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This guide is not intended to be exhaustive of all the programs available in Lee County. Historically it has primarily included programs and services that parents and youth can access directly, with a focus on social services. This edition now also includes programs that can only be accessed when a youth is in the juvenile justice system. They are noted as such. If you know of a youth program that should be included, please contact us at the address below. The programs listed are provided for information purposes only and inclusion here does not represent an endorsement of the program by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. While every effort has been made to include accurate information, programs change from time to time. Parents are advised to contact programs to ensure the 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. Compiled by C. Helton.



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Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County
2107 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33901-3603

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Programs and Services

✦ **AARP Grandparent Information Center**

Phone: 1-888-687-2277

Website: www.aarp.org/family/grandparenting

Information and referral for grandparents raising grandchildren.

✦ **Abiding Love Lutheran Church**

3205 Chiquita Boulevard

Cape Coral, FL 33914

Phone: (239) 945-2122

Website: www.abiding-love.com

Provides a food pantry for homeless and needy families.

✦ **Able Trust e-Mentoring Program**

Phone: (888) 838-2253

Website: www.abletrust.org/links/YouthProgramsFlyer.pdf

Students with disabilities are matched with a corporate e-Mentor. They exchange monthly emails to assist them in developing career goals and get an introduction into the world of work.

✦ **Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)**

P.O. Box 60401

Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 939-2553

24-Hour Hotline: (239) 939-3112

Website: www.actabuse.com

Provides assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through shelter, advocacy, counseling, support groups, education on teen dating violence, information and referrals.

✦ **Adult and Community Education/Lee County School District**

2855 Colonial Boulevard

Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 939-6310

Website: <http://adult.leeschools.net>

Classes for adults are provided in various locations throughout Lee County. Classes include GED preparation, computer skills, leisure, English as a second language, literacy, and foreign languages.

- ✦ **The Advocacy Center**
Phone: 1-800-342-0823
Website: www.advocacycenter.org

A non-profit organization that educates, supports, and advocates with people who have disabilities, their families, and circles of support.

- ✦ **African Caribbean American Center (AFCAAM)/St. Peter Claver Catholic Mission**
3681 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 461-0233

Provides education, youth mentoring groups, GED preparation, tutoring, computers, afterschool reading program, thrift store, and food donations.

- ✦ **Agency for Persons With Disabilities**
P.O. Box 66085
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 338-1370
Website: www.apd.myflorida.com

Assists individuals who have developmental disabilities and their families. Can assist in identifying and accessing needed services.

- ✦ **Agency for Workforce Innovation (WIA)**
4150 Ford Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916
- 1020 Cultural Park Blvd., Bldg. 2
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 278-7140
Website: www.floridajobs.org

Phone: (239) 673-8591

Provides services for job seekers including job placement assistance, employability skills training, and unemployment claims filing.

- ✦ **Aim Target Programs, Inc.**
3677 Central Avenue, Suite H
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 18 and up

Phone: (239) 939-3363

Provides outpatient alcohol and drug evaluation, treatment and education, domestic violence psycho-educational program, anger management groups, and support group for victims of domestic violence. Bilingual services are offered.

- ✦ **Al-Anon & Al-Ateen**
Phone: (239) 274-1353
Website: www.southfloridaal-anon.org

Provides support groups for people who have been or are affected by the problem drinking of a relative or friend.

- ✦ **Alcoholics Anonymous – Lee County Area Intergroup**

Phone: (239) 275-5111 (24 hours)
Website: www.leecountyaa.org

Provides support groups for people affected by problem drinking. Web site lists local meeting schedules.

- ✦ **All Souls Episcopal Church Food Pantry**
14640 N. Cleveland Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-7685
Website: www.allsoulsftmyers.org

North Fort Myers residents with a limited income are eligible to receive two bags of grocery items each month on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- ✦ **Alliance for the Arts**
10091 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 939-2787
Website: www.artinlee.org

Provides art programs for children ages 8 through high school. Offers a summer arts camp.

✦ **Alva United Methodist Food Pantry**

21440 Pearl Street
Alva, FL 33920

Phone: (239) 728-2277

Emergency food pantry for Alva residents as funds are available.

✦ **American Diabetes Association**

Website: www.diabetes.org

Provides physician referrals, referrals to support groups, diabetes management classes, education programs, and youth camps.

✦ **AmeriCorps – National Civilian Community Corps**

Ages: 18 - 24

Website: www.americorps.gov/about/programs/nccc.asp

A residential, team based service program. Participants are assigned to one of five regional campuses and travel to complete community service projects throughout the region. Participants must 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, educational training, or repayment of student loans. Assists participants in getting a GED if they have not completed high school. Participants may not have a history of violent criminal charges or sex offenses. January/February and September/October start dates.

✦ **AMI kids Southwest Florida – formerly SWFL Marine Institute**

1190 Main Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Phone: (239) 765-9696

A day treatment program for adolescents. Youth are referred to the program through the juvenile justice system.

✦ **Amigos Center (Amigos en Christo, Inc.)**

25999 Old 41 Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 437-6727

Website: www.amigoscenter.org

Provides temporary food aid to families in crisis, immigration assistance, translation services, language classes, employment assistance, and social services.

✦ **Angel Food Ministries**

Website: www.angelfoodministries.com

Provides food at a discounted cost once a month. Check website to view the menu for the month, to locate the nearest distribution site, and information for contacting the host site to place an order.

✦ **The Back Door Counseling & Psychiatric Services**

1639 Cape Coral Parkway East, Suite 211
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 745-5917

Website: www.thebackdoorcounseling.com

Provides general mental health and psychiatric services for adolescents through adults. Fee for services.

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

8695 College Parkway, Suite 230
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Ages: 5 – 14

Phone: (239) 278-0003

Website: www.HereForTheKids.org

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

✦ **(Division of) Blind Services, Department of Education**

2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 207
P.O. Box 7348
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 278-7130
Website: <http://dbs.myflorida.com/>

Assists individuals who are blind or have visual impairments and their families with services to reach education and independent living goals.

✦ **Bonita Springs Assistance Office**

10322 Pennsylvania Avenue
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 992-3034
Website: www.bonitaassistance.org

Provides temporary emergency financial assistance for housing, utilities, prescriptions, and dental care for Bonita Springs residents. Call for hours of operation or for appointment.

✦ **Boy Scouts of America, S.W. Florida Council**

1801 Boy Scout Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-8072
Website: www.swflcouncilbsa.org

Volunteer organization that promotes character development, citizenship, career development, patriotism and self-reliance among boys and young men.

✦ **Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County**

7275 Councourse Drive, Suite 200
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 334-1886
Website: www.bgclc.net

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

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County (cont.)

Program Locations:

	<i>Phone:</i>
Barrett Park Unit, 9262 West Creek Circle, N. Ft. Myers	652-6700
Palmetto Court Extension, 1829 Maryland Ave., E-14, Ft. Myers	461-7223
Pueblo Bonito, 26120 Pueblo Bonito Blvd., Bonita Springs	676-9423
Sabal Palm Extension, 3701 Sabal Palm Blvd., Fort Myers	461-7254
Shady Oaks Complex, 3280 Marion Street, E. Ft. Myers	334-1727
STARS Complex, 2980 Edison Avenue, Ft. Myers	334-6775
Suncoast School Unit, 1856 Arts Way, N. Ft. Myers	980-0535

✦ **Brain Injury Association of Florida**

Family Help Line: 1-800-992-3442

Website: www.biaf.org

Provides information about traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and assists in connecting families to a Family Support Specialist. A list of local TBI support groups is available from their web site.

✦ **The Bridge Youth Center**

2128 Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 8 -18

Phone: (239) 274-3437

Website: www.urbanteens.org

Provides a safe, drop-in youth center which includes computers for school projects, foosball, "Dance, Dance Revolution", pool, air hockey, arcade games, movies, weight-lifting, boxing, live local bands on weekends, karaoke, community service projects, tutoring, homework assistance, and a teen mom support group. Summer programs are also available. Call for schedule.

Hurts & Habits is a weekly support group for teens experiencing depression, addictions, and other hurts.

The ***Phoenix Program*** teaches youth about making positive choices.

✦ **Brightest Horizons Child Development Center**

10320 Gladiolus Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: 4 weeks - 12

Phone: (239) 481-2100

Website: www.brightesthorizons.org

Provides an enriched educational program with an emphasis on literacy for children of working parents in the Harlem Heights community. Includes afterschool and summer programs.

