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Who We Are

The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County is a small taxing body that invests in children.

Created and supported by the community for over 20 years, the Children's Services Council is the only child-centered organization in St. Lucie County that generates revenue for the community to promote healthy families and babies; increase school readiness and school success; and reduce child abuse, substance abuse and youth violence.

The majority of the Children's Services Council funds are used to support prevention-based programs for children and families. Children's Services Council supports programs that promote *Healthy Families & Babies*; ensure *School Readiness & School Success*; increase *Family Building & Strengthening*; provide *Out of School Activities & Youth Development*; and promote *Teen Wellness & Healthy Lifestyles*.

Funded programs are evaluated on an on-going basis to assess their accomplishments towards achieving program goals. Additionally, programs are funded on a reimbursement basis, allowing for monthly fiscal review.

What We Do

For an average homeowner cost of \$25 annually, the Children's Services Council improves the lives of more than 25,000 children and families, by funding and partnering with quality agencies such as Boys & Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Avenue D Boys Choir, Hibiscus Children's Center, CASTLE and more. In total, Children's Services Council partners with over 50 local programs to provide the community:

- Support to newborns and their parents
- Accessible quality childcare
- After-school and summer programs
- Academic support for students
- Parenting support for teens and adolescents
- Substance abuse and violence prevention programs
- Mentors to youth to ensure they are capable of success, no exceptions

Please find in the following pages a family-friendly summary of the programs that are available through your investment in the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County.

invest in the future. invest in children.

Council Members

The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County is governed by ten local community representatives. Pursuant to Florida law, the Council is made up of five elected officials: one County Commissioner, one School Board member, one Juvenile Judge, the Superintendent of Schools; the District Administrator of the Department of Children and Families; and five community residents appointed by the Governor.

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Healthy Families & Babies

In order to build a strong foundation for our children, the Children's Services Council funds programs that ensure the health of newborns and their proper development.

Programs in this category:

- Increase early intervention services and developmental screenings
- Increase family development skills to prevent abuse and neglect
- Increase knowledge of safety and self-care
- Increase knowledge of physical and nutritional needs of infants
- Increase knowledge of neighborhood and community resources
- Improve parent/child interaction skills

EASTER SEALS FLORIDA, INC.

10570 S. Federal Highway, Suite 200

Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

772-380-9972

TREASURE COAST EARLY STEPS

Who the Program Serves:

Infants and toddlers, birth to age three, with developmental delays.

What the Program Does:

The Early Steps Program provides guidance, support and developmental education to children with special developmental needs and their families. Services including testing, physical, speech and occupational therapies. Family support plans and education are provided in a team approach that serves the child in their natural learning environment.

HEALTHY START COALITION

117 Atlantic Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.healthystartslc.org

772-467-2016

HEALTHY FAMILIES

Who the Program Serves:

Healthy Families St. Lucie serves pregnant women and mothers of newborns in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

Healthy Families St. Lucie is a voluntary, home visiting program that promotes positive parent-child

relationships and healthy child growth and development. Services are provided up to five years of age.

NEWBORN HOME VISITATION

Who the Program Serves:

The program serves St. Lucie County residents who deliver a newborn at either Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute or St. Lucie Medical Center.

What the Program Does:

This program provides a Registered Nurse home visit to all families with newborn babies. The nurse provides physical assessments of mothers and babies including weight, feeding, and jaundice assessment. Home assessment also includes pool, fire, home, and infant safety. Home visitation nurses work closely with pediatricians, OB/GYN practitioners and partnering community agencies to provide a seamless continuum of care to families.



SAFE SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Who the Program Serves:

The program serves Healthy Start and Healthy Families Florida participants in St. Lucie County who are in need of a safe crib for their infant or toddler.

What the Program Does:

The program provides a safe crib and education related to crib safety and a safe sleeping environment to Healthy Start and Healthy Families Florida participants in St. Lucie County. The cribs prevent tragic consequences of unsafe cribs to infants and toddlers.

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1100 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, FL 34994

www.hpsfl.org

772-320-0780

BRAIN (BUILDING READINESS

AMONG INFANTS NOW)

Who the Program Serves:

The program serves St. Lucie County residents who deliver a newborn at either Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute, St. Lucie Medical Center, Martin Memorial Medical Center, or specialty hospitals in Palm Beach County.

