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Englewood Community Resource Directory



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*For more information on the Englewood CHAT, please go to
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****Behavioral Health**

Englewood

*Al-Anon Serenity Seekers
Gulf Cove United Methodist Church
1100 Mcall Rd.
(888) 425-2666
Services: Mental health care and counseling

*Englewood Counseling Center
1861 Placida Rd.
(941) 474-7170
Services: Outpatient mental health care.

North Port

*Al-Anon
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
Biscayne Boulevard
(941) 423-2607
(941) 629-7234

*Family to Family, Loved Ones of Mentally Ill
North Port Health and Family Service Center
6919 Outreach Way
(941) 957-3626
Services: National Alliance on Mental
Illness Sarasota County

*North Port Center Mental Health Community
12497 S. Tamiami Trl, Ste. 9
(941) 423-9898
Services: Friendship center for adults with
mental illness
Website: www.mhcci.com

*Tri-County Community Counseling
3115 Bobcat Village
Center Rd.
(941) 429-0804
Services: Counseling for drugs, alcohol,
depression, anxiety, stress or relationship
problems.

Port Charlotte

*Al-Anon New Beginnings
Liberty Community Church
(888) 425-2666

*Al-Anon Stepping Stones
Pilgrim United Methodist Church
24515 Rampart Blvd.
(888) 425-2666

*Alcoholics Anonymous
(941) 426-7723

*Bipolar Support
Haven Drop-In Center
4428 Parmely St.
Charlotte Harbor
(941) 613-1450

*Depression Support Group
Haven Drop-In Center
4428 Parmely St.
Charlotte Harbor
(941) 613-1450

*Dual Diagnosis Support
Haven Drop-in Center
4428 Parmely St.
Port Charlotte, FL
(941) 613-0029

*Emotions Anonymous
San Antonio Catholic Church
24445 Rampart Blvd.
(941) 613-1525

*Emotions Anonymous
Haven Drop-in Center
4428 Parlemy St.
Charlotte Harbor
(941) 613-1450

*NAMI Charlotte County
Family Services Center
21450 Gibraltar Dr.
(941) 268-8033
Services: Mental health support group
Website: www.nami.org

*Schizophrenia Anonymous
Haven Drop-in Center
4428 Parlemy St.
Charlotte Harbor
(941) 613-1540

*Therapy Group
Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
21075 Quesada Blvd.
(941) 625-4356
Services: Mental health support; light exercise,
crafts and socializing
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

(Behavioral Health, Continued)**

Punta Gorda

*Al-Anon, A New Life
First United Methodist Church
507 W. Marion Ave.
(941) 235-0029

*Charlotte Community Mental Health
Services, Inc.
1700 Education Ave.
(941) 639-8300
Services: Private, nonprofit provider
Of mental health and substance abuse
treatment and services
Email: ccmhs@sunline.net

*Cocaine Anonymous
Riverside Behavioral Center
733 E. Olympia Ave.
(941) 637-2474

*Families Against Drugs
First Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
411 East Charlotte Ave.
(941) 637-7743
(941) 833-9198
Services: Providing emotional and spiritual
support to families who are involved with or
have been affected in some way with
problems associated with substance abuse.

*Food Addicts Support
Congregational Church
1201 Aqui Esta Dr.
(941) 380-6550

*Riverside Behavioral Center
733 E. Olympia Ave.
(941) 637-2474
Services: Mental health and substance
abuse programs

*Stress Support Group
Charlotte Regional Medical Center
733 Olympia Ave.
(941) 637-2450
Services: Stress support group

Venice

*Beacon Households-Mental Health Community
Centers
1680-C Tamiami Trl.
(941) 496-4934
Services: Friendship center for adults with
mental illness. Daily training programs and
socialization. By staying active, members can
focus on strengthening independent living skills.

*Coastal Behavioral Health
7810 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste. A1
(941) 492-4300
Services: Comprehensive outpatient and
residential mental health, substance abuse,
prevention and intervention and criminal justice
services.
Website: www.coastalbh.org

*Family Solutions Center
153 Center Rd.
(941) 497-5522
Services: Mental health, substance abuse,
subozone treatment.

*Get Connected Program by Jack Swanton,
Coastal Behavioral Health
7810 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste A1
(941) 504-5300
Services: Healthy lifestyle classes for older
individuals. Adult education on preventive
measures to ensure healthy aging.

*Mental Health Community Centers
1680-C Tamiami Trl., S.
(941) 496-4934
Services: Provides vital day training and support
programs for adults with mental illness. Self-
help, educational, vocational,
and socialization programs enhance opportunity
to improve self-esteem and
learn necessary skills for transition to self-
sufficiency.

*The Florida Brite Project, Coastal Behavioral
Health
7810 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste. A1
(941) 492-4300
Services: In home or on site intervention for
persons 55+ having medication, substance
misuse, along with emotional difficulties.

(Behavioral Health, Continued)**

*Womens Support Services
Coastal Behavioral Health
7810 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste. A1
(941) 492-4300
Services: In home, or on site counseling for women 18+ who are pregnant, have children, and at risk for substance abuse.

Sarasota

*Family Emergency Treatment Center
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare Inc.
1451 10th St.
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 364-9355

****Bereavement**

Englewood:

*Tidewell Hospice
12034 N. Access Rd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
941-548-2300
Services: Support for those who are grieving. Support groups are available for adults, as well as children and teens.

Port Charlotte:

*Grief's Journey-With Support
Port Charlotte United Methodist Church,
Quasadea Ave.
Charlotte, FL 21075
(941) 625-4356
Services: Support for those who are grieving. Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Tidewell Hospice
1144 Veronica St.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Grief Specialist (941) 627-0848

Punta Gorda

*Bereavement Support Group
Taylor Funeral Services
1515 Tamiami Trl.
Punta Gorda, FL
(941) 833-0600
Services: Support for those who are grieving.

*Grief Support Ministry
Congregational United Church of Christ
1201 Aqui Esta Dr.
Punta Gorda, FL
(941) 637-8443
Services: Support for those who are grieving.

*In the Morning Light
11330 Burnt Store Rd.
Punta Gorda, FL
(941) 639-0001
Services: Support for those who are grieving.

Venice

*Tidewell Hospice
220 Wexford Blvd.
Venice, FL 34293
Grief Specialist (941)496-4611

*Widowed Persons Service of South Sarasota County
930 S. Tamiami Trl.
Venice, FL
(941) 486-5429
Services: One-to-one contact with recently widowed persons, both men and women, to offer support and understanding in coping with their grief and adjustments to life without mates, and to build a new life and find new goals.

****Caregivers**

Port Charlotte

*Caregivers Support for Alzheimers
Royal Palm Retirement Center
2500 Aaron St.
(941) 629-0347
Services: A support group for Alzheimers
caregivers.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Children of Aging Parents
Lexington Manor
Veterans Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 20480
(941) 766-7991

*Parkinson's Caregivers Support Group
18440 Cochran Blvd.
(941) 743-9300
Services: Parkinson's caregivers support.

*Support Group for the Caregivers of the
Mentally Ill
Early Learning Coalition
3028 Caring Way, Ste. 4
(941) 613-2324
Services: Support group for caregivers who
are coping with a loved one with a mental
illness.

Punta Gorda

*Caregivers Support Ministry
Congregational Church
1201 Aqui Esta Dr.
(941) 637-8443
Services: A support group for anyone dealing
with caregiving issues.

*Honor the Spirit-Caregivers Support
Burnt Store Presbyterian Church
11330 Burnt Store
(941) 639-4951
Services: Caregivers support. Call ahead for
meeting days and times.

Venice

*Alzheimer's Care Givers
1.800.272.3900 – information line
Services: Support Group for Alzheimer
caregivers who are coping with the care of the
patient/victim at home.

*Alzheimer's Caregivers Group
Senior Friendship Centers
2350 Scenic Drive
(941) 584-0050
Meetings, every Tuesday, 3-4 pm

*Senior Friendship Center Caregiver Support
Group
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 584-0050
Meetings, every Thursday, 9:30-10:30am

*Senior Friendship Center Caregiver Center
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 584-0050
Services: a community resource center open
to caregivers without charge. Educational
programs, compassionate support, and access
to a wealth of information of special interest
to anyone caring for a loved one are available
at this "one stop single point of entry" for
caregivers. New Dell computers provide easy
access to online assistance and a staff of
caring, experienced volunteers is available to
help from 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through
Friday.

****Community Services, Health & Disability**

Englewood

*Charlotte County Healthcare Clinic
6868 San Casa Dr.
(941) 681-3750/3759
Services: Family healthcare services.

*Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County, Inc.
Englewood Site – Contact: (941) 445-5687
Services: Not for profit pharmacy that provides qualified Sarasota County residents with free routine prescription medication, over the counter medication and medical supplies. No controlled or narcotic substances are available. On-site pharmacy & Prescription Medication Assistance.
Website: www.cpsarasota.org

*Crestwood Manor
729 Crestwood Rd.
(941) 474-5456
Services: Assisted Living Facilities

*Dollars For Mammograms, Inc.
P.O. Box 366
Englewood, FL. 34295-0366
Services: No Cost Mammograms For Women Who Can't Afford Them
<http://www.dollarsformammograms.org/>

*Englewood Community Hospital
700 Medical Blvd.
(941) 475-6571
Services: Community Hospital
Website: www.englewoodcommunityhospital.com

*Englewood Meals on Wheels
400 Loma Linda
(941) 474-4445
Services: 40 years in operation, over 1,000,000 meals served!
*St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy
6868 San Casa Dr.
(941) 475-9019
Services: Prescription Assistance

*Health in Motion; Elsie Quirk Library
100 Dearborn St.
(941) 861-2900
Services: Mobile medical unit bringing confidential medical care to convenient locations throughout Sarasota county. Some services free; some on sliding scale. Call or visit website for current schedule.
Website: www.sarasotahealth.org

*Health in Motion: Englewood Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave.
(941) 861-2900
Services: Mobile medical unit bringing confidential medical care to convenient locations throughout Sarasota County. Some services free; some on sliding scale
Website: www.sarasotahealth.org

*Heartland Home Health Caregivers
628 N. Indiana Ave.
(941) 473-1519
Services: Home Health Caregivers

*Inglenook; Assisted living facility
280 Pine St.
(941) 474-5563
Services: Assisted living facility

*South County Family YMCA
701 Medical Blvd.
(941) 475-1234
Services: Providing excellent resources and programs improving the physical, mental, and social and environmental health of our community.