✦ **Café of Life**

P.O. Box 367794
Bonita Springs, FL 34136

Phone: (239) 495-9325

Website: www.cafeoflife.org

Serves a lunch Monday through Friday to needy individuals and families in Bonita Springs on the East side of Old 41, between Reynolds and Childers. Also distribute groceries and clothing.

✦ **Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

9981 S. HealthPark Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 432-2223

Website: www.candlelightersswfl.org

Provides support, education, and activities for families who have children diagnosed with cancer or blood disorders.

✦ **Cape Coral Caring Center**

4645 SE 15th Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 945-1927

Website: www.capecoralcaringcenter.org

Provides emergency food and one-time financial assistance to needy families in Cape Coral.

✦ **Cape Coral Arts Studio**

4533 Coronado Parkway
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Ages: 7 - 14

Phone: (239) 574-0802

Offers summer camps in fine arts (painting, sculpting) and musical theater for youth ages 7 to 14.

✦ **Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Youth Programs**

P.O. Box 150027
Cape Coral, FL 33915

Phone: (239) 574-0743

Website:

www.capecoral.net/Government/ParksRecreation/ProgramsServices/ProgramsbyAge/YouthAges617/tabid/246/language/en-US/Default.aspx

Provides child care and afterschool/recreational opportunities for elementary and middle school age youth residing in Cape Coral. Full day programs are available on most school holidays. Rent-a-Teen Program provides a resource listing teens looking to find work. Offers many other classes and events for youth.

Also see ***Cape Coral Youth Center***.

✦ **Cape Coral Police Department Youth Programs**

P.O. Box 150027
1100 Cultural Park Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33915-0027

Phone: (239) 574-0676

Website: www.capecoral.net/Government/PoliceDepartment/ProgramsActivities/YouthServices/tabid/1280/language/en-US/Default.aspx

The ***Cape Coral Police Athletic League*** sponsors programs at the Cape Coral Youth Center and at 1333-B Lafayette Street, Cape Coral (phone: 541-4185). Activities include boxing, wrestling, scuba, and martial arts. Fees for programs, but scholarships are available.

See **Cape Coral Youth Center**.

The ***“Do the Right Thing”*** program recognizes youth that have made positive choices at a monthly awards ceremony. (Phone: 242-3342)

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Cape Coral Police Department Youth Programs (cont.)

School Resource Officers (SRO's) are assigned to each Cape Coral elementary, middle and high school. The SRO's interact with students, teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Gang Resistance and Education Training (GREAT) and make other presentations to students, attend school functions, and serve as a community services referral source for students, parents, and faculty.

✦ **Cape Coral Special Populations Program**

400 Santa Barbara Boulevard
P.O. Box 15007
Cape Coral, FL 33915

Phone: (239) 574-0574

Provides adults and children with developmental disabilities social and educational opportunities designed to foster independence, self-esteem, individual growth and interpersonal relations. Provides supported employment, non-residential support services, after school, evening and weekend socials, special events, bowling and travel club.

✦ **Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center**

315 S.W. 2nd Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Ages: 8 - 18

Phone: (239) 242-3950

Website: www.capecoral.net

Activities include video games, air hockey, big-screen TV, aerobics, dance, arts, crafts, computers, sports, baby-sitting courses, teen dances and more. The ***Cape Coral Police Athletic League*** sponsors boxing, wrestling, and scuba programs at the center.

✦ **Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Center**

4150 Ford Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 931-8200

Website: www.careerandservicecenter.org

Provides employment, education, and training services. Services include job placement, job search assistance, job opportunities, vocational rehabilitation, unemployment compensation, family assistance, and welfare transition services.

✦ **C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention Resource Center**

3723A Del Prado Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33909

Phone: (239) 945-7737

Website: www.leecountycares.org

Educates and supports members of the community on suicide prevention. Provides support groups for adolescent and adult survivors of suicide. (*Note: this is not a suicide hotline.*)

✦ **Catholic Charities of Lee County**

4235 Michigan Link Avenue
P.O. Box 50301
Fort Myers, FL 33994

Phone: (239) 337-4193

Website: www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

Provides social services for Hispanic and Haitian people to promote self-sufficiency. Services include assessments, counseling, tutoring, summer youth programs, financial assistance, job placement, education, translation services, and immigration/refugee assistance.

Locations:

African Caribbean American Center – see separate listing

Catholic Charities Social Services

27050 Old 41 Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Phone: (239) 390-0687

Elizabeth Kay Galeana Center/Immigration Services

4235 Michigan Link Ave., P.O. Box 50301
Fort Myers, FL 33994
Phone: (239) 337-4193

Haitian Center/Youth-Parent Counseling Services

4497 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33919
Phone: (239) 334-2234

Human Trafficking Program/Refugee Employed and Productive (REAP) and Employability Status Assistance

3430 Cleveland Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone: (239) 334-2234

✦ **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) at USF**

Phone: 1-800-333-4530

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

Provides support, instruction, and coaching with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities.

✦ **Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

2830 Winkler Avenue, #201

Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 277-1447

Website: www.cilfl.org

Assists people with disabilities to lead dignified, independent lifestyles. Services include independent living skills instruction, Americans With Disability Act education/training, advocacy, support groups, information and referral, and peer counseling.

✦ **CHADD of Lee County, #613**

(Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)

14851 David Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 466-1167 or (239) 472-9758

Website: www.chadd.net/template.cfm?affid=613&p=about

Provides information and support to parents of children with attention deficits, adults with attention deficits, educators and other interested professionals. Meeting schedule is online.

✦ **Child Abuse Hotline**

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

Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/

Receives reports of child abuse and neglect. Provides information and referrals to enhance the safety and wellbeing 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 Care of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

4315 Metro Parkway, Suite 400
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 278-1002
Website: www.ccswfl.org

Provides child care, voluntary pre-kindergarten programs, and afterschool programs located throughout the area.

✦ **Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)**

Ages: birth - 5

2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 337-8363
Website: www.leeschools.net/fdlrs/child_find.htm

Provides developmental screening for children who might be experiencing developmental delays. Assists in finding appropriate services and educational programs for children with special needs.

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

Phone: 1-800-622-KIDS (5437)
Website: <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/childsupport/>

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

✦ **Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

3830 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 939-2808
Website: www.cac-swfl.org

Child Protection Team (CPT) provides crisis intervention for child victims of abuse, neglect, or violent crimes which may include comprehensive medical assessments, family assessments, multidisciplinary staffing, case consultation, psychological evaluations and expert court testimony. Children are typically referred through the Department of Children and Families.

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Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. (cont.)

Family Alliance Program provides counseling for children that are victims of abuse or neglect, or who have witnessed violence or are victims of a violent crime, their families, and offenders.

Nurturing Parenting/Nurturing Fathers Program offers parenting education program. Nurturing Fathers teaches men how to become more involved in their child's life and discipline with love. Participants are typically court-ordered to attend.

Family Foundation Skills Program provides parent education including *Toddler to Teens* Parenting Course and High Risk Newborn Parenting Program. A parenting education course is also provided for families under protective supervision.

Partners in Parenting, in partnership with The Children's Hospital offers free parenting education classes. Free childcare is available for infants and toddlers.

Pine Manor After-School and Summer Program – see separate listing

✦ **Children's Home Society**
1940 Maravilla Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-0222

Website: www.chsfl.org

Provides counseling to promote healthy pregnancies, adoption services, support coordination to people with disabilities, independent living services to foster teens, safe sleep education/cribs for kids program, and therapeutic behavioral services for children.

The ***Healthy Families*** program provides home visitation for expecting parents and parents of newborns to promote positive parent-child relationships and optimize the health and development of children

✦ **The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida**

9981 S. HealthPark Drive
Ft. Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 433-7799

Website: www.leememorial.org/childrenhospital

Email: children@leememorial.org

A comprehensive child health care facility. Offers Safe Sitter classes for ages 11 to 13 (fee, call 432-4122). Also offers free parenting classes in partnership with the Children's Advocacy Center.

✦ **Children's Medical Services (CMS)**

9800 South Health Park Circle, Suite 405
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: prenatal - 20

Phone: (239) 433-6723

Website: www.cms-kids.com

Provides a comprehensive continuum of medical and supporting services to medically and financially eligible children and high-risk pregnant women. Serves children with special health care needs whose serious or chronic physical or developmental conditions require extensive preventive and maintenance care.

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

2232 Altamont Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 226-1524

Website: www.childnetswfl.org

An administrative agency for organizations which provide prevention and intervention services that address child abuse and neglect.

✦ **Christ United Methodist Church of Lehigh Acres**

1430 Homestead Road North
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 369-1433

Email: office@christumclehigh.org

Website: www.christumclehigh.org

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry distributes groceries on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.

