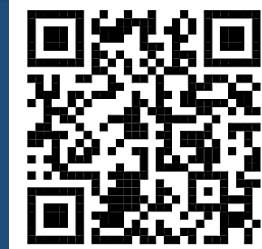


# Brevard Community Resource Newsletter



Scan QR Code for past issues and prevention resources

## For Daily Resource Updates and News:

Community Resource news, updates, events, and freebies that become available between newsletters will be posted daily to our Community Resource Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EckerdConnectsBrevardCommunityResources/>

If you have information you would like us to share in our newsletter, or if you would like to subscribe, please contact:

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Community Outreach Specialist  
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## Feature Of The Month

### SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Every day, Resource Center for Disability Solutions (RCDS) works with persons living with disabilities to navigate a vast network of services and create a customized plan of supports that aid independent living.

<https://www.rcdsfl.org/services/> • 321-633-6011 • 571 Haverty Court, Suite W., Rockledge



### Highlights Of Some Of The Services RCDS Has To Offer:

#### TRANSITION SERVICES

Transition is never easy and RCDS makes it smoother by guiding you through the entire process. We know the ins and outs for youth and adults at various stages of their life.

- **YOUTH:** Advocacy for youth with disabilities (eligible for an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan) who are completing their secondary education, beginning college, entering the workforce, or transitioning to adulthood with targeted supports to achieve success.
- **ADULTS:** Advocacy for persons with disabilities moving to or from a home or institutional setting (such as a nursing home or rehabilitation center) as well as those at risk of institutionalization, to obtain required supports and services that help them maintain their independence.

#### PEER SUPPORT

Peer counseling groups offer an opportunity for individuals to share their experiences with one another, teach each other about their knowledge of beneficial disability resources and share solutions to disability-related issues.

#### BREVARD TRANSPORTATION: The "Need a Ride" Transportation Program

**Available Monday – Friday during normal business hours from 8am-4:30pm.**

The "Need a Ride" Transportation Program offers free door-to-door, wheelchair-accessible transportation for:

- Medical appointments
- Legal service appointments
- Grocery shopping
- Registrants of RCDS events or training programs. To register for this service, please contact the office at [321-633-6011](tel:321-633-6011) for an appointment.

### HOME MODIFICATION INFORMATION

RCDS provides home modification services when funding is available. A home modification addresses limitations persons with disabilities experience in the use of their home due to inaccessibility. For example, grab bars, wheel-in showers, and ramps. Contact us to see if you qualify and funding availability.

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

To increase the independence and accessibility of persons with disabilities, we accept donations of, and loan, used durable medical equipment and consumer medical equipment in good working order. This includes:

- wheelchairs and scooters
- walkers, canes, and crutches,
- bedside commodes or shower chairs

Loaned equipment is **free of charge** and is provided until permanent equipment can be obtained.

### FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY PROGRAM (FTRI).

RCDS also assists with access to the Florida Telecommunications Relay Program. This statewide nonprofit 501(C)3 organization administers the specialized telecommunications equipment for citizens who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind and speech impaired **FREE OF CHARGE**.

**The Resource Center for Disability Solutions has funds for financial assistance, through the CARES Act, for persons with disabilities OR if someone living in your home has a disability who has been impacted by COVID.**

**RENT, MORTGAGE, and UTILITY Assistance may still be available for persons with disabilities, affected by COVID-19. Call us for more information and to see if funds are still available.**

●Mon ●Tue ●Wed ●Thurs ●Fri ●Sat

- **Salvation Army Pantry**  
1080 S. Hickory Street, Melbourne  
[Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm](#)
- **St. Josephs St. Vincent De Paul**  
2824 Palm Bay Road, Palm Bay  
[Mon-Thurs 9:30am-12pm](#)  
[one bag per family](#)  
[32905 and 32907 only](#)
- **Project Response, Inc.**  
745 South Apollo Blvd. Melbourne  
[Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm](#)  
[call 321.724.1177 first](#)
- **Ascension Catholic Church Social**  
1238 Aurora Road, Melbourne  
[Mon-Fri 9am-11am](#)
- **Central Brevard Sharing Center**  
113 Aurora Street, Cocoa  
[Monday - Friday](#)  
[9:30 am-Noon & 1pm-3pm](#)
- **Holy Name of Jesus/ St. Vincent De Paul Society**  
3050 Hwy. A1A, Indialantic  
[Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9-11](#)  
[Beachside residents only - Pineda Causeway](#)  
[South to Indian River](#)
- **St. Vincent De Paul Society**  
130 Cleveland Avenue, Unit C  
Cocoa Beach  
[Mon, Wed, & Fri, 9:30am - 1pm](#)  
[Cocoa Beach, Cape Canaveral residents only](#)
- **N. Brevard Charities and Sharing Center**  
4475 S Hopkins Avenue, Titusville  
[Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 11am-2pm](#)
- **St. Vincent De Paul Divine Mercy**  
1940 North Courtenay Pkwy.  
Merritt Island  
[Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-12 pm](#)
- **St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Grace**  
300 Malabar Rd, Palm Bay  
[Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am-11:30](#)  
[Photo ID w/ current address required](#)  
[Must live west and south of Emerson.](#)
- First Baptist Church Pt. St. John**  
3900 Fay Blvd. Port St. John  
[Mon & Wed 10am-1](#)
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
3000 South Street, Titusville  
[Wednesday & Friday at 11:30am](#)
- Church of Christ Oceanside**  
104 NE 3rd Street, Satellite Beach  
[Wed 2pm-4pm & Sat 9am-11am](#)
- South Brevard Sharing Center**  
17 E Hibiscus, Melbourne 32907  
[Tues 1 - 5 & Thurs 9 - 1](#)
- East Coast Christian Center**  
670 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Suite 9  
Merritt Island  
[Tues 9-11am & Thurs 9-11am](#)

