



Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless & Hungry, Inc.
2009 Community Resource Directory
 For Alachua, Bradford, Levy and Putnam Counties

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 ACCHH, Inc. 703 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601 / 352-378-0460 / endhomelessnessinalachuacounty.org

Using the Community Resource Directory

Welcome to the Community Resource Directory! This directory is provided as a courtesy by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless & Hungry. The agencies and organizations listed in this guide cover at least one of the following four counties: Alachua, Bradford, Levy, and Putnam counties. In many cases they cover additional counties as well. Each entry in the directory is listed in the following format:

CATEGORY

Name of Service Provider

Service: Information about the services offered by the listed agency/organization

Eligibility: Describes qualifying criteria for persons to receive services

Phone #: Contact information is listed to reach the agency by phone

Address: The physical location or mailing address of the organization is given

Hours: Business hours of operation are listed

Website: Internet address is given to access information online (if available)

Counties served: Describes the counties which the organization serves or counties in which residents are eligible to access services [Alachua (A), Bradford (B), Dixie (D), Gilchrist (G), Levy (L), Putnam (P), and Union (U)]

The How to... Guide

How to Replace a Lost or Stolen Birth Certificate

To obtain a Florida birth certificate, contact your local health department's Vital Statistics office (see listing under "Medical Assistance – County Health Departments"). Typically, certificates cost less if you order them from the county in which you were born, but any Florida health department can order a certificate from any other county or provide you with the necessary contact information. To obtain out-of-state birth certificates, call (800)255-2414. For a list of agencies that might be able to help pay for the cost of the document, please see the "Financial Assistance" heading in this directory.

How to Replace a Lost or Stolen Social Security Card

To obtain a replacement social security card, stop by the local Social Security Administration office and complete an application. The card is free, but you will need to bring either an original or certified copy (no photocopies) of some form of identification, such as a U.S. passport, driver's license, employee I.D. card, school I.D. card, marriage or divorce record, health insurance card (not Medicare), military I.D. card, adoption record, or life insurance policy form. A form of identification with a photograph is preferred, but the office will generally accept a non-photo document if there is enough identifying information (i.e., name, age, date of birth, parents' names). For more information, or to locate your local Social Security Administration office, call (800)772-1213 or look online at <http://www.ssa.gov>.

How to Obtain or Replace a Photo I.D.

You can acquire a State of Florida photo identification card at your local Division of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles office (see "Photo Identification" for information on the Alachua County office, or check your local government [blue] pages in the phone book for outlying counties). The cost for an original I.D. card is \$3.00, and you will need to bring two forms of identification; a replacement card is \$10.00. A new driver's license is \$20.00; a replacement is \$10.00. If the license was stolen, however, and you file a police report, bring a copy of the report to the office, and the fee will be waived. You will need to bring one primary document, such as an original or certified birth certificate, U.S. passport, or Certificate of Naturalization, and one secondary document, such as a social security card, school record, baptism certificate, life insurance policy document, marriage certificate, or voter registration card. For a list of agencies that might be able to help with costs, please see the "Financial Assistance" heading in this guide.

How to Apply for Public Assistance (Food Stamps, Medicaid, or TCA)

To receive public assistance funds such as food stamps, Temporary Cash Assistance, or Medicaid, you may apply at the Department of Children & Families Economic Self-Sufficiency office at 1000 NE 16th Avenue, Bldg. J, Gainesville, FL 32601. You can also apply online at www.myflorida.com/accessflorida or by calling the ACCESS (Automated Community Connection to Economic Self-Sufficiency) hotline at (866)762-2237. Please see the "Financial Assistance" section in this guide for contact information for outlying counties.

How to Register to Vote

To register to vote in Florida, you must be at least 18 years old and a state resident. You do *not* need to have a permanent address-- if you are currently without shelter, you will be registered within the "downtown" district, or your county's equivalent. You *do* need to specify a location where your voter registration card can be mailed to or picked up, and you must be able to provide some form of identification. Your local

Supervisor of Elections office can assist you (see "Voter Registration" heading for more information about local office locations). Registration closes on the 29th day prior to an upcoming election and does not re-open until after the election.

How to obtain Police Clearance to Enter a Shelter

Prior to gaining entry into a local emergency or cold-night shelter, you will need to present police clearance to shelter staff. This is not a background check-- rather, it checks to make sure you have no outstanding warrants on your record. To get this clearance, go to the Gainesville Police Department headquarters at 721 NW 6th Street and ask for assistance at the front desk. You *must* have a photo I.D. to get this clearance.

How to Apply for Alachua County Social Services

The Alachua County Department of Community Support Services offers a number of social services to those who earn 150% or less of poverty-level income. These services include health care assistance, medical referrals and prescriptions, and assistance with rent and utilities. To sign up for these services, make an appointment by calling (352)264-6700 between Monday and Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm. The office is located at 218 SE 24th Street in Gainesville. You must present the following documents when applying for services:

- Social Security Cards for household members
- Proof of identity (driver's license, photo I.D.)
- Proof of residency (rent receipt, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification)
- If born outside of the United States, proof of legal residency
- Proof of gross income for all household members for past 60 days
- Proof of current assets (bank/credit union statements, CDs, retirement funds, cash value of life insurance, stocks, bonds, trust funds, non-homestead property, etc.)
- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help
- Status of any other assistance you have applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Victim Of Crimes)
- Status of any pending legal action
- Shelter statement/Lease
- Utility bill

"Alachua Cares" program for uninsured/unemployed persons requires a physician statement or the applicant must be working 35 hours/week. Certification expires after 90 days and provides access to family practice physicians and generic prescriptions.

For rent & utility assistance, applicants (no students) must have an income 150% below the federal poverty. The program is designed to **prevent** foreclosures, evictions, and utility disconnections. Applicants must prove a recent crisis that has led to loss of income.

The CHOICES program is for persons between 18-64 years old who are U.S. citizens and are 200% below the federal poverty level. Applicants must prove their residency and income and have had to be working at least 25 hours/week for the previous 30 days with no access to health insurance.

Indigent burial services are available, but cannot be prearranged.

Information & Referral Services

Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc.

Service: Provides comprehensive information & referral regarding services, statistics, and resources related to homelessness
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 378-0460
Address: 703 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Mailing: P.O. Box 5494, Gainesville, FL 32627-5494
Hours: M-W 9a-3p; limited basic needs assistance available M-F 8a-5p
Website: www.acchh.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5 yrs, Resource & Referral program assists parents in finding child care providers & funding child care services, offers health & developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops . Subsidized child-care based on sliding fee scale available at 150% of poverty or below.
Eligibility: Resource & Referral program is free to ALL children ages birth – 5 yrs are eligible for services or income subsidized childcare.

Phone #: (352) 375-4110
Address: 4424 NW 13th Street Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm;
Website: www.elcalachua.org
Counties served: A

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Service: Food Bank, Bathing, Laundry, Notary Services, Religious Guidance, Apply for ACCESS services (food stamps, temporary cash assistance, Medicaid)
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (352) 284-9657
Address: 934 SE 7th Avenue, Gainesville, FL
Hours: M-Th 10:00am – 4:00pm
Counties served: A

United Way 211 for North Central Florida

Service: Provides detailed information regarding various services offered throughout Alachua and surrounding counties (i.e., basic needs, affordable housing, Medicaid providers, substance abuse counseling, support groups, etc.)
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: To get or give help call 2-1-1, or (352) 332-INFO (4636)
Address: 6031 NW 1st Place, Gainesville, FL 32607-2025
Hours: Helpline -- 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.unitedwayncfl.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/

United Way of Putnam County, Inc.

Service: Provides detailed information regarding services offered in Putnam County (i.e., basic needs, affordable housing, Medicaid providers, substance abuse counseling, support groups, etc.)
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: 2-1-1 (direct helpline; from landlines only), (386) 328-8992 (from any phone)
Mailing: P.O. Box 981, Palatka, FL 32178
Hours: Helpline -- 24 hours/7 days
Website: <http://unitedwayputnam.com/>
Counties served: P

Affordable Housing

Alachua County Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size & background check
Phone #: (352) 372-2549
Address: 703 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.acha-fl.com/>
Counties served: A

Community Development Department

Service: Provides down payment & closing cost assistance, low-interest & deferred loans for home repairs & pre-homeownership counseling
Eligibility: Low- & moderate-income individuals & families
Phone #: (904) 966-6382
Address: 925-E N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: B

Gainesville Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size & background check
Phone #: (352) 334-4000

Address: 1900 SE 4th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: A (Gainesville only)

Habitat for Humanity

Service: Works in partnership with low-income families to build low-cost housing
Eligibility: Must presently be living in substandard housing & meet income requirements

Habitat for Humanity, Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 378-4663
Address: 2317 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.alachuahabitat.org

Habitat for Humanity, Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 325-5862
Address: 1605 Westover Drive, Palatka FL 32177
Mailing: P.O. Box 2433, Palatka, FL 32178
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.putnamhabitat.org

Gilchrist/Levy County Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size & background check
Phone #: (352) 486-5420; toll-free regional (800) 664-5197
Address: 611 S Pine Street, Bronson, FL 32621
Mailing: P.O. Box 38, Bronson, FL 32621
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: D/G/L

Neighborhood Housing & Development Corporation

Service: Provides lending for home purchases and/or repairs, housing developments, credit & financial counseling, homebuyers' education classes, Financial Fitness course & property inspection services. Provides foreclosure intervention counsel.
Eligibility: Those earning at least \$16,000 a year, who are first-time homebuyers, or those who have not purchased a home in three years
Phone #: (352) 380-9119
Address: 633 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.gnhdc.org>
Counties served: A/B/L/M

Palatka Housing Authority

Service: Provides quality housing or rental assistance to certified clients
Eligibility: Must meet program requirements, including income, family size & background check
Phone #: (386) 329-0132
Address: 400 N 15th Street, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-6:30pm. Closed F-Su.
Counties served: Putnam

State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)

Service: Down Payment Assistance in Buying an existing home needing repairs, Buying an existing home that does not need repairs , Buying a new home/ must be less than 1 year old Provides up to \$30,000 for down payments, closing costs & housing rehabilitation assistance in the form of zero-interest second mortgages. Down Payment Assistance is provided on a first-come first-serve basis in the form of a zero-interest, 10 years deferred payment second mortgage
Eligibility: Must meet income requirements under guidelines; must not have owned a home during the previous three years; a single parent, displaced homemaker, or you have been displaced from a home due to divorce; must complete a Homebuyer Training Course
Phone #: (352) 374-5249
Address: 10 SW 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: <http://growth-management.alachua.fl.us/housing/ship.php>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P/

USDA Rural Development

Service: Provides financing for adequate, modest, decent, safe & sanitary housing through purchase or improvement, also refinances certain housing debts **in rural areas**

Eligibility: Must meet program requirements for income, family size, ability to repay loan & current credit standing

Phone #: (352) 732-7534

Address: 2441 NE 3rd Street, Suite 204 – 1 Ocala, Florida 34470

Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

Counties served: A/G/L/M/P

Automotive Services

The Dignity Project

Service: Provides a limited number of refurbished automobiles and auto repairs (no major repair work) each year free of charge to eligible Alachua and Bradford County residents who qualify through FloridaWorks!, the area Workforce Board.

