

**“I need a home”**

**Arbor House – Gainesville, FL: 352-371-2229**

New Beginnings – For a pregnant, adult woman who needs temporary housing and assistance. This program can be entered at any time during the pregnancy and the mother may remain up to six weeks after delivery.

Mom’s Place – For single moms who desire to advance their education so they can earn a living wage. This program can be entered at any time during the pregnancy or up to the child’s sixth birthday. Women may stay in this program up to two years.

**Genesis Bishop House – Murdock, FL: 941-258-3170**

Home for single woman who are pregnant. May stay at the home for up to 8 weeks after the baby is born. Woman must be 18 years or older. Must be a Charlotte County resident.

**Genesis Chara House – Punta Gorda, FL: 941-833-0200**

Home for single mothers who are 18 or older and have no more than 2 children under the age of 4 years. Must be a Charlotte County Resident.

**Manasota Solve, Inc. - Bradenton, FL: 941-748-0094**

Licensed Maternity Home for homeless, pregnant woman. Has a home for teenagers and a home for adults.

**Our Mother’s House – Venice, FL: 941-485-6264**

A home for single, homeless mothers. Must be 18 years or older. Must have child(ren) under the age of 5 years.

**YMCA Transitional Living Program – Sarasota, FL: 941-955-3161**

Has home available for single, homeless moms. Must be 16-21 years of age. Can be pregnant or have 1 child under the age of 12 months.

**“I need a doctor / Health care”**

**Health Department – Children’s Health Center: 941-861-3300**

Health care services for children, birth through age 18, for income eligible families. Services provided on a sliding scale fee. Medicaid accepted.

**Health Department – Children Immunization Clinic: 941-861-3300**

Children from birth through 18 years of age. Parents must bring record of any previous immunizations received elsewhere. Free to client.

**Health Department – Florida KidCare Program: 941-861-2813**

Florida Kid Care provides low cost health insurance for uninsured children, birth through age 18. Coverage includes doctor’s visits, medication, hospital care, dental visits, and more. Simple one page application.

**Health Department – Healthy Start Program: 941-861-3300**

Assists families to remove barriers to medical care. The goal is to improve pregnancy outcomes and developmental outcomes for children 0-3. Provides home visits, and assist with childbirth education, parenting classes, counseling, and smoking cessation. Some assistance with basic needs.

**Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County, Inc.: 941-373-7070**

Services that promote and protect prenatal and infant health. Care coordination, counseling, promote women’s groups, parenting education, childbirth education, referral and information. Professional education concerning prenatal health, breastfeeding, post partum depression, and smoking cessation.

**Health Department – OB/Maternity Services: 941-861-3300 (Venice)**

Maternity care provided on a sliding scale fee.

**Health Department – STD Clinic: 941-861-3300**

Assessments, testing, and treatment of clients presented to the clinic with concerns about and/or symptoms of a sexually transmitted disease.

**OB/GYN Group in Sarasota – Easterling, Doyle-Vallery, Martin, Jamison: 941-379-6331**

Offer routine and high risk pre-natal care.

Also have midwives: **Lee Cantwell and Laura Danner**

**Dr. Wayne Cohen in Sarasota: 941-343-0609**

Pre-Natal care, does not accept Medicaid.

## **“I need financial help”**

### **Caritas: Dial 2-1-1 or 941-308-4357**

Provides limited financial assistance for clients needing prescriptions, utility bills and gas vouchers.

### **Catholic Charities: (Sarasota) 941-379-7997 – (Venice) 941-496-8286**

Provides case management, financial assistance for payment of past due rent, mortgage, utility bills and prescription medicine. The applicant must meet income guidelines.

### **City of North Port – Division of Social Services: 941-548-0130**

Provides one time in the month financial assistance to families or individuals living in North Port. Must be experiencing a short term financial crisis in order to meet eligibility requirements for rental assistance. Other services are determined according to need.

### **Community Assistance – A Ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church: 941-492-6384**

Food pantry and emergency financial assistance for residents of Venice, Nokomis, Laurel and Osprey only. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon until 3:00 PM.

### **Department of Children and Families: 941-316-1403 or 941-483-5922**

Oversees and administers programs including: Food stamps, Cash Assistance, Adult Medicaid, Payments, Medically needy program-Medicaid, Optional State Supplementation.

### **Free Medicine for the Needy: 800-762-4636**

### **Golden Access: 941-739-2626**

Assist people who need a monthly prescription but lack adequate income to fill their prescription.

### **Salvation Army Social Services: 941-954-4673 or 941-484-6227 or 941-240-5108**

Provides emergency financial assistance for payment of past due rents and utilities bills. Must provide proof of County residence. Income based on federal poverty guidelines. After hours appointments available for employed persons.

### **United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, Inc.: 941-308-HELP**

Referral program utilizing the food pantries of local community churches.

