This guide is not intended to be exhaustive of the programs available in Charlotte County. If you know of a 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 directly to ensure that 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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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

✦ **4-H Youth Development**  
  Phone: (941) 764-4340  
  Young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

✦ **AARP Grandparent Information Center**  
  Phone: 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  
  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.

✦ **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.aalifeline.org](http://www.aalifeline.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  
  800.227.2345  
  Website: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)  
  An organization that fights cancer through research, education, advocacy and patient services.

- **American Red Cross**  
  866 Tamiami Trail, Ste 8  
  Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
  Phone: 941 629.4345  
  [www.flwestcoastredcross.org](http://www.flwestcoastredcross.org)  
  Assists at times of natural and man-made disasters. Teaches First Aid, CPR, lifeguard, babysitting and caregiving courses. A leader in research and testing to protect the safety of the blood supply. Unwavering commitment to members of the U.S. military, veterans and their families

- **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/getinvolved/americorps.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/getinvolved/americorps.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.

- **AMIKids Crossroads**  
  45991 Bermont Road  
  Punta Gorda, FL 33982  
  Phone: (941) 575.5790
Website:  http://supportcrossroads.org/
Offers residential program services to teen boys who struggle fitting into the foster care system and society in general.

✦ 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:  info@arcflorida.org
Website:  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
           (855) 529.6807   Orlando Fl.
           (954) 577.4141   Sunrise Fl.
           (850) 426.1910   Navarre FL.

Website:  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 the Sun Coast
Port Charlotte Town Center Mall
1441 Tamiami Trail, Suite 385
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone:  (941) 764.5812
Website:  www.bbbssun.org
Provides volunteer mentors, family support and youth development programs for at-risk children.

✦ **Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte County, Inc. (Administrative offices)**
  17831 Murdock Circle, Unit B  
  Port Charlotte, FL 33948

  Phone: (941) 979.8379  
  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 that provides services to the indigent.

✦ **Candlelighters of SW FL, Inc.**
  Phone: (239) 432.2223  
  (239) 432.1032   Fax  
  Email: 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.

✦ **Career Source Florida**
  (Possible name change to Career Source Southwest Florida in Feb 2013)  
  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.
Center for Abuse & Rape Emergencies, Inc.
Phone: (941) 627.6000
Website: www.carefl.org

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

Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Phone: (800) 232.4636
(888) 232.6348 TTY
Website: www.cdc.gov

U.S. agency that protects health and safety of all Americans by providing 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) 590.7769 Fort Myers
Email: card-usf@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
Toll Free: (877) 703.5267
Website: www.CBHCfl.org

Provides mental health services.

Charlotte County Community Services
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625.7529
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/CommunityServices
Recreational activities through parks, libraries, sports complex, historical center and recreational centers including intersession and summer camps.

**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, 20th Judicial Court**  
350 E. Marion Avenue  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  

PROGRAMS:  
- Charlotte County Court Mediation Programs:  
- Juvenile Arbitration Program/Teen Court Program  
- Domestic Violence/Family Mediation  
Phone: (941) 637.2281  
Website: [http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/charlotte/charhome.asp](http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/charlotte/charhome.asp)  

**Charlotte County Clerk Of Circuit Court**  
350 E. Marion Avenue  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
Murdock Administration  
18500 Murdock Circle  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948  

General Information: (941) 505.4716  
Website: [www.co.charlotte.fl.us/Default.aspx](http://www.co.charlotte.fl.us/Default.aspx)  

Provides various recording services and handles probate and support payments. Offers public information, court records, tax collection information and fee index.

**Charlotte County Fire & EMS**  
26571 Airport Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982  

PROGRAM:  
- Child Safety Seat Program  
Phone: (941) 833.5600
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/fire/

Provides fire and emergency medical services in Charlotte County.

**Charlotte County Health Department**
1100 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

PROGRAMS:
- **Communicable Disease Control & Epidemiology**
- **WIC Nutrition Program**
- **Birth certificates if birth occurred in state of Florida**
- **Death certificates if death occurred in Charlotte county**

Phone: (941) 624.7200
Website: www.charlottechd.com

Provides preliminary medical care and services to include Family Planning, Immunizations, STD testing and HIV. Services are on a sliding scale by income.

**Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition Inc.**
17940 Toledo Blade Blvd., Unit A
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone: (941) 764.9700
Website: www.charlottecountyhealthystart.com

Provides care coordination for pregnant moms and babies to improve birth and health outcomes.

**Charlotte County Homeless Coalition, Inc.**
**Hot Meals Program** (breakfast and dinner)
1476 Kenesaw Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
*Mailing address:* P.O. BOX 380157, Murdock, FL 33938-0157

Phone: (941) 627.4313
Website: www.cchomelesscoalition.org

Provides: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Homeless Prevention, Food Pantry, and Hot Meals
Charlotte County Human Services Department
1050 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33980

PROGRAMS:
- Senior Services
- Veterans Services
- Housing Services
- Family Services (Self Sufficiency/Utility Assistance)
- Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB)/Civil Citation
- Family Service Center

Phone: (941) 833.6500
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com (Listed under Departments)

Provides temporary assistance to income-eligible individuals living in Charlotte County. Services include utility assistance and case management to assist families in achieving self-sufficiency.

Senior Division/Human Services
National Family Caregiver Program:
Eligibility 55 years or older caring for minor children absent the parents.
Program may assist with summer camp or day care.
Or 60 and older caring for a frail elder.
Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative:
Eligibility 18 years or older suffering from a dementing illness. Program may assist with caregiver relief and/or incontinent supplies.
Case Management Services: Available to help with multi-generational families connecting with community support.

Veteran’s Services/Human Services
Provides services and support to County citizens who are veterans of military service, their families, dependents and/or survivors and like persons residing in our County. Assisting veterans and their dependents in the presentation, proof and establishment of all claims, privileges, rights and other veteran benefits, which they may have under federal, state or local laws. Other benefits include assistance in placement into the veterans’ nursing home, cemeteries, counseling, and programs for homeless veterans, as well as presentations to our community partners.

Phone: (941) 764-5579                     Englewood Office (941) 681-3716
Fax: (941) 833-6565                         Terry.Keene@charlottefl.com
David.Donoheaw@charlottnefl.com               David.Rockow@charlottefl.com
Housing Division/Human Services
Responsible for oversight of the enforcement of federal and state fair housing laws. Administers funds available for affordable housing initiatives. Housing efforts are accomplished by developing partnerships with local lenders, nonprofit organizations and affordable housing developers. The division serves as Charlotte County's housing liaison with the State of Florida and other state and federal housing advocates.
Programs currently include: State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP)

Family Services (Self Sufficiency/Utility Assistance)
To foster positive and quality community collaborations making family support programs and services readily available to all families, resulting in an improved quality of life for all Charlotte County children and their families.

Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB) Program
NAB currently receives referrals from the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Civil Citation program via the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office. Representing a community based decision process aimed at repairing the harm committed against victims and neighborhoods. This process takes a restorative justices approach. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please call one of the numbers provided.

Phone:  (941) 833.6518
Email:   Jack.Sanzalone@charlottefl.com

Family Services Center
21450 Gibraltor Drive
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone:  (941) 235.0668
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.gov/services/familyservices/pages/familyservicescenter.aspx

Provides rental space for non-profit organizations that offer family support services including after school programs, children’s advocacy, children’s health and development programs, senior employment services, adults with disabilities services, assistance with hearing impaired persons, and social services.

OFFICES:

Boys and Girls Club  (941) 979.8379
Positive youth development programs
Children’s Advocacy Center of Southwest FL  (239) 939.2808
Child-friendly center for child victims of abuse

Comprehensive Housing Resources  (941) 624-0911
Consumer services including financial literacy, foreclosure programs, Hardest Hit Fund and National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling

Experience Works  (941) 743.0500
Improves lives of older workers through training, community svc, employment

Family Literacy Center  (941) 255.1431
Math, reading, language classes, English as a Second Language (all levels)

Florida Center for Early Childhood, Healthy Families  (941) 629-6477
Equips parents with knowledge/skills to create a stable home environment

Guardian Ad Litem  (941) 613-3233
Assigns volunteers to represent abused, neglected or abandoned children during court proceedings

