



Lee County
Community Resource Guide:

Linking Youth and Families to Community Resources

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Dear Lee County Citizens,

Lee County is growing by leaps and bounds. Our youth population is also growing at a staggering pace. With this growth come new challenges as we work in partnership to keep our youngest Lee County citizens safe, healthy and productive. As a community, we cannot afford to be reactive to crime. We cannot wait until youth become delinquent to begin solving the problem of juvenile crime. Many precursors of delinquency start early in life. As a community we must support parents and children in their earliest years. Many warning signs of delinquency are evident as early as elementary school age. We must support families in accessing services to prevent delinquency as early as elementary school and into middle school and high school years.

Youth have many challenges today. We must be proactive. We must support youth in making healthy choices as they become adolescents and grow into young adulthood. As a community we must impact the lives of youth to set them on the right track and keep them on the right track. This involves the commitment and partnership of parents, grandparents, educators, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, youth serving organizations, service providers, neighbors, and the entire community. It is with this intent that this Community Resource Guide was compiled. It is intended to assist Lee County families who have children in need of services and resources. It is also intended as a resource for those committed to helping the youth and families of Lee County access the resources and services they need.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the many dedicated parents and the many dedicated people who work to keep the youth of Lee County on track. Together we can help Lee County grow into one of the finest communities in the nation in which to raise a family and in which to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Scott".

Mike Scott
Sheriff



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This guide is not intended to be exhaustive of all the programs available in Lee County. It includes programs and services that parents and youth can generally access directly, with a focus on social services. 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 information is current. Please note that there is a fee for services for many of the programs listed. Parents should inquire about any costs when considering a program for their child or family.

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✦ **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

Provides a food pantry for homeless and needy families.

✦ **Able Trust e-Mentoring Program**

Phone: (888) 838-2253

Website: www.abletrust.org/ementor

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, information and referrals.

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

2855 Colonial Boulevard

Fort Myers, FL 33966

Phone: (239) 939-6310

Website: www.leeschools.net/dept/ace

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: (585) 546-1700
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/SKILLS Mentoring Program**
3681 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 461-0233
Website: www.afcaam.com

Provides education, youth mentoring groups, GED preparation, tutoring, computers, literacy tutoring, 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

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

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

- ✦ **Aim Target Programs, Inc.**
3615 Central Avenue, Suite 1
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.al-anon.alateen.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.

- ✦ **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.

- ✦ **American Diabetes Association**
Website: www.diabetes.org

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

✦ **AmeriCorps – Florida State Parks**

Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 535
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Ages: 17 and up

Phone: (850) 245-3102

Website: www.floridastateparks.org/ameriCorps/App.cfm

Provides a work experience for youth age 17 or older within the state parks of Florida. Participants commit to 11 months/1700 hours of service for which they receive a stipend. Upon completion of service they are eligible for a monetary award for college or vocational school tuition or repayment of student loans. January/February start dates each year. Requires H.S. diploma or GED or commitment to earn one.

✦ **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.

✦ **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.bsao.org

Provides temporary emergency financial assistance for housing, utilities, prescriptions, and dental care for Bonita Springs residents.

✦ **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**

8359 Beacon Boulevard, Suite 402
Fort Myers, FL 33907

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:

Barrett Park Unit, 9262 West Creek Circle, N. Ft. Myers
Pueblo Bonito, 26120 Pueblo Bonito Blvd., Bonita Springs
Shady Oaks Complex, 3280 Marion Street, E. Ft. Myers
STARS Complex, 2980 Edison Avenue, Ft. Myers
Suncoast School Unit, 1856 Arts Way, N. Ft. Myers

Phone:

652-6700
676-9423
334-1727
334-6775
980-0535

✦ **The Bridge Youth Center**

2336 Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Ages: 8 -18

Phone: (239) 337-3798

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. 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.

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

9931 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 Caring Center**

4645 SE 15th Avenue
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Phone: (239) 945-1927

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

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**

815 Nicholas Parkway East
Cape Coral, FL 33915

Phone: (239) 574-0676

Website: www.capecoral.net

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.

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.capecoralyouthcenter.org

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.

✦ **Cape Counseling Services of Southwest Florida**

923 Del Prado Boulevard South, #202
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 772-5091

Provides psychotherapy by licensed mental health counselors and social workers including working with acting-out behavior of youth. Fee for services.

