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## Resource Directory

- **Resource room for United for Families clients** 390-2920 Ext. 297
  - These rooms are located in each service center as well as the Headquarters office and have clothing, shoes and other items available for free to our clients.
    - In Indian River County, contact Leslie Pfeiffer at (772) 770-6732
    - In St. Lucie County, contact Lea Tate at (772) 398-2920 ext. 297
    - In Martin County, contact Eda Torres-Calderon at (772) 223-2550
    - In Okeechobee County, contact Wendy Crouch at (863) 426-5325
  
- **Shoes that Fit** 398-2920 Ext. 297
  - This project raises money to buy shoe gift cards valued at \$20.00 for children who have shoes that are old, torn and don't fit. United for Families began this project so that children can receive new shoes rather than used ones. Gift cards are available to all children every 6 months.
  
- **Bookworm Babies Birthday Club** 398-2920 Ext. 297
  - A birthday project for foster children. The children receive a new book and small toy (usually a new stuffed animal) during their birthday month. Children older than 12 receive a gift card valued at \$20.00 to a book store.
    - No contact necessary. United for Families automatically sends to children the first of each month.
  
- **The Ounce of Prevention Fund** 398-2920 Ext. 297
  - The Ounce Fund is a fund that helps children in out-of-home placements maintain a normal life. This fund helps children take dance classes, helps with high school prom and graduation expenses, trips to Disney and many other things. This is a \$200 lifetime allotment and \$400 for graduating seniors.
    - Registration forms are located on-line at [www.unitedforfamilies.org](http://www.unitedforfamilies.org) under the "publications" page.
  
- **Making Christmas Bright** 398-2920 ext. 297
  - A holiday project geared towards all United for Families children. This drive pairs up corporate sponsors with a case manager's case load. The sponsors then purchase gifts for the children.
  
- **Adopt a Family** 398-2920 ext. 297
  - A holiday project that pairs up individuals and small business owners with foster families for Christmas.

- **Have a Heart Do Your Part Toiletry Drive** 398-2920 ext. 297
  - This annual drive collects toiletry products from local schools. The supplies are made available to local resource rooms throughout the district.
  
- **School Supplies for Students** 398-2920 ext. 297
  - A series of seasonal drives to collect school supplies for foster children. The St. Lucie County drive is hosted by the United Way of St. Lucie County and nets enough supplies for about 250 children. Supplies are distributed through case managers on a while-supplies-last basis.
  
- **Camp Foster Child**
  - United for Families offers a scholarship program to send teen foster children to summer camp. This program is funded throughout the district by the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County and the Children's Services Advisory Committee of Indian River County.
    - To give your teen-ager this opportunity, please contact your case manager. Registration begins in May and is on a first come, first serve basis.
    - Children 12 and younger can receive summer care through the Early Learning Coalition. Please contact your case manager. The service is free with the exception of a small parent fee and weekly field trip costs.
  
- **Martin County Foster Parent Support Fund** 398-2920 ext. 297
  - This fund helps Martin County foster parents care for the foster children in their home. The program is funded by the Children's Services Council of Martin County and helps purchase beds, computers, family memberships to the YMCA and supplemental activities for children like field trips, dance classes and sports activities.
    - Registration forms are located on-line at [www.unitedforfamilies.org](http://www.unitedforfamilies.org) under the "publications" page.
  
- **Caregiver Support Program** 398-2920 Ext. 203
  - A program created to assist relative and non-relative caregivers caring for dependent children. Caregivers attend monthly support meetings and can use an emergency support fund for the children in their care. This program currently is available in Martin and St. Lucie County..
  
- **Clothing Vouchers** 398-2920 ext. 203
  - A clothing voucher is a one-time reimbursement that helps provide clothing, socks and undergarments. A clothing voucher request must be submitted, and an approval must be given before purchasing the items. A clothing voucher can only be requested within one week of the child living with the foster parent and all requests should be made to Jill Feaster-Poole, Caregiver Support Coordinator.
  
- **Road To Success Program** 398-2876
  - A federally mandated program that assists children aging out of the foster care system. Support activities include workshops, life coaches, financial aid for school and living expenses.

- **Foster Parent Mentoring Program** Main: 398-2920 Ext. 203
  - This program is locally funded and provides mentors to foster parents.
    - Martin County Mentor—Krista King at 772-873-5120
    - St. Lucie County Mentor—Rose Bailey at 772-879-4356
    - Indian River County Mentor—Debra Wesley at 772-567-5708
    - Okeechobee County Mentor—Anna Adamo at 863-763-3581
  - Please contact your mentor for any problems you may have regarding the foster children in your care. These mentors are veteran foster parents and are there to assist as needed.
  
- **Foster Child Tutoring Program** 398-2920 Ext. 298
  - This program pairs mentors with school children during school hours in St. Lucie and Indian River counties. The program is funded through the Children’s Services Council of St. Lucie County and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Treasure Coast.
  