What the Program Does:

The BRAIN Program provides educational home visits to families with newborns, with follow-up developmental monitoring provided through the mail from four to 48 months of age. For first time parents and parents facing other high risk issues, Infant Massage Instruction and Happiest Baby Calming Instruction sessions are also offered on a follow-up visit. Focus is on enhancing parent-child interaction during these critical developmental years, helping parents understand the importance of building a secure attachment with their baby, and the vital role they play in preparing their child for school and life success.

INFANT/FAMILY RESOURCE

Who the Program Serves:

Available to all children, birth to age 5 and their families, in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

Individualized home based developmental intervention and community resource assistance, parenting support and education for families with developmentally challenged children under three, and community based parent-child group services (Playgroups/Music & Movement classes) offering innovative parenting education for families with children under five. Services focus on building family strengths and nurturing parenting capacities, promoting healthy home environments that produce competent and successful children who are ready to learn.

MARTIN MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

200 SE Hospital Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994

www.mmhs.com/content/maternity.htm

772-223-5945

MOTHER/BABY HOME VISITATION

Who the Program Serves:

The program serves St. Lucie County residents who deliver a newborn at Martin Memorial Medical Center, as well as specialty hospitals in Palm Beach County.

What the Program Does:

This program provides a Registered Nurse home visitation to all families with newborn babies. Provides physical assessments of mothers and babies including weight, feeding, and jaundice assessment. Home assessment also includes pool, fire, home, and infant safety. Home visitation nurses work closely with pediatricians, OB/GYN practitioners and partnering community agencies to provide a seamless continuum of care to families.

School Readiness & School Success

In order to build the structure for future success, the Children's Services Council funds programs that ensure children are prepared to learn at school and develop positive assets so they can achieve their greatest potential.

Programs in this category:

- Increase academic performance
- Increase knowledge and understanding of the consequences of substance abuse
- Reduce overall use of gateway drugs and prevention of experimentation
- Increase coping and anger management skills
- Provide child care to working poor families
- Increase readiness skills for Kindergarten
- Reduce unexcused school absences
- Increase reading skills
- Increase promotion to next grade level

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

125 N 2nd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.bbbsbig.org

772-466-8535

AMERICORPS/ST. LUCIE READS

Who the Program Serves:

Available to all K-3 children in St. Lucie County at participating schools.

What the Program Does:

AmeriCorps Members provide literacy tutoring in a school-based mentoring program to students who are performing below grade level. AmeriCorps Members meet one-on-one with struggling readers enrolled in K-3rd Grade (three 30 minute sessions per week). The following schools are served by the AmeriCorps program: C.A. Moore Elementary, St Lucie Elementary, Garden City Early Learning Academy, Dan McCarty School, Savannah Ridge Elementary, Samuel S. Gaines Academy K-8, White City Elementary, Weatherbee Elementary, Mariposa Elementary.

READING BIGS

Who the Program Serves:

Available to all K-2 children at participating schools.

What the Program Does:

This program is designed to promote family literacy and school success through one-on-one reading mentoring for students in grades K-2 with approved volunteers. "Matches" meet one hour a week in two thirty-minute sessions during the school day serving the following schools: Bayshore Elementary, C.A. Moore

Elementary, F.K. Sweet Elementary, Floresta Elementary, Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts, Garden City Early Learning Academy, Lakewood Park Elementary, Lawnwood Elementary, Manatee Elementary, Morningside Elementary, Northport K-8, Rivers Edge Elementary, St. Lucie Elementary, St. Lucie West K-8, Westgate K-8, Windmill Point Elementary.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

607 N 7th Street, Suite 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.bgc of slc.org

772-460-9918

TRUANCY PROJECT

Who the Program Serves:

Elementary school age children & their families. Currently provides services to 8 local schools; C.A. Moore Elementary, Floresta Elementary, Mariposa Elementary, Morningside Elementary, Samuel Gaines Academy, Village Green Elementary, Westgate K-8, and White City Elementary.

What the Program Does:

The program reduces absenteeism, by working with school staff to identify children who have 5 or more unexcused absences, and educates the parents on the school district policies and state statutes regarding attendance. Program staff works with the family to improve attitudes and behaviors toward school, and works collaboratively with the schools to ensure appropriate services are provided to families in need.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

2102 Avenue Q, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.chsfl.org

772-460-9752

TRUANCY PROJECT SLC

Who the Program Serves:

Serves children who attend school in St Lucie County at the following schools: Lawnwood Elementary, Lakewood Park Elementary, Bayshore Elementary, Garden City Early Learning Academy, Manatee K-8, Weatherbee Elementary and Windmill Point Elementary.

