stamps
- ◆ Medicaid
- ◆ Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP)
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ◆ Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- ◆ National School Lunch (NSL) Program's free lunch program

In addition, if you live on a federally recognized tribal land and are eligible for benefits through the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start Subsidy or the NSL, you qualify for expanded Lifeline assistance.



YES, IF YOU MEET THE INCOME GUIDELINES:

Number of People In Household	Total Household ANNUAL Income*	Total Household MONTHLY Income*
1	\$16,245	\$1,354
2	\$21,855	\$1,821
3	\$27,465	\$2,289
4	\$33,075 **	\$2,756

* 150% of U.S. Poverty Guidelines
** For each additional person, add \$5,610

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

IF YOU RECEIVE STATE OR FEDERAL HELP:

First, if you do not have phone service in your home, you will need to contact a local phone company in your area to establish service and apply for the Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Assistance programs.

Already have phone service? Applying is easy. You can call your local phone company and ask for help signing up for the Lifeline Assistance Program.

OR Visit the PSC's Lifeline Web page at www.floridapsc.com/utilities/telecomm/lifeline to apply online or obtain a printed application.

Want to apply online? Simply complete the online application using the Lifeline Automated Online Application process and click Submit to send your application directly to your telephone company.

Want to apply by mail or fax? Simply print the Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Certification Form. Then, complete the application form and mail or fax it to the address or fax number shown on the application for your telephone company.

OR If you are a new applicant or re-certifying your eligibility at the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) for: ◆ Temporary Cash Assistance ◆ Food Stamps ◆ Medicaid
THEN You can choose to be automatically enrolled for Link-Up Florida or the Lifeline program when you apply at the Department of Children and Families.

IF YOU MEET THE INCOME GUIDELINES:

Call 1-800-540-7039 (Office of Public Counsel in Tallahassee) and ask for help signing up for Link-Up Florida or the Lifeline Program.

OR Download an application at www.floridaopc.gov/lifeline.cmf and mail it to the Office of Public Counsel using the address at the bottom of the application.

Application for Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Telephone Assistance Based on Household Income

The Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Telephone Assistance programs are available to *low-income, residential households*.

Link-Up reduces the first installation fee by 50% up to \$30.

Lifeline reduces the local basic telephone service charge by \$13.50 monthly

Lifeline/Link-Up is only available for one telephone line per address.

To qualify under income guidelines, your household income must be no greater than **150%** of the federal poverty guidelines. **Documentation showing your household income *must* accompany this application.**

Name (please print): _____ Last four digits of Social Security Number: _____	Name as it appears on phone bill (please print): _____
Home Address (number and street): _____ _____ Apt./Lot/Unit/Room #(circle one): _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ ----- Mailing Address (if different from home address): _____	Telephone Number (number must be in the name of the person requesting service): () _____ Name of your telephone company: _____ Are you applying for Link-Up? _____ <i>You must contact your company for the correct process to request Link-Up.</i> If you are <u>not</u> a customer of AT&T Florida, CenturyLink or Verizon, please contact your telephone company to apply for Lifeline/Link-Up.
How many people live in your household? Total Number: _____ Number of children under age of 18: _____	What is your total monthly/yearly household income? \$ _____ (monthly / yearly) <i>(Please see back for income guideline chart)</i> Number of people receiving income: _____
Failure to provide the following documents will delay your approval for Lifeline: <input type="checkbox"/> Application <u>completed</u> and signed <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of total household income (<i>See back for examples</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent copy of phone bill	

Please read the following statement carefully before signing.

I certify under penalty of law that I am the applicant for the Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Telephone Assistance program requested above. I agree to notify the telephone company when I am no longer eligible for this assistance program. The information provided above and its attachments are true and correct.

Applicant Signature (must match name on phone bill)

Please return this form to:

**Office of Public Counsel
 c/o The Florida Legislature
 111 West Madison St. Rm. 812
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400
 Fax: (850) 487-6419**

To verify receipt of a fax or if you have any questions, please call our toll free number at 1-800-540-7039.

Income Guideline Chart
150% of the Poverty Level

**Number of People / Total Household
in Household Income**

(monthly) (yearly)

1	\$1,354	\$16,245
2	\$1,821	\$21,855
3	\$2,289	\$27,465
4	\$2,756	\$33,075
5	\$3,224	\$38,685
6	\$3,691	\$44,295
7	\$4,159	\$49,905
8	\$4,626	\$55,515

*For families with more than 8 persons, add \$5,610 for each additional person to the yearly amount.

**Examples of Proof of Household Income
and Supporting Documents**

- Social Security Statement of Benefits
- U.S. Income Tax Return
- W-2 Wage and Tax Statements
- Veteran's Administration Statement of Benefits
- Unemployment Statement of Benefits
- Bank Statement that shows the income of the household
- Workmen's Compensation Statement of Benefits
- Divorce or Child Support Decree
- 3 Consecutive Pay Stubs (**current**)
- If your household has **\$0 income**, please write a statement about your circumstances.

****Send copies only. DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS.**

WHAT IS IT?

- **LIFELINE** is a public assistance program that reduces the monthly telephone bill by at least \$13.50. (The reduction is in the form of a credit and is deducted from the basic service charge).
- **LINK-UP** is a public assistance program that reduces the cost of the telephone installation fee by 50% up to the amount of \$30. **YOU MUST CONTACT YOUR TELEPHONE COMPANY TO REQUEST LINK-UP.** (The reduction is in the form of a credit and is deducted from the first installation fee.)