Eligibility: Needy families must apply to and register with FloridaWorks! / One Stop Career Center in Alachua (4800 SW 13th Street, Gainesville) or Bradford County (819 S. Walnut St., Bradford Square Shopping Center); be working full-time; have legal custody of a child(ren) under the age of 18 living in the household; have a current drivers' license and clean driving record; and be able to provide proof of current auto insurance at the time of vehicle award.

Phone #: (352) 371-6792

Address: 1125 SE 4th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

Website: www.dignityproject.com

Counties served: A/B

Burial/Cremation Services

Alachua County Division of Social Services

Service: **Indigent Burial/Cremation** services are available to eligible low income persons who have expired in Alachua County .

Eligibility: Proof of identity (driver's license, photo I.D.);
Proof of residency (Lease or Shelter Statement, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification or award notice, letter from provider agency);
Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Residency;
Proof of gross income/assets for all household members for past 30 days -- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help;
Status of any other assistance applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Victim Of Crimes);
Status of any pending legal action

Phone#: (352) 264-6750

Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>

Counties served: A

Child & Parenting Services: Adoption, Reporting Abuse & Parenting Support and Education

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville: Choose Life

Service: Fully licensed adoption agency offering home studies, post placement reports, & adoption counseling. Counseling and support for teens and women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Eligibility: Everybody

Phone #: (352) 372-0294

Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)

Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org

Counties served: Alachua only

Child Abuse Prevention Project – Nurturing Program

Service: Provides voluntary, free in-home parent education, supporting services & case management to families at risk for child abuse & neglect

Eligibility: Families with children at low-risk for court involvement but at high-risk by community standards
Phone #: (352) 334-1330
Address: UF Department of Pediatrics, 1701 SW 16th Avenue, Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.capp.peds.ufl.edu
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Children's Home Society of Florida

Service: Provides adoption services, in-home family support services & parenting skills, and family visitation center supervision
Eligibility: Please call (352) 334-0955 for more information
Phone #: (352) 334-0955
Address: 605 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601 Suite F
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.chsfl.org
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/T/U

Department of Children & Families - Abuse Hotline

Service: Call to report suspected or confirmed child abuse incidents, or suspected abuse/neglect/exploitation of an elderly or disabled individual which will be investigated by local county agencies
Eligibility: Anyone can report
Phone #: (800) 96-ABUSE (962-2873)
Address: 2729 Fort Knox Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32302-6261 (hotline call center location only)
Hours: 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5 yrs, Resource & Referral program assists parents in finding child care providers & funding child care services, offers health & developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops
Eligibility: Resource & Referral program is free to ALL parents; infant to 5 yrs are eligible for services
Phone #: (352) 375-4110
Address: 4424 NW 13th Street Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm; Thursdays 8:00am – 6:00pm (general information), Resource & Referral information available M-F 7:30am-5:00pm; Thursdays 8:00am – 6:00pm
Website: www.elcalachua.org
Counties served: A

Family Source of Florida Parent Helpline

Service: Offers immediate assistance to stressed & overwhelmed parents/caregivers regarding parental responsibilities or specific behaviors of children, provides support to survivors of child abuse or incest
Eligibility: Parents, adult survivors of abuse
Phone #: (800) FLA-LOVE (800-352-5683)
Hours: 24 hours/7 days
Website: 211bigbend.org
Counties served: A/B/D/G/L/P/U

Healthy Families

Service: Provides a voluntary home visitation program to facilitate positive relationships between parents & children, to promote healthy child development & to provide links to other support services
Eligibility: Services may begin pre-natally & end when children are between 3-5 yrs
Phone #: (352) 392-4491 ext. 3
Address: 5009 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: A/B

Healthy Start of North Central Florida, Inc.

Service: Provides childbirth & parenting education, nutritional guidance & education, breastfeeding support & education, smoking cessation support, care coordination & access to prenatal and child healthcare
Eligibility: Women who are pregnant or have a child who is 3 yrs old or younger; child must be at risk for poor health; referrals are accepted from hospitals or other service providers, or clients can initiate services themselves

Phone #: (352)313-6500 (regional office that covers all 7 counties)
(352)334-7940 (Healthy Start in Alachua County)
Address: 1785 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606 (WellFlorida Council regional office)
224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641 (at the Alachua County Health Department)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.wellflorida.org, www.healthystartflorida.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Partnership for Strong Families

Service: Provides adoption services, foster care supervision, family preservation services, and case management
Eligibility: Families must be referred by Department of Children & Families
Phone #: (352) 244-1500
Address: 515 N Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.pfsf.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Women, Infants & Children Project (WIC) of North Central Florida

Service: Provides nutrition education & counseling, breastfeeding support, health care referrals, and food vouchers
Eligibility: Pregnant women & the legal guardians of children under 5 yrs, must meet specific income guidelines
Phone #: (352) 392-4493 ext.1 (in Alachua County), (800) 4WI-CKID (outside of Alachua County); must call to schedule an appointment to determine eligibility
Address: 5009 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605 (Administrative office - NOT a pick-up center)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm, closed the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month
Website: www.wic.ufl.edu
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Clothing, Furniture & Household Items

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: assistance provided includes rent, mortgage and utility assistance as well as housing case management. emergency assistance to individuals and families at risk of losing their home
Eligibility: Very needy, indigent families
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Catholic Charities, Inc. of High Springs

Phone: (386) 454-1000
Address: 15 SE 1st Ave, High Springs, FL 32655
Mailing: P.O. Box 1354, High Springs, FL 32655
Hours: M-F, 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/G

Catholic Charities - Putnam County Office

Service: Provides donated clothing
Eligibility: Very needy, indigent families
Phone #: (386) 328-2333
Address: 1000 Husson Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M, W 9:30am-11:30pm
Counties served: P

Christians Concerned for the Community

Service: Provides household furnishings case-by-case, and medical supplies (i.e. walkers, wheelchairs) as available. Also assists with one-time major house and yard cleaning projects.
Eligibility: Those in need, particularly those in immediate transition from homelessness. Also assists those on their own for the first time or those coming out of domestic violence situations.

Phone #: (352) 371-1768
Address: 1903 NW 35th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (by appointment only)
Director will schedule on-site house calls in Alachua County
Website: www.cccgainesville.org
Counties served: A

First United Methodist Church of Interlachen Thrift Shop

Service: Provides low-cost clothing & other items
Eligibility: Everyone; free with referral letter from pastor or Red Cross
Phone #: (386) 684-1415
Address: 200 E Boylston Street, Interlachen, FL 32148
Hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: Provides vouchers for clothing & household items at GCM thrift stores
Eligibility: Low-income individuals & families, including elderly, disabled, working poor, and those receiving public assistance. Must have photo I.D., Social Security card, and proof of income
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00 am-2:30 pm; must call Th to schedule appointment. Bring proof of income.
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Goodwill Industries of North Florida

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing, furniture & household items. Seniors save 10% on Mondays.
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 376-9041 or (352) 378-4449 (north Gainesville location)
Address: 3520 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
2564 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609 (north Gainesville location)
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-7:00pm, Sun 12:00pm-5:00pm
Website: www.goodwilljax.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Harmony Holistic Healing Center

Service: Clothing, hygiene products, blankets, food
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 486-6229
Email: harmonyheals777@aol.com
Address: 10250 NE 110th St. BY APPT ONLY
Hours: T-F, 9:00am – 3:00pm,
Counties served: A/L

Hospice Attic Thrift Store

Service: Offers low-cost children's and adult's clothing. Accepts vouchers from Dept. of Children and Families, Work Force Initiative, Meridian, Bridge House, and several others for clothing only.
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 378-7484
Address: 300 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville
Hours: M-Sat, 9am – 6pm
Website: www.havenhospice.org/
Counties served: A/L/P

Junior League Thrift Shop

Service: Offers low-cost used clothing & other items. Offers a voucher program with a focus on women and children (see store for details.)
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase.
Phone #: (352) 372-1710
Address: 430 N Main Street, #A, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:30pm
Website: www.gainesvillejrleague.org

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Lake Area Ministries

Service: food to families, assistance with medications, counseling, buying school supplies for needy children
pay rent and/or utility bills in emergency situations
Eligibility: Individuals & families in poverty;
Phone #: (352) 473-2846
Address: 330 SE Palmetto Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: Certain districts in A/B/P/C

Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.

Service: Clothes
Eligibility: Anyone in need may request clothing.
Phone #: (352) 336-0200 #DISC
Address: 3019 NE 20th Way, Box 5 , Gainesville , FL 32609 /
Mailing: P.O. Box 5163, Gainesville, FL 32627
Hours: By Appointment Only
Website: www.LazarusRMI.org
Counties served: A

Lee Conlee House, Inc. Thrift Store

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing & household items
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items
Phone #: (386) 328-7151
Address: 114 S. 19th Street, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm, Sat 9:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Outreach Thrift Shop

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing & other items
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 371-2245
Address: 125 NW 23rd Avenue, Suite 5, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Sat 9:30am-6:00pm, Sun 1:30pm-5:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Peaceful Paths Thrift Shop

Service: Provides low-cost used clothing & other household items
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase; those in need can receive vouchers (for clothing only-maximum of 2 outfits per person) from Peaceful Paths Outreach Office
Phone #: (352) 379-3133
Address: 2131 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 10:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.peacefulpaths.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Salvation Army Family Thrift Store

Service: assist individuals and families to obtain clothing and furniture once per 6 month period
Eligibility: Everyone can purchase items; voucher applications are available at the Salvation Army Social Services department at 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville
Phone #: (352) 373-7597
Address: 55 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Sat 9:00am-6:00pm
Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

St. Vincent De Paul Society of St Monica's

Service: Assistance with rent and utilities and provides food, clothing, household items and furniture. Will pick-up and deliver furniture.