✦ **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:

Haitian Center

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

Hispanic Services

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

Hispanic Services

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

Clare House at 5597 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers, provides assistance for pregnant women and mothers of children up to age 2. Assistance may include diapers, newborn supplies, clothing for infants and formula. Call 275-7788 for an appointment.

✦ **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

Family Alliance Program provides counseling to children that are victims of abuse, their families and offenders.

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.

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Nurturing Fathers Program provides parent education specific to fathers. Must be TANF eligible.

TRUE (Trauma Resolution through Understanding and Education) is a trauma resolution group for girls ages 12 to 16.

✦ **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, parent education, adoptive services, independent living services to foster teens, substance abuse prevention, and preventive mental health counseling.

✦ **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 the Child Advocacy Program/Safe Sitter Class 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. Children with special health care needs are children under age 21 whose serious or chronic physical or developmental conditions require extensive preventive and maintenance care beyond that required by typically healthy children.

✦ **Christian Financial Counseling**

2267 First Street, Unit 15
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-2122

Provides money management counseling based on Christian principles.

✦ **Community Cooperative Ministries – Soup Kitchen**

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

Phone: (239) 332-7687

Provides a soup kitchen for homeless and needy families.

✦ **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.

✦ **Consumer Credit Counseling of the Florida Gulf Coast**

12811 Kenwood Lane, Suite 111
Fort Myers, FL 33907

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

Website: www.cccsfl.org

Provides free counseling and programs on budgeting and debt repayment, credit review, and homebuyers' workshop. Other office locations may be available by appointment.

✦ **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.

✦ **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.

✦ **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.

✦ **Early Head Start at Franklin Park Magnet School**

2323 Ford Street
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-3799

Website: www.leeschools.net/dept/eip

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 4
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.

✦ **Economic Self-Sufficiency Unit, Dept. of Children & Families**

4150 Ford Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 939-8741

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

Provides cash grants, food stamps, and Medicaid to qualified families.

✦ **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**

Phone: (239) 369-1897

Website: www.epec.org

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) 335-2247

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**

2256 Heitman Street (mailing address/not service address)
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. Call or go to www.fhcswf.org/locate_list.html for locations.

Program Locations:

Phone:

Bonita Springs Medical Office, 28331 S Tamiami Trail, B-4	332-0417
Bonita Springs Family Dental, 28321 S Tamiami Trail, A-2	344-2324
Broadway Family Dental, 3600-A Broadway, Ft Myers	344-2325
Broadway Medical Office, 3594 Broadway – F, Ft Myers	344-2330
Cape Coral Medical Office, 305 SW 2 nd Terrace, Cape Coral	344-2320
Downtown Family Medical/Dental, 2232 Grand, Ft Myers	332-0417
Dunbar Medical Office, 3511 Dr. M L King, B-C, Ft. Myers	332-3157
East Ft Myers Medical Office, 4040 Palm Beach Blvd-A	344-2304
Lehigh Medical Office, 391 Lee Blvd, Ste 200, Lehigh Acres	344-2305
Pine Island Medical/Dental Office, 8359 Stringfellow Rd	344-2393
S Ft Myers Pediatrics/Women's Health, 9800 S Healthpark	344-2307
Salvation Army/Homeless Svcs, 2400 Edison Ave, Ft Myers	334-2510

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

2735 Whitney Road
Clearwater, FL 33760

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 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: 1-888-3737-888 (24-hour referral helpline)

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

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 (toll free)

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
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-4554

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

Boys Ranch, 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 Virtual School**

Website: www.flvs.net/

Provides a statewide, internet-based public school that offers an online curriculum for middle and high school students.

✦ **Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy**

5629 State Road 16 West
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 Housing Authority**

4224 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 332-6622

Provides public housing. Also includes a computer network center and homework assistance after school for youth residents.

✦ **Fort Myers Police Department Youth Programs**

2210 Widman Way
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 334-4155
Website: www.fmpolice.com

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. (Phone 338-2173)

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

The ***Police Athletic League*** (PAL) located at 1333B Lafayette Street, Cape Coral, offers sports and other recreational activities for boys and girls ages 8-17. (Phone 336-0761)

The ***Police Explorer Post*** provides young people ages 15-20 with an opportunity to experience daily operations of the police department by riding along with police officers on the road. The Explorers assist police officers with various tasks and assist the department at community events. (Phone 334-4155)

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Fort Myers Police Department Youth Programs (cont.)

Respect for Law Camp – 1 weekend in summer, ages 11-14. (Phone 338-2125)

School Resource Officers (SRO's) are assigned to each Fort Myers elementary, middle and high school. 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**

3300 Marion Street, P.O. Drawer 2217
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Phone: (239) 338-2287

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.