- **LIFELINE/LINK-UP** is available for one telephone line per household. Phone service must be registered in the name of the applicant. **(Cell phone users and subscribers to companies other than AT&T Florida, CenturyLink or Verizon must contact their service provider to apply for the program).**

Notice: If you have a discounted calling plan or calling package with your telephone company, it is possible that your telephone company will not allow you to take advantage of the Lifeline/Link-up reduction in your monthly charges.

Check with your local company to determine the kind of service you currently have and if it prevents your household from receiving the Lifeline/Link-Up discount. **You may terminate your calling plan or package without penalty in order to take advantage of the Lifeline reduction in the basic service charge.**

PLEASE NOTE: Safelink cell phone customers may not participate in Lifeline on their home telephone unless they cancel participation with Safelink.

Who is eligible?

- **Low income households.** Income is determined by the federal poverty guidelines which are based on the number of people in the household and the total amount of money received by **each member** in the household.
- **Households participating in the following public assistance programs must contact their local telephone company to request an application for Lifeline/Link-Up; Food Stamps, Medicaid, Federal Housing Assistance Section 8, Supplemental Security Income, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), National School Lunch Program (NSL) or the Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs.**

Bethany Family Apartments

A Permanent Supportive Housing Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.
13326 Lee St. #1 Dade City, FL 33525

Basic Eligibility Requirements

1. Persons coming from living on the streets (i.e., a place not meant for human habitation)
2. Persons coming from an emergency shelter
3. Persons coming from transitional housing for homeless persons
4. Persons from a short-term stay (up to 30 consecutive days) in an institution who previously resided on the streets or in an emergency shelter
5. Persons fleeing domestic violence

All applicants must have at least one child; and at least one family member who is disabled as defined by HUD criteria

A person with a disability has at least one of the following characteristics:

1. They are considered disabled under Section 223 of the Social Security Act;
2. They have been determined to have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment of long-continued duration, impeding the ability to live independently, and of a nature that could be improved by more suitable housing;
3. They have a developmental disability;
4. They have AIDS or conditions arising from its etiological effects.

AND

Family Income MUST BE Less Than 50% of Pasco County Median Income for family size.

NOTE: All applicants must be documented as to their homeless status and certified by a medical professional as to their disability at the time of their application to enter the Bethany Family Apartments Supportive Permanent Housing Program and live in the Bethany Family Apartments.

All applicants who are eligible for residential services will have a medical, mental, emotional, substance use, a vocational and financial assessment, as well as a background check, PRIOR to being accepted to live in the Bethany Family Apartment residential community. They must be willing and able to actively participate in the program elements required of all participants as well as work on the specific personal goals and objectives established for each individual.

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Initial Request for Supportive Services Program Participation

Date: _____

I am interested in the Supportive Services Program and living in the Bethany Family Apartments.

Name: _____

Contact Information:

You may call me at this number: _____
OR

Come see me at this location:

ON: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

DATE: ____/____/____ the best time to get in touch with me is:

Mornings between _____ and _____ AM
AND/OR

Afternoons between _____ and _____ PM

I have _____ adults and _____ children in my family.

NOTE: The apartments are limited to 2 adults and 1 to 3 children under age 18, depending on age and gender of each child, due to HUD home living arrangement requirements

I have at least one family member with a disability. YES NO

NOTE: A disabled family member is required for acceptance in to Bethany Family Apartments due to HUD home living arrangement requirements

My family is currently homeless. YES NO

NOTE: Homelessness status is a requirement for acceptance into the Bethany Family Apartments due to HUD home living arrangement requirements

My current Family Income is: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for considering the Bethany Family Apartments Supportive Services Program. We will make every effort to contact you within 24-business hours. Our office is open 8-5, Monday through Friday. You are encouraged to come in during business hours to discuss your needs with the Program Manager or the Supportive Services Life Coach for further information.

I learned of the Program from: _____ (OR)

I was referred to

Bethany Family Apartments by: _____ Telephone Number: _____

App #: _____ Resident No.: _____ Intake Staff Initials: _____ Date: _____

Information on the Emergency Financial Assistance for Housing Program (EFAHP): Description, Eligibility Requirements, and Completing the Application

There is **no fee or cost** for submitting an application to the Department of Children and Families for emergency housing services. Applying for this program is **free of charge**. If someone wants to charge you for this application form, **you do not have to pay**. The application is available at www.dcf.state.fl.us/homelessness; at DCF Service Centers throughout Florida; or call toll-free 1-877-891-6445 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you.

Description of Program: EFAHP provides a one-time payment of up to \$400 to families who are totally without shelter or face the loss of shelter because of non-payment of rent or mortgage. It also helps families who have had household disasters such as a fire, flood, or other accidents.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. There must be at least one child under the age of 18 living in the home.**
2. The household must live in Florida, or be working or looking for work in Florida.
3. At least one child or caretaker in the home must be a US citizen or legal resident.
4. We must have the Vendor Agreement page completed and signed by your landlord or mortgage company.
5. You must have proof of your housing emergency – for example, a copy of an eviction notice from the landlord or a mortgage default letter from your mortgage company. In the event of a natural disaster such as fire or flood, the EFAHP office can make a telephone call to the sheriff's office, fire department, Department of Children and Families office, etc., if you provide us with a phone number, or you may send a copy of an official notice from your county or city fire department, etc.
6. You must provide proof of your present living address. Examples include a rent receipt, utility bill, or other paperwork that lists the name of the head of household or other caretaker, and the present address.
7. You do not have enough money in checking/savings accounts, or the cash to pay your rent or mortgage.
8. The total household income is compared to the State of Florida's need standard to decide whether the household is eligible.

