

Highlands County Quick Guide To Community Resources

This guide lists community resources by most frequently requested services. It does not list all of the services provided by each agency.

For more information Dial 2-1-1; or 863.648.1515; or 800.881.UWAY (8929).

ABUSE: ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Alcoholics Anonymous 382-2694
 Hotline # 800-622-2255
 Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
 Florida Center for Addictions 452-3858
 Narcotics Anonymous 863-683-0630
 Tri-County Human Services 452-0106

ABUSE: CHILD & SPOUSE

FL Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873
 Children's Advocacy Center 402-6845
 Guardian Ad Litem Program 402-6969
 Peace River Center Domestic Violence Shelter - Men, Women & Families Crisis Line (Safe House) 386-1167

ADOPTION

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
 Children's Home Society 382-0007

AIDS AWARENESS

Highlands Co. Pub. Health 386-6040
 CDC (Center for Disease Control) Info Network 800-458-5231

CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICES

Dept. of Children & Families 866-762-2237
 FL Healthy Kids Program & Kidcare 800-367-3253

CLINIC-MULTI SERVICE

Central Florida Health Care 452-3000
 Highlands Co. Public Health 386-6040

COUNSELING SERVICES: FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL/GROUP/GRIEF

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
 Bethany Center 863-968-1707
 Children's Home Society 382-0007
 Florida Epilepsy Services (863) 686-5880
 FL Diagnostic & Learning Resource 800-316-7057x. 228

Highlands Co. School Bd 452-4300/471-5555
 Tri-County Human Services 452-0106

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Peace River Center - Crisis Mental Health 800-627-5906
 Rape Crisis Hotline 877-688-5077
 We Care Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255

DAY CARE-CHILDREN

Early Learning Coalition 314-9213

DISABILITY SERVICES

Avon Park Cluster 452-5141
 Central Fla Speech & Hearing (863) 686-3189
 Agency For Person w/Disabilities 866-273-2273
 Disability Rights Florida (800) 342-0823
 Fla. Div. of Blind Services 800-500-6412
 Easter Seals SW Fla 800-807-7899
 Florida Epilepsy Services (863) 686-5880
 Florida Telecommunications Relay 7-1-1
 1-800-955-8771 (TTY)
 Ridge Area ARC, Inc. 452-1295
 Heartland Horses & Handicapped 452-0006

DISASTER RELIEF

American Red Cross - MidFlorida Region 863-294-5941

ELDERLY SERVICES

Meals on Wheels 402-1818
 Medicare 1-800-633-4227
 Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, Inc. 382-2134
 West Central FL Agency on Aging 800-336-2226

EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
 Career Source Heartland 385-3672
 Job Corps (800)733-JOBS or (800)733-5627
 Experience Works (Seniors) 385-3672

Veterans Rep - Employment 863-385-3672
 Vocational Rehabilitation 386-6077
 Welfare Transition Program. 385-3672
 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 385-3672

FINANCIAL COUNSELING

Clearpoint Credit Counseling Solutions 1-800-720-9537

HEALTH SERVICES/EDUCATION

American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345
 Central Fla Speech & Hearing (863) 686-3189
 Children's Services Council 402-6845
 Florida Hospital Diabetes Center 402-0177
 Highlands Co. Public Health 386-6040/465-2252
 Highlands Regional Medical Center 385-6101
 Florida Hospital Heartland 314-4466

HOME HEALTH SERVICES

Florida Hospital Home Care Svcs 385-1400
 Good Shepherd Hospice 402-1066
 Heartland Home Health Services 385-1400
 Nu-Hope Elder Care Services, Inc. 382-2134

HOUSING/CONSTRUCTION/LOW INCOME LOANS

Florida Non-Profit Housing 385-2519
 Habitat for Humanity 385-7156
 Highlands Co. Housing Office 402-6648
 Highlands County Ship Program 402-6648
 Housing Authority, Avon Park 452-4432
 Martin Luther King Terrace 382-1467

HOUSING/EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Children's Home Society 382-0007
 George Harris Youth Shelter (800)786-8614
 New Testament Church & Mission 385-0035
 Peace River Center Safe House 386-1167

HOUSING/TRANSITIONAL

Children's Home Society 382-0007
 Safe House Crisis Line 386-1167

LEGAL SERVICES

Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society (Divorces Only) 877-530-5663 x403
 FL Rural Legal Services (Civil Matters Only) 1-800-277-7680

MEDICINE/FOOD/FINANCIAL AID

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
 American Red Cross (Disaster Only) 386-4440
 Church Service Center 452-6464
 Dept. of Children & Families 866-762-2237
 Highlands County Human Services 402-6626
 Meals on Wheels 402-1818
 Nu-Hope Elder Care Svcs. 382-2134
 Salvation Army 385-7548
 Samaritan's Touch Care Ctr. 471-1870

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Florida Hospital-Lake Placid 465-3777
 Peace River Crisis Line 800-627-5906

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
 Avon Park 452-1295
 FL Ridge Big Brothers/Big Sisters 402-9001

Boy Scouts, Gulf Ridge Council (813)872-2691
 Florida Environmental Institute—DJJ (Last Chance Ranch) 699-3785
 Girl Scouts, West Central Florida 800-232-4475
 Highlands Co. Family YMCA 382-9622
 Highlands County School Board 471-5555
 Parks and Recreation Department 402-6783
 Ridge Area Arc 452-1295
 Salvation Army 385-7548
 South FL State College 453-6661/382-6900

PARENTING

Alpha-Omega Crisis Center 699-1685
 Children's Home Society 382-0007
 Florida Baptist Children's Home (863)688-4981
 Healthy Families 402-6628
 Healthy Start Program 226-7230
 Highlands Co. Public Health 386-6040/465-2252

YOUTH SHELTERS

George Harris Youth Shelter (800)786-8614
 New Beginnings Youth Shelter (877) 506-2721

TRANSPORTATION

Driver's License 402-6685
 Nu-Hope Elder Care Svcs, Inc. 382-2134
 Tax Collector 402-6685
 Community Transportation (Medicaid)

Avon Park 452-0139
 Sebring 382-0139
 Lake Placid 699-0995

TOLL FREE HELP LINES

Alcohol 24-Hour Helpline 800-252-6465
 Blind Children's Center 800-222-3566
 Braille Library Services 800-226-6075
 Moffit - Cancer Answers 888-663-3488
 Child Support Enforcement Dept of Revenue 800-622-5437
 Elder Helpline 800-262-2243
 FDLE Missing Children 888-356-4774
 Lupus Foundation of America 800-558-0121
 Nat'l Clearinghouse Alcohol/Drug TDD 800-487-4889
 The Family Source of Florida 800-352-5683
 Substance Abuse Hotline 800-662-4357

VETERANS SERVICE

Veterans Administration 800-827-1000
 Veterans Service Office 402-6623
 Veterans Rep – Employment 863-385-3672

YOUTH SERVICES

We Care Hotline 24/7 at 800.274.8255
 or 908.232.2880 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

One call to find help, whether you're looking for family counseling, camps for kids, or assistance for an aging parent. 2-1-1's trained referral specialists will connect you with a program that can help you. Dial 2-1-1 or 863-648-1515.

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