Eligibility: Needy individuals & families
Phone #: (386) 684-2797
Address: 111 N Francis Street, Interlachen, FL 32148
Hours: T, Th-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm
Counties served: P

Tri-County Outreach Thrift Shop

Service: Provides clothing for free to the homeless or low-income persons
Eligibility: Very needy persons living in the tri-county area (Dixie, Gilchrist & Levy Counties) or homeless persons
Phone #: (352) 493-2310
Address: 708 N Main Street, Chiefland, FL 32626
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: G/L

Computer Services

The Dignity Project

Service: Provides a limited number of refurbished computers each year to eligible Alachua County residents, only. Nominal application fee applies. Computer repair requests must be evaluated and are performed for a fee.
Eligibility: Needy/disabled individuals and economically disadvantaged households may apply (1 award per household). Application must be completed and accompanied by a referral/recommendation from a participating agency caseworker.
Phone #: (352) 371-6792
Address: 1125 SE 4th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.dignityproject.com
Counties served: A

Counseling: Crisis & Transitional

See also: Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Intervention Services, & Victims' Services

Alachua County Crisis Center

Service: Provides counseling via phone, face-to-face crisis intervention, follow-up counseling care, support groups, and community education
Eligibility: Anyone suicidal, in crisis, or simply needing to talk – services are free
Phone #: (352) 264-6789 (local crisis hotline)
(800)SUCIDE (784-2433; National Suicide Hotline)
(800)SUCIDA (784-2432; Spanish para ayuda)
(800) 273-TALK (8255; National Suicide Prevention Lifeline)
(352) 264-6557 (local rumor control hotline)
Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/crisis/
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Family Action Program

Service: Provides free, non-residential, short-term counseling for troubled youth ages 6-17 yrs & their families
Eligibility: Youth must be runaway, truant, ungovernable, or homeless
Phone #: (352) 244-0628 (Gainesville), (386) 312-2220 (Putnam County)
Address: 3615 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608 Suite 4
Hours: Can call 24 hours/7 days; services offered M-Th 9:00am-8:00pm, F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.cdsfl.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: Provides counseling during difficult transitional phases, including adolescence, marriage, divorce, and bereavement/loss
Eligibility: Anyone experiencing transition; fees based on sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 372-0294 X 18, contact Steve Henneka, LCSW

Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Catholic Charities - Putnam County Office

Service: Provides counseling during difficult transitional phases, including adolescence, marriage, divorce, and bereavement/loss
Eligibility: Anyone experiencing transition; fees based on sliding scale
Phone #: (386) 328-2333
Address: 1000 Husson Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M, W 9:30am-1:30pm
Counties served: P

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. - Crisis Stabilization Unit

Service: Provides crisis and mental health counseling & acute care services
Eligibility: Anyone detained due to Baker Act (behavior that is suicidal, homicidal, psychotic, or unsafe in nature) or experiencing crisis; fees are income-based, Medicaid & Medicare are accepted
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 (in Gainesville), (800) 330-5615 (for offices in outlying counties)
Address: 4300 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm for clinic. Phone: 24 hours/7days using 800-330-5615
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Service: Religious Guidance
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (352) 284-9657
Address: 934 SE 7th Avenue, Gainesville, FL
Hours: M-Th 10:00am – 4:00pm
Counties served: A

Dental Services

See also: Medical Services – County Health Departments (Health departments typically provide some dental services or can make referrals)

ACORN Clinic, Inc. - Dental Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost cleanings and exams for adults & children, also extractions, fillings, crowns, partial/complete dentures & outreach education to children
Eligibility: Medicaid, Medicare Blue Cross Blue Shield, Low-income or uninsured individuals & families; fees are based on a sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 485-2772
Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm; night clinics usually on Tuesday evenings, call for times
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B/L

Gainesville Community Ministry Dental Clinic

Service: Provides teeth cleanings, extractions & fillings at minimal cost (one time \$15 registration fee, \$3 per each procedure performed)
Eligibility: Uninsured Alachua County residents with no income
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am – 2:30 pm (call for date of next screening)
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Santa Fe Community College Dental Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost dental cleanings (\$20), x-rays (included with first cleaning) & fluoride treatments; half-cost services to Medicaid & Medicare recipients
Eligibility: Low-income individuals & families

Phone #: (352) 395-5655
Address: 3000 NW 83rd Street, Bldg W, Room 71, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F vary throughout term (call for updates)
Website: <http://inst.sfcc.edu/%7EHealth/Dental/patientsrv07.html>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF&Shands Dental Clinic

Service: Reduced-cost general dental services performed by dental school students (approximately 50%-75% discount from average private practice prices - extractions \$110), walk-in emergency clinic
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals must be screened before accepted. The screening number is (352) 273 -5251.
Phone #: (352) 273-6701
Address: 1600 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32610
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment - some appointments start at 7:00am)
Website: <http://www.dental.ufl.edu/patients/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice - Dental Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost pediatric general dentistry services, including cleanings and fillings to children 12 and under
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals & families (Medicaid, MEDIPASS, MCNA, or CMS)
Phone #: (352) 265-7025
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF&Shands Family Medicine - Equal Access Clinic

Service: Provides emergency referrals to UF dental clinic for free extractions
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals & families
Phone #: (352) 392-6771
Address: 625 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:00pm (First Come, First Served)
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

We Care Physician Referral Network - Oral Health Program

Service: Provides general dentistry services, oral surgery, endodontics & periodontics, laboratory work (patients must pay fees) & x-rays
Eligibility: Low-income Alachua County residents without access to medical insurance; Must be referred by a participating clinic or physician
Phone #: (352) 334-7926
Address: 224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/wecare.htm>
Counties served: A

Disability Benefits (SSI/SSDI)

Social Security Administration

Service: Administers federal Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI) to blind or disabled persons with low income, also administers Social Security Disability Insurance to disabled workers and their dependents during periods when they are unable to work
Eligibility: Must meet federal requirements of disability (disability must inhibit employment for at least one year to qualify)
Phone #: (352) 375-4178 (local office), (800) 772-1213 (Federal office)
Address: 1610 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L at the above location; office in Palatka for Putnam & Union counties

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Assistance with SSI/SSDI claims. provides free civil legal services to low-income, eligible clients
Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients. Persons who are struggling with both homelessness and disability in Alachua County may schedule an appointment for an initial interview by calling TRLS at 372-0519

Phone #: (352) 372-0519
Address: 901 NW 8th Ave. Suite D-5, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.trls.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/

Work Incentives Planning And Assistance (WIPA)

Service: Education for beneficiaries and their stakeholders about SSI/SSDI benefits and work incentives, comprehensive analysis presenting options for the beneficiaries' consideration, information and referral to other community resources, benefits counseling, advocacy, and individualized support planning.
Eligibility: SSI or SSDI beneficiaries aged 14 – retirement-age who are working, seeking employment, or who have questions about work incentives or work related issues with their benefits.
Phone #: (352) 335-1311; toll-free (877) 346-3349
Address: 3520 SW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 (WIPA Services are by appointment only.)
Counties served: A/B/G

Disabled – Services

Agency for Persons with Disabilities - Tacachale

Service: Provides a progressive living community in which the developmentally disabled (persons with spina bifida, autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation & Prader-Willi Syndrome) are offered living assistance and various services & opportunities
Eligibility: Disabled must apply before eligibility is determined (can apply over the phone). Application for services can be made at any time by completing the Application for Services form available online at APDF-10-007-application-for-services.pdf and forwarding the application to the [APD area office](#) where the applicant lives
Phone #: (352) 955-6061, (352) 955-5332, (888) 665-4955
Address: 1621 N Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.apd.myflorida.com
Counties served: A

Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida

Service: Provides information & referral services, advocacy, peer support, sign language interpreting, independent living skills program, various education programs, employment services, medical equipment loans & wheelchair ramps, high school/technical
Eligibility: Those who are physically and/or mentally disabled, as diagnosed by a physician
Phone #: (352) 378-7474, (800) 265-5724
Address: 222 SW 36th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32607
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.cilncf.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Christians Concerned for the Community

Service: Provides ramps, grab bars and other equipment for disabled persons. Also assists with one-time major house and yard cleaning projects.
Eligibility: Disabled persons in need of assistance
Phone #: (352) 371-1768
Address: 1903 NW 35th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (call for appointment)
Director makes on-site house calls in Alachua County
Website: www.cccgainesville.org
Counties served: A

Florida Division of Blind Services

Service: Assists visually impaired (bilateral conditions) or legally blind persons in achieving success in employment & daily life activities; services offered include vocation rehabilitation, job-seeking programs & independent living program
Eligibility: Must be experiencing hardship in daily life and/or employment due to visual problems; must be uninsured
Phone #: (352) 955-2075
Address: 417 SW 8th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: <http://dbs.myflorida.com>

Counties served: A/B/G/L/M (covered by District 4 office— info listed above; services offered in Putnam County are covered under different district headquarters)

Florida Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Service: Helps people with disabilities obtain or maintain employment

Eligibility: Applicants are screened for physical and/or mental disabilities; must be interested in finding or regaining employment

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (all offices)

Website: www.rehabworks.org

Counties served: A/B/G/P

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 955-3200

Address: 2610 NW 43rd Street, Suite 1A, Gainesville, FL 32606

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-8092

Address: 819 S Walnut Street, Starke, FL 32091

Hours: business hours above, except F 8:00am-3:00pm

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-3765

Address: 400 Highway 19 North, Suite 51, Palatka, FL 32177 (in the Palatka Mall)

Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital)

Service: Provides medical care, vocational rehabilitation, nursing home facility, and other assistance to armed services veterans

Eligibility: Must be a veteran and meet specific eligibility guidelines

Phone #: (352) 376-1611

Address: 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608

Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Website: www.va.gov

Disaster Assistance

Alachua County Office of Emergency Management - Response & Recovery Unit

Service: Provides large-scale disaster preparedness for hurricanes and other natural disasters, disasters caused by humans & technological hazards (Coordinates incident on scene with the state E.O.C. providing resources)

Eligibility: Alachua County residents (potential disaster victims)

Phone #: (352) 264-6500

Address: 1100 SE 27th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm (on call 24/7 through 911 call center)

Website: www.alachuacounty.us/em

Counties served: A

North Central Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross

Service: Provides free food, clothing & shelter to disaster victims

Eligibility: Disaster victims in need

Phone #: (352) 376-4669

Address: 1724 NE 2nd Street, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-F 9:00- 5 pm (can leave a message 24 hours/7 days)

Website: www.redcrossncfc.org

Counties served: A/G/L

Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross

Service: Provides free food, clothing & shelter to disaster victims

Eligibility: Disaster victims in need

Phone #: (904) 358-8091

Address: 751 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville FL 32204

Hours: 24/7

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

Counties served: B/P

Domestic Violence Services

Another Way, Inc.

Service: Provides emergency shelter, outreach services, transitional housing, children's services, legal advocacy & community education for victims of domestic violence and rape.
Eligibility: Every victim of domestic or sexual violence in need of assistance
Phone #: (800) 500-1119
Mailing: P.O. Box 1028, Lake City, FL 32056
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office), 24 hours/7 days (help hotline)
Website: www.anotherwayinc.net
Counties served: G/L

Diversified Program Services, Inc./Praxis Network Inc.

Service: Offers batterers' intervention & anger management classes for perpetrators, also other adult intervention counseling services
Eligibility: Court-ordered in Judicial Circuits 7 or 8
Phone #: (352) 332-9960, (800) 230-1880
Address: 908 NW 57th Street, Suite D, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)
Website: www.qminc.net
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Lee Conlee House, Inc.