Income Eligibility Requirements

Household Size	Monthly Income	Household Size	Monthly Income
1	Not Eligible	6	\$ 4,734 or Less
2	\$ 2,334 or Less	7	5,334 or Less
3	2,934 or Less	8	5,934 or Less
4	3,534 or Less		
5	4,134 or Less		

Each additional member add \$600
(based on 2008 Federal poverty guidelines)

9. All income received during the month you apply is considered, except for those household members who receive SSI.
10. If you are having financial problems it must be due to a real emergency, and not from mishandling your money.
11. Your application must be signed and dated.

Application Instructions: Most instructions are already on the application. **Please print clearly.** If you have any questions, please call us first toll-free at 1-877-891-6445 [or in Tallahassee at (850) 488-3700].

Section 1: Parent or Guardian Information:

Please list only those parents or guardians who are now living in the home. If your mailing address is different from your living address, please list both. Check the box that indicates your citizenship status.

Section 2: Children and other Household Members: **We must have this information.**

Please list all persons, related and unrelated, who live in the home.

Section 3: Income Worksheet:

List all income for each household member. Although income of members who receive SSI is not counted, please list if it is received.

Section 4: Assets:

List any assets that can be converted into cash in a day or less (for example, checking or savings accounts).

Section 5: Other household information:

Describe your housing emergency clearly. Be sure to tell us what you've done to try to solve the problem.

SUMMARY: Please include proof of address and proof of your housing emergency (eviction notice, mortgage default letter, etc.) with your application. Make sure you also send the "Vendor Agreement" attached to the application. The Vendor Agreement **MUST** be filled out and signed by your landlord or mortgage company. Please call us toll-free at 1-877-891-6445 [or in Tallahassee at (850) 488-3700] if you have any questions before you send your application.

Return Address: Department of Children and Families
Office on Homelessness - PDHO
1317 Winewood Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0700

– or –

FAX: (850) 921-2559

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Before mailing or faxing your application, please do the following:

1. Completely filled out, signed and dated the two-page application.
2. Ask your landlord or mortgage company to complete and sign the Vendor Agreement.
 - If you are applying for security deposit, has the landlord filled in the amount due on the Vendor Agreement?
 - If you are applying for overdue rent or mortgage payment, has the landlord or mortgage company filled in the amount due on the Vendor Agreement?
3. Send us an eviction notice or mortgage default letter?
4. Have you included proof of your living address? This can be a utility bill, rent receipt, or other paperwork that lists the name of the head of household and the present address.

NOTE: You do not need to submit other information. For example, do not send copies of driver's license, social security card, or other documents.



APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING

Read carefully the attached instructions and rules before completing the application. Call toll-free 1-877-891-6445 for assistance.

Section 1. Parent or Guardian Information (Only list parent or guardian now living in the household.)

Parent One:

Name (First, Middle, Last)		<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen, <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Resident, OR <input type="checkbox"/> Alien			
Birth Date	Sex	Social Security Number	Home Phone: Area Code + Number	Work Phone: Area Code + Number	
Street Address: Number, Street, Apt. or Lot Number		City	State	Zip code	County
Mailing Address (if different): P.O. Box, Number, Street, Apt. or Lot Number		City	State	Zip Code	
Employer					

Parent Two (list ONLY if living in the household):

Name (First, Middle, Last)		<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen, <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Resident, OR <input type="checkbox"/> Alien			
Birth Date	Sex	Social Security Number	Work Phone: Area Code + Number		
Employer					

Section 2. Children and Other Household Members (Be sure to include birth dates and Social Security numbers.)

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Social Security Number	Relationship to You	Citizen, Legal Resident, or Alien

Section 3. Income Worksheet – List all income received by parents, children, and others in your household. Income means any money received during the month and includes working, cash assistance, social security, SSI, unemployment compensation, child support, interest, dividends, and alimony. **Be sure to show the amount received before taxes and deductions. Write in the monthly amount for each kind of income, for each person.**

Name	Monthly Work Income	Monthly Child Support	Monthly Social Security	Monthly SSI	Other Income	TOTAL

Section 4. Assets – List below the assets of each household member, such as cash, savings or checking accounts, uncashed checks, certificates of deposits (CDs), and government saving bonds.

Name	Type of Asset	Amount

Section 5. Other Household Information

- 1. Are you a legal resident of Florida, or are you working or seeking work? Yes No
- 2. Check if anyone in your household is receiving: Medicaid, Food Stamp benefits, or Temporary Cash Assistance.
- 3. Does your housing emergency exist because you or someone in your household is on strike, quit a job, refused a job, or refused training? Yes No
If "yes", give name and reason: _____

4. What is your housing emergency? We must have this information.

5. If you are asking for assistance to stop an eviction or foreclosure, give the following information:

In whose name is the rent or mortgage? _____

Who is the landlord or mortgage holder? _____ Telephone #: _____

I am giving true and complete information to the best of my knowledge. I know I am subject to criminal prosecution if false information is given. I also understand that my household may receive Emergency Financial Assistance for Housing only once in a 12 month period. I am the only person in my household applying for assistance, and I am aware that my landlord or other parties may be contacted to verify information given on this form. I know I can request a hearing if I am not satisfied with the action taken on my application.

