

PARENT HELP

A Parent's Guide To Helping Troubled Children



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School Safety Section

Chris Nocco, Sheriff

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Message

To

Parents

From

Sheriff Chris Nocco



Our children are our most valuable resource and the builders of our future.

Growing up in our society today can be a confusing time for them, as they are bombarded with many mixed messages from their peers, mass communication, and other cultural influences. My wife and I have small children and, like you, we want them to succeed in this ever-changing world.

That is why it is imperative that parents, guardians and other authority figures, including law enforcement, maintain a positive influence in the lives of children, especially when they make mistakes or go astray from our guidance, common values and laws. Whether the problem is emotionally, physically or mentally based, the Pasco Sheriff's Office and many other supportive organizations are here to help.

This guidebook can be a useful starting point for parents and guardians who need information for a variety of issues and problems pertaining to their children. You are not alone. I urge you to take the first step and contact the appropriate agency or social organization to determine the correct assistance or guidance you and your children need.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Nocco".

Chris Nocco, Sheriff

INTRODUCTION

The Pasco Sheriff's Office is dedicated to serving the people of Pasco County. The Sheriff's Office has a wide variety of programs and personnel dedicated specifically to working with the children and youth of our community. Unfortunately, sometimes the problems and issues that children face go far beyond the scope of law enforcement's role or expertise. This guide was compiled to help parents deal with those situations.

The information contained in this parent guide is designed to direct parents to appropriate agencies and programs to help meet the needs of troubled children and their families. The Pasco Sheriff's Office does not specifically endorse or recommend any of the programs or agencies listed in this guide, nor does exclusion of any available program indicate disapproval of that program.

The reader should make direct contact with the agency listed to gain full current details on that program's availability, criteria, and cost. Information contained in the guide is subject to change without the knowledge of the Pasco Sheriff's Office.

PASCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

West Operations	Central Operations	East Operations
8700 Citizen Dr. N.P.R., FL. 34654 (727) 847-5878	20101 Central Blvd. L.O.L., FL. 34637 (813) 996-6982	36409 State Road 52 Dade City, FL. 33525 (352) 518-5000

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

New Port Richey (727) 841-4550	Dade City (352) 521-1495
Port Richey (727) 816-1919	Zephyrhills (813) 780-0050

SCHOOL CONTACTS

Your child's school may be the first contact for help for your child's problems. Staff at the school who may be able to help you or direct you to help include the Principal or Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor, School Social Worker, School Psychologist, or School Nurse. Many schools also offer counseling groups for students, as well as support groups and parenting training.

Every middle school and high school, within the county also have School Resource Officers. These law enforcement officers are assigned to the school campus and are available to assist you in a variety of different ways.

In addition to the school, you may also contact the District School Board offices in Land O' Lakes. They can direct you to the appropriate staff member at your child's school who can help you with your child's needs. The following are phone numbers for the Student Services Department at the District School Board of Pasco County:

West Pasco (727) 774-2000	Central Pasco (813) 794-2000	East Pasco (352) 524-2000
http://studentservices.pasco.k12.fl.us/		

Students In Transition

Authorized under Federal law through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, the Students In Transition Program (S.I.T.) provides services to insure identified homeless children and youth have access to a free and appropriate public education by removing barriers due to homelessness. The S.I.T. Team works to insure that homeless students receive the services to which they are entitled such as immediate school enrollment, assistance with transportation to school of origin and free meals.

Students In Transition 5334 Parkway Blvd. Land O'Lakes, FL 34639	
Central Pasco (813) 794-4980	East Pasco (352) 524-4980
West Pasco (727) 774-4980	
http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/students_in_transition	

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is a state agency that provides programs and services on a local level. Most of these programs deal with sanctions and supervision of juveniles who have been found guilty of crimes. The Pasco Sheriff's Office is, however, involved in funding or participating in some unique and effective prevention and intervention programs as well. Examples of these programs include:

Juvenile Arbitration Program

6th Judicial Circuit
(727) 847-8915

Pasco Sheriff's Office

Youth Services Specialist
(727) 836-8480

The Department of Juvenile Justice is available to assist parents who are dealing with delinquent behavior, or who have children currently involved in the criminal justice system. The Pasco County Juvenile Detention Center is located on State Road 52, just west of Interstate I-75. Their phone number is (352) 588-5900. For more information, contact their offices at:

New Port Richey Office

(727) 484-3557

Dade City Office

(352) 521-1320

DEALING WITH RUNAWAYS

Running away from home is a relatively common behavior for adolescents. Most of the time the child will return home rather quickly, or the parent may know the whereabouts of the child. If the parent knows the location of their child, they should make an attempt to get the child. If a parent doesn't know the location of their child or the child is clearly refusing to return home, law enforcement should be contacted. There is no waiting period for reporting runaways, but the parent should use common sense in making the decision to declare their child a runaway. Once reported, a deputy will conduct a preliminary investigation to gather information and attempt to locate the child. Information such as clothing, description, past occurrences, and known acquaintances will be helpful. A recent photograph is also requested, if available. If the deputy doesn't

locate the runaway by the end of the shift, their report will be forwarded to the Juvenile Investigations Unit for logging and any follow-up. If a parent learns the location of their child, they should attempt recovery if possible, or contact the Sheriff's Office for assistance. In any event, when a runaway returns home, law enforcement must be notified in order to document the child's safety and to cancel all computer entries showing the child as a runaway.

The RAP House (Runaway Alternative Program) is a local alternative for juveniles who are considering running away from home. Other resources related to runaways include the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-(800) 843-5678, and the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-(800) RUNAWAY (786-2929).

TRUANCY

Truancy is a very serious issue, which can quickly lead to other illegal or dangerous behavior by young people. Chronic truancy can also lead to parents being criminally prosecuted or the child being referred to court as well. By Florida law, parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are registered for school according to the local school calendar, and that the child arrives on time and attends on a regular basis. Parents must set clear rules regarding school attendance and encourage a lifestyle that promotes regular attendance and academic success.

If truancy problems do arise, especially with older children, there are agencies listed in this guide that can help you deal with these situations.

UNGOVERNABLE BEHAVIOR

Every child will sometimes display inappropriate or rebellious behavior. It is when they refuse to respond to parental authority or consequences over a period of time or they begin to engage in harmful or illegal behavior that outside assistance may be needed. Children who refuse to attend school, who runaway, or who otherwise fail to comply with reasonable parental demands place themselves at risk for a variety of harmful consequences. It is important that parents seek assistance in dealing with such behavior once they feel they are losing control of their child's behavior.

Several of the agencies listed in this guide can be of assistance in helping families deal with a child's ungovernable behavior.

CINS/FINS PROCESS

When running away, truancy, or other ungovernable behavior becomes unmanageable, parents should first seek the assistance of counselors or others. Specialists can provide not only guidance to the child but also parenting strategies to help deal with the situation. When those initial efforts fail, parents should contact the agency that is the CINS/FINS provider for Pasco County, Youth and Family Alternatives (listed in this guide).

CINS/FINS stands for Child in Need of Services/Family in Need of Services and is the classification that allows the state to become involved in resolving a family's problems. After contact is made with Youth and Family Alternatives, a screening will take place to evaluate the family's needs. A plan will be developed with the family to address the needs over the next few weeks. Should those efforts fail because of a lack of cooperation by the child, a petition may be filed that will summon the child to civil court and allow a judge to intervene. In many cases the support services offered will help the family solve their difficulties.

EMANCIPATION

Emancipation is a court action which removes the juvenile from parental control and responsibility, allowing the juvenile to function as an adult. A circuit court judge may grant a petition from a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile sixteen (16) years of age or older, after it has been established that the juvenile has the capacity to care for himself/herself. In Pasco County, you can file the court document if you know how to properly prepare the petition. In most cases, a private attorney is retained to petition the court in this type of proceeding. Florida Statute 743.015 addresses this area of law.

BAKER ACT

The Baker Act can be executed if there is a substantial likelihood that without care or treatment the juvenile will cause serious bodily harm to himself/herself or others, in the near future, as observed by recent behavior. An involuntary exam will be conducted if you have reason to believe that the person is mentally ill and because of this illness he/she will cause bodily harm to himself/herself or others.

A Baker Act can be executed by a law enforcement officer, physician, psychologist, or clinical social worker. The juvenile must be seen and evaluated by one of the above and must meet the requirements set forth in the Florida Statutes before they can be delivered to the receiving facility. Further questions regarding the Baker Act can be directed to the Clerk of Court.
West (727) 847-8186 East (352) 523-2411 ext. 2216

EX PARTE ORDER

This is a petition that is used if you feel that your child is displaying signs of mental problems that are dangerous to himself/herself or others. This form can be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the courthouse. When this form is filed, a judge will review the facts concerning the situation. If the judge approves the order, the order is sent to law enforcement agencies for service. When the order is served the child is delivered to the nearest mental health receiving facility for evaluation. The child can be held up to 72 hours.