✦ **Christian Financial Counseling**

2267 First Street, Unit 15
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-2122
Website: www.cfcswf.org

Provides money management counseling based on Christian principles.

✦ **Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI)**

3429 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.
P.O. Box 2143
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 332-7687
Website: www.ccmileecounty.com

Provides a soup kitchen for homeless and needy families, emergency groceries, and a Montessori preschool. Family Services provides crisis intervention and case management for families at risk of becoming homeless (phone: 332-7151). Provides food distribution and targeted case management at the Cape Coral United Way House and the Dunbar United Way House.

✦ **Community Coordinated Care for Children**

2675 Winkler Avenue, Suite 300
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 935-6100
Website: www.4cflorida.org

Provides child care referrals, developmental screenings, community service referrals for children with special needs.

✦ **Cornerstone Ministries**

3220 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 337-4140
Website: www.firstassemblycornerstone.com

Provides food, clothing, work training, literacy training, back-to-school supplies for low-income families, youth groups and church services.

✦ **Coronado High School**

3057 Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-9140

Website: www.yourdiplomayourway.com

A non-traditional school which uses computer-based/mastery-based courses to assist persons ages 16 to 21 to earn a high school diploma. Students work at their own pace and receive individual attention to meet their needs.

✦ **CredAbility – formerly Consumer Credit Counseling**

12811 Kenwood Lane, Suite 111
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 278-3121 or 1-800-984-0977

Website: www.credability.org

Provides free counseling and programs on budgeting and debt repayment, credit review, and homebuyers' workshop.

✦ **Deaf Service Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

1860 Boy Scout Road, Suite B208
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 461-0334 or TTY (239) 461-0438

Website: www.dsc.us

Provides interpreting services for deaf and hard of hearing, information and referral, assistive devices, community education, job assistance, advocacy, and sign language classes.

✦ **Delta Family Counseling**

3723A Del Prado Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Ages: 3 - 18

Phone: (239) 540-1155

Website: www.deltafamilycounseling.com

Provides individual and family counseling. Fee for services. Does not accept insurance.

✦ **Department of Children and Families**

2295 Victoria Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 338-1211
Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us

State agency which administers a variety of social services.

Child Abuse Investigations conducts child protective investigations on all reports of child abuse or neglect. To report abuse or neglect call 1-800-962-2873.

The **Economic Self-Sufficiency Services** at 4150 Ford Street Extension, Fort Myers provides temporary cash assistance, food stamps, and Medicaid to qualified families. **ACCESS** sites are located at partner agencies throughout the community and on the agency website to apply for public assistance. For ACCESS locations go to www.dcf.state.fl.us/access/CPSLookup/search.aspx. (Phone: 939-8741)

✦ **Department of Juvenile Justice**

2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 195 (Administrative Offices)
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 338-2493
Website: www.djj.state.fl.us

The **Juvenile Assessment Center Screening Unit** at 2117 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Fort Myers screens all youth who have been arrested. (Phone: 344-5161)

Probation Office Locations:

	Phone
Circuit City Plaza, 4300 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers	338-2541
6296 Corporate Court, Fort Myers	433-6710
Boca Bay Building, 4720 SE 15 th Ave., Ste 101, Cape Coral	772-6960

Southwest Florida Regional Detention Center at 2525 Ortiz Avenue in Fort Myers provides a secure, safe environment for youth who have been detained for committing law violations. Youth may be detained if they have committed a serious offense, are a threat to the community, or to insure his/her presence in court. (Phone: 332-6927)

✦ **Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida/Destiny Diaper Bank**

1510 SE 46th Lane
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 549-2130

Website: www.destinydiaperbank.com

Provides diapers to needy populations.

✦ **Devereux Florida**

6314 Corporate Court, Suite C
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 690-5200

Website: www.devereux.org

Has a group home serving teens with developmental disabilities in the local area. Statewide offers a range of programs for individuals with a combination of a mental illness and a developmental disability.

✦ **Early Head Start**

2323 Ford Street
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-3799

Website: <http://earlychildhood.leeschools.net>

Provides support services to increase school readiness to children ages birth to three whose families meet income eligibility or who are at risk. Provides either an enriched day care experience or home visits.

✦ **Easter Seals Florida, Gulf Coast Region**

1650 Medical Lane, Suite 1
Fort Myers, FL 33907

120 Del Prado Blvd. South
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 277-9818

Phone: (239) 573-4567

Website: <http://fl.easterseals.com>

Provides clinical speech and occupational therapy programs for the disabled and those with special needs.

✦ **Eden Florida**

24860 Burnt Pine Drive, Bldg. 6, Suite 3
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Phone: (239) 992-4860

Website: www.edenservices.org

Provides individualized specialized services for children and adults with autism. Services include early intervention, behavior therapy, a 12-month education program for school-age children, and residential and employment services for adults. Services are provided in various locations in Southwest Florida.

✦ **Edison State College Dental Clinic**

8099 College Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 985-8334

Website: www.edison.edu

Students learning to be dental hygienists provide dental cleaning and x-rays for \$15 for adults and free for children under age 17. Must be able to stay for students' work to be checked by their instructor.

✦ **Environmental & Peace Education Center/Conflict Resolution Task Force**

P.O. Box 07224
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 223-8223

Website: www.epec.org

An education and advocacy organization that promotes awareness of peace and environmental issues. Provides training in conflict resolution and mediation skills

✦ **Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 28
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-4838

Provides medical services, consultation, clinical assistance in accessing medication, education program, and summer youth camp.

✦ **Even Start Family Literacy Program**

19600 Cypress View Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 415-0071

Provides early childhood classes for children ages 0-5 and adult literacy classes for parents. Families must be income eligible. Located at Three Oaks Elementary School.

✦ **Families First of Southwest Florida**

11381 Gateway Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Phone: (239) 690-2900

Assists children with disabilities and their families. Provides respite care, special equipment for children with disabilities, parent support groups, social activities for families, referrals, information on resources, and education.

✦ **Family Care Councils**

Phone: 1-800-470-8101
Website: www.fccflorida.org

Promotes the welfare, dignity and achievement of full potential of developmentally disabled individuals and preserving the family's ability to function as a unit. Local meetings are held once a month. Call for schedule.

✦ **Family Court Services**

Lee County Justice Center/Lee County Clerk of Courts
Phone: (239) 533-2747

Provides assistance to those representing themselves in family law matters. Staff provide guidance in understanding court procedures, accessing necessary forms, and provide notary and copying services.

By appointment only.

✦ **Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida**

P.O. Box 1357
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 278-3600
Website: www.fhcswf.org

Provides primary medical and dental care to all ages. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Various sites throughout the county.

Program Locations:

Phone:

Bonita Springs Medical Office, 28331 S Tamiami Trail, B-4	344-2353
Bonita Springs Family Dental, 28321 S Tamiami Trail, A-2	344-2322
Broadway Family Dental, 3600-A Broadway, Ft Myers	344-2335
Broadway Medical Office, 3594 Broadway – F, Ft Myers	344-2330
Downtown Family Medical/Dental, 2232 Grand, Ft Myers	332-0417
East Ft Myers Medical Office, 4040 Palm Beach Blvd-A	344-2304
First Choice Pediatric Cape Coral, 305 SW 2 nd Terrace	344-2320
First Choice Pediatric Lehigh Acres, 3400 Lee Blvd, Ste 102	344-2367
First Choice Pediatrics - S Ft Myers, 9800 S Healthpark	344-2307
Lehigh Acres Medical, 3400 Lee Blvd., Ste 101	344-2305
Lehigh Acres Dental, 3400 Lee Blvd., Ste 102	344-2385
Pine Island Medical/Dental Office, 8359 Stringfellow Rd	283-0308
Salvation Army/Homeless Svcs, 2400 Edison Ave, Ft Myers	334-2510

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

2196 Main St Suite K
Dunedin, FL 34698

Phone: 1-800-825-5736
Website: www.fndfl.org

A statewide network of individuals with disabilities or special needs and their families that promotes full access to family-driven support, education, information, resources and advocacy.

- ✦ **First Choice Pregnancy Center**
2104 Del Prado Boulevard, Unit 3
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 242-4220

Website: <http://firstchoice.muzitek.com/>

A Christian organization that provides information and support regarding unplanned pregnancies. Provides free pregnancy testing, medical referrals, peer counseling, childbirth and parenting classes, post abortion counseling, and limited assistance with basic infant supplies.

- ✦ **Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
Phone: 1-800-500-1119
Website: www.fcadv.org

A 24-hour, toll-free domestic violence hotline that links callers to the nearest domestic violence center. Provides translation services, legal assistance and assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence.