*West Coast Living Inc.
2301 Manasota Beach Rd.
(941) 475-9728
Services: Home health care

*Tidewell Hospice
12034 N. Access Rd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
(941) 548-2300
Website: www.tidewell.org
Services: Hospice Care

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Com. Clinic
6868 San Casa Dr.
Englewood, Fl. 34224
(941) 475-9019 Fax: (941) 475-9150
Wed & Thurs 9-5 pm
Rx are dispensed on Fri 1-4pm

(**Community Services, Health & Disability, Cont')

North Port

*Dental Services; Sarasota County Health Department
(941) 548-0100
Services: Dental services

*Health in Motion: Riley Chase Apartments
1015 Panacea Blvd.
(941) 861-2900
Services: Mobile medical unit bringing confidential medical care to convenient locations throughout Sarasota County. Some services free; some on sliding scale.
Website: www.sarasotahealth.org

*Health In Motion: St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Dr.
(941) 861-2900
Services: Mobile medical unit bringing confidential medical care to convenient locations throughout Sarasota County. Some services free; some on sliding scale.
Website: www.sarasotahealth.org

*Health in Motion: Walmart Super Center
17000 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 861-2900
Services: Mobile medical unit bringing confidential medical care to convenient locations throughout Sarasota County. Some services free; some on sliding scale.
Website: www.sarasotahealth.org

*Quality Health Care Center
6940 Outreach Way
(941) 426-8411
Services: Nursing home facility

*North Port Health and Family Service Center
6950 Outreach Way
(941) 548-0100
Services: Family health center
Website: <http://www.sarasotahealth.org>

*Tidewell Hospice
12731 Tamiami Trl. S.
North Port, FL 34287
(941) 564-1400
Website: www.tidewell.org
Services: Hospice Care

Port Charlotte

*Charlotte Harbor Diabetes Center Trail
4369 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 629-3366
Services: Diabetes support and medical care.

*Charlotte County Health Dept. Port Charlotte Clinic
1994 Kings Hwy.
(941) 613-0950
Opening in 2010 at 1100 Loveland Blvd
Services: Variety of health services for community members, including health clinics, immunizations, pediatrics, WIC etc.
Website: www.charlottechd.com

*Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition
21450 Gibraltar Dr., Suite 3
(941) 255-8872
Services: Support services for pregnant women, families and infants. Support services for pregnant women, families and infants.
Website: <http://charlottecountyhealthystart.com>

*Charlotte 2-1-1
Dial 2-1-1 from Charlotte County or in Englewood -call (941) 205-2161
Services: Free, easy to dial number that will get you connected with community information/activities, agencies, organizations, health and human services, for everyday needs and in times of crisis.

*Family Home Health Services
3390 Tamiami Trl., #204
(941) 629-5033
Services: Bringing healthcare home with state-of-the-art medical equipment, and a full range of services, including: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy. Medicare certified home health agency.

*Senior Friendship Centers
Friendship at Home Programming
21450 Gibraltar Dr., Unit 6
(941) 613-2299
Services: For seniors living at home with interest in friendly conversation. Volunteers make visits once a week, or place a phone call daily.

(**Community Services, Health & Disability, Cont')

*Senior Friendship Centers, Charlotte RSVP
21450 Gibraltar Dr., Unit 6
(941) 613-2299

Services: Recruits persons 55 and older and places them as volunteers in community organizations where their skills will meet community needs. RSVP volunteers are involved in environment, education, health services, senior services, community development, public safety, and at-risk teen programs.

*Tidewell Hospice
1144 Veronica St.
Port Charlotte, FL33952
(941) 979-4300
Website: www.tidewell.org
Services: Hospice Care

Punta Gorda

*Charlotte County Health Department
514 East Grace St.
(941) 639-1181

Services: Variety of health services, including health clinics, AIDS/HIV education, testing and counseling programs, etc.
Website: www.charlottehd.com

*Charlotte County Healthcare Services
514 East Grace St.
(941) 639-1181
Services: Family healthcare services

*Dental Services; Charlotte County Health Department
514 E. Grace St.
(941) 639-1181, ext. 21
Services: Dental services

*Hearing Impaired Persons
25250 Sandhill Blvd.
(941) 743-8347
Email: kimgaut@yahoo.com
Website: www.hearingimpairedpersons.com

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Com. Clinic
21450 Gibraltar Dr.
Port Charlotte, Fl. 33952
(941) 766-9570 Fax: (941) 766-1896
Clinic: Monday-Friday 5-9pm, by appt
Pharmacy: Mon, Tue & Fri to drop off medication requests - dispensed Wed 9-12

Venice

*Alterra Sterling House of Venice
1200 Avenida Del Circo
(941) 485-8885
Services: Assisted Living Facility
Website: www.brookdaleliving.com

*Dental Services-Sarasota County Health Department
(941) 861-3343
Services: Dental Services

*Health in Motion, Goodwill Ctr, The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trl.
(941) 861-2900
Services: Mobile medical unit bringing confidential medical care to convenient locations throughout Sarasota County. Some services free; some on sliding scale. Call or visit website for current schedule.
Website: www.sarasotahealth.org

*Health in Motion: Grove Terrace
201 Grove St., N.
(941) 861-2900
Services: Mobile medical unit bringing confidential medical care to convenient locations throughout Sarasota County. Some services free; some on sliding scale. Call or visit website for current schedule.
Website: www.sarasotahealth.org

**Loveland Center, Inc.
For adults with developmental Adult Day Training provides the groundwork toward preparing students for life in the community. Daily programs include Home Life Skills, Wellness, Relationships and Computer Skills. A Residential Group Home offers independence, supported living and respite programs. Medicaid waiver program.
**157 S. Havana Rd.
Venice, FL 34292
493-0016
www.lovelandcenter.com**

(**Community Services, Health & Disability, Cont')

*Mary's on Bayshore Assisted Living Facility
441 Bayshore Dr.

(941) 484-3219

Services: Assisted Living Facility

*Sarasota County Family Healthcare Clinic-
Venice

7820 Tamiami Trl. S., Bldg. B

(941) 861-3300

Services: Family health center

*South County Family YMCA and CHIP

701 Center Rd.

(941) 492-9622

Services: Providing excellent resources and programs improving the physical, mental, social and environmental health of our community.

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

*Tidewell Hospice Caregivers

220 Wexford Blvd.

Venice, FL 34293

(941) 441-2000

Website: www.tidewell.org

Services: Home-based palliative caregivers

Sarasota

*2-1-1 – United Way of 2-1-1 Manasota

Dial 2-1-1 from Sarasota County

Services: Free, easy to dial number that will get you connected with community information/activities, agencies, organizations, health and human services, for everyday needs and in times of crisis.

<http://www.uw211manasota.net/>

**Community Haven for Adults & Children with Disabilities, Inc.

4405 DeSoto Road

Sarasota, FL 34235

(941) 355-8808

Services for children, teens, and adults with disabilities by providing a variety of specialized programs and services, such as Early Childhood Intervention, School-to-Work Transition, Occupational Rehabilitation, Work Force Development, Employment Opportunities, and Community Living.

Website: communityhaven@comcast.net

*Sarasota Healthcare Access

(941) 861-2884

Services: Referral system for people in Sarasota County who need healthcare but lack health insurance. Assists patients to establish a "medical home" for primary care, specialty care and dental services.

*Tidewell Hospice

5955 Rand Blvd.

Sarasota, FL 34238

(941) 552-7500

Website: www.tidewell.org

Services: Hospice Care

*University of Florida/Sarasota County Extension Family Nutrition Programming

6700 Clark Rd.

(941) 861-9804

Services: Provides information/materials on nutrition, food safety, food preparation, effective management of food resources, and other topics encouraging healthy living, to residents on a limited budget, either individually or in a group setting. All services are free.

*The Wellness Community

3900 Clark Rd., Bldg. P-3

(941) 921-5539

Services: Free psychological and educational services for cancer patients and their family members.

Website: <http://www.wellness-swfl.org/>

National

*Partnership for Prescription Assistance

(888) 477-2669

Services: Prescription assistance

****Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

Englewood

*CARE

6868 San Casa Blvd.
Englewood, Fl 34223
PO Box 510234
Punta Gorda, FL 33951-0234
941-627-6000 Hotline
941-475-6465 Englewood Office
941-639-7079 FAX

Victim Assistance Services: 24 Hour Hotline, Shelter, Specialized programs for ages 50+, local Re-use Center, Prevention Education and Outreach, Court Accompaniment, Counseling and Support Groups, Legal Assistance, assistance with Victim Crime Compensation, WTP and TANF programs and advocacy services for survivors of Domestic and Sexual Assault and other violent crimes. Provides crisis intervention, information and referrals.