When the paperwork is obtained at the courthouse, it must be completely filled out. In the section where it asks for your observations, you must go into details. Describe any and all strange behavior, or what he/she has said or done. **Be Specific.** All spaces on this form must be filled out. The child will not be picked up unless the judge approves and signs the order.

MARCHMAN ACT

This is a petition that is used if you feel that your child is a substance abuser (alcohol/drugs). It seeks involuntary treatment of the child.

Before obtaining this form you must first contact a mental health counselor at BayCare. A letter of referral must be obtained from the mental health counselor before the Marchman Act can be used.

After obtaining the form all spaces must be completely filled in. The person obtaining this form will be listed on the form as the Petitioner. The Respondent is the person with the substance abuse condition and the person who will be served. Please **be specific** in the completion of this form. Give full and descriptive details of the incidents and what the child is believed to be abusing. Also add all observations and any strange behavior that the respondent is displaying.

Further questions regarding the Marchman Act can be directed to the Clerk of Court. West (727) 847-8186 East (352) 523-2411 ext. 2216

The Clerk of the Circuit Court offices are located in the Pasco County Courthouses.

New Port Richey

7530 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654
(727) 847-8186

Dade City

38053 Live Oak Ave.
Dade City, FL 33525
(352) 523-2411 ext. 2216
www.pascoclerk.com

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hillsborough and Pasco County

711 South Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 300

Tampa, FL 33609

(813) 769-3600

www.bbbsfl.org

Facility Type:	Mentoring program for school aged children. The program matches children with older youths or adults in the community.
Clientele:	Co-ed, Boys 5 - 13 years of age Girls 5 - 14 years of age
Criteria:	Varied based upon resources available (Check website for current information). Generally: Males – Have no consistent male presence in their life Females – Generally unlimited requirements
Intake:	Client contact, social worker
Fees:	None

Nami of Pasco County (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

(727) 992-9653

www.namipasco.org

Facility Type:	Offers educational classes, support groups, and resource to individuals and families who have mental illness.
Clientele:	Co-ed, 18 years or older, caregivers of youth who have mental illness.
Criteria:	Youth and/or families who are in need of support service related to mental illness.
Intake:	Client contact/referrals
Fees:	All classes and support groups are offered free of charge.

Sequel Care
9550 US Highway 19 North, Suite 202
Port Richey, FL 34668
(727) 494-7609
www.sequelcare.com

Facility Type: Transitional living, individual and group counseling, school based services, and wrap around services.

Clientele: Co-ed, Psychiatric care, ages 5 years and older

Criteria: Open to individuals, families who are in need of psychiatric, behavioral, and/or emotional care.

Intake: Client contact/referrals

Fees: Insurance

BayCare Behavioral Health Care Institute
8132 King Helie Blvd.
New Port Richey, FL 34653
(866) 762-1743
www.baycare.org

Facility Type: Residential inpatient service, outpatient services, assessments, counseling education.

Clientele: Co-ed, all ages

Criteria: Psychiatric, behavioral, emotional, and substance abuse problems.

Fees: Sliding scale/Insurance

BayCare - SIPP
(Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Services)
8132 King Helie Blvd.
New Port Richey, FL 34653
(727) 834-3965

Facility Type: Residential.

Clientele: Children and adolescents ages 12-17 years of age

Criteria: The Crisis Stabilization program provides a safe, therapeutic environment for medically stable children and adolescents who require 24-hour nursing care and supervision due to a mental health crisis.

Fees: Varies

Operation PAR
Pasco Adolescent Intervention Center
7720 Washington St, Suite102
Port Richey, FL 34668
(727) 816-1640 ext. 1
www.operationpar.org

Facility Type: Non-residential

Clientele: Co-ed, ages 12-17 years of age

Criteria: Drug or alcohol associated problems.