What the Program Does:

The program reduces absenteeism, by working with school staff to identify children who have 5 or more unexcused absences, and educates the parents on the school district policies and state statutes regarding attendance. Program staff works with the family to improve attitudes and behaviors toward school, and works collaboratively with the schools to ensure appropriate services are provided to families in need.

EARLY LEARNING COALITION

804 S 6th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.elcslc.org

772-595-6424

CHILD CARE PURCHASING POOL

Who the Program Serves:

Working families with children of pre-school age who meet the guidelines of financial support.

What the Program Does:

Provides childcare assistance for qualifying participants at contracted childcare centers and educates parents about the importance of their involvement in their child's learning.

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1100 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, FL

www.hpsfl.org

772-320-0770

HELP ME BEHAVE

Who the Program Serves:

Families with children ages 2-5 who have challenging behaviors in the childcare setting and at home.

What the Program Does:

The program focuses on empowering parents and childcare providers to make adaptations in their environment that will result in socially and behaviorally competent children. The Help Me Behave Program specifically works to enhance parent-child relationships, encourage healthy child development, nurture social-emotional competence, and promote school readiness and success for all children.

NEW HORIZONS OF THE TREASURE COAST, INC.

2806 S US 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982

www.nhtcinc.org

772-467-3010

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Who the Program Serves:

K-8 youth in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

Substance abuse prevention program provided to middle school students to educate youth about the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and to promote healthy youth development. Student Assistance Program Counselors provide classroom presentations and offer individual counseling to youth who are in need of additional services.

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

3651 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34981

www.pacecenter.org

772-595-8880

PACE TRANSITION SERVICES

Who the Program Serves:

Adolescent girls participating in the PACE Alternative School.

What the Program Does:

The PACE Transition program enables young women to complete their education while helping to promote self-esteem and develop personal, social and family relationship skills. Provides young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

PROJECT ROCK, INC.

3215 Avenue Q, Fort Pierce, FL 34947
772-465-4646

PROJECT ROCK NORTH**Who the Program Serves:**

Students in grades 4-12 who have been suspended from school.

What the Program Does:

This program promotes positive behaviors by providing students with the necessary supervision, academic tutoring, and mentoring as well as counseling and family enrichment, in a safe nurturing environment.

PROJECT ROCK SOUTH, INC.

862 Glenview Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953
772-336-9930

PROJECT ROCK SOUTH**Who the Program Serves:**

Students in grades 4-12 who have been suspended from school.

What the Program Does:

This program promotes positive behaviors by providing students with the necessary supervision, academic tutoring, and mentoring as well as counseling and family enrichment, in a safe nurturing environment.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

5150 Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
www.stluciecountyhealth.com
772-873-4906

SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM**Who the Program Serves:**

K-8 students at nine schools in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

Three funded school nurses provide targeted medical management and screening for 1,200 students at each school. Nurses also provide health training in areas of special interest such as oral health, obesity and wellness.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY HEALTH ACCESS NETWORK

3855 S US Highway 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34979
772-344-2541

PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH**Who the Program Serves:**

Youth ages 3-12 with primary target ages 4-9.

What the Program Does:

The Pediatric Oral Health Program provides oral health screenings and education services to over 2,000 pre-school through 2nd grade children to improve oral health conditions that interfere with school readiness and school success. The program's dental hygienist works in collaboration with the St Lucie County Health Department, Florida Community Health Center, and the Oral Health Coalition on referrals to obtain additional treatment services.



Out-of-School Activities & Youth Development

In order to build opportunities for children to play and develop, the Children's Services Council funds programs that provide positive activities and promote self worth and empowerment to children and youth.

Programs in this category:

- Improve academic performance
- Reduce discipline referrals
- Increase gang awareness skills and abilities to resist gang participation
- Improve musical knowledge and performance
- Increase knowledge of personal safety and maintaining positive lifestyles
- Increase interpersonal skills, self-esteem, character development and leadership skills
- Decrease the number of youth spending time in unsupervised or unstructured activities
- Improve family involvement and structure
- Increased physical fitness and proper nutrition

ALPI

1405 N. 27th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

www.alpi.org

772-429-3434

COMPUTER ASSISTED TUTORIAL

Who the Program Serves:

St. Lucie County students in K-6 grades. Provides transportation from St. Lucie Elementary, FK Sweet, Garden City Early Learning Academy, C.A. Moore, Dan McCarty, Samuel Gaines K-8, and Fort Pierce Magnet School of Arts.