✦ **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.

✦ **Global Relationship Centers of Fort Myers/Center to Self Reliance**

1939 Park Meadows Drive, #9
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 337-7333
Website: www.centertoselfreliance.com

Offers "Redirecting Children's Behavior" parenting skills course and other personal growth courses for adults and youth.

✦ **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.

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)

- ✦ **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.

- ✦ **Grace Church – Shores Campus**
14036 Matanzas Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Phone: (239) 694-2797

Prime Time is a gathering for youth on Wednesday nights for all youth in the neighborhood.

U-Turn is a 9-month, faith-based program that assists youth in turning their lives around. It includes Monday night small group, once a week meeting with a mentor, and group service projects.

- ✦ **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.

✦ **Guardian Ad Litem**

2000 Main Street, #802
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 533-0431

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

✦ **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.

✦ **Healthy Kids**

Phone: 1-888-540-5434

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) 332-9593 (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) 332-4839

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: www.leeschools.net/dept/stusvc/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)
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Ages: 5 and up

Phone: (239) 482-4673 or 1-800-835-1673

Website: www.hopehospice.org

Other Locations:

2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral 33909

205 East Joel Blvd., Suite 304, Lehigh Acres, FL 33972

27970 Crown Lake Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Phone:

574-4888

363-2040

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.

✦ **Huntington Learning Center**

8646 Gladiolus Drive, #402
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Grades: K - 12

Phone: (239) 432-0158

Website: www.huntingtonlearning.com

Provides personalized tutoring, study skills, test taking skills, and exam preparation for college entrance tests.

✦ **IMPACT for Developmental Education**

Phone: (239) 334-6160

Ages: 0 - 5

Offers education, therapy and support to developmentally disabled children.

✦ **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.

✦ **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>.

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

Lee County Sheriff's Office
2117 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 (before the youth becomes an offender). Partner agencies provide counseling, anger management groups, and parenting skills training. Provides information and referral to assist families to find services in the community for youth.

✦ **Knowledge Points Learning Center**

8410 College Parkway, #108
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Grades: K – 12

Phone: (239) 277-7323

Website: www.knowledgepoints.com

Provides skill assessment, an individualized study skills prescription, and individualized tutoring.

✦ **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**

1221 Taylor Lane Extension
Lehigh Acres, FL 33935

Phone: (239) 303-2834

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

A Richard Milburn Academy 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) 334-2659

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) 332-2737

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:

83 Pondella, North Fort Myers
391 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres

Phone:

656-4440
369-1607

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**

Phone: (239) 533-7900

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 a pdf version of 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

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 Online Directory of Clubs and Organizations**
Website: www.lee-county.com/library

Website provides searchable database to locate local clubs and organizations. From main web page click on "Books, Movies, and More," then "Search the Library Catalog," then "Search" tab, and then the "Clubs and Organizations" tab. Type "all" in alpha name search for a complete list of organizations.

✦ **Lee County Library System**

2050 Central Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 479-4635
Website: www.lee-county.com/library/

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

Other Library Locations:

	Phone:
26876 Pine Avenue, Bonita Springs	992-0101
921 S.W. 39 th Terrace, Cape Coral	542-3953
11560 Chapin Lane, Captiva	472-2133
3095 Blount St., Fort Myers	334-3602
881 Gunnery Rd., Lehigh Acres	461-7300
2001 N. Tamiami Trail NE, North Fort Myers	997-0320
10700 Russell Road NW, Bokeelia	461-3188
14561 State Road 80, Fort Myers	461-3130
21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero	390-3200
15290 Bass Road	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, Alva	728-2882
Bay Oaks Recreation Center, 2731 Oak St, Ft Myers Beach	765-4222
Boca Grande Community Center, 131 First St W	(941) 964-2564
Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd, Estero	498-0415
Karl Drews Special Needs 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, Lehigh Acres	369-8277
Matlacha Community Center, 4577 NW Pine Island Rd, Matlacha	283-4110
N Ft Myers Community Park, 2021 N Tamiami Trail, N Ft Myers	652-6002
N Ft Myers Community Pool, 5170 Orange Grove Blvd, N Ft Myers	656-7763
Olga Community Center, 2325 S Olga Drive, Olga	694-0355
Pine Island Community Pool, 5675 Sesame Drive, Pine Island	282-2220
San Carlos Community Pool, 8208 Sanibel Blvd, San Carlos	267-6002
Schandler Hall Community Center, 419 Florence Ave, Tice	694-6467
Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Rd, Ft Myers	432-2154
Veterans Park Recreation Center, 55 Homestead Rd, Lehigh Acres	369-1521

✦ **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. Go to www.dotherightthing.cc/ for more information and a nomination form or call 477-1175 for information.