Intake: Client contact/referrals

Fees: Sliding scale

Lifespan Services, Inc.
4800 Rowan Road
New Port Richey, FL 34653
(727) 847-0069
www.lifespanservices.com

Facility Type: Non-Residential Counseling
Clientele: Co-ed, all ages
Criteria: Lifespan Services, Inc. is a private, fee-for-service organization. Our programs are committed to serving a diverse population with diverse needs. We provide counseling for adults and children.
Intake: Client contact
Fees: Insurance, sliding scale, private pay

Palm Shores Behavioral Health Center
1324 37th Ave East
Bradenton, FL 34208
(941) 792-2222
www.palmshoresbhc.com

Facility Type: Residential treatment
Clientele: Co-ed, 5-17 years of age
Criteria: Open to youth who are experiencing behavioral, emotional, educational, family and social challenges.
Intake: Client contact
Fees: Insurance to include Medicaid (SIPP)

PACE Center for Girls
7545 Little Rd.
New Port Richey, FL 34654
(727) 849-1901
www.pacecenter.org

Facility Type: Non-residential education and therapeutic program for adolescent girls.
Clientele: Females, ages 12-18
Criteria: PACE Pasco's target population is at-risk girls in Pasco County who have experienced minimal success in the public school system and have either dropped out or have been identified as potential dropouts.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: None

Pasco Kids First
7344 Little Rd.
New Port Richey, FL 34654
(727) 845-8080
www.pascokidsfirst.org

Facility Type: Parenting & child development programs, assessment and treatment services for youth who have been impacted by all types of traumatic events.
Clientele: Co-ed, ages 3-17 years of age
Criteria: Open individuals, families who are in need of parenting, child development information, or children who have been impacted by traumatic events.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Therapy treatment is provided at no cost to the child victim or parent.

**RAP House
Runaway Alternative Project
7522 Plathe Rd.
New Port Richey, FL 34653
(727) 835-1777**

www.yfainc.org/services/runaway-homeless-youth-crisis-shelters

Facility Type: Temporary residential youth shelter.
Clientele: Co-ed, ages 10-17
Criteria: Applicants are screened by the facility for eligibility. Decisions are on a case-by-case basis
Intake: Client contact or referral by other agencies
Fees: None

**Youth and Family Alternatives
7524 Plathe Rd.
New Port Richey, FL 34653
(727) 835-4166
www.yfainc.org**

Facility Type: Non-Residential CINS/FINS Program
Clientele: Co-ed, Ages 6-17
Criteria: Family and child in need of services due to child's ungovernable behavior; encompassing truancy, running away, and family issues. Children and families who are currently under investigation with the Department of Children and Families or children who are under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice are not eligible.
Fees: Sliding Scale Fee

**Kinship Services
(888) 920-8761**

www.childrenhomenetwork.org/kinship-services

Facility Type: Provides assistance with finance, counseling, food, clothing and legal aide.
Clientele: Co-ed, children under the age of 18 years old
Criteria: Supports children who are not able to be raised by their parents. Kinship assists and supports informal placements where the child is cared for by grandparents, aunts, uncles and/or other extended family members.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: No cost

TAMPA BAY AREA

**Admiral Farragut Academy
501 Park Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(727) 384-5500
www.farragut.org**

Facility Type: Military, boarding, or day school.
Clientele: Day school - Co-ed, Pre-K through 12
Boarding – Co-ed, Grades 6-12
Criteria: Students, who are of good moral character, have an average academic ability and who don't have a history of defiance.
Intake: Application and interview
Fees: Fees Apply

Brookwood, Florida, Young Women's Residence
901 7th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 822-4789
www.brookwoodflorida.org

Facility Type: Residential group home
Clientele: Female, Ages 13-20
Criteria: Young women who cannot live in their homes for various reasons.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Sliding scale based on ability to pay.

Children's Home
10909 Memorial Highway
Tampa, FL 33615
(813) 855-4435
www.childrenshome.org

Facility Type: Residential group home.
Clientele: Co-ed, Ages 6-17
Criteria: Moderate to severe behavioral and emotional problems, including truancy, runaway or other child management problems. Also, residential treatment program for abused, abandoned or neglected children.
Intake: Referral by juvenile foster care system case manager.
Fees: State funded

DCF – Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health
9393 N. Florida Ave. Suite 1000
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 558-5500
www.myflfamilies.com

Facility Type: Referrals to alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health facilities.
Clientele: Any person having an alcohol, drug, or mental health problem.
Criteria: Alcohol, drug, or mental health problem regardless of ability to pay.
Intake: Client contact
Fees: None