- **Infant Equipment Loaner Program** 398-2920 Ext. 297
  - Provides cribs and infant/child safety seats to United for Families clients on a loaned basis.

***Other Community Resources—Available District Wide***

- **Hibiscus Children’s Center Foster Care Resource Team** (772) 334-9311
  - This team of foster-care support professionals includes a resource coordinator, a counselor and others who make home visits to help assimilate new foster parents and help coordinate services for more experienced caregivers. The team works very closely with the United for Families Caregiver Support Program, which includes the Relatives as Parents Program and the Foster Parent Mentor Program.
  
- **Hibiscus Children’s Center** (772) 334-9311
  - Provides foster care licensing and recruitment services for United for Families as well as the Foster Care Resource Team. Also operates shelters in Jensen Beach and Vero Beach.
  
- **Children’s Home Society** (772) 489-5601
  - Provides private adoption services as well as adoption services for United for Families. The organization also provides case-management services for United for Families.
  
- **Family Preservation Services** (772) 595-3773
  - Provides targeted case management and general case-management services for United for Families. Also provides the A to Z tutoring program for eligible clients.
  
- **211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast** 211
  - Provides information and referral to local organizations and program to people in need. Also provides telephone counseling.

- **Agency for Persons with Disabilities (District 15)** (772) 468-4080
  - Works in partnership with local communities to ensure the safety, well-being and self-sufficiency for persons with developmental disabilities throughout Florida.
  
- **Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.** 1-800-344-2666
  - This program provides a meeting forum for the family members of alcohol-dependent people. Call for schedule of meetings nationwide.
  
- **Alcohope of the Treasure Coast, Inc.** (772) 778-9896
  - A 28-day residential treatment with 24 hour supervision for people whose abuse of alcohol or drugs has created personal, family or job-related problems.
  
- **Children’s Medical Services** (772) 467-6000
  - Children ages 0-21 with special health care needs. Referrals may come through physicians, health care professionals and parents. Provides primary, secondary and tertiary care with special support services.
  
- **CareNet Pregnancy Services** (772) 871-2211 or in IRC (772) 569-7939
  - Offers free pregnancy tests, pregnancy options and STD screening. Also offers maternity clothing, baby clothes and baby furnishings.
  
- **FDLRS—Florida Diagnostic/Learning Resource Systems** 1-800-358-8525
  - Provides free screening for preschoolers with vision, hearing and speech problems.
  
- **Growing Together, Inc.** (561) 882-2424
  - Offers Long-term substance-abuse and behavior disorder services for adolescents ages 14-18. Outpatient program for children through adults. Alternative school on premises. Masters level clinicians. Program emphasizes working with entire family.
  
- **Helping People Succeed, Inc.** (772) 221-4050
  - Provides programs such as infant massage, baby steps music and movement classes, behavioral services programs, employment services and Healthy Families.
  
- **Life Works Parenting Tools** 1-888-466-9886
  - Provides parenting education, including divorce resolution for families in crisis.
  
- **MISS Project (Mothers, Infants, Striving for Success)** (772) 781-4063
  - Provides transitional housing for homeless women with children on the Treasure Coast. Women must be between ages 18-30 with dependent children.
  
- **The Daniel M. Foundations/Camp Holiday** (772) 466-0051
  - Provides respite to foster parents and to parents/caregivers of children with emotional or behavioral disorders. Must have diagnosis if child is older than 6. The program also offers day-time respite to foster parents and summer camp.

## *Martin County*

- **ADAP Counseling Services** (772) 286-8970
  - Provides education, individual and group counseling, a certified batterer intervention program, evaluations, court services, anger management and referral assistance.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martin County, Inc.** (772) 283-8373
  - Provides one-on-one mentoring to children 5-17 years of age.
- **Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, Inc** (772) 545-0054
  - Provides educational, cultural, leadership, recreational and athletic activities to youth when they are not in school. Offers a variety of activities: sports, arts and crafts, homework help, dances, field trips, etc.
- **Caring Children/Clothing Children, Inc.** (772) 221-8777
  - Distributes clothing to children in need. Must be referred by United for Families.
  - Call Lea Tate at 398-2920 Ext. 297 for referral.
- **Children's Emergency Resources** (772) 223-0979
  - Low income children 0-20 years
  - Income criteria is 200% of poverty level in most cases.
  - Provides payment for direct services to children whose parents are unable to provide medicine, eye exam and glasses, hearing tests and aids, prostheses and orthopedic braces or other medically needed items.
- **Christians Reaching Out to Society—Indiantown Outreach Center—** (772) 597-2950
  - Provides food pantry to income-eligible individuals and families in Martin County. Clothing store also available where people can get used clothes, infant to adult. Client must demonstrate need and fill out application.
- **Community Coach** (772) 283-1814
  - Public transportation for riders of all ages. Fixed fare of \$1.00. Discount passes available. Three days advance notification requested. Rider demographics needed.
- **First United Methodist Church of Stuart** (772) 287-6262
  - Faith based organization providing a food pantry and limited financial assistance.
- **Jesus House of Hope** (772) 286-4673
  - Locations throughout Martin County. Provides emergency financial assistance to those in need, provides a clothes closet with proof of Martin County residency, and provides canned and non-perishable food in quantities enough for 4-5 days.