Hearing Impaired Persons  (941) 743.8347
Offers information, referral, educational seminars, interpreter services

New Visions – Adults with Disabilities  (941) 627.1010
Day program helping the mentally challenged to develop life skills

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic  (941) 766.9570
(Clinic located at 21297 Olean Blvd – Unit B)

Charlotte County Public Schools
(District Office Location)
1445 Education Way
Port Charlotte, FL  33948

Phone:  (941) 255.0808
Website:  www.ccps.k12.fl.us

Adult & Community Education
1441 Tamiami Trail, Ste 365, Port Charlotte, FL  33948
Phone:  (941) 255.7430

Baker Center
311 E. Charlotte Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL  33950
Phone:  (941) 575.5470
  PROGRAMS:
  -  Early Head Start (9 weeks to 3 years old)
  -  Head Start (4 years old)

-  Adult GED
Charlotte Technical Center
18150 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Phone: (941) 255.7500

Exceptional Student Education
1445 Education Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Phone: (941) 255.0808

Families First
Meadow Park Elementary School
3131 Lakeview Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Phone: (941) 255.7480

Lemon Bay High School
2201 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224
Phone: (941) 475.4961

Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office
7474 Utilities Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982
Phone: (941) 639.2101
Website: www.ccsso.org

PROGRAMS:
- Crime Prevention
- Finger Printing Program
- Fresh Start: Targets at risk youth and first time offenders by exposing youth to conditions associated with living incarcerated.
- Victim’s Assistance Program
Safety education promoting safe practices and crime prevention.

Charlotte County Library System
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Phone: (941) 613.3160
Administration Phone: (941) 235.5000
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com

Provides youth and family activities and resources. Official events calendar listed on library web page.
Child and Elder or Vulnerable Adult Abuse Hotline
Phone: (800).96.ABUSE or (800).962.2873
Website: [www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/](http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/)

Receives reports of 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 Support Enforcement Customer Service Line
Phone: (800)-622-KIDS or (800).622.5437
Website: [www.myflorida.com/dor/childsupport](http://www.myflorida.com/dor/childsupport)

1649 Tamiami Trail, Suite 1-A
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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) 934.3740 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/](http://www.cac-swfl.org/)

Child-friendly center for children who are victims of abuse that allows for 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@cnswfl.org  
  Website: www.childnetswfl.org

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

- **Children’s Wish Foundation International, Inc**  
  Phone: (800) 323.9474  Toll Free  
  Website: www.childrenswish.org

  Fulfills the favorite wish of a terminally ill child. All arrangements 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.

- **Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**  
  Phone: (941) 552.1950  
  24 hour Crisis Stabilization Unit: (941) 364.9355

- **Community Presbyterian Church, Preschool**  
  425 Sunset Drive  
  Englewood, FL  34223
  
  Phone: (941) 474.5555  
  Website: www.cpcpreschooleng.com

  Provides workshops for pre-school children.

- **Cultural Center of Charlotte County**  
  2280 Aaron Street  
  Port Charlotte, FL  33952
  
  Phone: (941) 625.4175  
  Website: 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:  866-762.2237  
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

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**
Phone:  (239) 992.3840  
(941) 907.0811  Local # for Charlotte County Residents  
Website:  [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)

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

**Diabetes Centers**
Website:  [http://www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)  
Phone:  (941) 342.2383

Charlotte Harbor Diabetes Center
Janick Professional Group, 4369 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL  33980  
Phone:  (941) 629-3366 Ext 201

Millennium Diabetes Education Program  
19531 Cochran Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
Phone:  941-255-3535

Living Smart Diabetes Self-Management Program  
21216 Olean Boulevard, Suite 5-7, Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Phone:  941-624-4800

These Centers mission is to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all affected by diabetes.

**Dial-A-Ride**
25490 Airport Road  
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
Provides curb to curb public transportation services to all residents and visitors of Charlotte County for a small fee. Works on an advanced reservation basis.

**Sunshine Ride**  
Provides door to door transportation service for those unable to provide or purchase their own transportation due to disability, age, living in a rural area or income.