Service: Provides emergency shelter, support groups, intervention programs & children's services for domestic violence and rape victims.
New transitional housing, outreach court advocacy
Eligibility: Everyone affected by domestic violence. Clients will be screened.
Phone #: (386) 325-3141 (hotline), toll-free (800) 500-1119
Mailing: P.O. Box 2558, Palatka, FL 32178-2558
Hours: 24 hours/7 days (helpline)
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Peaceful Paths Domestic Violence Network

Service: Provides emergency & transitional shelter, support groups, advocacy, children's programs & batterers' intervention programs those affected by domestic violence
Eligibility: Everyone who needs assistance with a domestic violence situation and/or needs a safe, confidential place to stay
Phone #: (352) 377-5690 (office), (352) 377-8255 (local helpline), (800) 393-SAFE (hotline that will refer callers to nearest agency)
Address: 4703 NW 53rd Ave. Suite B2 Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office), 24 hours/days (helpline/hotline)
Website: www.peacefulpaths.org
Counties served: A/B/U

Education Services: Child & Adult

Alachua County Public Schools - Fearnside Family Services Center

Service: Provides Head Start (increases school readiness in very young children who have special needs or are from economically disadvantaged families; federally-funded),
Eligibility: All programs are based on income & family size. Eligibility for participation at the Center is determined by active enrollment in one of the specific programs incorporated into the Family Service Center which include:
WIC (pregnant women living in Alachua County & their children up to 5 yrs old),
Phone #: (352) 955-6875
Address: 3600 NE 15th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.sbac.edu/~famsvcs
Counties served: A

Alachua County Public Schools (Homeless Education Program) Children at Promise

Service: Facilitates enrollment & provides educational support for homeless children in Alachua County
Eligibility: Call for eligibility
Phone #: (352) 955-7671 ext. 274
Address: 1817 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: Call for hours

Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County

Service: Helps ensure children are prepared to enter school by age 5 yrs, Resource & Referral program assists parents in finding child care providers & funding child care services, offers health & developmental screenings of school-ready children, parent education and home visitation programs, technical assistance to child care service providers through workshops
Eligibility: Resource & Referral program is free to ALL parents; children ages birth – 5 yrs are eligible for services
Phone #: (352) 375-4110
Address: 4424 NW 13th Street Bldg. A, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm; Thursdays 8:00am – 6:00pm (general information), Resource & Referral information available M-F 7:30am-5:00pm; Thursdays 8:00am – 6:00pm
Website: www.elcalachua.org
Counties served: A

K-12 Public Schools (Listed by county):

Service: Provides education at public schools
Eligibility: All school-aged children living in the corresponding County

School Board of Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 955-7300
Address: 620 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.sbac.edu

Bradford County School District

Phone #: (904) 966-6800
Address: 501 W Washington Street, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.mybradford.us

School Board of Levy County

Phone #: (352) 486-5231
Address: 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, FL 32621
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.levy.k12.fl.us

Putnam County School District

Phone #: (386) 329-0510
Address: 200 S 7th Street, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.putnamschools.org

Alachua County Adult Education Program

Service: Provides GED classes & tests, adult high school, adult basic education, literacy training, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Division of Blind services classes & Association for Retarded Citizens classes
Eligibility: Must be living in Alachua County & age 16 yrs+
Phone #: (352) 955-7632
Address: 620 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.sbac.edu
Counties served: A

Gainesville Job Corps Center

Service: Offers GED & charter high school classes and residential & non-residential vocational training facilities for young adults
Eligibility: Persons ages 16-24 yrs old, must meet certain requirements
Phone #: (352) 377-2555, (800) 733-JOBS (5627)

Address: 5301 NE 40th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (residential facility operates 24 hours/7 days)
Website: <http://atlantaregion.jobcorps.gov/jcCenters/gainesvilleJCC.html>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Santa Fe Community College

Service: Provides various non-credit community education courses, also offers Associate's of Arts or Science degrees
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 395-5193 (community education), (352) 395-7322 (admissions)
Address: 3000 NW 83rd Street, Bldg. #V17, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
Website: www.sfcc.edu
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

University of Florida

Service: Provides post-secondary, higher education
Eligibility: Must be high school graduate; admittance based on acceptance of application
Phone #: (352) 392-1365 (Office of Admissions) (352) 392-0186 (University Relations)
Address: P.O. Box 114000, Gainesville, FL 32611 (201 Criser Hall)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.ufl.edu
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Elder Services

Easter Seals @ Altrusa House of Gainesville

Service: Provides adult day health care, socialization, safety, full rehabilitation (physical, speech & occupational therapy), personal care assistance & caregiver education. Nurse on staff full-time to assist with medications and health management.
Eligibility: Must be at least 18 yrs old & frail, disabled, elderly, or at-risk
Phone #: (352) 377-7708
Address: 2002 NW 36th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 6:30am-5:30pm
Website: www.fl.easterseals.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: Respite and friendly visitor program (3-4 hours/wk), friendly reassurance calls for safety checks, friendship, medication or appointment reminders
Eligibility: The elderly or frail
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Department of Children & Families - Abuse Hotline

Service: Call to report suspected or confirmed child abuse incidents, or suspected abuse/neglect/exploitation of an elderly or disabled individual which will be investigated by local county agencies
Eligibility: Anyone can report
Phone #: (800) 96-ABUSE (962-2873)
Address: 2729 Fort Knox Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32302-6261 (hotline call center location only)
Hours: 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc.

Service: Provides advocacy and services to maximize independent living: Case management, respite care, light housework and errand running, blind services, adult day health care, Meals on Wheels, personal care, transportation and emergency energy/utility bill assistance
Eligibility: Alachua County residents age 60 yrs+

Phone #: (352) 265-9040
Address: 4026 NW 22nd Drive, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: A

Elder Helpline of Elder Options

Service: Provides information & referrals to link callers to local resources regarding issues on aging & aging services providers
Eligibility: Everyone can call for information; services are targeted for 60 yrs+ population
Phone #: (800) 262-2243 (direct helpline), (352) 378-6649 (agency)
Address: 5700 SW 34th Street, Suite 222, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (answering service receives after-hours calls)
Website: www.agingresources.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Florida Department of Elder Affairs - Community Care for the Elderly

Service: Provides case management, home health aide services, counseling, medical therapeutic care & adult day health care
Eligibility: Persons aged 60 yrs+ who are frail and/or unable to perform tasks essential to independent living
Phone #: (850) 414-2000 (state headquarters delegates services to local agencies-- call for more info)
Address: 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/index.php>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Suwannee River Economic Council: Gilchrist County Senior Center

Service: Home-making, outreach, telephone reassurance, congregate meals, nutrition education, home-delivered meals, respite, health support, transportation services
Eligibility: Needy seniors 60 yrs+; Must receive a home visit to confirm if certain criteria are met in order to qualify.
Phone#: (352) 463-1895 (Call to set up appointment for home visit)
Address: 1107 NE Main Street, Trenton, FL 32693
Mailing: PO Box 509, Trenton, FL 32693
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: G

Employment Services & Job Skills Training

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville: Step Forward

Service: Interviews to assess family situation, explore community resources and develop plan for self-sufficiency. Referrals to community agencies, assistance with budgeting, family plan development, GED exam fee assistance.
Eligibility: Needy persons
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

The Dignity Project

Service: Offers auto repair internship program for at risk, high school age youth currently enrolled in school.
Eligibility: Needy adults who are seeking skilled employment
Phone #: (352) 371-6792
Address: 1125 SE 4th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.dignityproject.com
Counties served: A/B

Displaced Homemaker Program: Focus on the Future – Santa Fe Community College

Services: Provides life management skills, employability skills, basic computer skills, group support, career exploration, financial management training & GED classes (all training is free of charge)
Eligibility: Must meet the following criteria-- 35+ yrs old, has worked primarily inside the home providing unpaid household services for family, is currently unemployed or underemployed and having difficulties securing adequate employment, and has been dependent on either another's income who is no longer in the household (through divorce, disability, death, etc.) or on public assistance

Phone #: (352) 395-5047
Address: 3000 NW 83rd Street, Bldg I-040, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: <http://admin.sfcc.edu/~DispHome/index.htm>. www.sfcollege.edu
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P (client must have transportation to attend classes)

FloridaWorks/One-Stop Career Center - Gainesville

Service: Provides career counseling, workshops/assessments, resume & interview assistance, job leads, funding for job training, support services & phones, computers, and supplies for jobseekers; services are free of charge
Eligibility: Every county resident looking for employment
Phone #: (352) 955-2245
Address: 4800 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-5:00pm, F 8:00am-3:00pm
Website: www.floridaworksonline.com
Counties served: A/B

FloridaWorks/One-Stop Career Center - Starke

Phone #: (904) 964-8092
Address: 819 S Walnut Street, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-Th 8:00am-5p, F 8:00am-3:00pm
Counties served: A/B

Gainesville Job Corps Center

Service: Provides residential & non-residential vocational training facilities for young adults, also GED & charter high school classes
Eligibility: Persons ages 16-24 yrs old, must meet certain requirements
Phone #: (352) 377-2555, (800) 733-JOBS (5627)
Address: 5301 NE 40th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (residential facility operates 24 hours/7 days)
Website: gainesville.jobcorps.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Goodwill Job Junction - Gainesville

Service: Assists with job leads, hosts career fairs, provides phones for job searches, helps write resumes & provides skills training and advice
Eligibility: Open to anyone seeking assistance finding employment
Phone #: (352) 335-1311, (877) 346-3349
Address: 3520 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32604
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.goodwilljax.org/need-job.html
Counties served: A/B/G

WorkSource Career Center – Palatka

Service: Provides career counseling, workshops and assessments, resume and interview assistance, job leads, support services, and phones, computers and supplies for job seekers. Services are free of charge.
Eligibility: All county residents looking for employment
Phone: (386) 329-3724, (888) 702-4396
Address: 400 State Road 19 N. (Palatka Mall), Suite 33, Palatka, FL
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.worksourcefl.com
Counties served: P

Eviction/Foreclosure Prevention

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Service: **Housing Assistance Program** provides short term financial assistance and makes payments to vendors only for rent, mortgage and utility services. This program is designed to prevent foreclosures, evictions, and utility disconnections.
Eligibility: Proof of identity (driver's license, photo I.D.);
Proof of residency (Lease or Shelter Statement, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification or award notice, letter from provider agency);
Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Residency;

Proof of gross income/assets for all household members for past 60 days -- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help;
Status of any other assistance you have applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, etc);
Status of any pending legal action

Phone#: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>
Counties served: A

Family Planning/Birth Control & Women's Health

See also: Medical Services – County Health Departments (Health departments can typically provide these services or make referrals)

ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic

Service: Gynecological services; Women's Breast Health Education Outreach Program
Eligibility: Uninsured, low-income individuals & families who are unable to pay for medical expenses, fees are based on a sliding scale. Also a provider for The Believe in Miracle Program; low income women ages 50-64 can receive free breast cancer screenings with office visit. Primarily for Alachua County residents, medicare, Medicaid, bluecrossblueshield, PPO choices
Phone #: (352) 485-1133
Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm; night clinics usually on Tuesday evenings, call for times
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B/L

Alachua County Health Department

Service: Provides contraceptives & family planning services, STD screenings for males and females
Eligibility: Clients must meet financial guidelines; fees based on sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 334-7900
Address: 224 SE 24th St. Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

All Women's Health Center

Service: Provides low-cost birth control & other family planning, HIV/STD screenings, counseling, pregnancy testing, gynecological care, and abortion services
Eligibility: Insured or uninsured women
Phone #: (352) 378-9191, (800) 869-0440
Address: 1135 NW 23rd Avenue, Suite N, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat 8:30am-12:30pm
Website: www.floridaabortion.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

MomCare

Service: Focuses on prenatal care management to improve birth & infant health outcomes, links expectant mothers to programs like Healthy Start
Eligibility: Must be a pregnant woman on Medicaid
Phone #: (352) 334-8810
Address: 224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641 (at the Alachua County Health Department)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/momcare.htm>
Counties served: A/G/L/P

Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, Inc.