Your signature: _____ Today's date: _____

(If you signed with an "X", please have two witnesses sign below.)

Witness 1: _____

Witness 2: _____

Return completed form to:
 Department of Children and Families
 Office on Homelessness – PDHO
 1317 Winewood Boulevard
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

Or FAX to: (850) 921-2559

Toll Free Hotline 1-877-891-6445;
 [or in Tallahassee (850) 488-3700]

There is **no fee or cost** for submitting an application to the Department of Children and Families for emergency housing services. Applying for this program is **free of charge**. If someone wants to charge you for providing this application form, you do not have to pay. The application is available at www.dcf.state.fl.us/homelessness; at DCF Service Centers throughout Florida; or call toll-free 1-877-891-6445 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you.

Information on the Emergency Financial Assistance for Housing Program (EFAHP): Description, Eligibility Requirements, and Completing the Application

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Description of Program: EFAHP provides a one-time payment of up to \$400 to families who are totally without shelter or face the loss of shelter because of non-payment of rent or mortgage. It also helps families who have had household disasters such as a fire, flood, or other accidents.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. There must be at least one child under the age of 18 living in the home.

2. The household must live in Florida, or be working or looking for work in Florida.
3. At least one child or caretaker in the home must be a US citizen or legal resident.
4. We must have the Vendor Agreement page completed and signed by your landlord or mortgage company.
5. You must have proof of your housing emergency – for example, a copy of an eviction notice from the landlord or a mortgage default letter from your mortgage company. In the event of a natural disaster such as fire or flood, the EFAHP office can make a telephone call to the sheriff's office, fire department, Department of Children and Families office, etc., if you provide us with a phone number, or you may send a copy of an official notice from your county or city fire department, etc.
6. You must provide proof of your present living address. Examples include a rent receipt, utility bill, or other paperwork that lists the name of the head of household or other caretaker, and the present address.
7. You do not have enough money in checking/savings accounts, or the cash to pay your rent or mortgage.
8. The total household income is compared to the State of Florida's need standard to decide whether the household is eligible.

Income Eligibility Requirements

Household Size	Monthly Income	Household Size	Monthly Income
1	Not Eligible	6	\$ 4,922 or Less
2	\$ 2,429 or Less	7	5,620 or Less
3	3,052 or Less	8	6,169 or Less
4	3,675 or Less		
5	4,299 or Less		
		Each additional member add \$624 (based on 2009 Federal poverty guidelines)	

9. All income received during the month you apply is considered, except for those household members who receive SSI.
10. If you are having financial problems it must be due to a real emergency, and not from mishandling your money.
11. Your application must be signed and dated.

Application Instructions: Most instructions are already on the application. **Please print clearly.** If you have any questions, please call us first toll-free at 1-877-891-6445 [or in Tallahassee at (850) 488-3700].

Section 1: Parent or Guardian Information:

Please list only those parents or guardians who are now living in the home. If your mailing address is different from your living address, please list both. Check the box that indicates your citizenship status.

Section 2: Children and other Household Members: **We must have this information including Social**

Please list all persons, related and unrelated, who live in the home.

Section 3: Income Worksheet:

List all income for each household member. Although income of members who receive SSI is not counted, please list if it is received.

Section 4: Assets:

List any assets that can be converted into cash in a day or less (for example, checking or savings accounts).

Section 5: Other household information:

Describe your housing emergency clearly. Be sure to tell us what you've done to try to solve the problem.

SUMMARY: Please include proof of address and proof of your housing emergency (eviction notice, mortgage default letter, etc.) with your application. Make sure you also send the "Vendor Agreement" attached to the application. The Vendor Agreement **MUST** be filled out and signed by your landlord or mortgage company. Please call us toll-free at 1-877-891-6445 [or in Tallahassee at (850) 488-3700] if you have any questions before you send your application.

Return Address: Department of Children and Families
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– or –

FAX: (850) 921-2559

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Before mailing or faxing your application, please do the following:

1. Completely filled out, signed and dated the two-page application.
2. Ask your landlord or mortgage company to complete and sign the Vendor Agreement.
 - If you are applying for security deposit, has the landlord filled in the amount due on the Vendor Agreement?
 - If you are applying for overdue rent or mortgage payment, has the landlord or mortgage company filled in the amount due on the Vendor Agreement?
3. Send us an eviction notice or mortgage default letter?
4. Have you included proof of your living address? This can be a utility bill, rent receipt, or other paperwork that lists the name of the head of household and the present address.

NOTE: You do not need to submit other information. For example, do not send copies of driver's license, social security card, or other documents.