Port Charlotte

*The Living Stones

(941) 815-0932
Services: Adult (women) survivors of childhood sexual abuse

Venice

*SPARCC-Safe Place and Rape Crisis, Inc.,
Venice Outreach Center
1531 Tamiami Trl., S., Ste 702-A
(941) 492-3752

Services: Shelter, outreach center, and advocacy services for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse.

Website: www.sparcc.net

****FLORIDA**

*Florida Child Abuse Hotline
(800) 962-2873

Services: Hotline to report child abuse

****Faith Based**

Englewood

*Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.

On Englewood United Methodist Church
Campus
700 E. Dearborn St.
(941) 474-5864

Services: Non-profit, social services agency. Walk-in, no appointment necessary to use ACCESS site for DCF application for food stamps, Medicaid, and monetary assistance to families with dependent children. Food pantry, no appointment necessary. Assistance with rent/mortgage, utilities, and prescriptions, by appointment. Referrals and/or assistance available based on circumstances for other crisis situations, by appointment. Mobile Health Unit on site every other Tuesday 1-3 pm.

Website: www.engagewoodhelpinghand.org

*Solve Maternity Homes

2205 Englewood Rd.
(941) 475-7408

Services: From conception to birth and beyond, SOLVE is willing to stand with mothers by loving them, helping them to restore relationships, and giving them the tools they need to be successful in life.

Website: www.manasot solve.org
www.myspace.com/manasot solve

(Faith Based, Continued)**

North Port

*Celebrate Recovery
(941) 426-3817

Services: Celebrate God's healing power in our lives to become free of addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. Small groups provide a safe place to share strengths, hopes and experiences with others through a strong leader who has gone through a similar hurt. Various support groups include Veterans Support Group, Christian Growth and Devotion, Chemically Dependent, Sexual Abuse Recovery, Intimacy Issues and Abortion healing.

Website: www.celebraterecovery.com

*Christian Growth and Development for Men
South Biscayne Baptist Church
13000 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 426-3817

Services: Christian growth and development for men.

*Christian Growth and Development for Women
South Biscayne Baptist Church
13000 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 426-3817

Services: Christian growth and development for women. Call ahead for meeting days and times.

Port Charlotte

*Celebrate Recovery
Community Life Center
19048 Edgewater Dr.
(941) 629-0999

Services: Celebrate God's healing power in our lives to become free of addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. Small groups provide a safe place to share strengths, hopes and experiences with others through a strong leader who has gone through a similar hurt. Various support groups include Veterans Support Group, Christian Growth and Devotion, Chemically Dependent, Sexual Abuse Recovery, Intimacy Issues and Abortion healing.

Website: www.celebraterecovery.com

*Celebrate Recovery
First Alliance Church
20444 Midway Blvd.
(941) 625-7435
Services: See Description Above

Punta Gorda

*Bread of Life Mission
6454 Scott St.
(941) 575-4440
Services: Food, clothing and emergency shelter.

Venice

*Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice
1000 Pinebrook Rd.
(941) 488-5581
Services: Faith-based professional counseling. Offers a variety of services, including adoption, counseling, disaster response, elderly outreach, financial assistance, HIV/AIDS outreach, migrant assistance, immigration services, services for mothers and children, refugee settlement, and Haitian and Hispanic outreach.
Website: www.CatholicCharitiesDOV.org

*Venice Church of the Nazarene
1535 E. Venice Ave.
(941) 488-5007
Services: Counseling and activities for all ages, from children to senior adults, through the power of God's love.

****Financial Assistance**

Englewood

*Children's Clothes Closet
Englewood United Methodist Church
700 E. Dearborn St.
(941) 474-5588
Services: Clothing

*Englewood Bible Church
501 Yale St.
(941) 473-9664
Services: Food Pantries

*CARE
6868 San Casa Blvd.
941-627-6000 Hotline
941-475-6465 Englewood Office
Victim Assistance Services: 24 Hour Hotline,
Shelter, Specialized programs for ages 50+,
local Re-use Center, Prevention Education
and Outreach, Court Accompaniment,
Counseling and Support Groups, Legal
Assistance, assistance with Victim Crime
Compensation, WTP and TANF programs and
advocacy services for survivors of Domestic
and Sexual Assault and other violent crimes.
Provides crisis intervention, information and
referrals.

*Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.
On Englewood United Methodist Church Campus
700 E. Dearborn St.
(941) 474-5864
Services: Non-profit, social services agency.
No appointment necessary to use ACCESS

site for application for food stamps,
Medicaid, and monetary assistance to families
with dependent children. Food pantry, no
appointment necessary. Assistance with
rent/mortgage, utilities, and prescriptions, g
by appointment. Referrals and/or assistance
available based on circumstances for other
crisis situations, by appointment. Mobile
Health Unit on site every other Tuesday 1-3.
Website: www.Englewoodhelpinghand.org

*St Francis of Assisi Outreach
5265 Placida Road
Grove City, FL 34224
941-697-4899
Services: Food Pantry, financial assistance

*Suncoast Worship Center
881 S. River Rd.
(941) 474-5045
Services: Food pantry

North Port

*Salvation Army
4940 Pan American Blvd.
(941) 240-5109
Services: Financial assistance, food pantry,
gas vouchers, rent, etc...

Port Charlotte

*Salvation Army
2120 Loveland Blvd.
(941) 629-5950
Services: Homeless shelter, food and
prescription assistance

*St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy, Port Charlotte
21450 Gibraltar Dr.
(941) 766-9570
Services: Prescription assistance

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition
1476 Kenesaw Street
(941) 627-4313
Hot meals program 7 days a week, shelter,
food pantry, rent & utility assistance, case
management, transitional housing, and
onsite AA/NA groups 5 nights per week.
This is the agency administering federal
stimulus funds for rent/utility assistance
for Charlotte County, including residents
Englewood.
www.cchomelesscoalition.org

Punta Gorda

*St. Vincent de Paul
25200 Airport
(941) 575-0767
Services: Food and financial assistance

*Charlotte County Human Services Dept
512 East Grace St
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 833-6500
Services: Temporary assistance for utility
assistance, food, medical or crisis
stabilization for income eligible Charlotte
County residents.
www.charlottecountyfl.com/HumanServices

(Financial Assistance, continued)**

Venice

*Associated Medicare Patients Inc. (AMP)
Senior Friendship Center
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 585-0051

Services: Volunteers provide help to community members who need to resolve Medicare and private insurance issues and billing difficulties.

*Community Care and Share
68 Sandstone Circle
(941) 493-8931

Services: Food, vouchers, rent assistance, etc.

*Epiphany Cathedral Outreach Ministries
310 Sarasota St.
(941) 484-3505
Services: Food, necessities, counseling and health assessments to needy
Website: www.epiphanycathedral.org

*Goodwill/Manasota
1752 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 493-5077
Services: Community outreach.
Development and operation of high-impact social services that result in good jobs, good home and good neighborhoods. Activities financed through collection and sale of donated goods at 16 vocational training facilities.
Website: www.goodwillindustries.org

*Opportunity Closet
897 E. Venice Ave.
(941) 484-8506
Services: Clothing for job interviews

*Salvation Army-Venice Corps
1051 Albee Farm Rd.
(941) 484-6227
Services: Food, clothing, rent, utility service provided.

*Venice One Stop Service Center
897 East Venice Ave.
(941) 486-2682
Services: Financial assistance

****Florida**

*Community Access Partnership Network
Services: To strengthen Florida's families through private, community, and inter-agency partnerships that promote economic self-sufficiency.

Website: www.myflorida.com/accessflorida

*Florida Electronic Benefits Card (EBT)
1(888) 356-3281
TTY: 1(800) 955-8771
Website: www.ebtaccount.jpmorgan.com

*GSA Federal Citizen Information Center
1(888) 8PUEBLO
Services: Consumer Information Catalog
Website: www.pueblo.gsa.org

****Information**

Englewood

*Charlotte 2-1-1
Dial 2-1-1 from Charlotte County or in Englewood -call (941) 205-2161
Services: Free, easy to dial number that will get you connected with community information/activities, agencies, organizations, health and human services, for everyday needs and in times of crisis.

Punta Gorda

*2-1-1 Charlotte County
512 East Grace St.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950-6121
DIAL 2-1-1
(941) 205-2161 Program Phone
Services: Free, easy to dial number that will get you connected with community information/activities, agencies, organizations, health and human services, for everyday needs and in times of crisis.