- **Life Line of Martin County** (772) 286-4670
  - Offers free pregnancy testing, maternity clothes, confidential counseling, limited baby clothing and adoption referral.
  
- **M.I.S.S. (Mothers, Infants, Striving for Success)** (772) 781-4063
  - Goal is to provide transitional housing for homeless women with children on the Treasure Coast. They also provide a food pantry that is open to the public, a clothes closet filled with career clothes to assist women re-entering the job market and assist with housing expenses.
  
- **Martin County Health and Human Services—Community Services Block Grant** (772) 288-5641
  - Provides one-time emergency financial assistance for rent, electric and water for Martin County residents that meet federal poverty income guidelines.

### *Okeechobee County*

- **Alpha Ministries, Inc.** (863) 763-4475
  - Alpha Family and Youth Initiative serves those who are in need of family management skills, conflict resolution, anger management and recovery support services.
  
- **My Aunt's House** (863) 634-2306
  - My Aunt's House provides clothing, shoes, and special items such as back-to-school supplies and Christmas gifts to children in low income families, including children in foster care.
  
- **Dunklin Memorial Church** (772) 597-2087
  - Christian related drug recovery program. Offers counseling for emotional and sexual abuse and substance abuse. Strong work training programs in forestry, lumber, carpentry and meat cutting. Males only, must be at least 18 years with an addiction.

## *St. Lucie County*

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.** (772) 466-8535
  - Provides one-on-one mentoring to children ages 5-17 years.
- **Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County** (772) 460-9918
  - Provides after school activities and life enrichment activities for youth.
- **First Stop Center (Children's Services Council of SLC)**  
(772) 785-5850
  - Provides information about local services, referrals to appropriate services and handouts that help locate services.
  - Program also available in Fort Pierce (772) 461-3820
- **SHIP Housing Assistance Program (City of Ft. Pierce)**  
(772) 460-2200 Ext. 228
  - Provides partial housing rehabilitation and emergency repairs to income eligible single family residences. This program also provides down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time home buyers.
  - Program also available through City of Port St. Lucie (772) 871-5264
- **Community Transit** (772) 464-7433
  - Provides public transportation to residents of St. Lucie County. \$1.00 each way, children under 5 are free. Call two days in advance to schedule transportation.
  - Also available in Port St. Lucie—772-879-1287
- **Healthy Start Coalition** (772) 467-2016
  - Plans, monitors and advocates for the delivery of health care for all mothers and infants in St. Lucie County up to age 3; oversees services for mothers, infants and toddlers.
  - Also provides Healthy Families program which offers prenatal services to qualifying families. Assessments for this program are made at participating clinics.
- **Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County, Inc.** (772) 467-1936
  - Nonprofit program to provide low-cost health insurance for school-aged children. Children enrolled in K-12 with no health insurance, or those who are enrolled in the Medicaid program are eligible.
- **PACE Center for Girls, Inc.** (772) 595-8880
  - Provides educational alternatives for girls who have had minimal success in the public school system and who are at risk of dropping out, truant or had academic challenges.
- **Project ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids)** (772) 465-4646
  - A program that provides a safe, nurturing and spiritual environment for youth who have been suspended from school.

- **The Holy Place** (772) 335-4740
  - Provides limited assistance to those in need: food, utilities assistance, clothing and assists with employment.
- **Mustard Seed Ministries**
  - Operates thrift store in Fort Pierce and assists with over-due utility and electric bills and rent payments.

*Indian River County*

- **Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County** (772) 299-7449
  - Provides after school activities and life enrichment activities for youth.
- **Childcare Resources of Indian River, Inc.** (772) 567-3202
  - Contracts with local centers that meet teacher-child ratio standards of quality. Centers include: Learning Nest/Tiny Treasures (Sebastian), Community Preschool, Turner's I & II, Nanny's of Vero, Maitland Farm Preschool and Suncoast Preschool.
  - Provides parenting workshops, mental health counseling, resource and referral.
- **Homeless Family Center** (772) 567-2766
  - Assists homeless families and individuals to obtain housing and self-sufficiency.
- **Our Father's Table** (772) 562-6268
  - Noon meals served to all. Counseling offered on Tuesday from 5pm-7pm.
- **St. Vincent De Paul Society** (772) 567-6774
  - Provides groceries, gasoline vouchers and financial assistance with utility bills and prescriptions.