Service: Provides contraceptives & family planning services, gynecological services, pregnancy testing, referrals for prenatal care & STD screenings. Accept vouchers from Helping Hands and for victims of domestic and sexual assault.
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 377-0881
Address: 914 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F, 9am – 5pm; Th 9am-7pm
Website: www.ppnfcf.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice

Service: Provides contraceptives & other medical services
Eligibility: Some insurance is accepted; Medicaid is accepted; unemployed, uninsured patients meet with social worker for referral for sponsorship or for CHOICES
Phone #: (352) 265-7020
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00-12:00; 1:00 -5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Women's Resource and Medical Clinic

Service: Information/counseling on unplanned pregnancies, ultrasound, & free pregnancy testing, post-abortion counseling
Eligibility: Pregnant women
Phone #: (352) 377-4947
Address: 912 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-Th 10:00am-4:30pm, F 10:00am-2:00pm
Website: www.yourwrc.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Financial Assistance (Public Assistance, Rent & Utility Assistance, and Other)

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Service: Provides assistance with rent & mortgage to prevent evictions & foreclosure and to prevent homelessness; provides assistance with utility payment to prevent service interruption
Eligibility: Must be a resident of Alachua County & meet income guidelines
Phone #: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>
Counties served: A

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: Provides emergency assistance with rent & utilities payments once in a lifetime
Eligibility: Very needy, indigent families
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A

Catholic Charities, Inc. of High Springs

Service: Every 2 ½ years. Rent \$175/Utility\$100
Phone: (386) 454-1000
Address: 15 SE 1st Ave, High Springs, FL 32643
Mailing: P.O. Box 1354, High Springs, FL 32655
Hours: M-F, 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A

Catholic Charities - Putnam County Office

Service: Provides partial or full financial assistance for rent or utilities, once a year
Eligibility: Needy families with dependent children, indigent elderly individuals (particularly those with special needs); must show social security cards, proof of income & bill due; must not have received this service within the preceding 12 months
Phone #: (386) 328-2333
Address: 1000 Husson Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: M,W 9:30am-11:30pm

Counties served: P

Central Florida Community Action Agency

Service: Provides case management, direct assistance & referrals for basic needs, including rent, energy payments, transportation, nutrition & more

Eligibility: Needy families at or below 125% federal poverty level (income requirements depend on specific assistance)

Phone #: (352) 378-5892 in Alachua or (352) 493-1732 for Levy county

Address: 1130 NE 16th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (Alachua county office)
215 SW 5th Street, Chiefland, FL 32626 (Levy county satellite office, call for hours)

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm (call 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month to schedule an appointment)

Website: www.cfcaa.org

Counties served: A/L

Department of Children & Families – Economic Self-Sufficiency

Service: Determine Eligibility for Public Assistance programs

Eligibility: Must meet eligibility requirements; can apply online at website below or at office

Phone #: (866) 762-2237 (accessible statewide, will transfer to appropriate location)

Address: 1000 NE 16th Avenue, Bldg. J, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.myflorida.com/accessflorida

Counties served: A (at address listed above), services available statewide, for locations call (866) 762-2237

ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc.

Service: Emergency energy/utility bill assistance

Eligibility: Alachua County residents age 60 yrs+

Phone #: (352) 265-9040

Address: 4026 NW 22nd Drive, Gainesville, FL 32605

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Website: www.shands.org/public/programs/eldercare/default.asp

Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry

Service: Provides security deposit assistance & electricity shut-off assistance

Eligibility: Needy families must meet low-income criteria and have photo I.D. and Social Security card.

Phone #: (352) 372-8162

Address: 238 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 9:00 am -2:30 pm (general office hours); call on the 2nd Monday of the month for housing deposit assistance; call any Monday (except holidays) for utility assistance

Website: www.betterday.org

Counties served: A

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Service: Limited assistance with obtaining prescription medications and assistance obtaining birth certificates for securing IDs.

Eligibility: Homeless and working poor

Phone #: (352) 372-4721

Address: 100 NE 1st St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Website: www.holytrinitygmv.org

Counties served: A

Salvation Army

Service: Provides utility payment assistance for past due accounts subject to immediate disconnection once per 12 month period.

Eligibility: Needy families & individuals; for Gainesville Regional Utilities: with a family member at least sixty (60) years of age, be diagnosed with a physical illness which requires electricity to operate a breathing machine, nebulizer or other type of medical equipment or meet the requirements of the SHARE Program contract; for Clay Utilities & FL Power & Light: must meet requirements for the SHARE program contract, must prove crisis situation & prove the ability to pay the next month's bill

Phone #: (352) 376-1743 (call for an appointment)

Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: Clients must call - on Tuesday morning at **9:00 a.m.** to apply

Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com

Counties served: A

St. Vincent De Paul Society of St Monica's

Service: Provides emergency financial assistance with rent & energy bills
Eligibility: Indigent, needy families
Phone #: (386) 684-2797
Address: 111 N Francis Street, Interlachen, FL 32148
Hours: T, Th-S 10:00am-3:00pm
Counties served: P

Suwannee River Economic Council

Service: Provides funds for utility payments & home repairs
Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation, proof of ownership or rental agreement & copies of current utilities bill
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: B/G/L/P

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-6696
Address: 104-4 LM Gaines Blvd., Starke, FL 32091

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 440-7055; (352) 528-2125
Address: 301 SW 1st Street, Chiefland, FL 32626; 516 NW 1st Avenue, Williston, FL 32696

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-8963
Address: 312 Highway 19 Plaza, Palatka, FL 32177

Food – Groceries

Bread of the Mighty Food Bank

Service: Serves non-profit food distributors
Eligibility: Incorporated non-profits - social services, shelters, retirement homes, asst'd living facilities
Phone#: (352) 336-0839
Address: 325 NW 10th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-2:00pm for agencies, 8:00am-4:00pm for donations
Website: www.breadofthemighty.org
Counties served: A/G/L

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: Food pantry; **FAITHH**: Mobile food outreach program, that serves the 6 counties with food on a monthly basis; **BackRoads**: Rural food program brings food and companionship to those who are housebound due to illness and cannot get to the FAITHH distribution locations.
Eligibility: Needy families & individuals. Interested parties, call for more information.
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Catholic Charities, Inc. of High Springs

Phone: (386) 454-1000
Address: 15 SE 1st Ave, High Springs, FL 32655
Mailing: PO Box 1354, High Springs, FL 32655
Hours: M-F, 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/G

Cedar Key Community Food Pantry

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Needy families meeting low income requirements
Phone: (352) 543-9360
Address: Cedar Key United Methodist Church, State Road 24 & 4th St. Cedar Key, FL
Hours: Thursday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Counties served: L only

Gainesville Community Ministry - Food Pantry

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Needy families & individuals, including the elderly, disabled, those on public assistance & the working poor
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am -2:30 pm
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry – Angel Food Ministries

Service: Monthly low-cost groceries accept food stamps, cash, debit and most credit cards
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 372-8125
Address: 1108 N Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-S 10:00am -5:00 pm
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Gainesville Harvest

Service: Provides agencies and community groups with food for distribution
Eligibility: Agencies, food kitchens and needy individuals & families with an agency referral
Phone #: (352) 378-3663
Email: graummp2003@yahoo.com
Address: 3910 NW 6th St. #2, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F, 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.gainesvilleharvest.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Harmony Holistic Healing Center – Angel Food Ministries

Service: Provides monthly discounted food
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 486-6229
Email: harmonyheals777@aol.com
Address: 10691 NE 109th St., Archer, FL 32618
Hours: T-F, 9:00am – 3:00pm, Sat. 9:00am – 12:00pm
Counties served: A/L

Lake Area Ministries

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Individuals & families in poverty; must prove residence with Clay Electric bill and have photo I.D. & social security card
Phone #: (352) 473-2846
Address: 330 SE Palmetto Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: Certain districts in A/B/P

Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.

Service: Clothes closet and food pantry
Eligibility: Anyone in need
Phone #: (352) 336-0200 DISC
Address: 3019 NE 20th Way, Box 5, Gainesville, FL 32609
Mail: P.O. Box 5163, Gainesville, FL 32627

Hours: By Appointment Only
Website: <http://www.lazarusRMI.org/>
Counties served: A

Lisa Jones House

Services: Bread and clothing, meals at lunchtime, and furniture
Eligibility: People in need
Phone #: (352) 371-2487
Email: lisajoneshouse@doveworld.org
Address: 5805 NW 37th Street (off NW 53rd Ave at Mile Run)
Hours: T-F 9am-4pm, Fri & Sun after church services, Sat 7:00am-1:00pm
Website: www.doveworld.org
Counties served: A

Salvation Army

Service: Food Pantry
Eligibility: Any needy people. Bag of food once/6 months, will assist up to 3 times.
Phone#: (352) 376-1743 ext. 308
Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F, 9am-2:00pm
Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com
Counties served: A

SHARE Florida Food Network

Service: Provides a community food savings program (monthly food baskets are \$18).
Eligibility: Open to the public with no income requirements. SHARE encourages that some volunteer work or act of kindness is done in exchange.
Contact: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, [101 NE 1st St](#) Gainesville, FL (352) 372-4721
St Michaels Episcopal Church [4315 NW 23rd Ave](#) Gainesville, FL (352) 376-1771
First United Methodist Church [6701 SE 219th Terr](#) Hawthorne, FL (352) 481-3155

SHARE Florida Food Network Main Office

Phone #: (800) 536-3379 (call for regional locations)
Address: 1405 E 2nd Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.shareflorida.org
Counties served: A/L/M