- ✦ **Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking**
Phone: 1-866-630-3350
Website: www.stophumantrafficking.org

Provides advocacy, immigration assistance, transportation assistance, information and referral to victims of human trafficking.

- ✦ **Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling**
Phone: 1-888-236-4848 (888-ADMIT-IT)
Website: www.gamblinghelp.org

A 24-hour, toll-free, confidential and multilingual helpline that provides support, information, and referral to problem gamblers and their families.

- ✦ **Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services**
Phone: 1-800-654-4440
Website: www.centraldirectory.org

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

✦ **Florida KidCare**

Phone: 1-888-540-5437

Website: www.floridakidcare.org

Florida's children's health insurance program which includes MediKids, Healthy Kids, the Children's Medical Services network for children with special health care needs, and Medicaid for children.

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

Website: www.fpea.com

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

✦ **Florida Rural Legal Services**

3210 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 101

P.O. Box 219

Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 334-4554

Website: www.frls.org

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

✦ **Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**

P.O. Box 2000

Live Oak, FL 32064

Ages: 10 – 18 (summer camp)

8 – 18 (residential program)

Phone: (941) 776-1777

Website: www.youthranches.org

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

✦ **Florida Vision Quest**

Website: www.flvq.org

Provides free children's eye exams and new eyeglasses for children with poor vision who cannot afford glasses. Referrals are accepted online from school personnel and public health departments.

✦ **Florida Virtual School**

Website: www.flvs.net

Provides a statewide, online public school that offers accredited courses for grades K-12. Free to Florida students.

✦ **Florida Youth Challenge Academy**

5629 State Road 16 West
Building 3800
Starke, FL 32091

Ages: 16 - 18

Phone: (904) 682-4032 or Toll Free: 1-866-276-9304

Website: www.ngycp.org/state/fl/

A 17½ month quasi-military training and mentoring program. Assists high school dropouts, expellees and at-risk youth to develop life skills, complete education goals, and develop employment potential.

✦ **Fort Myers Christian Outreach Center**

3500 Fowler Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 481-6262

Website: www.fmcoc.com

Provides non-perishable food to individuals and families on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

✦ **Fort Myers Housing Authority**

4224 Renaissance Preserve Way
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 344-3220

Website: www.hacfm.org

Provides public housing and family self sufficiency services.

✦ **Fort Myers Police Department Youth Programs**

2210 Widman Way
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 321-7700

Website: www.fmpolice.com

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Fort Myers Police Department Youth Programs (cont.)

The ***“Do the Right Thing”*** program recognizes youth that have made positive choices at a monthly awards ceremony and at special events planned for the winners. See website for nomination form.

The ***JAM Unit (Juvenile Arrest and Monitoring)*** assists in providing monitoring of youth that have been arrested and have court sanctions.

The ***Police Athletic League (PAL)*** offers sports and other recreational activities for boys and girls ages 8-17.

The ***Police Explorer Post*** provides youth ages 14-19 with an opportunity to experience daily operations of the police department by riding along with police officers on the road. Explorers assist police officers with various tasks and at community events.

Respect for Law Camp – 1 weekend in summer, ages 11-14. Space is limited. (Phone 321-7688)

School Resource Officers (SRO’s) are assigned to middle schools, high schools, and alternative schools in Fort Myers. The SRO’s interact with students, make presentations to students, attend school functions, and serve as a community services referral source for students, parents, and faculty.

✦ **Fort Myers Pregnancy Center**

3822 Broadway, Suite B
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-9375

Website: www.collierpregnancycenters.com

Offers pregnancy testing, sexual health education, adoption information, new parent and infant care classes, STD education, abstinence education, diapers, and infant clothing.

✦ **(City of) Fort Myers Recreation Division**

1820 Hendry St, P.O. Drawer 2217
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 321-7553

Website: www.cityftmyers.com Email: recreation@cityftmyers.com

Offers recreational classes and programs, special events, summer camps, school break camps, afterschool programs, swimming lessons, skate board park, ice skate rink, and youth athletic programs.

✦ **Fort Myers Rescue Mission**

6900 Mission Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-7365

Website: www.fortmyersrescuemission.org

Provides a faith-based homeless shelter for men, a shelter for homeless women with children, and a soup kitchen.

✦ **Gabriel House**

16520 South Tamiami Trail #138-251
Fort Myers, Florida 33908

Ages: 0 - 6

Phone: (239) 489-2663

Website: <http://gabrielhouse.org>

A Christian based home for abandoned and medically needy children.

✦ **Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.**

12651 Girl Scout Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Ages: 5 -17

Other: girls

Phone: (239) 561-1800

Website: www.gsgcf.org

Volunteer organization that promotes character development, good conduct, patriotism and service.

✦ **Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

4940 Bayline Drive
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Phone: (239) 995-2106

Website: www.goodwillswfl.org

Assists those with employment challenges to find jobs, keep a job, and advance in a career.

Four Wheels to Work – Assists low income individuals who are employed and in need of transportation to obtain a vehicle at a low cost. The program is located at the Goodwill Auto Sales & Donation Center, 3333 Fowler Street, Fort Myers. (Phone: 274-3191)

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GoodGuides Mentoring – Assists youth to overcome disadvantages, plan careers, finish school, and transition into productive careers through guidance from an adult volunteer mentor. (Phone: 823-6931)

Job-Link Family Resource Center – Located at 4162 Palm Beach Blvd. in Ft. Myers, the center co-locates several social service agencies. Services include job and skills training, food stamps, English language classes, family literacy, mental health information, credit counseling, and money management. (Phone: 693-9304)

The ***Florida High School – High Tech*** program is for youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 22. It encourages youth to explore their potential and interests in science, technology, engineering, and math through mentoring, corporate site visits, job shadowing, and visits to colleges. (Phone 995-2106, extension 227)

The ***L.I.F.E. Academy*** is a charter school for students with developmental disabilities ages 11 to 22 entering grades 6-12. (Phone: 334-4434; Website: www.goodwilllifeacademy.org)

✦ **Grace Community Center**
4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 574-7161
Website: www.egracecenter.org

Thrift store, GED classes, parenting classes, free health screenings, and food bank. Call for hours.

✦ **Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus**
13 SE 21st Place
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 574-7161

“Celebrate Recovery: Healing Hurts, Habits, and Hang-ups,” a church service to assist those in recovery and in resolving family issues, is offered on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Separate services are available for youth and adults.

✦ **G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenting)**

P.O. Box 249
Estero, FL 33929

Phone: (239) 415-9780 or (239) 433-0780

Provides outreach, assistance, workshops, and support meetings for grandparents raising their grandchildren. Provides financial resources, clothing, and food on a limited basis.

✦ **Guardian Ad Litem**

2075 West First Street, Suite 300
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-5437

Website: www.guardianadlitem.org

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

✦ **Harbor Counseling & Lighthouse Addiction Services**

2804 Del Prado Boulevard, #104
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Outpatient substance abuse treatment for adolescents and adults.
Sliding scale fee.

✦ **Harvest Time Ministries**

25783 Carnation Court
Bonita Springs, FL 34135-6468

Phone: (239) 947-6016

Provides food, clothing and school supplies to needy children, especially for those living in farm worker camps.

✦ **Head Start**

4312 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 332-2512

A home-school partnership to give children at risk of school failure a good start in life and to support families in their role as first teacher. Both center based programs and home-based programs are available.

✦ **Healthy Kids**

Phone: 1-888-540-5437

Ages: 5 - 18

Website: www.healthykids.org

Offers affordable, low cost health insurance for uninsured children in Florida who are not eligible for Medicaid.

✦ **Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System**

2070 Carrell Road
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: up to age 3

Phone: (239) 418-2900

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

✦ **Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

1921 Jefferson Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: up to age 3

Phone: (239) 425-6920 (administration)
(239) 425-6924 (for services)

Website: www.healthystartswfl.com/

Assists at-risk pregnant mothers to get prenatal health care. Serves mothers and babies and young children up to age 3 who are at risk for poor health outcomes.

✦ **High Tech Central**

3800 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-4544

Website: www.hightechcentral.org

A post secondary career and technical education center. Offers career training and GED preparation. Students must be at least 16 years old. High school students must have completed one year of high school.

- ✦ **High Tech North**
360 Santa Barbara Boulevard North
Cape Coral, FL 33993

Phone: (239) 574-4440
Website: www.hightechnorth.com

A technical career education program for adults and high school students ages 16 years and older.