Venice

*CHIP Information Center, Venice
Jacaranda Public Library
4143 Woodmere Park Blvd.
(941) 861-1277
Services: Health Information Center
Website:
<http://www.chip4health.org/healthyliving>

(Information, Continued)**

*CHIP Information Center-Venice
Senior Friendship Center
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 493-3065
Services: Health Information Center
Website:
<http://www.chip4health.org/healthyliving/>

*CHIP Information Center, Venice
Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis Ave., South
(941) 861-1340
Services: Health Information Center
Website:
<http://www.chip4health.org/healthyliving/>

Serving all of Sarasota County

*2-1-1 – United Way of 2-1-1 Manasota
Dial 2-1-1 from Sarasota County
Services: Free, easy to dial number that will
get you connected with community
information/activities, agencies,
organizations, health and human services, for
everyday needs and in times of crisis.
<http://www.uw211manasota.net/>

****Medical Support Groups**

Englewood

*Alzheimer's Support
925 River Rd., River Oaks
(941) 474-8600
Call ahead for meeting days and times

*Alzheimer's Support
Sterling House
550 Rotunda Blvd. West
Rotunda West, FL
(941) 698-1198
Services: Alzheimer's support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Cancer is Not Contagious
Englewood Community Hospital Auditorium
(941) 474-0099
Services: Cancer support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Cancer Support through ECH
(941) 474-0099
Services: Cancer support
Website:
www.englewoodcommunityhospital.com

*Diabetes Support
Rotunda Lakes Apartment Clubhouse
100 Rotunda Lakes Circle
Rotunda, FL
(941) 698-8800

*Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group
Englewood United Methodist Church
700 East Dearborn St
Englewood, FL
Call: American Cancer Society –
(941) 745-1214

*Multiple Myeloma Support Group
2230 S. McCall Rd. (Remax Bldg)
(941) 697-2493 or (941) 457-5478
Services: Multiple myeloma support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Support for People with Oral, Head and
Neck Cancer
Englewood Community Hospital Auditorium
(941) 474-0099
Services: Cancer support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Chrohn's Disease Support Group
Englewood Community Hospital Cafeteria
(941) 815-3669
Services: Chrohn's disease support group.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Diabetes Support through ECH
(941) 473-5035
Services: Diabetes support group.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Diabetic Support Group
Englewood Community Hospital Cafeteria
(941) 475-3774
Services: Diabetes support group.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

(Medical Support Groups, continued)**

*Memory Care Support Group
Sterling Households
550 Rotunda Blvd. West
Rotunda West, FL
(941) 698-1198
Services: Memory care support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Osteoporosis Support Group
Englewood Community Hospital
Suncoast Auditorium
(941) 475-3558
Services: Osteoporosis support group.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Osteoporosis Support thru ECH
(941) 475-3358
Services: Osteoporosis support group.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Parkinson's Support thru ECH
Englewood Community Hospital Suncoast
Auditorium
18440 Cochran Blvd.
(941) 743-9300
Services: Parkinson's Support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*COPD Education and Support Group
Englewood Community Hospital Cafeteria
(941) 473-3919
Services: COPD support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Stroke Support Group
Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd
(941) 475-3558
Services: Stroke support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Stroke Support through ECH
(941) 475-3558
Services: Stroke support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

North Port

*North Port Area Parkinson Support Group
6701 Elmwood Rd.
(941) 426-4624
Services: Parkinson's support and education.

*North Port Parkinson's Support Group
First Presbyterian Church
5600 Biscayne Dr.
(941) 426-4624
Services: Parkinson's support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

Port Charlotte

*Alzheimer's Association of Port Charlotte
4075 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 235-7470
Services: Alzheimer's support
Website: www.alz.org

*Alzheimer's Support
Harbour Terrace Assisted Living
South Port Square
(941) 625-1220, ext. 745
Services: Alzheimer's support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*American Cancer Society-Port Charlotte
992 Tamiami Trl., #992
(941) 627-3000
Services: Cancer support group

*American Cancer Society-Uplifters Group
Royal Palm Retirement Center
2500 Aaron St.
(941) 627-3000
Services: Cancer Support

*Apnea Support Group
(866) 864-7166
Services: Apnea support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Arthritis Support
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron St.
(941) 627-4643
Services: Arthritis support.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Back and Neck Pain
Fawcett Memorial Hospital
3280 Tamiami Trl., Suite 493
(941) 624-4441

(Medical Support Groups, continued)**

*Bariatric Information and Support
Surgical Associates
2959 Harbor Blvd.
(941) 766-4011
Services: Gastric bypass support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Brain Injury Support Group
Mid-County Regional Library
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.
(941) 697-3055
Services: Brain injury support group.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Breathing Support Group
Fawcett Memorial Hospital
(941) 624-4441
Services: Pulmonary Hypertension support
group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Bypass and Bandster Buddies
Peace River Regional Women's Connection
(941) 629-7737
Services: Gastric bypass support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Charlotte HIV/AIDS Network Office
17506 Brighton Ave.
(941) 625-2437
Services: AIDS/HIV counseling, information,
education and testing

*Chronic Back and Neck Pain Support Group
h2u Center, Fawcett Memorial Hospital
(941) 624-4441
Services: Chronic Pain Support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Cross Disability Support Group
Center for Independent Living
4300 Kings Highway
(941) 766-8333
Services: Cross disability support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Diabetes Education-ADA recognized
(800)445-4313
Services: Diabetes education by board-
certified diabetes educators.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Diabetes Education and Blood Sugar Testing
Village Place
18400 Cochran Blvd.
(941) 766-8900
Services: Diabetes support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Diabetes Support
The Gardens of Port Charlotte
22332 Vick St.
(941) 624-0236
Services: Diabetes support;
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Diabetes Support Group
Sponsored by Fawcett Memorial Hospital
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron St.
(800) 445-4313
Services: Diabetes support
Call ahead for days and times.

*Down Syndrome Parents Support
Pilgrim Church
Rampart Blvd.
(941) 204-7509
Services: Down Syndrome support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Epilepsy Support Group
370 Lasayette Dr.
(941) 629-3309
Services: Epilepsy support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Families and Amputees in Motion
Royal Palm Retirement Center
2500 Aaron St.
(941) 575-7022
Services: Amputee support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Hearing Loss Association of Charlotte
County
First Presbyterian Church
2008 Harriet St.
(941) 624-2947
Services: Hearing loss support; monthly
exhibits for hearing-impaired held at the
Cultural Center
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

(Medical Support Groups, continued)**

*Hepatitis C Support Group
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron St.
(727) 384-1030
Services: Hepatitis C support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Insulin Pump Workshops by Living Smart
Diabetes
(941) 484-1200
Services: Diabetes education by board-
certified diabetes educators
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Kidney Health Support
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron St.
(941) 625-9985
Services: Kidney support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Living Smart Diabetes Self-Management
Program-ADA-recognized
(941) 484-1200
Services: Diabetes education by board-
certified diabetes educators
Call ahead for meeting days and times

*Living Well with Multiple Sclerosis Support
Group
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron St.
(941) 240-6293
Services: Multiple Sclerosis support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times

*Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group
h2u Center, Fawcett Memorial Hospital
(941) 627-3000, ext. 110
Services: Prostate cancer support group for
men and women.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*New Start Stroke Group
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron St.
(941) 639-2360
Services: Stroke support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Ostomy Support Group
Royal Palm Retirement Center
2500 Aaron St.
(941) 627-3000, ext. 117
or (941) 743-7285
Services: Ostomy support group
www.ccosg.org

*Parkinson's Exercise Group
18440 Cochran Blvd.
(941) 743-9800
Services: Parkinson's support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times

*Positive Living HIV Support Group
Charlotte HIV/AIDS Program
(941) 639-1181 ext. 2224
Services: HIV Support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Sugar Talk-Living Smart Diabetes
21216 Olean Blvd., Ste. 5
(941) 484-1200
Services: Diabetes Support Group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Southwest Florida Band-It Buddies
Fawcett Memorial Hospital
(941) 624-4441
Services: Lap Band Support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

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*Alzheimer's Support
Aging in Place Specialists
100 Madrid Blvd.
(877) 244-6435
Services: Alzheimer's Support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

(Medical Support Groups, continued)**

*Celebrate Life-Ladies Cancer Group
2001 Shreve St.
(941) 575-7266
Services: Cancer support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Chemical Dependency
Riverside Behavioral Center
733 E. Olympia Ave.
(941) 637-2474

*Diabetes in the New Millenium
Burnt Store Presbyterian Church
11330 Burnt Store Rd.
(941) 639-0001
Services: Diabetes support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*New Voice Club
Laryngectomy Support Group
809 E. Marion Ave., Charlotte Regional
Medical Center
(941) 637-2411, ext. 2450
Services: Laryngectomy support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times

*Post Polio Support Group of Charlotte
County
(941) 625-4059
Services: Post Polio support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

Venice

*Alzheimer's Support
2350 Scenic Dr.
Senior Friendship Center
(941) 584-0051
Meet every Tuesday, 3pm-4pm
Services: Alzheimer's support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*American Cancer Society
Venice South County YMCA
701 Center Rd.
(941) 497-4309
Services: Services and information about
cancer, prevention, free detection clinics, and
support. Transportation, dressings and
supplies, comfort supplies, financial aid,
housing.

*Arthritis Support Group
Venice Health Park in Lions Club
Community Room,
540 The Rialto
(941) 484-6057
Services: Learn about the latest treatments
and discoveries concerning arthritis.

*Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of
Healing
629 Cypress Ave.
(941) 921-5447 V/TDD
(941) 921-5449, VP
Services: Services and programs for deaf
and hard of hearing; variety of educational
programs, advocacy services, activities and
skills training for individuals and families.

*Council of the Blind Support Group
Village on the Isle Community Center
Office: 930 S. Tamiami Trl.
(941) 484-9753
Services: Support for people who have lost
their sight.

*Gulfcoast Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
621 S. Tamiami Trl.
(941) 484-0706
Services: Support, education and advocacy
for persons afflicted with Chronic Fatigue
Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue Immune
Deficiency Syndrome

*Insulin Pump Workshops by Living Smart
Diabetes
(877) 468-4341
Services: Diabetes support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

(Medical Support Groups, continued)**

*Joseph's Place
7810 S. Tamiami Trl., A-14
(941) 366-1886
Services: Provides a pantry, support and information and referral to people with AIDS

*Live Wires Stroke Support Group
South County YMCA
701 Center Rd.
(941) 484-7713
Services: Support group for stroke survivors, their families and caregivers.

*Live Wires Stroke Support Group
1283 Jacaranda Blvd.
(941) 485-7711
Services: Stroke support group

*Man-to-Man Prostate Cancer Support Group
Venice South County YMCA
701 Center Rd.
(941) 497-4309
Services: Prostate cancer support group

*Reach to Recovery
American Cancer Society
Venice South County YMCA
701 Center Rd.
(941) 497-4309
Services: Education/support for women who have had or have breast cancer and families.