- Eau Gallie First Baptist Church**  
1501 W. Eau Gallie Blvd. Melbourne  
[Tues 10-2 & Thurs 10-12](#)
- River Run Christian Church**  
1660 Croton Road, Melbourne  
[Tues 11:30am & Thurs 11:30 am](#)
- Centerpointe Food Pantry**  
871 Coply Street SE, Palm bay  
[Mon 9am-12pm](#)
- Hands For Healing**  
1021 Emerson Dr. NE, Palm Bay  
[Mon 3pm or call ahead](#)
- First United Methodist Church**  
110 E. New Haven Ave. Melbourne  
[Monday at 2 pm](#)
- Eastwind Pentecostal**  
1021 Emerson Drive N.E. Palm bay  
[Mondays starting at 2 pm](#)
- Grace Fellowship of Brevard**  
3420 Murrell Road, Rockledge  
[Mon 9am-10:30am](#)
- Melbourne Church of Christ**  
810 Hollywood Blvd, West Melbourne  
[Tues 8:30am-1pm](#)
- Faith Fellowship Church**  
2820 Business Center Blvd.  
Melbourne 32940  
[Tues 5pm-6:30pm](#)
- Melbourne SDA Church**  
210 w. New Haven Ave. Melbourne  
[2nd Tues 4pm-5:30pm](#)
- Mims United Methodist Church**  
3302 Green St, Mims  
[2nd and 4th Tues 10 am-12 p](#)
- First Baptist Church of Titusville**  
303 Main Street, Titusville  
[1st & 3rd Tues 9am-12](#)
- No One Hungry / Julia St.**  
428 Julia St. Titusville  
[Tues 10am-12pm](#)
- God's Pantry**  
2220 Port Malabar Blvd. NE  
Palm Bay  
[Wed 1pm-3pm](#)
- Living Word Christian Center**  
302 Main St., Cocoa 32922  
[Wednesday at 3pm](#)
- Islamic Society of Brevard**  
500 E. Florida Ave. Melbourne  
[Wednesday at 2 pm](#)
- Shiloh Christian Center**  
3900 Sarno Rd. Melbourne  
[Wednesday at 1 pm](#)
- Helping Hands Alliance**  
344 Emerson Dr. NW Palm bay  
[Thurs 9-12:30](#)

- Christ Lutheran Church**  
7511 N. Atlantic Ave.  
Cape Canaveral  
[2nd Thurs 9:30-12](#)
- First Baptist Church of Malabar**  
1665 Malabar Road, Malabar  
[1st & 3rd Thurs 10-12](#)
- Mosaic Palm Bay**  
2100 Port Malabar NE, Palm Bay  
[Thursday 2 pm](#)
- Advent Lutheran Church Food Bank**  
7550 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne  
[Thurs 5:30-6:30](#)
- Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Ch.**  
2295 dr. Harvey Riley St. NE Palm Bay  
[Thurs noon \(until food is gone\)](#)
- The St Pauls UMC**  
1591 Highland Ave. Melbourne  
[Thurs 3pm-4pm](#)
- Grace United Methodist Church**  
65 Needle Blvd. Merritt Island  
[Thurs 9am-12](#)
- Bethany Chapel, Garden Apts**  
4000 N. Riverside Drive  
Satellite Beach  
[3rd Thurs 9:30-11:30](#)
- Brevard Adventist Community Services**  
5005 Barna Ave, Titusville  
[2nd Thurs 1-4pm](#)
- Impact Center "New Life"**  
6755 Washington Avenue  
Titusville  
[Thurs 11am-1pm](#)
- Parker Memorial Baptist**  
4101 Mobile Ave. Cocoa W.  
[Fri 3pm \(while supplies last\)](#)
- Zion Orthodox Primitive Baptist Church**  
715 South Fiske Blvd, Rockledge  
[Friday at 3 pm](#)
- Mount Tabor Primitive Baptist Church**  
333 Lucas Road Merritt Island  
[Fri 3pm till food is gone](#)
- Bethel Abundant Life Ministries**  
1081 Port Malabar Blvd. N.E. Palm Bay  
[1st & 3rd Saturday 12-2](#)
- Lockmar Baptist Church**  
700 Emerson Drive NE, Palm Bay  
[Sat 9am-12](#)
- United Church of God of Deliverance**  
1755 Craig Avenue, Titusville  
[3rd Sat 11am-1pm](#)
- Lutheran Church of the Resurrections**  
525 Minutemen Causeway, Cocoa Beach  
[Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon](#)
- Overcomer Church Of God of Prophecy**  
4350 Aurora Road, Melbourne  
[Every Other Sat 9am-12pm](#)

## BPS Summer Food Service Program Has NOW Been Extended to June 30, 2021

**FREE Breakfast & Lunch to ALL children**

The meal flexibility waiver to extend the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through June 30, 2021. This flexibility allows Brevard Public Schools (BPS) to offer meals at no charge to all children ages 18 and younger.