- ✦ **Home School Education Office/Lee County School District**
2855 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 337-8259
Website: http://studentservices.leeschools.net/Home_Ed/welcome.htm

Home School is one option parents have in schooling their children. To do so, parents must register with the Home School Education Office.

- ✦ **Hope Hospice and Community Services**
9470 Healthpark Circle (Main Office) Ages: 5 and up
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 482-4673 or 1-800-835-1673
Website: www.hopehospice.org

Other Locations:	Phone:
2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral 33909	574-4888
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936	363-2040
27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135	444-1100

Provides a variety of services to all people with complex needs related to transitions, loss, and end of life.

Pathways of Hope Counseling Center provides individual and group grief and crime victimization counseling. Provides support groups for children, youth, and families. Provides a rapid response team to assist law enforcement and victims with crisis counseling.

Rainbow Trails Camp is provided during the summer for children ages 6-16 who have lost a loved one.

✦ **IMPACT for Developmental Education**

P.O. Box 51319, 1650 Medical Lane #4,
Ft. Myers, FL 33994

Phone: (239) 334-6160

Ages: 0 - 5

Website: www.impactforkids.org

Offers education, therapy and support to developmentally disabled children.

✦ **Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services (IDDS)**

Bay Area Youth Services

2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 103B
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 936-8666

Website: www.baysflorida.com

Provides intensive case management, monitoring, and behavioral interventions for arrested youth who are at risk for reoffending. Youth are referred to the program by the court system.

✦ **Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee, Inc.**

17592 Rockefeller Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33967

Phone: (239) 267-3510

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

Provides a food pantry, SHARE distribution site, emergency financial assistance and minor home repair. Co-locates other social service agencies on-site.

✦ **Island Coast Aids Network (I CAN)**

2231 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-2391

Website: www.icanswfl.org

Provides HIV/AIDS education and prevention services. For individuals certified as HIV positive, provides case management and assistance in accessing resources and services.

✦ **JBH Behavioral Health Systems**

12550 New Brittany Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 936-1114
Website: www.jbhllc.com

Offers child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry, medication management, psychological assessments, and individual, family, couples, and group therapy. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and private pay. Also offers a partial hospitalization program.

✦ **Job Corps**

Ages: 16 – 24

A comprehensive residential education and job training program for economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth. Must be a U.S. citizen, have parent's permission (if a minor), be drug free, a high school dropout or in need of further vocational training/education, and free of face-to-face court or institutional supervision while in the program. Programs are located throughout the state. Call for information at (239) 278-7140 or go online to <http://jobcorps.dol.gov/centers/fl.htm>.

✦ **Junior Achievement**

9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 104
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 225-25900
Website: www.JASWFL.org

Provides in-school and after-school programs for students which use hands-on experiences which focus on work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

✦ **Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC)**

2107 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33901-3603

Phone: (239) 344-5100
Website: www.swfljac.org

Provides screening/assessment and referral for arrested youth and at-risk youth (non-arrested). Partner agencies provide counseling with youth and families. Provides information and referral to assist families to find treatment and services for youth.

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Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC) (cont.)

The ***Civil Citation*** program, operated in partnership with the State Attorney's Office, is an alternative to arrest for youth who have committed minor crimes. Youth who successfully complete assigned sanctions will have no arrest record. Youth are referred by a law enforcement officer. (Phone: 344-5115)

✦ **Laces of Love**

1976 Bethany Place
Naples, FL 34109

Phone: (239) 591-1172

Website: www.lacesoflove.org

Provides new shoes to low income and disadvantaged youth in Lee and Collier counties. Educates the public on the needs of these children.

✦ **Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP) at New Directions**

3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 2
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-2526

Allows pregnant teenagers to continue their high school education during their pregnancy. Students may continue in the program after the birth of their child with the assistance of on-site day care.

✦ **Lee Alternative Charter Academy – Richard Milburn School**

1221 Taylor Lane Extension
Lehigh Acres, FL 33935

Phone: (239) 303-2834

Website: www.nesihq.org/rma-LACHS.htm

A charter high school that offers students flexible scheduling and supportive services in a non-traditional learning environment.

✦ **Lee Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (LARC)**

2570 Hanson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-6285

Assists individuals with developmental disabilities through support services, vocational training, job placement and assisted living.

- ✦ **Lee Cares**
2115 Second Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-2737

Information and referral about Lee County government services.

- ✦ **Lee County Coalition for a Drug Free Southwest Florida**
1490 N.E. Pine Island Road, #6-F
Cape Coral, FL 33909

Phone: (239) 573-8747

Website: www.drugfreeswfl.org

Substance abuse prevention programs for parents and youth.

- ✦ **Lee County Department of Human Services**
2440 Thompson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-7900

Website: <http://dhs.lee-county.com>

Provides emergency services for families experiencing unforeseen financial hardship. Provides assistance with mortgage, rent, utility expenses, and emergency home improvement repairs for eligible low income families. Offers vocational training in medical office skills to assist individuals in becoming financially self sufficient.

The ***Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NAB)*** program is a court diversion program for youth who were arrested for minor crimes. It utilizes trained community volunteers in a restorative conferencing model. Program participants must be referred through the justice system. However, youth in the community may serve as volunteers.

- ✦ **Lee County 4-H**
c/o Lee County Extension
3406 Palm Beach Blvd.
Ft. Myers, FL 33916-3736

Ages: 5 - 18

Phone: (239) 533-4327

Website: <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/4H/4HAbout.shtml>

Provides youth development opportunities through traditional 4-H clubs, school enrichment, and special interest programs.

✦ **Lee County Health Department**

3920 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-9501

Website: www.lee-county.com/healthdept

Other Locations:

Pondella Clinic, 83 Pondella, North Fort Myers

Lehigh Clinic, 5624 8th Street West, Ste 106

WIC - San Carlos Park, 18070 Tamiami Trail, Ste 10

Phone:

461-6100

368-5535

433-6600

Delivers health services at various sites including family planning, Healthy Start, nutrition/WIC, school health, and immunizations. Provides testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases.

✦ **Lee County Homeless Coalition**

1500 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 214
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Phone: (239) 322-6600

Website: www.leehomeless.org/

A coalition of agencies and citizens that work to solve problems of affordable housing and homelessness in Lee County. Their website provides the "Green Book," a pocket guide to emergency assistance including emergency housing, food pantries, emergency financial assistance, etc.

✦ **Lee County Housing Authority**

14170 Warner Circle
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 997-6688

Website: <http://leecountyhousingauthority.org>

Offers public housing and housing vouchers. A Boys and Girls Club is on site.

✦ **Lee County Legal Aid Society**

2211 Widman Way, P.O. Box 9205
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 334-6118

Provides family law services to indigent families.

✦ **Lee County Library System**
2345 Union St. (Administration)
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-4600
Website: www.lee-county.com/library/

Provides youth/family activities and sources of self-help information.
Website provides catalog search for books and resources.

Other Library Locations:	Phone:
Bonita Springs , 26876 Pine Avenue, Bonita Springs	533-4860
Cape Coral , 921 S.W. 39 th Terrace, Cape Coral	533-4500
Captiva Memorial , 11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva	533-4890
Dunbar , 3095 Blount St., Fort Myers	533-4150
East County , 881 Gunnery Rd., Lehigh Acres	533-4200
Fort Myers , 2050 Central Ave., Fort Myers	533-4600
North Fort Myers , 2001 N. Tamiami Trail NE, North Fort Myers	533-4320
Northwest Regional , 519 Chiquita Blvd. N., Cape Coral	533-4700
Pine Island , 10700 Russell Road NW, Bokeelia	533-4350
Riverdale , 2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers	533-4370
South County , 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero	533-4400
Lakes Regional , 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers	533-4000

✦ **Lee County Parks & Recreation**
3410 Palm Beach Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) LEE-PARK (533-7275)
Website: www.leeparks.org

Provides recreation and positive youth development programs at numerous sites throughout unincorporated Lee County including summer camps, after-school recreation, sports, aquatics, teen and special needs activities. Also has volunteer opportunities for teens (call 432-2159).

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Lee County Parks and Recreation (cont.)