What the Program Does:

This afterschool program provides computer assisted tutoring for FCAT, and daily homework assistance. Program operates Monday-Thursday from 2 pm to 7 pm. Staff also assists parents with parent/teacher/school conferences.



ARC OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

601 Ohio Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34954

www.arcflorida.org

772-468-7879

AFTERSCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAM

Who the Program Serves:

Individuals 5-18 years of age with physical and developmental disabilities.

What the Program Does:

Provides afterschool and summer program for youth with physical and developmental disabilities. The focus of the program is on academics, exercise, and providing respite support to parents.

AVENUE D BOYS' CHOIR

1806 S. 33rd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

www.avenuedchoir.com

772-595-1414

AVENUE D BOYS' CHOIR

Who the Program Serves:

The Avenue D Boys' Choir is available to all St. Lucie County youth.

What the Program Does:

The Avenue D Boys' Choir takes a proactive approach against school dropout rates, gang involvement, drug use and juvenile delinquency, through music, mentoring, counseling services, and college preparatory assistance.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

607 N 7th Street, Suite 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.bgcofslc.org

772-460-9918

CLUBHOUSE PROGRAM

Garden Terrace Clubhouse

3100 Avenue G, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

772-464-6634

Mac Mascioli Clubhouse

2901 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

772-489-9634

Infinity Teen Center

1011 N 23rd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

772-460-7868

Pruitt Center Clubhouse

10673 Lennard Road, Pt. St. Lucie, FL 34952

772-398-0028

Who the Program Serves:

The Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County serves youth ages 5-18.

What the Program Does:

The Boys & Girls Club provides afterschool and summer development activities for children ages 5-18 that focus on educational enrichment, recreation, leadership development, drug and teen pregnancy prevention, art, music & career exploration.

TEEN OUTREACH AFTERSCHOOL

Who the Program Serves:

Youth ages 12-18.

What the Program Does:

The Boys & Girls Club provides a full range of afterschool activities for teens including pregnancy prevention, substance abuse and alcohol prevention, academic success, healthy lifestyle education, community service, job preparation and recreational/cultural activities.

FRONTLINE FOR KIDS, INC.

309 7th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.frontlineforkids.org

772-464-0100

FRONTLINE FOR KIDS

Who the Program Serves:

St. Lucie County youth ages 12-18.

What the Program Does:

Frontline for Kids is an afterschool and summer program for youth that focuses on educational enrichment, leadership development, positive decision making, and career exploration.



FUTURE GENERATIONS

3300 Avenue L, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

www.futuregenerationsinc.org

772-528-9931

AFTERSCHOOL MUSIC

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Who the Program Serves:

Future Generations of St. Lucie County, Inc. serves youth 8-18 years old.

What the Program Does:

In addition to typical afterschool activities of tutoring, homework assistance and character development, Future Generations provides a music enhancement program where youth experience creating sounds, learning, and playing on keyboards, drums, string instruments, guitars, basses and brass instruments.

GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

1224 W Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL 33458

www.gssef.org

772-201-8713

GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Who the Program Serves:

Girl Scout Leadership Experience program serves girls ages 10-14, GEMS (Girls Exploring Math & Science) serves girls ages 5-10 and Power Up Bullying Prevention Program serves girls 5-14.

What the Program Does:

Provides workshops to after-school, summer and school-based sites throughout St. Lucie County. Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a five-session program about who girls are, who they are becoming, how they belong, what they believe, and how they are building the world around them. In Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls find a safe place to participate in many different kinds of life-skill building activities, gain new experiences, and take healthy risks.

GEMS is a four-session, hands-on exploratory science & math program that promotes partnerships between girls and adults to encourage interest and excitement about science and math learning.

Power Up-Bullying Prevention is a six-session program where girls learn what bullying really is, and learn that bullying is never okay through role-playing and other experiential lessons.

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1100 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, FL 34994

www.hpsfl.org

772-320-0791

HELPING YOUTH SUCCEED AFTER-SCHOOL

Who the Program Serves:

Students enrolled at Delaware Avenue School.

What the Program Does:

The program is a combination of academic tutoring, social skills/support groups, organized sports, and volunteer community projects.