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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.

*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.

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

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

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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, 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.

✦ **Lehigh Community Services**

9 Beth Stacey Boulevard
Lehigh Acres, FL 33935

Phone: (239) 369-5818

Website: <http://lehighcommunityservices.com>

Assists low income families who reside in Lehigh Acres with food, past due rent, utilities, medicine, school supplies, sneakers, and socks.

✦ **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
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Ages: 15 - 22

Other: Must pass drug test,
no active felony charges

Phone: (239) 242-7238

Website: www.lifelinefamilycenter.org

Email: helpline4teens@mindspring.com

A residential program for pregnant teens that provides parenting skills training and assists with 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.**

1609 S.E. 26th Street
Cape Coral, FL 33904

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

Phone: (239) 278-4400

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 offers a 12-week program for youth ages 12-17 and family members. Call 278-1126.

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.**

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.

✦ **Missing Children Information Clearinghouse**

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.

✦ **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
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 337-9024

Website: <http://namilee.nami.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 1-800-621-4000 (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

Website: www.nationsassociation.org

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**

2801 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Phone: (239) 765-8483

Website: www.newchurchflorida.org/kids_vip.html

Provides emergency assistance of food and clothing to needy families.

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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**

507 Sunshine Boulevard
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Phone: (239) 369-6147

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

✦ **New Life Centers**

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 program

✦ **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.

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

7438 Carrier Road
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Phone: (239) 267-4663

Residential home for teen mothers 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

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

✦ **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.

✦ **Pine Manor Community Resource Center**
1640 Oak Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 939-2808

Provides an afterschool program on school days and all day on teacher inservice days and during the summer. Provides homework assistance, life skills, crafts, sports, field trips, parenting classes and referral.

✦ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida**

8595 College Parkway, B4
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.lee-county.com/AP_Family_T4_R160.html

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.

✦ **Redirecting Children's Behavior**

Website: www.incaf.com

A 5-week parent education course for parents of toddlers to teenagers. Topics include resolving conflicts, allowing youth to solve their own problems and be accountable, effective communication, and negotiation skills. Check website to locate local trainers. Costs vary by trainer.

✦ **Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)**

402 West Main Street
Immokalee, FL 34142

Phone: 1-800-282-6540

Bonita Migrant Head Start

Phone: (239) 947-5853

13190 Growers Way
Bonita Springs, FL 34133

Provides childcare and family support services for migrant workers.

✦ **Richard Milburn Academy**

3800 Evans Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Phone: (239) 337-8141

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.

✦ **The Salvation Army/Red Shield Lodge**

2400 Edison Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

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

Website: www.salvationarmyfortmyers.com/

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: www.leeschools.net/dept/sta/welcome.htm

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

303-2589

✦ **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**

10100 Deer Run Farms Road

Fort Myers, FL 33912

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.

✦ **Society of St. Vincent DePaul**

Fort Myers, FL

Provides food, clothing, furniture, etc., to needy families. Contact the Catholic church in one's neighborhood.

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

3763 Winkler Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

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

Phone: (239) 332-6937

Phone: (239) 772-1211

Website: www.swfas.org

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 ***Vince Smith Center*** is a residential program for substance abusing youth. Services include family therapy and continuing care.

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

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.

✦ **Southwest Florida Stepfamilies Association**

Phone: (239) 839-8001

Website: www.yourstepfamily.org/contact_us.html

Offers a class for single parents, engaged or married couples with stepchildren. Topics include the dynamics of blended families, children's perspective, appropriate discipline, and strengthening the couple relationship. Meets once a week at McGregor Baptist Church.

✦ **Southwest Florida Youth Connections**

4150 Fort Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916

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

Website: <http://floridayouthconnections.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.

✦ **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) 574-1153
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 2311 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Suite 101
Fort Myers, FL 33907 Cape Coral, FL 33991

Phone: (239) 275-1130 Phone: (239) 242-8450
Website: <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/>

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

✦ **Talking Books Library**

13240 North Cleveland Avenue
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Phone: (239) 995-2665

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

✦ **Teen Challenge International**

5656 7th Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-1974
Website: www.tciseregion.com

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

- ✦ **Teen Court Program**
1039 SE 9th Place, #361
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: (239) 458-7088

Court alternative program for first time juvenile offenders that have committed misdemeanor crimes. Youth from the community serve as volunteer attorneys and jury members to impose sanctions.