**BPS encourages all families to STILL COMPLETE a Free and Reduced Priced meal application for the 2020-21 school year, as qualifying applications generate educational funding for all of our schools.**

In addition, students with an approved application may be eligible for other benefits beyond free and reduced priced meals.

**Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications may be completed online at:**  
[www.brevardschools.org/page/3473](http://www.brevardschools.org/page/3473)

**Follow Link For More Details:**  
<http://bitly.ws/aNFQ>



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, [Fresh Access Bucks](#), a program of [Feeding Florida](#), is extending unlimited dollar-for-dollar matches for all SNAP and P-EBT purchases on Florida-grown fruits and vegetables at participating markets through **April 30, 2021**.

### Markets Will Be Held At These Locations:

#### • **Melbourne:**

Wickham Park Pavilion, Thursdays from 3–6pm For Directions call 321-608-7490. (Wickham Park Pavilion is located at the section on the park next to Eastern Florida State College Melbourne Campus.)

#### • **Titusville:**

Welcome Center, 419 S. Hopkins Ave, Friday from 3–6 p.m. For questions call 321-607-6216

**For more details, visit the Fresh Access Bucks Customer Resource Page at:**

<https://www.feedingflorida.org/promotional-materials/community-resources>

## Women, Infant & Children Food Assistance (WIC):

WIC is a federally funded nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children. WIC provides the following at no cost: healthy foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and referrals for health care and community services. <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wic/>

### How To Apply For WIC:

Use the [WIC Prescreening Tool](#) or follow the link below to see if you might be eligible for WIC. Prescreening Tool is available in multiple languages. <https://wicuat.fns.usda.gov/wps/pages/preScreenTool.xhtml>

• **For Non-Brevard Residents:** To apply for WIC, contact a local WIC office. [Find the local phone number in the list](#) or go to following link: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wic/contact-info.html>. You can also call 1-800-342-3556 and ask for the phone number of your local WIC office.

• **For Brevard Residents:** Brevard County WIC Appointment Line is 321-639-5793. You can also find the Brevard WIC Office locations and numbers listed below.

#### Melbourne Health Department WIC Office

601 E University Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32901

(P) 321-726-2920 (F) 321-984-4825 | **Hours:** Monday-Friday 7am-5pm  
<http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/locations/melbourne-clinic.html>

#### Viera Health Department WIC Office

2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940

(P) 321-639-5800 (F) 321-634-6317 | **Hours:** Monday-Friday 7am-5pm  
<http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/locations/viera-clinic.html>

#### Titusville Health Department WIC Office

611 North Singleton Ave, Titusville, FL 32796

(P) 321-383-2795 (F) 321-269-6368 | **Hours:** Monday-Friday 7am-5pm  
<http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/locations/titusville-clinic.html>

### Patrick Air Force Base (WIC)

#### *Did you know WIC comes to Patrick AFB twice a month?*

Through a mutual agreement between the Airman & Family Readiness Center and the Health Department, WIC provides direct services to Patrick AFB families every other Wednesday at the A&FRC. For additional information, or sign up for the program, contact the WIC main office in Viera at (321) 639-5793 or Melbourne at (321) 726-2922 and let them know you are from Patrick AFB.

**Applications are also available in the lobby at the A&FRC and the Family Advocacy Office.**

<https://www.patrick.spaceforce.mil/Units/45th-Mission-Support-Group/Airman-Family-Readiness-Center/>



**To find food resources available in your area visit:**

<https://www.feedingflorida.org/>



## Agencies That Can Offer Assistance With The Snap & Medical Application Process:

This list of agencies assists the general public, but for a complete list of agencies visit: <https://access-web.dcf.state.fl.us/CPSLookup/search.aspx>

### **Brevard Health Alliance – Malabar Pediatric & Family Practice Clinic**

775 Malabar Road, Malabar  
321-733-0642  
Services the General Public

### **Brevard Health Alliance – Titusville Clinic**

1537 N. Singleton Ave, Titusville  
321-268-0267  
Services the General Public

### **Catholic Charities of Central Florida**

5145 N. US1 Hwy 1, Cocoa  
321-338-2986  
Services the General Public

### **Community of Hope**

4515 S. Babcock St, Palm Bay  
321-474-0966  
Services the General Public

### **Endeavour Elementary**

905 Pineda St, Cocoa  
321-633-3545  
Services the General Public

### **North Brevard Charities Sharing Center**

4495 S. Hopkins Ave, Titusville  
321-254017  
Services the General Public

### **Parrish Medical Center**

951 N. Washington St, Titusville  
321-268-6111  
Services the General Public

### **Parrish Medical Center Port St. John**

5005 Port St. John Pkwy, Port St. John  
321-636-9393  
Services the General Public

### **Turnquest Community Resource Center, Brevard Housing Authority**

1686 Marywood Rd, Melbourne  
321-775-1562  
Services the General Public

### **Second harvest Mobile Unit A1 & A9 (SNAP Only Apps)**

Mobile Unit, Melbourne & West Melbourne  
407-295-2777  
Services the General Public

### **House of Hope (SNAP Only Apps)**

345 Magnolia Ave, Merritt Island  
321-453-0318  
Services the General Public

### **Career Source Brevard**

Call for the location nearest to you.  
321-504-7600  
Services the General Public

## Food Assistance (SNAP):

The Food Assistance Program helps people with low-income buy healthy food.