VENDOR AGREEMENT

***** Landlord or Mortgage Company Must Complete and Sign *****

The undersigned landlord, mortgage holder or vendor hereby agrees to meet the following conditions in order to receive a one-time vendor payment of up to \$400 for the rent, mortgage, or security deposit of the tenant found to be eligible for the Emergency Financial Assistance for Housing Program (EFAHP):

- (1) The eligible household will only be charged, through the company's normal billing process, the actual unpaid difference between the vendor payment and the remaining unpaid cost for housing.
- (2) The household receiving assistance under the EFAHP program will not be treated adversely or discriminated against because of receipt of this assistance, or evicted without legal cause within 30 days of EFAHP payment.
- (3) The household may be eligible for assistance under this program for only one emergency every twelve months.
- (4) EFAHP funds are to be used only for overdue rent or mortgage payments, or for security deposits for new tenants.
- (5) When the benefit to the tenant does not pay the complete charges owed by the tenant, the tenant is responsible for the remaining amount owed.
- (6) If the amount of assistance received from the department for one month's rent/mortgage is greater than the minimum amount needed to prevent eviction/foreclosure, the overage will be returned to the department office shown below.
- (7) Department staff are not authorized to guarantee payment and any agreements made do not guarantee payment.
- (8) If a rental security deposit is paid by this program, the amount which remains after the tenant moves out and after the landlord has subtracted the cost to repair damages pursuant to the lease, the difference will be returned to the department office shown below. The excess amount repaid is to be identified as EFAHP security deposit funding listing the month and year paid, and the name of the tenant.

Name of tenant: _____

Address of tenant: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone number (if known): _____

Security deposit amount due: \$ _____ Overdue rent or mortgage amount due: \$ _____

Name of Landlord,
Mortgage Holder or Vendor: _____

Signature of Landlord,
Mortgage Holder or Vendor: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

To be returned with the application for Emergency Financial Assistance for Housing to:

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**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
OF
PASCO COUNTY**

Our School District is able to help families in need on a limited basis with specific items such as Holiday baskets and school supplies. Our district is able to provide this assistance through donations by private citizens, community organizations and school Board employees. **Please understand that specific needs may not be met due to unavailability of supplies or lack of funding.** If the school is unable to meet your needs the ABC representative will direct you to appropriate resources in the community. Please list only school aged children in your family currently living in your home on one form and return it to the **ABC Coordinator** or **School Social Worker**. The ABC coordinator will contact you if the program is able to meet your family's need.

School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Child's Name	Age	Grade	School	Thanks giving Baskets	Christmas Baskets	School Supplies	Other Needs

I give my permission for my child(ren) to receive help.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____
Parent/Signature

Date: _____



If the problem is not corrected within the seven days and you withhold the rent, the landlord may take you to court to collect it. Under these circumstances, you must pay the rent into the court registry, pending the judge's determination in the case.

If the Tenant Does Not Comply

Section 83.56(2), F.S.

You can be evicted for not living up to the agreement. The process of removal depends on the breach.

FAILURE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS

Except for the failure to pay rent, a landlord must notify you in writing of any shortcomings and give you seven days in which to correct the situation. If you still have not complied after seven days, the landlord can begin the eviction process based on non-compliance.

Other Evictions

Section 83.56(2)(a), F.S.

Under certain circumstances, if you have exhibited a lack of consideration for the rights and privacy of others, a landlord has the right to require you to move with very little notice.

In some cases (destruction, damage, misuse of property, unreasonable disturbances), the landlord does not have to give you an opportunity to remedy the problem and may terminate tenancy by giving you a seven-day written notice.

Each eviction case is unique, so be sure to obtain legal advice. A landlord **WAY NOT** evict you solely in retaliation for the tenant complaining to a governmental agency about code violations or asserting other tenant rights.

Non-Payment of Rent

Section 83.56(3), F.S.

The landlord must serve you, the tenant, a written notice allowing three days (excluding weekends and legal holidays) for you to pay the rent or move from the premises. If you do not pay the rent or move, he/she may begin legal action to evict you.

In order for the landlord to gain payment of rent or possession of the dwelling, he/she must file suit in county court. If the court agrees with the landlord, you will be notified in writing. You then have five days (excluding weekends and legal holidays) to respond – also in writing – to the court. If you do not respond or a judgment is entered against you, the clerk of the county court will issue a "Writ of Possession" to the sheriff who will notify you that eviction will take place in 24 hours.

Section 83.57 F.S.

Termination of tenancy without a specific term - days of written notice required (prior to termination):

Weekly ----- **7 days**

Monthly ----- **15 days**

Quarterly ----- **30 days**

Yearly ----- **60 days**

Section 83.67, F.S.

Florida Law does not allow a landlord to force a tenant out by:

- Shutting off the utilities or interrupting service, even if that service is under the control of or the landlord makes payment;
- Changing the locks or using a device that denies the tenant access;
- Removing the outside doors, locks, roof, walls or windows (except for purposes of maintenance, repair or replacement); and/or
- Removing the tenant's personal property from the dwelling unless action is taken after surrender, abandonment, recovery of possession of the dwelling unit due to the death of the last remaining tenant in accordance with section 83.59(3)(d), or lawful eviction.

If any of these occur, the tenant may sue for actual and consequential damages or three months' rent, whichever is greater, plus court costs and attorney's fees.

WHEN YOU DECIDE TO MOVE

Don't forget to give the required notice as stated in your rental agreement. The information below indicates appropriate notification if a specific time period is not included in the rental agreement. Be sure to check your rental agreement for any other specified condition.

Under certain circumstances, if allowed by the provisions of the rental agreement, a rental agreement may be ended when either party gives written notice to the other of their intention. Send all correspondence relating to your intentions to the landlord by certified mail or deliver it by hand and insist on a receipt.