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Service: Food pantry, organized at Mt. Olive Church ME
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (352) 378-9051
Address: Mt. Olive Church ME, 721 SE 8th St., Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Sat 10:00am – 3:00pm
Counties served: A

St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Monica's

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Needy individuals & families
Phone #: (386) 684-2797
Address: 111 N Francis Street, Interlachen, FL 32148
Hours: T, Th, F 10:00am-3:00pm
Counties served: P

Suwannee River Economic Council

Service: Provides USDA food commodities every other month, including items such as butter, pork, flour, cornmeal & green beans
Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation & copies of current utilities bill to show residency
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (for information only)
Counties served: B/G/L/P

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-6696
Address: 104-4 LM Gaines Blvd., Starke, FL 32091

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-8963
Address: 312 Highway 19 Plaza, Palatka, FL 32177

Tri-County Outreach Food Pantry

Service: Food pantry
Eligibility: Very needy persons living in the tri-county area (Dixie, Gilchrist & Levy Counties) or homeless persons
Phone #: (352) 493-2310
Address: 708 N Main Street, Chiefland, FL 32626
Hours: M-F 10:00am-2:00pm
Counties served: G/L

Women, Infants & Children Project (WIC) of North Central Florida

Service: Food vouchers
Eligibility: Pregnant women & legal guardians of children under 5, must meet specific income guidelines
Phone #: (352) 392-4493 ext.1 (in Alachua County), (800) 4WI-CKID (outside of Alachua County); must call to schedule an appointment to determine eligibility
Address: 5009 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605 (Administrative office - NOT a pick-up center)
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm, closed the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month
Website: www.wic.ufl.edu (visit website for other locations)
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Food – Meals

Bread of Life

Service: Daily lunches
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (386) 328-0213
Address: 320 N 5th Street, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: Daily from 11:30am-12:30pm, 365 days/yr
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Fire of God Ministries

Service: Provides food & fellowship
Mon 7:00pm, dinner & church service at the Downtown Community Plaza
Tues 7:00pm, dinner & church service at SW 20th Avenue & in Southern Pines neighborhood
Fri 10:30pm, breakfast & bible study at 1414 NE 23rd Avenue, Bldg. G
Sat 7:00pm, dinner & church service at 1414 NE 23rd Avenue, Bldg. G
Transportation from Salvation Army & St. Francis House to and from meals (call for details)
Eligibility: Everyone
Phone #: (352) 375-0200
Address: 1414 NE 23rd Avenue, Bldg. G, Gainesville, FL 32609
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Food Not Bombs

Service: Wednesdays & Saturdays, vegan & vegetarian meals
Eligibility: Everyone
Address: Downtown Plaza
Email: gvillefnb@riseup.net
Hours: Serving 7:30 on Wed. & 3pm on Sat; preparing food the hour prior

Holy Trinity Episcopal

Service: Friday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 372-4721
Address: 100 NE 1st Street, Gainesville 32601
Hours: Friday 6pm, Sunday 7am
Website: www.holytrinitygmv.org

Lisa Jones House

Service: Saturday 7:00am – 1:00pm and Sunday Meals after morning service
Eligibility: People in need
Phone #: (352) 371-2487
Email: lisajoneshouse@doveworld.org
Address: 5805 NW 37th Street (off NW 53rd Ave at Mile Run)
Website: www.doveworld.org
Counties served: A

Salvation Army

Service: Mon - Fri 4:00pm-5:00pm, Dinners
Eligibility: Any needy persons
Phone #: (352) 376-1743
Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Website: www.salvationarmyflorida.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Showers of Blessing

Service: Weekly transportation to lunch meal
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone #: (352) 375-3589
Address: St Francis House pickup – 413 South Main Street; Church location – 2615 SE 15th St
Hours: Thursday noon
Website: <http://www.showersofblessings.org/>

Sister Hazel

Service: Dinner W, F and Sun
Eligibility: Anyone
Phone: (352) 378-9496
Address: West University Ave and 6th St (Florida Office Supply parking lot)
Hours: W,F 7:00-8:00 pm, also Sunday at St. Francis House 2:00pm

St. Francis House

Service: Daily lunches, 10:30am-12:50pm
Eligibility: Needy persons - ***130 person limit
Phone #: (352) 378-9079
Address: 413 S Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Website: www.stfranchishousegnv.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

St. Vincent de Paul Society's Home Van – Mobile Food Distribution

Service: Meals and sometimes other needs (sheets, clothing, etc.)
Eligibility: Homeless People
Phone #: (352) 372-4825
Address: Downtown Plaza (SE 2nd and University Ave) and other locations
Hours: Tuesday at 7pm and Thursday at 5:30pm
Counties served: A

University Homeless Council

Service: Friday 6:00pm, Dinner
Eligibility: Anyone
Contact: ufhomelesscouncil@gmail.com
Address: Meal served at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 NE 1st St., Gainesville, FL
Counties served: A

Warriors for Christ

Service: Sunday 4:00pm, dinner at Gainesville Downtown Plaza (SE 2nd and University Ave)
Eligibility: Anyone
Mailing: 102 NE 10th Ave, Suite 14, Gainesville FL 32601
Phone #: (352) 246-6623

HIV Testing Services

Alachua County Health Department

Service: Provides anonymous HIV testing
Eligibility: Open to the public; optional \$20 donation; must call to schedule an appointment
Phone #: (352) 334-7960
Address: 224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 9:00am-3:00pm
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Alachua County Office of Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center

Service: Provides free, confidential HIV testing
Eligibility: anyone
Phone #: (352) 264-6760, (866) 252-5439
Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: 24 hours/7 days
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/vicserv/>
Counties served: A

Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, Inc.

Service: Provides confidential HIV testing
Eligibility: Open to the public; optional \$20 donation
Phone #: (352) 377-0881
Address: 914 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F, 9am – 5pm; Th 9am-7pm
Website: www.ppnfc.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF&Shands Family Medicine - Equal Access Clinic

Service: Provides anonymous HIV counseling & testing
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured persons
Phone #: (352) 392-6771
Address: 625 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:00pm (First Come, First Served)
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Infant Necessities

Catholic Charities, Inc. of Gainesville

Service: Provides diapers, infant formula & food (limited supply)
Eligibility: Needy families
Phone #: (352) 372-0294
Address: 1717 NE 9th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm (call for more information)
Website: www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Christians Concerned for the Community

Service: Provides baby furniture & other household items. Also assists with one-time major house and yard cleaning projects.
Eligibility: Needy families
Phone #: (352) 371-1768
Address: 1903 NW 35th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (call for appointment)

Director will schedule on-site house calls in Alachua County

Website: www.cccgainesville.org

Counties served: A

The Salvation Army Family Store

Service: Provides low-cost infant clothing

Eligibility: Needy families may qualify for clothing vouchers, vouchers given once/ 6 months.

Voucher applications are available at the Salvation Army Social Services department at 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville

Phone #: (352) 373-7597

Address: 55 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32609

Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-6:00pm

Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Women's Resource Center

Service: Provides maternity & infant clothing and other baby items. Offers referrals for Gainesville Community Ministries.

Eligibility: Pregnant women

Phone #: (352) 377-4947

Address: 912 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Hours: M-F 10:00am-4:30pm

*Summer Hours: M 10:00am-3:00pm, Th 12:00pm-4:00pm

Website: www.yourwrc.org

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Law Enforcement Services

Alachua County Sheriff's Victim Advocate Unit

Service: Twenty-four hour first response, emotional support, information and referral and follow-up assistance to victims of crime that are reported to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office; Criminal justice support/advocacy; Other follow-up assistance

Eligibility: Child Victims of Physical Abuse; Child Victims of Sexual Abuse; Adult Victims of Sexual Battery; Domestic Violence Victims; Homicide Survivors; DUI/DWI Victims; Other Violent Crime Victims;

Phone #: In emergency dial 911, other calls (352) 384-3317

Address: 2621 Hawthorne Rd, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: Emergency 24/7, non-emergency M-F 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Website: www.alachuasheriff.org

Counties served: A

Gainesville Police Department

Service: Temporary warrant clearances for those needing shelter, call response for emergencies, and community crime prevention training.

Eligibility: Any person

Phone #: In emergency call 911, other calls (352) 955-1818

Address: 721 NW 6th St, Gainesville 32602

Website: www.gainesvillepd.org

Counties served: A

Legal Services

Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Provides free civil & legal (not criminal) assistance and representation for persons in state custody.

Eligibility: Must currently be incarcerated in the state of Florida in jail, prison, or mental health facility

Phone #: (352) 375-2494

Address: 12921 SW 1st Rd. Suite 107, #346 Newberry, FL 32669

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Service: Assistance with SSI/SSDI claims. provides free civil legal services to low-income, eligible clients

Eligibility: Low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level with an emphasis on abused, disabled, or elderly clients. Persons who are struggling with both homelessness and disability in Alachua County may schedule an appointment for an

initial interview by calling TRLS at 372-0519
Phone #: (352) 372-0519
Address: 901 NW 8th Ave. Suite D-5, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Website: www.trls.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/

United States Equal Opportunity Employment Commission

Service: Provides assistance for persons who have experienced discrimination in the workplace
Eligibility: Open to everyone who has experienced employment discrimination
Phone #: (800) 669-4000, (202) 663-4900
Address: US EEOC, 1801 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20507
Hours: 24 hours/7 days for recorded answers to frequently asked questions; representatives are available M-F 8:30am-5:30pm
Website: www.eeoc.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Medical Services – County Health Departments

County public health departments offer a variety of medical and other services which are generally available to all county residents. Listed below is the main contact information for each of the county public health departments in the seven-county area covered in this directory. General business hours are M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

Alachua County Health Department

Phone #: (352) 334-7900
Address: 224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Bradford County Health Department

Phone #: (904) 964-7732 (for WIC, call (904) 964-3547)
Address: 1801 N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091

Levy County Health Department

Phone #: (352) 486-5300
Address: 66 West Main Street, Bronson, FL 32621

Putnam County Health Department

Phone #: (386) 326-3200
Address: 2801 Kennedy Street, Palatka, FL 32177

Medical Services – General Practitioners/Family Practice

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Services: **Alachua Cares** provides access to primary care and prescription assistance to eligible low income residents who are uninsured and unemployed.
CHOICES Health Services provides affordable health services including primary care, prescription assistance and dental care to eligible persons who are:
18-64 years old
U.S. Citizen/Permanent Legal Residency
Alachua County Resident
200% below the federal poverty level.
Working at least 25 hours/week
Eligibility: Proof of identity (driver's license, photo I.D.);
Proof of residency (Lease or Shelter Statement, utility bills, school/employment records, Food Stamp certification or award notice, letter from provider agency);
Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Residency;
Proof of gross income/assets for all household members for past 60 days -- If no income, a support statement from family members or friends who have been providing you with help;
Status of any other assistance you have applied for (WAGES, SSI/SSA, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Victim Of Crimes); Status of any pending legal action
Phone#: (352) 264-6750

Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>
Counties served: A

Alachua County Health Department

Service: Primary care services for adults and children
Eligibility: Clients must meet financial guidelines; fees based on sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 334-7900
Address: 224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic

Service: Provides low-cost primary and preventive medical care, including pediatrics
Eligibility: Medicaid, Medicare, Blue Cross and Blue Shields or uninsured low-income individuals & families who are unable to pay for medical expenses; fees are based on a sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 485-1133
Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm; night clinics usually on Tuesday evenings, call for times
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B

Children's Medical Services

Service: Provides a health plan for children with special health care needs; nurse case managers assist in coordinating care
Eligibility: Children up to age 18 yrs with special health care needs; costs based on family's income
Phone #: (352) 334-1400
Address: 1701 SW 16th Avenue, Bldg. B, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Helping Hands Clinic

Service: Provides free, basic medical services to deal with acute & chronic health problems, psychiatric, acupuncture and chiropractics, support and referrals, personal hygiene items. Also beginning a new program for women's health screening, education and referrals for mammograms and pelvic exams.
Eligibility: Needy individuals
Phone #: (352) 372-8523, ext. 17
Address: First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st St., Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M 5:00pm-7:00pm, basic services
Psychiatric offered every other Monday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Women's Health screening and education every other Thursday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Website: <http://hhcg.org/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital)

Service: Provides full-range medical services
Eligibility: Must be a veteran of the armed forces
Phone #: (352) 376-1611
Address: 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: <http://www.northflorida.va.gov/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice

Service: Provides general family health care
Eligibility: Some insurance is accepted; Medicaid is accepted; unemployed, uninsured patients meet with social worker for referral for sponsorship
Phone #: (352) 265-7020
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641

Hours: M-F 8:00-12:00; 1:00 -5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

UF&Shands Family Medicine - Equal Access Clinic

Service: Provides free, full-range primary & follow-up medical care
Eligibility: Low-income, uninsured individuals & families
Phone #: (352) 392-6771
Address: 625 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Th 6:00pm-9:00pm (First Come, First Served)
Website: <http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~equal/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

We Care Physician Referral Network – Primary Care & Specialty Care

Service: Provides free general and specialty medical care to those who qualify
Eligibility: Low-income, indigent Alachua County residents without access to medical insurance
Phone #: (352) 334-7926
Address: 224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/clinicfamilyhealth/wecare.htm>
Counties served: A

Mental Health Services

See also: Crisis & Transitional Counseling & Victims' Services

ACORN, Inc. Medical Clinic

Service: Offers counseling services. As of April 2008, there are no openings for new clients but check back as this may change.
Eligibility: Insured or uninsured low-income individuals & families who are unable to pay for medical expenses, fees are based on a sliding scale
Phone #: (352) 485-1133
Address: 23320 N State Road 235, Brooker, FL 32622
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-5:00pm; Clinics also available Tuesday evenings, call for times
Website: www.acornclinic.org
Counties served: A/B/L

Diversified Program Services, Inc./Praxis Network, Inc.

Service: Offers various adult intervention counseling services, including batterers' intervention & anger management
Eligibility: Court-ordered in Judicial Circuits 7 or 8
Phone #: (352) 332-9960, (800) 230-1880
Address: 908 NW 57th Street, Suite D, Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Helping Hands Clinic

Services: Psychiatric care, every other Monday.
Eligibility: All homeless persons
Phone: (352) 372-8523, ext. 17
Address: First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st St., Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Every other Monday, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Website: <http://hhcg.org/>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Service: Provides various counseling services, including acute & extended care, addiction services, and children's services based on client's ability to pay. Medicare and Medicaid accepted.
Eligibility: Everyone who needs assistance with any mental health challenge
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 (in Gainesville), (800) 330-5615 (for offices in outlying counties)
Address: 4300 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M, Th, F 8:00am-5:00pm, T, W 8:00am – 5:00pm (local number), 24 hours/7days (800 #)

Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

UF&Shands Eastside Community Practice

Service: Provides mental health counseling for established patients
Eligibility: Must be an established patient
Phone #: (352) 265-7020
Address: 410 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00-12:00; 1:00 -5:00pm (call to schedule appointment)
Website: www.chfm.ufl.edu/patients/eastside.shtml
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Photo Identification Cards

See also: *How to Obtain or Replace a Photo I.D.* in the beginning of the directory

Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles

Service: Provides photo identification cards and driving tests to obtain a driver's license
Eligibility: Everyone can receive a photo identification card for a fee

Alachua County

Phone #: (352) 955-2111
Address: 5830 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32653
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 966-6235
Address: 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:15pm

Levy County

Phone #: (352) 468-5172 DISC
Address: 355 S. Court St. 32621 Bronson, FL 32628
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Putnam County

Phone #: (386) 329-3735
Address: 152 US Highway 17 South, East Palatka, FL 32131
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Shelter Services

See also: Domestic Violence Services

GENERAL SHELTER:

The Caring Center

Service: Free shelter for men (no charge for up to 3 days), one meal a day and assistance with jobs. Police background check required.
Shelter for women is not on premises; call the Caring Center for that info.
Eligibility: Men in need.
Phone #: (386) 328-1088
Address: 11th and Main Street, Palatka, FL 32177
Hours: 9:00am-9:00pm
Counties served: P

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Service: Provides shelter, care, meals & case management for homeless children & families
Eligibility: Homeless families with children
Phone #: (352) 378-2030
Mailing: P.O. Box 880, Gainesville, FL 32602-0880, various service sites
Website: www.ihngvl.org
Counties served: A/B/L/P

Lazarus Restoration Ministries, Inc.

Service: Clothes closet and food pantry; Transitional housing, emergency shelter, case management and other support services provided to homeless families enrolled in the Self-Sufficiency Program.
Eligibility: Anyone in need may request clothing and food. Housing applicants must be referred by local social service agencies. Priority is given to homeless families with children, but individuals may apply if vacancy exists.
Phone #: (352) 336-0200 DISC
Address: 3019 NE 20th Way, Box 5, Gainesville, FL 32609
Mailing: P.O. Box 5163, Gainesville, FL 32627
Hours: By Appointment Only
Website: www.LazarusRMI.org
Counties served: A

St. Francis House

Service: Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing & permanent supportive housing, as well as a variety of support services
Eligibility: Everyone who is homeless & hungry; families & women with children are given priority; must be single & work 20 hours/week for permanent supportive housing
Phone #: (352) 378-9079
Address: 413 S Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Business hours are M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Sat & Sun 8:00am-3:00pm; living facilities operate 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.stfrancishousegenv.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

The Salvation Army - Red Shield Lodge

Service: Provides temporary shelter for homeless adult men and assistance in overcoming crises
Eligibility: Single adult males with police clearance, photo I.D. and social security card. No drug addictions, no psychotropic medications and no mental health issues.
Phone #: (352) 376-1743
Address: 639 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Men must check in by 6:00pm and leave the property by 6:00am, Check-in 1:00pm on Sundays
Website: www.salvationarmygainesville.com
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

YOUTH SHELTERS:

CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. -Interface Youth Shelter

Service: Provides temporary shelter for runaway youth; provides crisis stabilization, case-planning & counseling services
Eligibility: Youth must be between 10-17 yrs old
Phone #: (352) 224-0628 (Gainesville), (386) 312-2220 (Palatka), (800) 854-5377 (hotline)
Address: 3615 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608 (main office, not shelter)
Hours: Shelter operates 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.cdsfl.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

SHELTERS FOR PREGNANT OR PARENTING MOTHERS:

Arbor House, Inc.

Service: Provides transitional housing, education & support services for adult women and their children in a faith-based environment
Eligibility: Pregnant or parenting adult women
Phone #: (352) 371-2229
Mailing: P.O. Box 12363, Gainesville, FL 32604-0363
Hours: Operates full-time
Website: www.arborhouse.org

Counties served: A

Pleasant Place, Inc.

Service: Provides housing for teenage mothers while they continue their education either in high school or GED classes; when the mothers turn 18 yrs old, transitional assistance is provided
Eligibility: Pregnant or parenting teenage mothers with a referral from a social service organization
Phone #: (352) 373-6993
Address: 732 NW 4th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.pleasantplace.net
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

VETERAN'S SHELTERS:

For more information on assistance for veterans, including other housing options, please see the Veterans' Services section in this guide.

VETSPACE

Service: Provides transitional housing & permanent supportive housing along with support services to veterans. Does not provide emergency shelter.
Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and must be homeless
Phone #: (352) 244-5106
Website: www.vetspace.org
Counties served: A

VOA

Service: 34 bed transitional housing; Assistance with employment, case management and partner with the VA to provide medical & mental health services. We have two years to move folks from homeless to being able to function on their own.
Eligibility: Homeless Veterans
Phone#: (352) 377-9440
Email: dfleming@voa-fla.org
Address: 1301 NW 6th St., Gainesville, FL 32601
Counties served: primarily Alachua

SHELTERS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL:

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. - HOPE Program

Service: Provides 6 beds for transitional housing & support services for the mentally ill homeless
Eligibility: Must be homeless with a diagnosed mental disorder
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 ext. 8912
Address: Main office-- 4300 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M, Th, F 8:00am-5:00pm, T,W 8:00am – 5:00pm (local number), 24 hours/7days (800 #)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A

WOMEN'S SHELTER:

Chrysalis Community, Inc.

Service: A transitional community housing program for single women recovering from drug addiction and prostitution. Face-to-face counseling, follow-up, outreach, support services and referrals.
Eligibility: Homeless, single women recovering from drug addiction or prostitution
Phone: (352) 514-6792
Email: chrysaliscommunity@yahoo.com
Mailing: P.O. Box 12455, Gainesville, FL 32604
Hours: Call to schedule interviews and face-to-face appointments.
Website: chrysaliscomm.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Social Security

See also: *How to Replace a Lost or Stolen Social Security Card* in the beginning of this directory

Social Security Administration

Service: Administers federal Social Security cards & funds
Eligibility: Must meet federal requirements
Phone #: (352) 375-4178 (local office), (800) 772-1213 (Federal office)
Address: 1610 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L at the above location; also an office in Palatka for Putnam & Union Counties

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Alcoholics Anonymous - North Central Florida Intergroup Office

Service: Provides group meetings to facilitate recovery for alcoholics
Eligibility: Any person seeking support to recover from alcoholism
Phone #: (352) 372-8091
Address: 2632 NW 43rd Street, Suite A-111, Gainesville, FL 32606
Hours: M-F 2:00pm-5:00pm, Sat 11:00am-2:00pm, hotline 24 hours/7 days
Website: www.northcentralflaa.org
Counties served: A

CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Outpatient Services

Service: Programs include substance abuse counseling on an individual, family & group basis for adults; Drug-free Community Support Program provides family-focused counseling for youth with alcohol, tobacco, and/or drug-related problems; Children's Substance Abuse Program provides youth substance abuse counseling in Putnam County; Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) provides substance abuse & mental health assessments for at-risk youth or youth with drug offenses in Putnam County. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) counseling and case management services are available.
Eligibility: Adults must have court referrals; youth-- see above; some services are administered with sliding-scale fees
Phone #: (352) 334-3800 (Gainesville), (386) 328-7771 (Putnam County)
Address: 3615 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: Office opens M-F 9:00am-- call for hours services are offered
Website: www.cdsfl.org
Counties served: A/P

Diversified Program Services, Inc./Praxis Network, Inc.