This program provides adult mentors that form strong bonds with children and help them gain a respect for themselves and their abilities. Academic concerns are addressed with individualized academic tutoring by certified teachers.

MULTI-CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.

P.O. Box 446, Fort Pierce FL 34950

www.mrcfamily.com

772-672-3710

FAMILY STRENGTHENING THROUGH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Who the Program Serves:

Families with children in K-6. The program also employs bi-lingual staff (Creole and Spanish).

What the Program Does:

Afterschool and summer program for K-6 youth. In addition to typical afterschool activities of tutoring, homework assistance and character development, the staff provides families referral to community resources.

The program also provides a variety of family strengthening activities both in the home and community based locations.

SAVE OUR CHILDREN, INC.
1611 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, FL 34950
772-466-8396

**TUTORIAL, CULTURAL,
RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS**

Who the Program Serves:

Available to school-aged children in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

In addition to typical afterschool activities of tutoring, homework assistance and character development, this program places emphasis on cultural and social traditions.

YMCA OF THE TREASURE COAST
1700 SW Monterey Rd, Stuart, FL 34996
www.ymcatreasurecoast.org
772-260-7181

YMCA AFTERSCHOOL

1301 SW Bayshore Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Who the Program Serves:

St. Lucie County elementary and middle school-aged children.

What the Program Does:

Using an established curriculum from the YMCA of the USA, the program provides tutoring and reading time, team sports, fitness, arts and crafts, and special event activities and is offered before/after school, early release days, teacher work days and most holidays. Transportation is provided to and from the Bayshore YMCA Center, while the other programs are located at St. Lucie County schools (Village Green Elementary and FK Sweet Elementary). These programs also run on non-school days, early release days and most holidays.



Teen Wellness & Healthy Lifestyles

In order to build a positive future for children, the Children's Services Council funds programs that promote positive decision-making amongst our youth to ensure healthy lifestyles.

Programs in this category:

- Increase child/parent communication on subject of teen health
- Increase skills of youth to resist pressures to become sexually active
- Decrease youth participation in high-risk behaviors
- Improve academic performance
- Decreased discipline referrals
- Improve family interactions and communication skills
- Reduce incidences of teen pregnancy and STIs
- Increase access to adolescent health services

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

2102 Avenue Q, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.chsfl.org

772-429-2004

TEEN LIFE CHOICES

Who the Program Serves:

Teen Life Choices serves teens ages 10-18 in school and community group settings.

What the Program Does:

Teen Life Choices is an abstinence-based teen pregnancy prevention program that facilitates group presentations with teens in middle and high schools, summer programs, after school programs and community settings. Through presentations, teens participating in the program learn the skills to avoid different types of negative pressures and have the opportunity to practice positive decision-making skills.

FLORIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

1505 Delaware Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.fhcinc.org

772-461-1402

ADOLESCENT HEALTH

Who the Program Serves:

Serves St. Lucie County youth ages 11-18.

What the Program Does:

Provides adolescent health care services, including pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted disease education, as well as identifying and providing resources for behavioral health issues. Also provides promotion of healthy lifestyles through medical and dental services, health education, teen group counseling and other health service referrals.



HEALTHY START COALITION

117 Atlantic Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.healthystartslc.org

772-467-2016

TEEN CASE MANAGEMENT

Who the Program Serves:

Teenage residents of St Lucie County, 18 and under.

What the Program Does:

Provides one on one education and case management services to eligible teens in a location convenient to the client (including home visits) and group education sessions utilizing the 7 week Teen Choices curriculum. Teens learn about safe sex practices, abstinence, family planning methods, and pregnancy & disease prevention. Teens are also linked with appropriate community resources.

KIDS CONNECTED BY DESIGN

117 Atlantic Avenue, Fort Pierce FL 34950

www.healthystartslc.org

772-467-2016

PARENT+TEEN+COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Who the Program Serves:

Youth ages 10-18 as well as their parents and/or caregivers.

What the Program Does:

PTCC is an educational and outreach program providing accurate health education focused on strengthening and increasing parent-child communication. This program works to guide families and youth to community resources, and promotes their comprehensive well-being.

A community collaborative approach helps youth gain self-worth and see the value of community engagement, both of which are essential to healthy decision-making and well-being. Families receive and practice skills to encourage confident, positive communication including challenging issues that can negatively affect the comprehensive well-being of youth.