Chrysalis Health
6800 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 164
Tampa, FL 33614
(813) 443-4827
www.chrysalishealth.com

Facility Type: Assessment and treatment services for mental health, and substance abuse.
Clientele: Co-ed, 3 years of age and up
Criteria: Youth and/or families who are in need of support or services related to mental illness, or substance abuse problems.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Medicaid or self-pay

Fairwinds Treatment Center
1569 South Ft. Harrison
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 449-0300
(800) 226-0301
www.fairwindstreatment.com

Facility Type: Residential
Clientele: For mental health, addictions, alcohol, drug abuse –
Adult only
For eating disorders – ages 13 and up
Criteria: Behavioral and emotional problems as well as substance
abuse
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Private insurance or private pay

Florida Baptist Children’s Home
1015 Sikes Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33815
(863) 687-8811
www.fbchomes.org

Facility: Residential
Clientele: Co-ed, ages birth – 17
Criteria: Provides a residential therapeutic setting for abused,
abandoned or neglected children.
Intake: DCF referrals or private admissions
Fees: DCF rates or Non-profit sliding scale

Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranch
3180 Enterprise Road East
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
(727) 725-4761
www.youthranches.org

Facility: Residential
Clientele: Co-ed, ages 8-18
Criteria: Youth who are experiencing personal problems, family
relationship problems, or who lack positive peer
communication skills.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Sliding scale based on legal guardian’s income

Teen Challenge Lakeland Girl’s Home
6754 South Carter Rd.
Lakeland, FL 33813
(863) 647-1944
www.lakelandgraceacademy.com

Facility Type: Residential – 15 months minimum
Clientele: Pregnant/non-pregnant unwed girls – ages 13 –17
Criteria: Defiant and rebellious teenage girls
Intake: Parental contact
Fees: Fees Apply

Advoserv - Carlton Palms
28308 Churchill Smith Lane
Mount Dora, FL 32757
(352) 383-7612
www.bellbh.com

Facility Type: Residential – Educational
Clientele: Co-ed, developmentally disabled
Criteria: Provides services to children, adolescents and adults with varying diagnoses, such as autism, developmental disabilities and dual diagnoses.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Based on services provided

Devereux
8000 Devereux Dr.
Viera, FL 32940
(800) 338-3738, ext. 77130
www.devereuxfl.org

Facility Type: Multiple facility types
Clientele: Co-ed, Ages 5 – 17
Grades K-12
Criteria: Variety of psychiatric and developmental disabilities.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Sliding scale

Disc Village Treatment Center
2967 Natural Bridge Rd.
Woodville, FL 32362
(850) 421-4115
www.discvillage.com

Facility Type: Residential
Clientele: Males, Ages 14 – 18
Criteria: Voluntary substance abuse rehabilitation
Intake: Referrals/applications
Fees: Sliding Scale, Insurance accepted.

Florida Institute for Neurologic Rehabilitation
1962 Vandolah Rd.
Wauchula, FL 33873
(800) 697-5390
www.finr.net

Facility Type: Residential
Clientele: Co-ed, Grades K – 12
Criteria: Rehabilitation, educational and vocational services to clients with brain injuries, or who have suffered head trauma.
Intake: Referral/client contact
Fees: Varies

House of Hope
2036 36th Street
Orlando, FL 32839
(407) 843-8686
www.houseofhopeorlando.com

Facility Type: Residential
Clientele: Co-Ed, Ages 13-17
Criteria: Mental, emotional, physical and drug abuse problems.
Intake: Client contact/churches/court order/probation
Fees: Sliding scale

Rodeheaver Boy's Ranch, Inc.
380 Boy's Ranch Road
Palatka, FL 32177
(386) 328-1281
www.rbr.org

Facility Type: Residential with a minimum one-year stay
Clientele: Males, Ages 8 – 18
Criteria: Home for neglected and dependent children who have not been adjudicated delinquent.
Intake: Client contact/referrals
Fees: Varies

Vanguard School
22000 North U.S. Highway 27
Lake Wales, FL 33859
(863) 676-6091
www.vanguardschool.org

Facility Type: Boarding or Day College Preparatory
General academic for special needs
Clientele: Co-ed, Grades 5 –12
Criteria: Special needs and various learning-related disorders.
Intake: Applications
Fees: Fees Apply

Florida Youth Challenge Academy
5629 State Road 16 West Bldg. 3800
Starke, FL 32091
(904) 682-4028
www.ngycp.org/state/fl

Facility Type: Residential 17.5 month program with first 5.5 months residential.
Clientele: Co-ed, Ages 16 to 18
Criteria: Program deals with voluntary youth who have dropped out of high school. Youth may have misdemeanor criminal history, but no felony charges or pending charges. Youth must be drug free.
Intake: Application
Fee: None.