*Sjogren's Syndrome
Venice Regional Medical Center
1283 Jacaranda Blvd.
(941) 484-8542
Services: Sjogren Syndrome support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*The Wellness Community
Jacaranda Trace
3600 William Penn Way
Cadbury Commons Building
(941) 921-5539
Services: Provides professionally led programs of emotional support, education and support, free of charge, to anyone effected by cancer, and those who have loved ones affected by cancer. The support groups, educational workshops and body/mind/spirit classes held in Venice, are at Jacaranda Trace.

*United Ostomy Association
American Cancer Society
Venice South County YMCA
701 Center Rd.
(941) 497-4309
Services: Support group for ostomy patients and their spouses

*Universal Family Community, Inc.
250 Snyder Dr.
(941) 486-9144
Services: Transitional housing for recovering substance abusers and HIV sufferers.

*Venice Amputee Group
Bon Secours Health Park
(941) 485-7711
Services: Amputee support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Venice Health Park
1289 Jacaranda Blvd.
(941) 497-7800
Services: Variety of support groups meet here, including multiple sclerosis, mental illness, stroke, ostomy, breast cancer, Sjogren's syndrome, amputee, man-to-man and others.

*Venice Pulmonary Support Group
Venice City Hall
401 W. Venice Ave.
(941) 486-2626
Services: Pulmonary hypertension support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Women to Women-American Cancer Society
Venice South County YMCA
701 Center Rd.
(941) 497-4309
Services: Women's Breast Cancer Support

(Medical Support Groups, continued)**

Sarasota County:

Epilepsy Services of SW Florida
1900 Main Street
Suite 212
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 953-5988

Charlotte County:

Epilepsy Services of SW Florida
12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 28
Fort Myers, FL 33907
(239) 275-4838

Services – both offices: Provide medical services for people who have epilepsy who do not have health insurance and/or the financial means to pay, and provide epilepsy awareness services to the community at large. Medical services are on a sliding scale and prevention and educational services are free.

Florida

*Look Good...Feel Better
1 800 ACS 2345

Services: A free program that teaches women in active cancer treatment ways to help with the appearance related side effects of treatment. Registration is required for the monthly classes.

Website: www.cancer.org

*National Kidney Associations
(800) 927-9659
Services: Kidney support group

****Other-Abortion Healing**

Englewood

*Ramah International
1776 Hudson Street
(941) 473-2188
Services: Post-abortion healing
Website: www.ramshinternational.org

North Port

*Support Group for Women; Anger, Intimacy and Abortion
South Biscayne Baptist Church
(941) 426-3817
Services: Anger, intimacy and abortion support.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

****Other-Animal Shelter**

Englewood

*Suncoast Humane Society
6781 San Casa Dr.
(941) 474-7884
Services: Animal Shelter

Venice

*St. Francis Animal Rescue of Venice
1651 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 492-6210
Services: Animal Shelters
St. Francis Animal Rescue of Venice
1925 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 492-6210
Services: Animal shelter

****Other-Co-dependents Support**

Venice

*CODA: Co-dependents Anonymous
Venice Bible Church
2395 W. Shamrock
(941) 488-8025
Services: Co-dependents support group
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

****Other-Coping**

Venice

Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County
701 Center Rd.
(941) 485-9724
Services: Provide services related to coping.

****Other-Correctional Services**

Venice

Salvation Army Correctional Services
2210 S. Tamiami Trl.
(941) 492-6049
Services: Emergency shelter, counseling & support

****Other-Divorce**

Port Charlotte

*DivorceCare
19190 Cochran Blvd.
(941) 625-3039
Services: Divorce support.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Parents, Children and Divorce
Fawcett Memorial Hospital
(800) 767-8193
Services: Divorce support- Call ahead for meeting days and times.

****Other-Handmade Quilts**

Port Charlotte

*Project Linus
First Christian Church
20212 Peachland Ave.
(941) 639-8627 or (941) 627-4364
Services: Makes handmade quilts and blankets for critically ill children.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

****Other-Nursing Interventions**

Punta Gorda

*Intervention Program for Nursing
Riverside Behavioral Center
733 E. Olympia Ave.
(941) 637-2474
Services: Intervention program for nursing.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

****Other-Personal Caregivers**

Englewood

*Personal Solutions Consulting
375 Pineapple St.
(941) 474-9199
Services: Personal caregivers

****Other-Quit Smoking**

Punta Gorda

*Quit Smoking Support Group
Charlotte County Health Dept. AL1105
Taylor Rd.
(941) 639-1181
Services: Quit smoking support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

Sarasota County

Sarasota County Health Department
Free nicotine patches to residents of Sarasota County with current prescription from health care provider.
Call 941-861-2876 or 861-2997

All Sarasota and Charlotte Counties

Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Ctr.
2201 Cantu Court, Ste. 220
Sarasota, Florida 34232
Office: 941-552-1280
Fax: 941-552-5655
www.gsahec.org

Florida

Florida Quitline
Toll-free telephone based cessation counseling (multiple sessions available)
Nicotine replacement medication (patches, gum & lozenges) at no charge
1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669)

Tobacco Free Florida
Web-based cessation assistance, free to all Florida residents.
<http://www.tobaccofreeflorida.com/>

****Other-Low Income Home Energy Assistance**

State

*Charlotte County Human Services
(941) 833-6500
Department of Community Affairs at FPL provides one-time-per-year financial assistance to eligible households of all ages; offset the high cost of home energy.

****Other-Soup Kitchens and Other**

(list of Englewood Food Banks at end of directory)

Port Charlotte

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition
1476 Kenesaw Street
(941) 627-4313
Hot meals program 7 days a week, shelter, food pantry, rent & utility assistance, case management, transitional housing, and onsite AA/NA groups 5 nights per week. This is the agency administering federal stimulus funds for rent/utility assistance for Charlotte County, including residents Englewood.
www.cchomelesscoalition.org

Venice

*The Center of Hope

212 U.S. 41 Bypass South
(941) 244-9044

Services: Provides services based on verifiable need through case management and counseling: backpacks, blankets, bus passes, clothing, emergency funds, food stamp/Medicaid/unemployment applications, glasses, hygiene/non-prescription items, legal ID, mail, phone calls.
Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 9am-12pm; Saturdays, 10am-1pm
Soup Kitchen: 11am-1pm

Regional area:

Charlotte HIV/AIDS People Support Inc. (CHAPS)
Food and Hygiene Product Pantry
18200 Paulson Drive Unit A1
Port Charlotte, FL 33954
941-625-2552
www.chapsfoodpantry.com
Serving persons with HIV/AIDS in Charlotte, S. Sarasota & DeSoto Counties. Clients referred by their health department.

****Parenting**

Englewood

*Forty Carrots Play Classes
Elsie Quirk Library
100 W. Dearborn St.
(941) 861-1200
(941) 365-7716
Services: Free weekly play classes, quality playtime and parenting information

Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition
Call for Englewood Office Information
(941) 255-8872
Services: Support services for pregnant women, families and infants. Support services for pregnant women, families and infants.
Website:
<http://charlottecountyhealthystart.com>

*Grandparents Raising Grandkids
Englewood Community Hospital Cafeteria
(941) 475-3615
Services: Grandparents support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Support Group for Grandparents and other Relatives Raising Children "Again"
Englewood Community Hospital Cafeteria
(941) 341-4268, (941) 475-3615, or
(941) 698-1943
Services: Serves Sarasota and Charlotte counties with meetings that are held several times a month.

(Parenting, continued)**

North Port

***Forty Carrots Play Classes**

North Port Library
13800 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 861-1300

Services: Free weekly play classes, quality playtime and parenting information

***Forty Carrots Play Classes**

George Mullen Activity Center
3025 North Port Blvd.
(941) 426-8331
(941) 365-7716

Services: Free weekly play classes, quality playtime and parenting information.

***Grandparents Raising Grandkids**

6926 Children Way
(941) 698-1943

Services: Grandparents support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

***Healthy Start Coalition – Sarasota County**

(941) 373-7070

Services: Support for pregnant women, families and children.

Website: www.healthystartsarasota.org

***The Mom's Club**

187 Laird Ave.
(941) 426-1481

Services: Support and events for at-home moms.

Port Charlotte

***Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition**

21450 Gibralter Dr., Suite 3
(941) 255-8872

Services: Support services for pregnant women, families and infants. Support services for pregnant women, families and infants.

Website:

<http://charlottecountyhealthystart.com>

***Circle of Parents**

Peace River Regional Medical Center
21297 Olean Blvd.
(941) 766-4122

Services: Parenting role education.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

***Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC)**

Projects with Industry and Community Employment Services
Omni Executive Center
4055 Tamiami Trail
Charlotte County
(941) 764-1198

Services: To provide preparatory employment services including skill training, job development, job placement, career planning/advancement and retention services and referrals to other organizations as needed.

***Parents Support Group**

Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron St.
(941) 625-4175

Services: Parenting support group.
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

Venice

***Catholic Charities Community Resources**

7810 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste A2
(941) 496-8286

Services: Case management for single parents with young children.

***Children First Nurturing Dads Initiative**

157 South Havana Rd.
(941) 953-5507, ext. 127

Services: Learn about fathering

Website: <http://www.childrenfirst.net>

***Forty Carrots Play Classes**

Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library
4143 Woodmere Park Blvd.
(941) 861-1280, (941) 365-7716

Services: Free weekly play classes, quality playtime and parenting information.

(Parenting, continued)**

*Forty Carrots Play Classes
Venice Library

300 S. Nokomis St.
(941) 861-1330, (941) 365-7716

Services: Free weekly play classes, quality playtime and parenting information.