Family Building & Strengthening

In order to build the positive support system for a child to grow, the Children's Services Council funds programs that strive to provide opportunities for the family to maintain and become a stronger unit that builds resiliency and sets positive goals for its children.

Programs in this category:

- Increase protective factors and reduce risk factors associated with child abuse for families
- Increase pro-social behavior and decreased anti-social behavior attitudes
- Reduce alcohol, marijuana, and illicit drug use
- Increase family functioning through positive parenting classes
- Decrease school discipline referrals
- Improve knowledge and competency in accessing community resources
- Increase skills in the ability to teach health education, parenting skills and life skills
- Increase comfort levels of parents in talking to their children about health issues, values and decision-making skills

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

125 N. 2nd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.bbbsbig.org

772-466-8535

CHILDREN OF PROMISE

Who the Program Serves:

St. Lucie County children who have a family member incarcerated in state or federal prison.

What the Program Does:

Provides one-on-one mentoring to build and strengthen families with the help of caring adult volunteers who become mentors and role models.



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Who the Program Serves:

Children participating at Boys & Girls Club afterschool program sites.

What the Program Does:

Program provides short-term individual and family counseling as well as group mentoring.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

7410 S Federal Hwy, Suite 105

Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

www.diocesepb.org

772-283-0541

TREASURE COAST KIDS

Who the Program Serves:

Catholic Charities Treasure Coast Kids serves St. Lucie County children, adolescents, and their families, in need of counseling services.

What the Program Does:

Catholic Charities provides one-on-one counseling to children, adolescents and their parents to address problematic issues including, family stress, social distress, anxiety, depression and anger management issues. Children, adolescents, and their parents develop communication skills and learn to deal with stressors as a family unit.

CASTLE

3525 W Midway Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34981

www.castletc.org

772-461-0863

HIGH HOPES FOR KIDS

Who the Program Serves:

High Hopes is a 12-week support group for children whose parents have divorced or separated.

What the Program Does:

High Hopes is a support group for children with divorced or separated parents. The group consists of 12 weekly sessions, held during the school day in St. Lucie County elementary schools. A trained facilitator leads the children through a curriculum designed to teach children about divorce, to identify and cope with their feelings, and to see that they are not alone in going through this difficult time in their life.

SAFE FAMILIES

Who the Program Serves:

Open to all families in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

This voluntary program provides in-home parent education and supportive counseling to families at risk of abusing or neglecting their children.

CASTLE

2945 W Midway Road, Suite 2967

Fort Pierce, FL 34981

www.castletc.org

772-461-0863

VALUED VISITS

Who the Program Serves:

St. Lucie County children whose families have court ordered visitation.

What the Program Does:

Valued Visits is a supervised visitation program that monitors visits between a child and the non-custodial parent.

Valued Visits operates during weekend hours, to accommodate the schedules of families. Security is a priority, and a uniformed deputy is on site at all times during program hours. Valued Visits also helps children who are in the foster care system continue a relationship with their biological parent.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

546 NW University Blvd, Suite 201

Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

www.cscslc.org

772-408-1100

COMMUNITY BASED PARENT TRAININGS

Who the Program Serves:

The workshops provided by the Children's Services Council are available to all parents, grandparents and caregivers in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County offers parent workshops throughout the community to provide parents with opportunities to enhance their parenting skills. Each workshop is tailored to the needs of the participants, providing support and encouragement through the use of real-life examples and group interaction. The workshops focus on positive parenting styles to reduce struggles in the family system, increase positive communication and to create an overall happier, healthier family unit.



**DANIEL M CENTER FOR
BEHAVIORAL CHANGE**
827 Sunrise Blvd, Fort Pierce, FL 34950
www.dmcabc.org
772-466-0051

CAMP HOLIDAY

Who the Program Serves:

This program serves children 5-12 years of age with a diagnosis of an emotional and/or behavioral disorder, and their parents.

What the Program Does:

Provides year-round services (social skill development, academic tutoring, homework completion skills and group activities) for children and their families when school is not in session: whether it's after school, during spring break or during summer break.

HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER
2920 S. 25th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34981
www.hibiscuschildrenscenter.org
772-340-5044

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Who the Program Serves:

Families with children that are in a family crisis and need assistance. Families cannot have an open case with the Department of Children and Families.

What the Program Does:

This voluntary program offers intervention for families experiencing a crisis through provision of case management and parenting, financial education, mental health services and limited child respite services.