It is usually a good idea to talk with the landlord in person, too. If you must cancel a lease before its expiration date, perhaps the landlord will accept the security deposit as the total financial obligation. If so, be sure to obtain a signed agreement to this effect from the landlord.

When you move from a rental unit – no matter the duration – be sure to settle all accounts. Terminate utility

service the day you leave, notify the landlord, post office and others your address change and make other arrangements to minimize inconvenience to the landlord or the new tenants.

One of the most important responsibilities as a tenant is to leave the premises in a clean condition for the next occupant. Be sure to vacuum, sweep, clean all rooms, cabinets and appliances, as well as other areas specified in the terms and conditions of the rental agreement. Take a last walk-through with the landlord. Note any damages in writing and reach a final agreement.

MILITARY SERVICE

Section 83.682, F.S.

Florida Statutes provides that a service member may terminate his or her rental agreement under certain conditions. For a free copy of the full text version of the statute, give us a call at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or visit our website at www.800helpfla.com and click on publications.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!!!

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services functions as the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints. We provide consumers with information and educational materials and we function as the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's agent in Florida regarding product recalls, inspections and investigations.

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SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 83, PART II

Most renters are aware they have certain rights when they are involved in a dispute with their landlord, however they often don't know what those rights are. This brochure was developed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to answer many of the questions frequently asked about landlord/tenant relationships. This brochure is NOT meant to be a complete summary of Florida's Landlord/tenant law. This brochure is not intended for the purpose of providing legal advice. For additional information not addressed in the brochure, refer to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes. A copy of the statutes may be obtained by calling us at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or by visiting us online at www.800helpfla.com.

This information applies to those who rent a dwelling unit as described in Section 83.43, F.S.

BEFORE YOU RENT...

Walk through the premises to identify any problems that should be fixed BEFORE you rent. Take pictures, video or make notes of any questionable conditions and include provisions for repairs in the rental agreement or in a separate written document signed by both parties.

A tenant is an equal party with the landlord. You never have to agree to any rental arrangement. Before renting a dwelling, be sure the rental agreement covers ALL the issues addressed in this brochure. Before you sign, make sure you thoroughly understand the terms of the agreement. If you DON'T understand, DON'T sign the rental agreement. There is no grace period allowed for canceling rental agreements, so if you sign, you are bound to the agreement.

ORAL & WRITTEN RENTAL AGREEMENTS

A rental agreement is an agreement to rent property (commonly referred to as leases). Rental agreements may be either written or oral. Most rental agreements are written because oral agreements can be subject to misunderstandings and are difficult to prove. A written rental agreement can be a formal contract, or simply a copy of a letter stating the rights and obligations of both the landlord and tenant.

Florida law requires that notices to and from a landlord must be in writing, even if the rental agreement is oral. You should always retain a copy of any correspondence to and from your landlord.

Section 83.46(2), F.S.

If the rental agreement contains no provision as to duration of the tenancy, the duration is determined by the periods for which rent is payable (week-to-week, month-to-month, etc.). All other terms are either those specifically addressed by law or those that are part of the agreement between you and your landlord.

DEPOSIT & RENT REQUIREMENTS

Section 83.49, F.S.

A landlord has the discretion to collect various deposits as well as some rent in advance. These advance payments generally vary in range. You should be careful about making any deposit unless a definite decision has been made to move into the unit. A tenant who puts down a deposit but then decides not to occupy the unit, **MAY NOT** be entitled to a refund. If a deposit is non-refundable it should be stated in the rental agreement.

A damage deposit is the most common requirement of landlords. At the time of the pre-rental walk-through with the landlord, you should make note of damaged items or areas, worn rugs, broken fixtures, etc. and give a copy to the landlord. Keep a copy for your files, which may help eliminate or minimize disputes later.

When you move out, the landlord must either return your deposit within 15 days of termination of the rental agreement, if the landlord does not intend to impose a claim upon the security deposit, or justify in writing by certified mail, to the tenant's last known mailing address within 30-days upon termination of a rental agreement, as to why they are keeping a portion of or all of the deposit. If the notice is not sent as required within the 30-day period, the landlord forfeits his/her right to impose a claim upon the deposit, unless you fail to give proper notice prior to vacating.

Section 83.49, 3(b)(c), F.S.

Unless you object to the imposition of the landlord's claim or the amount thereof within 15 days after receipt of the landlord's notice of intention to impose a claim, the landlord may then deduct the amount of his or her claim and shall remit the balance of the deposit to you within 30 days after the date of the notice of intention to impose a claim for damages. If you object to the landlord's claim you may file a complaint with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or institute an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to adjudicate the landlord's right to the security deposit.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE???

You and your landlord share many of the responsibilities. Maintenance of the premises is a good example. Your landlord must provide a healthy, properly maintained place for you to live. You are required to keep the premises in good condition and to occupy them as a peaceful neighbor.

There are certain responsibilities that apply to each party as outlined by law.

The Landlord

Section 83.51(1), F.S.

The landlord's responsibilities will depend on the type of rental unit. The landlord of a dwelling unit at all times during the tenancy shall:

- Comply with the requirements of applicable building, housing and health codes; or
- Where there are no applicable building, housing or health codes: maintain the roof, windows, screens, floors, steps, porches, exterior walls, foundations and all other structural components in good repair and capable of resisting normal forces and loads;
- Keep the plumbing in reasonably good working condition.