### **WIC (Women, Infants and Children): 941-861-3336**

Provides vouchers for specific healthy food items for mother or children under 5. Also provides formula for children.

## **“I need material help”**

### **Children’s Community Clothes Closet: 941-548-0130**

Provides free clothing to families in need with children 0 – 18 years of age. Must be a North Port resident.

### **Clothing Project – Salvation Army – Venice: 941-484-6227**

Provides emergency financial assistance, food, and clothing.

### **Gifts From God: 941-485-4707**

Provides free furniture with referral. Provides delivery of the furniture. Free food pantry for individuals and families in need.

### **Good Samaritan Ministries Clothes Closet: 941-365-2052**

Free clothes to people in need. Monday – Fridays from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

### **Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center: 941-485-1776**

Volunteer organization giving assistance to women experiencing stressful pregnancies. Maternity clothes, baby layettes, diapers. Assistance with baby care, lends baby furniture, car seats, etc.

### **St. Vincent De Paul – Thrift Store: 941-953-5477**

Provides clothing, furniture, and household goods (as available) with agency referral. Clients must present a referral slip for UW 2-1-1 or other social service agency indicating date of referral, clients name, address, social security number and the specific nature of the need. Client must call first for an appointment.

### **St. Vincent De Paul Bargin Bin – Venice: 941-484-5715**

Provides clothing to needy persons. Hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday. NO FURNITURE AVAILABLE.

### **Suncoast Worship Center – Fig Tree Food Pantry: 941-474-5045**

Provides food assistance through our food pantry. Can help with furniture and clothing. First and Third Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

### **Central Church of Christ: 941-924-1323**

Food pantry providing canned/package goods for temporary food assistance.

### **Englewood Bible Church: 941-473-9664**

Food pantry providing canned/package goods for temporary food assistance. Saturday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Must sign in before 11:30 pm.

### **Truevine Baptist Church: 941-355-4417**

Provides a food basket for those in emergency need.

## **“I need a job”**

### **Goodwill’s Job Connection: 941-359-0520**

Job placement and follow-up; support services; information and referrals. Offers short term training to prepare for community employment.

### **Jobs Etc. Employment and Training Center: 941-486-2682**

Maintains lists of jobs in both the private and public sectors; forms for the clients to file their unemployment claims; provides vocational counseling and employability training.

### **Projects With Industry (PWI): 941-373-9931**

PWI is a new and innovative program through Children’s Haven and Adult Community Services. PWI offers services to individuals who are underserved in the community and have barriers to employment. PWI assists individuals with all forms of disabilities in finding and maintenance competitive employment. Services include: Integrated employment, Employment assessments and evaluation, Resume preparation, Job Club, Job Search, Job placement, Follow-Along Services, Referrals to other organizations.

## **“I need childcare”**

### **Child Care Connection of Sarasota: 941-556-1600**

Provides information to parents seeking child care in Sarasota, Arcadia, Port Charlotte, and Venice. This service is free and guides parents in choosing the child care site that is best for their family. Parents can obtain additional information on improving their skills as a parent, understanding child development, and obtaining help from other agencies in the community.

### **Child First: 941-953-3877**

Head Start preschool for income eligible children 3 to 5 years old. Early Head Start for income eligible children birth through three years old and pregnant women. Locations throughout the county. Services are free.

### **YMCA: (Venice) 941-492-9622**

Please call for information regarding childcare.

## **“I need my GED/Education”**

### **Sarasota County Technical Institute: 941-924-1365 Ext. 62283**

Provides quality technical education to meet workforce development and community needs. The school offers – English for Speakers of Other Languages, GED preparation, Adult Basic Education, vocational preparatory Instruction, and the Sarasota Adult High School courses.

### **GED: 941-924-1365**

### **VPI (Vocational Preparatory Instruction):**

SCTI offers GED preparation, Adult Basic Education, and Vocational preparatory Instruction. Students receive instruction in basic education, literacy, life skills, computer skills, remediation and employability skills. The GED gives individuals the opportunity to earn a State of Florida High School Diploma.

### **Cyesis Program: 941-361-6240**

The Cyesis Program is a drop out prevention program within the Sarasota County Schools. The overall goal is to increase the likelihood that pregnant and parenting students will earn a high school diploma or its equivalent through the provision of an educational program that meets their needs. Quality child care and therapeutic support services are also provided.

### **Literacy Council of Sarasota: 941-955-0421**

For adults. Free one on one tutoring to acquire English language skills needed in reading, writing, speaking and understanding to solve problems of daily life and to enhance quality of life.

### **YMCA Homeless Youth Education Program: 941-951-1588**

Helps homeless children enroll in Sarasota County schools. Many of the families served are living in a shelter and do not have a permanent address or telephone number. For more information please call.