**Disability Rights Florida**  
Phone: (800) 342.0823  Toll Free: Tallahassee  
(850) 488.8640  Fax  
(800) 346.4127  TDD  
Website: [www.disabilityrightsflorida.org](http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org)  
Provides information, protection and advocacy services and is mandated to ensure and expand the legal rights of individuals with disabilities

**Drug Free Charlotte County**  
1445 Education Way  
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**  
2886 Tamiami Trail, Suite 1  
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952  
Phone: (941) 255.1650  
Fax: (941) 255.5856  
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)  
Phone (407) 629.7881 (Florida)  
Website: [www.fl.easterseals.com](http://www.fl.easterseals.com)

Children and adults with disabilities and special needs find services designed to meet their individual needs. Families are active members of any therapy program, and are offered the support families need.

assistance to childcare providers.

**Eckerd Youth Alternative, Inc**  
Phone: (888) 726.3883 Toll Free- Program Admissions  
(800) 554.4357 Toll Free- Headquarters

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

assistance to childcare providers.

**Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.**  
700 East Dearborn Street  
Englewood, FL  34295

Phone: (941) 474.5864  
(941) 460.2791 Fax  
Website: [http://englewoodhelpinghand.org](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 Residents Only.

**Epilepsy Services of SW Florida**  
Phone: (941) 953.5988 (Sarasota)  
(239) 275.4838 (Fort Myers)  
Website: [www.epilepsy-services.org](http://www.epilepsy-services.org)

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

**Family Health Centers of SW Florida**  
(Port Charlotte Medical, & Dental Office)  
4300 Kings Hwy, Ste. 500
Multi-specialty primary health care provider. Offers comprehensive primary/preventive health care in the specialties of family practice, pediatrics and dental care.

**Family Law Self Help Program**  
Charlotte County Justice Center  
350 East Marion Avenue  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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 Network on Disabilities of Florida Inc.**  
Phone: (800) 825.5736  toll Free  
Phone: (727) 523.1130  
FAX: (727) 523.8687  
Website: [www.fndfl.org](http://www.fndfl.org)

FND is a grassroots organization for persons with disabilities and families that is family-centered and family driven. Provides information, resources and advocacy training.

**Fathers for Equal Rights National Organization Inc**  
Phone: (24 Hour Hotline)  
(305) 823.9984  
(305) 335.9077  
(305) 234.4156  
(305) 259.0084  
Email: info@ffermiami.org  
Website: [www.fathersforequalrights-miami.org](http://www.fathersforequalrights-miami.org)
Assists fathers in preparing for court. Experts in Family Law, Domestic Relations, Child Custody, Court System and child psychology, child development, etc.

**FeverWise, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 510397  
Punta Gorda, FL 33951

Phone: (941) 505.WISE (9473)  
Website: [www.FeverWise.org](http://www.FeverWise.org)

Provides basic health & nutrition classes, including American Heart Association CPR, BLS & First-Aid, free of charge to our vulnerable and at-risk populations. We provide both low-cost and no-cost health and American Heart Association classes for the general public. Classes cover subjects relating to good health: Basic health & nutrition (Health-Nut), effective hand-washing practices, importance of breastfeeding, regular medical and dental check-ups, immunizations, dental hygiene, and basic skills to handle minor ailments at home.

**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. The Horn of Plenty (food pantry) is located on the south end of our two-story educational building and is open on Saturday from 9:00am - Noon.

**F.I.S.H of Englewood**  
Phone: (941) 475.4494

Provides transportation for anyone unable to drive locally to doctor’s appointments, stores, banks, etc. (Englewood area residents only).

**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 or who are at risk for developmental delays.

**Florida KidCare**  
Phone: (888) 540.5437 (Toll Free)  
(877) 316.8748 TTY  
Website: www.floridakidcare.org

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

**Florida Network of Youth and Family Services**  
24 Hour Toll Free  800.RUNAWAY (1.800.786.2929)  
800.352.5683  
Phone: (850) 922.4324  
Website: www.floridanetwork.org

A non-profit statewide association that representing several agencies which serve homeless, runaway and troubled youth ages 10 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  
Fax: (321) 872.6620  
Website: www.fpea.com

FPEA serves thousands of homeschooling families in Florida, delivering a wealth of support, guidance and information to both new and longtime home educators.