- ✦ **Teen Friendship Volunteer Corps**
Phone: (239) 275-4427
Website: www.volunteerlee.org

Assists teens in finding volunteer opportunities in the community.

- ✦ **TLC Children's Home**
Cape Coral, FL

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.
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 939-4769
Website: www.PEACERCB.com

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**

7275 Concourse Drive, SW
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Phone: (239) 433-3900

Website: www.unitedwaylee.org

United Way 211 - Dial 211 or utilize the 211 website at <http://www3.irissoft.com/LCUW/> 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. Call 211 for locations and services or go to the United Way 211 website.

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

4150 Ford Street Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916

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.

✦ **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**

5264 Clayton Court #5
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Phone: (239) 275-5908
Website: <http://sites.younglife.org/sites/LeeCountyYL/default.aspx>

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

✦ **(Fort Myers) YouthBuild**

c/o Tri-County Apprenticeship Academy
1380 Jetport Commerce Parkway, Suite 5
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Ages: 18 - 24

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

Young adults work toward obtaining their GED while learning construction skills by building housing for low-income people.

Web Sites

- **Community Calendar** - <http://cal-hs.lee-county.com/> (Lee County community events, meetings, support groups)
- **Cyber Tip Line** - <http://missingkids.com/cybertip/index.html> (report online crimes against children)
- **Department of Education** - www.fldoe.org
- **Department of Juvenile Justice** – www.djj.state.fl.us
- **FDLE Florida Sexual Offenders & Predators** - www.fdle.state.fl.us
- **Florida Children’s Campaign** - www.iamforkids.org (child advocacy organization)
- **Florida Prepaid College Plan** – www.florida529plans.com
- **KidsHealth.org** – kidshealth.org/parent (health, emotions, behavior, development, nutrition, first aid, parenting)
- **KnowGangs.com** - www.knowgangs.com
- **Lee County Government** – www.lee-county.com
- **Lee County School District Parent Information** - www.leeschools.net/4parents
- **MyFlorida.com** – myflorida.com (portal to all of Florida state government)
- **National Crime Prevention Council** – www.mcgruff.org (safety and crime prevention for kids)
- **National Endowment for Financial Education** - www.nefe.org (focuses on increasing financial literacy among high school age youth; may be helpful for parents, too)
- **National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center** (for parents) -www.safeyouth.org
- **NetSmartz** – www.netsmartz.org (interactive educational resource for children and teens on internet safety; resources for parents/teachers)
- **Not My Kid, Inc.** - www.notmykid.org (promotes parent awareness about youth behavioral and mental health issues)
- **Parents. The Anti-Drug.** - www.theantidrug.com
- **Partnership for a Drug Free America** - www.drugfree.org
- **SafeKids.com** – www.safekids.com (internet safety for kids)
- **Search Institute** – www.search-institute.org (learn about the 40 positive experiences and personal qualities that young people need to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible)
- **Southwest Florida Parent** – www.swflparent.com (local information on schools, support groups, activities, events, entertainment and more)
- **Warning Signs** - www.warningsigns.info (youth warning signs of drugs, alcohol, gang involvement - for parents)

Websites For Youth:

- **CareersNow.org** - www.careersnow.org (career exploration and job readiness skills for Southwest Florida youth)
- **SafeTeens.com** – www.safeteens.com (internet safety for teens)
- **Stop Bullying Now** - stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov
- **Teens, Crime, and the Community** – www.nationaltcc.org (crime prevention)

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Autism

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)

Baby Items

Cape Caring Center
Catholic Charities – Clare House
Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida/Destiny Diaper Bank
Fort Myers Pregnancy Center

Babysitting Classes

Cape Coral Youth Center
The Children's Hospital

Birth Control, see Family Planning

Blind Services

Blind Services (Division of), Department of Education
Talking Books Library

Career Counseling

Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center
Southwest Florida Youth Connections
Vocational Rehabilitation (Division of), Department of Education

Character Education

Boy Scouts of America, S.W. Florida Council
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.