Program Locations:

Phone:

Alva Community Center , 21471 North River Rd	728-2882
Boca Grande Community Center , 131 First St W	(941) 964-2564
Estero Recreation Center , 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd	498-0415
Karl Drews Community Center , 18412 Lee Rd, Ft Myers	267-2181
Lakes Park , 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Ft Myers	432-2034
Lehigh Community Pool , 1400 W 5 th Street	369-8277
Matlacha Community Center , 4577 NW Pine Island Road	283-4110
N Ft Myers Community Park , 2021 N Tamiami Trail	707-1874
N Ft Myers Community Pool , 5170 Orange Grove Blvd.	656-7763
Olga Community Center , 2325 S Olga Drive	728-2882
Pine Island Community Pool , 5675 Sesame Drive	282-2220
San Carlos Community Pool , 8208 Sanibel Blvd.	267-6002
Schandler Hall Community Center , 419 Royal Palm Pk Rd, Tice	694-6467
Veterans Park Recreation Center , 55 Homestead Rd, Lehigh	369-1521
Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center , 16760 Bass Rd, Ft Myers	432-2154

✦ **Lee County Pre-Kindergarten Head Start Early Learning Program**

4312 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 332-2512

Children receive a preschool education and are provided health and dental screenings, with follow-up as needed.

✦ **Lee County Sheriff's Office Youth Programs**

14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 477-1000

Website: www.sheriffleefl.org

The Lee County Sheriff's Office youth programs work in partnership with the community to provide positive and preventive programs to the youth and families in Lee County.

The **"Do the Right Thing"** program recognizes and rewards youth (grades K-12) that have made positive choices. School Resource Officers, teachers and other members of the community nominate the students. Winners are recognized at a monthly awards ceremony during the school year. For more information and a nomination form go to www.sheriffleefl.org/prevention/do_the_right_thing.pdf or call 477-1175.

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Lee County Sheriff's Office (cont.)

The Sheriff's Office ***Explorer Post 18*** provides youth ages 14-21 with an opportunity to experience daily operations of the sheriff's office by assisting deputies with various tasks and attending community events with fellow members. The program instills responsibility, leadership, teamwork and initiative. For information contact your Lee County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer or call 477-1400.

Also see ***Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County***.

The ***STAR*** (Sheriff's Deputies Teaching Students About Responsible Decisions) program works in the schools to teach children skills to resist drugs.

School Resource Officers (SRO's) are assigned to each middle and high school in unincorporated Lee County. The SRO's interact with students, make presentations, attend school functions, and serve as a community services referral source for students, parents, and faculty.

Teen Driver Challenge is a two day, hands on education program that teaches life saving skills in the operation of a motor vehicle for youth ages 15 to 19. It is held at the Lee County Gun Range/Buckingham Airfield. Call 477-1400 for the schedule and for more information.

The ***Youth Activities League*** provides various youth athletic programs and activities in Lee County with focus on the Lehigh Acres community.

- ✦ **Lee County YMCA**
1360 Royal Palm Square Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 275-9622
Website: www.leecountyymca.org

Provides recreational programs, childcare and summer camp for working families. Provides subsidized care for low-income families.

- ✦ **Lee Mental Health Center**
Ruth Cooper Center
2789 Ortiz Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33905
Vista Campus
10140 Deer Run Farms Road
Fort Myers, FL

Phone: (239) 275-3222
Website: www.leementalhealth.org

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Lee Mental Health Center (cont.)

Provides a broad array of mental health and substance abuse services for children and adults from two different campuses. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

First time, non-emergency mental health assessments are available on a walk-in basis during business hours at the **Access Center** at the Vista campus (phone 791-1570). The Access Center assists in linking clients to the center's other services which include case management, in-home therapeutic services, functional family therapy, psychiatric evaluations, medication management, support groups, on-site school services, support groups, and individual, group, and family counseling.

Vista Behavioral Crisis Services and the **Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit and Addiction Receiving Facility (CCSU/ARF)** are located at the Vista campus. The facility provides 24-hour emergency psychiatric assessments of adults and children ages 4 to 17 that are at risk of harming themselves or others. Vista provides crisis stabilization and referrals to appropriate inpatient or outpatient treatment programs. The CCSU/ARF also provides involuntary substance abuse assessments of youth under the Marchman Act. The average length of stay is 3 days. Phone: (239) 275-4242.

✦ **Lee Tran (Lee County Transit)**

6035 Landing View Road
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 533-8726 (LEE-TRAN)

Website: www.rideleetrans.com/ (includes routes and schedules)

Provides a fixed route public bus system within Lee County.

✦ **Lee Women's Center**

8890 Salrose Lane, Suite 240
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 433-1929

Website: <http://firstchoice.muzitek.com/>

A Christian organization that provides information and support regarding unplanned pregnancies. Provides free pregnancy testing, medical referrals, peer counseling, childbirth and parenting classes, post abortion counseling, and limited assistance with basic infant supplies.

- ✦ **Lehigh Community Services**
9 Beth Stacey Boulevard, Suite 206
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 369-5818
Website: <http://lehighcommunityservices.com>

Provides emergency assistance to families who reside in Lehigh Acres with food, past due rent, utilities, medicine, diapers, school supplies, and clothing.

- ✦ **Liberty Youth Ranch** Ages: 4 - 17
27725 Old 41 Road, Suite 104
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 597-7070 or 1-866-FL-YOUTH (toll free)
Website: www.libertyyouthranch.org

A home for youth who are orphaned, abused, abandoned, or neglected.

- ✦ **Lifeline Family Center**
907 S.E. 5th Avenue Ages: 15 - 22
Cape Coral, FL 33990 Other: Must pass drug test,
no active felony charges

Phone: (239) 242-7238
Website: www.lifelinefamilycenter.org
Email: helpline4teens@mindspring.com

A Christian residential program for pregnant teens that provides parenting skills training and assists with professional counseling, education, GED preparation, and job training.

- ✦ **Life Skills Center**
3637 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. #104
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-3484
Website: www.lifeskillscenters.com

An alternative educational program for students ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of school or are at risk of dropping out. The program accommodates students who are experiencing difficulties with the routine of traditional public school by using computer based instruction.

✦ **Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, FL, Inc.**

7275 Concourse Drive, #300
Fort Myers, FL 33908

9 Beth Stacey Boulevard, #202
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Phone: (239) 415-3621

Phone: (239) 368-1002

Website: www.leeadultliteracy.com

Ages: 18 or older

Volunteer agency that provides literacy services to adults with low reading and writing skills or for whom English is a second language.

✦ **Los Hermanos**

Centro Juan Diego/St. Leo's Church

28290 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Phone: (239) 992-7700

Provides assistance to Hispanic families in need in Bonita Springs including education forms assistance, translation, advocacy, and food.

✦ **Lutheran Services of Florida**

3634 Central Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 10 - 17

Other: Only non-arrested youth

Phone: (239) 278-5400

Youth Hotline: 1-800-329-8336

Website: www.lsfnet.org

Youth and Family Services provides 24-hour crisis counseling for youth and their families. Services are available for run away, truant, homeless, and ungovernable youth and their families.

Adolescent Outpatient Substance Abuse Program at 3615 Central Avenue in Fort Myers offers a 12-week treatment program for youth ages 12-17 and family members. Call 275-1126.

The **Family Preservation Program** provides extensive in-home case management and counseling services to families in Lee County referred by the Department of Children & Families.

Oasis Youth Shelter provides temporary shelter for troubled, runaway or homeless youth (ages 10-17). Phone: 278-1030

Project **Safe Place** is a network of business and community locations at which youth that are at risk or in crisis can get help immediately.

A Lutheran Services counselor provides individual and family counseling for non-arrested youth at the Juvenile Assessment Center. Call 278-5400 for an intake.

✦ **Mary's House of Hope, Inc.**

P.O. Box 2306
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 878-3702
Website: www.maryshouseofhope.org

Faith based transitional housing and support services for abused homeless women with children and girls ageing out of foster care.

✦ **McGregor Baptist Church Food Pantry**

3131 East Riverside Drive
Fort Myers, FL

Website: www.mcgregor.net/site/content/view/41/77

Provides groceries to individuals and families on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

✦ **Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse-Florida**

Phone: 1-888-356-4774
Website: www.fdle.state.fl.us/mcicsearch

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

✦ **Missionary Directional Mission Church of God**

2840 Grand Avenue, Suite 113
P.O. Box 7082
Fort Myers, FL 33911

Phone: (239) 334-0122

Provides faith-based self development programs for at-risk youth and teens.

✦ **Mount Hermon Christian School**

2856 Douglas Street
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 334-8075

Provides day school (K-12), recreational activities, and tutoring.

✦ **NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally III)**

3511-B Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard
P.O. Box 50816
Fort Myers, FL 33994

Phone: (239) 337-9024

Website: <http://namilee.org>

Email: namilee@nami.org

Provides support groups, education and advocacy for those with mental illnesses and their families.

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

Phone: 1-866-389-1344 (24-hour help line)

Website: www.nagulfcoastfla.org

Support groups are offered for those recovering from drug addiction.

