

**Community Alliance**



*of Citrus County*

*Bringing Resources  
Together for a  
Better Citrus*

# **Resource & Referral Directory**

**for Services provided to Citrus County Residents**

an inter-agency guide for the Community Alliance of Citrus County participating agencies, organizations, and affiliates

**(not for public/client distribution)**

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## **Anti-Drug Coalition**

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The mission of the Anti-Drug Coalition of Citrus County, Inc. is to prevent substance abuse among youth and adults through community-based partnerships. Based on collected data, ADC has developed an action plan to prevent the initiation of drug use by partnering with prevention organizations throughout the community. ADC works to reduce the use of substances and due to having broad based community support and involvement, have been successful in reducing the use of alcohol and other substances. ADC promotes and encourages the use of science based prevention programs and positive social norming. ADC is made up of numerous agencies in Citrus who have a mission to educate the community on prevention issues.

## **Aspire Relationship Center**

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Aspire is a local nonprofit that exists to share the life changing message of healthy relationships by providing youth with the skills and encouragement needed to avoid risky behaviors. Aspire currently offers a program entitled The RIVER Project to local middle & high school students, which educates on topics such as Goals, Media, Teen Brain and more. Aspire seeks to equip parents and the community by providing them with tools to support youth, so they can make decisions that protect them physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and financially. Aspire also partners with local agencies and organizations to ensure that local youth well-being remains a priority.

## **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

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Big Brothers Big Sisters has a mission to provide children facing adversity with professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that will change their lives for the better, forever. Through this preventative program, a volunteer ("Big") is "matched" with a child ("Little"). Volunteers are screened, trained and supported by our professionals who provide guidance. Becoming a mentor for a child that faces adversity (incarcerated parent, poverty, being raised by someone other than parent) can lead the path to academic achievement and success. Our data proves that the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring model makes a difference with a few hours each month in a school or community program.

## **Boys & Girls Clubs**

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Lecanto, Florida 34460  
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County is a nonprofit organization providing affordable, before and after school programming, as well as summer programming for youth in a safe and positive environment. BGC offers hope and opportunity for youth ages 6-18, and features well-trained professionals that provide kids with educational enhancements, a sense of belonging, and acceptance. BGC Citrus offers innovative programs, such as technology and robotics, to engage kids and inspire them to learn. Three key areas are focused on: Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship and Healthy Life Choices. The mission of BGC Citrus is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens and leaders.

## **CareerSource-Citrus, Levy, Marion**

683 S. Adolph Point

Lecanto, FL 34461

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CareerSource –CLM is the region's recognized workforce leader and part of the unified CareerSource Florida workforce system. The priority of CareerSource is to help develop world-class education/training and employment services to meet regional workforce needs. CareerSource CLM also partners with Florida Youth Connections to operate the Phoenix Rising program, an alternative education and community development program that provides a hands-on learning experience with job training that includes both construction (building projects) and classroom instruction. Through Phoenix Rising, and other projects, CareerSource CLM gives the youth between the ages of 16-24 skills to advance in the workplace.

## **Catholic Charities**

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Spring Hill, FL 34606

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<http://www.ccdosp.org/respite-care-services/>

The Catholic Charities Community Outreach Center in Homosassa is currently serving over six hundred clients a month through their programs, and community collaborators. Catholic Charities has forged partnerships with individuals and agencies such as We Care Food Pantry, Citrus County's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Access Florida DCF, Mary Ann Busacca LCSW, Pregnancy and Family Life Center of Inverness, The Devereux Foundation, and The Citrus County Health Department. Additionally, Catholic Charities facilitates the Alzheimer's Respite Care Mini Adult day care program (4 hours) at Our Lady of Grace Church in Beverly Hills every Wednesday.

## **Central Healthy Start**

3650 West Sovereign Path

Lecanto, Florida 34461

Phone: (352) 527-0068 ext. 361 (Program)

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Contact: Brenda Vorobok, Program Manager

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The Healthy Start program was designed to reduce the state's high rate of infant mortality and low birth weight babies by providing risk reduction services to pregnant women and families with infants under the age of three. Some of our free services include parenting education, breastfeeding support, family counseling, tobacco cessation support, interpregnancy education and general women's health education. Families can be referred to Healthy Start services by physicians, community agencies or they can self refer. Participation in the Healthy Start program is voluntary and eligibility is not based on insurance or income, rather services are based on the family's risks and needs.

## **Children's Home Society**

20162 Cortez Blvd

Brooksville, Florida 34601

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Clinical Supervisor

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Children's Home Society of Florida has been helping children and families in need since 1902. Since 1982 we have been continuously accredited by the Council of Accreditation, recognizing our commitment to the highest quality of care and service while adhering to the toughest administration standards. With more than 100,000 children and their family members counting on us, we now have more than 1,800 dedicated professionals serving every community in Florida. Our Mid Florida Community Counseling program now offers in-home individual, child and family counseling services for people with Medicaid insurance.

## **Citizens For Informed Teens**

5106 West Yearling Drive  
Beverly Hills, Florida 34465  
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Contact(s): Linda Myers, Advocate  
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CFIT is a group comprised of community advocates who care about the youth in Citrus County. CFIT believes young people have the right to accurate and complete sexual health information and the right to confidential services, including the right to protect themselves against STD's and unwanted pregnancies. To this end, CFIT hopes to increase awareness of where to go to obtain sexual health information, as it is not easily found in the schools. This ought to come from parents, but when a teen is at risk, social agencies and the school should provide more assistance or refer him or her to the Health Department. CFIT understands and supports preparedness, and shares the concern that babies should be born to parents who have chosen and planned in advance. CFIT believes that this will preparedness will help to improve the lives of not only the young parents, but the next generation as well.

## **Citrus County Abuse Shelter**

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Inverness, Florida 34453  
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Website: <http://casaf1.org>

CASA is a domestic violence center that provides outreach and shelter services in Citrus County, Florida. CASA offers Abuse Services, Child Protection Services, Housing Services, Education/Community Interest, Community Action, and Counseling Services. The mission of the Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is to help victims and survivors of domestic violence by providing shelter, safety, intervention, and education, and to educate the community for social change.

## **Citrus County Education Foundation**

Educational Services, 2nd Floor  
1007 W. Main Street  
Inverness, FL 34450  
Phone: (352) 726-1931 ext. 2240  
Contact(s): Stephen Barbieri,  
Executive Director

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Website: <http://www.citruseducation.org/>

The Citrus County Education Foundation, Inc. provides resources to support Citrus County Schools to enhance the quality of education for future generations. The Foundation is dedicated to the following:

- Encouraging business and community involvement in the public school system.
- Promoting creative and innovative educational programs.
- Fostering excellence in learning.
- Recognizing outstanding achievements of students, teachers, support personnel and administrators.

## **Citrus Co. Family Resource Center**

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Hernando, Florida 34442  
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Winnie Biddleman

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Website: <http://www.ccfrc.org>

Citrus County Family Resource Center offers a variety of programs which meet families' physical needs. CCFRC operates a food pantry and clothing closet, provides school supplies, baby furniture items and Christmas gifts. They also host a 24-hour "warm line" for phone contact with families seeking services, and also conduct parenting classes and support groups. They provide a number of referral resources for families to other local agencies and the community, and provide some free medical services for the homeless. CCFRC is an outreach center to the community, and also offers other programs include free cancer screenings as well.

## **Citrus County Housing Services**

2804 West Marc Knighton Court

Lecanto, Florida 34461

Phone: (352) 527-7520

Contact: Heidi Blanchette, Director

Email: [heidi.blanchette@bocc.citrus.fl.us](mailto:heidi.blanchette@bocc.citrus.fl.us)

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Housing Services is dedicated to increasing the quantity and quality of decent, safe, and affordable housing for Citrus County's moderate, low, and very low income families. This division administers state and federally funded housing programs for home repairs and improvements, provides subsidies to first time home buyers for downpayments and closing costs, provides rental assistance, coordinates grant awards to affordable housing developers for new construction of homes for very low income and special needs families, as well as for affordable rental developments, and provides grant subsidies for utility connections and emergency energy assistance.

## **Citrus County Library System**

4100 S. Grandmarch Ave

Homosassa, Florida 34446

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Literary Services Librarian

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

Citrus County Library System's Adult Literacy Services mission is to provide literacy instruction to adults in an effort to improve functional literacy skills, enhance quality of life, and encourage lifelong learning in an open, welcoming, and sustainable environment. All Adult Literacy Services provided by the Citrus County Library System are free to the public. The Citrus County Library System also offers a number of other services through various departments and programs.

## **Citrus County Sheriff's Office**

Community Resources

1 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

Inverness, FL 34450

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The Citrus County Sheriff's Office works in conjunction with the cities of Inverness and Crystal River through the Community Resource Division. These officers work closely with City Government on a number of projects including special events such as concerts, festivals, and all other public gatherings. CCSO Resource officers maintain a high level of security at these events, to ensure the safety of the citizens who attend.

## **Citrus County Schools Student Services Center**

2575 South Panther Pride Drive

Lecanto, Florida 34461

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Website: <http://citrus.k12.fl.us>

The Citrus County School District provides academic instruction to students grades K-12. We promote excellence in the classroom by creating a family-like atmosphere for our students, enabling them develop the academic, social, and emotional skills necessary to succeed in life. The mission of the Student Services Department is to provide support and create opportunities through targeted services for students and families while maximizing student potential and creating a safe, positive learning environment.

## **Citrus County Support Services**

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Lecanto, Florida 34461  
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[http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/commserv/suppserv/support\\_services.htm](http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/commserv/suppserv/support_services.htm)

Citrus County Support Services provides a wide array of essential social services and programs to the community through federal, state and locally funded budgets. We are committed to increasing the level and variety of services to the elderly residents of Citrus County through needs assessment, outside resources and community partnerships.

## **Citrus County Veterans Services**

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<http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/commserv/suppserv/vets/veterans.htm>

The Veterans Service Office provides assistance to the veterans of Citrus County and their families. Some of the services we assist with are: Adaptive equipment, Burial benefits, Certificate of Eligibility (VA Home Loans), Compensation, Death benefits, Medals and awards, Military ID cards, Military retiree SBP, Pensions, Retrieve medical records VA Healthcare, and transportation. The Veteran's Clinic located at the Citrus County Resource Center provides some services, and if the veteran is homebound, the Veterans Service Officers are able to make home visits to complete documents for submission to Veteran's Administration.

## **Citrus Hearing Impaired Services**

C.H.I.P.S.  
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Crystal River, FL 34428  
Phone: (352)795-5000  
Contact: Maureen Tambasco, Exec. Director  
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Web: <http://www.citrushearingimpaired.org>

C.H.I.P.S. (Citrus Hearing Impaired Program Services) is a non-profit United Way Agency servicing Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. We offer a variety of services including interpreting, advocacy, information, referrals, sign language classes, and more. C.H.I.P.S. also offers the Risky Ears program, to educate children on Hearing Wellness. This program is geared toward school age children and the importance of taking care of their hearing NOW. This is especially important in today's world where the children seem to always be "plugged" into digital devices like the MP players and game systems.

## **Citrus Pregnancy Center**

1300 Highway 41 Suite B  
Inverness, Florida 34450  
Phone: (352)341-5176  
Contact: Barb Gosa  
Executive Director  
Email: [director@citruspregnancy.org](mailto:director@citruspregnancy.org)  
Website: <http://citruspregnancy.org>

Citrus Pregnancy Center is a faith-based medical clinic offering services for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Two locations in Citrus County(Inverness and Crystal River) is staffed with medical professionals that provide services and programs to help women in times of uncertainty and crisis. Citrus Pregnancy Center believes that everyone should have access to the information they provide, so there is no charge for any of their programs or services. They offer pregnancy tests, sonograms, nurse consultations, and a variety of information including parenting, abortion, and adoption.

## **Citrus United Basket**

1201 Parkside Ave.  
Inverness, Florida 34450  
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Citrus United Basket, Inc. (C.U.B.) is a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization. C.U.B. was created in 1978 to assist Citrus County families facing temporary hardship. Born of an idea, C.U.B. has successfully fulfilled its mission for over 36 years. C.U.B. annually provides food to over 5000 households financial assistance to approximately 2000 individuals and material assistance to nearly 6000 people. C.U.B. also provides seasonal assistance with Christmas Dinner to over 1,000 families and toys to over 1,500 children. They assist individuals entering the work place by providing appropriate clothing and interview guidance, and offer encouragement to people who find themselves without employment, have suffered abuse, or just need help during a crisis. C.U.B. operates a Thrift Store which helps the support the Food Pantry. 88 cents of every dollar made goes back into the community.

## **College of Central Florida**

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Lecanto, Florida 34461  
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Phone: (352)249-1205  
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Student Services Coordinator  
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Website: <http://cf.edu/community/locations/citrus>

Educational Opportunity Center is a federally funded program for qualifying individuals interested in attending a postsecondary institution. Students must be a potential first-generation college student and have a high financial need. The Citrus County office serves 350 individuals every year, regardless of where they would like to attend. The CF Honors Institute is a Community of Scholars devoted to the recognition and enhancement of the academic achievement of students.  
<http://www.cf.edu/go/honors/honors-institute/index>

## **Community Food Bank**

5259 West Cardinal Street Building B  
Homosassa, Florida 34446  
Phone: (352) 628-3663  
Contact: Tom, Chancey,  
Executive Director  
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<http://communityfoodbankofcitruscounty.org>

The Community Food Bank of Citrus County provides a local, centralized food bank that now supports more than 40 agencies and faith-based ministries. Our mission is to acquire and distribute nutritious, high quality food to pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters within Citrus County. Together with volunteers and donors, we promote public awareness, inspire community involvement, and strive to end hunger and nourish hope for those in need. The Community Food Bank acquires food from many different sources, including major supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, individuals, and other sources. While our core work is food distribution, our efforts extend far beyond. We educate our community on local, state and federal issues regarding hunger, and we assist our hungry citizens in finding economic security.

## **Community Housing Partners**

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Inverness, Florida 34453  
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Community Housing Partners helps to navigate you through the home-buying process, from the day you come through our door to the day we hand you the keys to your new home... and beyond. Whether you're enrolled in our homebuyer classes, seeking one-on-one advising, or want help with loan qualification or applying for a mortgage, CHP homeownership is your one stop shop for a straightforward home-buying experience. Our Realtors can help you find the right home to suit your needs. We're with you every step of the way with your best interest in mind.

## **Covenant Children's Home**

11350 N. Covenant Path, Suite 100  
Dunnellon, Florida 34434  
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Contact(s): Jo Ann Hammel, Exec. Director  
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Website: <http://www.cchfl.org>

Covenant Children's Home, CCH, is a private, non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation which provides a home in a Christian environment to children and adolescents ages 7-17 who in are in need of a home. CCH is funded by both private contributions and a stipend through Kids Central Inc., KCI, via the Department of Children and Families, DCFS. CCH's goal is to provide the stability of a traditional family environment; thereby, hopefully ensuring that our children mature into caring, responsible, and productive members of society. At CCH boys and girls are able to begin to heal emotionally, physically, and spiritually all of which are critical steps in the creation of healthy children.

## **Daystar Life Center of Citrus County**

6751 W. Gulf To Lake Hwy.  
Crystal River, Florida 34429  
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Executive Director  
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Website: <http://daystarcitruscounty.org>

Daystar is an ecumenical ministry of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Crystal River under the auspices of the Diocese of St. Petersburg since 1983. Daystar offers Food, Clothing, Rent and Utility Assistance, Help in Acquiring Medical Prescriptions and Valid IDs, and other services. Daystar has a thrift store, which produces the principal means of revenue for the organization's operations and social services.

## **Dept. of Children and Families**

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Wildwood, Florida 34785  
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Community Development  
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Web: <http://myflfamilies.com>

The Department of Children & Families provides public assistance benefits to include Food Stamps, Medicaid and Cash Assistance to qualifying citizens; Adult & Child Protective Services and Mental Health/Substance Abuse Programs. We also work with Community Partners to better serve our clients. Adult Protective Services Program serves our elderly population investigating suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation. We also assist in finding them adequate placements, services and any benefits they may be eligible to receive. The ACCESS Florida Program works with our Community Partners throughout Circuit 5 to assist clients in applying for public assistance benefits to include Food Stamps, Medicaid and Cash Assistance. They also provide community referrals to assist with housing, food pantries and other resources needed.



## **Department of Juvenile Justice**

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Inverness, Florida 34450  
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Phone: (352) 860-5118  
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Website: <http://www.djj.state.fl.us>

The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth. Locally we partner with Teen Court, JDAP, Redirections, Project Connect, the Department of Children and Families, Kids Central Inc., The Centers, and countless others to keep youth from going deeper into the criminal justice system.

## **Devereux Kids**

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Bushnell, Florida 33513  
Phone: (352) 793-0801  
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Program Manager  
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Website: <http://devereux.org>

Devereux Kids is a diversion program of Devereux Florida, who facilitates the Family Group Decision Making process. The families participate in a process that addresses their needs and builds on their strengths. The family works in partnership with professionals to develop a unique plan that builds on the realization that families know what is best for them and all families can succeed when helped in a caring and supportive way. The goal of the team process is to ensure the safety of children, ensure families have a voice in the planning process and to ensure families are supported and connected with community resources.

## **Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast**

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Website: [www.elc-naturecoast.org](http://www.elc-naturecoast.org)

The Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast, offers the School Readiness program, which provides financial assistance to qualified parents to help pay a portion of costs for early learning (child care). The ELC contracts with providers to offer quality early learning programs that include developmentally appropriate curriculum, literacy, character development, all in healthy, safe environments for children 0-12. The ELC offers the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program, which is available free for all four year olds at participating locations. The ELC also offers a Child Passenger Safety program which includes a safety check, proper installation techniques, and affordable car seats to low-income families.

## **Eckerd – Camp E-Nini Hassee**

7027 E Stage Coach Trail  
Floral City, FL 34436  
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For adolescent girls who are having emotional or behavioral difficulties, Eckerd's E-Nini-Hassee Outdoor Therapeutic School for Girls delivers fully-accredited education and counseling services in a therapeutic outdoor environment that fosters personal growth. At E-Nini-Hassee, girls will find a positive, strength-based environment full of nurturing and guidance. Students, ages 12-18, are able to see adults role modeling appropriate behaviors, learn in an educational setting with passionate teachers and participate in therapeutic outdoor adventures during their time at the school. E-Nini-Hassee helps girls fully realize the potential that already exists within them, while overcoming the issues of the past, and realizing the strength they have to push forward in life.

## **Faith Haven/Soquili Stables**

10830 W. Bentbow Path  
Crystal River, FL 34428  
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Stable phone: 352-206-2990  
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Website: [www.FaithHavenCRC.org](http://www.FaithHavenCRC.org)

Faith Haven Christian Retreat Center (Faith Haven) is a non-profit corporation that facilitates community, team building, and education in a Christian based environment on the 65-acre privately owned campus. Faith Haven offers leadership training, team building challenges, and a low ropes course. The horses that are housed in the on-site stable, Soquili Stables, not only provide trail rides for guests but are also an integral part of the EAGALA certified team using that modality of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) or Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) sessions that are offered through the Horses N Healing program. The Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) is the leading international nonprofit association using equine therapy to address mental health and human development needs. The miniature horses at Faith Haven provide therapy for the residents of assisted living facilities as well.

## **Filter Youth Development**

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Website: <http://filteryouth.org>

Filter Youth Development is for children and families in need of mentorship and new skills to overcome the hardship that arises from broken relationships and troubling behavior. Young people participating in Filter learn social skills, build healthy relationships with adults and peers, and are held accountable for their choices. Parents enjoy the support they receive from knowledgeable volunteers and fellow parents as they learn and practice skills to deal with challenging children and situations. Filter works with Honda of Crystal River in using a mini-bike program as an incentive for youth. Filter participants earn ride time by good behavior in school and at home and complete a 21-lesson safety course. Parenting classes are available to parents during instruction time.

## **Florida Dept. of Health**

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The mission of the FDOH in Citrus County is: "To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts." The goal is: "To be the Healthiest State in the Nation." FDOH partners with agencies to spread awareness, educate and provide the resources to our community so they can be informed and make impactful decisions for their future and the future of others. We are working on improving the overall Health of Citizens in Citrus County to reach our Goal. Our approach is population based prevention and where needed intervention. Example areas involved in are Environmental Health such as Water, Sewage, Food Services, Mosquitos, Rabies and Sanitary conditions. Community Health to include Obesity, Diabetes I & II, Diabetes in Children, Hypertension, Healthiest Weight to name a few. Tobacco Free, Florida to educate and promote living a tobacco-free lifestyle. Other programs include: accident prevention in seniors who have illnesses that cause them to trip and fall, Personal Care, Dental, WIC, Healthy Start for Expectant and New Mothers/Infants, Immunizations, School Health, and Emergency, Preparedness to include Disease Outbreaks, Weather Events, and Special Needs Shelters. We serve to link people with resources in our Community.

## **Good Spirit Foundation**

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The Good Spirit Foundation is a not-for-profit 501C3 faith-based organization serving Citrus County by providing opportunities, training, and guidance to young people and their families. The GSF accomplishes their mission by offering the following services that include, Counseling Services in individual, group, and workshop settings, an Innovation Academy that provides valuable training for youth, and Camps offered in the Spring and Summer of each year. The Good Spirit Foundation is known throughout Citrus County for their Steel Drum Band which serves as the primary outreach to the community as well as a fundraising effort.

## **Haven of Lake & Sumter**

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Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc., was established in 1977 to meet the needs of domestic violence victims. In the 30+ years of existence, Haven has expanded its base of services and today provides comprehensive, unduplicated services to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. Our primary objectives are to provide these victims with alternatives to abuse or life-threatening situations, and empowerment to establish a violence-free life. All services provided for by the Haven are free of charge. To learn more about services for our clients in Citrus, please contact us for more information.

## **Healthy Families Citrus**

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Cell: (352) 302-5568  
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<http://www.healthyfamiliesfla.org/citrus.asp>

Healthy Families is a free, voluntary program that gives families information on parenting and child development. Healthy Families offers support and tools to help families reach their goals and build a bright future for their children. HF Staff provides screenings, while assisting families to deal with stress and connect them to other community services that they may need. Healthy Families provides parenting assistance, safety checks, and a variety of other services, including helping expectant mothers and new mothers with newborns under three months.

## **Hospice of Citrus County & the Nature Coast**

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Website: <http://hospiceofcitrus.org>

Hospice of Citrus and The Nature Coast is a not for profit charitable organization providing comprehensively responsive and compassionate end of life services to the terminally ill and their families in 12 counties of North Central Florida. Hospice of Citrus offers a variety of children's programs including Herry's Kids, a division specializing in services for children and teens with life-threatening illnesses. Hospice also offers pediatric palliative care, and grief support including Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter for those children and teens that have experienced loss.

## **HPH Hospice**

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Lecanto, Florida 34461  
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Mobile: (352)428-0708  
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Website: <http://www.hph-hospice.org>

HPH Hospice offers physical comfort and emotional and spiritual support in a dignified and compassionate manners to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families. HPH Hospice has been serving the Nature Coast since 1984. They recently formed an affiliation with Chapters Health Systems, Together, the three not-for-profit hospices (HPH Hospice, LifePath Hospice and Good Shepherd Hospice) cover seven counties in Tampa Bay, the Nature Coast and Central Florida. With these combined resources, HPH Hospice can provide improved stewardship and efficiency through collective purchasing and shared technology, enabling the reinvestment of savings into technology and care delivery. HPH also benefits from research and innovation through collaboration with the medical school in Tampa and other institutions who will improve end-of-life care.

## **Isaiah Foundation**

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Website: <http://www.isaiahfoundation.org/>

The mission of Isaiah Foundation is to glorify God through Jesus Christ by comforting families dealing with the developmentally disabled to include training, respite care and autism therapy. The Isaiah Foundation provides subsidized Pivotal Response Therapy for Children with autism under the age of twelve in the convenience of their home, as well as provides Respite Care Services for qualifying children that are developmentally disabled thus helping to provide low to moderate income families opportunity to receive the care they need. The Isaiah Foundation also exists to equip families, caregivers, teachers, and the community at large with educational information about autism, through training, seminars, and other resources.

## **Jessie's Place**

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Lecanto, Florida 34453  
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Executive Director  
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Website: <http://jessiesplacecitrus.org>

Jessie's Place is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to helping children overcome the trauma of violence and abuse with competent, trauma-focused therapy and coordinated, comprehensive multi-agency investigations to child abuse allegations. The staff at Jessie's Place works diligently to achieve the best practices, by coordinating efforts as a team that includes law enforcement, child protection, mental health, legal, community based care, and education. Jessie's Place seeks to make a difference in our community by helping each and every child who has been physically or sexually abused feel like a child again.

## **Key Training Center**

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Lecanto, Florida 34461  
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The Key Training Center provides one of the most diverse and comprehensive scopes of services to men and women with developmental disabilities in the southeastern United States. For close to 50 years, this facility has reached more than 2000 men and women and their families with dedicated and skilled staff that offer a balance of programs tailored to individual needs to each client to develop personally, socially and vocationally. The operating budget is approximately \$10 million annually with only 68 percent coming from state agencies to serve 300 clients and provide for more than 280 employees.

## **Kids Central, Inc.**

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Kids Central, Inc. is the nonprofit organization serving Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties. The agency develops and manages a comprehensive, community-based system of care for abused, neglected and abandoned children and their families. Kids Central is committed to promoting the welfare of expectant mothers, babies, children and young adults through prevention services, in-home care, foster care, and adoption. With involvement from the communities we serve, Kids Central is Building Better Lives, and strengthening families in our part of the Sunshine State.

## **Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind**

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Executive Director  
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Website: <http://www1.lvib.org>

The Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides vision habilitation, vision rehabilitation and adjustment to blindness services to people of all ages who have experienced vision impairment. An estimated 20,000 persons have received some type of service since its incorporation. Our youngest client was 3 months old and our oldest client was 90 years of age. Each program is individualized to meet the client's specific needs. The Lighthouse serves Pasco, Hernando and Citrus from two permanent locations in Port Richey and Brooksville. In addition, home-based training is provided to many individuals and we occasionally offer classes in Zephyrhills, Dade City and Lecanto.

## **Lutheran Services Florida**

LSF Health Systems  
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Jacksonville, FL 32257  
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Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) is a statewide, non-profit, human services agency dedicated to helping all people in need regardless of religious affiliation, age or national origin. Headquartered in Tampa, the agency has more than 60 programs located throughout Florida. LSF services include: the Child Care Food Program, Head Start and Early Head Start, Foster Care and Adoptions Case Management, Youth Shelters and Family Crisis Counseling Programs, Guardianship Program, Housing, Employment, Refugee and Immigration Programs, Ryan White AIDS Program, and Disaster Response Programs for victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters.

## **Mid-Florida Community Services**

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Tree Tops Plaza  
Lecanto, FL 34461  
Phone: (352) 527-3809 - Office  
Phone: (352) 637-3154- Family Visitation Ctr.  
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Website: <http://www.mfcs.us.com>

Mid Florida Community Services is committed to ending poverty by offering assistance programs in Citrus County. With the help of trained case managers, MFCS can offer clients help with budgeting, educational needs, transportation, and connect them to a variety of resources available. MFCS seeks to help transform lives by preparing clients to become self-sufficient. MFCS works with a number of other agencies to help accomplish these goals. MFCS also runs the Family Visitation Center in Citrus County for families in the dependency system.

## **Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition**

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Website: <http://www.midfloridahomeless.org>

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition's focus is to prevent people from becoming homeless, and to reduce homelessness. We work to bring people together to educate them about best practices, funding availability, the benefits of collaboration, as well identifying needs and addressing them. We write grants for Federal and State dollars on behalf of member organizations of the Continuum of Care. We operate a Continuum of Care wide database to gather data on those who are receiving services, provide data to the State and Federal government, as well as locally for decision making processes.

## **Mission in Citrus**

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Website: <http://www.missionincitrus.com>

The Mission in Citrus, Inc. exists to initially provide emergency shelter to men, women, and children in need. From that point, goals are established to rebuild lives through various resources that are available in the community for the specific individual's area of need. Whether it is completing education, health needs, employment, and ultimately housing, the MIC strives to bring self-sufficiency to their lives. Aligned with the above, the MIC reaches out to all homeless veterans by providing a specific shelter for veterans.

## **Nature Coast Ministries**

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Website: <http://myncm.com>

Nature Coast Ministries is a faith-based 501(c)3 organization that seeks financial and volunteer support from the entire community. Services will be available to anyone in need, and address both the physical and spiritual needs of those we meet. Our purpose at Nature Coast Ministries works to improve the quality of life for our citizens while respecting their inherent dignity as fellow human beings. NCM provides food to 200 -300 families each month, furnishings for burned out families and abuse victims as well as clothing for those in need. NCM is currently in the process of relaunching the new Dental Clinic which provides basic services and also surgery.

## **New Vision**

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<http://www.bayfrontbrooksville.com/medical-services/new-vision-service>

New Vision is a medical stabilization service for people with drug, alcohol and health related issues. New Vision accepts appropriate patients who are experiencing acute withdrawal symptoms from alcohol and/or drugs. The service begins with a medically supervised hospital stay for the inpatient treatment phase, which typically lasts 3 days. Upon admission, initial assessments of the patient's fundamental needs are accomplished. These assessments include a medical history, physical, a complete laboratory workup, and a nursing assessment. Discharge planning will occur prior to leaving the hospital; the patient will be referred to appropriate community based treatment programs.

## **On-Track Kids**

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**ON-TRACK KIDS** is a faith based counseling ministry for children who have behavioral and emotional problems, as well as for their parents. We provide professional counseling and tutoring for the children. We support their parents by meeting with them individually once a month, offering parental training during their child's therapy sessions, and by group classes with other parents that teach listening skills, handling finances, and skills for the technological age.

## **Salvation Army**

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<http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/citrus>

The Salvation Army of Citrus County operates a full facility, with many programs, including the following: Social Services, Correctional Services (supervising Misdemeanor Probation cases), Angel Tree Program, Christmas Food Giveaway, Cold Night Shelter (open when temperatures fall below 40 degrees) and year-round outreach activities that include feeding the hungry with their mobile canteen. The Salvation Army offers a full worship program including Sunday School & Worship Services, Youth Activities, and a number of discipleship opportunities. They are also a partner in the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance, help to facilitate other community outreach programs, and work with a number of organizations in the area to minister to hurting families in Citrus County.

## **SEDNET**

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**SEDNET** (The Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities) is a discretionary project funded by Florida's Department of Education. We work with community agencies to create a network of supports for our students with or at risk of emotional/behavioral. Our goals are to decrease school discipline problems, increase graduation rates for these students, and increase positive post school outcomes.

## **Staywell Health Plan**

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Staywell is available for those eligible to participate in Florida's Medicaid MMA programs and Staywell Kids is available for those eligible to participate in the Florida Healthy Kids program. As a Community Relation Specialist for Staywell, I am focused on educating communities through events, expos, presentations and written literature. Statewide our company has done thousands of events to educate the community about benefits and health plan information. As we continue to grow and expand our presence in Florida we also continue to look for community agencies, resource centers and faith based partners, whom like us have customer-centered attitudes and work hard to help educate the community. Our goal is to help families in need find a health plan that works for them, we take pride in providing great comprehensive coverage to families in need throughout the state.

## **The Centers**

3238 S. Lecanto Highway

Lecanto, Florida 34461

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Website: <http://www.thecenters.us>

The Centers provides children and adults from every walk of life with inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health and substance abuse care. The Centers also provides services such as Acute Care, Child Welfare Case Management, Education and Prevention, and Community Support. There are a number of resources at The Centers, including Recovery, Parenting Classes, and more to support them as individuals and their family. The Mission and Vision of the Centers is to strengthen lives with compassionate healing, and to be unsurpassed in the delivery of behavioral health services. The Centers values our clients, our community and our staff by pledging to deliver excellence of the highest quality services possible and strive constantly for improvement in all phases of our operation.