The landlord's obligations may be altered or modified in writing with respect to a single family dwelling or duplex.

Section 83.51(2)(a), F.S.

In addition to providing the above requirements, the landlord of a dwelling unit **other than a single-family home or duplex** shall, at all times of the tenancy, make reasonable provisions for:

- Extermination of rats, mice, ants and wood destroying organisms and bed bugs.
- Locks and keys.
- Clean and safe conditions of common areas.
- Garbage removal and outside receptacles.
- Functioning facilities for heat during winter, running water and hot water.

Section 83.51(2)(b), F.S.

- If the dwelling is a single-family home or duplex, a working smoke detection device.

This does not mean that the landlord is obligated to pay for utilities, water, fuel or garbage removal, although he/she may choose to. Other provisions relevant to a rental agreement may also be altered in writing.

The Tenant

Section 83.52, F.S.

A tenant, at all times during the tenancy shall:

- Comply with all building, housing and health codes
- Keep the dwelling clean and sanitary.
- Remove garbage from the dwelling in a clean and sanitary manner.
- Keep plumbing fixtures clean, sanitary and in repair
- Not destroy, detach, damage, impair or remove any part of the premises or property belonging to the landlord, nor permit any person to do so.

- Conduct him/herself, and require other persons or the premises with his/her consent, to conduct themselves in a manner that does not unreasonably disturb the tenant's neighbors or constitute a breach of the peace.

- Use and operate in a reasonable manner all electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and other facilities and appliances including elevators.

ACCESS TO THE PREMISES

Section 83.53(2), F.S.

Once you agree to rent a dwelling, your right to possession is much the same as if you owned it. The landlord however, can enter at reasonable times with proper notice to inspect, make necessary or agreed repairs decorations, alterations or improvements, supply agreed services or show it to a prospective or actual purchaser, tenant, mortgagee, worker or contractor.

The landlord may also enter at any time when:

- The tenant has given consent;
- In an emergency;
- The tenant unreasonably withholds consent; and/or
- The tenant is absent from the premises for a period of time equal to one-half the time for periodic rent payments. If the rent is current and the tenant notifies the landlord of an intended absence, then the landlord may enter only with the consent of the tenant or for the protection or preservation of the premises.

If the Landlord Does Not Comply

Section 83.56 (1), F.S.

You may be able to withhold rent if your landlord fails to do what the law or rental agreement requires. You must however, announce your intentions in writing by mail, preferably certified, at least seven days before the rent is due to allow time to remedy the problem.

Budget Help - S.I.T. Program

Many folks have difficulty finding ways to make ends meet. Here are some suggestions to get control of your money.

1. *Living within your means.* If there is more going out than coming in there needs to be some decisions and changes in spending. This is crucial to resolving money problems. Plan out expenses you know you have regularly and make a plan to cover these expenses. If you have more output than input consider what can be eliminated.

2. *Have an emergency fund.* Stuff happens! Even if it is just a few dollars, sock it away for those times when life happens as it invariably will.

3. *Eliminate living on credit.* Folks who use credit to cover the cost for their basic need items like food and shelter or to reward themselves with "fun" toys will often find themselves in a deep hole of debt that can be difficult to climb out of. If you want something instead of reaching for the plastic get an envelope and put a dollar inside. Add to that dollar whenever you can. You will probably enjoy that item much more once you get it!

Complete the budget on the following page. Spend some time thinking about what you learn from this. Talk to your partner if you have one.

Family Budget

Fill in your monthly expenses and income below:

EXPENSES:	Personal:
Rent	Clothing
Utilities:	Services (hair cuts)
Electricity	Childcare
Water	Entertainment (going out)
Gas	Laundry expenses
Cable or Satellite	Other
Phone (wireless and landline)	Other
Car:	TOTAL EXPENSES:
Loan	
Insurance	INCOME:
Gas	Pay from employment
Maintenance / repairs	SSI or other benefit
Food:	Child support
Groceries	Other employment
Dining out	Partner or spouse income or benefit
Medical (physical, dental, vision)	Other
Premiums	TOTAL INCOME:
Co-pays	
Other	

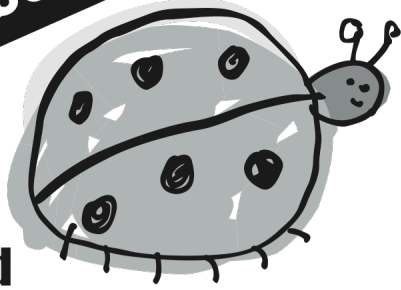
What is higher, your expenses or income?

If your income is higher, great, now how much are you saving each month?

If your expenses are higher, you have some decisions to make. How can you lower your expenses? Or, how can you increase your income?



Applications Being Accepted!



FREE Head Start and Early Head Start Programs

Space is Limited

Preference for Head Start is given to children who turn 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current school year.

Eligibility is based on family need and income. Total household income must be within federal poverty guidelines.

Completing an application does **NOT** guarantee a child's eligibility for services.

All applicants are placed on a waiting list.

Children who are turning 3 years old on or before September 1 of the current school year may also apply.

Early Head Start serves expectant mothers, infants, and toddlers through age 3.

Transportation for children is provided according to the District School Board of Pasco County transportation guidelines.