Service: Offers various adult intervention counseling services, including substance abuse addiction
Eligibility: Court-ordered in Judicial Circuits 7 or 8
Phone #: (352) 332-9960, (800) 230-1880
Address: 7003 NW 11th Place Gainesville, FL 32605
Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm (office hours; classes offered in evenings)
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. - Sid Martin Bridge House & CARE Program

Service: Group and individual counseling that addresses substance abuse, mental health and parenting.
Eligibility: Mothers/pregnant women who are addicted to drugs/alcohol; must qualify for Medicaid or be eligible for TANF
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 ext. 8224 or (800) 330-5615
Address: 4300 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am – 1:00pm (Call for hours of general intake)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. - Sid Martin Bridge House & MIST Program

Service: Mother's Intensive Support Treatment offers rehabilitation and counseling services for mother's who are working towards having a drug-free baby
Eligibility: Call for details
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 ext. 8258 or (800) 330-5615

Address: 4300 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am – 1:00pm (Call for hours of general intake)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. - Sid Martin Bridge House & STAR Program

Service: Provides a detoxification unit & substance abuse counseling to promote drug recovery for addicted individuals; STAR program offers intensive outpatient care (12-20 hrs/wk)
Eligibility: Addicted adults seeking assistance; fees are based on income
Phone #: (352) 374-5600 or (800) 330-5615
Address: 4300 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 9:00am – 1:00pm (Call for hours of general intake)
Website: www.mbhci.org
Counties served: A/B/G/L

Metamorphosis Substance Abuse Treatment Program

Service: Provides a long-term, community-based, residential treatment services for adult chronic & acute substance abusers; no fees assessed until the client is employed, then 50% of net income goes to reimbursement until graduation
Eligibility: Adults 18 yrs+ older with substance abuse issues will be screened, no one convicted of violent or sexual crimes will be admitted
Phone #: (352) 955-2450
Address: 4201 SW 21st Place, Gainesville, FL 32607
Hours: Facility operates 24 hours/7 days
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/courtserv/metamorphosis.aspx>
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Narcotics Anonymous

Service: Call center provides dates, times and locations for group meetings to facilitate recovery for persons with drug addiction. For immediate assistance, connects those in need to a recovering addict mentor.
Eligibility: Any person seeking support to recover from drug addiction
Phone #: (352) 376-8008 (call center)
Mailing: P.O. Box 12151, Gainesville, FL 32604
Hours: Call center operates 24 hours/7 days; Meetings held daily at various locations, call for info
Website: <http://uncoastna.org>
Counties served: A/B/G

Veterans Affairs Ambulatory Detoxification Program

Service: Provides a supervised 5-day outpatient program focused on recovering from substance abuse and withdrawal symptoms; must first be medically stabilized before entering program
Eligibility: Honorably discharged veterans with substance abuse issues and no serious medical conditions; must first register at main VA Hospital
Phone #: (352) 271-5263
Address: 2002 NW 13th Street, Suite 180, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Transportation Services

St. Francis House

Service: Provides bus passes for job interviews and medical appointments between Wednesday and Sundays
Eligibility: Needy persons
Phone #: (352) 378-9079
Address: 413 S Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:00am-2:00pm
Website: www.stfrancishousegnv.org
Counties served: A (Regional Transit System passes only)

Suwannee River Economic Council

Service: Provides transportation to medical appointments & meal sites
Eligibility: Low-income, needy persons without transportation with photo I.D., social security cards, birth certificates, income documentation &

copies of current utilities bill to prove residency; meal site transportation for seniors 60 yrs+
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Counties served: B/G

Bradford County

Phone #: (904) 964-6696
Address: 104-4 LM Gaines Blvd., Starke, FL 32091

Veterans' Services

Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

Service: Provide outreach and referral services, case management, treatment planning, residential treatment for substance abuse/mental illness, transitional housing, and follow-up services.
Eligibility: All Veterans who meet eligibility requirements; call for more details.
Phone #: (800)324-8387 X 7461
Address #: 1601 SW Archer Rd., Gainesville, FL 32608
Counties served: Referral point for all North Florida and South Georgia

VETSPACE

Service: Provides transitional housing & permanent supportive housing along with support and referral services necessary to facilitate & maintain independent residential and employment/financial stability. Does not offer emergency shelter.
Eligibility: Must have served in the U.S. armed forces and must be homeless
Phone #: (352) 244-5106
E-mail: c_wedgwood@yahoo.com
Website: www.vetspace.org
Counties served: A

VOA

Service: 34 bed transitional housing; Assistance with employment, case management and partner with the VA to provide medical & mental health services. Two year window for moving individuals from homelessness to self-sufficiency
Eligibility: Homeless Veterans
Phone#: (352) 377-9440
Email: dfleming@voa-fla.org
Address: 1301 NW 6th St., Gainesville, FL 32601
Counties served: primarily A

Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital)

Service: Provides medical care, vocational rehabilitation, nursing home facility, and other assistance to armed services veterans
Eligibility: Must be a veteran and meet specific eligibility guidelines
Phone #: (352) 376-1611
Address: 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
Website: www.va.gov
Counties served: A/B/G/L/P

Veterinary Services

Alachua County Animal Services

Service: Handles lost and abandoned animals. Offers pet adoptions.
Phone: (352) 264-6870
Address: 3400 NE 53rd Ave, Gainesville, Florida 32609
Hours: T-Sat 9:30am-5:30pm
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/pw/animal/>
Counties served: A

Alachua County Humane Society: Pet Meals Program for Meals on Wheels

Service: Distributes pet food to individuals who are on the Meals on Wheels program and can not afford to feed their pets any longer.
Eligibility: Must be in the Meals on Wheels program. Maximum of 10 sterile animals supported and proof of financial need is required. ACHS may deliver to families with transportation issues.
Phone: (352)373-5855

Address: 2029 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:30pm, Sun 1:00pm-5:30pm
Website: <http://www.alachuahumane.org>
Counties served: A

Alachua County Humane Society: Gallenkamp Low Cost Spay/Neuter

Service: Low cost spay/neuter for those in need. \$40 vouchers for cats and \$60/\$65 vouchers for dogs
Eligibility: Alachua County residents in need
Phone: (352)373-5855
Address: 2029 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Hours: M-Sat 10:00am-5:30pm, Sun 1:00pm-5:30pm
Website: <http://www.alachuahumane.org>
Counties served: A

Operation Catnip

Service: Free spay and neuter services for stray and feral cats; pets of homeless persons qualify.
Eligibility: Stray and feral cats in Alachua county
Phone #: (352) 380-0940
Mailing: PO Box 141023, Gainesville, FL 32614-1023
Hours: Monthly clinic offered, usually the 2nd Sunday of the month. Call to confirm.
Website: <http://sacs.vetmed.ufl.edu/catnip/index.shtml>
Counties served: A

Pit Nip at West End Animal Hospital

Service: Free spay and neutering for pit bulls and pit bull mixes. Call to make an appointment. Must look predominantly like a Pit. *Rabies shot required.
Eligibility: Alachua County residents
Phone #: (352) 472-7626
Address: 15318 W Newberry Road, Newberry, FL 32669
Hours: M 7:00am-8:00pm, T-F 7:00am-6:00pm, Sat 9:00am – 1:00pm (Sat hours for appointments only)
Website: <http://westendanimal.com/>
Counties served: A

St. Francis House Animal Clinic

Service: Free pet care services: food, shots, spay/neuter, flea control, heartworm, etc.
Eligibility: Registered homeless individuals with pets
Phone #: 352-378-9079
Address: 413 S. Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Every Tuesday, Noon – 2:00 pm
Counties served: A

Victims' Services

Alachua County Office of Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center

Service: Provides free comprehensive services, including immediate outreach, face-to-face & telephone counseling, support groups, transportation & accompaniment to legal proceedings, advocacy & community education, and confidential HIV testing
Eligibility: Any Alachua County resident who has been the victim of a crime, or family members of crime victims
Phone #: (352) 264-6760, (866) 252-5439
Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: 24 hours/7 days
Website: <http://www.alachuacounty.us/government/depts/css/vicserv/>
Counties served: A

University of Florida Center for Sexual Abuse/Assault Recovery Education (CARE)

Service: Promotes awareness & recovery of sexual and/or physical abuse through individual and group counseling
Eligibility: Student [female and male] survivors of abuse and their significant others, partners & friends
Phone #: (352) 392-1161
Address: Several clinics around campus; see the website (listed below) to find the nearest location

Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm (Fall and Spring Semesters); M-F 8:00-4:30 (Summer Semester)
Website: <http://shcc.ufl.edu/care/services.shtml>
Counties served: A (UF students only)

Vision Care and Eyeglasses

Alachua County Department of Social Services

Service: Provides vision exams & eyeglasses at low-cost
Eligibility: Must be an Alachua County resident & meet financial guidelines
Phone #: (352) 264-6750
Address: 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
Website: <http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/socialserv/>
Counties served: A

Gainesville Community Ministry Vision Clinic

Service: Provides eye exams & reconditioned eyeglasses free of charge.
A Vision Clinic is offered about 4 times a year and is open to anyone. Call for information.
Eligibility: Uninsured Alachua County residents with no income/ working poor
Phone #: (352) 372-8162
Address: 238 SW 4th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 9:00 am-2:30 pm (call for date of next screening)
Website: www.betterday.org
Counties served: A

Helping Hands Clinic

Service: Provides referrals for eye exams & eyeglasses
Eligibility: Homeless
Phone: (352) 372-8523, ext. 17
Address: First United Methodist Church, 419 NE 1st St., Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: Monday, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Women's Clinic Th 3:00-7:00pm
Website: <http://hhcg.org/>

Voter Registration

See also: *How to Register to Vote* in the beginning of this directory

Alachua County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (352) 374-5252
Address: 111 SE 1st Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

Bradford County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (904) 966-6266
Address: 945 N Temple Avenue, Suite C, Starke, FL 32091
Mailing: PO Box 58, Starke, 32091
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Levy County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (352) 486-5163
Address: 421 S Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Putnam County Supervisor of Elections

Phone #: (386) 329-0223
Address: 2509 Crill Ave Suite 900 Palatka, FL 32677
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm