

HOMELESS SURVIVAL GUIDE

LEE COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION, INC.

1500 COLONIAL BLVD.—SUITE 221
FORT MYERS, FL 33907
239-322-6600

www.leehomeless.org



United Way 211 of Lee County
24-Hour Information & Referral Service (239-433-3900)

EMERGENCY 911
(Police, Fire, Ambulance)

City of Cape Coral Police Department
Non Emergency—239-574-3223

City of Fort Myers Police Department
Non Emergency—239-321-7700

Lee County Sheriff Department
Non Emergency—239-477-1000

School District of Lee County
Student Welfare and Attendance Department
239-337-8696

Job's House (239)896-2947
57 Alameda Ave., Ft. Myers—transitional housing, 12 Step, Faith Based Recovery Program

Joshua House (239)565-6173
2621 Central Ave., Ft. Myers Transitional/stepping stone housing for four men who are homeless, supportive services and counseling, faith based. Tuesdays, 2 – 5 apply in person.

Labor Finders (239)334-1964
3814 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers *Open: Monday – Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

Labor Ready (239)461-0008
2203 Fowler St., Ft. Myers—Full service temp agency. Daily work, daily pay, no fees/contracts

Lee County Dept of Human Services (239)533-7900
2440 Thompson St., Ft. Myers *Emergency rent & utility assistance to prevent homelessness. LIFT, HOPWA and HPRP for those already homeless & ready for permanent housing.*

Lee County Health Department (239)332-9501
3920 Michigan Ave., Ft. Myers *Sliding scale for some fees. Must show IDs and birth certificates for each child.– Dental available by appt. Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Lee County Housing Authority (239)997-6688
14170 Warner Circle, N. Ft. Myers - Public housing & Section 8 - M–F 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lee County Veterans' Service Office (239)533-8381
2440 Thompson St., Ft. Myers *Services: Help veterans or dependents apply for benefits through Vet Administration. Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Lee Mental Health Center, Inc. (239)275-3222/275-4242
24/7; 791-1570 Access & Counseling—2789 Ortiz Ave., Ft. Myers—Housing for persons with mental illness, mental health/substance abuse treatment, inpatient/outpatient. *Employment Services. Vista campus, 10140 Deer Run Farms Rd., Ft. Myers. Mon – Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 5:0p.m.*

Lehigh Community Services (239)369-5818
201 Plaza Dr Ste. A, Lehigh Acres *Emergency food programs, limited financial assistance, provide job readiness. Show photo ID, proof of income, social security card, and current bill showing a Lehigh address. Mon–Fri 9 am – 5 pm.*

Lifeline Family Center, Inc. (239)242-7238
907 S.E. 5th Ave., Cape Coral—16-22 yr old pregnant women

Love and Compassion Ministry (239)574-5683
PO Box 152636, Cape Coral. *Street outreach program, various services*

Lutheran Services (OASIS) (239)278-5400/275-1126
3634 & 3615 Central Ave., Ft. Myers—minors age 10-17—Counseling Services—OASIS Youth Shelter *Substance Abuse Treatment Program, ages 10-21 for runaway, truant or ungovernable.*

McGregor Baptist
3131 E. Riverside Dr., Ft. Myers—*Services: Food/groceries. Must show photo ID and social security card. Eligible 3 times a year. Open: Mon., Wed., 10:30 am – 12:00 pm & 1 pm – 3 pm.*

NAMI Lee County, Inc. (239)337-9024
6831 Palisades Park Ct. Ste. 6., Ft. Myers **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill**
Services: Support groups, education and advocacy for individuals with MH diagnosis and their families. M –F 9-5

Nations Association Charities, Inc. (239)332-7575
4625 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers— *Must show that you applied for food stamps. M – F 9 –4.*

New Life Assembly of God (239)369-6147
5146 Leonard Blvd. South., Lehigh Acres—*Food/grocery items for Lehigh residents. Must show photo ID. Must call for an appointment.—Open: Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 a.m.*

New Life Dream Center (239)274-8881
2150 Collier Ave., Ft. Myers - *150 beds for men and women – substance abuse recovery*

Oxford Houses of Florida (239)265-2666
Residential housing for men and women in recovery; placement and 24/7 counseling; 4 locations.

Pine Island Food Pantry (239)209-0074
12175 Stringfellow Rd., Bokeelia *Food/grocery items Pine Island residents. Mon & Thurs, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.*

Renaissance Manor, Inc. (239)980-0998
2789 Ortiz Ave. Bldg. J, Fort Myers (239)895-4101
Services: Supportive housing for persons with mental illness who are homeless

Senior Friendship Center (239)275-1881
Services: Dining for ages 60 & older, \$2.50, must sign up 2 days in advance at various locations.

Serenity Center/Shelter (239)693-7911
4231 Desoto Ave., Ft. Myers—*12 bed transitional housing, recovery support facility for men.*

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (239)332-6989
3763 Evans Ave., Ft. Myers *Services: Drug and alcohol detox 24 hours, 7 days a week, by appt. Variety of substance abuse related family service programs, inpatient & outpatient. M – F 9 -5.*

Southwest Florida Works (239)931-8200
4150 Ford Street Ext., Ft. Myers *One Stop Career Centers assist employers and job seekers by connecting employment, education, and training services into an integrated network of resources. www.careerandservicecenter.org Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m*

Suncoast Outreach (239)731-9838
7656 Hart Drive, N. Ft. Myers *Food & health items, Lee residents only—Tues. 11 am – 1 pm.*

St. Vincent de Paul (239)334-9225
2073 Lafayette Ave., Ft. Myers *Groceries. Must show photo ID. Tue., Fri., 9 – 11:30 a.m.*

Teen Challenge (239)275-1974/939-7705
5646 Seventh Ave., Ft. Myers. *Provides residential recovery support for people 18+ years old*

The Nations Association (239)332-7575
4625 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers *Employment referrals, food pantry. Mon – Fri 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

The Salvation Army (239)334-3745
2476 Edison Ave., Ft. Myers *Food: Mon – Sun, 5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Pantry Open: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 11:30 am, and 1 pm – 3:30 pm. 2400 Edison—6 month rehab program for men—8:30 am to 4:00 pm Mon—Fri.*

Transitional Living Center (SWFAS) (239)338-2977
2516 Grand Ave., Ft. Myers *Individuals in recovery—Open: Mon – Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

True Hope Church (239)333-7553/321-0198
1621 Seaboard St., Ft. Myers *Services: Emergency Food Pantry Open: By appointment only*

Vineyard Church— (239)549-8075
923 SE 47th Terr. Cape Coral. *Food pantry-hot meals. Thurs-12-2pm, Sat. evening -5:30-6:15 pm*

Vocational Rehabilitation (239)278-7150/656-7796
5264 Summerlin Commons Way, Ste 404, Ft. Myers or 1031 SE 9ty Place, Suite 1, Cape Coral. *Services: Workforce & employment opportunities. Mon – Fri, 8:00 am. – 5:00 pm.*

Word of Life Church – New Life Dream Center (239)274-8881
2150 Collier Ave., Ft. Myers—*18 mo. residential drug rehab. Tues – Fri 10 – 5:00 , Mon 3 pm*

Service Provider:

Abuse Counseling & Treatment (239)939-3112
For Victims of Domestic Violence—shelter, counseling & support services. 9-5 M-F.

Abundant Grace Fellowship (239)458-0075
2701 Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers *Lunch, counseling, referrals, fellowship, worship, prayer.*
Open: Sunday and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

After the Rain in Southwest Florida (239)334-6261
Services: For women – life skills and substance abuse recovery.

All Souls Episcopal Church (239)997-7685
14640 N. Cleveland Ave., N. Ft. Myers *Hot lunch served Wed, 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Clothing, 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.; Food Pantry, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; Food Service, 10:30a.m–11:30 a.m*

Ann’s Restoration House (239)694-0877
599 Carolina Ave., Ft. Myers—Men’s *Substance abuse (redemption, rehab & restoration)*

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church (239)995-0988
264 Evergreen Rd., N. Ft. Myers *Lunch-1st Sat. each month, 12–1pm, ACCESS site & VPK*

Blind Services – State of Florida (239)278-7130
2830 Winkler Ave., #207, Ft. Myers *Counseling, employment training, and rehab M–F 8-5*

Bonita Springs Assistance Office (239)992-3034
25300 Bernwood Dr. Ste. 6., Bonita Springs *Services: Financial aid for residents of Bonita Springs only Must present photo ID & social security card. Open: M – F, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.*

Broadway Community Church (239)275-1141
3309 S. Broadway Ave., Ft. Myers *Services: Food, clothing, recovery support services, referrals and case management; once per month. Open: M – S, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Café of Life
Banyan Tree Park in Old Bonita– US 41 between Reynolds & Childers, Bonita Springs. Hot meals, groceries, clothing. *Open: Monday –Friday 10:00-11:00 a.m.*

Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry (239)898-2331/426-5271
4801 Orange Grove Blvd., N. Ft. Myers *Food, clothing, toiletries, referrals, counseling, basic needs, fellowship, worship, prayer. Open: Hot meal –M, 6p.m. (5:15 winter months)*

Cape Coral Mini Bus (239)574-0573
Services: Services for Cape Coral residents only.

Catholic Charities (239)337-4193
4235 Michigan Link Ave., Ft. Myers *Groceries, once a month. Monday- Friday 9:00am-5:00pm*
5597 Sunrise Dr., Ft. Myers *Services: Counseling on a sliding scale; infant/toddler clothes and equipment; refugee program; immigration/legal. Open: By appointment 274-7788*

Center for Independent Living in SW FL (239)260-4575
7011 Cypress Terrace Ste. 103, Ft. Myers *Assists people with disabilities. M-F 8:30am-4:30pm*

Children’s Home Society (230)334-0222/687-9995
1940 Maravilla Ave., Ft. Myers *Adoption & Pregnancy Counseling, health and family program, Developmental disabilities program—M – F, 8:30 am. – 5pm.*

Cape Coral Caring Center (239)945-1927
4645 SE 15th Ave., Cape Coral—*Food pantry - Cape Coral residents only. M – F, 9 –noon.*

Come As You Are Ministries (239)770-8947/(630)336-7972
Lions Park, (north of Lee Memorial Hospital) *Hot meal, prayers, clothing blankets, Sat 5pm*

Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI) (239)332-7687
3429 Dr. MLK Blvd., Ft. Myers *Lunch, Monday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

1105 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral (239)242-0401
Family Service Dept – Emergency food assistance, DCF kiosk, Medicaid, food stamp & financial assistance applications, general mail delivery for people without an address, and food pantries
3511-B Dr. MLK Blvd., Ft. Myers *Pantry Open: Mon. Tue. Wed. Fri. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.*

Department of Children & Families (866)762-2237
2295 Victoria Ave., Ft. Myers *Electronically submit application for assistance to*
www.myflorida.com/access/florida.

Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic (239)939-3939
Benefits Info: 1-800-827-1000 3033 Winkler Ave., Ft. Myers—*Enrollment for health benefits, request discharge paperwork, drug and alcohol treatment, housing and domiciliary referral.*

Dunbar United Way Neighborhood House (239)332-7151
3511B Dr. MLK Blvd., Ft. Myers - *CCMI – Emergency food assistance, DCF kiosk, Medicaid, food stamp & financial assistance applications, mail delivery for people without an address.*

Easter Seals Florida (239)277-9818
Case management and supportive employment services for individuals with disabilities, special needs, Seniors 55+. *Open: Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Elijah’s Coat (239)940-5466
3580 Fowler St., Ft. Myers— *Pastoral counseling; recovery support; case management; court advocacy; inmate re-entry life skills; employment coaching; family support; linkage & referral.*

Epilepsy Services of SWFL (239)275-4838
12734 Kenwood Ln., #28, Ft. Myers - *Medical services for individuals with epilepsy and no insurance. Provides prevention & education training regarding epilepsy. M-F 8 am. – 4 pm.*

Fairfield Apartments (239)823-0377
11451 Char-ann Drive Apt. C, Ft. Myers (office) - *Adults in South Ft. Myers. \$495 per month, fully furnished. Rent includes ALL utilities, telephone, cable TV. No security deposit required*

Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida (239)332-0417
Outreach sites: Soup Kitchen – Ft. Myers & Rescue Mission – Ft. Myers, All Souls Episcopal Church – N. Ft. Myers, Café of Life and Catholic Charities – Bonita; Chapel by the Sea – Ft. Myers Beach. *Healthcare for the homeless no charge; sliding scale for everyone else; dental has limited coverage under homeless; must be referred by a homeless health care provider. Call.*

First Assembly Cornerstone (239)337-4140
3220 Dr. MLK Blvd., Ft. Myers *Clothing and food. 1st and 3rd Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
Open: M—Th 9 am – 5:00 pm Services: Sunday 9am and 11am.

First Baptist Church and Elevation Ministries (239)334-7747
1735 Jackson St., Ft. Myers *Showers ,laundry, change of clothes. Tues, 8:00 am – 11 a.m.*
Bike Ministry– Monday thru Wednesday 9:00-1:00 pm

First Christian Church (239)334-0316
2132 Tournament St., Ft. Myers *Services: Services for downtown Ft. Myers Open: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m- meals 1st, 3rd and last Mon. night- dinners at 6:00 p.m.*

F.I.S.H. of Sanibel/Pine Island (239)472-0404/283-4442
Transportation, equipment, referrals & meals. Sanibel, Captiva, Matlacha, Pine Island resident.

Florida Rural Legal Services (239)334-4554
3210 Cleveland Ave. Suite 101, Ft. Myers—*Attorney advice and representation for low-income individual; farmworkers; the elderly, and foreclosure defendants Mon – Fri 8:30 a.m – 5:00 pm.*

Fort Myers Rescue Mission (239)334-7365
6900 Mission Ln., Ft. Myers *Christian based shelter for men. Showers for men and women and breakfast 5 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m., dinner 5:00 p.m.*

Fort Myers Vet Center (239)479-4401
4110 Center Pointe Dr., Unit 204, Ft. Myers *Counseling for veterans. M – F 8 – 4:30.*

God’s Table at Chapel by the Sea (239)463-3173
100 Chapel St., Ft. Myers *Bagged lunch, canned goods, clothing, showers, prayer, fellowship, veteran, and haircuts. Open: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.*

Good Shepherd Ministries (239)565-6173
2621 Central Ave., Ft. Myers. *Food, clothing, referrals, counseling, basic needs, fellowship, worship, prayer, hot meal. Tues, 2:00 p.m & Sun 2-3:00 service a hot meal follows at 3:30pm.*

Good Wheels (239)768-2900
10075 Bavaria Rd., Ft. Myers—*Services: Transportation for the disabled and disadvantaged. Open: Monday – Friday, by appointment. Call for weekends and holidays.*

Goodwill Industries (239)995-2106
4940 Bayline Dr., N. Ft. Myers—*Workforce Readiness Training, Retail Training, Resume Preparation, assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment. www.goodwillswfl.org*

Grace Community Center (239)574-7161
4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy., North Ft. Myers *Food distribution, available once a month. Must have photo ID. Wed. 4:00-6:00pm Free clothing vouchers once a month or as needed. Blanket Ministry Team distributes supplies, such as blankets, ponchos, underwear and socks, to homeless camps & wooded areas. GED Testing. Free haircuts to those in need. 3rd Sat 9 am – 1 pm.*

Hanna House—Healthy Choice - We Care Outreach (239)693-7911

Eternal Homes 4231 Desoto Ave., Ft. Myers - *Transitional & emergency housing. Family support/parenting/recovery support, individual services outreach case management, transportation, support groups, support counseling, employment coaching, linkage referrals, pastoral counseling, showers M-W 10-2.*

Harlem Heights Improvement Association (239)454-5030
10511 Gladiolus Drive, Ft. Myers—*Food pantry, thrift store, ACCESS, free Cap & Gown program for seniors. Open: Mon-Thurs. 10-3pm, Friday 12– 6:30pm.*

Harmony Transitional Housing of SWLF 239)245-8696
Transitional housing for women and men– life skills and substance abuse recovery

Health Planning Council of SW Florida, Inc. (239)433-6700
8961 Daniels Center Dr., #401, Ft. Myers—*Ryan White Part B; Housing ops for Person’s with AIDS; AIDS Ins.Continuation Program; Early Steps of SW Florida Part C.– M-F 8am-5pm.*

Helping Hands (239)349-2121
2203 Fowler St., Ft. Myers *Services: Must show photo ID and proof of residence in N. Ft. Myers Open: Monday – Friday, 5:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Limited hours on weekends.*

Hope Pastoral Counseling Center (239)481-0777
9065 Lignon Court, Ft. Myers . *Christian counseling www.hopebiblicalcounseling.org*

Housing Authority City Ft Myers (239)344-3220
4224 Renaissance Preserve Way, Ft. Myers—Section 8 Vouchers Open: Mon – Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00p.m. Bonair Towers- 278-7268; Palmetto Court- 332-6160; Renaissance Preserve Senior- 334-6600; Royal Palm—332-6162; Sabal Palm—332-6840; Southward Village—332-6635.

ICAN (239)337-2391
2231 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers *HIV positive persons, housing, case management, food pantries for family, mentor, education prevention, support group. M-F 9-noon & 1–5 Wed. 6-9.*

Invest in America’s Veteran Foundation (239)541-8704
3100 Del Prado Blvd. S.—Bldg 3, Unit 6 Cape Coral Hot meals, Food Pantry, Assistance for Veterans—Open Mon—Sat 9 am—5 pm