Child Abuse/Neglect

Child Abuse Hotline
Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Guardian Ad Litem
Southwest Florida Children's Home

Child Care

Child Care of Southwest Florida
Community Coordinated Care for Children

Child Support

Child Support Enforcement Office, Department of Revenue
Family Court Services
Pay or Appear

Counseling – Individual, Group and/or Family

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Cape Counseling Services of Southwest Florida
Children's Advocacy Center
Delta Family Counseling
Hope Hospice
Island Coast Aids Network (I-CAN)
Lee Mental Health Center/Ruth Cooper Center
Lutheran Services of Florida
Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc.

Credit Counseling

Christian Financial Counseling
Consumer Credit Counseling of the Florida Gulf Coast

Crisis Prevention & Intervention

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Youth Hotline – see Lutheran Services of Florida
National Runaway Switchboard
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Lee Mental Health Center/VISTA Behavioral Crisis Services

Deaf/Hearing Impaired

Deaf Services Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Dental Services or Assistance

Bonita Springs Assistance Office
Edison State College Dental Clinic
Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida

Development – Infant

Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
Children's Medical Services (CMS)
Developmental Disabilities Program, Department of Children and Families
Early Head Start at Franklin Park Magnet School
Head Start
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
Lee County Pre-Kindergarten Head Start Early Learning Program

Developmental Screening

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

Diabetes

American Diabetes Association

Diapers

Clare House
Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida/Destiny Diaper Bank
Fort Myers Pregnancy Center

Disabilities

Able Trust e-Mentoring Program
Advocacy Center
Blind Services (Division of), Department of Education
Cape Coral Special Populations Program
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,
CHADD of Lee County, #613
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
Children's Medical Services (CMS)
Deaf Services Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Developmental Disabilities Program, Department of Children and Families
Easter Seals Florida, Gulf Coast Region
Families First of Southwest Florida
Family Care Council
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.
Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services
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Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc./Florida High School – High Tech, L.I.F.E Academy
IMPACT for Developmental Education
Lee Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (LARC)

Divorce

Family Court Services
Parents, Children & Divorce
Sandcastles
Southwest Florida Stepfamilies Association

Domestic Violence

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Mary's House of Hope
National Domestic Violence Hotline

Dropout

Adult and Community Education/Lee County School District
Florida Youth Challenge Academy
LifeSkills Center
Southwest Florida Youth Connections

Drug Use, see Substance Abuse

Early Childhood Services

Child Care of Southwest Florida
Child Find/Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS)
Children's Medical Services (CMS)
Early Head Start at Franklin Park Magnet School
Even Start Family Literacy Program
Head Start
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
Lee County Pre-Kindergarten Head Start Early Learning Program

Emergency Services

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Lee Mental Health Center/Vista Behavioral Crisis Services
Poison Information Center (Florida) - Tampa General Hospital

Employability Skills Training

Agency for Workforce Innovation (WIA)
Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center
CareersNow.org – see Web Sites for Teens
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Lee County Department of Human Services
Southwest Florida Youth Connections
Workforce Council of Southwest Florida
YouthBuild

Employment Services

Agency for Workforce Innovation (WIA)
Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.

English as a Second Language

Adult and Community Education/Lee County School District
Amigos Center

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Failure in School, see School Failure

Faith-Based Services

Abiding Love Lutheran Church
African Caribbean American Center
Amigos Center
Angel Food Ministries
The Bridge Youth Center
Catholic Hispanic Social Services - See Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities
Celebrate Recovery - See Grace United Methodist Church of Cape Coral
Christian Financial Counseling
Cornerstone Ministries
Fort Myers Rescue Mission
Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus
Grace Church – Shores Campus
Harvest Time Ministries
Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities
Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee
Los Hermanos
Mount Hermon Christian School
New Life Assembly Pantry
New Life Centers
Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Salvation Army
Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Southwest Florida Children's Home
Teen Challenge International
We Care/Faith Presbyterian Church
Young Life Program
Youth Outreach

Family Counseling

Cape Counseling Services of Southwest Florida
Children's Community Action Treatment Team (CAT)
Delta Family Counseling
Lee Mental Health Center
Lutheran Services of Florida

Family Planning

Lee County Health Department
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

Financial Assistance (Emergency)

Bonita Springs Assistance Center
Cape Caring Center
Economic Self-Sufficiency Unit, Department of Children & Families
Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee County
Lee County Department of Human Services
Lehigh Community Services

Food Assistance

Abiding Love Lutheran Church
African Caribbean American Center
Angel Food Ministries
Bonita Springs Assistance Center
Cape Caring Center
Community Cooperative Ministries - Soup Kitchen
Cornerstone Ministries
Economic Self-Sufficiency Unit, Department of Children & Families
Harvest Time Ministries
Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee County
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Lehigh Community Services
SHARE Florida Food Network