Documents needed to complete an application:

1. Child's CERTIFIED Birth Certificate (Not hospital copy).
2. Child's Health Card (Medicaid, Kid Care or Private Insurance) if applicable.
3. Documentation of 4-6 WEEKS of the **most current household** income (pay stubs, SSI/SSD, W-2(s), employer letter, and/or 1040 tax form).
4. Proof of Child Support for **all** children in home, if applicable.
5. Proof of current residency (utility bill, FL ID/Driver's License, etc.).

Children with documented disabilities or special needs are given additional points and are encouraged to apply.

Additional documents if applicable:

1. Child's Social Security Card or number.
2. Information for other family members in the home (Social Security numbers and dates of birth).
3. TCA or WAGES Verification (Career Central), or Subsidized Child Care, Protective Services and/or Foster Care Verification.
4. Bring copies of recent medical bills exceeding \$300.
5. Documentation of parent/guardian attending school.
6. Documentation of disability or suspected disability in the home for child, parent and/or guardian.
7. Documentation of health/nutritional concern-diagnosed or suspected. Proof of WIC.
8. Documentation of pregnancy.

Head Start is available at 23 Pasco County Elementary School sites.

Extended Day/Extended Year Services are Available for Head Start Children Through the PLACE Program for 4 Year Olds at Selected Sites. Extended Year Center-Based Services are Available for Selected Early Head Start Participants at Moore-Mickens Education Center and Marchman Technical Education Center.



Home Visitor and Socialization Group Services are Provided to (Early Head Start) Infants, Toddlers and Expectant Families in Their Home for the Home-Based Program. Call for More Information.

District School Board of Pasco County
Prekindergarten Services

East Pasco (352) 524-2730 • Central Pasco (813) 794-2730 • West Pasco (727) 774-2730



Who can help?

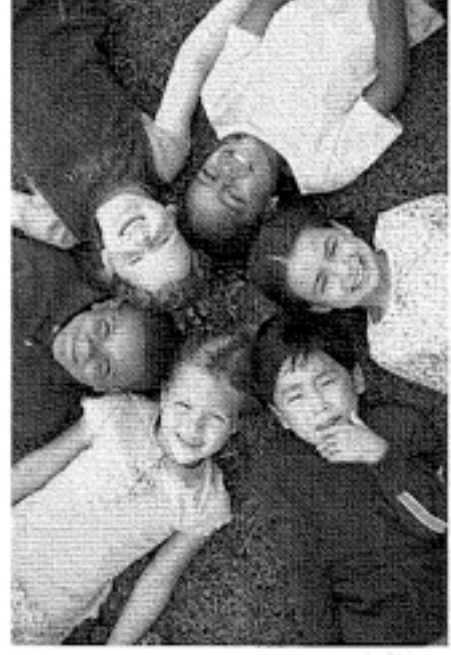
If you have a child from birth through 5 years that you suspect may have a developmental delay, you owe it to your child and yourself to contact your child's teacher/caregiver and/or home visitor. Share your concerns so that you can receive all of the help and support that the Early Head Start/Head Start program has to offer.

Remember, the earlier you recognize your child's special needs and seek professional help, the greater the chances that your child can be helped to overcome a problem.

Taken from Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Gulfcoast Associate Center.



No two are exactly the same...



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Does your child have trouble: cuddling?
 eating?
 asking questions and exploring?

Early Childhood is the time to be concerned about how a child learns. Below are some basic skills, which are important in the growth and development of young children. Please look at each section from birth up to your child's present age and check any skills which your child has **not** yet achieved.

Birth to 6 months:

- turns toward sounds
- laughs, squeals or babbles to people
- holds onto your finger
- reaches for rattle or toy



6 months to 1 year:

- crawls
- sits without support
- jabbles at length
- recognizes mother (or primary caregiver)



1 year to 18 months:

- points to at least 2 body parts when asked
- names 2 or more objects
- reacts to parent coming and going
- is beginning to feed self
- walks without help



18 months to 2 years:

- drinks from a cup without help
- can build a tower of 3 or 4 blocks
- says the names of 5 or more objects
- shows interest in other children
- can follow a simple direction



2 to 3 years:

- puts words together to make simple sentences
- uses spoon and fork to feed self
- can hold and mark with a pencil or crayon
- can climb the ladder on a slide
- can identify happy, sad, angry and afraid
- claims things as "mine"
- runs with ease



3 to 4 years:

- can pedal a tricycle or "big wheel"
- is toilet trained
- plays in small group (shares, takes turns)
- asks "what," "where," and "why" questions
- speech is easily understandable by others



4 to 5 years:

- can throw and catch a ball
- can tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end from looking at a picture
- copies simple shapes (circle, square, and triangle)
- uses complete sentences in conversation
- tries to write some of the letters in his/her name



Birth to 5 years:

*These are some behaviors, which may be seen in children of different ages.
Have you noticed any of these in your child?*

- holds books or pictures close to face
- talks too loudly most of the time
- deliberately hurts other children
- seems clumsier than other children
- frequently tells lies or steals things
- doesn't answer when spoken to
- seems to be in his/her own little world
- bangs head or scratches self when doesn't get his/her own way
- doesn't seem to learn things as quickly as other children

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Dr. Kevin P. Conner, DC, CCSP
Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician
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New Port Richey, FL 34653
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