*Jewish Family and Children's Services

7810 Tamiami Trl., Ste 7-A
(941) 366-2224

Services: Parenting education and support for unwed, adult new and expecting parents.

Website: www.jfcs-cares.org

*Parents without Partners

620 Shamrock
(941) 497-2252

Services: Educational programs, recreation and social activities for single parents and their children.

Sarasota

Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC)

4405 Desotto Rd.
Sarasota, FL 34235
(941) 355-8808

Services: To provide preparatory employment services including employability skill training.

****Pregnancy**

Englewood

*Solve Maternity Homes
2205 Englewood Rd.
(941) 475-7408

Services: From conception to birth and beyond, SOLVE is willing to stand with mothers by loving them, helping them to restore relationships, and giving them the tools they need to be successful in life.

Website: www.manasotasolve.org
www.myspace.com/manasotasolve

Port Charlotte

* Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition
21450 Gibraltar Dr., Suite 3
(941) 255-8872

Services: Support services for pregnant women, families and infants. Support services for pregnant women, families and infants.

Website: <http://charlottecountyhealthystart.com>

*Pregnancy Crisis Care Line
1685 Tamiami Trl. #4
(941) 625-5576

Services: Pregnancy crisis care.

Venice

*AAA Pregnancy Service
P.O. Box 596

(941) 366-4430

Services: Pregnancy crisis caregivers

*Our Mother's Households
405 Manatee Court

(941) 485-6264

Services: Non-denominational residential housing program to mothers over age 18 with a preschool child to help achieve self-sufficiency.

Website: www.ourmothershousedov.org

*Pregnancy Care Center

301 Bayshore Dr.
(941) 485-1776

Services: Pregnancy crisis care

*Pregnancy Solutions

1680-B Tamiami Trl.
(941) 408-7100

Services: Pregnancy Crisis Care

Website: www.pregnancysolutions.org

(Pregnancy, continued)**

Regional serving Englewood

*Children's Home Society of FL
1940 Maravilla Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
1-800-247-4600

Services: pregnancy counseling and infant adoption services to Charlotte County and surrounding areas. Free, confidential counseling & assistance in making a comprehensive adoption plan. Affordable adoption services to families wanting to adopt both domestic and international

Website:

www.chsfl.org

www.decisiontomake.org

****Seniors**

Englewood

*AARP Driver Safety Line
P.O. Box 6333
(888) 227-7669
Services: Senior Driver Safety

*h2u Health Happiness You
Englewood Community Hospital
700 Medical Blvd.
(941) 473-5048
Services: Variety of health and community events for 50+
Website:
www.EnglewoodCommunityHospital.com

*Senior Friendship Centers
Englewood Community Presbyterian Church
405 S. McCall Rd.
(941) 584-0075
Services: Educational and social activities for 50+
Website: www.seniorfriendship.com

*Senior Friendship Centers
Nutrition Program 60+
700 E. Dearborn
Englewood United Methodist Church
(941) 584-0090
Services: Educational and social activities for 50+
Website: www.seniorfriendship.com

*Suncoast Humane Society
6781 San Casa Dr.
(941) 474-7884
Services: Pet therapy services for seniors and children.
Website: www.humane.org

Tidewell Hospice
12034 N. Access Rd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
(941) 548-2300
Services: Hospice care and bereavement support.

North Port

*Meals on Wheels
4285 Wesley Lane
(941) 426-4628
Services: Meals in home for aged and disabled.

*North Port Pines Retirement Center
4950 Pocatella Ave.
(941) 426-9175
Services: Retirement Center.

*Senior Friendship Center, Nutrition Services
6851 Willow Creek Circle
(941) 429-0734
Services: Nutrition and socialization for 50+

(Seniors, continued)**

Port Charlotte

*AARP Chapter 80
1166 Winston St.
(941) 624-0105
Services: AARP advocacy
Website: www.aarp.org

*Council on Aging
3456 Depew Ave.
(941) 627-2177
Services: Services, information and referral
for 55+ in Charlotte county
Email: info@charlotteca.org

*Our Charlotte Elder Affairs Network
(OCEAN)
P.O. Bo 496269
(941) 627-6762
Services: Referral and advocacy services for
elders

*Senior Friendship Centers/RSVP
21450 Gibraltar Dr. Unit 6
(941) 613-2299
Services: Friendship at Home, retired service
volunteer program.

Tidewell Hospice
1144 Veronica St.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 979-4300
Services: Hospice care and bereavement
support.

Punta Gorda

*Elder Helpline of SW Florida
512 Grace St.
(866) 413-5337
Services: Contact point for information about
resources and services for aging.

*Charlotte County Human Services Dept
512 East Grace St
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 833-6500
Services: assess the needs of seniors and
coordinate services such as personal care,
respite care, homemaker services,
transportation, group and home delivered
meals

Venice

*Connections for Seniors
200 Capril Isles Blvd., Ste. 7G
(941) 486-8394
Services: Non-medical home care agency;
transportation, companions, services, seniors.

*Florida B.R.I.T.E. Project, Coastal
Behavioral Health
7810 Tamiami Trl., Ste A1
(941) 492-4300
Services: Elder intervention for depression,
alcohol or substance abuse or medication mis-
use.
Website: www.coastalbh.org

*Get Connected Program, Coastal Behavioral
Health
7810 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste. A1
(941) 492-4300
Services: Wellness program for seniors
designed to promote health.
Website: www.coastalbh.org

*Sarasota County 55+ Healthcare-Senior
Friendship Center
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 584-0043
Services: 55+ healthcare
Website: www.seniorfriendship.com

*Senior Friendship Center, Activity Center
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 584-0075
Services: Socialization, educational, exercise
and fun activities for 50+

*Friendship Center Caregiver Resource
Center
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 584-0071 and (941) 584-0050
Services: A one-stop center for Caregivers.
Provides support, education and community
information.

*Senior Friendship Center, Friendship at
Home/Faith in Action
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 584-0065
Services: Trains volunteers to serve lonely,
isolated homebound seniors.

(Seniors, continued)**

*Senior Friendship, Living Room
AHCA Licensed Facility
2350 Scenic Dr.
(941) 584-0044

Services: Friendly, supportive atmosphere where frail, older adults can enjoy companionship, hobbies and entertainment in a safe, secure environment.

*Supportive Services for Adults, Department of Children and Families
897 East Venice Ave.
(941) 483-5922

Services: Support services focused on maintaining clients in own homes, 55+.

Tidewell Hospice
220 Wesford Blvd.
Venice, FL 34293
(941) 441-2000

Services: Hospice care and bereavement support.

****Substance Abuse**

Englewood

*Al-Anon, Englewood Friday Night
St. David Episcopal Church
401 S. Broadway Rd.
(888)425-2666

*Alcoholics Anonymous, Englewood
Speakers Group
Englewood Community Hospital
Suncoast Auditorium
(941) 426-7723
Services: Alcoholics support group

*Alliance Care at River Oaks
925 South River Rd.
(941) 473-0153
Services: Drug and alcohol rehabilitation

*Halcyon Group
2021 Englewood Rd., Ste D
(941) 475-7337
Services: Substance abuse and anger management

Laurel

*Narcotics Anonymous
(941) 493-5747, (941) 484-5342
Services: 24 hour narcotics helpline. Service has list of meetings and can get caller in touch with a NA member. A 12 step program for those in recovery from addiction to narcotics.

North Port

*Alcoholics Anonymous
(941) 426-7655
Services: 12-step programming

*Alcoholics Anonymous
12697 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 426-7723
Services: Alcoholics support and hotline.

*Alcoholics Anonymous; Fresh Start Group
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Dr.
(941) 426-7723
Services: Alcoholics support

Alcoholics Anonymous; Intergroup Service
Committee of the 5th District
12697 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 426-7723
Services: Alcoholics Support

*Alcoholic Anonymous; New Hope Group
Community United Church of Christ
3450 S. Biscayne Dr.
(941) 426-7723
Services: Alcoholics support

*Alcoholics Anonymous-Thursday Step
Group
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Dr.
(941) 426-7723
Services: Alcoholics support

(Substance Abuse, continued)**

*Chemically Dependent Support Group
South Biscayne Baptist Church
13000 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 426-3817

Services: Chemically dependent support
Call ahead for meeting days and times.

*Project Return
12497 S. Tamiami Trl. Ste 12
(941) 486-2682

Services: Career guidance, socialization,
substance abuse education, daily and work
force skills.

*Tammi House/Renaissance Manor
410 Sevilla St.
(941) 426-1141

Services: Supportive residential housing for
dual diagnosis and substance-abuse problems.

Port Charlotte

*Alcoholics Anonymous

Easy Does It Club,
23312 Harper Ave.
Charlotte Harbor
(941) 426-7723

Services: Alcoholics support

*Alcoholics Anonymous-Early Birds AA
Group and Time AA Group
Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
21075 Quesada Ave.
(941) 426-7723

Services: Alcoholics support

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition

1476 Kenesaw Street
(941) 627-4313

Onsite AA/NA groups 5 nights per week.
In addition to housing and food services
(see financial assistance section)

www.cchomelesscoalition.org

*Dual Diagnosis
Haven Drop-In Center
4428 Parmely St.

Charlotte Harbor
(941) 613-1450

Services: Support for alcohol, drug and
emotional or psychiatric problems; family and
friends welcome.

*Enter-In, Christ-Centered Recovery Group
First Alliance Church
20444 Midway Blvd.
(941) 240-6866

Services: Recovery support

*Mission Unity Recovery House
3505 Depew Circle
(941) 624-9748

Services: Substance abuse rehabilitation and
assistance

*Nar-anon
First Alliance Church
20444 Midway Blvd.
(941) 235-0353

Services: Narcotics support for family and
friends of the addicted person, not the addict.