Foster Care

Children's Home Society
Southwest Florida Children's Home

GED Preparation

Adult and Community Education/Lee County School District
African Caribbean American Center
Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center
Grace Church – Cape Coral Campus
YouthBuild

Grandparents as Parents

AARP Grandparent Information Center
G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenting)

Grief

Hope Hospice
Children's Advocacy Center – TRUE Girls Program

Head Start

Early Head Start at Franklin Park Magnet School
Even Start Family Literacy Program
Head Start
Redlands Christian Migrant Association – Bonita Migrant Head Start

Health Services

American Diabetes Association
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida
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Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
Lee County Health Department

Health Insurance

Florida KidCare
Prescription Discount Card (*Note: this is not insurance, but can provide prescription discounts*)

Hearing, See Deafness/Hard of Hearing

Help Line

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup
Child Abuse Hotline
Lutheran Services of Florida
Narcotics Anonymous
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Runaway Switchboard
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline
Parent HelpLine
Poison Information Center (Florida) - Tampa General Hospital
Lee Mental Health/ VISTA Behavior Crisis Services
The Trevor Project

Hispanic Services

Harvest Time Ministries
Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities
Los Hermanos

Home School

Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
Home School Education Office/Lee County School District

Homeless Services, also see Food Assistance, Financial Assistance

Community Cooperative Ministries - Soup Kitchen
Fort Myers Rescue Mission
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Oasis Youth Shelter - see Lutheran Services
Salvation Army

Housing Assistance

Fort Myers Housing Authority
Lee County Department of Human Services
Lee County Homeless Coalition
Lee County Housing Authority

Human Trafficking

Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Independent Living

Blind Services (Division of), Department of Education
Cape Coral Special Populations Program
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,

Information and Referral

AARP Grandparent Information Center
Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
American Diabetes Association
Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,
CHADD of Lee County, #613
Child Abuse Hotline
Child Care of Southwest Florida
Deaf Services Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Families First of Southwest Florida
Family Court Services
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.
Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
Juvenile Assessment Center of Lee County (JAC)
Lee Cares
Lee County Library Online Directory of Clubs and Organizations
Lee County Library System
United Way 211

Insurance, see Health Insurance

Job Skills Training

Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Lee Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (LARC)
Southwest Florida Youth Connections
YouthBuild

Learning Disabilities

CHADD of Lee County, #613

Legal Services

Family Court Services
Florida Rural Legal Services
Lee County Legal Aid Society

Literacy Services

Adult and Community Education/Lee County School District
African Caribbean American Center
Cornerstone Ministries
Even Start Family Literacy Program
Literacy Volunteers of Lee County

Medicaid

Economic Self-Sufficiency Unit, Department of Children & Families

Medical Services, see Health Services

Mental Illness

Lee Mental Health Center

NAMI

Mentoring

Able Trust e-Mentoring Program

African Caribbean American Center

Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Southwest Florida

U Turn

Missing Children

Missing Children Information Clearinghouse

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Neglect, see Child Abuse

Nutrition Education

Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System

Lee County Health Department

Parenting Education

African Caribbean American Center

Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Children's Home Society

Global Relationship Centers of Fort Myers

Lutheran Services of Florida

Nurturing Fathers Program - see Children's Advocacy Center

Parents, Children & Divorce

Redirecting Children's Behavior

Southwest Florida Addictions Services

Southwest Florida Stepfamilies Association

TMC Productions

Pregnancy Services – also see Teen Pregnancy

Children's Home Society

Clare House

Pregnancy Center of Fort Myers

Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System

Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP)

Lee County Health Department

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

Prescription Assistance

Bonita Springs Assistance Office

Prescription Discount Card

Recreation Programs

African Caribbean American Center
Bonita Springs YMCA
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County
Bridge Youth Center
Cape Coral Parks & Recreation
Cape Coral Police Department Youth Programs
Cape Coral Special Populations Program
Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center
(City of) Fort Myers Recreation Division
Lee County Parks & Recreation
Lee County YMCA
Quality Life Center
STARS Complex

Residential Programs

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Florida Youth Challenge Academy
Liberty Youth Ranch
New Life Centers
Southwest Florida Children's Home
TLC Children's Home
Vince Smith Center - see Southwest Florida Addiction Services

Running Away

Lutheran Services of Florida
Missing Children Information Clearinghouse
National Runaway Switchboard