- **Adults Without Dependents / Work Rules - FAQs** - Healthy adults, 18 to 50 years of age, who do not have dependent children or are not pregnant, can only get food assistance benefits for 3 months in a 3-year period if they are not working or participating in a work or workfare program.

### **Workforce Programs through CareerSource Brevard:**

Workforce programs can be done through CareerSource Brevard. To find more information and to start the orientation process visit: <https://careersourcebrevard.com/career-services/education-and-training/snap> For assistance with Sanction Compliance or Scheduling a SNAP Appointment with CareerSource email or call: 321-394-0705 | [snapengagement@careersourcebrevard.com](mailto:snapengagement@careersourcebrevard.com)

- **Income and Deductions** – Most households must pass a gross income limit less than or equal to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Households with a member disqualified for breaking Food Assistance Program rules, felony drug trafficking, running away from a felony warrant, or not participating in a work program must have gross income less than or equal to 130% of the FPL. Households with a disqualified member must have net income less than 100% of the FPL. Households with people who are age 60 or older, or disabled, must only meet the net monthly income limit. Some household expenses may be subtracted from the total monthly income in the food assistance budget. The budget may subtract for shelter expenses, dependent care, medical expenses, child support paid, utility deductions, and earned income deduction.

### **To Apply For Benefits Online:**

<https://dcf-access.dcf.state.fl.us/access/scrflhomepage.do?performAction=changeLocale&language=english>

### **General Information About SNAP:**

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/food-assistance-and-suncap.shtml>

### **Food Assistance Program Fact Sheet:**

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/docs/fafactsheet.pdf>

## Food Assistance (SUNCAP):

The SUNCAP Program is a special Food Assistance Program for individuals who receive **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**.

You may be eligible to receive food assistance benefits through the SUNCAP Program without any additional application, paperwork, or interviews. If you already receive food assistance benefits in the regular Food Assistance Program, you may be automatically put in the SUNCAP Program when you become SSI eligible. If your food assistance benefits will go down because of SUNCAP, you may choose to continue receiving your food assistance benefits under the regular Food Assistance Program.

### **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Department of Children and Families: Phone: 1-866-762-2237.**

Agents are available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

<http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/>

### **EBT Customer Service: 1-888-356-3281**

- To report your card lost, stolen, damaged or not receiving in the mail.
- Get updated benefit information to include date benefits will be available; account balance and dispute transactions.
- Information to nearest location where to use your card

### **Local Brevard County ACCESS Application Center:**

801 Dixon Blvd, Suite 1103  
Cocoa, Florida 32922  
407-295-2777

Fax: 1-866-735-2469

[Frequently Asked Questions About SNAP](#)

**February 27, 2021****8 am – 5 pm****YOUR CLERK OF COURT'S  
OPERATION****GREEN LIGHT****A DRIVER LICENSE REINSTATEMENT DAYS EVENT****Moore Justice Center****2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL**

- Fees Waived: 25% Collection Fee Only
- DL Reinstatement Fees Are Additional
- Clerks cannot clear suspensions for Habitual Traffic Offender (HTO), Financial Responsibility (FR), Child Support or suspensions from other counties/states.

**For more information call (321) 637-5413**

## House of Hope Homeless Outreach

Each week, the all-volunteer outreach meets the physical and spiritual needs of hundreds of households and the homeless.

**In addition to free food and clothing, the ministry provides bicycles and bike repairs Mondays between 7-10am; household goods and furnishings; showers; registration for food stamps and help receiving veterans benefits; chaplaincy; tents, backpacks and hygiene kits.**

Services are provided from 6:45 am to 10:30 am on Mondays, at 345 Magnolia Avenue, Merritt Island.

House of Hope Food & Clothing Ministry  
345 Magnolia Avenue  
Merritt Island, FL 32952  
321.453.0318

<http://www.houseofhope-mi.com/index.html>

myfree  
taxes.com**Free Tax Prep**  
A Community Service of**United Way**  
United Way of Brevard**Free Tax Preparation Services going Virtual for Tax Season 2021!****Call 321-682-6029 for an appointment.****Why is this needed?** To reduce the spread of coronavirus and maintain the same level of service.**How will this work?** Once the tax season opens (February 1, 2021). You'll need to make an appointment to drop off your tax forms (at one of three locations) and complete an interview intake form as well as Virtual process consent form. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14446.pdf>**What technology will I need?** You must have a working phone (s) and/or e-mail address. Access to Zoom or Microsoft Teams is optional**How much time will the process take?** Please give yourself 30 minutes to complete the interview intake form as well as the virtual process consent form. If you are filing a joint return, both must be present in person or virtually during the interview.**Who is eligible for the Virtual VITA?** This free service is available for households who generally make \$66,000 per year.**What will I need for my appointment?**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photo Id's</li> <li>• Original Social Security card of <u>all</u> dependents</li> <li>• Wages</li> <li>• Tuition Statement</li> <li>• Retirement Income</li> <li>• Social Security benefits</li> <li>• Unemployment Income</li> <li>• Child Care payments</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self- Employment Income</li> <li>• Personal business expensed already itemized</li> <li>• Interest and dividend Income</li> <li>• Market Place Health Insurance Forms</li> <li>• A copy of your previous year tax return</li> </ul> |
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**What happens after I drop off my tax forms?** Once your tax return is completed a volunteer will contact you and make an appointment for pick-up of your documents. All appointments will be made available for the selected sites from Monday through Saturday. Sites and times are by appointment only by calling 321-682-6029. Your return will be transmitted to the IRS upon your e-file signature of consent. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8879.pdf>**Reference Materials IRS.gov**Privacy, Confidentiality, and Civil Rights – Pubic Trust <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4053esp.pdf>  
Taxpayer Bill of Rights <https://www.irs.gov/taxpayer-bill-of-rights>**For additional information, please visit -**<https://online.uwbrevard.org/servlet/eAndar.article/523/Financial-Stability>

## Rental, Mortgage, and Public Utilities Assistance Available for City of Melbourne Residents

The Emergency Rental, Mortgage, and Public Utilities Assistance Program is open to City of Melbourne residents with a household income at the time of application that does not exceed 80% of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Additionally, a household must have experienced a verifiable loss of income due to the impacts of CODIV-19, such as a layoff, furlough, or reduction of hours. At the time of application, the applicant must be delinquent on monthly rent or mortgage or public utilities payments after March 1, 2020, and have less than \$5,000 in liquid assets. To view more details visit: <http://bitly.ws/bufP> or go to: [https://www.melbourneflorida.org/Home/Components/News/News/7710/381?fbclid=IwAR3DWF4EY3a6bKmx3fw-sYONdsF-qwcjX\\_HBkt3MM14-FSeaoEcU181QfE](https://www.melbourneflorida.org/Home/Components/News/News/7710/381?fbclid=IwAR3DWF4EY3a6bKmx3fw-sYONdsF-qwcjX_HBkt3MM14-FSeaoEcU181QfE)

Interested City of Melbourne residents should [complete a pre-screening checklist online](#) to verify all required information before they start the application process. For more information, call 321-608-7530.

## Re-Employment Assistance Programs

## RE-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE: (RA)

- General information regarding Re-Employment Assistance Call: **1-800-204-2418**
- For assistance, you can call toll-free: **1-833-352-7759**
- People who need assistance filing a claim online because of legal reasons, computer illiteracy, language barriers, or disabilities may call: **1-833-352-7759**

## Several Ways To Apply For Reemployment Assistance:

**Mobile-Friendly Online Application:**

<https://mobile.connect.myflorida.com/>

**Re-Employment Online Application Portal:**

<http://www.floridajobs.org/RAApplication>

**Paper Application Download Page:**

<http://www.floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/rapaperapplication>

**PAPER APPLICATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:**

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
P.O. Box 5350  
Tallahassee, FL 32314-5350

## Other Locations That Offer Application Assistance:

- **CareerSource** locations across the state are available to assist with completing and submitting your online application. They are also available to provide paper applications. Visit [CareerSourceFlorida.com](http://CareerSourceFlorida.com) for center locations.
- **FedEx** is also offering Floridians the option to print and mail applications for Reemployment Assistance at locations throughout the state free of charge. Visit <https://local.fedex.com/en-us/fl/> to find a participating location near you.

State Reemployment Assistance  
NEWS & UPDATES

Any new state Reemployment Assistance claims filed January 1, 2020, and forward are **eligible for up to 19 weeks of benefits instead of 12 weeks of benefits.**

- **CARES Act Extension:** On Dec. 27, 2020, a federal COVID-19 relief package, that extends and provides additional federal unemployment benefits, was signed into law. **See chart on the following page for a quick preview of the new benefit dates. You can also view full document by following this link:**

<http://www.floridajobs.org/docs/default-source/reemployment-assistance-center/cares-act/covid-19-relief-provisions-2021.pdf>

- **Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC):**

MEUC will provide an additional \$100 per week to eligible individuals in addition to the benefit amounts for which they otherwise would be eligible from traditional employment under state law. MEUC will be available to eligible claimants through **March 13, 2021**. **You can use the link above for more information.**

- **Claimant 1099-G Tax Form**

The Department began processing 1099-G Tax Forms for claimants to view in CONNECT on **January 10, 2021**. Claimants should receive their 1099-G tax form no later than **January 31, 2021**. If a claimant does not receive their 1099-G tax form by January 31, 2021, please [click here](#) for additional resources to obtain the form. The Department has created [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to provide more information about the 1099-G Tax Form.

## Helpful Re-employment Assistance Links

**CLAIMANT'S GUIDE TO CLAIMING (RA) BENEFITS:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/auCB> | (Español): <http://bitly.ws/aurw>

**A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE ON HOW TO APPLY:**

<https://mobile.connect.myflorida.com/>

**REQUEST BENEFIT PAYMENT:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/audh>

**RE-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE HANDBOOK:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/audw>

**RE-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FORMS:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/audz>

**TO FILE AN APPEAL:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/auzr>

**(RA) UPDATES & INFORMATION:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/auCZ>

**(RA) TOP 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/audx>

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC SCENARIOS & BENEFITS:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/aug8>

**(RA) RESOURCE GUIDE: COVID-19 W/FAQ'S:**

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://bitly.ws/auCG>

**TO REPORT FRAUD:**

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## Re-Employment Assistance Programs &amp; Updates

For more information, including valuable resources for employers and job seekers, please visit: <https://floridajobs.org/> or for (Español): <https://floridajobs.org/espanol>

For additional information about reemployment assistance benefits AND Job Openings visit: [www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19](http://www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19)

## The Waiting Week, Work Search, & Work Registration Waivers HAVE BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2021

**CARES Act Extension:** On Dec. 27, 2020, a federal COVID-19 relief package, that extends and provides additional federal unemployment benefits, was signed into law.

See Chart Below for a quick overview of the NEW benefit dates. For detailed review of these changes visit: <http://www.floridajobs.org/docs/default-source/reemployment-assistance-center/cares-act/covid-19-relief-provisions-2021.pdf>

## OVERVIEW OF THE CARES ACT EXTENSIONS:

PROGRAM	CURRENT BENEFITS	CHANGES TO PROGRAM
<b>PEUC</b> Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation	Expires week ending December 26, 2020- Maximum 13 Weeks	Provides up to an additional 11 weeks of benefits, up to a maximum of 24 weeks.  PEUC is available until week ending March 13, 2021, with allowance of four additional weeks of benefits for those who have not reached the maximum number of weeks through week ending April 10, 2021.
<b>FPUC</b> Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation	Weeks eligible- March 29 – July 25	Provides up to 11 weeks of an additional \$300 weekly benefit to eligible claimants.  A claimant must be eligible through a separate unemployment program to receive FPUC.  Once implemented, FPUC will be available to cover weeks of unemployment between Dec. 27, 2020, and week ending March 13, 2021.
<b>PUA</b> Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Compensation	Expires week ending December 26, 2020- Maximum 39 Weeks Reduced by weeks of UI and EB.	Provides up to an additional 11 weeks of benefits, up to a maximum of 50 weeks.  PUA will be available until week ending March 13, 2021 (no new applications), with allowance for four additional weeks of benefits for those who have not reached the maximum number of weeks through week ending April 10, 2021.
<b>MEUC</b> Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation	* New Program- Florida will be opting in to provide the benefit program to claimants.	Provides eligible “mixed earner” claimants with an additional \$100 in weekly benefits in addition to the benefit amounts they otherwise would be eligible for from traditional employment under state law.  MEUC will be available to eligible claimants through March 13, 2021. Benefits will be available for eligible claimants when the agreement is signed between the Department and the U.S. Department of Labor and the program has been fully implemented.



## FLORIDA CORONAVIRUS VACCINE PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Governor Ron DeSantis has signed [Executive Order 20-315](#) which outlines that **providers can only administer the COVID-19 vaccine to the following groups:**

- Long-term care facility residents and staff.
- Persons 65 years of age and older.
- Health care personnel with direct patient contact.
- Persons deemed to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 by hospital providers.

[Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines in Florida.](#)

FDOH has a list of COVID-19 vaccine sites across the state. These sites may require appointments or only vaccinating specific populations. This list will be updated as additional sites become available. Current sites listed below. To check for updated sites visit:

<http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/locations/index.html>

### Viera Administrative Headquarters

2565 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, FL 32940  
Zoom and Center  
• 321-454-7111  
• [CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov](mailto:CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov)

### Melbourne Clinic

601 East University Boulevard  
Melbourne, FL 32901  
Zoom and Center  
• 321-726-2920  
• [CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov](mailto:CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov)

### Main Office - Viera Clinic

2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, FL 32940  
Zoom and Center  
• 321-639-5800  
• [CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov](mailto:CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov)

### Titusville Clinic

611 North Singleton Avenue  
Titusville, FL 32796  
Zoom and Center  
• 321-383-2795  
• [CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov](mailto:CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov)

### Environmental Health Services

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way,  
Suite A116  
Viera, FL 32940  
Zoom and Center  
• 321-633-2100  
• [Brevard.EHS@flhealth.gov](mailto:Brevard.EHS@flhealth.gov)

### Rockledge Annex

1748 Cedar Street  
Rockledge, FL 32955  
Zoom and Center  
• 321-634-6337  
• [CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov](mailto:CHD05.WebMaster@flhealth.gov)

## TO REGISTER FOR TEXT ALERTS:

Simply create a new text message on your mobile phone to 888777 and in the text message body write **Brevardeoc**, and hit send.

**Appointment line: 321-454-7141**

### **Online Appointments:**

<https://brevardcovidvaccine.eventbrite.com>

**Location:** 2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940

Review the [COVID Vaccine Fact Sheet](#) and screening questions on the [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form](#) prior to your appointment. If you answer yes to any screening questions, you will need to bring a doctor's note to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Print and complete the [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form](#) to bring to the appointment for more efficient service. We do not require the insurance information. **Below you will find the full address to the hyper-links above.**

### **COVID Vaccine Fact Sheet:**

<http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/files/documents/event/2020/12/documents/moderna-facts-and-privacy.pdf>

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Screening & Consent Form:**

<http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/files/documents/event/2020/12/documents/covid19-vaccine-screening-and-consent-form-moderna.pdf>

## LOCAL CORONAVIRUS VACCINE PROGRAM INFORMATION:

### Health First

- [hf.org/staywell/](http://hf.org/staywell/)

### Omni Healthcare

- Call **321-802-5515** for more information
- <https://www.covid19testbrevard.com/>

## VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE AT PUBLIX

Florida  
COVID-19 vaccine



All available COVID-19 vaccine appointments have been claimed. There is tremendous demand for the vaccine and a limited supply, so check back on Wednesday, January 27 after 6:00 a.m. EST (5:00 a.m. CST) for your next opportunity.

Vaccination appointments are scheduled online only. Appointments cannot be made by calling Publix or the Publix Pharmacy.



## FREE VETERAN SUPPORT LINE

Military and Veteran Resources

Cigna has a free Veteran Support Line for veterans and their families (**BOTH Cigna and non-Cigna customers**).

Call us at **1 (855) 244-6211**, 24/7/365.

Our health resources for veterans can help you or a family member cope with military deployment and find assistance and support post-deployment.

<https://www.cigna.com/individuals-families/health-wellness/topic-military-and-veteran-resources>



## Veteran Transitional Housing Program

NVHS Transitional Housing serves single homeless veterans as well as homeless veteran families through

four facilities. Homeless veterans who enter our program are able to receive emergency and transitional housing for a period of 90 days to 24 months. During this time the veterans are assisted with developing individualized plans to get them back on their feet again such as employment, disability claims, and life skills.

**Step 1:** Before you begin its important to first state that while we want to help everyone, we, unfortunately, are only able to provide assistance to homeless, at-risk, or low-income veterans in the Central Florida Area. If you are a non-veteran in need of assistance in Brevard County, we recommend you dial 211 or visit [www.211brevard.org](http://www.211brevard.org) to be connected to dozens of agencies that assist clients for your particular situation.

**Step 2:** Please complete the form below to the best of your ability, as the information you enter will help us develop a personalized case management plan for your current situation. All data input into this form is secure and will not be shared without your permission with anyone. ([click here to review privacy policy](#)) <https://nvhs.org/privacy/> Toward the end of the form, you have the option to upload documents related to your case such as:

**Housing and/or Utility payment assistance supporting documentation (i.e. rent/utility bill/deposit information)**

- If you are seeking assistance for a Florida Power and Light (FPL) bill, please complete [this form](#) or visit: <https://nvhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/FPL-Vet-Info-form16954.pdf>

**Proof of Identification and Veteran Status (i.e. DD214, VA Card, Military ID, State ID, etc...)**

- In order to work directly with the Department of Veteran Affairs on your case, please fill out [this form](#) and upload in this section.

**Proof of Income (i.e. social security/VA determination letter, food stamp letter, pay stub, etc...)**

- When uploading these documents they can be in whatever format you want, even a photo, but its helpful to have this before you start the application. The most important thing is that the application is completed, so if you are having trouble completing the application and uploading documents, just submit it and we will work on the rest when we contact you back.

**For Application Visit:** <https://nvhs.org/gethelp/>

Program training fee assistance available for those with financial need. Contact Sue Bassett at 321.446.3539 or [sbassett@bacbrevard.com](mailto:sbassett@bacbrevard.com) for further info.



Begin the application process today at: [bacbrevard.com/launchit](http://bacbrevard.com/launchit)

Launch IT is a customized, six-month training program geared toward veterans and adults with varied abilities who are interested in pursuing careers in the Information Technology (IT) field.

This unique, virtual training option brings together two technical certification tracks along with employment development training, to offer the full scope of skills employers seek in their team members.



## Technical Certification Tracks

### Web Development & Accessibility

Segment 1: Applied Digital Skill Development  
Segment 2: CompTIA IT – Fundamentals  
Segment 3: Google IT Support Professional  
Segment 4: Google IT Automation with Python Professional Certificate

### Possible Careers:

- ★ Web Developer
- ★ User Experience Designer
- ★ Accessibility Professional
- ★ Compliance Team Member

### IT Services

Segment 1: Applied Digital Skills for the Workplace, G Suite Certification  
Segment 2: CompTIA IT – Fundamentals  
Segment 3: Google IT Support Professional, CompTIA A+

### Possible Careers:

- ★ IT Support Technician
- ★ Help Desk Specialist
- ★ IT Assistant



321.632.8610

[bacbrevard.com/launchit](http://bacbrevard.com/launchit)

**By 2025, there will be 1 million more STEM jobs than qualified candidates**

## FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME VETERANS

NVHS is proud to be working with local Attorneys to provide the 4,400 low-income veterans currently living in Brevard with [free legal services](#).

Veterans must complete [required paperwork](#) at our Office prior to being connected with an attorney. Screening location is our Office at 1436 King St., Cocoa, FL. 32922, on Tuesdays, from 8:00 am- 3:00 pm. Please call (321) 208-7562 with additional questions.

**Flyer:** <https://nvhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Brevard-Legal-Services-Veterans-NVHS-5.pdf>

**Paperwork:** <https://nvhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/VETERANS-PRO-BONO-APPLICATION.pdf>

## THE BRIDGE PROGRAM Emergency Shelter for Veterans 321-639-0166

<https://housingforhomeless.org/veterans/whatwedoforourveterans/>

Housing for the Homeless offers The Bridge Program which is an emergency shelter option for Veterans and their families who have been offered and have accepted a permanent housing solution by the VA or another entity, but are not able to immediately enter their chosen housing. **The Low Demand Program** is for chronically homeless Veterans and Veterans who have been unsuccessful in traditional treatment settings



## UPDATE

# ADULT & MATURE ADULT INPATIENT BEDS AVAILABLE

Palm Point Behavioral Health offers **acute inpatient and intensive outpatient services** to individuals who may be facing serious mental health issues.

With 3 separate units we are able to provide a wide range of treatment options and specific programming for our patients. We serve:

- Children and adolescents, ages 5-17
- Adults, ages 18 - 65
- Mature adults, ages 65 +

**We take a patient-centered approach and promote our core values of respect, integrity, compassion and excellence in the care we provide to each individual.**

Using [evidence-based practices](#), we tailor treatment plans to the individual needs of our diverse patients who may be exhibiting one or more of the following conditions:

- Depression and anxiety
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Psychosis
- Obsessive-compulsive disorders
- Personality disorders
- Impulse control disorder
- Addictive disorders
- Isolation
- Suicidal ideation

As an emergency receiving facility, we respond quickly to behavioral health conditions that need immediate care or treatment.

### Call [Palm Point Today](#)

for free, 24-hour assessments  
or more information

**321-603-6550**

## REDUCING RISK

Opioids can be addictive, but professionals offer strategies to prevent abuse and addiction.



**Only** take medication that has been prescribed.



**Stop** opioid use once pain diminishes.



**Ask** a loved one to monitor opioid intake.



**Safely dispose** of opioids when no longer needed.



**Never** give prescriptions to someone else or take them from anyone else.



**Store** prescriptions safely and out of others' reach.



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## FAMILY CONNECTION

Virtual Mental Health Professional-Led Information Program

**M,T,W,F via Zoom**

**Mon**

*Nice to meet you Monday*  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Frequently Asked Questions

**Tue**

*Topic Tuesday*  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mental Health Facts

**Wed**

*Wellness Wednesday*  
3 - 4 pm

Self Care for the Caregiver

**Fri**

*Future Friday*  
3-4 pm

Next Step in Wellness

Open to family/caregivers of current Palm Point Patients. Our free virtual support group is intended to provide answers to frequently asked questions, mental wellness guidance for caregivers, and education on mental health topics such as diagnosis & treatment options.

*Please note that individual patient information will not be discussed in these virtual gatherings.*

*Connecting  
families for a  
better  
tomorrow*

### Zoom Details

Meeting ID:  
962 5102 6127

Passcode

FAMILY



Use your phone's  
camera to scan our QR  
to auto join!



### Family Connection Program

Mondays & Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays – 3:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Zoom ID:** 962 5102 6127

**Passcode:** FAMILY

Available for families and caregivers who have current patients at Palm Point Behavioral Health

Our Free virtual family connection program offers a space for families to connect and get answers to frequently asked questions, learn self care and mental wellness tips, and learn more about next step in your loved one's mental wellness journey. It is our goal to connect families and offer support and resources for a healthier, better tomorrow.







### Eckerd Connects Family Support Services Success Story

#### SECOND CHANCE CHAMPIONS



**Eckerd Connects Program:**  
Family Support Services

**Funder:**  
Eckerd Connects & Central  
Florida Cares

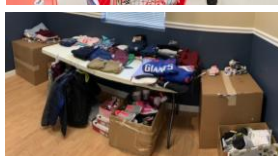
**Second Chance Champion:**  
Kecia Gray

Feeling like she had nowhere else to turn, Miss Kecia Gray reached out to Eckerd Connects after facing sudden eviction. In the past, Kecia struggled with substance misuse and, as a result, served prison time. Kecia was afraid no one would rent to her because of her past and, since she lived on a fixed income, money was tight. So, finding an affordable place to live proved to be a challenge for her. Case Manager Roy Howie was eager to assist in helping Kecia move into a new apartment. Once Kecia received approval to move into a new apartment, Eckerd Connects provided move-in cost assistance and Roy advocated to get Kecia's FPL (electric utility) deposit waived.

Presently, Kecia is enjoying her new apartment now that she is in a much more stable living environment. She feels like she can relax, rest peacefully and just live her life without having those worries anymore. She is very thankful that Eckerd Connects was there for her when there was no other place to turn. She believes that this experience is proof that good people really do exist in this world. We are so excited for Kecia and wish her much success in the future!

### Eckerd Connects Holiday Support & Thanks

**This year we helped provide holiday support to more than 377 children!**



In a year when our families were facing brand new challenges due to the continued pandemic, we all stood in the gap. Through our relationships with the community and ALL of our private sponsors, grants and corporate donations, we were able to make the difference for 377 children this holiday season.

**In addition to the number we served, our program was able to provide clothing, toys, gift cards, as well as monetary support for food and living expenses that totaled \$50,000!**



**The efforts were huge but the hearts of those involved were even bigger. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for all who made this possible.**



### Services Offered In Brevard County

#### Family Support Services

Eckerd Connects' Family Support Services provides case management and financial assistance through rapid re-housing to children, families, and individuals who have an identified history of substance use and are currently experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness in Brevard County. Our rapid-rehousing program helps with move-in assistance, rental assistance and case management.

#### Supervised Family Visitation

Eckerd Connects' Supervised Family Visitation program provides short-term therapeutic and standard supervised visitation services to families that are court-ordered through dependency and family court. Parenting classes and additional private-pay supervised visitation services are also available.

#### School-Based Prevention Programs

Our School-Based Prevention Counseling and School-Based Prevention Hi-Five programs have Prevention Specialists at schools providing classroom, group, and individual services with the goal of increasing protective factors against substance use. These Prevention programs utilize evidence-based curricula to focus on strength-building and substance use prevention. Lessons are taught weekly and sessions are designed for grades 3-6 and 6-12.

#### Raising Hope Program

The Room of Hope has clothing, hygiene kits, infant needs, school supplies and other essentials which are provided to families in transition as well as children who were recently placed in the foster care system.