*Narcotics Anonymous
Kiwanis Park
Midway Blvd.
(941) 624-1204

*Narcotics Anonymous
Genesis Center
1476 Kenesaw St.
(941) 624-1204

*Narcotics Anonymous
Trinity United Methodist Church
23084 Seneca Ave.
Charlotte Harbor
(941) 624-1204

Punta Gorda

*Al-Anon, Burnt Store
Burnt Store Presbyterian Church
11330 Burnt Store Rd.
(941) 661-5037

*Al-Anon, New Life Group
First United Methodist Church
507 W. Marion Ave.
(941) 235-0029

*Al-Anon, Steps to Recovery
Congregational Church
1201 Aqui Esta Dr.
(941) 639-2088

*Alcoholics Anonymous, Happy Hour Group
First United Methodist Church
507 W. Marion Ave.
(941) 426-7723

(Substance Abuse, Continued)**

*Alcoholics Anonymous, Peace River Group
Congregational Church
1201 Aquí Esta Dr.
(941) 426-7723

*Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Up Group
Riverside Behavioral Center
733 Olympia Ave.
(941) 426-7723

*Chemical Dependency and Psych-Aftercare
Support
Riverside Behavioral Center
733 E. Olympia Ave.
(941) 637-2474
Services: Chemical dependency and psych-
aftercare support.

*Cocaine Anonymous
Riverside Behavioral Center
733 E. Olympia Ave.
(941) 637-2474

*Florida B.R.I.T.E. Project
Coastal Behavioral Health
1700 Education Ave., Bldg. C
(941) 575-0222
Services: Serves individuals 55 years and
older, and identifies non-dependent substance
use or prescription medicine issues and
provides effective service strategies prior to
their need for more extensive or specialized
substance abuse treatment.

Venice

*Home Detox, Inc.
530 U.S. 41 Bypass South, Unit 12B
(941) 412-3869
Services: Drug and alcohol detox, medically
supervised in client's home.

*Narcotics Anonymous, Shark Coast
(941) 493-5747

*OARS: Outpatient Addiction Recovery
Services
1101 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste 215
(941) 488-1145
Services: Intensive, comprehensive,
individualized treatment program for
alcoholism and chemical dependency

*Step House Inc.
394 Southland Rd.
(941) 493-1608
Services: Christian-based residential
addiction recovery; structured one-year
program.

*Venice Community Mental Health Center
1101 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste. 215
(941) 488-1145
Services: Substance abuse treatment for
individuals, groups and families.

Sarasota

*Alcohol 24 Hour Hotline
(800) 252-6465
Services: 24-hr. hotline, alcohol advice,
support and referral.

*Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse,
SCOSA
701 McIntosh Rd.,
Sarasota, FL 34232
Serves all of Sarasota county
(941) 377-7736
Services: Non-profit collaborative
organization that works to prevent and reduce
substance abuse in the community. Services
include a website that has a comprehensive
list of resources in Sarasota County for
alcohol prevention and treatment, a free
program on maintaining a drug free
workplace, and free beverage server training
(called project AIM)
Website: <http://www.scosa.org/>
Email: info@scosa.org

****Thrift Stores**

Englewood

*Goodwill Englewood
1501 Placida Rd.
(941) 475-9401

* Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity
Englewood ReSale Store
3949 S Access Rd
Englewood, FL 34224
(941)-681-3600

*Nearly New
4275 Access Rd.
(941) 474-0707

*Rags to Riches
10395 Wilmington Blvd.
(941) 697-9799

*St. David's Episcopal Thrift Shop
485 Indiana Ave.
(941) 474-1047

North Port

*Goodwill Industries
14249 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 423-0987

*St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Thrift Shop
12761 S. Tamiami Trl.
(941) 423-4634

Venice

*Elephant's Trunk Thrift Store
595 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 483-3056

*Habitat for Humanity ReStore Home Center
1400 Ogden Rd.
(941) 493-0529

*St. Mark's Thrift Shop
203 Miami Ave.
(941) 488-3219

*St. Vincent de Paul Society
301 Bayshore Dr.
(941) 484-4117

*Salvation Army Thrift Store
1168 S. Venice U.S. 41 Bypass
(941) 488-0068

*Samaritans Thrift Shop
4308 E. Venice Ave.
(941) 484-0305

Nokomis

*Almost Angels Thrift Shop
780 N. Tamiami Trl.
(941) 488-1181

*Blessings Thrift Shop
425 E. Laurel Rd.
(941) 483-3969

****Transportation**

Englewood

*FISH of Englewood, Inc.
P.O. Box 1636
(941) 475-4494
Services: Transportation services, 24 hours a day. Local and long-distance provided
Website: www.ambitrans.com

Charlotte County

*Dial-a-Ride
(941) 575.4000
Service: available to the general public for a small fee. Includes Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

North Port

*FISH of North Port
P.O. Bo 7139
(941) 474-8802
Services: Transportation services, 24 hours a day. Local and long-distance provided
Website: www.ambitrans.com

(Transportation, Continued)**

North Port, Nokomis, and South Venice

***The Ride-SCAT**

New Freedom Shoppers
(941) 485-1935

Services: Helps seniors, low-income and disabled community members get to the grocery store

Email: TheRide4u@gmail.com

All Sarasota County

ITN – Independent Transportation Network
2688 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34237
(941) 364-7530

Services: Variety of transportation options-Fee

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

Statewide

***Roads to Recovery**

1-800-ACS-2345

Services: Local transportation for cancer patients to treatment.

****Veterans**

Englewood

***Veterans Services**

San Casa Administration Bldg., Unit 12
(941) 475-3752

Asst. County Veterans Services Officer:
David Donochew

***VFW Post #10178**

550 N. McCall Rd.
(941) 474-7515

Commander: Fred Miller

***American Legion Post #113**

3436 Indiana Rd.

Rotunda West

Commander: Jim Crider

***VFW Post #10476**

3725 Cape Haze Dr.

Rotunda West

(941) 697-1123

Commander: Jerry Faught

North Port

***Veterans Support Group for Men and Women**

South Biscayne Baptist Church

(941) 426-3817

Serving all of Sarasota County

***Veterans Services, Sarasota County**

2200 Ringling Blvd

Sarasota

(941) 861-3047

(941) 861-2565

County Veteran Services unit provides assistance to veterans and their families with filing claims for veteran's benefits. Benefits include: compensation for service related disabilities; medical benefits; pension for wartime veterans with non service related disabilities; survivor benefits; death benefits. The unit also provides county assistance for burials of unclaimed bodies and indigent emergency hospital care. Contact: Jerry Derrick

****Weight Loss Support.**

Local Area

*Stomlost Potbelly and Overweight Support Group
(941) 255-3687

North Port

*Overeaters Anonymous
15121 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 957-1488

*Overeaters Anonymous
North Port Health Parkinson's
Corner of Sumter Rd. and U.S. 41
(941) 391-2394

*TOPS: Take Pounds Off Sensibly 123
Trinity United Methodist Church
4285 Wesley Lane
(941) 426-6740

Port Charlotte

*Overeaters Anonymous
Gulf Cove United Methodist Church
1100 McCall Rd.
(941) 475-5386

*Overeaters Anonymous
Pilgrim United Methodist Church
Rampart Blvd.
(941) 957-1488

*TOPS: Take Pounds Off Sensibly 133
Edgewater United Methodist Church
19190 Cochran Blvd.
(941) 743-2540

*TOPS: Take Pounds Off Sensibly 297
Salvation Army
2735 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 629-5167

Punta Gorda

*Food Addicts Anonymous
Congregational United Church of Christ
1201 Aqui Esta Dr.
(941) 380-6550

****Wellness/Fitness**

Englewood

*Amberjack Environmental Park
Rotunda Shores and SR. 775
(941) 625-7529
Services: 225 acre preserve traversed by two wetlands. Nature trail and boardwalk.
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/Parks

*Cedar Point Environmental Park
2300 Placida Rd.
(941) 625-7529
Services: 115 acres with flat woods, salt marsh, mangrove and hammock areas. Playground, nature trail, canoing/kayaking, fishing and environmental center.
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/Parks

*Englewood Arts Center
350 S. McCall Rd.
(941) 474-5548
Services: Bringing together adults and children interested in visual arts, to promote knowledge, appreciation and development of visual art in Englewood and the surrounding community.
Website: www.engagewoodart.org
Email: engagewoodart@daystar.net

(Wellness/Fitness, continued)**

*Englewood Sports Complex
1300 S. River Rd.
(941) 861-1980
Services: 136 acre sports complex with outdoor fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, indoor fitness room available to public and gymnasium.
Website: www.scgov.net

*Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center
570 Bay Park Rd.
(941) 474-3065
Services: 204 acres along the natural bay shoreline. Indoor rental space, nature trails, educational tours, canoeing/kayaking and fishing. Handicap-accessible.
Website: www.scgov.net

*Oyster Creek Regional Park
6791 San Casa Dr.
(941) 473-1018
Services: Swimming pool, skate park, nature preserve, multipurpose field, walking trails, fishing and canoeing/kayaking.
Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/Parks

*Rotunda Community Park and Preserve
100 Rotunda Blvd. East
Rotunda West
Services: Bike trail, tennis, playground, multipurpose field.
Website: www.charlottecounty.com/Parks

*Warren Loranger Englewood YMCA
701 Medical Blvd.
(941)475-1234
Services: Medically-based wellness program and weight-loss support. Fitness center, sports programs, group exercise programs and health information centers. We are the largest provider of child care in South County for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Financial assistance is available.
Website: www.southcountyfamilyymca.org

North Port

*North Port Family YMCA
5925 Greenwood Ave.
(941) 429-2269
Services: Building strong kids, strong families, strong communities. Fitness center, aquatic center, activity center, child development center and wellness programs.
Website: www.charlottecountyymca.com

Port Charlotte

*Dotzler Outdoor Center-YMCA
Bayshore Dr.
Charlotte Harbor
18 pristine acres in Charlotte Harbor.
Provides a variety of outdoor activities, from climbing the 50 ft. Alpine Tower, to kayaking in Charlotte Harbor.
Website: www.charlottecountyymca.com

*Franz Ross Park, YMCA
19333 Quesada Ave.
(941) 629-9622
Services: Building strong kids, strong families, strong communities. Fitness center, indoor heated pool, and family multipurpose activity room.
Website: www.charlottecountyymca.com

*Tippecanoe Environmental Park
SR 776
Services: 380 acre preserve with walking trails and boardwalk to observe bird life within the mangroves.