**Florida Rural Legal Services – Charlotte County Office**  
410 Taylor Street, Suite #106  
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Phone: (941) 505.9007  
(800) 476.8937

Website: www.frls.org

Free legal representation is provided to those below poverty level in matters related to elder law, housing, labor and employment, education, civil rights, family security/public benefits, family 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 (Ranch)

Website: 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 to determine eligibility. Applications must be approved by the local sheriff.

Florida Virtual School
Suite 200
2145 Metrocenter Blvd
Orlando, FL 32835

Toll Free: 800.374.1430
Phone: 407.513.3587
Fax: 407.513.3480

Website: 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) 682.4000
Fax: (904) 682.3990
Email: office@floridayouthchallengeacademy.org
Website: www.floridayouthchallengeacademy.org

A 17 ½ month quasi-military training and mentoring program. Must be 16 but no more than 18 years old; a high school drop-out/expellee or disenrollee; a citizen or legal resident of the United States and a resident of the State of Florida. This program helps develop life skills, complete education goals, and develop employment potential.
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
Website: 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.
Also suicide prevention.

Good Will
2325 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 255-3884

Program helps youth with disabilities prepare for life and/or high school.
Employment soft-skills and job skills are taught.
Computers/fax machines available for job hunting and/or writing resumes
- Angela Hemstreet: Prog. Coord: Florida High School/High Tech
Email: angelahemstreet@goodwilswfl.org
- Sabrenia Morgan: Job link coordinator. Program directed for those in
  need of a job. Email: sabreniamorgan@goodwillswfl.org

Guardian Ad Litem
21450 Gibralter Drive, Suite 5
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 613.3233

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

Habitat for Humanity
1750 Manzana Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 639.3162
Website: www.charlottecountyhfh.org

Builds houses for homeownership for low to very low income families.
Hampton Point Apartments
2511 Luther Road
Punta Gorda, FL  33983
Phone: (941) 979.1001
Website: 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

Provides temporary housing assistance including rent, utilities and transitional housing for HIV/AIDS positive individuals.

Healthy Families of Charlotte County
21450 Gibralter 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
21450 Gibralter Drive, Suite 8
Port Charlotte, FL  33952

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
Please call for location:  Phone: 941-763-2244
Website:  www.heartofmercyoutreach.com

Provides free food, clothes and some household items for anyone in need.
Learning Disabilities Association of Florida  
Phone: (561) 247.0221  
Website: www.lda-florida.org  

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

Life Port Church and Palm Christian Academy  
390 Flamingo Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33954  

Phone: (941) 255.5544  
Fax: (941) 764.1288  
Website: www.lifeportchurch.org  
Email: lifeportchurch@gmail.com  

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

Lions Club of Port Charlotte  
Phone: (941) 456.6281  
Phone: (941) 391.6635 (for glasses)  
Website: www.lions35i.org/portcharlotte/index.htm  

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

Lutheran Services Florida (LSF)  
21175 Olean Boulevard, Unit B  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  

Phone: 941.613.3870  
Website: www.lsfnet.org  

LSF provides Healing, Hope and Help to residents of the South West Florida Region. LSF provides a wide array of services including:

- Children In Need of Services/Family In Need of Services (CINS/FINS)
- Individual / Family Counseling
- School monitoring
- Case management / referral
- Substance abuse counseling
- Residential services
- TURN Committee
- CINS petition

- **MADD of SW Florida**
  Phone: (888) 252.6233  Florida State Office
  (877) 623.3435 24 hr. Victim Services Help Line
  Email: fl.state@madd.org
  Website: www.madd.org

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

- **Make a Wish Foundation**
  Phone: (800) 722.9474  
  (800) 691.2881
  Email: jennifer.misiewicz@suncoastwish.org
  Website: www.sfla.wish.org

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

- **Meals On Wheels**
  *(Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda)*
  (Englewood)
  3082 Tamiami Trail
  400 Loma Linda
  Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
  Englewood, FL 34223
  Phone: (941) 625.4343  
  Phone: (941) 474.4445
  Website: www.mowaa.org

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

- **Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse, Florida**
  Phone: 888.FL.MISSING (356.4774)
  Website: www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch

  The central repository of information regarding missing endangered persons in Florida. MEPIC assists law enforcement agencies and Florida's citizens in finding missing persons by providing analytical services and engaging the public in the search to include the Florida AMBER Plan and Florida Silver Alert Plan.