## **The Path**

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The Path is a both a shelter and a rehabilitative residence for men in homeless situations. Our mission is to provide a Christian living environment that allows true transformation. The Path encourages a strong work ethic for those without a home in Citrus County, and gives men a purpose as they find them involved in meaningful projects, living productive lives. Building a strong work ethic is a key objective for our work program. The Path is well-equipped to teach self-sustaining trades or connect clients with academic programs for health professions & other vocations. A leased property is ideal for housing rescue mission graduates or interns & includes a green house, wood shop, plus other buildings suitable for wood-working, repairing appliances or supporting a wide variety of farming activities.

## **The Sanctuary Mission**

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Homosassa, Florida 34446

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The Sanctuary Mission is a homeless and recovery mission which seeks to help those in need, and help them recover a sense of normalcy, restore dignity, realign them to Christ, and reintegrate them into the church. The Sanctuary provides not only shelter, but helps those in their program find sustainment through hands-on training in a number of job areas, and also educational services with GED assistance, life skills training and more. The Sanctuary assists those in recovery with 12-step programs, discipleship, and case management to ensure they have the support and tools that are needed to have a successful future.

## **The Vines Hospital**

3130 SW 27th Ave

Ocala, Florida 34471

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Website: <http://www.thevineshospital.com>

The Vines Hospital is a Comprehensive Behavioral Health facility located in beautiful Ocala, Florida. We provide 24-hour, 7-day a week services for those dealing with psychiatric and / or substance abuse issues. The Vines provides Detox, Acute, Residential, Outpatient, and Partial Hospitalization Services for adolescents, adults, and seniors. The hospital provides Individual, Group, and Family therapy, as well as community-based services to assist with ongoing recovery. The Vines also provides crisis intervention and stabilization services, and have a speciality Womens' Trauma unit. Inpatient residential treatment programs are available for children and adolescents beginning at age 6 up to 17.



## **United Way**

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Website: <http://www.citrusunitedway.org>

The United Way of Citrus County seeks to improve the lives of local residents by mobilizing the caring power of the people of Citrus through involvement with targeted community initiatives. United Way of Citrus County engages the people to support these efforts by partnering with local businesses, and other non-profit service agencies to better serve the community. United Way is both a direct service provider in working with some clients one-on-one, but also funds many different agencies in Citrus County to further the impact of the work for the greater good.

## **University of Florida Child Protection Team**

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The Child Protection Team provides services to DCF and LE to supplement their investigations. CPT provides recorded forensic interviews, medical exams, social assessments, parent interviews, and psychological evaluations on abuse/neglect cases. CPT is also involved in providing prevention education and abuse/neglect awareness to all community members free of charge.

## **Unlimited Path**

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Sanderson, Florida 32807  
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Community Service Coordinator  
Email: [kayla@unlimitedpath.com](mailto:kayla@unlimitedpath.com)  
Website: [www.unlimitedpath.com](http://www.unlimitedpath.com)

The Unlimited Path has provided substance abuse treatment, mental health and re-entry services to clients in both community and residential settings in partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections since 1995. Unlimited Path provides evidence-based programs and is the leading alternative treatment program with incarcerated offenders for the state of Florida. UP offers other services including intensive outpatient, residential therapeutic community, intervention, aftercare, and prevention. UP offers many opportunities in housing, vocational training and jobs, including enrollment in local Community Colleges.

## **We Care Food Pantry**

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Website: <http://wecarefoodpantry.org/>

The We Care Food Pantry is an unfunded, all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) corporation. We have over 160 volunteers who donate approximately 3,600 volunteer hours every month. Every month we provide food boxes to approximately 2,600 people, including working poor families with children, seniors, veterans, and the homeless. Our program is income based and our clients must qualify according to USDA guidelines.

## **WellFlorida Council**

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Gainesville, Florida 32606  
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WellFlorida provides management services for local, state and federally funded programs, special projects and nonprofits throughout the region that support our mission and the causes we believe in—maternal and infant health, HIV/AIDS care, and improving access to healthcare in rural communities and to the uninsured.

## **YMCA of the Suncoast**

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The YMCA is a cause driven organization that strengthens communities through Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility. The YMCA believes the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for life so we focus on strong youth programs that build character, confidence, and positive behaviors. The YMCA in Citrus currently offers before and after school care, basketball, summer camps, and other specialty programs. The Citrus County YMCA will open their new building in 2016 on Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto, and will offer residents a full health and wellness facility, as well as other programs for the community.

## **Youth & Family Alternatives**

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Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc. is committed to working in a collaborative partnership with families and communities to establish, maintain and enhance a nurturing and safe environment for children. Through the Adoptions North Program, Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc., (YFA) provides a full continuum of Adoption Services under a subcontract with Kids Central, Inc. (KCI) in Circuit 5 (Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties). Our Adoption Services are for children who are in the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and who are available for adoption. In addition, the program recruits families for our children that are in need of adoption. Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc., provides training and support to prospective adoptive families, matches and places children with families, and provides necessary services and supports to ensure that placements are permanent.