TREASURE COAST HOSPICES
500 Dunn Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34981
www.tchospice.org
772-462-6252

YOUTH COUNSELING SERVICES

Who the Program Serves:

Children and families dealing with issues surrounding grief and loss.

What the Program Does:

Youth Counseling Services provide individual, group and family counseling for children and their families in Treasure Coast Hospice offices. This program also provides crisis intervention services in St. Lucie County Schools. The program also hosts an annual weekend retreat for grieving children and teens, and a week long summer day camp.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES*

2967 W Midway Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34981
www.castletc.org
772-461-0863

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

**The Strengthening Families Program is facilitated by several programs working together, including: Catholic Charities, CASTLE, Family Preservation Services, and New Horizons of the Treasure Coast.*

Who the Program Serves:

The Strengthening Families Program serves 6-12 year old children and their parents.

What the Program Does:

The Strengthening Families Program curriculum includes three courses delivered over 14 weekly sessions. Parents learn to increase desired behaviors in children by using attention and rewards, clear communication, effective discipline, problem solving, and limit setting. Children learn effective communication, how to understand their feelings, proper social skills, problem solving, resistance to peer pressure, consequences of substance use, and compliance with parental rules. Families engage in structured family activities, practice therapeutic child play, conduct family meetings, learn communication skills, practice effective discipline, reinforce positive behaviors, and plan family activities together.

Family Support Services

In order to build the positive support system for a child to grow, the Children's Services Council funds community initiatives that strive to provide additional opportunities for building family supports.

2-1-1 PALM BEACH & TREASURE COAST, INC.

PO Box 3588, Lantana, FL 33465
www.211treasurecoast.org

2-1-1 HELPLINE

Who the Program Serves:

All residents of St. Lucie County. Se Habla Español.
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What the Program Does:

People call 2-1-1 for many reasons. Some simply need a phone number to a community program, while others call because they need to talk over a problem.

Callers are:

- Single parents trying to make it on their own
- Parents struggling with out-of-control kids
- Adult children concerned about their aging parents
- Elderly adults trying to retain their independence
- Depressed individuals trying to keep their lives together
- Young children alone or afraid
- Teens struggling with adolescence
- The financially disadvantaged of all ages who are on the verge of being evicted or having their electricity or water shut off
- They are also teachers, social workers, judges, nurses and other social service workers

Every call to 211 is different but every call is responded to by a trained, empathetic, caring specialist.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

2102 Avenue Q, Fort Pierce, FL 34950
www.chsfl.org
772-429-2009

HEART GALLERY ADOPTION & RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Who the Program Serves:

The Heart Gallery serves local children in the state foster care system, whose parents' rights have been terminated, that are waiting to be adopted. The children are categorized as "special needs" due to their age (7-17), race (minority/mixed), sibling groups or physical/mental/behavioural challenges.

What the Program Does:

The Heart Gallery provides targeted marketing and educational activities designed to increase the number of adoptive families and heighten public awareness for "difficult to place" children needing Forever Families in the community. The Heart Gallery is a travelling photographic exhibit featuring photos and biographies of foster care children waiting to be adopted. The Heart Gallery (and mini Heart Gallery) can be seen in high-traffic public facilities, such as banks, community fairs, art shows, community centers, churches and other locations.



HEALTHY KIDS INSURANCE

117 Atlantic Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

www.healthykids.org

772-626-5616

HEALTHY KIDS INSURANCE PROGRAM

Who the Program Serves:

St. Lucie County families with uninsured children birth to age 19.

What the Program Does:

Conducts outreach to provide information about Florida KidCare Health Insurance to local families, community organization and businesses serving children potentially eligible for that program. Provides enrolment assistance at family focused community events or at predetermined locations throughout St. Lucie County.

ROUNDTABLE OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

546 NW University Blvd, Suite 204

Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

www.roundtableslc.com

772-871-5880

KIDS AT HOPE

Who the Program Serves:

All children and families in St. Lucie County.

What the Program Does:

Trains adults to identify talents, skills, goals, dreams and successes of every child. The belief, All Children are Capable of Success – No Exceptions! is incorporated into their everyday interaction with children, and becomes the culture of the environment the child is in, whether school, home, recreation, or community.



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Show a Child You Care...



Love them, no matter what.



A message from:

Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County

For more ideas on how you can show a child you care visit our website at www.cscslc.org

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