- **Mission Unity, Inc.**
  3512 Depew Circle
  Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Phone: (941) 286.2861
Website:  www.missionunity.org
Drug assessment and treatment center. A transitional living facility for single adults who are homeless due to substance abuse. Provides low cost outpatient drug and alcohol assessments and counseling.

✦ Murdock Circle Apartments
17800 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL  33948

Phone:  (855) 879.5139
Website:  www.mymurdockcircle.com

Provides affordable housing for low-income families.

✦ Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Peace River Area
Phone:   (800) 381.7371
Website:  www.nagulfcoastfla.org

Support groups offered for those recovering from drug addiction.

✦ NATHHAN
Phone:  (800) 266.9837  Toll Free
        (208) 267.6246
Email: nathanews@aol.com
Website:  www.nathhan.com

Equipping parents to raise their children with special needs or disabilities confidently through home schooling.
Also: CHASK: Works as a matching agency for birth moms, to families that can raise special needs children, if they are not able to. Encourages moms that there is help and hope if they want to raise the child on their own.

✦ National Alliance on Mental Illness  (NAMI)
Phone:  (800) 950.6264  National Toll Free
        (850) 671.4445  Florida

Website:  www.namiflorida.org
Email Address: info@namiflorida.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 (1.800.THE.LOST) 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
  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**
  Website: [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

  Funding for this program was lost 09/30/2013. Website and all of its available resources will remain available until 09/30/2014.

✦ **National Parents of Murdered Children Inc.**
  Phone: (888) 818.7662 Toll Free (National)
  Website: [www.pomc.com](http://www.pomc.com)
  Email: natlpomc@pomc.org

  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.nctsnet.org](http://www.nctsnet.org)

  Center provides 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

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 Operation Cooper Street, Inc.
650 Mary Street
Punta Gorda, FL  33950

Phone: (941) 639.3034
Email: cooperstreet@hotmail.com
Website: www.cooperstreetcenter.org

Recreational facilities in cooperation with Community Services. Recreational facilities and programs for youth aged 4 to 18 including computer room, children’s reading room, and library, recreation room, and basketball courts. 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: 800.329.8336
Website: www.lsfnet.org

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

Peace Lutheran Church
21500 Gibralter Drive
Port Charlotte, FL  33952

Phone: (941) 625.4969
Website: www.peaceportcharlotte.org

Provides human services to the community.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
Phone: (888.4ppa.now) (888.477.2669)
Website: www.pparx.org
The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need through the program that is right for them. Many will get their medications free or nearly free.

- **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
  Website: [www.phrma.org](http://www.phrma.org)
  Interactive website designed to help patients find assistance programs for free medicine.

- **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida**
  8595 College Parkway, Suite 250
  Fort Myers, FL 33919
  Phone: (239) 481.9999  (Fort Myers)
  (941) 365.3913  (Sarasota)
  Website: [www.ppswcf.org](http://www.ppswcf.org)
  Services available to Charlotte County residents including gynecological exams, bladder/urinary tract infections, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing / treatment, and counseling.

- **Poison Information Center (Florida) – Tampa General Hospital**
  Phone: 1.800.222.1222
  (TDD/TTY 813.844.7042, 813.844.7403)
  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.

- **Port Charlotte Girl Scout House**
  165 McGuire Avenue
  Port Charlotte, FL  33952
Programs offered to girls 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

  Pregnancy support resource center. Earn while you learn program available which is a curriculum divided into subjects like Pregnancy, Parenting, Toddlers and Fatherhood

- **Presbyterian Homes/Villas**
  2295 Aaron Street
  Port Charlotte, Florida 33952
  Phone: 941 629.6664
  Fax: 941 629.6435
  Website: www.phhf.com/port_charlotte

  Quality, low-income, affordable communities for seniors and families

- **Project Linus (held at New Day Christian Church)**
  20212 Peachland Boulevard
  Port Charlotte, FL 33983
  Phone: (941) 625.4947
  Website: www.projectlinus.org

  Make a blanket and donate it to your local Project Linus chapter. They take your blanket to facilities where it will be given to a deserving child to include area hospitals, organizations for neo-natal and terminally ill children.