United Way 2-1-1 of Pasco County (Florida)
P.O. Box 609
Port Richey, FL 34673

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that, connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities

HOURS: 24 hr/7 days

PARENT AGENCY: United Way of Pasco County

DESCRIPTION: 2-1-1 information and referral for Pasco County, Florida.

OTHER INFORMATION: Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) accreditation.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Abuse-Alcohol and Drug

Al-Anon / Alcohol Family Groups		(352) 697-0497
Alcoholics Anonymous	East	(813) 933-9123
	West	(727) 847-0777
Baycare Behavioral Institute	East	(352) 521-1474
	West	(727) 841-4430
Narcotics Anonymous		(727) 842-2433
Operation PAR Call Center		(888) 727-6398
Substance Abuse Hotline		(800) 662-HELP (4357)

Crisis Hotlines

Florida AIDS/HIV Hotline	(800) 352-2437
Florida Abuse Hotline	(800) 96-ABUSE
Thursday's Child National Youth Advocacy Hotline	(800) 872-5437
National Runaway Safeline	(800) RUNAWAY
Tampa Bay Task Force on Human Trafficking	(727) 562-4917
Runaway Alternative Project (Rap House)	(727) 835-1777
Sunrise Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault	(352) 521-3120
Suicide Hotline	(800) 273-TALK
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222

Children/Youth/Families

Big Brothers/Big Sisters		(813) 769-3600
Boy Scouts of America	East	(813) 872-2691
	West	(727) 391-3800
Girl Scouts		(800) 881-4475
Dept. of Children and Families	West	(727) 834-3900
National Center Missing/Exploited Children		(800) 843-5678
Child Help USA - Child Abuse Hotline		(800) 422-4453
YMCA	East	(813) 780-9622
	West	(727) 375-9622

Mental Health and Counseling

Pasco Pediatric Foundation		(727) 863-2266
BayCare	East	(352) 521-1474
	West	(727) 841-4430
Youth and Family Alternatives		(727) 835-4166
Bullying Prevention		(855) 581-8111

Housing/Food/Utilities

Access Florida		(866) 762-2237
Habitat for Humanity		(727) 859-9038
Metropolitan Ministry		(727) 937-3268
Homeless Coalition		(727) 842-8605
Weatherization Assistance Program		(352) 796-1427
Mid-Florida Community Service		(855) 643-3567
Pasco Human Services	East	(352) 521-5173
	West	(727) 834-3297
Salvation Army Service Center	East	(352) 521-3126
	West	(727) 847-6321

Childcare

Early Learning Coalition		(727) 569-1004
Head Start/Early Head Start Program	East	(352) 524-2730
	West	(727) 774-2730
	Central	(813) 794-2730

Employment

Connections Job Development		(727) 849-4724
Career Central	East	(813) 377-1300
	West	(727) 484-3400

Healthcare

Medicaid		(800) 299-4844
Good Samaritan Health Clinic		(727) 848-7789
Access Florida		(866) 762-2237
Mobile Medical Van		(727) 324-7823
Premier Community Health	East	(352) 518-2000
	West	(727) 645-4185

Transportation

Pasco Count Public Transit	East	(352) 521-4537
	West	(727) 834-3322

Shelters

R.O.P.E.		(727) 869-6426
Pasco's Women's Shelter - "Women and Kids"		(727) 861-4840
Jericho Ministries		(352) 799-2912
Salvation Army		
♦ Hospitality House - "Women and Kids"		(813) 226-0055
		Ext. 329
♦ "Men and Women"		(813) 221-4440
ACTS - "Single Males/Vets"		(813) 230-9307
STEPS to Recovery - "Veterans"		(727) 849-9800
Youth & Family Alternatives		
"Youth Ages 10-17"		(727) 835-4166
Sunrise of Pasco		
"Domestic Violence"	East	(352) 521-3120
	West	(727) 856-5797
Salvation Army - "Domestic Violence"		(727) 856-6498