*Y-Express, YMCA
1928 Kings Hwy.
(941) 258-3131
Services: Fitness Center
Website: www.charlottecountyymca.com

Punta Gorda

*Edison College YMCA
26300 Airport Rd.
(941) 505-4000
Services: Building strong kids, strong families, strong communities. Fitness center, outdoor tennis courts, outdoor handball/raquetball/squash courts.
Website: www.charlottecountyymca.com

(Wellness/Fitness, continued)**

*South County Regional Park.
670 Cooper St.
(941) 505-8686

Services: Indoor gymnasium, outdoor lighted basketball courts, lighted tennis courts, lighted sports field, swimming pools, sports programs for youth and adults.

Website: www.charlottecountyfl.com/Parks

Venice

*Shamrock Park and Nature Center
3900 Shamrock Dr.

Services: Playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, guided bird hikes, butterfly garden tour, nature hikes and large recreation pavillion. Trailhead access of southeast portion of Venetian Waterway Trail, a 10.2 mile trail for walking, cycling or roller blading from Shamrock Park to downtown Venice.

Website: www.scgov.net

*Michael and Georgia Venice Branch YMCA
701 Center Rd.
(941) 492-9622

Services: Medically based wellness program, and weight loss support. Fitness center, sports programs, group exercise programs, and health information centers. We are the largest provider of child care in South County for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Financial assistance is available.

Website: www.southcountyfamilyymca.org

*The Legacy Trail

Services: "Rails to Trails," 12 mile trail from Venice to South Sarasota for biking, walking, jogging and roller blading. The historic train depot in Venice is the southernmost trailhead.

Website: www.scgov.net

*Woodmere Park
3951 Woodmere Park Blvd.

Services: 36 acres with indoor gymnasium, shaded playground, basketball courts and trail.

Website: www.scgov.net

****Youth**

Englewood

*Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Englewood
2960 S. McCall Rd., Ste 210
(941) 473-4003

Services: One-to-one mentoring programs for youth ages 6-18.

*Healthy Girls Initiative of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida

Contact: Julia Onnie-Hay, Program Specialist
1775 E. Venice Ave.

Venice, FL
(941) 302-0004

Services: Free/low-cost holistic health programs to girls ages 8-14 and their adult caregivers. Programs focusing on nutrition, physical activity, emotional/mental wellness and environmental health take place at Englewood Elementary School in the day and after school programs at the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club and the Englewood Youth Leadership Task Force which meets monthly at Englewood United Methodist Church

Website:

<http://healthygirlsinitiative.blogspot.com>

Email: juliao@gsgcf.org

(Youth, continued)**

Port Charlotte (serving all Charlotte)

***4-H Youth Development Program**

Contact: Pamela Phillippe, Charlotte Co. 4-H Agent - (941) 764-4345

Services: Activities, classes and day camps which focus on life skills development for youth 5 to 18 years old. Hands-on experiential learning programs include communication skills, healthy lifestyles, environmental education, and leisure education. Free/low-cost activities are held in various locations.

Website: <http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu>

Email: pam.phillippe@charlottefl.com

*** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Charlotte County**

1441 Tamiami Trail Ste. 357 (Near Dillard at the Port Charlotte Town Center Mall)
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
(941) 625-6164

Services: One-to-one mentoring programs in Charlotte County schools as well as wonderful activities in the community for youth ages 6-18. Annual fishing trips, summer picnics, holiday parties, and various life experience outings to open a world of opportunities for your child!

***Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc**

3028 Caring Way, Suite 4
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
PH: 941-255-1650

Services: Providing scholarship child care assistance, Florida's Voluntary VPK and resources and referral services for Charlotte County.

website: www.elcfh.org

***Tidewell Hospice**

1144 Veronica St.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 627-0848

Services: Grief specialist working with children and teens.

Website: www.tidewell.org

North Port

***Big Brothers, Big sisters of the Sun Coast North Port Office**

Family Services Center
6919 Outreach Way #B112
(941) 429-3727

***Born to Read**

North Port Library
13800 Tamiami Trl.
(941) 861-2506

Services: North Port Library program for children.

***Child Care Connections**

6919 Outreach Way
(941) 486-2682

Services: State scholarship child care.

Website:

www.earlylearningcoalitionsarasota.org

***Children First**

6926 Children's Way
(941) 953-3877

Services: Early Head Start and Head Start Program.

***Gene Matthews Boys and Girls Club**

6851 S. Biscayne Dr.
(941) 423-4405

Services: Committed to helping all young people. Provides activities that interests all youth. Promoting and enhancing development by instilling a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence, and competence. Prevention programs, strength and resilience building.

Website: www.boysandgirlsclub.com

(Youth, continued)**

Venice

*Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Suncoast
101 W. Venice Ave., #34
(941) 488-4009
Services: One-to-one mentoring program for youth ages 6-18.

*Department of Children and Families
897 E. Venice Ave.
(941) 483-5920
Services: Child protective, adult, aging and economic self sufficiency services. Financial assistance for families in need.
Website: www.myflorida.com

*Florida Center for Child and Family Development
800 Gulf Coast Blvd.
(941) 412-9186
Services: Early childhood education, healthy families, early intervention.

Sarasota

*YMCA Transitional Living Program
1084 S. Briggs Ave.
Sarasota, FL
34237
(941) 955-3161
Services: Designed to encourage challenged youth between the ages 16-21 years old towards successful, independent living.

Notes and Additions:

Food Pantry	Phone No.	Address	Hours
Englewood			
Christian Life Center	702-0318	2201 Englewood Rd.	2 nd & 4 th Saturday's of the month from 10am-12
Englewood Bible Church	473-9664	501 Yale St.	2 nd and 4 th Saturdays 10:30 - 12
Englewood Foursquare Church	475-7161	180 West Langsner St.	Daily 9:30-2 PM
Englewood Helping Hand	474-5864	700 East Dearborn St.	Monday thru Thursday 10-2 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Church	697-4899	5265 Placida Rd.	Monday / Wednesday / Friday 9 - 12
Suncoast Worship Center	474-5045	881 River Rd.	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays each month 6 - 8 PM
East Englewood Church of Christ (Pantry @ Quality Storage)	475-4973	3041 S. McCall Road	3 rd Saturday each month 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Port Charlotte			
Charlotte County Homeless Coalition	627-4313	1476 Kenesaw St.	Monday thru Thursday 9 AM to 12:30
Edgewater United Methodist Church	625-3039	18350 Edgewater Blvd.	Monday and Wednesday 10 AM to 1 PM
Family Of Christ International Ministries	629-2511	3596 Tamiami Trl.	
Palm Tabernacle: REACH	764-1411	390 Flamingo Blvd.	
Port Charlotte Church of Christ	629-7454	20484 Midway Blvd.	
Remnant Seed Ministry	625-3490	21202 Olean Blvd. B1	Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Salvation Army	629-5950 / 629-3170	2735 Tamiami Trail	Monday / Wednesday / Friday 9 AM to 11:30 AM and 1 PM to XX PM / Thursday 9 AM-11:30 AM
Seventh Day Adventists	629-0398	2036 Loveland Blvd.	Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM - 12 PM
St Vincent de Paul at San Antonio	235-1254	24445 Rampart Blvd.	Wednesday and Friday 9 AM to 12
St Vincent de Paul at St. Charles	625-9784	21505 Augusta Ave	Monday / Wednesday / Friday 9 AM to 12
St. Vincent de Paul at St Maximillian Kolbe	258-3398	1441 Spear St.	Monday / Wednesday / Friday 10 AM - 1 PM
Trinity United Methodist Church	625-3372	23084 Seneca Ave	
Punta Gorda			
Bread of Life Mission	575-4440	6454 Scott St.	
Charlotte County Human Services	833-6500	512 E. Grace St	Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Community Resource Center of Punta Gorda	276-1240		
First Baptist Church Horn of Plenty	639-3857	459 Gill Street	Tuesday and Saturday 9 AM to 12
First Macedonia Missionary	637-7743		
Good Samaritans	639-3335	265 E Marion Unit 117	Monday thru Friday 10 AM to 2 PM
St Vincent de Paul at Sacred Heart	575-0767	25200 Airport Rd.	Monday / Wednesday / Friday 9 AM to 12
Northport			
The Heart of Mercy Ministries	467-5467	1832 Abaden St.	Saturday 10:30 AM – 3 PM (Call first)
Salvation Army	240-5108	4940 Pan American	Monday / Tuesday / Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM
The Community Food Bank (St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church)	379-6333	4200 S. Biscayne Dr	First Friday of month 9 AM – 1 PM