- **Punta Gorda Housing Authority**
  340 Gulf Breeze Avenue
  Punta Gorda, FL 33950
  Phone: (941) 639.4344
Provides the only Public Housing available in Charlotte County. Section 8 Voucher Program for Charlotte County is located here.

- **Punta Gorda Police Department**
  1410 Tamiami Trail
  Punta Gorda, FL 33950
  Phone (941) 639-4111
  Website: [www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us](http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us)
  Jammers: [www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/jammers.html](http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/jammers.html)
  Do The Right Thing: [www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_dtrt.html](http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_dtrt.html)
  DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) [www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_dare.html](http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_dare.html)
  GREAT (Gang Resistance Education & Training)

- **Rodeheaver Boy’s Ranch Inc.**
  Phone: (386) 328.1281
  Email: rodeheaverboys@gmail.com
  Website: [www.rbr.org/](http://www.rbr.org/)
  Working residential ranch for boys with behavioral problems.
  “It is better to build boys than to mend men.”

- **Salvation Army**
  2120 Loveland Blvd.
  Port Charlotte, FL 33980
  Phone: (941) 629.5950
  Website: [www.salvationarmyflorida.org](http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org)
  Provides social services, food pantry, disaster assistance and spiritual counseling. Possible emergency assistance for electric and rent.
  - Youth program on Tuesday nights from 5-8 p.m.
    Music and various activities for youth to participate in.

- **SEDNET / Multi agency network for students with emotional/behavioral disorders**
  5775 Osceola Trail
  Naples, FL 34109
A multi-agency service working with youth and their families. Facilitates the coordination of services provided by education, mental health, juvenile justice and child welfare agencies.

✦ **Senior Choices**  
15201 N. Cleveland Ave, Suite 1100  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903  
Phone: (866) 413.5337  
Website: [www.aaaswfl.org](http://www.aaaswfl.org)

To help aging adults achieve greater independence through awareness of resources and access to qualified service providers.

✦ **Seven Palms Apartments**  
1200 Slash Pine Circle  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 637.1932  
Website: [www.7palmsapartments.com](http://www.7palmsapartments.com)

Provides affordable housing for low-income families.

✦ **Seventh Day Adventist Church/Community Services**  
2036 Loveland Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980  
1555 Taylor Rd  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Phone: (941) 629.0398  
Phone: (941) 505.1658  
Website: [www.adventistsatportcharlotte.org](http://www.adventistsatportcharlotte.org)  
Website: [www.puntagordasda.org](http://www.puntagordasda.org)

Provides food, clothing and financial assistance for families facing an emergency.

✦ **Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa**  
Phone: (800) 237.5055 Toll Free patient referral line  
(813) 972.2250  
Website: [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)
Provides specialized care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate.

**SIDS Alliance, Florida**  
Phone: 800.SIDS.FLA (800.743.7352)  
Fax: 407.444.5208  
Email: sidsfla@yahoo.com

Caring people, sharing strength, love and concern about SIDS and establishes a reliable, continuous source of assistance to parents who lose a child suddenly and unexpectedly. Also, sponsors educational campaigns to promote and support research into cause and possible prevention of SIDS through fund raising and public education.

**SIDS First Candle**  
Phone: (800) 221.7437 (Grief Support 24/7)  
Phone: (443) 640.1049  
Website: [www.firstcandle.org](http://www.firstcandle.org)  
Email: info@firstcandle.org

Dedicated to safe pregnancies and survival of babies through the first years of life. Current priorities are to eliminate Stillbirth, SIDS and other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths with programs of research, education and advocacy. Also provides compassionate grief support to all those affected by the death of a baby.