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

Phone: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678 (24-hour Hotline)

Website: www.missingkids.com

Provides information and support for families of missing or exploited children. Provides information on prevention of child abductions.

✦ **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

Phone: 1-800-799-7233

Website: www.ndvh.org

A 24-hour, toll-free hotline for victims of domestic violence or those calling on their behalf to provide crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referral.

✦ **National Runaway Switchboard**

Phone: 1-800-RUNAWAY or 1-800-786-2929 (24-hour Hotline)

Website: www.1800RUNAWAY.org

Provides crisis intervention for runaway teens, or those at-risk, and their families. Provides information and referral. Teens may leave messages to their parents to reopen communication. Conducts conference calls between teens and parents/guardians/social service agencies to resolve issues. Assists in arranging free transportation home for runaways through assistance from Greyhound Lines, Inc.

- ✦ **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**
Phone: 800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
Website: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

A 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service for anyone in suicidal crisis. Callers are routed to the closest crisis center in their area.

- ✦ **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline**
Phone: 1-866-331-9474
Website: www.loveisrespect.org

A toll-free, 24 hour, confidential help line for teens and young adults experiencing dating abuse. Trained advocates provide crisis intervention, safety planning, and assist making referrals.

- ✦ **Nations Association**
4625 Palm Beach Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 332-7575

Provides a soup kitchen, food, prescription drug and clothing assistance and job training. Summer program for inner city youth.

- ✦ **The New Church of Southwest Florida**
10811 Sunset Plaza Circle, #401
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 481-5535

Website: www.newchurchflorida.org/kids_vip.html

Provides emergency assistance of food and clothing to needy families.

The ***Kids Vision and Intervention Program*** (Kids V.I.P.) provides family intervention, trained mentors to youth, parents, law enforcement, school or other sources for conflict situations or when advocates are needed for youth at risk. The after school program provides tutoring and homework assistance.

- ✦ **New Life Assembly Pantry**
5146 Leonard Blvd. S.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973

Phone: (239) 369-6147

Gives food once a month to families in need. Call for appointment.

✦ **New Life Dream Center**

2150 Collier Avenue, H
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 274-8881

Website: www.new-life-centers.com

A Christian based, 18-month residential substance abuse and addictions programs for men and women.

✦ **North Nicholas High School**

428 S.W. Pine Island Road
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 242-4230

Website: www.yourdiplomayourway.com

A non-traditional school which uses computer-based/mastery-based courses to assist persons ages 16 to 21 to earn a high school diploma. Students work at their own pace and receive individual attention to meet their needs.

✦ **Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victims Services**

Phone: 1-800-226-6667

Website: <http://myfloridalegal.com>

A state agency which administers a compensation program for injured crime victims. Victims may be eligible for financial assistance for medical care, lost income, mental health services, funeral expenses and other out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the injury. If needed, they can also be referred to support organizations within their home area.

✦ **Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

7438 Carrier Road
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 267-4663

Website: www.ourmothershome.com

Residential home for teen mothers in foster care and their babies.

- ✦ **PACE Center for Girls**
3760 Schoolhouse Road West
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Ages: 12 - 18
Other: girls

Phone: (239) 425-2366
Website: www.pacecenter.org/Lee.htm

A non-residential delinquency prevention program, targeting the unique needs of females who are identified as dependent, truant, runaway, delinquent, or in need of academic skills.

- ✦ **Parent HelpLine**

Phone: 1-800-352-5683 or 1-800-FLA-LOVE
Website: www.211bigbend.org/hotlines/parent/index.htm

Provides a toll-free telephone crisis line, 7 am – 11 pm (closed holidays), to offer immediate assistance to parents and other primary caregivers in Florida who are feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or who have specific questions or needs about their children, or their behavior.

- ✦ **Parents, Children & Divorce**

Fulfills the court mandated parent education course required of all divorcing parents in Florida. Information on courses available in Lee County is at: www.educationprograms.com/pcdclasses/lee.html

- ✦ **Parents of Bipolar Children, Lee County Florida, Inc.**

Website: www.parentsofbpkidzlee.org

A support group for parents of children with bipolar disorder. Meets at Lee Mental Health Center one night a week. See website for details.

- ✦ **Pay or Appear**

c/o Lee County Clerk of Courts

Assists parents collect unpaid child support. Negligent payers are court ordered to keep payments current or to appear in court each week. Payer must reside in Lee County. Call 335-2337 to find out if you qualify.

- ✦ **Peace By Piece**
965 Pondella Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 652-4323
Website: www.peacebypieceinc.com

Provides specialized education for children with autism and related disorders. Services include parent coaching, parent support group, training and consultation to schools and other agencies.

- ✦ **Pine Manor Community Resource Center**
5447 10th Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5180

Provides an afterschool program on school days and all day on teacher inservice days, and a summer camp. Provides homework assistance, life skills, crafts, sports, field trips, parenting classes and referrals. Provides education and support activities for Pine Manor residents. A food bank is open the second Tuesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or by appointment.

- ✦ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida**
8595 College Parkway, Suite 250
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: (239) 481-9999
Website: www.plannedparenthood.org/ppswcf

Provides affordable sexual health care for adults and teens including gynecological exams, bladder/urinary tract infections, pregnancy testing and options education, sexually transmitted disease testing/treatment, and counseling.

- ✦ **(Florida) Poison Information Center – Tampa General Hospital**

Phone: 1-800-222-1222
Website: 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.

✦ **Prescription Discount Card**

Website:

<http://dhs.leegov.com/programs/familyselfsufficiency/Pages/PrescriptionDiscountCard.aspx>

A prescription discount card is available to anyone in Lee County. Discounts average 20%. Available at county libraries, Lee County Human Services (2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers), and other locations throughout the county. Cannot be used with insurance.

✦ **Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida**

3210 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

P. O. Drawer 1290

Fort Myers, FL 33902-1290

Phone: (239) 334-2797

Website: www.qualitylifecenter.org

Provides positive youth development activities, homework assistance, tutoring, life skills and character development, performing arts, martial arts, and a young men's drill team.

✦ **Richard Milburn Academy- Fort Myers**

3800 Evans Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-4774

Website: www.nesihq.org

A public charter high school which allows students to earn a diploma in a non-traditional learning environment. The school provides flexible scheduling, small class sizes, and support services.

✦ **Royal Palm Christian Counseling**

1705 Colonial Boulevard, D2

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Ages: All

Phone: (239) 939-0707

Website: <http://rpmcounseling.org>

Provides Christian and Bible based counseling, workshops, and seminars including parenting, effective discipline, anger management, marriage and family, blended families, grief, trauma, abuse issues, and careers. Fee for services based on a sliding scale. Some evening hours.

✦ **Safe Haven**

Under Florida statute, a mother or father may leave an unharmed, newborn infant (up to seven days old) at a Safe Haven without fear of prosecution. Hospitals and EMS facilities are considered Safe Havens.

✦ **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

2073 Lafayette Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 344-9225

Website: <http://svdp-xavier.com/default.aspx>

Provides emergency assistance, such as help with utility bills, prescriptions, clothing, furniture, etc., to individuals and needy families, usually limited to one time a year. Groceries are available to Lee County residents one time per month on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

✦ **The Salvation Army**

10291 McGregor Blvd., PO Box 60087
Fort Myers, FL 33906-6087

Phone: (239) 278-1551

Website: www.salvationarmyleecounty.org

Service Locations:

Bonita Springs Service Unit

25221 Bernwood Drive, Suite 2
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Phone: (239) 948-5200

Red Shield Lodge

2400 Edison Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-3745 or (239) 334-6353 (for homeless services)

Provides meals, emergency shelter, and medical care to people in need.

✦ **Sandcastles**

Phone: (239) 693-8893

Ages: 6 - 17

A group-style class that assists youth in coping with separation or divorce of their parents. Fulfills the court mandated education course for minor children of divorcing parents. Information on courses available in Lee County is at: www.educationprograms.com/sandcastles/lee.html.

✦ **School Choice Parent Information Centers**

Website: <http://studentassignment.leeschools.net>

Provides information on school choice and registers students to attend Lee County public schools.

Registration Locations:

Cape Coral Office, 370 Santa Barbara Blvd

Fort Myers Office, 2855 Colonial Blvd

Lehigh Acres Office, 9 Beth Stacey Blvd, Suite 207

Phone:

461-8447

337-8247

337-8347

✦ **SEDNET (Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network)**

5775 Osceola Trail

Naples, FL 34109

Phone: (239) 377-0131

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

✦ **SHARE Florida Food Network**

Phone: 1-800-536-3379

Website: www.shareflorida.org

A non-profit organization that offers savings on high-quality food once per month. There are no income requirements. Participants are encouraged to donate time to a worthy cause in the community. Host sites are located throughout the community. Check website for locations.