School Failure

Adult and Community Education/Lee County School District
CHADD of Lee County, #613
Florida Youth Challenge Academy
Huntington Learning Center
Knowledge Point Learning Center
PACE
Sylvan Learning Center

Sexual Assault

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)

Lee County Health Department
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

Shelters (Emergency Services)

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Fort Myers Rescue Mission
Oasis Youth Shelter - see Lutheran Services
Salvation Army/Red Shield Lodge

Skipping School, see Truancy

Step-Parenting, see Parenting Education

Substance Abuse

Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment - see Lutheran Services of Florida
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup
Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus
Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida
Narcotics Anonymous, Gulf Coast Area
New Life Centers
Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc.
Teen Challenge International
Vince Smith Center - see Southwest Florida Addiction Services

Suicide

C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention Resource Center
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
The Trevor Project

Summer Camps

Alliance for the Arts
American Diabetes Association
Boy Scouts of America, S.W. Florida Council
Cape Coral Arts Studio
Cape Coral Parks & Recreation
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
(City of) Fort Myers Recreation Division
Lee County Parks & Recreation
Rainbow Trails Camp - see Hope Hospice and Palliative Care
Respect for Law Camp - see Fort Myers Police Department

Support Groups

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Al-Anon & Al-ateen
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Lee County Area Intergroup
American Diabetes Association
The Bridge Youth Center
C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention Resource Center
Celebrate Recovery - See Grace Church - Cape Coral Campus
Center for Independent Living of Southwest Florida, Inc.,
CHADD of Lee County, #613
Families First of Southwest Florida
Family Care Council of District 8
Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)
G.R.I.P. (Grandparents Returning Into Parenthood)
Hope Hospice
Hurts & Habits – see The Bridge Youth Center
Lutheran Services
Narcotics Anonymous
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NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)
Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc.
Southwest Florida Stepfamilies Association

Teen Centers

The Bridge Youth Center
Cape Coral Youth Center/William "Bill" Austen Youth Center

Teen Pregnancy

Children's Home Society
First Choice Pregnancy Center
Fort Myers Pregnancy Center
Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Healthy Start/Lee Memorial Health System
Lee Adolescent Mother's Program (LAMP)
Lee County Health Department
Lifeline Family Center
Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Traffic School

Southwest Florida Safety Council

Translation Services

Amigos Center
Catholic Charities of Lee County

Transportation

Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee County
Lee Tran

Trauma Recovery

TRUE Girls Group – See Children's Advocacy Center

Truancy

Lutheran Services of Florida

Tutoring

African Caribbean American Center
Bridge Youth Center
Catholic Charities of Lee County
Huntington Learning Center
Knowledge Point Learning Center
Sylvan Learning Center

Unemployment Services

Agency for Workforce Innovation (WIA)
Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center

Ungovernable Youth

Cape Counseling Services of Southwest Florida
Florida Youth ChalleNGe Academy
Lutheran Services of Florida

Victims Services

Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT)
Aim Target Programs, Inc.
Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Guardian Ad Litem
Hope Hospice

Vocational Education

High Tech Central
High Tech North

Vocational Rehabilitation

Career and Service Center of Lee County/One-Stop Career Center
Lee Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (LARC)
Vocational Rehabilitation (Division of), Department of Education
Vocational Rehabilitation Ombudsman

Volunteering Opportunities for Teens

Lee County Department of Human Services – Neighborhood Accountability Boards
Lee County Parks and Recreation
Teen Court
Teen Friendship Volunteer Corps

Welfare to Work Services

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

WIC

Lee County Health Department

Work Experiences

Americorps - Florida State Parks
Job Corps
Workforce Council of Southwest Florida
Also see Volunteering Opportunities for Teens

Warning signs of teen substance abuse:

- Physical*** Fatigue, repeated health complaints, red and glazed eyes, lingering cough.
- Emotional*** Personality change, sudden mood changes, irritability, irresponsible behavior, low self-esteem, depression and a general lack of interest.
- Family*** Starting arguments, breaking rules, withdrawing from the family.
- School*** Decreased interest, negative attitude, drop in grades, many absences, truancy and discipline problems.
- Social*** New friends who are less interested in standard home and school activities, poor judgment, problems with the law and changes to less conventional styles in dress and music.

Youth use substances for many different reasons including curiosity, to "feel good," to fit in and to reduce stress. It is difficult to know which youth will experiment and stop and which will develop serious substance abuse problems. The above warning signs can also be signs of other problems. Parents are advised to consult a mental health/substance abuse professional for an evaluation if there is suspicion that their child has a substance abuse problem.