**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 Charlotte County residents on Medicaid. All other services are for Sarasota Residents.
Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. (SWFAS)
3763 Evans Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 332.6937
Emergency (239) 275.4242 or 911
Website: www.swfas.org

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.safedrivingschool.com/index.htm

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

St. Vincent de Paul:
(Food pantry, clothing, limited assistance with rent and utilities).

Sacred Heart- St. Vincent de Paul
25200 Airport Rd
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Phone: 941.575.0767
(Furniture and household items): 941.575.8544
Website: www.sacredheartfl.org

San Antonio Catholic Church- St. Vincent de Paul
24445 Rampart Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33980
Phone: (941) 624.3799
Website: www.sanantoniocatholicchurch.com

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church- St. Vincent de Paul
21505 Augusta Avenue
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Phone: (941) 625.9784
St. Maximillian Kolbe Catholic Church- St. Vincent de Paul
1441 Spear Street
Port Charlotte, FL  33948
Phone:  (941) 258.3398

Suncoast Worship Center and Christian Academy
881 S. River Road
Englewood, FL  34233

Phone:  (941) 474.5045
(941) 475.0511  Christian Academy
Website:  www.suncoastworship.com

Provides food pantry and support services.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous, Inc
Phone:  (410) 893.3322
Website:  www.siawso.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.

Teen Challenge International
Girls:  
6754 S. Carter Rd
Lakeland, FL 33813
Phone: (863) 647.1944

Boys:  
P.O. BOX 690612
Vero Beach, FL 32969
Phone: (772) 978-4164

Website:  www.teenchallengeusa.com

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

Time Out Respite Care, Inc.
24246 Harborview Road
Port Charlotte, FL  33980

Phone:  (941) 743.3883
Website:  www.timeoutrespitecare.org
Provides much needed relief to families of mentally and physically disabled children and adults, offering the services of trained caregivers to residents of Charlotte County Florida. The program is available 24/7.

**Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic**
21297 Olean Blvd – Unit B
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 766.9570  
Website: www.volunteercare.info/home

Provides no-cost episodic medical services and prescription medication to the uninsured and underserved residents of Charlotte County.

**Visually Impaired Persons of Charlotte County**
3459 Depew Ave.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Phone: (941) 625.8501  
Website: www.vipofcc.com

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

**Vocation Rehabilitation (VR) Division, Florida Dept. of Education**
Port Charlotte Unit 24B  
4161 Tamiami Trail, Suite 801  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952-9299  
Phone: (941) 613-0900  
Website: www.rehabworks.org

A federal-state program helping people who have physical or mental disabilities get or keep a job. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**
1100 Loveland Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980  
(Mon, Tue, Thur 8-4:30 p.m.) (Wed, Fri 8-12:00 p.m.)  
Phone: 941.624.7210 (Main WIC line)  
Fax: 941.624.7211
- **Health Dept. Clinic in Englewood:** Mondays & Tuesdays
  6868 San Casa Rd.
  941.681.3750

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.

✧ **YMCA**
  19333 Quesada Ave
  Port Charlotte, FL 33948

  Phone: (941) 629.0909
  Website: [www.charlottecountymca.com](http://www.charlottecountymca.com)

  Inclusive organization of men, women and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

✧ **YMCA, Child Care**
  22416 Glass Lane
  Port Charlotte, FL 33980

  Phone: (941) 629.2220
  Website: [www.charlottecountymca.com](http://www.charlottecountymca.com)

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

- Charlotte County Human Services – [http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.com](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.com) (Listed under Departments)
- 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.ccso.org/](http://www.ccso.org/)
- Department of Education – [http://www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org)
- FDLE Florida Sexual Offenders & Predators - [http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do](http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do)
- Florida Prepaid College Plan – [http://www.florida529plans.com](http://www.florida529plans.com)
- Gangs or Us – [http://www.gangsorus.com](http://www.gangsorus.com) (Gang identification training and expert witness)
- National Endowment for Financial Education – [http://www.nefe.org](http://www.nefe.org) (focuses on increasing financial literacy among high school age youth; may be helpful for parents too)
- NetSmartz – [http://www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) (interactive educational resource for children and teens on internet safety; resources for parents and teachers)