✦ **Social Security Administration**

3650 Colonial Blvd.

Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: 1-800-772-1213 or (239) 931-0066

Website: www.socialsecurity.gov

Government agency providing retirement, disability, survivor benefits, and supplemental security income for the aged, disabled, and survivors.

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

3763 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Outpatient Youth Services
1105 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 332-6937
Website: www.swfas.org

Phone: (239) 772-1211

Provides prevention programs, support groups, outpatient and residential services to those impacted by alcohol and drug abuse.

Children Are People Too is an 8-week educational support group for children of addicts that are 5 to 12 years old.

The ***Substance Abuse Diversion Program*** is a treatment program that serves as an alternative to court for youth who are arrested for a substance abuse related crime.

The ***Vince Smith Center at*** 2450 Prince Street, Fort Myers is a residential program for substance abusing youth ages 13 to 17. Services include family therapy and continuing care. (Phone: 338-2306)

Youth Outpatient Substance Abuse Program provides screening and assessment, parent/adolescent anger management group, parent/adolescent substance abuse group, individual and family counseling. (Phone: 772-1211)

The SWFAS website has information on local 12-Step programs (alcohol, cocaine, narcotics, nicotine, food, sex, and gambling addictions) at <http://swfas.org/main/resources.shtml#>.

✦ **Southwest Florida Children's Home**

4551 Camino Real Way
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Ages: 6 – 18 for residential program
Ages: 0 – 18 for foster care

Phone: (239) 275-7151
Website:

www.royalpalmbaptist.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=20540&PID=188109

Provides residential care to children that have been abused or neglected or come from families in turmoil. It also operates a Christian-based foster care program.

✦ **Southwest Florida Safety Council**

1714 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 332-3008

Website: www.safedrivingsschool.com/index.htm

Offers live and online traffic schools. Provides Drug Alcohol Traffic Education (D.A.T.E.) course, which is a prerequisite for getting one's first drivers license. Learner's permit test is available online.

✦ **Southwest Florida Youth Connections**

4150 Fort Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 931-8200 ext. 11198 or 11140

Website: www.henkels.com

Provides career coaching and assistance to young adults, ages 16-21, to complete high school or GED, attain job skills, and connect to jobs. Eligibility based on youth having barriers to employment.

✦ **Special Equestrians**

5121 Staley Road, P.O. Box 61528
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone: (239) 226-1221

Email: spequestrians@gmail.com

Website: www.specialequestrians.net

A horseback riding program which provides therapeutic riding to mentally and physically challenged children and adults. Fee for services; scholarships available.

✦ **STARS Complex**

2980 Edison Avenue
P.O. Box 2217
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 332-6671

Website: www.cityftmyers.com

Provides recreation programs, afterschool program with tutoring and homework assistance and summer camp programs.

✦ **Sunrise Community of Southwest Florida**

810 S.E. 10th Court
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 283-1333
Website: www.sunrisegroup.org

Provides support services for people with developmental disabilities including behavior analysis/assessment, vocational training, supported employment, learning projects, social events, and respite care.

✦ **Sylvan Learning Center**

12741 World Plaza Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-1130
Website: <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/>

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

✦ **Talking Books Library at Northwest Regional Library**

519 Chiquita Boulevard North
Cape Coral, FL 33993

Phone: (239) 995-2665
Website: www3.leegov.com/library/progserv/ssvcs/tb.htm

Provides recorded books and magazines, and Braille materials for individuals who are not able to see regular print or have a physical limitation.

✦ **Teen Challenge International**

5656 7th Avenue (men's program)
5424 7th Avenue (women's program)
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-1974
Website: www.teenchallenge.cc

A Christian organization that provides substance abuse treatment programs throughout Florida. *(Note: Their youth treatment programs are located outside of Lee County.)*

✦ **Teen Court Program/Juvenile Arbitration**

1039 SE 9th Place, #361
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 458-7088

Teen Court is an alternative to traditional court for first time juvenile offenders that have committed misdemeanor crimes. Youth from the community serve as volunteer attorneys and jury members to impose sanctions. Juvenile Arbitration also is a court diversion program for arrested youth which utilizes community volunteers to hear the case and impose sanctions.

✦ **TLC (Tender Loving Care) Children's Home**

1150 SW 20th Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 542-4800

Website: www.tlccomplex.com

TLC is a Christian foster home that accepts up to 12 children. It specializes in accepting large sibling groups who have been abandoned, neglected or whose parents have come upon hard times.

✦ **TMC Productions**

8359 Beacon Blvd., Suite 402
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 939-4769

Website: www.tmcproductions.webpage66.com/page/page/3423159.htm

Provides "Redirecting Children's Behavior" parenting skills course and other personal growth courses.

✦ **The Trevor Project**

Phone: 866 4U TREVOR (1-866-488-7386)

Website: www.thetrevorproject.org

A 24-hour, toll-free, suicide prevention helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. It also provides an online, confidential question and answer forum for non-emergency questions regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.

✦ **United Way**

7273 Concourse Drive, SW
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 433-2000
Website: www.unitedwaylee.org

United Way 211 - Dial 211 or utilize the 211 website at www.unitedwaylee.org/211.html to locate social and health services in Lee County. (Call 433-3900 from cell phones.)

United Way Houses – Neighborhood based resource centers are located throughout the county. Services vary by location.

United Way House Locations:

Bonita Springs UWH , 26820 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs	961-7316
Cape Coral UWH , 1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral	242-0401
Dunbar UWH , 3511 Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers	332-7151
East Ft. Myers UWH , 4040 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers	
Joe's Outreach , 10511 Gladiolus Dr., Fort Myers	
Page Park Community Club , 507 Center Road, Ft. Myers	
Pine Island UWH , 5465 NW Pine Island Road, Pine Island	
Lehigh Acres UWH , 1303 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres	
San Carlos/Estero UWH , 17592 Rockefeller Circle, Ft. Myers	
Sanibel UWH , 1630 Periwinkle Way, Ste B, Sanibel	
Suncoast Community Center , 7657 Hart Dr., N. Ft. Myers	

✦ **Vocational Rehabilitation (Division of), Department of Education**

5264 Summerlin Commons Way, Suite 404
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 278-7150
Website: www.rehabworks.org/

Provides services for eligible persons with physical or mental impairments. Services include vocational evaluations, career planning, job placement, job coaching, school-to-work transition services for high school students, and other support services.

✦ **Vocational Rehabilitation Ombudsman**

Phone: 1-866-515-3692

A Division of Vocational Rehabilitation help line to assist with information and referral for all disability needs and to resolve client service needs.

✦ **Voices for Kids**

2075 West 1st Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 997-5437

Website: www.voicesforkids.org

Provides support and advocacy for youth in foster care in Southwest Florida. Provides limited financial assistance for the health, education and social needs of children in the child welfare system when no other resources are available, or as funding allows.

✦ **Volunteer Match**

Website: www.volunteermatch.org/search

A searchable data base of volunteer opportunities that can be searched by zip code.

✦ **We Care / Faith Presbyterian Church**

4544 Coronado Parkway
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 542-2858

Provides food to needy families in Cape Coral.

✦ **Workforce Council of Southwest Florida**

4150 Ford Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 939-4949

Provides various youth employability skills development programs and on-the-job training opportunities.

✦ **YMCA of the Palms**

27200 Kent Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone: (239) 992-9622

Website: www.ymcapalms.org

Provides summer camp, childcare, youth and adult sports, swimming lessons, swim teams, health and fitness classes, strength training, cardio equipment, water aerobics and other services in a family-friendly environment. The YMCA turns no one away due to inability to pay.

✦ **Young Driver Program**
c/o Lee Memorial Health Systems

A class which teaches young drivers about driving responsibly and outcomes of acts of irresponsible driving. Call 336-6797 for details

✦ **Young Life Lee County**
5264 Clayton Court #5
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5908
Website: www.younglife.org/us

Provides positive youth development activities through weekly meetings, outings and seasonal camping. Clubs are available at most high schools. Check website for locations.

✦ **(Fort Myers) YouthBuild** Ages: 18 - 24
c/o Tri-County Apprenticeship Academy
1380 Jetport Commerce Parkway, Suite 5
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Phone: (239) 225-0995 ext. 200
Website: www.youthbuild.org

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